

MA 205: Complex Analysis

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Welcome!

Welcome to the (first? second!) TSC for Complex Analysis 2022! Before we start, here are some things to note,

- These slides, along with tutorial solutions and some other material can be found at this page – tinyurl.com/ma-205-22.
- Feel free to stop us and ask questions.
- Given the rough time limit of two hours, we will not be able to cover everything done in the lectures.
- It follows that this session is purely a supplementary one, not a compensation for the lectures.
- Finally, if you notice some mistake, do let us know.

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Open and Closed Sets

Definition (Open Disks)

For any $z \in \mathbb{C}$, and for any $r > 0$ define the open disk, denoted $B(z, r)$ as

$$B(z, r) := \{z_1 | d(z, z_1) < r\}$$

Definition (Open Sets)

A subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is said to be open if for all $z \in S$ there exists an $r > 0$ such that $B(z, r) \subset S$.

Definition (Closed Sets)

A subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is said to be closed if its complement is open. Equivalently, a set is closed if it contains all of its limit points.

Recall: $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is a limit point of $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ if there exists a sequence $z_n \in \Omega$, $z_n \neq z$, such that $z_n \rightarrow z$.

Definition (Connected)

A subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is said to be connected if given any 2 points $x, y \in S$, there exists a continuous path joining them. i.e, a continuous function $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow S$ such that $f(0) = x$ and $f(1) = y$.

Definition (Domain)

A open and connected subset of \mathbb{C} is called a domain.

Questions?

- ① \mathbb{C} minus the non-zero real numbers, is
 - Open? No. Closed? No!
 - Connected? Yes.
- ② [2021 Tutorial] Let A be any countable subset of \mathbb{C} . Is \mathbb{C}/A connected?
- ③ $(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}$
 - Open? Yes.
 - Closed? No.
- ④ $(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{C}$
 - Open? No.
 - Closed? No.

Sequences and Convergence

Definition (Sequences)

A sequence in \mathbb{C} is a function $f : \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We denote $z_n = f(n)$.

Definition (Convergence)

A sequence z_n is said to be converging to some $z \in \mathbb{C}$ if $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t.

$$n > N_\epsilon \implies |z - z_n| < \epsilon$$

Theorem

If $z_n = x_n + iy_n$ is a sequence in \mathbb{C} , then

$$z_n \rightarrow z = x + iy \iff x_n \rightarrow x \text{ and } y_n \rightarrow y$$

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Definition (Continuity)

A function $f : \Omega \subset \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be continuous at a point $z_0 \in \Omega$ if

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = f(z_0)$$

Equivalently^a, f is continuous at z_0 if for all sequences $(z_n)_n$ ($z_n \in \Omega$) such that $z_n \rightarrow z_0$ we have $f(z_n) \rightarrow f(z_0)$.

^aThe $\epsilon - \delta$ continuity definition \Leftrightarrow the sequential definition

- f is said to be continuous if it is continuous at all $z_0 \in \Omega$.
- f is continuous iff u and v are continuous.

Definition (Complex Differentiability (CD))

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ be **open**. A function $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be complex-differentiable at $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ if the limit

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + h) - f(z_0)}{h}$$

exists. If it does, we denote it by $f'(z_0)$.

- Note that h above is *complex*.
- Clearly this is stronger than differentiability of functions on \mathbb{R} (Why?). As a result, we do **not** get an iff condition as in the case for continuity.
- f is said to be CD on Ω if it is CD on all $z \in \Omega$.
- Differentiability \implies Continuity.

Definition (Holomorphicity)

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ be **open**. A function $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to be holomorphic on Ω if it is complex differentiable at each $z_0 \in \Omega$ and the derivative f' is continuous on Ω . We denote $f \in C^1(\Omega)$.

- Can we drop the $C^1(\Omega)$ condition?
- f is called holomorphic **at a point** if it is holomorphic on an open disk containing that point.
- A function holomorphic on \mathbb{C} is said to be entire.
- Holomorphic at a point \implies CD at a point. Reverse?
- **Remark:** A function can be CD at a point and **not** holomorphic at the same point. Consider $f(z) = |z|^2$.

Properties

If $f : \Omega \rightarrow A$ and $g : \Omega \rightarrow B$ are holomorphic on Ω , then,

- $c_1f + c_2g$ is holomorphic on Ω , and $(c_1f + c_2g)' = c_1f' + c_2g'$.
- (fg) is holomorphic on Ω , and $(fg)' = f'g + g'f$.
- If $h : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic on A , then $h \circ f(z) := h(f(z))$ is holomorphic on Ω , and $(h \circ f)'(z) = h'(f(z))f'(z)$.
- For $z_0 \in \Omega$ s.t. $g(z_0) \neq 0$, f/g is holomorphic at z_0 , and,

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(z_0) = \frac{f'(z_0)g(z_0) - g'(z_0)f(z_0)}{g(z_0)^2}$$

Real Differentiability

For some $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ we will denote $F : \Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ the corresponding real function. Further, we let

$$F(x, y) = (u(x, y), v(x, y))^T$$

Real Differentiability

$F : \Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is differentiable at $(x, y) \in \Omega$ if there exists a 2×2 matrix $DF(x, y)$ such that

$$\lim_{h, k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} u(x+h, y+k) \\ v(x+h, y+k) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{pmatrix} - DF(x, y) \begin{pmatrix} h \\ k \end{pmatrix} \right\|}{\left\| \begin{pmatrix} h \\ k \end{pmatrix} \right\|} = 0$$

If so, we have

$$DF(x, y) = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Necessary Conditions for (complex) differentiability

Theorem (The CR Equations)

Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + \iota v(x, y)$ be defined on some open set Ω . Suppose that $f'(z_0)$ exists for some **point** $z_0 = x_0 + \iota y_0 \in \Omega$. Then the first order partial derivatives of u and v exist at that **point** (x_0, y_0) and satisfy the CR equations

$$u_x = v_y, \quad v_x = -u_y$$

at that **point**.

i.e., $CD \implies CR$.

Theorem

Let f be defined on some open set Ω be differentiable at some $z = (x + \iota y) \in \Omega$. Then, the real counterpart F will be differentiable at $(x, y) \in \Omega_R$.

i.e., $CD \implies RD$.

We have seen that CR and RD are both necessary conditions for CD. But, none of them implies CD. Consider,

- $f(z) = \bar{z}$. RD, **not** CD.
- **[2020 Quiz]** Consider,

$$f(z) := \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{z}^2}{z} & \text{if } z \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z = 0 \end{cases}$$

CR equations are satisfied at zero, but it is **not** CD at zero.

- We shall see that together they are sufficient to show CD.

Necessary and Sufficient Condition

Theorem

Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + \iota v(x, y)$ be defined on some open set Ω and let $F : \Omega_R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the corresponding real function. For some $z_0 = x_0 + \iota y_0 \in \Omega$, if

- 1 F is differentiable at (x_0, y_0) .
- 2 The $DF(x_0, y_0)$ is of the following form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

(equivalently, the CR equations are satisfied at (x_0, y_0))

Then, we have that $f'(z_0)$ exists and equals $a + \iota b$. Further, the converse holds.

Another Sufficient Condition

Theorem

Let $f(z) = u(x, y) + \iota v(x, y)$ be defined on some open set Ω . For some $z_0 = x_0 + \iota y_0 \in \Omega$, if

- 1 the partial derivatives of u and v exist in some neighbourhood of (x_0, y_0) and are continuous at (x_0, y_0) , and
- 2 the CR equations are satisfied at (x_0, y_0)

Then, we have that $f'(z_0)$ exists.

This turns out to be easier to check.

Harmonic Functions

Definition (Harmonic Function)

A function $g : \Omega_R \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be harmonic if it has continuous partial derivatives of the first and second order, and satisfies

$$\Delta g(x, y) = g_{xx}(x, y) + g_{yy}(x, y) = 0 \quad \forall (x, y) \in \Omega_R$$

Theorem

If a function $f(z) = u(x, y) + \iota v(x, y)$ is CD in a domain Ω , then u and v are harmonic in D_R .

Summarizing ...

- $CD \implies RD$.
- $RD \not\implies CD$. CD is a special case of RD .
- $CD \implies CR$.
- $CR \not\implies CD$.
- $(CR + RD) \iff CD$

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Definition (Series)

A *series* is an expression of the form $\sum_n z_n$, for $z_n \in \mathbb{C}$.

- 1 A series $\sum_n z_n$ is said to converge to L if the sequence $s_n := \sum_{i=0}^n z_i$ converges to L .
- 2 Absolute Convergence: A series $\sum_n z_n$ is said to converge absolutely if $\sum_n |z_n|$ converges.
- 3 **Fact:** Absolute Convergence \implies Convergence.

Definition (Power Series)

A *power series* is an expression of the form $\sum_n a_n(z - z_0)^n$, for $a_n, z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

The word 'expression' signifies that the series/power series may or may not be meaningful (read convergent).

The Convergence Theorem

Convergence of Power Series

Given the power series,

$$P = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

such that $a_n \in \mathbb{C} \forall n$, $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, we have that *only one* of the following is true

- ❶ P converges only at $z = z_0$.
- ❷ P converges at all $z \in \mathbb{C}$.
- ❸ There exists $R \in \mathbb{R}$, $\infty > R > 0$, such that P converges for all $z : |z - z_0| < R$ and diverges for all $z : |z - z_0| > R$.^a

Usually, we allow for $R = 0, \infty$ for convenience.

^ano comments on the boundary!

Convergence of Power Series

The *radius of convergence* of a power series as defined before is given as

$$R = \frac{1}{\limsup |a_n|^{1/n}}$$

Herein, we allow for $R = 0, \infty$ by letting $1/0 = \infty, 1/\infty = 0$.

What is the limsup?

Definition

limsup For a **real** sequence x_n , define,

$$s_n := \sup\{x_n, x_{n+1} \dots\} \forall n$$

Define $\limsup x_n := \lim s_n$.

Points to be noted,

- s_n is a **non-increasing** sequence. (Why?)
- Because of that, the limit of s_n always exists (can be $\pm\infty$). (Why?)
- Thus, the lim-sup always exists. The limit might not.
- When the limit exists, the limsup is equal to the limit.

Power series are holomorphic

Theorem

- 1 The power series $\sum_n a_n(z - z_0)^n$ defines a holomorphic function $f : D(z_0, R) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f(z) := \sum_n a_n(z - z_0)^n$ where R is the RoC.
- 2 The derivative of f is given by term by term differentiation of the power series. Further, it has the same RoC as of the power series defining f .
- 3 Thus, power series are infinitely differentiable in their disc of convergence.

This leads to the statement

Analytic \implies Holomorphic

Questions

Questions?

- ① [2021 Tutorial] RoC of

$$\sum_{n: n \text{ is prime}} z^n$$

Answer: 1

- ② [2021 Tutorial] RoC of

$$\sum_n (2^n + \iota)(z - \iota)^n$$

Answer: 1/2

- ③ [2020 Endsem] RoC of

$$\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n z^{n^2}}{n!}$$

Answer: 1

Checking Convergence

Monotone Convergence Theorem (MCT)

For a **real** sequence x_n , we have that if x_n is monotone and bounded, then it converges.

Let $\sum_n z_n$ be a complex series. Note the following,

- 1 **Necessary Condition for Convergence** If $\sum_n z_n$ converges, then $|z_n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (Recall the tutorial question about $\sum nz^n$)
- 2 **Necessary & Sufficient Condition for Convergence** Note that $|z_n| \geq 0$ (thus $s_n := \sum_{k=0}^n |z_k|$ is monotonic increasing), we have that $\sum_n |z_n|$ converges iff $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n |z_k|$ is bounded above. (follows from the MCT, recall the tutorial question about $\sum z^n/n^2$)

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Integration Along Curves

Definition (Curve)

A curve in \mathbb{C} is an infinitely differentiable (smooth) map $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

- We have, that

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz := \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$$

- $|\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz| \leq \max_{z \in \text{Image}(\gamma)} |f(z)| \cdot \text{length}(\gamma)$
- If f is holomorphic on an open set containing $\text{Image}(\gamma)$, then,

$$\int_{\gamma} f'(z) dz = f(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a))$$

Definition (Primitives)

A holomorphic function $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to admit a primitive F in Ω if $F'(z) = f(z)$ for all $z \in \Omega$.

Theorem

If γ is a closed curve in an open set $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}$, and $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ has a primitive in Ω , then,

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$

Follows that $f(z) := 1/z$ does not have a primitive in \mathbb{C}^* .

Theorem

If f is holomorphic in a domain (thus, connected), and $f' \equiv 0$ in that region, then f is a constant.

Existence of Primitives

Theorem

Given a continuous function g on a domain Ω , we have that

$$g \text{ admits a primitive on } \Omega \Leftrightarrow \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = 0 \quad \forall \text{ closed } \gamma \subset \Omega$$

Given a holomorphic function in an open domain Ω , can we claim the existence of a primitive?

Theorem

Given a function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for a open and **simply connected** region Ω , then f has a primitive on Ω .

- Does this mean that we cannot have a primitive on a non-simply connected domain? **No**.
- Is the converse true? That is, if a function admits a primitive in a domain, does it have to be holomorphic in that domain? **Yes!**

The Cauchy Theorem(s)

Cauchy Integral Theorem

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C} , with piecewise smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$ and $f \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ is holomorphic on Ω . Then,

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} f(z)dz = 0$$

Cauchy Integral Formula

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{C} with piecewise smooth boundary $\partial\Omega$, and $f \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$ is holomorphic on Ω . Then for all $z \in \Omega$, we have,

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{f(\eta)}{\eta - z} d\eta$$

Note that, in these theorems we are dealing with $\partial\Omega$ being traversed anticlockwise. Also, we do *not* need $f \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$, as holomorphicity of f guarantees holomorphicity and thus continuity of f' .

Another way to state the CIT, which can avoid possible mistakes.

CIT - Aliter

If $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, and Ω is a **simply connected** domain, then for every closed piecewise smooth curve γ within Ω we have,

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$

Questions

Questions?

① [2020 Quiz]

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{e^z \sin(z) - z}{z^2 \cos(z)} dz$$

Answer: 0

② [2020 Quiz]

$$\int_{|z|=5} \frac{z}{(z-3)^2(z-1)} dz$$

Answer: 0

③ [Slides]

$$\int_{|z|=5} \frac{e^z}{z^2(z-1)} dz$$

Answer: $2\pi i(e-2)$.

Connecting the dots

Theorem (Morera's Theorem)

Given a continuous function g on a domain Ω , we have that if $\int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = 0$ for all $\gamma = \partial R$, whenever $R \subset \Omega$ is a rectangle, then, g is **holomorphic** on Ω .

Theorem

Given a function g which is complex differentiable at each point in a domain Ω , we have that $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$ whenever $\gamma = \partial R$ and $R \subset \Omega$ is a rectangle.

Combining these two, we have,

Theorem (Goursat's Theorem)

If a function is **complex differentiable at each point** in an open set, then it is continuously differentiable in that set. Thus, it is **holomorphic** on that set.

Consequences of Cauchy's Theorem(s)

- **Strong Regularity** If f is holomorphic at some z_0 , then the derivatives of all orders are holomorphic at that point. Further, we have

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{D(z_0, r)} \frac{f(\eta)}{(\eta - z_0)^{n+1}} d\eta$$

for some small r .

Consequences of Cauchy's Theorem(s)

- **Holomorphic \implies Analytic.** If f is holomorphic at a point $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then we have that $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n$ for all $z : |z - z_0| < r$ for some small r . Where,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{D(z_0, r)} \frac{f(\eta)}{(\eta - z_0)^{n+1}} d\eta$$

Note that any r s.t. $D(z_0, r)$ is contained in the region of holomorphicity gives the same a_n . This means that an entire function has $\text{RoC} = \infty$ when expanded about any point as a power series. Also, we had previously seen that power series are holomorphic in their region of convergence. Thus, **Analytic \implies Holomorphic**. Hence we have the statement,

Holomorphic \Leftrightarrow Analytic

Questions?

- ① [2018 Midsem] If f is a holomorphic function on an open set containing the closed unit disk, and,

$$\int_{|z|=1} f(z) \bar{z}^j dz = 0$$

holds true for all $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then show that $f \equiv 0$.

Consequences of Cauchy's Theorem(s)

- $f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{f(\eta)}{(\eta-z)^{n+1}} d\eta$ for all $z \in \Omega$. Particularly,

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!M_R}{R^n} \quad \textbf{Cauchy's Estimate}$$

if f is holomorphic on a open set containing $D(z_0, R)$ and $M_R = \max\{|f(z)| : |z - z_0| = R\}$

- **Liouville's Theorem:** A bounded above entire function is a constant.
- **FTA:** A non-constant complex polynomial has atleast one root in \mathbb{C} .
- **Mean Value Property:** If f is holomorphic on Ω and $D(z_0, r) \subset \Omega$, then,

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{it}) dt$$

Questions?

① [2018 Midsem] If f is an entire function such that

$$|f(z)| \leq 1 + \sqrt{|z|} \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

show that f is constant.

Zeros of Analytic Functions

Theorem

Suppose $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is holomorphic, where Ω is a domain. Further suppose $f(z_0) = 0$. Then, we have

- ① $f \equiv 0$ on Ω , or,
- ② $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ and a holomorphic function $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $g(z_0) \neq 0$ and $f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$ in $D(r, z_0)$ for some small r .

- **Isolated Zeros:** Zeros of a non constant analytic function on a domain Ω are *isolated*. Formally, the set of zeros **do not have a limit point**.
- **Vanishing Behaviour**
 - ① Vanishes at a sequence of points with a limit point in $\Omega \implies f \equiv 0$ on Ω .
 - ② Vanishes on an open subset $A \subset \Omega \implies f \equiv 0$ on Ω .
 - ③ $f^{(n)}(z_0) = 0 \forall n$ for some $z_0 \in \Omega \implies f \equiv 0$ on Ω .
- **Identity Principle:** If f, g holomorphic agree on a 'suitable' set of points, then $f \equiv g$ on Ω .

Questions

Questions?

① []

- ① Let f be an entire function such that $\exp(f)$ is a constant. Show that f is constant.
- ② Suppose f and g are entire, and the following holds true for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$\exp(f(z)) + \exp(g(z)) = 1$$

Show that f, g are constants.

- ② [2018 Midsem] Suppose that an entire function g that satisfies

$$g(1 - z) = 1 - g(z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$$

Then,

- ① Can g be a constant?
- ② Assume that g is non-constant, then show that $g(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C}$.

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Definition (Singularities)

Given a function f , a point $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is said to be a singularity of f if

- f is not defined at z . Or,
- f is not holomorphic at z .

Read differently: Something goes wrong at a singularity. Also called a singular point. Examples,

- 1 $f(z) := 1/z$ has a singularity at 0.
- 2 $f(z) := z^2/z$ has a singularity at 0.

Isolated Singularities

Notation: $D^*(z, r) := D(z, r) \setminus \{z\}$. The 'punctured' disk.

Definition (Isolated Singularities)

Given a function f , a point $z \in \mathbb{C}$ is said to be an isolated singularity, if $\exists r > 0$ s.t. f is holomorphic on $D^*(z, r)$.

A singularity which is not isolated is called a non-isolated singularity.

Examples,

- 1 $f(z) := 1/z$ has a isolated singularity at 0.
- 2 $f(z) := (z - 1)/(z(z - 2)(z - 2.00001))$ has isolated singularities at 0, 2, 2.00001.
- 3 $f(z) := \tan(1/z)$ has a **non-isolated** singularity at $z = 0$. Why?
- 4 $f(z) := \bar{z}$ has a non-isolated singularity. Where?

Classifying Isolated Singularities - I

[#1] Removable Singularities

An isolated singularity $z \in \mathbb{C}$ of f is said to be removable if there exists a holomorphic function $\tilde{f} : D(z, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ for some $r > 0$ **such that** $\tilde{f}(z) = f(z) \forall z \in D^*(z, r)$.

Also, **fact**: A function has a removable singularity at a point p iff $\lim_{z \rightarrow p} f(z)$ exists.

Theorem (RRST)

Suppose f is bounded and holomorphic on $D^*(p, r)$. Then, p is a removable singularity for f .

Proof? Start with $g(z) := (z - p)^2 f(z)$. Explicitly construct the desired \tilde{f} .

Classifying Isolated Singularities - II

[#2] Poles

An isolated singularity $z \in \mathbb{C}$ of f is said to be a *pole* if $\lim_{z \rightarrow p} |f(z)| = \infty$.

Theorem (The Order of a Pole)

Let f have a pole at $p \in \mathbb{C}$. Then, there exists some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for some $r > 0$ we have,

$$f(z) = (z - p)^{-k} H(z)$$

where, H is holomorphic on $D(p, r)$ **and** $H(p) \neq 0$. We say that k is the **order of the pole**.

A pole of order one is called a *simple pole*.

Classifying Isolated Singularities - III

[#3] Essential Singularities

An isolated singularity of f which is neither removable, nor a pole is called an *essential singularity*.

Theorem (Casorati-Weierstrass)

Suppose f has an essential singularity at p . Then, for any $r > 0$, f takes values arbitrarily close to every complex number on the disk $D^*(p, r)$.

Also, we have the following stronger result.

Theorem (Great Picard's Theorem)

Suppose f has an essential singularity at p . Then, for any $r > 0$, f takes on **all possible** complex values, **infinitely often**, with at most a **single exception** in $D^*(p, r)$.

Also recall the **Little Picard Theorem**: An entire function can omit at most one complex number.

Some Questions

Questions?

Classify the singularities:

- ① $e^{1/z}$ Answer: Essential at 0
- ② $\sin(1/z)$ Answer: Essential at 0
- ③ [2020 Quiz]

$$\frac{(z+2)\cos 1/z}{z-3}$$

Answer: Simple pole at 3, essential at 0

- ④ $z^{100}\cos 1/z$ Answer: Essential at 0
- ⑤ $z^4/(z^3+z)$ Answer: Simple poles at $\pm i$, Removable at 0

Definition (Meromorphic Function)

A function holomorphic on a domain except possibly for a set of poles, is said to be meromorphic on that domain.

Theorem (Laurent Series)

Suppose f is analytic in the annulus $\mathcal{A}(p, r_1, r_2) := \{z : r_1 < |z - p| < r_2\}$. Let γ be any positively oriented simple closed contour around p lying in the annulus. Then,

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n (z - p)^n$$

holds for all $z \in \mathcal{A}(p, r_1, r_2)$. Where,

$$a_n := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\eta)}{(\eta - p)^{n+1}} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Questions? Give the Laurent Series for,

- ① $f(z) = 1/z^{10231}$ in $\{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$
- ② $f(z) = 1/z(z+1)$ in $\{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}, \{z : |z| > 1\}$
- ③ $f(z) = 1/(z^2 + 1)$ in $\{z : |z| < 1\}, \{z : |z - i| < 1\}$
- ④ $f(z) = e^{1/z}$

A consequence of the Laurent Series

Theorem

Suppose f is analytic in the annulus $\mathcal{A}(p, r_1, r_2) := \{z : r_1 < |z - p| < r_2\}$. Let a_n be the coefficients of its Laurent Series. Then,

- ① f has a pole at $p \Leftrightarrow a_n = 0$ for all but finitely many $n < 0$, and $a_k \neq 0$ for some $k < 0$.
- ② f has an essential singularity at $p \Leftrightarrow a_n \neq 0$ for **infinitely many** $n < 0$.

Thus,

- ① The singularity is removable iff the principal part is zero.
- ② The singularity is a pole iff the principal part has a finite (not zero) number of non-zero terms.
- ③ The singularity is essential iff the principal part has an infinite number of non-zero terms.

Residue Theorem

Definition (Residue at a point)

Suppose f is analytic in the annulus $\mathcal{A}(p, 0, r_2) := \{z : 0 < |z - p| < r_2\}$. Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n (z - p)^n$$

be the Laurent Series expansion of f in this annulus. Then, we define,

$$\text{Res}(f, p) := a_{-1}$$

As an immediate consequence, see that

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \times \text{Res}(f, p)$$

Residues of Meromorphic functions

Theorem

If f is analytic in $D^*(p, r)$ for some r and has a pole of order k at p , then,

$$\operatorname{Res}(f, p) = \lim_{z \rightarrow p} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \frac{d^{k-1}}{dz^{k-1}} \left((z-p)^k f(z) \right)$$

Questions?

- ① [2020 Quiz] Find the residue at $z = 0$ of

$$\frac{\sin z}{z^2(z - \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

- ② Find residue at 0 of $1/(z + z^2)$.
- ③ Find residue at 0 of $1/(z^2(1 - z))$ using *both* methods.
- ④ $\int_{|z|=1} e^{1/z^2} dz$
- ⑤ $\int_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{\sin 1/z} dz$ Cannot apply the CRT!

The Cauchy Residue Theorem

This is a formal restatement of the earlier conclusion.

Theorem (CRT)

Let γ be a simple closed contour. Let f be analytic inside and on γ except for a finite number of isolated singularities p_k , then,

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_k \text{Res}(f, p_k)$$

(Recall)

Theorem (The Order of a Pole)

Let f have a pole at $p \in \mathbb{C}$. Then, there exists some $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for some $r > 0$ we have,

$$f(z) = (z - p)^{-k} H(z)$$

where, H is holomorphic on $D(p, r)$ **and** $H(p) \neq 0$. We say that k is the **order of the pole**.

Orders and Multiplicities

And similarly, we define,

Definition (Multiplicity of a zero)

Given a function f , we say that $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ is a zero of multiplicity m of f , if

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = 0 \quad \forall n \leq m-1 \quad \textbf{and} \quad f^{(m)}(z_0) \neq 0$$

We have that,

$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$$

for some holomorphic g which does not vanish in a neighbourhood of z_0 .

The Argument Principle

This is a nice application of the CRT.

Theorem

Let f be a meromorphic function on and inside some closed contour γ , **and** has no poles or zeros on γ . Then,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = Z - P$$

where, Z is the number of zeros of f inside γ **counted with multiplicities** and P is the number of poles of f inside γ **counted with order**.

And that's a wrap!

Thank you, and all the best!