

Contour integrals and antiderivatives: Let  $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  continuous,  $A$  open and connected. When does  $f$  have an antiderivative  $F(z)$ , i.e.  $F'(z) = f(z) \forall z \in A$ ? (Note: antiderivatives are unique up to additive constants, since if  $F' = G' = f$  on  $A$  then  $(F - G)' = 0$  on  $A$ , so  $F - G$  is constant because  $A$  is open and connected.)

Theorem 1 The following are equivalent, for  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  continuous, where  $A$  is open and connected:

- (i)  $\exists F: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $F' = f$  on  $A$
- (ii) Contour integrals are *path independent*, i.e. for all choices of initial point  $P$  and terminal point  $Q$  in  $A$ ,

$$\int_{\gamma_0} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz$$

whenever  $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$  are piecewise  $C^1$  continuous paths that start at  $P$  and end at  $Q$ . And under this hypothesis and for any  $z_0 \in A$ , the function  $G(w)$  defined via contour integrals as follows, satisfies  $G' = f$ .

$$G(w) = \int_{\gamma_{z_0 w}} f(z) dz,$$



where  $\gamma_{z_0 w}$  is any piecewise  $C^1$  continuous path from  $z_0$  to  $w$

- (iii) For all piecewise  $C^1$  curves  $\gamma$  which have the same initial and terminal point,

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0.$$

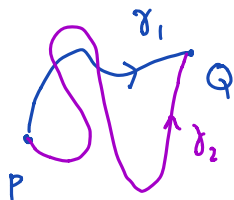
*proof:* We already know, by the FTC for contour integrals of analytic functions, that (i) implies (ii) and (iii). We'll discuss why (ii) and (iii) are equivalent. We'll use that equivalence more in section 2.3 than here in section 2.2. Then we'll do the crux of Theorem 1's proof, which is the implication (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): If  $F$  exists. Then  $\int_{\gamma_0} f(z) dz = F(Q) - F(P)$ .

In that case,  $G(w)$  as above  $= F(w) - F(z_0)$

(ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii) (iii) is special case of (ii), when  $P = Q$ , and  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$   
so (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). (e.g.  $\gamma(t) \equiv P$   
 $0 \leq t \leq 1$ )

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i)



$$\int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz \stackrel{?}{=} \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$$

assuming contours  
over closed curves are 0  
(iii)

consider  $\gamma = \gamma_1 - \gamma_2$  is closed curve, start & end at P

$$\text{so by (iii), } \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0 \stackrel{\text{Fri.}}{\Rightarrow} \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$$

pick this up on Wed!

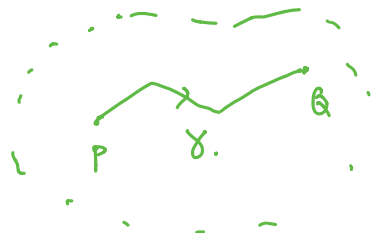
(In this theorem, the domain  $A$  is open & connected.) ,  $z_0 \in A$   
 (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) : If contour integrals for cont.  $f$  are path ind. then

$$G(w) := \int_{\gamma_{z_0, w}} f(z) dz$$

is an antideriv. of  $f$ .

$\gamma_{z_0, w}$  is any  
 p.w.  $C^1$  curve  
 from  $z_0$  to  $w$ .

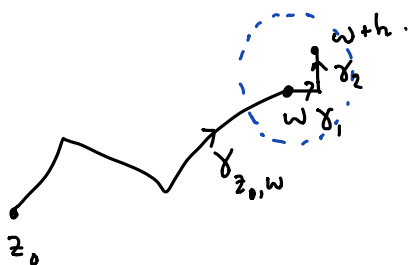
• point: If  $A$  is open and connected then it's pathwise connected



(see appendix)

means  $\forall P, Q$  in  $A$   $\exists$  a continuous  
 curve  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow A$   
 s.t.  $\gamma(a) = P$   
 $\gamma(b) = Q$   
 ( $\gamma$ 's exist which are piecewise  
 line segments)

Need to show  $G'(w) = f(w) \quad \forall w \in A$ .



$$G(w+h) = \int_{\gamma_{z_0, w} + \gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) dz$$

$\gamma_{z_0, w} + \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$   
 $\uparrow$  real displacement from  $w$  to  $w+h$ .  
 $\uparrow$  imag.

$$G(w+h) = G(w) + \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) dz$$

$$= G(w) + \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(w) dz + \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) - f(w) dz$$

$$G(w+h) = G(w) + \underbrace{\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(w) dz}_{f(w)z \Big|_w^{w+h}} + \underbrace{\int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) - f(w) dz}_{\text{error}}$$

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$$G(w+h) = G(w) + f(w)h + \underbrace{\text{error}}_{\varepsilon(h)h}$$

need to show  $\varepsilon(h) \rightarrow 0$

so  $G'(w) = f(w)$  ■

$$\text{est. } |\varepsilon(h)| = \frac{1}{|h|} \left| \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) - f(w) dz \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|h|} \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \underbrace{|f(z) - f(w)|}_{\max\{|f(z) - f(w)| \text{ s.t. } |z-w| \leq |h|\}} |dz|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{|h|} \max\{|f(z) - f(w)| \text{ s.t. } |z-w| \leq |h|\} 2|h|$$

$\rightarrow 0$  because  $f$  is continuous

"no holes"

Theorem 2 If  $A$  is open and simply connected. Let  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic and  $C^1$ . Then condition (ii) of Theorem 1 holds by Cauchy's Theorem, so we see that  $f$  has an antiderivative  $G$  given by path ind.

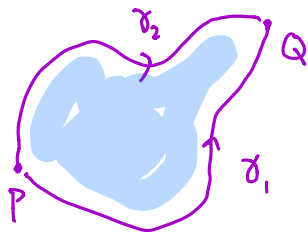
$$G(w) = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$

where we fix any  $z_0 \in A$  and let  $\gamma$  be any piecewise  $C^1$  curve in  $A$  connecting  $z_0$  to  $w$ .

proof: Explain why the path-independence condition (ii) of Theorem 1 holds. (This explanation is somewhat imprecise, but we'll make everything rigorous in section 2.3)

"proof" of path ind. Consider  $P, Q \in A$ , paths from  $P$  to  $Q$

Case 1

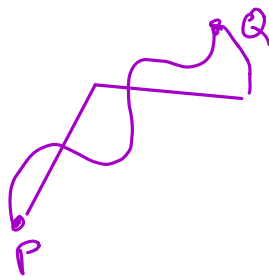


$\vec{\gamma}_1 - \vec{\gamma}_2$  bounds a region inside  $A$  ( $A$  had no holes)

$$\text{Green's thm} \Rightarrow \int_{\gamma_1 - \gamma_2} f(z) dz = 0$$

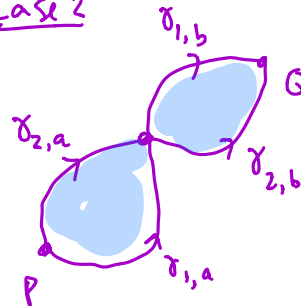
$$\int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$$

induct !



Case 2

curves cross once.



$$\int_{\gamma_{1,a} - \gamma_{2,a}} f(z) dz = 0, \quad \int_{\gamma_{2,b} - \gamma_{1,b}} f(z) dz = 0$$

$$\int_{\gamma_{1,a}} f = \int_{\gamma_{2,a}} f \quad ; \quad \int_{\gamma_{1,b}} f = \int_{\gamma_{2,b}} f$$

$$\int_{\gamma_{1,a}} f + \int_{\gamma_{1,b}} f = \int_{\gamma_{2,a}} f + \int_{\gamma_{2,b}} f$$

$$\int_{\gamma_1} f = \int_{\gamma_2} f$$

Appendix: Connected domains, path connected domains, simply connected domains: Some Chapter 1 analysis background material we need now:

Recall that a domain  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is called *connected* iff there is no disconnection of  $A$  into disjoint (relatively) open and non-empty subsets  $U, V$  i.e. such that

$$\begin{aligned} A &= U \cup V \\ U \cap V &= \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

If we restrict to open domains  $A$ , then subsets  $U, V$  that are relatively open are actually open.

There is a related definition:

**Def** A subset  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  is called *path connected* iff  $\forall P, Q \in A$ , there exists a continuous path  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow A$  such that  $\gamma(a) = P, \gamma(b) = Q$ .

**Theorem** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open. Then  $A$  is connected if and only if  $A$  is path connected. Furthermore, if  $A$  is connected then there are piecewise  $C^1$  paths connecting all possible pairs of points in  $A$ . (Analogous theorem holds in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .)

**proof:**  $\Rightarrow$  : Let  $A$  be connected and open. We will show it is path connected, with piecewise  $C^1$  paths. Pick any base point  $z_0 \in A$ . Define  $U$  to be the set of points that can be connected to  $z_0$  with a piecewise  $C^1$  path.  $U$  is non-empty since  $D(z_0; r) \subseteq U$  as long as  $r$  is small enough so that the disk is in  $A$ . In fact, for all  $z \in D(z_0; r)$  we can use the straight-line paths

$$\gamma(t) = z_0 + t(z - z_0), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

to connect  $z_0$  to  $z$ .

The proof that  $U$  is open is analogous: Let  $w \in U$  and let  $\gamma$  be a piecewise  $C^1$  path connecting  $z_0$  to  $w$ . Then for  $D(w, r) \subseteq A$  and

$$\gamma_1(t) = w + t(z - w), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

the combined path  $\gamma + \gamma_1$  is a piecewise  $C^1$  path connecting  $z_0$  to  $w$ . Thus  $U$  is open.

Finally, the complement of  $V := A \setminus U$  is open by a similar argument: Let  $z_1 \in V, D(z_1; r) \subseteq A$ .

Then  $D(z_1, r) \subseteq V$  as well, since if  $\exists w \in U \cap D(z_1; r)$  there is a piecewise  $C^1$  path  $\gamma$  from  $z_0$  to  $w$ , and letting

$$\gamma_2(t) = w + t(z_1 - w), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

the path  $\gamma + \gamma_2$  would connect  $z_0$  to  $z_1$ . Thus, since  $A$  is connected, we must have that  $V = A \setminus U$  is empty.

reverse implication: Assume  $A$  is path connected. Then  $A$  is connected: Let  $A = U \cup V$  with  $U, V$  open,  $U$  non-empty, and  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . We will show  $V$  is empty. If not, pick  $P \in U, Q \in V$ , and let

$$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

be a continuous path connecting  $P$  to  $Q$ , i.e.  $\gamma(a) = P, \gamma(b) = Q$ . Let  $T \in [a, b]$  be defined by

$$T := \sup\{t \in [a, b] \mid \gamma([a, t]) \subseteq U\}$$

Because  $U$  is open,  $T > a$ . If  $T = b$  we would have  $Q \in U$  which would be a contradiction. But if  $a < T < b$  then  $\gamma(T)$  is in neither  $U$  nor  $V$ : If  $\gamma(T) \in U$  then by continuity and  $U$  open, there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\gamma([T, T + \delta]) \subseteq U$ , hence  $\gamma([a, T + \delta]) \subseteq U$ , contradicting the definition of  $T$ .

Similarly, if  $\gamma(T) \in V$ , continuity of  $\gamma$  and  $V$  open implies there exists  $\delta > 0$  so that  $\gamma([T - \delta, T]) \subseteq V$ , another contradiction. Thus  $T$  can't exist, and  $V$  must be empty.

Math 4200

Wednesday September 25

2.2-2.3 Antiderivatives for analytic functions and Cauchy's Theorem: Finish 2.2 discussion based on Green's Theorem and begin 2.3 discussion which is more general and more rigorous.

Announcements: We'll finish Monday's notes first, and they will lead naturally into today's section 2.3 refinements

- I didn't finish grading last week's HW yet... Friday.
- next HW at end of today's notes: § 2.3
- exam 1 next Wed.  
thru at least § 2.2.  
probably thru § 2.8.

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plan: you can do some of these already - using § 2.2.  
Hopefully all are accessible after Friday class & I can answer questions on Monday.

After finishing Monday's notes we will have carefully proven:

Theorem If  $A$  is a connected open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  continuous, then contour integrals  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  are path independent if and only if  $\exists$  an antiderivative  $F(z)$  to  $f(z)$  (and  $F$  can be defined with contour integrals).



We have less carefully proven that

Theorem If  $A$  is open and *simply connected*,  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  analytic and  $C^1$ , then  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  are path-independent, so there exist antiderivatives  $F(z)$ .

issues:

(i) We defined a domain to be *simply connected* to mean that it has no holes. This is visually appealing but imprecise and hard to describe analytically.

(ii) We did not show path independence for all piecewise  $C^1$  paths - we just drew a few pictures which are not representative of all possible configurations: we assumed they crossed in such a way as to create a finite number of subdomains on which to apply Green's Theorem.

(iii) We had to assume  $f \in C^1$  for Green's Theorem, whereas it turns out we will only need that  $f$  is analytic on  $A$  for Cauchy's Theorem and antidifferentiation theorems (and this is useful to know).

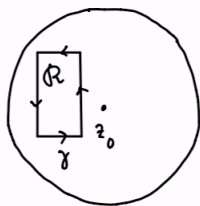
The goal of section 2.3 is to deal with these issues, and also to prove precise and stronger versions of the Deformation Theorem, about when you can change the contour curves for  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  without changing the actual value of the contour integrals. Along the way we introduce the notion of *homotopy*, key to many areas of mathematics, especially ones that use *algebraic topology*. (See Wikipedia.)

### 2.3 first step: improved (but local) antidifferentiation theorem:

**Theorem** Let  $f: D(z_0; r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic. Then  $\exists F: D(z_0; r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $F' = f$  in  $D(z_0; r)$ .

**Rectangle Lemma** Let  $f, D(z_0; r) = D$  be as above. Let  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subseteq D$  be a coordinate rectangle inside the disk. (i.e.  $R = \{x + iy \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\} \subseteq D$ .) Let  $\gamma = \partial R$ , oriented counterclockwise. Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0.$$

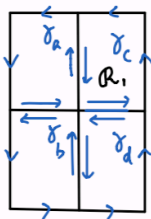


Goal:  $\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$   
 perimeter of  $R = p$   
 diagonal length =  $d$ .

(If  $f$  was  $C^1$  we'd already know this result via Green's Theorem.)

*proof:* (Goursat):

Subdivide:



$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_1} f + \int_{\gamma_2} f + \int_{\gamma_3} f + \int_{\gamma_4} f \quad (\text{interior cancellation})$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq |\int_{\gamma_1} f| + |\int_{\gamma_2} f| + |\int_{\gamma_3} f| + |\int_{\gamma_4} f|$$

$$\leq 4 \left| \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz \right| \quad \text{where } \gamma_1 = \partial R_1 \text{ has the contour integral with largest modulus}$$

$$R_1 \text{ perimeter} = p/2$$

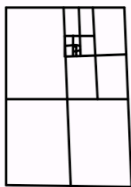
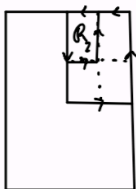
$$\text{diag} = d/2$$

pick  $R_2 \subset R_1$   
 $\partial R_2 = \gamma_2$  s.t.

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq 4 \left| \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz \right| \leq 4^2 \left| \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz \right|$$

$$R_2 \text{ perim} = p/2^2$$

$$\text{diag} = d/2^2$$



induct  $R \supset R_1 \supset R_2 \supset \dots \supset R_k$

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq 4^k \left| \int_{\gamma_k} f(z) dz \right|$$

$$p_k = \text{perimeter of } R_k = p 2^{-k}$$

$$d_k = \text{diag length} = d 2^{-k}$$

$\{R_k\}$  nested, diameters  $d_k \rightarrow 0$

$$\Rightarrow \bigcap_k R_k = z_0 \in R. \quad (\text{all our rectangles are closed})$$



punchline:  $f$  is analytic at  $z_0$ . Thus for  $z$  near  $z_0$ :

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) + (z - z_0)\varepsilon(z - z_0)$$

where the error function

$$\varepsilon(z - z_0) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } z \rightarrow z_0.$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$ . Pick  $k$  such that the error satisfies

$$|\varepsilon(z - z_0)| \leq \epsilon, \forall z \in R_k.$$

Now estimate

$$\int_{\gamma_k} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_k} f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) dz + \int_{\gamma_k} (z - z_0)\varepsilon(z - z_0) dz.$$

By the FTC, and if  $\gamma_k$  starts and ends at a point  $Q$ ,

$$\int_{\gamma_k} f(z_0) + f'(z_0)(z - z_0) dz = f(z_0)z + f'(z_0)\frac{(z - z_0)^2}{2} \Big|_Q^Q = 0.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_k} f(z) dz &= \int_{\gamma_k} (z - z_0)\varepsilon(z - z_0) dz \\ \left| \int_{\gamma_k} f(z) dz \right| &\leq \int_{\gamma_k} |(z - z_0)\varepsilon(z - z_0)| |dz| \\ &\leq d_k \epsilon p_k \leq \epsilon 2^{-k} d 2^{-k} p = \epsilon 4^{-k} p d. \end{aligned}$$

And we estimate the original contour integral,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq 4^k \left| \int_{\gamma_k} f(z) dz \right| \leq 4^k \epsilon 4^{-k} p d = \epsilon p d.$$

Since this estimate is true for all  $\epsilon$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| = 0$$

which proves the rectangle lemma.

Q.E.D.

Now complete the proof of the local antidifferentiation theorem:

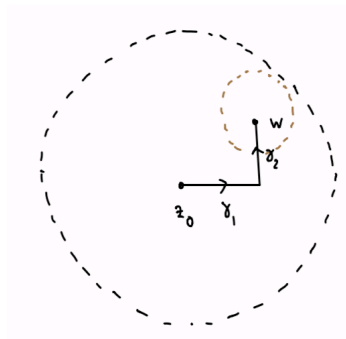
: This will reduce to discussion at start of class.

**Theorem** Let  $f: D(z_0; r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic. Then  $\exists F: D(z_0; r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $F' = f$  in  $D(z_0; r)$ .

*proof:* Let  $w \in D(z_0; r)$ . Consider the closed rectangle  $R(w)$  which has  $z_0$  and  $w$  as opposite corners.

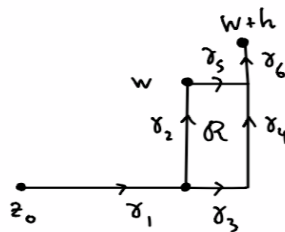
(This rectangle will collapse into a line segment if  $w - z_0$  is purely real or imaginary. Let  $\gamma_1$  be the real-direction curve from  $z_0$  to  $z_0 + \operatorname{Re}(w - z_0)$ ; let  $\gamma_2$  be the imaginary direction displace from  $z_0 + \operatorname{Re}(w - z_0)$  to  $w$ , as indicated below. Note, depending on the relative location of  $z_0$  and  $w$ ,  $\gamma_1$  may move in either the positive or negative real direction;  $\gamma_2$  may move in either the positive or negative imaginary direction. Define

$$F(w) = \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) dz.$$



To show that  $F'(w) = f(w)$  we will verify the affine approximation formula with error. Let  $h \in D(w; r - |z_0|) \subseteq D(z_0; r)$ . Then, for the contours indicated below, we see that

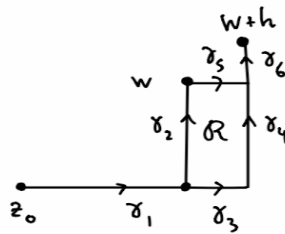
$$F(w + h) = \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_3 + \gamma_4 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz.$$



So

$$F(w + h) - F(w) = \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_3 + \gamma_4 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_3 + \gamma_4 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz.$$

(Repeated for lecture clarity:)



So

$$F(w+h) - F(w) = \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_3 + \gamma_4 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_3 + \gamma_4 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz.$$

As the diagram indicates, the parallel curves  $\gamma_2, \gamma_4$  and the parallel curves  $\gamma_3, \gamma_5$  bound a rectangle (or line segment). And regardless of how this rectangle is oriented, the curves  $\gamma_3 + \gamma_4$  and  $\gamma_2 + \gamma_5$  have the same initial and terminal points. So by the rectangle lemma,

$$\int_{\gamma_3 + \gamma_4 - \gamma_5 - \gamma_2} f(z) dz = 0, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \int_{\gamma_3 + \gamma_4} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_2 + \gamma_5} f(z) dz.$$

So

$$F(w+h) - F(w) = \int_{\gamma_2 + \gamma_5 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz - \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_5 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz.$$

But this is exactly the contour integral expression we used for  $F(w+h) - F(w)$  in the section 2.2 antidifferentiation theorem. And using exactly the same calculations as there,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_5 + \gamma_6} f(z) dz &= \int_{\gamma_5 + \gamma_6} f(w) dz + \int_{\gamma_5 + \gamma_6} f(z) - f(w) dz \\ &= f(w) h + h \varepsilon(h) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon(h) \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . In other words,

$$\begin{aligned} F(w+h) &= F(w) + f(w) h + h \varepsilon(h). \\ F'(w) &= f(w). \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

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Week 5 concepts and homework

2.3

Due Wednesday October 2 at start of class.

2.3 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10. In 9b write down a homotopy from the given curve to the standard parameterization of the unit circle, in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ , to justify your work.