

HW7 NAME:

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1. (1a) is a particular case of the general situation (1b)

- (a) The function $f(z)$ is analytic in the entire complex plane except at $z = i/2$, where it has a simple pole, and at $z = 2$, where it has a double pole. It is known that

$$\begin{aligned}\oint_{|z|=1} f(z)dz &= 2\pi i, \\ \oint_{|z|=3} f(z)dz &= 0, \\ \oint_{|z|=3} f(z)(z-2)dz &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

and $f(z)$ is bounded at infinity (i.e. $\exists M > 0, \exists R > 0 : |z| > R \Rightarrow |f(z)| < M$).

Find $f(z)$ (unique up to an arbitrary additive constant).

Suggestion: Find an example $f_0(z)$ of such function and use the Liouville theorem to show that $f(z) - f_0(z)$ is constant.

- (b) Prove that if all singularities of an analytic function in the extended complex plane are poles, then this function is a rational function (i.e. the ratio of two polynomials).

Suggestion: First show that the function can have only finite number of poles. Then for each pole at finite z take the negative power part of the corresponding Laurent expansion; for $z = \infty$, take the positive power part; add all of them to get a rational function. Finally, apply the Liouville theorem.

2. *Argument principle to locate zeros and poles of an analytic function.* Prove:

(a) If $f(z)$ has a zero at z_0 of order m , then

$$\operatorname{Res} \left[\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} ; z = z_0 \right] = m$$

(b) If $f(z)$ has a pole at z_0 of order n , then

$$\operatorname{Res} \left[\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} ; z = z_0 \right] = -n$$

(c) Suppose $f(z)$ is analytic inside and on a simple closed curve C , except for finite number of poles inside C , and moreover, $f(z) \neq 0$ on C .

Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N_0 - N_\infty ,$$

where N_0 and N_∞ are (respectively) the number of zeros and the number of poles of $f(z)$ inside C . Both zeros and poles are to be counted with their orders (multiplicities).

(d) **Argument Principle.**

$$N_0 - N_\infty = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta_C \arg\{f(z)\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the number of times} \\ \text{the point } w = f(z) \text{ surrounds the origin } w = 0 \\ \text{as } z \text{ describes } C \end{array} \right\}$$

(the conditions of the previous statement are to be satisfied,

$\Delta_C \arg\{f(z)\}$ denotes the total variation of $\arg\{f(z)\}$ as the point z describes the curve C).

3. Applications of the Argument Principle

- (a) Use the argument principle to determine the number of solutions of the equation $z^5 + 1 = 0$ in the first quadrant (with positive real and imaginary parts of z .)
- (b) Prove the **fundamental theorem of algebra**, using the argument principle.

Suggestion: Apply the argument principle for a very big circle, so that all lower powers are well dominated by the highest power.

- (c) Prove **Rouche's theorem**: If the functions $f(z)$ and $\phi(z)$ are analytic inside and on simple closed curve C and if the strict inequality $|\phi(z)| < |f(z)|$ holds for all $z \in C$, then the function $f(z) + \phi(z)$ has exactly as many zeros (counting their multiplicities) inside C as the function $f(z)$.

Suggestion: First, show that the functions $f(z)$ and $f(z) + \phi(z)$ do not vanish on C .

Then show that $\Delta_C \arg\{f(z)\} = \Delta_C \arg\{f(z) + \phi(z)\}$

- (d) Determine the number of roots (counting their multiplicities) of the equation $z^4 + 3z^3 + 6 = 0$ inside the circle $|z| = 2$.
- (e) Determine the number of roots (counting their multiplicities) of the equation $2z^5 - 6z^2 + z + 1 = 0$ inside the annulus $1 \leq |z| \leq 2$.
- (f) Determine the number of roots of the equation $z^4 + 3z^3 + 6 = 0$ inside the circle $|z| = 2$. Does this equation have roots of multiplicity $m > 1$?