

# Lecture #17

• Last time: many foundational results such as:

- Morera's theorem

- Higher Order Cauchy Integral Formula

$$\int_{\Gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{n!} f^{(n)}(z_0)$$

↑  $\Gamma$  - positively oriented simple closed curve

$z_0$  - point inside  $\Gamma$

$f$  - analytic inside  $\Gamma$

Ex1: Evaluate  $I = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-a)^2(z-b)^2} dz$  where  $\Gamma$  as above. ← could also do via partial fraction decomposition

Case 1:  $a, b$  - outside  $\Gamma \Rightarrow I = 0$  by Cauchy's theorem.

Case 2:  $a$  - inside  $\Gamma$ ,  $b$  - outside  $\Rightarrow$  by above formula (with  $n=1$ ):

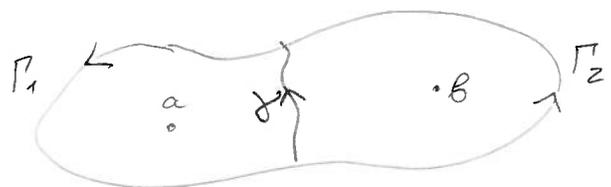
$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-a)^2} \frac{1}{(z-b)^2} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{1!} \left( \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-b)^2} \right)' \Big|_{z=a} = 2\pi i \cdot \frac{e^{z^2} \cdot 2z(z-b)^2 - e^{z^2} \cdot 2(z-b)}{(z-b)^4} \Big|_{z=a} \\ &= \frac{2\pi i \cdot e^{a^2} \cdot 2(a(a-b)-1)}{(a-b)^3} \end{aligned}$$

Case 3:  $a$  - outside,  $b$  - inside  $\Gamma \Rightarrow$  same formula with  $a \leftrightarrow b$ , i.e.

$$I = \frac{4\pi i e^{b^2} (b(b-a)-1)}{(b-a)^3}$$

Case 4:  $a=b$  - inside  $\Rightarrow I = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{z^2}}{(z-a)^4} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{6} (e^{z^2})''' \Big|_{z=a}$  ← finish at home

Case 5:  $a \neq b$  - inside



Writing  $\int_{\Gamma} = \int_{\Gamma_1+\gamma} + \int_{(-\gamma)+\Gamma_2}$ , we see that

the answer is actually the sum of above answers in Case 2 & 3

$$I = \frac{4\pi i}{(a-b)^3} (e^{a^2} (a^2 - ab - 1) - e^{b^2} (b^2 - ab - 1))$$

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Recall Cauchy's Estimates from last time:

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n! \cdot M}{R^n} \text{ for any } n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where  $f$  - analytic inside and on circle  $C_R(z_0)$  and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on  $C_R(z_0)$

Theorem 1 (Liouville Theorem): The only bounded (i.e.  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z$ ) entire functions are constants

► Fix any  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , then for any  $R \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ :  $|f'(z_0)| \leq \frac{M}{R} \xrightarrow{R \rightarrow +\infty} 0$

Thus  $f'(z) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow f(z) \equiv \text{constant}$

Note: There is no such statement in usual calculus over  $\mathbb{R}$ !

Theorem 2 (Fundamental Theorem of Algebra): Every nonconstant polynomial with  $\mathbb{C}$  coefficients has at least one zero

Note: As discussed earlier this implies deg  $n$  pol's have  $n$  complex roots!

► Assume contrary: let  $p(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_n z^n$  with  $n \neq 0$  have no roots.

Consider  $f(z) = 1/p(z)$  which is then entire! Due to Liouville theorem it remains to show  $f(z)$  is bounded on whole  $\mathbb{C}$ .

As  $\frac{p(z)}{z^n} \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ , it means there is some  $R > 0$  such that

$$\left| \frac{p(z)}{z^n} \right| > \frac{|a_n|}{2} \text{ whenever } |z| > R \Rightarrow |f(z)| \leq \frac{2}{|a_n| \cdot R^n} \text{ for } |z| > R.$$

On the other hand,  $f(z)$  is continuous on closed bounded disk  $D_R(0) \Rightarrow |f(z)|$  is bounded by some constant  $M$  on  $D_R(0)$ .

$$\underline{\underline{So}}: |f(z)| \leq \max \left\{ M, \frac{2}{|a_n| R^n} \right\} \text{ for all } z \in \mathbb{C}$$

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Let's rewrite Cauchy integral formula for  $\Gamma = C_R(z_0)$  - circle of radius  $R$  centered at  $z_0$

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R(z_0)} \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz \xrightarrow[\substack{\text{parametrize} \\ z(t) = z_0 + Re^{it} \\ 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi}}{\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0 + Re^{it})}{Re^{it}} \cdot iRe^{it} dt}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + Re^{it}) dt \leftarrow \text{"mean-value property"}$$

Lemma 1: Let  $f$  be an analytic function on the disk  $D_r(z_0)$ .

If  $\max_{z \in D_r(z_0)} |f(z)| = |f(z_0)|$ , then  $|f(z)| \equiv \text{constant}$  on  $D_r(z_0)$

The proof is based on the following simple fact from calculus:

Fact: If  $h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous,  $h(t) \leq M$ ,  $\int_a^b h(t) dt = M(b-a)$   
then  $h(t) = M$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$

► If Lemma 1 fails then there is  $z_1 \in D_r(z_0)$  with  $|f(z_1)| < |f(z_0)|$   
It remains to apply above Fact and mean value property for  $R = |z_1 - z_0|$

This can be easily generalized to

Theorem 3: If  $f$  is analytic in domain  $\Omega$  and  $|f(z)|$  achieves maximum in an interior point  $z_0$  in  $\Omega$ , then  $f \equiv \text{const}$  in  $\Omega$

► First, we note that it suffices to show  $|f| \equiv \text{const}$  by earlier discussion  
Assume there is  $z_1 \in \Omega$  with  $|f(z_0)| > |f(z_1)|$ . Connect  $z_0$  &  $z_1$  by a path  $\gamma$ , parametrized via  $z: [0, 1] \rightarrow \gamma$  with  $\begin{cases} z(0) = z_0 \\ z(1) = z_1 \end{cases}$



By Lemma 1 above,  $|f(z(t))| = |f(z_0)|$  for all  $0 \leq t < \epsilon$  with some  $\epsilon > 0$

(Continuation of proof)

Let  $\tau := \sup \{ t \mid |f(z(s))| = |f(z_0)| \text{ for all } 0 \leq s \leq t \}$ .

As  $|f(z(t))|$  is continuous, we actually see  $\sup \{ \dots \} = \max \{ \dots \}$ .

We claim  $\tau = 1$ , which would then imply  $|f(z_1)| = |f(z_0)| \Rightarrow \downarrow$ .

If  $\tau < 1$ , then by Lemma 1 applied to  $z(\tau)$  instead of  $z_0$ , we see that there is some  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $|f(z(t))| = |f(z_0)|$  for  $t \leq \tau + \varepsilon$ , which contradicts definition of  $\tau$ !

Corollary 1: A function analytic in a bounded domain  $\Omega$  and continuous including its boundary attains its maximum modulus on the boundary of  $\Omega$ .

("Maximum modulus principle")

• Ex 2: Is there a minimum modulus principle?

▸ Clearly not, e.g.  $f(z) = z$  and  $\Omega = D_1(0)$ .

• Ex 2': Is there a minimum modulus principle for nowhere vanishing analytic  $f(z)$ ?

▸ Yes: follows from max modulus principle for  $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ .

Finally, note that if  $f(z) = u(x, y) + i \cdot v(x, y)$ , then taking real parts of both sides in the "mean-value property" we get:

$$u(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(z_0 + Re^{it}) dt \leftarrow \text{"mean-value property"}$$

Corollary 2: Harmonic functions  $u(x, y)$  on  $D_R(z_0)$  satisfy above!

▸ Follows as  $u(x, y)$  is a real part of some analytic  $f(z)$ .