Last week: Laurent series, residues, singularities

A Laurent series is like a power series but we're allowed to have negative terms.

Theorem (Laurent's Theorem)

Suppose that f has an isolated singularity at α , so f analytic on $D' = \{z : 0 < |z - \alpha| < R\}$. Then f can be represented by a Laurent series around α that converges on D':

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

- a_1 is called the *residue of f at* α
- $\int_{C_r(\alpha)} f(z) dz = a_{-1}$ for small r
- *f* has a removable singularity/pole/essential singularity if it has no/finite / infinite a_{-k} ≠ 0

What's left:

Today Residue Theorem Tomorrow Applying Residue Theorem to Real Integrals Next Monday Residue Theorem tricks:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$$

Tuesday Application: Laplace Transform? Revision? Week 12 Revision?

No office hours this week due to the strike.

At last!

Theorem (The Residue Theorem)

Let D be a simply connected region containing a simple positively oriented contour γ . Suppose f is analytic on D except for finitely many singularities β_1, \ldots, β_n , none of which like on γ . Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \times (\text{sum of the residues of } f \text{ at the } \beta_i \text{ inside } \gamma)$$

Proof.

The proof is really putting together things we've already done:

- Deform contour so one singularity in each piece
- Expand f in Laurent series
- Use formula for a_{-1} / our first important example

Using the Residue Theorem

Show you understand and check hypotheses!

- 1. Find the isolated singularities (bad points) β_i of f
- 2. Draw picture showing γ and bad points to see which are inside
- 3. Find the residues of the singularities inside γ

Examples; let $c = 5e^{it}$ $(0 \le t \le 2\pi)$

1.
$$\int_{c} \frac{dz}{z^{2}(z-3)^{3}}$$

2.
$$\int_{c} \frac{dz}{\tan(z)}$$

3.
$$\int_c z^3 \cos(1/z) dz$$

Finding the residues can be a lot of work.

Laurent Expansion often easiest. For simple poles use shortcut.