COMPLEX ANALYSIS

CHAPTER III
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INTEGRATION

Today we begin an absolutely fascinating journey of the study of holomorphic functions!

REVIEW OF VECTOR CALCULUS

The particular thing we need is called path integration or line integration or contour integration. It is based on curves in \( \mathbb{R}^n \), which we’ll typically denote by \( \gamma \). These will need to be given a parametrization (at least in theory, if not explicitly) so that \( \gamma \) can be thought of as a function defined on an interval \( [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \) with values in \( \mathbb{R}^n \):

\[
[a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n.
\]

We’ll need \( \gamma \) to be piecewise \( C^1 \). Its image in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) may look something like this:

\[\begin{array}{c}
\gamma(a) \\
\gamma(b)
\end{array}\]

Notice that as \( t \) varies from \( a \) to \( b \), \( \gamma(t) \) moves in a definite direction. And \( \gamma'(t) = \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \) represents a vector in \( \mathbb{R}^n \) which is tangent to the curve.

For any \( 1 \leq i \leq n \) we can define the path integral of a function \( f \) along \( \gamma \) in the \( x_i \) direction as:

\[
\int_{\gamma} f \, dx_i := \int_{a}^{b} f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'_i(t) \, dt.
\]

The chain rule shows that this result is independent of “reasonable”
changes of parameterization. But if we replace \( t \) by \(-t\),
the curve is traced in the opposite direction, so that
\[
\int_\text{REVERSED} f \, dx = -\int f \, dx.
\]

A loop is a curve with \( \gamma(a) = \gamma(b) \):

Complex-valued \( f \) No difficulty with this at all.

Special notation for \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) Usually use \( x \) and \( y \) instead of \( x_1 \) and \( x_2 \).

Example
\[
\int_{\text{ccw unit circle}} \frac{1}{z} \, dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{e^{i\theta}} \, d(e^{i\theta})
\]
\[
= \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\theta} (-i\sin\theta) \, d\theta
\]
\[
= \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{i\theta} - i\sin\theta)(-i\sin\theta) \, d\theta
\]
\[
= 0 + i\int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2\theta \, d\theta = \pi i.
\]

Example
Let \( \gamma \) = clockwise circle with center \( O \) and radius \( r \).

Then
\[
\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} \, dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{r} \, d(r\sin\theta)
\]
\[
= -\int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\theta} \cos\theta \, d\theta
\]
\[
= -\frac{1}{i} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{-i\theta} + e^{i\theta} \, d\theta
\]
\[
= -\frac{1}{2i} \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{-i\theta} + e^{-3i\theta}) \, d\theta
\]
\[
= 0.
\]
Example. \[ \int_{\text{rectangle}} \, \ dx = 0 \]

\[ \int_j e^x \, dx = \int_0^1 e^x \, dx + 0 + \int_1^0 e^{x+i\alpha} \, dx + 0 \]

\[ = (1-e^{\alpha}) \int_0^1 e^x \, dx \]

\[ = (1-e^{\alpha})(e-1). \]

Of special importance for us is Green's Theorem:

If \( D \) is a "reasonably nice" bounded region, then we can consider \( \partial D \), the boundary of \( D \), as a sum of a curve or a union of curves and we always give the orientation of direction, which keeps \( D \) on the left.

Then for a \( C^1 \) function \( f \) we have

\[ \iint_D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \, dx \, dy = \oint_{\partial D} f \, dy, \]

\[ \iint_D \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \, dx \, dy = -\oint_{\partial D} f \, dx. \]

Usually these are presented as a single formula:

**GREEN:** \[ \iint_D \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy = \oint_{\partial D} (f \, dx + g \, dy). \]

Remember: \( f \) and \( g \) are allowed to be complex-valued functions.
Complex path integrals. Not only can the functions we are integrating be complex valued, but also we can integrate with respect to $dz$: just think $dz = d(x + iy) = dx + i dy$. Then we write

$$\int \frac{1}{z} dz.$$

**Most important example:**

$$\int \frac{1}{z} dz = \int_{\text{circle of radius } r} \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} \, d(ue^{i\theta}) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{re^{i\theta}} (rie^{i\theta} \, d\theta) = \int_0^{2\pi} i \, d\theta = 2\pi i.$$

Special application of Green: use a function $f$ and $g = if$:

$$\iint_D \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy = \iint_D \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + if \, dy \, dx.$$

Rewrite:

$$\int \frac{f}{dz} = i \int_D \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} \right) \, dx \, dy.$$
SOLUTIONS FOR EXAM 1

1. Find the unique Möbius transformation \( f \) which satisfies
   \[
   f(1) = 1, \\
   f(-1) = -1, \\
   f(3) = 2.
   \]

   A unique Möbius \( g \) sends
   \[
   \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
   -1 \\
   \frac{1}{3}
   \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
   0 \\
   1
   \end{array} \right\}
   \]
   respectively:
   \[
   g(z) = \frac{2z-1}{z+1}. \quad g \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
   \]

   A unique Möbius \( h \) sends
   \[
   \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
   -1 \\
   \frac{1}{2}
   \end{array} \right\} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
   0 \\
   \infty
   \end{array} \right\},
   \]
   respectively:
   \[
   h(z) = 3 \frac{z-1}{z+1}, \quad h \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.
   \]

   Then
   \[
   f = h^{-1} \circ g \sim \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}
   \]
   \[
   = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}.
   \]

   Thus
   \[
   f(z) = \frac{5z+1}{z+5}.
   \]

2. Let \( f \) and \( g \) be two power series centered at 0, with radii of convergence \( R_1 \) and \( R_2 \), respectively.
   
   a. Prove that if \( R_1 < R_2 \), then the power series \( f + g \) has radius of convergence equal to \( R_1 \).
   b. Give an example of \( f \) and \( g \) with \( R_1 = R_2 = 1 \), for which \( f + g \) has radius of convergence 3.

   a. Let \( R = \text{radius of convergence of } f + g \). We know from class that
      \[
      R \geq R_1.
      \]
      But also \( f = (f+g) + (-g) \), so we also know from class that
      \[
      R \geq \min (R_1, R_2) = R_1 \text{ because } R_1 < R_2.
      \]
      \[
      \therefore R = R_1
      \]

   b. One example,
      \[
      f = \frac{1}{1-z} \quad \text{and} \quad g = \frac{1}{3-z} + \frac{1}{1-z}.
      \]
3. Define the Joukowski function \( J \) by the equation
\[
J(z) = \frac{z + \frac{1}{z}}{2}
\]

a. Prove that \( J \) is a bijection of the region \( \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| > 1 \} \) onto a region of the complex plane, and state exactly what that region is.

b. Let \( C_r \) be the circle with center \( 0 \) and radius \( r > 1 \). Show that \( J \) transforms this circle onto an ellipse whose foci are \( 1 \) and \( -1 \).

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Let \( J(z_1) = J(z_2) \), then
\[
z_1 + \frac{1}{z_1} = z_2 + \frac{1}{z_2}
\]
Multiply by \( z_1 z_2 \):
\[
z_1^2 z_2 + z_2 = z_1 z_2^2 + z_2
\]
\[
z_1^2 z_2 - z_1 z_2 = z_1 - z_2
\]
\[
z_1 z_2 (z_1 - z_2) = z_1 - z_2
\]
\[
(z_1 z_2 - 1)(z_1 - z_2) = 0.
\]
But \( |z_1| > 1 \) and \( |z_2| > 1 \) \( \Rightarrow \) \( |z_1 z_2 - 1| \equiv 0 \).
Therefore, \( z_1 = z_2 \). \( \checkmark \)

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Image equals \( C \sim \) closed interval from \( -1 \) to \( 1 \):

Here's one proof. Let \( w \) belong to the described set, so that \( w \) is not a real number satisfying \( -1 \leq w \leq 1 \). Want to solve for \( z \):

\[
\frac{z + \frac{1}{z}}{2} = w, \quad |z| > 1.
\]

That is,
\[
z^2 - 2wz + 1 = 0, \quad |z| > 1.
\]

This quadratic equation has two roots \( z_1 \) and \( z_2 \), and we have
\[
z_1 z_2 = 1, \quad z_1 + z_2 = 2w.
\]
If \( |z_1| < 1 \) then \( |z_2| > 1 \) and \( z_2 \) is our solution.

If both \( |z_1| = 1 \) and \( |z_2| = 1 \) then \( z_1 = e^{i\theta} \) and \( z_2 = e^{-i\theta} \) for a real number \( \theta \). But then
\[
w = \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} = \cos \theta,
\]
a real number in the interval \([-1, 1] \). Contradiction!
\( |J(z)| = \frac{|z^2 + 1 + 2z|}{2|z|} = \frac{|z^2 + 1 + 2z|}{2r} = \frac{|z + 1|^2}{2r} = \frac{|1 + 2\Re(z) + 1|^2}{2r} = \frac{r^2 + 2\Re(z) + 1}{2r} = \frac{r^2}{2r} = \frac{r + 1}{2r} \).

This is the same for all \( z \in C \).

Thus \( J(C_r) \) is an ellipse with focus at \(-1\) and \(1\).

(The "focus definition" of ellipses.)

Alternate proof: write \( z = re^{i\theta} \) and \( J(z) = u + iv \. Then

\[ u + iv = \frac{re^{i\theta} + \frac{1}{r}e^{-i\theta}}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta + i \left( \frac{r - \frac{1}{r}}{2} \sin \theta \right) \]

so that

\[ \begin{align*}
  u &= \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta, \\
  v &= \frac{r - \frac{1}{r}}{2} \sin \theta.
\end{align*} \]

These are parametric equations for an ellipse:

\[ \frac{u^2}{(r + \frac{1}{r})^2} + \frac{v^2}{(r - \frac{1}{r})^2} = 1. \]
As \( r \) varies from 1 to \( \infty \), the ellipse over \( C \sim [-1,1] \),
giving another proof of the image \( J([-1,1]) \).

4. Find explicitly the sum of the power series
\[
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 z^n
\]

Start with geometric series
\[
\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.
\]

Differentiate:
\[
\frac{1}{(1-z)^2} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n z^{n-1}.
\]

Differentiate:
\[
\frac{2z}{(1-z)^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n-1) z^{n-2}.
\]

Multiply \( z \):
\[
\frac{2z}{(1-z)^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n-1) z^{n-2}.
\]

Add:
\[
\frac{2z^2 + z(1-z)}{(1-z)^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n^2 - n + 1) z^{n-2}.
\]

\[
\frac{z + z^2}{(1-z)^3} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 z^n.
\]

\[
\text{Mathematica} \rightarrow \quad \text{In[1]:= } \sum_{n=3}^{n} n^2 * z^n \quad \text{Out[1]:= } \frac{z (1 + z)}{(-1 + z)^3}
\]
We know that there is a unique Möbius transformation \( f \) of \( \mathbb{C} \) which satisfies

\[
\begin{align*}
  f(0) &= -1, \\
  f(\infty) &= 1, \\
  f(i) &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

This Möbius function is called the **Cayley transform**.

1. Write explicitly \( f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \) (i.e. find \( a,b,c,d \)).

2. Prove that
\[ f(1) = 1 \text{ and } f(\infty) = \infty \text{ are on the unit circle.} \]

3. Prove that
\[ f(\text{open upper half plane}) = \text{open unit disc}. \]

4. For several values of \( y > 0 \) sketch the image of the straight lines in the upper half plane.

\[ \{ f(x+iy) \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \}. \]
The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus and Path Integrals

This simple fact is actually valid in \( \mathbb{R}^n \)—vector calculus, but here is what it becomes in our complex situation:

\[
\int_{\gamma} f(z) \, dz = f(\text{final point of } \gamma) - f(\text{initial point of } \gamma).
\]

(FTC)

**Proof:** Let \( \gamma(t) \) for \( a \leq t \leq b \). Then by definition

\[
\int_{\gamma} f'(z) \, dz = \int_{a}^{b} f'(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) \, dt
\]

\[
= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ f(\gamma(t)) \right]_{a}^{b}
\]

\[
= f(\gamma(b)) - f(\gamma(a)).
\]

QED

In the preceding lecture we used Green's Theorem to prove that

\[
\int_{\partial D} f \, dz = \iint_{D} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - \frac{i}{\partial y} \right) \, dA.
\]

Notice that if \( f \) is holomorphic, then the Cauchy–Riemann equation, \( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \), gives a zero integrand on the right side of the Green equation, so that \( \int_{\partial D} f \, dz = 0 \). We now state this as a separate theorem:
THE CAUCHY INTEGRAL THEOREM

Suppose \( D \subset \mathbb{C} \) is a "reasonably nice" bounded open set with boundary \( \partial D \) consisting of finitely many paths oriented with \( D \) on the left. Suppose \( f \) is a holomorphic function defined on an open set containing \( D \cup \partial D \). Then

\[
\oint_{\partial D} f(z) \, dz = 0.
\]

We are now going to use this theorem to prove a truly amazing theorem, Cauchy's integral formula, which will be the basis for much of our subsequent study.

We assume the hypothesis exactly as above, but in addition we assume that a point \( z_0 \in D \) is fixed... remember that \( D \) is open, so \( z_0 \notin \partial D \).

We want to apply the Cauchy integral theorem to the function

\[
\frac{f(z)}{z - z_0},
\]

but this function is not even defined at \( z_0 \).

The way around this difficulty is extremely clever, and also a strategy that is often used in similar situations not just in complex analysis, but also in partial differential equations and other places.

It is the following

\[
\oint_{\partial D} f(z) \, dz = 0.
\]
\( ruse: \) extract a small disc centered at \( z_0 \). Namely, let \( E \) be the closed disc of radius \( \varepsilon \) centered at \( z_0 \):

\[
E = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z - z_0| \leq \varepsilon \}.
\]

Then for sufficiently small \( \varepsilon \), \( E \subseteq D \) since \( D \) is open, and we may apply the Cauchy

theorem to the difference \( D \setminus E \).

We obtain

\[
0 = \oint_{\partial (D \setminus E)} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} \, dz.
\]

Now \( \partial (D \setminus E) \) is the disjoint union of \( \partial D \) and \( \partial E \), so we have, using the correct orientation,

\[
0 = \oint_{\partial D} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} \, dz + \oint_{\partial E} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} \, dz.
\]

Move the second integral to the left side and reverse the direction of the

circle \( \partial E \):

\[
\oint_{\partial E} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} \, dz = -\oint_{\partial D} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} \, dz.
\]

Fascinating equation! The right side is independent of \( E \), and thus so is the left side!

Parameterize \( \partial E \): \( z = z_0 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta} \), \( 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \), so the left side equals

\[
\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta})}{\varepsilon e^{i\theta}} \, e^{i\theta} \, d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \, d\theta.
\]
This can be rewritten as

\[ 2\pi i \text{ times } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \varepsilon e^{i\theta}) \, d\theta \]

\[ = 2\pi i \text{ times the average of } f \text{ on } \partial \Omega. \]

This does not depend on \( \varepsilon \)! Yet it has a clear limit as \( \varepsilon \to 0 \), since \( f \) is continuous at \( z_0 \); namely,

\[ f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z_0} \, d\zeta. \]

**Beware:** notation change — \( z_0 \) replaced by \( z \); — \( \zeta \) replaced by \( \zeta = \zeta(z) \)

**Zeta:** \( \zeta \)

Final result:

**THE CAUCHY INTEGRAL FORMULA**

Same hypothesis as the Cauchy integral theorem. Then for every \( z \in D \)

\[ f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Omega} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} \, d\zeta. \]
1. Case 1: Möbius with \( f(0) = -1, f(\infty) = 1, f(i) = 0 \).

2. For real \( z \), \( |z-i| = |z+i| \), so \( f(z) = 1 \). 
   \[ f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i} \]
   gets mapped to line or circle, so we get unit circle.

3. \( \text{Im } z > 0 \Rightarrow |z-i| < |z+i| \)
   \( \Rightarrow f(z) \in \text{open unit disc} \).
   Also, \( \text{Im } z < 0 \Rightarrow |f(z)| > 1 \).
   As \( f \) is bijective, we get the entire open unit disc.

4. \( f(x+iy) \) must be a circle containing \( f(\infty) = 1 \), contained in the unit disc, and therefore tangent to the unit circle. And
   \( f(\infty) = \frac{iy-i}{iy+i} = \frac{y-1}{y+1} \) is the other point of the circle on the real axis.
   
   \[ f(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i} \]
Give examples of two power series centered at 0 as follows:

\[ f(z) \] has radius of convergence 1,

\[ g(z) \] has radius of convergence 2,

\[ f(z)g(z) \] has radius of convergence 10.

All discipline for the moment for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:11
We derive very quickly many great consequences of the Cauchy integral formula.

1. Holomorphic functions are $C^\infty$

This is rather stunning given that the definition of holomorphic required $f$ to be of class $C^1$ and satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equation. The key to this observation is that the dependence of $f(z)$ on $z$ has been relegated to the simple function $\frac{1}{s-z}$:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} \, ds.$$  

For $z \in D$ (open set) and $s \in \partial D$, the function $\frac{1}{s-z}$ is quite well behaved and we have for fixed $s$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{s-z} = \frac{1}{(s-z)^2}.$$  

Therefore, by performing $\frac{d}{dz}$ through the integral sign we obtain

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(s)}{(s-z)^2} \, ds.$$  

We already knew $f'(z)$ existed, but now our some observation shows that $f''(z)$ has a complex derivative (we didn’t know that before), and that

$$f''(z) = \frac{2}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} \frac{f(s)}{(s-z)^3} \, ds.$$
Continuing in this manner, we see that

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(s)}{(s - z)^{n+1}} \, ds.$$  \[ \text{QED} \]

In particular,

2. If holomorphic \( \implies f' \) is holomorphic.

Now we can also fulfill the premise made Jan 28 (4):

3. Every holomorphic function is analytic.

Once again, the key to this is the nature of \( \frac{1}{s - z} \). We establish a power series expansion in a disc centered at an arbitrary point \( z_0 \in D \). As \( D \) is open, there exists a \( \alpha > 0 \) such that \( |s - z_0| > \alpha \) for all \( s \in \partial D \). We then suppose that

\[ |s - z_0| < \alpha. \]

Looking for geometric series, we have

\[ \frac{1}{s - z} = \frac{1}{\overbrace{(s - z_0) - (z - z_0)}^{\text{BIG}}} \overset{\text{SMALL}}{=} \frac{1}{z - z_0} \]

\[ = \frac{1}{z - z_0} \frac{1}{\frac{s - z_0}{z - z_0}} \text{ modulus } < 1 \]

\[ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(s - z_0)^{n+1}} \]

\[ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z - z_0}{s - z_0} \right)^n \]

\[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{s - z_0}{z - z_0} \right)^n \]
Since \( \left| \frac{z-z_0}{s-z_0} \right| < \frac{1}{\alpha} < 1 \) for all \( s \in \mathbb{D} \), we have uniform convergence of the geometric series (rate of convergence the same for all \( s \in \mathbb{D} \)) and we conclude that

\[
 f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \mathbb{D}} \frac{f(s)}{s-z_0} \frac{(s-z_0)^n}{(s-z_0)^{n+1}} ds
 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n,
\]

where the coefficients are given by

\[
 c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \mathbb{D}} \frac{f(s)}{(s-z_0)^{n+1}} ds.
\]

(By the way, notice from 1 that \( c_n = \frac{1}{n!} f^{(n)}(z_0) \).)

Clearly, the radius of convergence of this power series is at least \( \alpha \)... of course, it might be larger.

**EXAMPLE** \( \frac{1}{1 - \sin z} \) is holomorphic wherever \( \sin z \neq 1 \). And

\( \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 \), so HW 4 W yields \( \sin z = 1 \iff z = (2k+\frac{1}{2}) \pi \).

We conclude that

\[
 \frac{1}{1 - \sin z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n \text{ with radius of convergence } \frac{\pi}{2}.
\]

(Did not need to calculate any of the coefficients.)

Next, a converse to Cauchy's integral theorem:
4. Morera's theorem

Suppose \( f \) is a continuous function defined on an open set \( D \subset \mathbb{C} \), with the property that for all loops \( \gamma \) contained in \( D \):

\[
\oint_{\gamma} f(z) \, dz = 0.
\]

Then \( f \) is holomorphic.

(This theorem and its proof are similar to the result in vector calculus relating zero path integrals of a vector field to the vector field's having zero curl.)

Proof: This theorem is local in nature, so it suffices to prove it for the case in which \( D \) is a disk. Let \( z_0 = \) center of \( D \), and define the function on \( D \):

\[
g(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{\gamma} f(\xi) \, d\xi,
\]

where \( \gamma \) is any path in \( D \) from \( z_0 \) to \( z \).

Our hypothesis guarantees that \( g(z) \) depends only on \( z \), not on the choice of \( \gamma \). Now assume \( z \in D \) is fixed and \( h \in \mathbb{C} \) is so small that \( z + h \in D \):

then \( g(z + h) \) can be calculated using the straight line from \( z_0 \) to \( z \) and then from \( z \) to \( z + h \):

\[
g(z + h) = g(z) + \int_{z}^{z+h} f(\xi) \, d\xi.
\]

Parameterize the line segment from \( z \) to \( z + h \) as \( \gamma(t) = z + th \), \( 0 \leq t \leq 1 \):

Then

\[
g(z + h) - g(z) = \int_{0}^{1} f(z + th) \, dh.
\]
\[
= \int_0^1 f(z + th) \, dh.
\]

Therefore,
\[
\frac{g(z + th) - g(z)}{h} = \int_0^1 f(z + th) \, dh.
\]

Since \( f \) is continuous at \( z \), the right side of this equation has limit \( f(z) \) when \( h \to 0 \). Then the left side has the same limit. We conclude that \( g'(z) \) exists, and \( g'(z) = f(z) \).

Since \( f \) is continuous, so is \( g' \). Thus \( g \) is holomorphic.

By 2, \( f \) is holomorphic.

QED

\[\star\]

**Remark:** The proof of Morera's theorem shows that the only hypothesis actually needed is that \( f \) be continuous and that in small discs contained in \( D \),

\[
\int f \, dz = 0
\]

for all triangles \( T \) contained in the disc.

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Here's one example:

\[
f(z) = \frac{z-2}{z-1}, \quad g(z) = \frac{z-1}{(z-2)(z-10)}.
\]

(We could calculate the Maclaurin series if we wished using partial fractions:

\[
f(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{z} = 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}
\]

\[
g(z) = \frac{-1/5}{z-2} + \frac{7/5}{z-10} = \frac{1/5}{1 - \frac{z}{2}} - \frac{7/5}{1 - \frac{z}{10}}
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{10} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z}{10} \right)^n - \frac{9}{50} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{z}{10} \right)^n.
\]
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\[ \sec z = \left( \frac{1}{\cos z} \right) \]

This function is holomorphic in some disc centered at 0. Therefore it has a Maclaurin representation near 0.

1. Prove that only even terms \( z^{2n} \) are in this representation.

2. Find its radius of convergence.

3. This expansion is customarily expressed in this form:

\[ \sec z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S_n z^{2n} \quad (2n)! \]

Prove that all \( S_n > 0 \). The \( S_n \)s are called secant numbers.

Here are given \( S_0, S_1, \ldots, S_{16} \):
\[ e^{z+w} = e^z e^w \]  

We gave Proof #1 the first day of the course. Now two more proofs.

**Proof #2** For fixed \( w \in \mathbb{C} \), consider the function

\[ f(z) := e^{z+w} e^{-z}. \]

This holomorphic function has \( f'(z) = e^{z+w} e^{-z} - e^{z+w} e^{-z} = 0 \) by the product rule, so \( f(z) = \text{constant} \). This constant is \( f(0) = e^w \).

Thus

\[ e^{z+w} e^{-z} = e^w \]  

for all \( w \) and all \( z \).

When \( w = 0 \) we obtain \( e^z e^{-z} = 1 \), so that \( e^{z+w} = e^w e^z \).

**QED**

**Proof #3** Let \( w \in \mathbb{R} \) be fixed. Then the analytic function of \( z \),

\[ e^{z+w} - e^z e^w \]

equal 0 for all real \( z \) from basic calculus. This occurrence of an infinity of zeros near 0 => the analytic function is 0; (see

\[ e^{z+w} - e^z e^w = 0 \]  

for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \), all \( w \in \mathbb{R} \).

Now let \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) be fixed. Then the analytic function of \( w \),

\[ e^{z+w} - e^z e^w \]

equal 0 for all real \( w \) as we've just proved. Therefore as above

it's 0 for all \( w \in \mathbb{C} \).

**QED**

### Basic estimates for complex integrals

- **a.** Consider a complex-valued function \( f(t) = f(t) \) for \( a \leq t \leq b \), and its integral

\[ I := \int_a^b f(t) \, dt. \]

Write \( I \) in polar form,

\[ I = |I| e^{i\theta} \text{ for some } \theta \in \mathbb{R}. \]
Then
\[ |I| = e^{-\alpha I} \]
\[ = e^{-\alpha} \int_a^b f(t) dt \quad \text{(def. of } I) \]
\[ = \int_a^b e^{-\alpha} f(t) dt \quad \text{(} e^{-\alpha} \text{ is a constant)} \]
\[ = \Re \int_a^b e^{-\alpha} f(t) dt \quad \text{(it's already real)} \]
\[ = \int_a^b \Re (e^{-\alpha} f(t)) dt \quad \text{(def. of complex integration)} \]
\[ = \int_a^b |f(t)| dt. \]

Thus we have
\[ \int_a^b |f(t)| dt \leq \int_a^b |f(t)| dt. \]

b. Path integrals: Let the curve \( \gamma \) be parameterized as \( x = \gamma(t) \) for \( a \leq t \leq b \). Then assume \( |f(z)| \leq C \) for all \( z = \gamma(t) \). Then
\[ \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt \]
\[ \leq \int_a^b |f(\gamma(t))| \gamma'(t) dt \quad \text{(by a)} \]
\[ \leq C \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt \]
\[ = CL, \quad \text{where } L = \text{length of } \gamma. \]

Thus
\[ \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \leq \max_{\gamma} |f| \cdot \text{length of } \gamma. \]

P.S. More generally, we see that \( \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \leq \int |f| |dz| \),
where
\[ |dz| = |dx + i dy| = \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2} = d(\text{arc length}). \]
5. Mean value property of holomorphic functions

Let $f$ be holomorphic on an open set $D \subset \mathbb{C}$ and suppose a closed disc $|z - z_0| \leq r$ is contained in $D$. Then the Cauchy formula gives in particular

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} \, dz.$$ 

The usual parametrization $S = z_0 + re^{i\theta}$ yields

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) \, ire^{i\theta} \, d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) \, d\theta,$$

the average of $f$ on the circle.

Before the next result, here's an important bit of terminology:

**an entire function** (or **entire holomorphic function**) is a function which is defined and holomorphic on all of $\mathbb{C}$.


6. Liouville's theorem

A **entire function** which is bounded must be constant.

Proof: Let $f = f(z)$ be entire and suppose $|f(z)| \leq C$ for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ where $C$ is a constant.

Let $z \in \mathbb{C}$ be arbitrary, and apply Cauchy's formula using the disk with center $z$ and radius $R$. Then from the preceding lecture we have.
\[ f'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z'|=R} \frac{f(s)}{(s-z)^2} \, ds. \]

Therefore we estimate

\[ |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|z-z'|=R} \left| \frac{C}{|z-s|^2} \right| \, ds \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|z-z'|=R} \frac{C \, ds}{R^2} \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{C}{R^2} \cdot \text{length of circle} \]

\[ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{C}{R^2} \cdot 2\pi R \]

\[ = \frac{C}{R}. \]

Simply let \( R \rightarrow \infty \) to conclude that \( f'(z) = 0 \). Thus \( f' = 0 \) on all of \( C \), so \( f \) is constant. \( \quad \text{QED} \)

During class we also talked about harmonic functions. These in general are functions \( u \) defined on \( \mathbb{R}^n \) which satisfy Laplace's equation

\[ \nabla^2 u = 0. \]

In a standard orthogonal coordinate system, this equation is

\[ \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_j^2} = 0. \]

Harmonic functions are harmonic. For the Cauchy-Riemann equation

\[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{i^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) \]

\[ = -\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}. \]

So that

\[ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0. \]
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\[ \sec z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \]

This function is holomorphic in some disc centered at 0. Therefore, it has a Maclaurin representation near 0.

1. Prove that only even terms \( z^{2n} \) are in this representation.

2. Find its radius of convergence.

A 3. This expansion is customarily expressed in this form:

\[ \sec z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \]

Prove that all \( S_n \geq 0 \).

1. \( \sec(-z) = \sec(z) \), so the Maclaurin series can have only even terms.

2. \( \cos z = 0 \iff z = (n+\frac{1}{2})\pi \). Therefore \( \sec z \) is holomorphic for \( |z| < \frac{\pi}{2} \). It cannot be holomorphic in a larger open disk since it is not holomorphic in a neighborhood of \( \pi \). \( \therefore \) radius of convergence = \( \frac{\pi}{2} \).

3. \( \sec' z = \sec z \tan z \), and \( (\tan z)' = \sec^2 z \). Then we calculate the derivative of \( S \) like this:
\[ S' = ST \]
\[ S'' = ST(T) + S(T^2) = S^3 + ST^2 \]
\[ S''' = 3S^2(ST) + 2ST(S^2) + ST(T^2) \]
\[ = 5S^3T + ST^3 \]

\text{etc.}

In general,

\[ S^{(n)} = \text{linear combination of } T^{n-2k}S^{2k+1} \]

for \( 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2} \),

with coefficients which are positive integers.

(Easy proof by induction)

Evaluate at \( z = 0 \):

\[ S^{(n)}(0) = 0 \text{ if } n \text{ is odd} \]
\[ > 0 \text{ if } n \text{ is even.} \]

Since \( \sec z \) has MacLaurin series

\[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{S^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = 0 \]

\[ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} S^{(2n)}(0) \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \]

we see that

\[ S_n = S^{(2n)}(0) > 0. \]

\begin{itemize}
  \item Can you prove these numbers are alternately 1 and 5 (mod 10)?
\end{itemize}
Actually, this is a revised version of what we did Friday, for I completely forgot to give a careful proof of the famous so-called

**Fundamental theorem of algebra**

Let \( P \) be a polynomial with complex coefficients and positive degree. Then there exists \( z \in \mathbb{C} \) such that \( P(z) = 0 \).

**Proof:** We suppose to the contrary that for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \), \( P(z) \neq 0 \).

Normalize \( P \) to be "monic" --- that is,

\[
P(z) = z^N + c_{N-1}z^{N-1} + \ldots + c_1 z + c_0
\]

where \( N \geq 1 \). Then

\[\lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{P(z)}{z^N} = 1.\]

The function \( \frac{1}{P} \) is entire because the denominator is never 0, and

\[\lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{z^N}{P(z)} = 1,\]

so we see that

\[\lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{1}{P(z)} = 0.\]

Therefore \( \frac{1}{P} \) is a bounded entire function. Aha! Liouville's theorem implies that it is constant! Therefore \( P(z) \) is constant.

That's a contradiction. QED

**Remark:** Since \( P(z) = 0 \) for some \( z \), it's simple polynomial algebra which shows that the polynomial \( P(z) \) is divisible by the polynomial \( z - z_1 \): \( P(z) = (z - z_1)Q(z) \), where \( Q \) is a
polynomial of one less degree than $P$. If $Q$ has positive degree, then again we conclude that for some $z_k$, $Q(z) = (z - z_k)R(z)$, where $R$ is again a polynomial. Continuing in this way we have a factorization of $P$ into linear factors:

$$P(z) = c \prod_{k=1}^{N} (z - z_k).$$

(Some $z_k$'s may be repeated, of course.)

Later this semester we'll give a much different proof of the FTA in which complete factorization will appear instantaneously!

Before we continue with consequences of the Cauchy integral formula, we pause to revisit the holomorphic function $\frac{1}{1-z}$. For $|z| < 1$, we can simply write

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n,$$

the geometric series.

This equation is valid $\iff |z| < 1$.

Now suppose $|z| > 1$. Then $1-z$ is dominated by $z$, so we write

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^{n+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{z}\right)^n$$

valid $\iff |z| > 1$. 

The procedure we have just reduced is useful in the following more general situation:

Suppose \( f \) is holomorphic in an open set \( D \) which contains a closed annulus \( r_1 \leq |z| \leq r_2 \). For \( r_1 < |z| < r_2 \), we then employ the Cauchy integral formula to write \( f(z) \) in terms of path integrals along \( |z| = r_2 \) counter-clockwise and along \( |z| = r_1 \) clockwise:

\[
f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=r_2} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=r_1} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds.
\]

- For \( |z| = r_2 \) we write

\[
\frac{1}{s-z} = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{s^{n+1}}.
\]

so that the corresponding integral becomes

\[
\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n \oint_{|z|=r_2} \frac{f(s)}{s^{n+1}} ds.
\]

- For \( |z| = r_1 \) we write

\[
\frac{1}{s-z} = -\frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{s^{n+1}}.
\]

so that the corresponding integral becomes

\[
-\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^{-n-1} \oint_{|z|=r_1} f(s)s^n ds.
\]
We can of course change the sign by performing the path integral in the opposite direction.

We also change the dummy index $n$ in the latter series by $-n-1 = k$, so that $k$ ranges from $-\infty$ to $-1$, with the result being

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{-1} \equiv k \int_{|z|=r_1}^{c_{k+1}} \frac{f(s)}{s^{k+1}} ds$$

One more adjustment: the function $\frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}}$ is holomorphic in the complete annulus $r_1 \leq |z| \leq r_2$, so its path integral over a circle of radius $r$ is independent of $r$, thanks to Cauchy's integral theorem. We therefore obtain our final result:

$$f(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} c_n z^n \quad \text{for} \quad r_1 < |z| < r_2$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=r}^{c_{n+1}} \frac{f(s)}{s^{n+1}} ds \quad (r_1 \leq r \leq r_2).$$

**Terminology**: a series of the form $\sum c_n z^n$ for both positive and negative indices $n$, is called a **Laurent series**.

We now formulate what we have accomplished. As usual, we may immediately generalize to any arbitrary center $z_0$ instead of $0$:
7. **Laurent expansion theorem**

Let \( 0 \leq R_1 < R_2 \leq \infty \), and assume that \( f \) is a holomorphic function in the open annulus centered at \( z_0 \):

\[ R_1 < |z - z_0| < R_2. \]

Then for all \( z \) in this annulus

\[ f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n, \]

where \( c_n \) is given by

\[ c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} \, dz. \]

and \( r \) is any radius satisfying \( R_1 < r < R_2 \).

Here's an important quick corollary:

8. **Riemann's removable singularity theorem**

Let \( f \) be a holomorphic function defined in a “punctured” disc \( 0 < |z-z_0| < R \), and assume \( f \) is bounded. Then there is a limit \( f(z_0) = \lim_{z \to z_0} f(z) \) and the resulting function is holomorphic in the full disc \( |z-z_0| < R \).

**Proof:** Suppose \( |f(z)| \leq C \) for \( 0 < |z-z_0| < R \). Apply the Laurent expansion theorem with \( R_1 = 0 \) and \( R_2 = R \). Then for any index \( n \leq -1 \), we can estimate \( c_n \) this way: for any \( 0 < r < R \),
\[ |c_n| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} \, dz \right| \]

\[ \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{C}{r^n} \cdot \text{length of circle} \]

\[ = \frac{C}{r^n}. \]

But when \( n \to 0 \), \( C/r^n \to 0 \) since \( n < 0 \). Thus \( c_n = 0 \) for all \( n < 0 \). Therefore we have the result that:

\[ f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n \text{ for } 0 < |z-z_0| < R. \]

\[ \text{Clearly then, } \lim_{z \to z_0} f(z) = c_0 \text{ and if we define } f(z_0) = c_0, \]

\[ f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n \text{ for } |z-z_0| < R. \]

QED
Parametrize the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ with $x = a \cos t, y = b \sin t$.

That is,

$$z = a \cos t + i b \sin t.$$  

Then

$$1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a \sin t + i b \cos t}{a \cos t + i b \sin t} dt - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(a \cos t + i b \sin t)(a \cos t - i b \sin t)}{|a \cos t + i b \sin t|^2} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(b^2 - a^2 \sin^2 t + i(\cos b + \sin b))}{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ 0 + i \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{a \cos t}{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{ab}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dt}{a^2 \cos^2 t + b^2 \sin^2 t}.$$  

Q.E.D.

(P.S. This is actually an elementary result. For we can use the usual polar angle $\theta$  
$(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta) \quad \cos \theta = \frac{b}{a} \tan t$. Then $\sec^2 \theta \sec \theta = \frac{b}{a} \sec \theta \tan \theta$  
$$\sec^2 \theta \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{a}{b} \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{1}{ab} \frac{d\theta}{dt}.$$.}
2. Liouville's theorem extended

Suppose that $f$ is an entire function with the property that for all $z$,

$$|f(z)| \leq c_1 + c_2 |z|^N$$

where $c_1$ and $c_2$ are constants and $N$ is a nonnegative integer.

Prove that $f$ is a polynomial of degree $\leq N$.

**Hint:** Use a Liouville-type argument for the $N+1$-order derivative $f^{(N+1)}$.

We have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} \frac{f(s)}{s^{n+1}} \, ds$$

valid for any $R > 0$. Then we estimate

$$|b_n| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{c_1 + c_2 R^N}{R^{n+1}} \cdot 2\pi R$$

$$= c_1 R + c_2 R^{N+1}$$

If $n \geq N+1$, then $n+1 \geq N+2$ so that

$$|b_n| \leq \lim_{R \to \infty} \frac{c_1 R + c_2 R^{N+1}}{R^{n+1}} = 0$$

Then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} b_n z^n$$

QED
The Bernoulli numbers

1. Show that the function of $z$ given as $\frac{z}{e^z - 1}$ has a removable singularity at the origin.

2. Therefore, the function has a Maclaurin expansion, which we write in this form:

$$\frac{z}{e^z - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n.$$ 

The $B_n$'s are called the Bernoulli numbers.

Find the radius of convergence of this series.

3. Use the equation $z = (e^z - 1)^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n$ to derive a recursion formula for the $B_n$'s:

$$B_0 = 1,$$
$$B_1 = -\frac{1}{2},$$
$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) B_n = 0 \text{ for } k \geq 2.$$ 

4. Prove that $B_n = 0$ for all odd $n \geq 3$.

**Hint:** examine $\frac{z}{e^z - 1} + \frac{z}{2}$. 

Isolated singularities

Let $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ be fixed, and suppose $f$ is a function which is holomorphic for $0 < |z-z_0| < R$. Then $f$ is said to have a singularity at $z_0$, simply because $f(z_0)$ is undefined. We actually say that $f$ has an isolated singularity at $z_0$, since $f$ is actually holomorphic in the disc $|z-z_0| < R$ except at $z_0$ (where it is undefined).

We then know that $f$ has a Laurent expansion of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n$$

valid for $0 < |z-z_0| < R$.

There is a convenient classification of isolated singular points according to the appearance of $c_n$ with $n < 0$ in the Laurent expansion. They are divided into 3 distinct categories as follows:

- $R =$ **removable singularities**, meaning that for all $n < 0$, $c_n = 0$.

- $P =$ **poles**, meaning that some $c_n \neq 0$ with $n < 0$, but there are only finitely many such $c_n$... all the remaining $c_n$ with $n < 0$ are 0.

- $E =$ **essential singularities**, meaning that $c_n \neq 0$ for infinitely many $n < 0$.

It is of utmost importance to have a complete understanding of these categories, so we devote the rest of this lecture to this.
**Removable Singularities**

In this case, the Laurent expansion is

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n$$ for $0 < |z-z_0| < R$.

The right side of this equation defines a function analytic for the entire disc $|z-z_0| < R$. Therefore, we remove the singularity of $f$ defining $f(z_0) = c_0$.

Of course, we have the great removable singularity theorem of Riemann, which asserts that if we assume only that $f$ is bounded near $z_0$, then its singularity at $z_0$ is removable. Thus, we have these equivalent situations:

- the singularity at $z_0$ is removable

- $f$ is bounded near $z_0$

- $\lim_{z \to z_0} f(z)$ exists and it is in $\mathbb{C}$

Except in the trivial case that $f \equiv 0$, not all $c_n \neq 0$. Say that $c_N \neq 0$ with $N > 0$ minimal. Then we may write

$$f(z) = c_N (z-z_0)^N + \text{higher order terms}$$

$$= (z-z_0)^N g(z)$$

where $g$ is holomorphic and $g(z_0) \neq 0$. We then say that $f$ has a zero at $z_0$ of order $N$. (Of course, $N = 0$ is allowed.)
Poles

In this case there exists $N < 0$ such that $c_N \neq 0$ but all $c_n$ before that are 0. Therefore we may write

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n$$

$$= (z-z_0)^N \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_{N+k} (z-z_0)^k$$

$$= (z-z_0)^N g(z)$$

where $g$ is holomorphic for $|z-z_0|<R$ and $g(z_0) \neq 0$. When then say that $f$ has a pole at $z_0$ of order $-N$... in this case $-N \geq 1$.

We then have three equivalent situations:

- The singularity at $z_0$ is a pole
- $\lim_{z \to z_0} f(z) = \infty$.

(The former of these implies the latter, but we'll soon prove the reverse implication.)

Examples

- $\csc z$ has a pole at $0$ of order 1
- $\sec z$ has a pole at $\frac{
}{2}$ of order 1
- $\frac{1}{\cos z}$ has a pole at $0$ of order 1
- $\frac{z}{\cos z}$ has a removable singularity at $0$
- $\frac{1}{z(\cos z)}$ has a pole at $0$ of order 3
**Essential Singularities**

The Laurent expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n$$

is neither of the first two kinds: $z_0$ is neither a removable singularity nor a pole.

In this situation the behavior of $f$ as $z \to z_0$ is quite interesting:

Cascari-Weierstrass Theorem

Suppose $f$ has an essential singularity at $z_0$. Then for any $w \in \hat{C}$ there exists a sequence $z_1, z_2, \ldots$ such that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} z_k = z_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{k \to \infty} f(z_k) = w.$$

**Proof:** We proceed by contradiction. That is, we suppose there exists $w \in \hat{C}$ for which no sequence $\{z_k\}$ exists with

$$z_k \to z_0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(z_k) \to w.$$

This means that for $\varepsilon$ near $z_0$, $f(z)$ cannot be arbitrarily close to $w$.

- If $w = \infty$, this means that $f(z)$ must be bounded for $z$ near $z_0$.
- The removable singularity situation holds, so $z_0$ is a removable singularity for $f$. Contradiction.

If $w \in \mathbb{C}$, then there exists $r > 0$ such that for $\varepsilon$ sufficiently near $z_0$,

$$|f(z) - w| > r.$$
Then consider the function \( \frac{1}{f(z) - w} \) in the neighborhood of \( z_0 \). It is bounded (by \( \frac{1}{r} \)) and thus its singularity at \( z_0 \) is removable. That is, it agrees with a holomorphic function near \( z_0 \). If this function has a zero of order \( N \geq 0 \) at \( z_0 \), it may be written as

\[
(z - z_0)^N g(z),
\]

where \( g \) is holomorphic and nonzero. Therefore

\[
f(z) - w = (z - z_0)^N \frac{1}{g(z)}.
\]

As \( \frac{1}{g(z)} \) is holomorphic, this equation shows that the Laurent series for \( f \) has no term \( (z - z_0)^n \) for \( n \leq -N \). Contradiction. QED

**DISCUSSION** This classification into the 3 types of isolated singularities is quite definitive and complete. However, as wonderful as the Cauchy–Weierstrass theorem is, it doesn't come close to the much more profound result known as Picard's great theorem: if \( f \) has an isolated essential singularity at \( z_0 \), then for every \( w \in \mathbb{C} \) with at least one exception, there exists a sequence \( z_k \to z_0 \) such that \( f(z_k) = w \) for all \( k = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \).

(The example \( e^{1/z} \) has the exception \( w = 0 \).)

This theorem is "beyond the scope of our course."
1. Show that the function \( f(z) = \frac{e^z}{e^z - 1} \) has a removable singularity at the origin.

Really easy, for \( e^z - 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} = z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \cdots \), so

\[
e^z - 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} = \frac{z}{1} \quad \text{given the removal of the singularity of } \frac{e^z}{e^z - 1} \text{ at the origin. As the right side equals 1 at } z = 0, \text{ its reciprocal is holomorphic near } 0. \text{ Thus } \frac{e^z}{e^z - 1} \text{ is equal to its reciprocal (except at } 0), \text{ which is holomorphic near } 0.

2. Derive the Maclaurin expansion, which we write in the form:

\[
e^z - 1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n.
\]

The \( B_n \)'s are called the Bernoulli numbers.

Fact: radius of convergence of this series.

\( e^z - 1 = 0 \iff z = 2\pi n, \) so \( \frac{e^z}{e^z - 1} \equiv 0 \) for \( |z| < 2\pi, \) except \( z = 0. \)

Thus \( \frac{e^z}{e^z - 1} \) is holomorphic for \( |z| < 2\pi. \) As its singularity at \( 2\pi i \) is not removable, the radius of convergence is exactly \( 2\pi. \)

3. Use the equation \( z = (e^z - 1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n \) to derive a recursive formula for the \( B_n: \)

\[
B_0 = 1, \quad B_1 = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad B_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} B_k = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.
\]

We have

\[
z = \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{z^k}{k!} \cdot \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{B_n}{n!} z^n.
\]

The power series on the left side equals the power series on the right side near 0. Thus they have the same coefficients. We simply equate them:
Coefficient of $z^n$ on the right side is equal to

$$\sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{B_n}{k! n!} \cdot$$

$$m=1 \implies 1 \equiv \frac{B_0}{1! 0!} = B_0.$$

$$m>2 \implies 0 = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{B_n}{(m-n)! n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \frac{B_n}{(m-n)! n!}.$$

Multiply by $m!$ to get

$$0 = \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} \binom{m}{n} B_n.$$

In particular, $m=2 \implies 0 = \binom{2}{0} B_0 + \binom{2}{1} B_1 = 1 + 2 B_1$, so $B_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$.

4. Prove that $B_n = 0$ for all odd $n \geq 3$.

Hint: examine $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$.

So indeed calculate

$$\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} + (e^x + e^{-x})}{2} = \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^x - 1} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x/2}}{e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}}$$

Which is

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \coth \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \ldots$$

an even function.

That is,

$$\frac{\pi}{e^x - 1} - B_1 \frac{\pi}{2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} \pi^n$$

is even.

$$n+1$$

\[ \therefore \text{its odd coefficients } B_3, B_5, B_7, \ldots \text{ are all 0.} \]

QED
HW 12 F  due Feb 15, 2013

1. Show that sinh $z = w$ has a solution $z$ for every $w$. Do this by deriving a "formula" for $z$ in terms of $w$. This formula will involve a choice of square root and a choice of log, but don't worry about these details at the present time.

2. Do the same for the equation $\tanh z = w$, but notice that there's one exception (actually, two) for $w$.

3. The function $\sin \frac{1}{z}$ has an essential singularity at 0. Verify directly for this function the truth of the great Picard theorem.
Complex powers

The goal is to devise a reasonable definition of \( z^\alpha \) when \( \alpha \) is allowed to be complex. Though it makes no sense to "raise \( z \) to the power \( \alpha \)," we still use that terminology.

**WARNING:** when dealing with this subject it's very important not to use the notation \( e^z \) in the usual way, but instead to use the terminology from the first day of class,

\[
\exp(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}.
\]

A good way to figure out what our definition should be the use of desired properties of logarithm, namely

\[
\log(z^\alpha) = \alpha \log(z).
\]

Then we use the "inverse" of \( \log \) to come to our definition:

\[
z^\alpha := \exp(\alpha \log(z)).
\]

This makes sense once as long as \( z \neq 0 \), so we'll always make that assumption. Of course, \( z^\alpha \) is usually not a unique complex number, due to the ambiguity in \( \log z \). For other values could be

\[
\exp(\alpha (\log z + 2\pi in)) = \exp(\alpha \log z) \exp(2\pi i n).\]

This will be independent of the integer \( n \iff \alpha \) is an integer, and then \( z^\alpha \) has its usual meaning.

Now we list the properties of this definition.
1. If \( \alpha \) is an integer, \( \mathbb{C}^x \) has its usual meaning. For all other \( \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \), \( \mathbb{C}^x \) is ambiguous, no matter what \( \mathbb{C} \) is.

In particular, \( \mathbb{C}^0 = 1 \).

2. \( 1^\alpha = \exp (\alpha \log 1) = \exp (\alpha (0 + 2\pi i)) \), so

\[ 1^\alpha \text{ has all the values } \exp (2\pi i \alpha). \]

Notice especially that \( \mathbb{C}^\alpha = \exp (\alpha) \exp (2\pi i \alpha) \) is ambiguous.

3. \( i^\alpha = \exp (i \log i) = \exp (i(0 + \pi i + 2\pi n)) = \exp (-\pi - 2\pi n), \)

so

\( i^\alpha \text{ has all the values } \exp ((\text{even integer} - \frac{\pi}{2}) 2\pi i) \)

(all are real numbers).

4. \( \mathbb{C}^\alpha \mathbb{C}^\beta = \mathbb{C}^{\alpha + \beta} \) provided the same \( \log \) is used in all 3 places it appears.

5. \( \mathbb{C}^\alpha \mathbb{C}^\omega = (\mathbb{C}^\mathbb{C} \omega)^\alpha \text{ — sort of true: be careful!} \)

6. In open sets \( \subset \mathbb{C} \) which do not contain 0 and which do not "wind around 0," \( \log \mathbb{C} \) can be defined in terms of a continuous value for any \( \mathbb{C} \). Then \( \log \mathbb{C} \) becomes a holomorphic function, as we know, so also the composite function \( \mathbb{C}^\alpha \) is holomorphic.
And we compute its derivative by the chain rule:

\[
(z^x)' = \exp (x \log z) (x \log z)
\]

\[
= z^x \frac{x}{z}
\]

and we write

\[
\frac{d}{dz} x^z = x^z \ln x
\]

(some log terms on each side).

7. Taylor series

As in the above discussion, we take \(-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arg z < \frac{\pi}{2}\)

in this disc. Then we have inductively for \(n=0, 1, 2, \ldots\)

\[
\left(\frac{d^n}{dz^n}\right) z^x = x(x-1)(x-n+1) z^{x-n}
\]

In particular, at \(z=1\) we find \(x(x-1)(x-n+1) (\text{since } 1^k = 1)\).

So we obtain the Taylor series

\[
x^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x(x-1)(x-n+1)(z-1)^n}{n!}
\]

for \(|z-1| < 1\).

That coefficient is given by induction

\[
\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \frac{x(x-1)(x-n+1)}{n!}
\]

and is still called a binomial coefficient:

\[
\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = 1, \left(\frac{x}{1}\right) = x, \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{x(x-1)}{2}, \ldots
\]

Replacing \(z\) by \(1+z\) yields a "binomial" formula

\[
(1+z)^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x}{n}\right) z^n
\]

for \(|z| < 1\).

(If \(x=0.5, 2, \ldots\) this series is finite, going only from \(0 \leq n \leq x\). It's a polynomial, and this result is the classical binomial formula. Otherwise, the radius of
PRINCIPAL DETERMINATION OF ARG & LOG: this is what we say when we are in the open set \( C \sim (-\infty, 0) \):

\[- \pi < \arg z < \pi \]

\[1^x = 1 \quad \log x \text{ is real for } 0 < x < \infty\]

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**HW 12 F SOLUTIONS**

1. Solving \( \sinh z = w \) for \( z \). We want \( e^z - e^{-z} = w \), or

\[e^{2z} - 1 = 2we^z; \quad e^{2z} - 2we^z - 1 = 0,\]

Quadratic formula:

\[e^z = \frac{w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1}}{2}\]

Two possible square roots. But we need to see that \( w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1} \neq 0 \)

i.e., \( w \neq -\sqrt{w^2 + 1} \);  i.e., \( w \neq w^2 + 1 \). Correct!

Thus

\[z = \text{any value of } \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})\]

For short, I would just say

\[\text{cosh } w = \log (w + \sqrt{w^2 + 1})\]

2. \( \tanh z = w \)

This time we want \( \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} = w \). i.e.,

\[\frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} = w^3\]

\[\frac{e^{2z} - 1}{e^{2z} + 1} = w^3\]
$e^{2z} = \frac{w+1}{-w+1}$.

Restriction: $w \neq \pm 1$. Then

$2z = \log\left(\frac{w+1}{-w+1}\right)$.

Loosely speaking,

$\text{arc-tanh } w = \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{w+1}{w-1}\right)$.

3. We want $\sin\frac{1}{z} = w$, where $w$ is arbitrary and $z \to 0$. So for any $w$ choose one $z_0$ such that $\sin\frac{1}{z_0} = w$ (using #1). Then

$\sin\left(\frac{1}{z_0} + 2k\pi\right) = w$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

So take

$z_k = \frac{1}{z_0 + 2k\pi}$.

Then

$\lim_{k \to \infty} z_k = 0$ and $\sin\frac{1}{z_k} = w$. QED

HW 13M due Feb 16, 2013

Prove this polynomial identity:

\[
\binom{\alpha + \beta}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{\alpha}{k} \binom{\beta}{n-k}.
\]

Hint: very easy problem!
BRANCH POINTS

All these holomorphic functions which somehow involve $\log z$ have a definite type of "singular" behavior near 0. But there are clearly not isolated singularities. For these functions are not actual functions (single-valued) in any region which includes all $z$ satisfying $0 < |z| < \infty$.

Instead, we say that these functions have a branch point at 0. That's a well-chosen descriptive word, for as we follow their behavior on a loop surrounding 0 they can exhibit a change because of the change in a continuous determination of any $z$.

For instance, $z^{1/2}$ has 2 values, $z^{1/3}$ has 3 values, $z^{m/n}$ has $n$ values, assuming the integer $m$ and $n$ have no common prime factor. However, if $\alpha$ is irrational, $z^\alpha$ has infinitely many values.

We say that the above functions have branching of order 2, 3, $n$, and $\infty$, respectively.

You can imagine that things could become more and more complicated. For instance, think about $\sqrt[n]{z}$ near the origin.

Of course, we can also see branch points at other points, such as in the function $(z-1)^{1/2} + (z+1)^{1/2}$, which has branch points at 1 and -1. Or $(z^2+1)^{1/2}$ with branch points at $i$ and $-i$. 