

Math 4200

Wednesday October 30

3.2-3.3 isolated zeroes theorem, uniqueness of analytic extensions; begin 3.3 Laurent series.

Announcements:

Consequences of power series for analytic functions:

Theorem (Isolated zeroes theorem). Let

$A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be an open, connected set,

$f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  analytic,

$D(z_0; r) \subseteq A$ ,

$f(z_0) = 0$ .

Then either  $f(z) \equiv 0$  in  $D(z_0; r)$  or  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that  $f(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta$ .

*proof:*  $f$  has convergent Taylor series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad |z - z_0| < r.$$

If all the  $a_n = 0$  then  $f \equiv 0$  in  $D(z_0; r)$ . Otherwise let  $a_N$  be the first non-zero coefficient in the power series, so

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

and factor out the lowest power of  $(z - z_0)$  that appears in this series:

$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^N \left( a_N + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^{n-N} \right)$$
$$f(z) = (z - z_0)^N g(z)$$

where  $g(z_0) = a_N \neq 0$  and  $g(z)$  is analytic and hence continuous near  $z_0$ . Thus there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|z - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow g(z) \neq 0$ . This proves the claim.

QED.

There is a surprising consequence of the isolated zeroes theorem:

Corollary (Unique extensions theorem) Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open and connected;  $f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  analytic. Supposed there exists

$$\begin{aligned} &A \subseteq \mathbb{C} \text{ be open and connected,} \\ &f, g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ analytic;} \\ &\{z_k\} \subseteq A, \{z_k\} \rightarrow z_0 \in A, z_k \neq z_0, k \in \mathbb{N}. \\ &f(z_k) = g(z_k) \quad \forall k \end{aligned}$$

Then  $f(z) = g(z) \quad \forall z \in A$ .

*proof:*  $f - g : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic and  $(f - g)(z_k) = 0 \quad \forall k$ . Thus  $z_0$  is a zero of  $f - g$  which is not isolated. Thus by the isolated zeroes theorem,

$$(f - g)(z) \equiv 0, \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r) \subseteq A.$$

(This is already surprising.) Now, consider

$$B := \{z \in A \mid (f - g)^{(n)}(z) = 0 \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

We have  $D(z_0; r) \subseteq B$  since  $(f - g)(z) \equiv 0$  in  $D(z_0; r)$ .

- $B$  is closed in  $A$  because if  $\{w_k\} \subseteq B$ ,  $\{w_k\} \rightarrow w \in A$  then

$$0 = (f - g)^{(n)}(w_k) \rightarrow (f - g)^{(n)}(w) \quad \forall n.$$

- $B$  is open in  $A$  because if  $z_1 \in B$  the Taylor series for  $f$  at  $z_1$  is the zero function, so for any  $D(z_1; r) \subseteq A$  we also have  $D(z_1; r) \subseteq B$ .

Thus, since  $A$  is connected,  $B = A$ .

Example (also see one of your homework problems). It is not clear without a lot of work why the Riemann Zeta function

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

can be extended as an analytic function (with different formulas), beyond the plane  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$  on which the series converges. But in fact, it can be extended as an analytic function on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$ . The Unique extensions theorem says there's only one possible extension.

**3.3 Laurent series.** If  $f(z)$  is an analytic function on a punctured disk or on an annulus centered at  $z_0$ , then  $f$  can be expressed as a power series expansion using non-negative *and* negative powers of  $(z - z_0)$ , and this series converges in the open annulus and uniformly absolutely in all closed sub-annuli. These expansions are called *Laurent series*.

**Laurent Series Theorem** For  $0 \leq R_1 < R_2$  let

$$A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid R_1 < |z - z_0| < R_2\}$$

be an open annulus (or punctured disk in case  $R_1 = 0$ ). Then (1) and (2) below are equivalent, and the uniqueness of Laurent coefficients (3) also holds:

(1)  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic.

(2)  $f(z)$  has a power series expansion using non-negative and negative powers of  $(z - z_0)$ :

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_m}{(z - z_0)^m}.$$

$$:= S_1(z) + S_2(z).$$

Here  $S_1(z)$  converges for  $|z - z_0| < R_2$  and uniformly absolutely for  $|z - z_0| \leq r_2 < R_2$ .

And  $S_2(z)$  converges for  $|z - z_0| > R_1$ , and uniformly for  $|z - z_0| \geq r_1 > R_1$ .

(3) The Laurent coefficients  $a_n, b_m$  are uniquely determined by  $f$ . Specifically, if  $\gamma$  is any p.w.  $C^1$  contour in  $A$ , with  $I(\gamma, z_0) = 1$ , e.g. any circle of radius  $r$ , with  $R_1 < r < R_2$ , then

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\zeta - z_0)^{n+1}} d\zeta$$

$$b_m = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(\zeta) (\zeta - z_0)^{m-1} d\zeta.$$

In particular the contour integral of  $f$  itself has value

$$\int_{\gamma} f(\zeta) d\zeta = 2\pi i b_1.$$

For this reason, the coefficient  $b_1$  of  $\frac{1}{z - z_0}$  in the Laurent series, is called the *residue* of  $f$  at  $z_0$ .

(Because it's the only part of the Laurent series you need to know in order to compute the contour integral of  $f$ .)

Note: (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of the theorem is immediate, since uniform limits of analytic functions are analytic. We'll prove (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) in today's notes, and then do (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) on Friday.

Examples:

1) Consider

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z+2)} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{1}{z+2} \right).$$

Find the following series expansions for  $z_0 = 0$ :

- a) Taylor series for  $|z| < 1$
- b) Laurent series for  $1 < |z| < 2$ .
- c) Laurent series for  $|z| > 2$ .

Use residues from the Laurent series to compute  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  for the three index-one circles centered at the origin, of radii  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ ,  $3$ . Notice that this is reproducing results you already know how to find using the Cauchy integral formula and other means.

2a) What is the Laurent series for  $z e^{\frac{1}{z}}$  in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ?

2b) What is the value of

$$\int_{\gamma} z e^{\frac{1}{z}} dz$$

if  $\gamma$  is a closed contour in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , with  $I(\gamma; 0) = 1$ ?

*proof of (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) in the Laurent series theorem:*

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In particular the contour integral of  $f$  itself has value

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*proof.* We'll write  $f(\zeta) = S_1(\zeta) + S_2(\zeta)$  and just compute the contour integrals above. We'll use the uniform convergence of the series  $S_1(\zeta), S_2(\zeta)$  on  $\gamma$  to interchange the integrals with the summations:

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Week 10 concepts and homework

3.2-3.3

Due Wednesday November 6 at start of class.

3.3 1ab, 4, 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20

w10.1 Let  $f$  be an entire function. Suppose  $f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2}$  for all positive integers  $n$ . Is it possible for  $f(-1)$  to equal  $-1$ ? Explain.

w10.2) Use power series or L'Hopital's rule to find

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(z) - 1}{z \sin(z)}$$

w10.3) Continuing the text problem 3.3.4, find the Laurent series for

$$\frac{1}{z(z-1)(z-2)}$$

valid for  $|z| > 2$ .

w10.4) Which of these functions has a removable singularity at  $z = 0$ ?

a)  $\frac{\cos(z) - 1}{z \sin(z)}$  (see w10.2)

b)  $\frac{\cos(z) - 1}{z^3}$ .