

HW5 NAME:

due Wednesday, 2/14/2018

1. Let z_0 be an isolated singularity of an analytic function $f(z)$. Near z_0 , the function $f(z)$ can be represented by its Laurent series (L)

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

Prove:

(a) If (L) has no negative powers, then z_0 is a removable singularity.

(b) If z_0 is a removable singularity, then (L) has no negative powers.

Suggestion: You should actually prove a little stronger statement:

If $f(z)$ is bounded in some neighborhood around z_0 , then (L) has no negative powers.

Idea of the proof: Consider the formula for the (L) coefficients given as the integral over a small circle $|z - z_0| = R \rightarrow 0$; estimate for $n < 0$. This is similar to the proof of the Liouville theorem.

(c) If (L) has a finite number of negative powers, then z_0 is a pole.

(d) If z_0 is a pole, then (L) has a finite number of negative powers.

Suggestion: Expand $g(z) = 1/f(z)$ in the Taylor series around z_0 .

(e) If (L) has infinitely many negative powers, then z_0 is an essential singularity.

(f) If z_0 is an essential singularity, then (L) has infinitely many negative powers.

Suggestion: The last two statements follow from the previous ones.

2. Prove Kasorati-Sokhotsky-Weierstrass Theorem:

If an analytic function $f(z)$ has an essential singularity at z_0 ,
then $f(z)$ comes arbitrarily close to *any* complex value in every neighbourhood of z_0 ;
in other words,

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \forall \delta > 0$, and $\forall$ complex number w , $\exists$ a complex number z such that
 $|z - z_0| < \delta$ and $|f(z) - w| < \epsilon$.

Suggestion: Assume the contrary and consider function $g(z) = [f(z) - w]^{-1}$.

3. Show that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\phi}{(p + q \cos \phi)^2} = \frac{2\pi p}{(p^2 - q^2)^{3/2}} \quad (\text{with parameters } p > q > 0).$$

4. Show that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x^m}{x^n + 1} dx = \frac{\pi}{n \sin \frac{\pi(m+1)}{n}} \quad \text{with integer parameters } m \text{ and } n, \quad n - 2 \geq m \geq 0.$$

Suggestion: Notice that the expression under the integral sign is multiplied by a constant factor when x is changed to $xe^{i2\pi/n}$. Consider residue integration in the sector between $z = r$ and $z = re^{i2\pi/n}$ ($0 \leq r < \infty$). The integrand has only one pole in this sector.