

Complex Function Theory

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1 Residues

Let $f \in Hol(u_a^*)$ and let $g : u_b \xrightarrow[1-1]{onto} u_a$ such that $g(b) = a$, then $f \circ g \in Hol(u_b^*)$ and $res_a f = res_b (f \circ g) g'$.

Proof.

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

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1.1 Residue at ∞

Let $f \in Hol(\{z : |z| > R\})$, then

$$res_{\infty} f = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz, \quad R > \rho$$

Corollary 1. Let $f \in Hol(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\})$ then

$$\sum_{j=1}^N res_{a_j} f + res_{\infty} f = 0 \quad \max_j |a_j| < R$$

$$-res_{\infty} f = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz = \sum_{j=1}^N res_{a_j} f$$

Example 1. Given the points $a_1, \dots, a_N, b_1, \dots, b_1, \dots, b_N$ and $R > \max_j (|a_j|, |b_j|)$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} \overbrace{\frac{(z-a_1) \cdots (z-a_N)}{(z-b_1) \cdots (z-b_N)}}^{=f} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \zeta = \frac{1}{z} \\ dz = -\frac{d\zeta}{\zeta^2} \end{array} \right] = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|\zeta|=1/R} \overbrace{\frac{(1-a_1\zeta) \cdots (1-a_N\zeta)}{(1-b_1\zeta) \cdots (1-b_N\zeta)}}^{=g(\zeta)} = \sum_{j=1}^N (b_j - a_j)$$

Where $g \in Hol(|\zeta| \leq \frac{1}{R})$

$$g(\zeta) = 1 + ?\zeta + \dots$$

$$\frac{g(\zeta)}{\zeta^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta^2} + \frac{?}{\zeta} + \dots$$

$$? = -\sum_{j=1}^N a_j + \sum_{j=1}^N b_j$$

Example 2. The residue at infinity of the function $\sqrt{z^2 - 1} \in \text{Hol}(\mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1])$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=2} \sqrt{z^2 - 1} dz = -\text{res}_\infty \sqrt{z^2 - 1} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

This is because

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

1.2 Integrals

Example 3. Let R be a rational function.

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} R(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} R\left(\frac{z + z^{-1}}{2}, \frac{z - z^{-1}}{2i}\right) \frac{dz}{z}$$

Example 4. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $|a| > 1$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a + \cos \theta} = \frac{1}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{z \left(a + \frac{z+z^{-1}}{2} \right)} = \frac{2}{i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{1 + 2az + z^2} \stackrel{*}{=}$$

$$z_{1,2} = -a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 1}, z_1 \cdot z_2 = 1, \overbrace{|-a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1}|}^{=z_1} < 1 \quad \left| -a - \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right| = \frac{1}{\left| -1 + \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \right|} > 1$$

$$\stackrel{*}{=} 4\pi \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{dz}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)} = 4\pi \text{res}_{z=z_1} \frac{1}{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)} = 4\pi \frac{1}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{4\pi}{2\sqrt{a^2 - 1}} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2 - 1}}$$

Example 5 (Fourier).

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R(x) e^{ix\lambda} dx = \begin{cases} 2\pi i \int_{a:\Im a > 0} \text{res}_a [R(z) e^{i\lambda z}] & \lambda \geq 0 \\ -2\pi i \int_{a:\Im a < 0} \text{res}_a [R(z) e^{i\lambda z}] & \lambda \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

R is rational such that there are no poles in $\mathbb{R}$ and $\Im \lambda = 0$. If $\lambda \neq 0$ then $R(z) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$, $z \rightarrow \infty$ and if $\lambda = 0$ then $R(z) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{z^2}\right)$, $z \rightarrow \infty$. Let $C_\rho = \{|z| = \rho, \Im z \geq 0\}$

$$\int_\rho^\rho R(x) e^{i\lambda x} dx + \int_{C_\rho} R(z) e^{i\lambda z} dz = \sum_{\substack{a: |a| < \rho \\ \Im a > 0}} \text{res}_a [R(z) e^{i\lambda z}]$$

Where the last inequality comes from Cauchy's theorem.

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\rho}^\rho R(x) e^{i\lambda x} dx = -\lim_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} i_{\rho \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C_\rho} R(z) e^{i\lambda z} dz + 2\pi i \cdot \sum_{a:\Im a > 0} \text{res}_a (R(z) e^{i\lambda z}),$$