CAUCHY INTEGRAL

Theorem (Analyticity of Cauchy Integral). Let γ be a piece-wise smooth curve and φ be a piecewise continuous bounded function on γ .

For $z \notin \gamma$, define

(1)
$$F(z) := \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi.$$

If $z_0 \notin \gamma$, then for all $z \notin \gamma$, F(z) can be represented as:

(2)
$$F(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k (z - z_0)^k + F_n(z) (z - z_0)^n$$

where
$$F_n(z) = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z)^n (\xi - z)} d\xi$$
 and $a_k = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z_0)^{k+1}} d\xi$.

Moreover, for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z - z_0| < \operatorname{dist}(z_0, \gamma)$, we can represent F(z) as:

(3)
$$F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

Remark. The identity (3) implies that the function $F(z_0+w)$ is the sum of the power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n w^n$ for all w with $|w| < \text{dist}(z_0, \gamma)$. By Taylor Theorem, F is infinitely differentiable at z_0 and $a_n = \frac{F^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!}$.

As a bonus, we get an integral formula for the derivative

$$F^{(n)}(z_0) = n! \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z_0)^{n+1}} d\xi$$

Moreover, the equation (2) becomes a representation of F as a sum of its Taylor polynomial and a reminder in Cauchy form.

Proof of the Theorem. First, fix $z_0 \notin \gamma$, $z \notin \gamma$ and $\xi \in \gamma$. Note that $z \neq \xi$, so $\frac{z-z_0}{\xi-z_0} \neq 1$. By the formula for the finite geometric series, we have for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{z - z_0}{\xi - z_0}} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\xi - z_0}\right)^k + \frac{\left(\frac{z - z_0}{\xi - z_0}\right)^n}{1 - \frac{z - z_0}{\xi - z_0}}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{\xi - z_0}{\xi - z} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{z - z_0}{\xi - z_0} \right)^k + \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(\xi - z_0)^{n-1}(\xi - z)},$$

and, after dividing by $\xi - z_0$, we get

(4)
$$\frac{1}{\xi - z} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(z - z_0)^k}{(\xi - z_0)^{k+1}} + \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(\xi - z_0)^n (\xi - z)}$$

We can multiply the identity (4) by $\varphi(\xi)$ and integrate over γ to get

(5)
$$F(z) = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \oint_{\gamma} (z - z_0)^k \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z_0)^{k+1}} d\xi + \oint_{\gamma} (z - z_0)^n \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z_0)^n (\xi - z)} d\xi$$

This is exactly the identity (2).

To obtain (3), we just need to show that for any $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|z - z_0| < \operatorname{dist}(z_0, \gamma)$ we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (z - z_0)^n F_n(z) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \oint_{\gamma} (z - z_0)^n \frac{\varphi(\xi)}{(\xi - z_0)^n (\xi - z)} d\xi = 0.$$

Let $q := \frac{|z-z_0|}{R}$. Observe that q < 1. Note that

- $(1) \ \frac{|z-z_0|}{|\xi-z_0|} \le q,$
- (2) $|\xi z_0| \ge R$,
- (3) $|\xi z| \ge |\xi z_0| |z z_0| \ge R |z z_0|$
- (4) Since φ is bounded on γ , for some M and all $\xi \in \gamma$ we have $|\varphi(\xi)| \leq M$.

Applying all these estimates to the integral formula for $F_n(z)$ we get

$$|z - z_0|^n |F_n(z)| \le q^n \frac{1}{R} \frac{M}{R - |z - z_0|} \operatorname{length}(\gamma) \to 0.$$