

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \text{ Calculate } \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z \cos z - z - 2z^2}{e^{z^2} - 1}$$

Solution:  $f(z) = z \cos z - z - 2z^2 \quad f(0) = 0$   
 $g(z) = e^{z^2} - 1 \quad g'(0) = 0$

$$\text{l'Hopital} \Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)}$$

$$f'(z) = \cos z - z \sin z - 1 - 4z \quad f'(0) = 0$$

$$g'(z) = 2z e^{z^2} \quad g'(0) = 0$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(z)}{g'(z)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f''(z)}{g''(z)}$$

$$f''(z) = -\sin z - \sin z - z \cos z - 4 \quad f''(0) = -4$$

$$g''(z) = 2e^{z^2} + 4z^2 e^{z^2} \quad g''(0) = 2$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{z \cos z - z - 2z^2}{e^{z^2} - 1} = -\frac{4}{2} = -2$$

### Laurent series

Doubly infinite series:  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} z_n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_{-n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_n$   
 $= (z_{-1} + z_{-2} + \dots) + (z_0 + z_1 + \dots)$

Definition: A Laurent series centered at  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  is a doubly infinite function series of the form

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n = \dots + \frac{a_{-2}}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z - z_0)} + a_0 + a_1 (z - z_0) + \dots$$

In general a Laurent serie converges normally in sets  $\{z \in \mathbb{C}; 0 \leq p_I < |z - z_0| < p_0 \leq \infty\}$

where

$$p_0 = \left( \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad p_I = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{|a_n|}$$

Look at  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$ . This defines an analytic function in  $|z - z_0| < p_0$ . We write  $g_0(z - z_0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$ . Now  $g_I(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{-n} w^n$  defines an analytic function in  $|w| < p_I^{-1}$ . Therefore

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n = g_0(z - z_0) + g_I\left(\frac{1}{z - z_0}\right)$$

in  $0 \leq p_I < |z - z_0| < p_0 \leq \infty$  (if  $p_I < p_0$ )  
 The convergence is normal in  $\{p_I < |z - z_0| < p_0\}$  so  $f$  is analytic

Moreover, we can check that

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz$$

if  $\rho_I < r < \rho_o$ .

This is true since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} &= \frac{1}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z-z_0)^k = \\ &= \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k (z-z_0)^{k-n-1} \quad \text{and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k \int (z-z_0)^{k-n-1} dz = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} a_n \cdot 2\pi i = a_n. \end{aligned}$$

We can also prove that any analytic function  $f$  in  $0 < a < |z-z_0| < b < \infty$  can be written as a Laurent series. Namely,

### Theorem 43

Suppose that a function  $f$  is analytic in an annulus  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < a < |z-z_0| < b < \infty\}$ . Then  $f$  can be represented as a Laurent series centered at  $z_0$ . The coefficients  $a_n$  in

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

We have

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz$$

for any  $r$  satisfying  $a < r < b$ .

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The formulas  $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=r} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz$  are usually of little use practically.

Ex Expand  $f(z) = e^{1/z}$  in a Laurent series in  $D = \{z; 0 < |z| < \infty\}$ .

Solution: We know that  $e^w = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^n}{n!}$  for  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Put  $w = 1/z$ . Then

$$e^{1/z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-n}}{n!} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 \frac{z^n}{(-n)!} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{z^2} + \dots$$

This must be the Laurent series by uniqueness.

Ex Determine the Laurent series representation of  $f(z) = \frac{\sin \pi z}{(z-1)^3}$  in  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; 0 < |z-1| < \infty\}$ .

Solution:

First we develop  $\sin \pi z$  in a Taylor series around  $z=1$

$$g(z) = \sin \pi z \quad g(1) = \sin \pi = 0$$

$$g'(z) = \pi \cos \pi z \quad g'(1) = \pi \cos \pi = -\pi$$

$$g''(z) = -\pi^2 \sin \pi z \quad g''(1) = 0$$

$$g^{(2k)}(z) = (-1)^k \pi^{2k} \sin \pi z \quad g^{(2k)}(1) = 0$$

$$g^{(2k+1)}(z) = (-1)^k \pi^{2k+1} \cos \pi z$$

$$g^{(2k+1)}(1) = (-1)^{k+1} \pi^{2k+1}$$

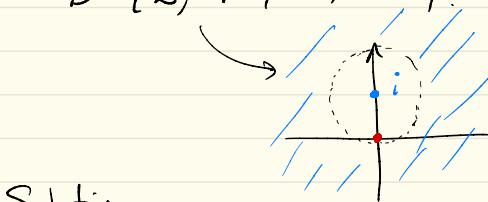
$$\text{So } \sin \pi z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \pi^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} (z-1)^{2k+1}$$

when  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . So

$$\frac{\sin \pi z}{(z-1)^3} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} \pi^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} (z-1)^{2k-2}$$

$$= -\frac{\pi}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{\pi^3}{3!} - \frac{\pi^5}{5!} (z-1)^2 + \dots$$

Ex Develop  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$  and  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z^2}$  in Laurent series in the annulus  $D = \{z; 1 < |z-i| < \infty\}$ .



Solution

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{i+(z-i)} = \frac{1}{i} \left( \frac{1}{1-i(z-i)} \right)$$

It works where  
 $|z-i| < 1$

looks promising  
but doesn't  
work since  
 $|i(z-i)| > 1$  in D

But  $\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{(z-i)+i} = \frac{1}{(z-i)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{i}{z-i}}$  works since  $\left| \frac{i}{z-i} \right| < 1$ !

$$\text{So } \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z-i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^n}{(z-i)^n} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-i)^n}{(z-i)^{n+1}} =$$

$$= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \frac{1}{i^{n+1}} (z-i)^n = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} i^{n+1} (z-i)^n$$

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 $-i = \frac{1}{i}$

Finally  $\frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{z} = -1 \frac{1}{z^2} = -\frac{1}{z^2}$  so

$$-\frac{1}{z^2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} n i^{n+1} (z-i)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=\infty}^{-2} (n+1) i^{n+2} (z-i)^n$$

or  $\frac{1}{z^2} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-2} (n+1) i^n (z-i)^n$

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### Singularities of analytic functions

Let  $\Delta^*(z_0, r) = \{ z \in \mathbb{C}; 0 < |z - z_0| < r \}$

We call  $\Delta^*(z_0, r)$  a punctured disk

Let  $f: \Delta^*(z_0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be analytic.

We want to study how  $f$  can fail to be analytic at  $z_0$ .

## Removable singularities

If we can defined  $f(z_0)$  so  $f$  becomes analytic in  $z_0$  we say that the singularity is removable.

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Theorem 44 (Riemann's Extension Theorem)  
Let  $f$  be analytic in  $\Delta^*(z_0, r)$ . Then  $z_0$  is a removable singularity iff  $f$  is bounded in  $\Delta^*(z_0, s) \cup |z - z_0| = s$  for some  $s < r$ .

"Proof" Expand  $f$  in a Laurent series in  $\Delta^*(z_0, r)$ .

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

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-z_0|=s} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz, \text{ hence}$$

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{M}{s^{n+1}} 2\pi s = \frac{M}{s^n}, \text{ if } n < 0$$

then  $|a_n| \leq M s^{-n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $s \rightarrow 0$

Hence  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$  is analytic in  $\Delta(z_0, r)$ .

So  $z_0$  is removable if  $\limsup_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| < \infty$

$$\limsup_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = ?$$



$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \sup_{|z-z_0|<r} |f(z)| \right) \\ = \limsup_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $z_0$  is a "true" singularity if

$$\limsup_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = \infty. \text{ Either } \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = \infty$$

or  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)|$  doesn't exist. If the

limit  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)|$  doesn't exist we say that  $z_0$  is an essential singularity. If  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = \infty$  then  $z_0$  is called a pole.

### Poles

Assume that  $f: \Delta^*(z_0, r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  has a pole at  $z_0$ . Since

$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} |f(z)| = \infty$  we can assume that  $f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\Delta^*(z_0, r)$ .

Then  $\frac{1}{f}$  is analytic in  $\Delta^*(z_0, r)$  and also  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{f} = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{1}{|f|} = 0$  so  $\frac{1}{f}$  is analytic in  $\Delta(z_0, r)$

(by Riemann's Extension Theorem). Also  $\frac{1}{f(z)} = 0$  and

the Factor Theorem says  $\frac{1}{f(z)} = (z - z_0)^m h(z)$

where  $h$  is analytic and  $h(z_0) \neq 0$ . Rearranging we get

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z - z_0)^m} \quad \text{where } g(z) = \frac{1}{h(z)}$$

Expanding  $g(z)$  in a Taylor series we get

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{(z-z_0)^m} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z-z_0)^n = \sum_{n=-m}^{\infty} a_{n+m} (z-z_0)^n \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{a_0}{(z-z_0)^m} + \frac{a_1}{(z-z_0)^{m-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{m-1}}{z-z_0}}_{\text{Singular part at } z_0} + a_m + a_{m+1}(z-z_0)^{m+1} \end{aligned}$$

We say that  $f$  has a pole of order  $m$  at  $z_0$ .

If  $f$  has an essential singularity at  $z_0$  then the singular part is of "infinite order"

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{-n} (z-z_0)^{-n}$$

### The Residue Theorem and Residue Calculus

Say that we want to calculate  $\int_Y f(z) dz$

where  $Y$  is as in the figure and  $f$  is analytic in  $D \setminus \{z_0\}$ .



If we knew the Laurent expansion of  $f$  around  $z_0$  then we would have  $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$   
and

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

$$= 2\pi i a_{-1} \quad \text{since } \int_Y (z-z_0)^n dz = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq -1 \\ 2\pi i & n = -1 \end{cases}$$

The coefficient  $a_{-1}$  is called the residue of  $f$  at  $z_0$ . We write  $a_{-1} = \text{Res}(z_0, f)$ .

Ex  $\int_{|z|=1} e^{1/z} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}(0, e^{1/z})$  (Assume  $|z|=1$  positively oriented)

$$e^{1/z} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2! z^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n! z^n} + \dots$$

$$\text{so } \text{Res}(0, e^{1/z}) = 1$$

and  $\int_{|z|=1} e^{1/z} dz = 2\pi i$

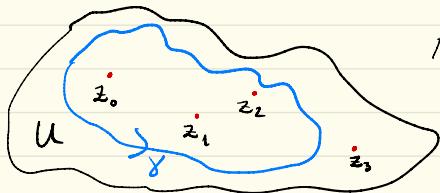
What about  $\int_{|z|=1} z^k e^{1/z} dz = ?$

$$\int_{|z|=1} z^k e^{1/z} dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}(0, z^k e^{1/z}) = 2\pi i \frac{1}{(k+1)!}$$

This seems quite powerful however two problems should be addressed:

- How do we handle several singularities?
- How to avoid Laurent series expansion?

lets handle several singularities first.



Assume  $f$  has singularities at  $z_0, z_1, z_2,$  and  $z_3$ .

Let  $S_n$  be the singular part of the Laurent series expansion at  $z_n$ . Observe that  $f - S_0 - S_1 - S_2 - S_3$  is analytic in  $U$ ! Then Cauchy's Theorem tells us that

$$\int_{\gamma} f - S_0 - S_1 - S_2 - S_3 \, dz = 0 \quad \text{in this case}$$

$$\text{so } \int_{\gamma} f \, dz = \sum_{n=0}^3 \int_{\gamma} S_n \, dz =$$

$$= 2\pi i (\operatorname{Res}(z_0, f) + \operatorname{Res}(z_1, f) + \operatorname{Res}(z_2, f))$$

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Theorem 45 (The Residue Theorem)

Assume that  $f$  is analytic in  $U \setminus E$  where  $E$  is a discrete countable set  $(z_k)$  (finite or countably infinite) in  $U$ .

Assume  $\gamma$  is a cycle in  $U \setminus E$  that is homologous to zero in  $U$ . Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) \, dz = 2\pi i \sum_k n(\gamma, z_k) \operatorname{Res}(z_k, f)$$

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Now, let's turn to the second question.  
 How do we avoid Laurent expansions? It is not always possible. However, for poles we can find a formula.

Say that  $z_0$  is a pole of order  $m$  for  $f(z)$  then

$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-m}}{(z-z_0)^m} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z-z_0)} + a_0 + \dots$$

$$(z-z_0)^m f(z) = a_{-m} + \dots + a_{-1} (z-z_0)^{m-1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} [(z-z_0)^m f(z)] = a_{-m+1} + \dots + (m-1) a_{-1} (z-z_0)^{m-2}$$

$$\left( \frac{d}{dz} \right)^{m-1} [(z-z_0)^m f(z)] = (m-1)! a_{-1} + \dots$$

So we have a formula

$$\text{Res}(z_0, f) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{d}{dz}^{m-1} [(z-z_0)^m f(z)]$$

Notice that you need to know the order of the pole to use this formula.

This you find out by finding the order of the zero  $z_0$  for  $1/f$ .