

Magic for computing contour integrals
(when the integrand is analytic)

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Math 4200

continuing Friday notes...

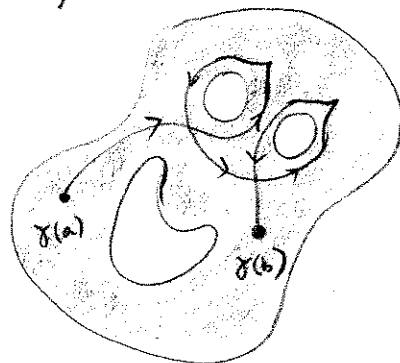
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FTC

If $f(z)$ has a complex antiderivative $F(z)$
in A , and if γ is piecewise C^1 ($\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow A$)

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) = F(\gamma(b)) - F(\gamma(a))$$

pf: if γ is C^1 this
is on page 3 Wed.
Reproduce argument!!

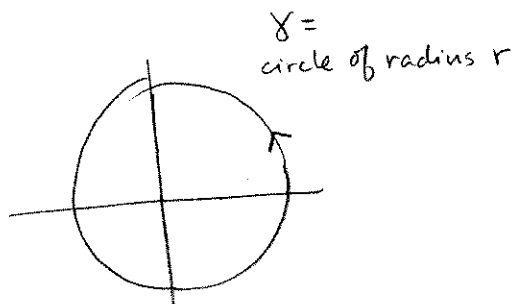


$$\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n$$

What if $\gamma: [a, b] = [\alpha_0, \alpha_1] \cup [\alpha_1, \alpha_2] \cup \dots \cup [\alpha_{n-1}, \alpha_n] \rightarrow A$
is only piecewise C^1 ?

pf: (use telescoping series)

Example



What is $\int_{\gamma} z^n dz$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$?

try FTC, explicit.
 $n = -1$ special.

What conditions on $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ guarantee that $\exists F$ with $F' = f$
 f analytic? conditions on A ?

Def $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous, (and assume A is path connected)
 A open

contour integrals $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ are path independent (for f)
 if they only depend on the endpoints $\gamma(a), \gamma(b)$ of $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$:

i.e. $\int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$

$\forall \gamma_1: [a, b] \rightarrow A \quad \gamma_1(a) = \gamma_2(a)$
 $\gamma_2: [c, d] \rightarrow A \quad \gamma_1(b) = \gamma_2(d)$

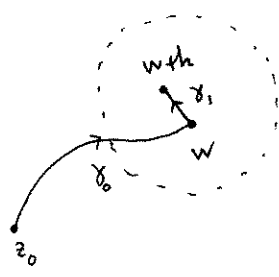
Theorem contour integrals are path independent for f iff $\exists F: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. $F'(z) = f(z) \quad \forall z \in A$
 (A, f as above)

proof:

$\Leftarrow$: If $F \exists$, then path independence follows from FTC see page 6 & Wed notes!

$\Rightarrow$: pick $z_0 \in A$
 For $w \in A$
 $F(w) := \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ where γ is (any) piecewise C^1 curve from z_0 to w
 (since we assume path independence F must look like this if it $\exists$)

For $|h|$ small (since A open),
 pick $\gamma_0 \subset A$ connecting z_0 to w
 and let $\gamma_1(t) = w + th, 0 \leq t \leq 1$.



Then

$F(w+h) = \int_{\gamma_0 + \gamma_1} f(z) dz, \quad F(w) = \int_{\gamma_0} f(z) dz$

So $F(w+h) - F(w) = \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz = \int_0^1 \underbrace{f(w+th)}_{f(w) + \epsilon(th)} h dt$
 $\gamma_1(t) = w + th$
 $\gamma_1'(t) = h$
 where $\epsilon(th) \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq 1$, as $h \rightarrow 0$ because f is continuous

But $\int_0^1 [f(w) + \epsilon(th)] h dt = f(w)h + \underbrace{\int_0^1 \epsilon(th) h dt}_{e(h)}$
 $|e(h)| := | \int_0^1 \epsilon(th) h dt | \leq |h| \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |\epsilon(th)| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$

So $F(w+h) = F(w) + f(w)h + e(h)$
 where $\frac{e(h)}{h} \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0 \iff F'(w) = f(w)$