

Complex Function Theory

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1 Isolated singularities

Continuing from last lesson

Definition 1. Let $f \in Hol(U_a^*)$ then A is an isolated singularity.¹

1. a is called a removable singularity if there exists a $F \in Hol(u_a)$ and $F = f$ in u_a^*
2. a is a pole of f if $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} |f(z)| = \infty$

Theorem 1 (Removable singularity). Let $f \in Hol(u_a^*)$ and is bounded there. $(\exists M \sup_{u_a^*} |f| < M)$ then a is a removable singularity.

Proof. Using the Taylor expansion for f , $f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n z^n$ where $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-a|=\rho} \frac{f(z)}{(z-a)^{n+1}} dz$. We want to check that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $a_{-n} \stackrel{??}{=} 0$.

$$|a_{-n}| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-a|=\rho} f(z)(z-a)^{n-1} dz \right| \leq M \frac{1}{2\pi} \rho^{n-1} \cdot 2\pi\rho = M\rho^n$$

Since $\rho \downarrow 0$ we have that the equality holds and $f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n (z-a)^n$ □

Note 1. We will define a $M_f(\rho) = \max_{|z-a|=\rho} |f(z)|$. We will assume that $\lim_{\rho \downarrow 0} \rho^{M_f}(\rho) = 0$, then a is a isolated singularity.

1.1 Poles

a is a pole of f if $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} |f(z)| = \infty$ and if we define a function $g := \frac{1}{f}$ then $g \in Hol(u_a^*)$, $|g(z)| \xrightarrow{z \rightarrow a} 0 \Rightarrow g \in Hol(u_a)$

- a is an isolated singularity of g by ??.
- $g(a) = 0 \Rightarrow g(z) = h(z)(z-a)^m$, $h \in Hol(u_a)$ and $h(a) \neq 0$, where m is the multiplicity of m of g ,
 $h(a) = \frac{g^{(m)}(a)}{m!} \Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{r(z)}{(z-a)^m}$, $q = \frac{1}{n}$, $q \in Hol(u_a)$, $q(a) \neq 0$

a is a pole $\Rightarrow f(z) = \frac{q(z)}{(z-a)^m}$, m is the multiplicity of f at point $a \Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n \geq -m} a_n (z-a)^n$

¹Using the markings from Calculus 1 where we denote u_a as an area of a and $U_a^* = U_a \setminus \{a\}$ is a punctured area of a .

1.2 Essential singularities

An essential singularity is neither a pole or an isolated singularity.

Theorem 2 (Sokhotski-Casoratti-Weierstrass). *If a is an essential singularity then for every punctured neighborhood u_a^* such that $f \in \text{Hol}(u_a^*)$, $f(u_a^*) = \mathbb{C}$*

Proof. WE will assume that $\text{dist}(f(u_a^*), w) \geq \delta$ ($\Leftrightarrow w \notin f(u_a^*)$), $g(z) := \frac{1}{f(z)-w}$.

Since $g \in \text{Hol}(u_a^*)$ and $|g| \leq \frac{1}{\delta}$ in u_a^* , by the first theorem we have that a is an isolated singularity of g ($g \in \text{Hol}(u_a)$).

Now, since $f(z) = w + \frac{1}{g(z)}$ then

- $g(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a$ is a pole of f .
- $g(a) \neq 0 \Rightarrow a$ is an isolated singularity of f

And thus, we have arrived at a contradiction to the fact that a is an essential singularity. \square

Now we will look at punctured neighborhood of ∞ , $\{|z| > R\}$ (R is large). Then, if $F \in \text{Hol}(\{|z| > R\}) \Leftrightarrow f(\zeta) = F(\frac{1}{\zeta})$, $f \in \text{Hol}(\{0 < |\zeta| < R\})$.

Definition 2. F is analytic in ∞ if f is analytic at $\zeta = 0$ and F has a pole at ∞ if f has a pole at 0.

Corollary 1. 1. $f \in \text{Hol}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) \Rightarrow F = \text{const}$ (F is analytic at $\infty \Rightarrow$ bounded in $\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\text{Liouville}} f = \text{const}$)

2. Let $F \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C})$ and has a pole at $\infty \Leftrightarrow F$ is a polynomial.

Proof. In the first direction, let F be a polynomial,

$$F(z) = f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \sum_{n \geq -m} a_n \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n = \sum_{n \leq m} c_n z^n, c_n = a_{-n}$$

In the other direction, if F is analytic at 0 then $c_n = 0$ for all $n < 0$ leading us to $f(z) = \sum_{0 \leq n \leq m} c_n z^n$ \square

3. Let $F \in \text{Hol}(\hat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N\})$ where a_1, \dots, a_N are poles of F . Then F is a rational function $F = \frac{P}{Q}$ and P, Q are polynomials. We will look at $f_1(z) = F(z)(z - a_1)^{m_1} \dots (z - a_{N-1})^{m_{N-1}}$ where m_j is the order of the pole at the point a_j .

- $f_1 \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow F_1 = P$
- δ, f_1 has a pole at ∞ $F(z) = \frac{P(z)}{\prod_{j=1}^{N-1} (z - a_j)^{m_j}}$ $0 \rightarrow \infty$.

2 Residues

Let $f \in \text{Hol}(U_a^*)$ and $\bar{\mathcal{D}}(a, \varepsilon) \subset u_a$.

$$\text{res}_a f := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-a|=\varepsilon} f(z) dz = c_{-1}$$

Theorem 3 (Cauchy). *Let $G \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a good domain, $a_1, \dots, a_N \in G$ and let $f \in \text{Hol}(G \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_N\})$, $f \in C(\bar{G} \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_N\})$ then*

$$\int_{\partial G} f(Z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{j=1}^N \text{res}_{a_j} f$$

Proof. Taking $\varepsilon < \min_j \text{dist}(a_j, \partial G)$ and $\varepsilon < \min_{i \neq j} (|a_i - a_j|)$, then we will define

$$G_\varepsilon = G \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^N \bar{\mathcal{D}}(a_j, \varepsilon)$$

$$f \in \text{Hol}(G_\varepsilon) \cap C(\bar{G}_\varepsilon) \Rightarrow \int_{\partial G_\varepsilon} f(z) dz = 0 = \int_{\partial G} f dz - \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{\partial \mathcal{D}(a_j, \varepsilon)} f dz$$

□

The last value is equal to the residue at each point a_j , meaning that these are important, we will look at how to find them.

Corollary 2. 1. *If $f = \frac{\varphi}{\psi}$, $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Hol}(u_a)$ and ψ has a simple zero at $z = a$ (multiplicity = 1) \Rightarrow*

$$\text{red}_a f = \frac{\varphi(z)}{\psi'(a)}$$

Proof.

$$c_{-1}(f) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z - a) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} \frac{\varphi(z)}{\frac{\psi(z) - \psi(a)}{(z - a)}} = \frac{\varphi}{\psi'(a)}$$

Where the second equality is because $\varphi(a) = 0$.

□

2. $f(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{(z-a)^m}$, $\varphi \in \text{Hol}(u_a)$, then

$$c_{-1}(f) = \frac{\varphi^{(m-1)}(a)}{(m-1)!}$$

Proof.

$$\varphi(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\varphi^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (z - a)^n$$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{\varphi^{(n)}(a)}{n!} (z - a)^{n-m}$$

□

Example 1. 1.

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(z-2)^2}$$

$$\text{res}_1 f = \frac{z}{(z-2)^2} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\text{res}_2 f = \left(\frac{z}{z-1} \right)' \Big|_{z=2} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{z-1} \right)' \Big|_{z=2} = -\frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \Big|_{z=2} = -1$$

2.

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{1+z^n}, g \in Hol(\mathbb{C}), \omega^n = -1$$

$$res_{\omega} f = \frac{g(\omega)}{n\omega^{n-1}} = -\frac{1}{n}\omega g(\omega)$$

$$\omega^{n-1} = \frac{1}{\omega}\omega^n = -\frac{1}{\omega}$$

3. $g \in Hol(G), g(a) = 0$ and $f = \frac{g'}{g}$.

$$g(a) = 0, g(z) = (z-a)^m h(z), h \in Hol(G), h(a) \neq 0$$

$\frac{h'}{h}$ is analytic at a , therefore

$$f(z) = \frac{m}{z-a} + \frac{h'}{h} \Rightarrow res_a \frac{g'}{g} = -m$$

Note 2.

$$g(z) = \frac{h(z)}{(z-a)^m} \Rightarrow res_a \frac{g'}{g} = -m$$

4. $f(z) = \tan z, z_k = \frac{\pi}{2} = k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$res_{z_k} \tan z = \frac{\sin z_k}{-\sin z_k} = -1 = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}$$

$$\tan z = \sum_{n \geq 0} c_n z^n \quad a_n = c_n \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^n$$

We will define the odd function f as follows:

$$f = \tan \frac{\pi z}{2} = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_n z^n = \sum_{n \geq 0} a_{2n+1} z^{2n+1}$$

Setting $z = \pm 1, res_{\pm 1} f = -1$

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

$$\tan \frac{\pi z}{2} = \frac{\sin \frac{\pi z}{2}}{\cos \frac{\pi z}{2}} = -\frac{2}{\pi}$$

And of course,

$$\tan \frac{\pi z}{2} = \frac{4}{\pi} + \frac{z}{1-z} + g(z)$$

Since $g \in Hol(\{|z| < \varepsilon\})$ $g(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} d_{2n+1} z^{2n+1}$ and $a_{2n+1} = \frac{4}{\pi} + d_{2n+1} = \frac{4}{\pi} + o(1), n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} |d_{2n+1}|^{1/2n+1}$$

$$d_{2n+1} \rightarrow 0, \forall A < \varepsilon, |d_{2n+1}| C A^{-2n}$$

If we have a function f that is analytic in a punctured neighborhood of a , and $g \in Hol(u_b)$, $g : u_b \xrightarrow{1-1} onto u_a$, where $g(z) = a$. In addition we will define a function $h(z) = (f \circ g)(z)$ and $h \in Hol(u_b^*)$. If we look at the residue of h at the point b

$$res_b h = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w-b|=\varepsilon} h(w)dw \neq res_a f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-a|=\rho} f(z)dz$$

However if we change the variable as follows:

$$\int_{|w-b|=\varepsilon} f(g(w))g'(w)dw = \int_1^{2\pi 1} \int_{g(\{|w-b|=\varepsilon\})} f(z)dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=\rho} f(z) = res_a f$$

Then we get

$$res_a f = res_b (f \circ g) g'$$