

Revision: Key formula

Let f be a function which is analytic in a domain D and let Γ be a positively orientated loop in D and let z be a point inside D .

The generalised Cauchy integral formula giving $f^{(n)}(z_0)$

$$\frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Taylor's series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z - z_0)^n.$$

If $f(z)$ is analytic in $|z - z_0| < R$ then we have uniform convergence to $f(z)$ in $|z - z_0| \leq R' < R$ for all $R' < R$.

Power series

A series of the form

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n.$$

The terms a_0, a_1, \dots are the coefficients of the power series.

The series always converges at $z = z_0$. When it converges at other points the region where it converges is a disk $\{z : |z - z_0| < R\}$ and it is analytic in the disk. A proof was given last week.

The largest R is the **radius of convergence**. When $R < \infty$ $\{z : |z - z_0| = R\}$ is the **circle of convergence**. In all cases

$$R = \frac{1}{\limsup |a_n|^{1/n}}.$$

In our examples we obtain R using the ratio test or the root test.

$R = 0$ when we only have convergence at $z = z_0$.

$R = \infty$ when we have convergence for all z .

Results with power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad a_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} = \frac{1}{2\pi r^n} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(re^{it}) e^{-int} dt.$$

- ▶ Odd functions only involve odd powers. Even functions only involve even powers. Real valued functions have real coefficients.
- ▶ In the region where the series converges we can do the following.

We can differentiate and integrate term-by-term.

We can multiply two series, i.e.

$$c_0 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots = (a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots)(b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots),$$

$$c_0 = a_0 b_0,$$

$$c_1 = a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1,$$

$$c_2 = a_2 b_0 + a_1 b_1 + a_0 b_2.$$

The formula for c_n is known as the **Cauchy product**.

Some examples of power series

1.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (nz)^n, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} z^n.$$

The first series only converges at $z = 0$. The terms are not bounded when $z \neq 0$.

By the ratio test the second series converges for all z .

2.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n^2+2} (z-1)^n.$$

By the ratio test the circle of convergence is $|z - 1| = 1$.

3.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2 + \sin(n)) z^n.$$

With $a_n = 2 + \sin(n) \in [1, 3]$, $a_n^{1/n} \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and by the root test the circle of convergence is $|z| = 1$.

Comments about the “general case”

Suppose the sequence $(|a_n|^{1/n})$ does not converge and thus the root test cannot be used. If the sequence $(|a_n|^{1/n})$ is not bounded then for all $z \neq z_0$ we have for some sufficiently large n

$$|a_n|^{1/n} > \frac{1}{|z - z_0|} \quad \text{and hence } |a_n||z - z_0|^n > 1$$

and the terms $(a_n(z - z_0)^n)$ cannot tend to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus the series only converges at $z = z_0$.

If the sequence is bounded then we can define

$$b_n = \sup\{|a_m|^{1/m} : m \geq n\} \geq 0.$$

This is a decreasing sequence bounded below by 0 and converges by the monotone convergence theorem. We label the limit as $\alpha \geq 0$. There is a theorem known as the Cauchy-Hadamard theorem which is briefly that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n \quad \text{has radius of convergence } R = \frac{1}{\alpha}.$$

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Laurent series

A Laurent series is a series of the form

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n.$$

When it converges the region is an annulus $\{z : r < |z - z_0| < R\}$.

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} a_n(z - z_0)^n, \quad \text{converges in } |z - z_0| > r.$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n, \quad \text{converges in } |z - z_0| < R.$$

To be a function defined at some points we need the coefficients a_n to be such that $r < R$.

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Properties of a function defined by a power series

Let

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n, \quad R = \frac{1}{\limsup |a_n|^{1/n}}.$$

When $R > 0$ this defines an analytic function in $|z - z_0| < R$.

One way to relate the coefficients a_n to the derivatives of $f(z)$ is to use the generalised Cauchy integral formula. We take a loop Γ in the disk with z_0 inside the loop.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f^{(m)}(z_0)}{m!} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \oint_{\Gamma} (z - z_0)^{n-(m+1)} dz. \end{aligned}$$

The only integral in the last line which is non-zero is when $n - (m + 1) = -1$, i.e. when $n = m$ and we get

$$\frac{f^{(m)}(z_0)}{m!} = a_m.$$

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Example: construction of a Laurent series

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)(2-z)} = \frac{A}{1-z} + \frac{B}{2-z}.$$

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

This has a geometric series representation in $|z| < 1$. It has a series representation in $|z| > 1$ involving powers of $1/z$.

$$\frac{1}{2-z}$$

This has a geometric series representation in $|z| < 2$ involving powers of $z/2$.

It has a series representation in $|z| > 2$ involving powers of $2/z$.

Laurent series for $f(z)$ in different regions.

$$|z| < 1$$

Combine the geometric series.

$$1 < |z| < 2$$

Combine the power series for the $1/(2-z)$ term with the series with negative powers for the $1/(1-z)$ term.

$$|z| > 2$$

Combine the series involving only negative powers for both parts.

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Some points about the manipulation

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{c-z}.$$

$$c-z = c\left(1 - \frac{z}{c}\right) = -z\left(1 - \frac{c}{z}\right).$$

When $|z/c| < 1$ we have the geometric series

$$g(z) = \left(\frac{1}{c}\right) \left(1 + \left(\frac{z}{c}\right) + \left(\frac{z}{c}\right)^2 + \dots\right)$$

When $|z/c| > 1$, $|c/z| < 1$ and we have

$$g(z) = -\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \left(1 + \frac{c}{z} + \left(\frac{c}{z}\right)^2 + \dots\right).$$

We get the representation involving negative powers.

Steps in proving ... continued

Let z be inside Γ and outside Γ' . By the Cauchy integral formula

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma \cup \Gamma'} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta. \end{aligned}$$

As in the Taylor series proof the non-negative powers part is

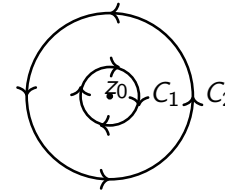
$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k (z-z_0)^k, \quad a_k = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta-z_0)^{k+1}} d\zeta.$$

The negative powers come from re-writing the term

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta-z} d\zeta &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{-k} (z-z_0)^{-k}, \\ a_{-k} &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} f(\zeta) (\zeta-z_0)^{k-1} d\zeta, \quad k=1,2,\dots \end{aligned}$$

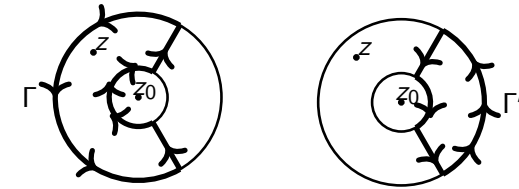
Further effort enables C_2 and $-C_1$ to be replaced by a curve C .

Steps in proving the Laurent series representation



$C_1 \cup C_2$ is the boundary of an annulus where $f(z)$ is analytic in a slightly larger annulus. Note that C_1 is clockwise, C_2 is anti-clockwise.

The loop Γ is such that z is inside Γ .



Due to cancellation on the radial lines we have for any function g

$$\oint_{\Gamma} g(\zeta) d\zeta + \oint_{\Gamma'} g(\zeta) d\zeta = \oint_{C_1} g(\zeta) d\zeta + \oint_{C_2} g(\zeta) d\zeta.$$

Laurent series representation

Let $f(z)$ be analytic in an annulus $r < |z-z_0| < R$. Then

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

The series converge uniformly in any closed sub-annulus

$r < \rho_1 \leq |z-z_0| \leq \rho_2 < R$. The coefficients a_n are given by

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz,$$

where C is any positively orientated simple closed curve lying in the annulus which has z_0 as an interior point.

This indicates that the representation is unique.

Also note that in none of the examples that have been done did we obtain a_n by evaluating this integral.

Laurent series: Classifying zeros and poles

When $f(z)$ has a **zero of multiplicity** $m \geq 1$ at z_0 we have

$$f(z) = a_m(z - z_0)^m + a_{m+1}(z - z_0)^{m+1} + \dots = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$$

with $g(z)$ being analytic at z_0 and $g(z_0) = a_m \neq 0$.

If $f(z)$ has a **removable singularity** at z_0 then it has a Laurent series valid in $0 < |z - z_0| < R$ with no negative powers, i.e.

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) = a_0.$$

If $f(z)$ has a **pole of order** m then in $0 < |z - z_0| < R$ we have

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-m}^{\infty} a_n(z - z_0)^n = \frac{\phi(z)}{(z - z_0)^m}$$

with $\phi(z)$ being analytic at z_0 and $\phi(z_0) = a_{-m} \neq 0$.

An **essential singularity** at z_0 has infinitely many negative powers

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

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Complex identity and the related real relation

The isolated zeros property of non-zero analytic functions is a way to quickly explain why many identities are also true in the complex plane. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) &= 1, \\ \sin(2x) &= 2 \sin(x) \cos(x), \end{aligned}$$

being true for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ also hold for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2(z) + \sin^2(z) &= 1, \\ \sin(2z) &= 2 \sin(z) \cos(z). \end{aligned}$$

Isolated zeros of non-zero analytic functions

When $f(z)$ has a **zero of multiplicity** $m \geq 1$ at z_0 we have

$$f(z) = a_m(z - z_0)^m + a_{m+1}(z - z_0)^{m+1} + \dots = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$$

with $g(z)$ being analytic at z_0 and $g(z_0) = a_m \neq 0$. These properties of $g(z)$ imply that in a neighbourhood $\{z : |z - z_0| < \delta\}$, for some $\delta > 0$, $g(z)$ is non-zero and thus $f(z)$ is non-zero. The zeros of $f(z)$ are isolated.

As an example suppose that the Cauchy Riemann equations are used to show that the following is analytic.

$$f(x+iy) = (-2x^2 - 10xy + 6x + 2y^2 + 15y) + i(5x^2 - 4xy - 15x - 5y^2 + 6y).$$

$$f(x) = (-2x^2 + 6x) + i(5x^2 - 15x).$$

$$g(z) = (-2z^2 + 6z) + i(5z^2 - 15z).$$

$f(x+iy)$ and $g(z)$ are both analytic with $f(z) - g(z) = 0$ on the real line. Hence $f(z) = g(z)$ for all z .

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Integrating a Laurent Series

Let $f(z)$ be analytic in an annulus with the following Laurent series representation.

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

The coefficient a_{-1} is called the residue at z_0 . We write $\text{Res}(f, z_0)$.

Let Γ denote a loop traversed once in the anti-clockwise sense with z_0 inside Γ . Then term-by-term integration gives

$$\oint_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i a_{-1}.$$

This is one of properties we need to show residue theorem which is in chapter 8 of the main notes.