

Lecture #27

• Let's start from the following problem (50% of old quiz in MA425):

Ex1: For each of the following function $f(z)$ & point z_0 , determine

the type of singularity of f at z_0 :

- a) removable
- b) pole
- c) essential
- d) not an isolated singularity

1) $f(z) = \frac{1 - \cos z}{z^2}$, $z_0 = 0$

2) $f(z) = \text{Log } z$, $z_0 = 0$

3) $f(z) = \cot z - \frac{1}{z}$, $z_0 = 0$

4) $f(z) = \frac{z}{e^z + 1}$, $z_0 = \pi i$

1) $\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots \Rightarrow 1 - \cos z = \frac{z^2}{2!} - \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{z^2}{4!} + \dots \quad \forall z \neq 0$
(as radius of convergence = ∞)

We note that above series converges wherever Taylor series of $\cos z$ does

So: a) removable singularity.

2) $\text{Log } z$ is not even continuous on any $D_\epsilon(0) \setminus \{0\}$ for $\epsilon > 0$

So: d) not isolated singularity.

3) $\left. \begin{aligned} \cos z &= 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \dots \\ \sin z &= z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \cot z = \frac{1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots}{z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots} = \frac{1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots}{z(1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \dots)}$
 $= \frac{1}{z} \cdot (1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots) (1 + \frac{z^2}{3!} + \dots) = \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{3}z + \dots$

$\Rightarrow f(z) = -\frac{1}{3}z + (\dots)$ higher order terms

So: a) removable singularity

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4) e^z around $z_0 = \pi i$ has Taylor series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^z)^{(n)}|_{z=z_0}}{n!} \cdot (z-z_0)^n$, which

$$\text{is } -1 - (z-\pi i) - \frac{1}{2!}(z-\pi i)^2 - \dots \Rightarrow e^z + 1 = -(z-\pi i) - \frac{1}{2!}(z-\pi i)^2 - \dots$$

Numerator z has Taylor series $\pi i + (z-\pi i)$.

$$\text{Thus: } f(z) = \frac{\pi i + (z-\pi i)}{-(z-\pi i) - \frac{1}{2!}(z-\pi i)^2 - \dots} = -\frac{1}{z-\pi i} (\pi i + (z-\pi i)) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(z-\pi i) + \dots\right)$$

which clearly has a pole of order 1.

So: b) pole.

Def: Poles of order 1 are usually called simple poles.

A simple observation relates poles/zeros of f to zeros/poles of $\frac{1}{f}$:

Lemma 1: a) If f has a zero of order m at z_0 , then $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a pole of order m at z_0 .

b) If f has a pole of order m at z_0 , then $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a removable singularity at z_0 and if we consider $g(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(z)}, & z \neq z_0 \\ 0, & z = z_0 \end{cases}$ then it has a zero of order m at z_0 .

a) $f(z) = a_m(z-z_0)^m + a_{m+1}(z-z_0)^{m+1} + \dots$ - Taylor series expansion

$$\Downarrow \frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{a_m(z-z_0)^m} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m}(z-z_0) + \frac{a_{m+2}}{a_m}(z-z_0)^2 + \dots}$$

Note: Denominator converges in small nbhd $D_\epsilon(z_0)$ where $f(z)$ is analytic, and as $z \rightarrow z_0$ it tends to 1, hence

$$\left| \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m}(z-z_0) + \frac{a_{m+2}}{a_m}(z-z_0)^2 + \dots \right| < 1 \text{ for } |z-z_0| < \epsilon^{\leftarrow \text{some } \epsilon > 0} \text{ and}$$

we can apply geometric progression to conclude

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{a_m(z-z_0)^m} \left(1 - \frac{a_{m+1}}{a_m}(z-z_0) + \dots\right) \Rightarrow \text{has order } m \text{ pole at } z_0$$

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b) If $f(z) = \frac{a_{-m}}{(z-z_0)^m} + \frac{a_{-m+1}}{(z-z_0)^{m-1}} + \dots$ with $a_{-m} \neq 0$, then

writing $f(z) = \frac{a_{-m}}{(z-z_0)^m} (1 + \frac{a_{-m+1}}{a_{-m}}(z-z_0) + \dots)$ we again use geometric progression series to conclude

$$\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{(z-z_0)^m}{a_{-m}} (1 - \frac{a_{-m+1}}{a_{-m}}(z-z_0) + \dots) \text{ for } z \in D_\epsilon(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$$

ϵ -small enough so that f -analytic there

As $f(z_0)$ is not well-defined, so is $\frac{1}{f(z)}$, but the above implies that $g(z) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{f(z)}, & \forall z \in D_\epsilon(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\} \\ 0, & z = z_0 \end{cases}$ is analytic on $D_\epsilon(z_0)$ and has order m zero at z_0

Ex2: Classify zeroes & singularities of $\frac{\sin z}{(z^2 - \pi^2)^3}$.

Zeroes: possible at $z = \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
Poles: possible at $z = \pm \pi$.
At $z = \pi k$ with $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{\pm 1\}$ have zeroes and $\cos(\pi k) \neq 0 \rightarrow$ order 1.

Warning: As both $z_0 = \pi$ and $z_0 = -\pi$ appear in both lists, we need to take a closer look there!

Case $z_0 = \pi$

Taylor series of $\sin z$ around z_0 is $\sin z_0 + \frac{\sin' z_0}{1!}(z-z_0) + \dots$

For $z_0 = \pi$: $\cos \pi = -1 \Rightarrow \sin z = -(z-\pi) + \dots$ \leftarrow higher powers of $z-\pi$

Taylor series of $(z^2 - \pi^2)^3$ around $z_0 = \pi$ is $(z-\pi)^3 \times$ (Taylor series of $(z+\pi)^3$ at z_0)

\Rightarrow denominator = $8\pi^3 (z-\pi)^3 + \dots$ \leftarrow higher powers of $z-\pi$ $8\pi^3 + (z-\pi) + \dots$

Sol: $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{(z^2 - \pi^2)^3}$ which is analytic in $D_\epsilon(\pi) \setminus \{\pi\}$ has Laurent series

$$\frac{-(z-\pi) + \dots}{8\pi^3 (z-\pi)^3 (1 + \dots)} = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} (z-\pi)^{-2} + \dots \leftarrow \text{higher powers}$$

$\Rightarrow z_0 = \pi$ - pole of order 2!

Case $z_0 = -\pi$: Similar analysis $\Rightarrow -\pi$ - pole of order 2!

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Ex 3: Classify poles of $f(z) = \frac{\tan z}{z}$.

$$f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z \cdot z}$$

Possible poles: $z=0$ & $z = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

• $z_0=0$

Last time $\frac{\sin z}{z} = 1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \dots$ has removable singularity at $z_0=0$

Also $\frac{1}{\cos z} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots} = 1 + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \dots$ is analytic in nbhd of z_0

So: $z_0=0$ is not a pole!

• $z_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\frac{\sin z}{z}$ - analytic in nbhd of z_0 , not vanishing at $z_0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sin z}{z} = \frac{b_0}{z} + b_1(z-z_0) + \dots$

$\cos z = \cos z_0 + \frac{\cos' z_0}{1!}(z-z_0) + \dots = 0 + (z-z_0) + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos z} = \frac{1}{z-z_0} (1 + \dots)$
has pole of order 1

So: All $\frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k (k \in \mathbb{Z})$ - simple poles!

Ex 4: Find Laurent expansion of $\frac{z^2 - z + 2}{z-2}$ in $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z-1| > 1\}$

Note that $f(z) = \frac{z^2 - z + 2}{z-2}$ is analytic in D . To compute Laurent

series, we first compute Taylor series of $z^2 - z + 2$ around $z_0=1$:

$$z^2 - z + 2 = 2 + (z-1) + (z-1)^2 \quad (\leftarrow \text{do you remember how to get this?})$$

On the other hand as $|z-1| > 1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{z-1} \right| < 1$ and so we re-expand:

$$\frac{1}{z-2} = \frac{1}{(z-1)-1} = \frac{1}{(z-1)\left(1 - \frac{1}{z-1}\right)} = \frac{1}{z-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z-1} + \left(\frac{1}{z-1}\right)^2 + \dots\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-1)^n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus: } f(z) &= [(z-1)^2 + (z-1) + 2] \cdot \left[\frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^3} + \dots \right] \\ &= (z-1) + 2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(z-1)^n} \end{aligned}$$

[Note: For students who do not easily understand the above proof - come to office hours!]

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Ex 5: For $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)}$ find its Laurent series in:

- a) $|z| < 1$
- b) $1 < |z| < 2$
- c) $|z| > 2$

Step 1 (partial fraction decomposition): $\frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{1}{1-z} - \frac{1}{2-z}$.

a) if $|z| < 1$, then by geometric progression:

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots$$

but also $|\frac{z}{2}| < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2-z} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \dots \right)$

So: $f(z) = (1 + z + z^2 + \dots) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}z + \frac{1}{8}z^2 + \dots \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right) z^n$

b) if $1 < |z| < 2$, then we still have $\frac{1}{2-z} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}z + \frac{1}{8}z^2 + \dots$

but $\frac{1}{1-z} \neq 1 + z + z^2 + \dots$ as the latter sum diverges!

Instead, we write $\frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{1}{-2(1-\frac{z}{2})} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \dots \right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2^2}z - \frac{1}{2^3}z^2 - \dots$

So: $f(z) = \dots - \frac{1}{2^3}z^2 - \frac{1}{2^2}z - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}z - \frac{1}{8}z^2 - \dots$

c) if $|z| > 2$, then we use $\frac{1}{1-z} = -\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} - \dots$ as in b), but

now have to change $\frac{1}{2-z}$ (as $|\frac{z}{2}| > 1$ and so geom. progr. diverges)

To do so, we write

$$\frac{1}{2-z} = \frac{1}{-2(1-\frac{z}{2})} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots \right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{2^2} - \frac{z^2}{2^3} - \dots$$

\uparrow $|\frac{z}{2}| < 1$ now!

So: $f(z) = \left(-\frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} - \dots \right) - \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{2^2} - \frac{z^2}{2^3} - \dots \right) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n-1}-1}{z^n}$

Moral: Two ways to write $\frac{1}{2-\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\mu/2}$ or $\frac{1}{2-\mu} = -\frac{1}{\mu} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\mu/2}$ and we choose 1st if $|\mu/2| < 1$ and second if $|\mu/2| > 1$

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Def: A residue of $f(z)$ at its isolated singularity z_0 is

$$\text{Res}_{z_0}(f) := a_{-1}$$

↑ coefficient of $(z-z_0)^{-1}$ in Laurent series.

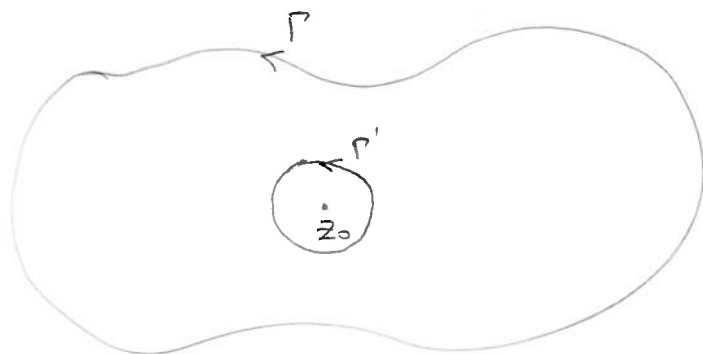
[Note: Your book also uses notation $\text{Res}(f; z_0)$ or $\text{Res}(z_0)$

Cauchy theorem implies the following result:

Theorem: If Γ is a positively oriented simple ^{closed} curve, z_0 is inside Γ and $f(z)$ is analytic on and inside Γ besides point z_0 ,

then:

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \cdot \text{Res}_{z_0}(f)$$



By Cauchy theorem:

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\Gamma'} f(z) dz, \text{ where}$$

$\Gamma' = C_{\epsilon}(z_0)$ - circle of small radius $\epsilon > 0$ centered at z_0 .

But $f(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j (z-z_0)^j + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_{-j} (z-z_0)^{-j}$ with both sums converging uniformly on Γ'

$$\int_{\Gamma'} f(z) dz = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{+\infty} a_j \cdot \int_{\Gamma'} (z-z_0)^j dz = a_{-1} \cdot 2\pi i = \text{Res}_{z_0}(f) \cdot 2\pi i$$

↑ first calculated in Lecture 13!