

Lecture 32 The argument principle

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Parallel facts about zeroes and poles

Zeroes

$f(z)$ has a zero of order N
at z_0

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

$$f(z) = (z-z_0)^N F(z), \quad F(z_0) = a_N \neq 0$$

Poles

$f(z)$ has a pole of order N
at z_0

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{A_N}{(z-z_0)^N} + \dots + \frac{A_1}{z-z_0} + a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + \dots \\ &= (z-z_0)^{-N} \underbrace{\left[A_N + A_{N-1}(z-z_0) + \dots \right]}_{F(z)} \end{aligned}$$

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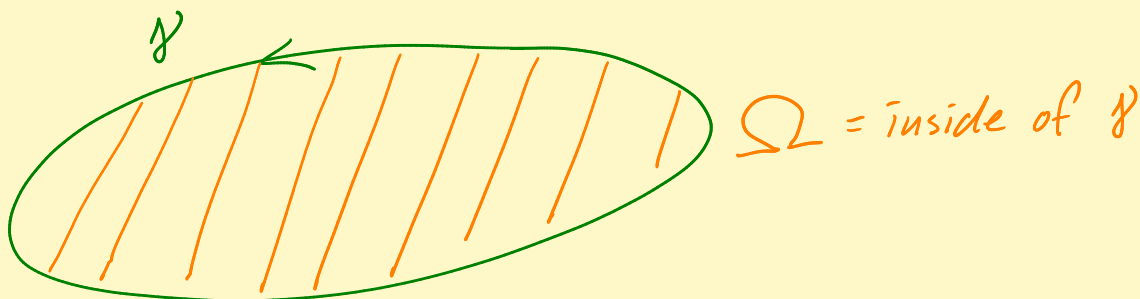
Key observation: $n = \pm N$ $f(z) = (z-z_0)^n F(z), \quad F(z_0) \neq 0.$

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{n(z-z_0)^{n-1} F(z) + (z-z_0) F'(z)}{(z-z_0)^n F(z)}$$

$$= \frac{\textcircled{n}}{z-z_0} + \underbrace{\frac{F'(z)}{F(z)}}_{\text{analytic near } z_0!}$$

Wow! $\text{Res}_{z_0} \frac{f'}{f} = \begin{cases} \text{Order of zero of } f \text{ at } z_0, & z_0 \text{ a zero} \\ -\text{Order of pole of } f \text{ at } z_0, & z_0 \text{ is a pole} \end{cases}$

Argument principle Simple closed curve γ



Case: zeroes only. f analytic inside and on γ and f has no zeroes on γ . Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \left(\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ zeroes of } f \\ \text{inside } \gamma \\ \text{counted with multiplicity} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\text{Pf} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[2\pi i \sum_{a \in Z_f} \text{Res}_a \frac{f'}{f} \right] = \sum_{k=1}^N m_k$$

$\uparrow$ finite set $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^N$

$\uparrow$ orders of zeroes = "multiplicity"

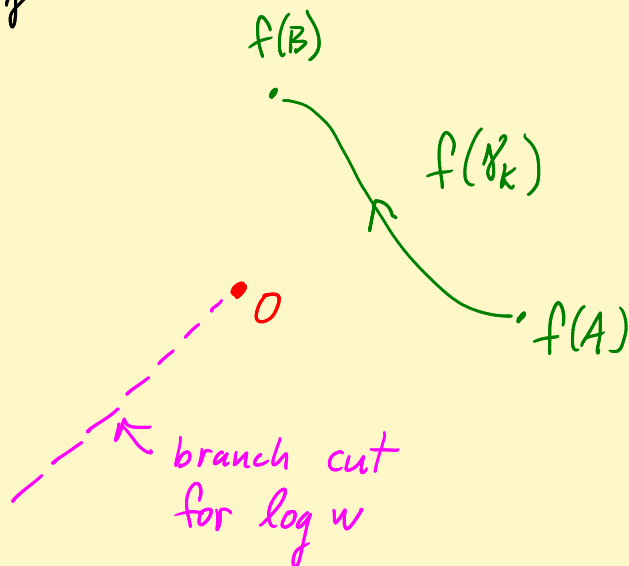
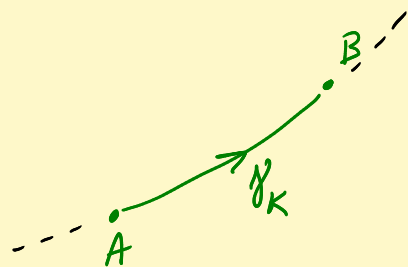
because, if it were infinite (in compact set $\bar{\Omega}$), it would have to have a limit pt w_0 in $\bar{\Omega}$.
 w_0 can't be on γ because f not zero there.
 So $w_0 \in \Omega$. Identity thm $\Rightarrow f \equiv 0$. $\downarrow$

Case f has zeroes and poles (but none on γ).

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \left(\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ zeroes of } f \\ \text{inside } \gamma \\ \text{counted with mult.} \end{array} \right) - \left(\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ poles of } f \\ \text{inside } \gamma \\ \text{counted with order} \end{array} \right)$$

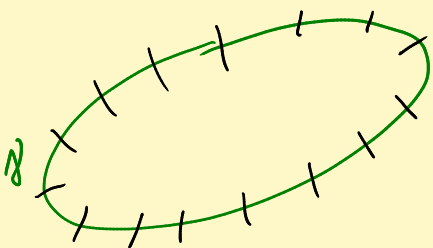
Why "argument" principle.

Think γ_k short segment in γ



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Aha!} \quad \int_{\gamma_k} \frac{f'}{f} dz &= \int_{\gamma_k} \frac{d}{dz} [\log f] dz \\
 &= \log f(z) \Big|_A^B = \log f(B) - \log f(A) \\
 &= \left[\ln |f(B)| + i \arg f(B) \right] - \left[\ln |f(A)| + i \arg f(A) \right] \\
 &= \left(\ln |f(B)| - \ln |f(A)| \right) + i \underbrace{\Delta_{\gamma_k} \arg f}_{\text{does not depend on choice of cut!}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\sum \int_{\gamma_k} \frac{f'}{f} dz = \underbrace{0}_{\substack{\text{real part} \\ \text{sums to zero}}} + i \sum \Delta_{\gamma_k} \arg f$$

Real part : $\left(\underbrace{\ln|f(z_2)|}_{\text{red}} - \underbrace{\ln|f(z_1)|}_{\text{blue}} \right) + \left(\underbrace{\ln|f(z_3)|}_{\text{green}} - \underbrace{\ln|f(z_2)|}_{\text{red}} \right) + \dots + \left(\underbrace{\ln|f(z_N)|}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{\ln|f(z_{N-1})|}_{\text{pink}} \right)$

Pairwise cancellation, last one cancels first one because γ closed.

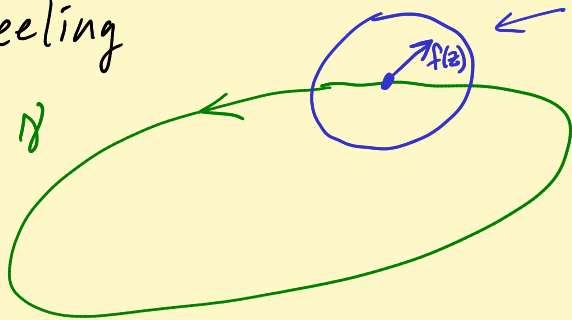
$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz = i \Delta_{\gamma} \arg f$$

Hmmm. Divide by $2\pi i$. $\frac{\Delta_{\gamma} \arg f}{2\pi i} =$ # times $f(z)$ spins around 0 in the counterclockwise direction as z traces out γ .

New improved version

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'}{f} dz = \left(\begin{matrix} \# \text{ zeroes} \\ f \end{matrix} \right) - \left(\begin{matrix} \# \text{ poles} \\ f \end{matrix} \right) = \frac{\Delta_{\gamma} \arg f}{2\pi i} = \# \text{ spins around } 0$$

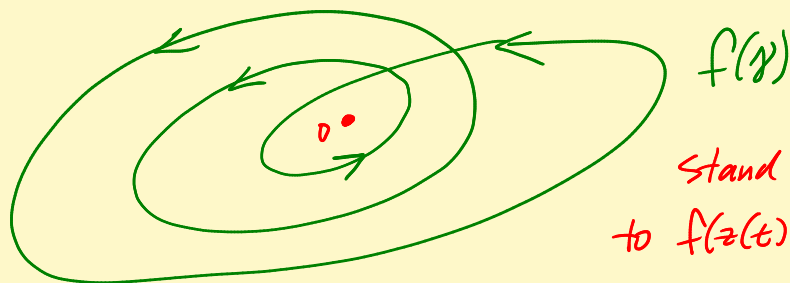
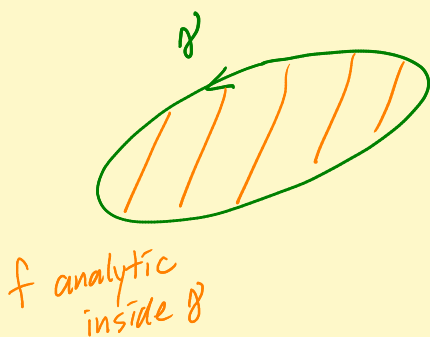
Feeling



$f(z)$ = complex number "zeroed" at pt z on γ

Walk around γ . Count # times $f(z)$ spins around.

Get # zeroes of f inside γ .
(- # poles when poles)



Stand at 0. Point to $f(z(t))$ as $z(t)$ goes around γ .

Spin around 3 times.
 f has 3 zeroes
 inside γ .

Hmmm:

Could have 3 simple zeroes.

Could have 1 double zero, one simple zero.

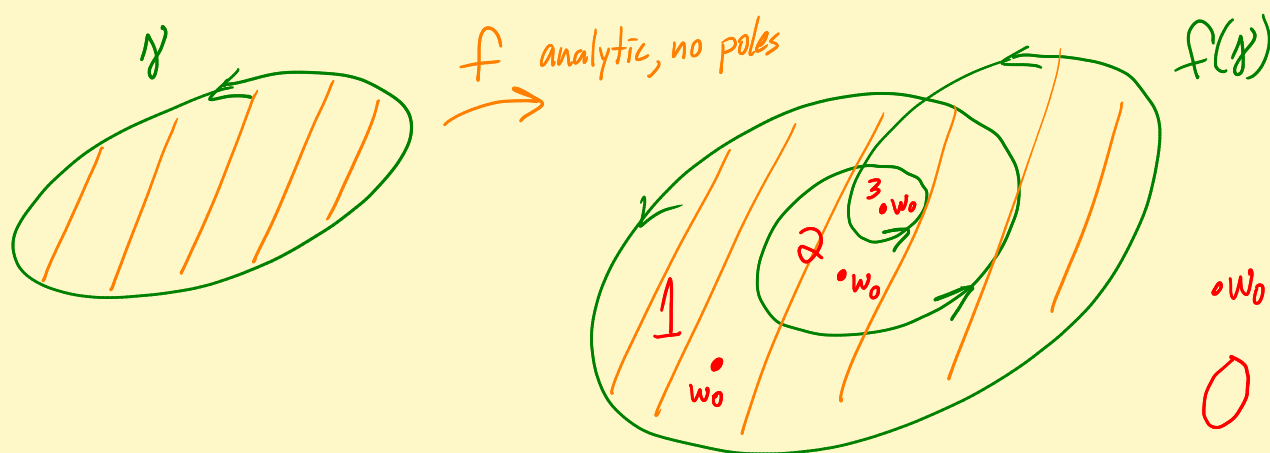
Or just one triple zero.

Nice observation 0 isn't so special. Let $F(z) = f(z) - w_0$

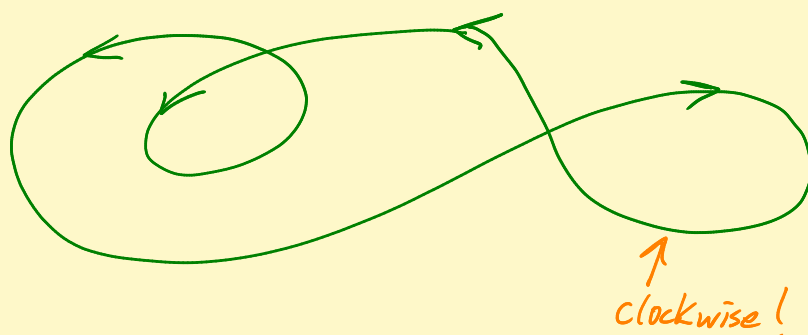
If $F(z_0) = f(z_0) - w_0 = 0$, zero of mult m , then

we say that $f(z_0) = w_0$ with mult m .

$$\frac{F'(z)}{F(z)} = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z) - w_0}$$



Picture?



Must be a pole inside γ

Next time: Rouché's theorem