

Lecture 22 Zeroes of analytic functions

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$$f(z) = a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + a_2(z-z_0)^2 + \dots \quad a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!}$$

Suppose z_0 is a zero of $f(z)$. So $f(z_0) = a_0 = 0$.

Let a_N be the first non-zero coeff.

[Then $f^{(n)}(z_0) = 0$ for $n=1, 2, \dots, N-1$.]

Note: If all $a_n = 0$, then $f \equiv 0$ inside RoC of power series.

$$f(z) = a_N(z-z_0)^N + a_{N+1}(z-z_0)^{N+1} + \dots$$

$$= (z-z_0)^N \left[\underbrace{a_N + a_{N+1}(z-z_0) + a_{N+2}(z-z_0)^2 + \dots}_{F(z)} \right]$$

Hmmm.

Important! [$F(z)$ has a power series expansion and this expansion converges at exactly same z as the series for $f(z)$.
Consequently the radii of convergence for f and F series are the same!]

Notice that $F(z_0) = a_N + 0 + 0 + \dots = a_N \neq 0$.

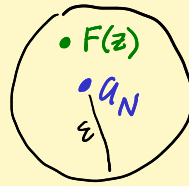
Aha! Zero of $f(z)$ at z_0 is an isolated zero, meaning

that there is a $\delta > 0$ such z_0 is the only zero of $f(z)$ in $D_\delta(z_0)$.

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Why $F = \text{power series} \Rightarrow F \text{ analytic} \Rightarrow F \text{ continuous}$.

$$\text{Let } \varepsilon = \frac{|a_N|}{2}.$$



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Take $\delta > 0$ such that $|F(z) - a_N| < \varepsilon$ when $|z - z_0| < \delta$

so that $|F(z)| \neq 0$ in $D_\delta(z_0)$.

$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^N \underbrace{F(z)}_{\neq 0 \text{ on } D_\delta(z_0)}$$

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zero only at z_0 .

Defⁿ f has zero of multiplicity N (or order N) at z_0 .

Lemma If f is analytic on $D_R(z_0)$, then either

A) $f \equiv 0$ on $D_R(z_0)$, or

B) f has an isolated zero at z_0 of finite multiplicity N .

Pf Done!

Identity theorem Suppose f is analytic on a domain Ω .

Let $Z_f = \text{zero set of } f = \{z \in \Omega : f(z) = 0\}$.

If Z_f has a limit point $w_0 \in \Omega$, then $f \equiv 0$.

[w_0 is a limit pt of Z_f means there exist a sequence of pts $z_n \in Z_f$ with $z_n \neq w_0$ for all n and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = w_0$. Think: zeroes "pile up" at w_0 .]

Identity thm way false $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:

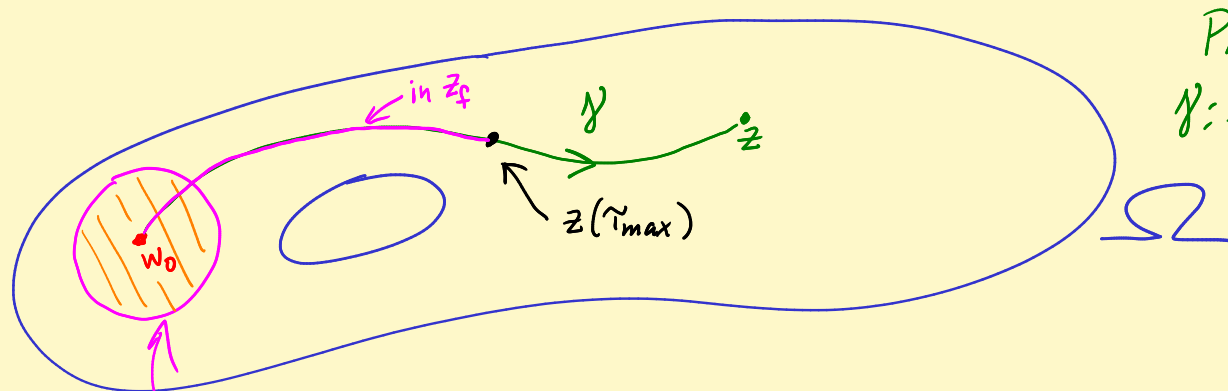
$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t = 0 \\ e^{-1/t^2} \sin \frac{1}{t} & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

C^∞ -smooth on $\mathbb{R}$.

zeroes pile up at $t=0$, but $h \not\equiv 0$.

Pf of identity thm.

Suppose w_0 is a lim pt of Z_f in Ω .



Pick any $z \in \Omega$.
 $\gamma: z(t), a \leq t \leq b$

Ω open.
so $\exists D_r(w_0) \subset \Omega$

Lemma $\Rightarrow f \equiv 0$ on $D_r(w_0)$

Let $\gamma_{\max} = \sup \{ \gamma : f(z(t)) = 0 \text{ for } a \leq t \leq \gamma \}$

Note: $\gamma_{\max} > a$ since $f \equiv 0$ on $D_\delta(w_0)$.

Claim: Lemma will show $\gamma_{\max} = b$. So $f(z) = 0$ too.

z arbitrary, so $f \equiv 0$.

See zeroes of f pile up along γ at $z(\gamma_{\max})$. Lemma $\Rightarrow$

$\exists D_\delta(z(\gamma_{\max}))$ where $f \equiv 0$. Hmmm.

$\gamma_{\max}$ is not the max. $\nless$ unless $\gamma_{\max} = b$.

Fun consequences Only one way to extend e^x (or $\sin x$ or $\cos x$ etc) from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{C}$ as an analytic fcn.

Why: If $E_1(z)$ and $E_2(z)$ both extend e^x , then

$E_1 - E_2$ is an entire fcn that vanishes on $\mathbb{R}$.

Every pt in $\mathbb{R}$ is a limit pt of $\mathbb{R}$ in $\Omega = \mathbb{C}$.

Ident thm $\Rightarrow E_1 - E_2 \equiv 0$ on $\mathbb{C}$. ✓

Fact Any trig identity holds for complex angles.

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \sin \alpha \cos \beta$$

Step 1. Let β go complex. $\beta = z$. See true for $\beta = z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Step 2. Fix $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$. Now α go complex. Done.

Big fact Can differentiate convergent power series term by term:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(z) &= 0 + a_1 + 2a_2(z-z_0) + 3a_3(z-z_0)^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n (z-z_0)^{\underline{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1) a_{n+1} (z-z_0)^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n (z-z_0)^n$$

where the RoC of series for f' is the same as the RoC of series for f .

Why: $f'(z)$ is analytic where f is.

$$\text{so } R_{f'} \geq R_f.$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= \frac{(f')^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)!} \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z_0)}{n!} \\ &= (n+1) \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z_0)}{(n+1)!} \\ &= a_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hmmm. How could $R_{f'} > R_f$? If it were, the

series would converge to ∞ analytic on bigger disc

and $\infty = f'$ on D_{R_f} . Let F be an antiderivative

of ∞ on bigger disc. Note $f = F + C$

on D_{R_f} because F and f are both antiderivatives

of $\mathcal{H} = f'$ there.

Power series of f has same RoF as series for $F+C$,
which is bigger than R_f . $\Downarrow$.