

Def. Let γ be a cycle, $\gamma = \sum \gamma_i + \dots + \gamma_n$, $z \notin \cup \gamma_j$

The winding number or index of the cycle γ :

$$n(\gamma, z) := \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_j} \frac{dw}{w-z}$$

Remark. $P dx + Q dy$ is exact in \mathcal{R} if and only if for any cycle γ : $\oint_{\gamma} P dx + Q dy = 0$

In complex terms: f has antiderivative iff

$$\text{cycle } \gamma \quad \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0.$$

Def. A region $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$ is called simply-connected if $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{R}$ -connected.

Remark (Important!) $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$, not \mathbb{C} !

$\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{R} = \{0\}$ -connected $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{R} = \{0, \infty\}$ -not connected.

Def Let \mathcal{R} be a region, $\gamma \subset \mathcal{R}$ - a chain..

We say that γ is homologous to 0 with respect to \mathcal{R} if for any $z \notin \mathcal{R}$, $n(\gamma, z) = 0$.

Notation: $\gamma \sim 0$.

Heuristically: γ does not wind around points outside of \mathcal{R} .



Def. $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$ if $\gamma_1 - \gamma_2 \sim 0$.

Observation. If \mathcal{R} is simply connected then for any cycle $\gamma \subset \mathcal{R}$, $\gamma \sim 0$.

Proof. Let $z \notin \mathcal{R}$. Then, since $\widehat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathcal{R}$ is connected, it belongs to the unbounded component of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{R}$ (the only one), which is subset of

unbounded component of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma$. So $n(\gamma, z) = 0$.

Remark. As proved in Ahlfors: opposite is also true:
 $(\forall \gamma \subset \mathcal{N}\text{-cycle}, \gamma \sim 0) \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is simply connected.

Theorem (General Cauchy Theorem).

Let $f \in A(\mathcal{N})$, $\gamma \sim 0$ wrt \mathcal{N} .

Then $\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$

Corollary. $f \in A(\mathcal{N})$, $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \oint_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz = \oint_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$

We will prove a global version of Cauchy Integral Formula:

Theorem (General Cauchy Integral Formula)

Let $f \in A(\mathcal{N})$, $\gamma \sim 0$ wrt \mathcal{N}

Then $\forall z \notin \gamma$,

$$n(\gamma, z) f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(s)}{s-z} ds.$$

Proof that CIF \Rightarrow Cauchy.

Consider $F(z) := f(z)(z - z_0)$ for some $z_0 \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \gamma$.

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{F(z)}{z - z_0} dz = n(\gamma, z_0) F(z_0) = 0.$$

Proof of CIF:

Lemma Let $g \in A(\mathcal{N})$, $z_0 \in \mathcal{N}$.

$$\text{Then } \lim_{\substack{(z,s) \rightarrow (z_0, z_0) \\ z \neq s}} \frac{g(z) - g(s)}{z-s} = g'(z_0)$$

Proof. Need: $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0 \cdot \sqrt{|z-z_0|^2 + |s-z_0|^2} < \delta \rightarrow |g(z) - g(s)|$

$(z, \xi) \rightarrow (z_0, z_0)$

Proof. Need: $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0: \sqrt{|z - z_0|^2 + |\xi - z_0|^2} < \delta \Rightarrow \left| \frac{g(z) - g(\xi)}{z - \xi} - g'(z_0) \right| < \varepsilon$.

know: $\exists \delta > 0: |w - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |g'(w) - g'(z_0)| < \varepsilon$.

Let $\gamma = [\xi, z]$ - the interval from ξ to z .

Then $g'(z_0) = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{g'(w)}{z - \xi} dw \quad \left(\oint_{\gamma} dw = z - \xi \right)$

$$\frac{g(z) - g(\xi)}{z - \xi} = \oint_{\gamma} \frac{g'(w)}{z - \xi} dw$$

So if $|z - z_0| < \delta$ then $w \in \gamma$, $|w - z_0| < \delta \Rightarrow |g'(w) - g'(z_0)| < \varepsilon$.

So $\left| \frac{g(z) - g(\xi)}{z - \xi} - g'(z_0) \right| = \left| \oint_{\gamma} \frac{g'(w) - g'(z_0)}{z - \xi} dw \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{|z - \xi|} \cdot l(\gamma) = \varepsilon$.

Let now $F(z, \xi) := \begin{cases} \frac{f(z) - f(\xi)}{z - \xi}, & z \neq \xi \\ f'(z), & z = \xi \end{cases}$

Observe: 1) F is a continuous function.

Indeed: $(z, \xi) \neq (z_0, z_0)$ - continuity at (z, ξ) obvious.

(z_0, z_0) : By Lemma, $\lim_{\substack{(z, \xi) \rightarrow (z_0, z_0) \\ z \neq \xi}} F(z, \xi) = f'(z_0) = F(z_0, z_0)$

$\lim_{\substack{(z, \xi) \rightarrow (z_0, z_0) \\ z = \xi}} F(z, \xi) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f'(z) = f'(z_0)$

continuity
of derivative!

2) $F(z, \xi) = F(\xi, z)$

3) For each ξ_0 , $z \rightarrow F(z, \xi_0)$ is analytic in \mathcal{N} .

Indeed $F(z, \xi_0) = \frac{f(z) - f(\xi_0)}{z - \xi_0}$ is analytic for $z \neq \xi_0$.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \xi_0} F(z, \xi_0) (z - \xi_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow \xi_0} (f(z) - f(\xi_0)) = 0.$$

So the singularity $z = \xi_0$ is removable, and $F(\cdot, \xi_0)$ is analytic in \mathcal{N} .

Define now: $\mathcal{N}' = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \gamma : u(\gamma, z) = 0\}$.

$\boxed{\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{N}'}$ (because $\gamma \sim 0$).

Define $h(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} F(z, \xi) d\xi, & z \in \mathcal{N} \\ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi, & z \in \mathcal{N}' \end{cases}$

For $z \in \mathcal{N}' \cap \mathcal{N}$, $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} F(z, \xi) d\xi = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi - \frac{f(z)}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{d\xi}{\xi - z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{z - \xi} d\xi$.

So h is well-defined.

$h \in A(\mathcal{N}')$ (it is a Cauchy integral of f).

For $z \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \gamma$, $h(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi - n(\gamma, z) f(z) \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N} \setminus \gamma)$.
 So $h \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{C} \setminus \gamma)$.

Claim. $\forall z_0 \in \gamma$, h is analytic at z_0 .

Proof (of Claim).

Consider $B(z_0, r) \subset \mathcal{N}$. Let Γ be any closed curve in $B(z_0, r)$.

Then $\oint_{\Gamma} h(z) dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\Gamma} \left(\oint_{\gamma} F(z, \xi) d\xi \right) dz = \underbrace{\oint_{\gamma} \left(\oint_{\Gamma} F(z, \xi) dz \right) d\xi}_{\text{continuous}}$.

But $\forall \xi \quad z \rightarrow F(z, \xi) \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N}) \Rightarrow \oint_{\Gamma} F(z, \xi) dz = 0$.

So $\forall \Gamma$ -closed, $\Gamma \subset B(z_0, r)$ we have $\oint_{\Gamma} h(z) dz = 0$.

So, by Morera, $h \in \mathcal{A}(B(z_0, r))$.

Thus $h \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{C})$.

Also $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} h(z) = \lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} \left(\oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{z - \xi} d\xi \right) = 0$.

So, by maximum principle, $h \equiv 0$.

So, for $z \in \mathcal{N}$

$$0 = h(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(\xi)}{\xi - z} d\xi - n(\gamma, z) f(z)$$

Corollary. If \mathcal{N} is simply connected,

then $\forall f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N})$, $\gamma \subset \mathcal{N}$ -cycle,

$$1) \oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$$

$$2) f(z_0) n(\gamma, z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz, \text{ if } z_0 \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \gamma.$$

Proof. $\gamma \sim 0$

Corollary Let \mathcal{N} be simply connected. $f \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N})$. $\forall z \in \mathcal{N} \quad f(z) \neq 0$.

Then $\exists g \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N}) : e^g = f$ (branch or logarithm)

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \exists h \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N}) : h^n = f$ (branch of n -th root).

Proof. Note that $\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N})$.

Thus $\exists \tilde{g} : \tilde{g}'(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}, \tilde{g} \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{N})$ (antiderivative).

Fix $z_0 \in \mathcal{N}$. Take $g(z) := \tilde{g}(z) - \tilde{g}(z_0) + \log f(z_0)$

Then 1) $e^{g(z_0)} = e^{\log f(z_0)} = f(z_0)$

$$2) (f(z) e^{-g(z)})' = f'(z) e^{-g(z)} - f(z) \cdot g'(z) e^{-g(z)} = 0$$

Thus $f(z) e^{-g(z)} = \text{const} = f(z_0) e^{-g(z_0)} = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$f(z) = e^{g(z)}$$

Now take $h(z) := \exp\left(\frac{g(z)}{n}\right)$

Corollary If γ bounds \mathcal{N} and $f \in A(\mathcal{N} \cup \gamma)$, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz = \begin{cases} f(z_0), & z_0 \in \mathcal{N} \\ 0, & z_0 \notin \mathcal{N} \\ 0 & z_0 \notin \gamma \end{cases}$$

