



## 25 Cauchy's Integral Formula, Derivatives of Analytic Functions

### 25.1 Independence of Path

**Theorem 2** (Independence of path)

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a simply connected domain  $D$ , then the integral of  $f(z)$  is independent of path in  $D$ .

**Principle of Deformation of Path.**

Hence we may impose a continuous deformation of the path of an integral, keeping the ends fixed. As long as our deforming path always contains only points at which  $f(z)$  is analytic, the integral retains the same value. This is called the principle of path.

**Theorem 3** (Existence of an infinite integral)

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a simply connected domain  $D$ , then there exists an indefinite integral  $F(z)$  of  $f(z)$  in  $D$ -thus,  $F'(z) = f(z)$ - which is analytic in  $D$ , and for all paths in  $D$  joining any two points  $z_0$  and  $z_1$  in  $D$ , the integral of  $f(z)$  from  $z_0$  to  $z_1$  can be evaluated by

$$\int_{z_0}^{z_1} f(z)dz = F(z_1) - F(z_0). \quad [F'(z) = f(z)]$$

**proof)** If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a simply connected domain  $D$ , then the integral of  $f(z)$  is independent of path in  $D$

$$F(z) = \int_{z_0}^{z_1} f(z^*)dz^*,$$

which is uniquely determined. We show that this  $F(z)$  is analytic in  $D$  and  $F'(z) = f(z)$

$$\frac{F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)}{\Delta z} = \frac{1}{\Delta z} \left[ \int_{z_0}^{z+\Delta z} f(z^*)dz^* - \int_{z_0}^z f(z^*)dz^* \right] = \frac{1}{\Delta z} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} f(z^*)dz^*$$

$$(4) - f(z) : \frac{F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)}{\Delta z} - f(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta z} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} f(z^*)dz^* - f(z) \quad \text{--- a)}$$

Show that R.H.S approaches zero as  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$

$f(z)$  is a constant because  $z$  is kept fixed

$$\int_z^{z+\Delta z} f(z)dz^* = f(z) \int_z^{z+\Delta z} dz^* = f(z)\Delta z.$$

Thus 
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta z} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} f(z) dz^* \quad \text{--- b)}$$

b)  $\rightarrow$  a) 
$$\frac{F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)}{\Delta z} - f(z) = \frac{1}{\Delta z} \int_z^{z+\Delta z} [f(z^*) - f(z)] dz^*$$

Since  $f(z)$  is analytic, it is continuous. An  $\varepsilon > 0$  being given, we can thus find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(z^*) - f(z)| < \varepsilon$  when  $|z^* - z| < \delta$ . Hence, letting  $|\Delta z| < \delta$ , we see that the ML-inequality yields

$$\left| \frac{F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)}{\Delta z} - f(z) \right| = \frac{1}{|\Delta z|} \left| \int_z^{z+\Delta z} [f(z^*) - f(z)] dz^* \right| \leq \frac{1}{|\Delta z|} \varepsilon |\Delta z| = \varepsilon.$$

By the definition of limit and derivative,

$$F'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{F(z + \Delta z) - F(z)}{\Delta z} = f(z)$$

Since  $z$  is any point in  $D$ , this implies that  $F(z)$  is analytic in  $D$  and is an indefinite integral on antiderivative of  $f(z)$  in  $D$ , written

$$F(z) = \int f(z) dz$$

Also of  $G'(z) = f(z)$ , then  $F'(z) - G'(z) \equiv 0$  in  $D$ : hence  $F(z) - G(z)$  is constant in  $D$ . Two indefinite integrals of  $f(z)$  can differ only by a constant. This proves theorem.

**Cauchy's Theorem for Multiply Connected Domains.**

For a doubly connected domain  $D$

$$\int_{c_1} f(z) dz = \int_{c_2} f(z) dz$$

Proof)

$$D_1 : \int_{c_{1_0}} f(z) dz + \int_{\tilde{c}_2} f(z) dz + \int_{c_2^*} f(z) dz + \int_{\tilde{c}_2} f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{--- 1)}$$

since  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $D_1$

$$D_2 : \int_1^* f(z) dz - \int_{\tilde{c}_2} f(z) dz + \int_{c_{2_0}} f(z) dz - \int_{\tilde{c}_1} f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{--- 2)}$$

$$1) + 2); \quad \int_{z_{1_0}} f(z) dz + \int_{c_{1^*}} f(z) dz + \int_{c_{2^*}} f(z) dz + \int_{c_{2_0}} f(z) dz = 0$$

$$C_{1_0} + C_{1^*} = C_1(ccw), \quad C_{2^*} + C_{2_0} = C_2(cw)$$

$$\int_{c_1} f(z) dz - \int_{c_2} f(z) dz = 0 \quad \text{in both ccw.}$$

$$\therefore \int_{c_1} f(z)dz = \int_{c_2} f(z)dz.$$

**Example A** basic result : Integral of integer power.

$$\oint (z - z_0)^m dz = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & (m = -1) \\ 0 & (m \neq -1 \text{ and integer}) \end{cases}$$

for ccw integration around any simple closed path containing  $z_0$  in its interior.

## 25.2 Cauchy's Integral Formula

**Theorem 1** (Cauchy's integral formula).

Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in a simply connected domain  $D$ . Then for any point  $z_0$  in  $D$  and any simple closed path  $C$  in  $D$  that encloses  $z_0$ ,

(1)

$$\oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz = 2\pi i f(z_0) \quad (\text{Cauchy's integral formula})$$

the integration being taken ccw.

(1\*)

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz \quad (\text{Cauchy's integral formula})$$

Proof)

$$f(z) = f(z_0) + [f(z) - f(z_0)]$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz &= f(z_0) \oint_C \frac{dz}{z - z_0} + \oint_C \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \\ \oint_C \frac{dz}{z - z_0} &= 2\pi i \quad (\text{Example 6 in sec.13.2}) \end{aligned}$$

1<sup>st</sup> term on the R.H.S

$$\therefore f(z_0) \oint_C \frac{dz}{z - z_0} = 2\pi i f(z_0)$$

$C$  is replaced by a small circle  $k$  of radius  $\rho$  by the principle of deformation of path . Hence an  $\varepsilon > 0$  being given, we can find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $z$  in the disk  $|z - z_0| < \delta$ .

$$\therefore \left| \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{\rho}$$

By the ML-inequality,

$$\left| \oint_k \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{\rho} 2\pi\rho = 2\pi\varepsilon$$

Since  $\varepsilon (> 0)$  can be chosen arbitrarily small, it follows that the above integral must have the value zero.

**Example 1** Cauchy's integral formula.

$$\oint_c \frac{e^z}{z-2} dz = 2\pi i e^z|_{z=2} = 2\pi i e^2 \approx 46.4268i$$

for any contour enclosing  $z_0 = 2$ .

**Example 2** Cauchy's integral formula.

$$\oint_c \frac{z^3 - 6}{2z - i} dz = \oint_c \frac{\frac{1}{2}z^3 - 3}{z - \frac{i}{2}} dz - 2\pi i \left(\frac{1}{2}z^3 - 3\right)|_{z=i/2} = \pi/8 - 6\pi i \quad (z_0 = i/2 \text{ inside } C)$$

**Example 3** Integration around different contours.

$$g(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{z^2 + 1}{(z-1)(z+1)}$$

Solution)

(a) circle  $|z - 1| = 1$ , encloses  $z_0 = 1$

$$g(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z + 1} \cdot \frac{1}{z - 1}; \quad f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z + 1}$$

(b) gives the same as (a) by the principle of deformation of path

(c)  $z_0 = -1$

$$g(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{z + 1} \quad : \quad \text{thus } f(z) = \frac{z^2 + 1}{z - 1}$$

(d) 0.  $g(z)$  is analytic

**Example 4** use of partial fractions.

$$g(z) = \frac{\tan z}{z^2 - 1} \quad : \quad \text{the circle } C : |z| = 3/2 \text{ (ccw)}$$

Solution)  $\tan z$  is not analytic at  $\pm\pi/2, \pm3\pi/2, \dots$ , but all these points lie outside the contour.

$(z^2 - 1)^{-1} = 1/(z - 1)(z + 1)$  is not analytic at 1 and -1

$$\frac{1}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z - 1} - \frac{1}{z + 1} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \frac{\tan z}{z^2 - 1} dz &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \oint \frac{\tan z}{z - 1} dz - \oint \frac{\tan z}{z + 1} dz \right] \\ &= \frac{1\pi i}{2} [\tan 1 - \tan(-1)] = 2\pi i \tan 1 \approx 9.785i \end{aligned}$$

### Multiply connected domain.

For instance, if  $f(z)$  is analytic on  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and in the ring-shaped domain bounded by  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  and  $z_0$  is any point in that domain, then

(3)

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz,$$

where the outer integral  $C_1$  is taken ccw and the inner clockwise.

### 25.3 Derivatives of Analytic Functions.

**Theorem 1** (Derivatives of an analytic function)

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a domain  $D$ , then it has derivatives of all orders in  $D$ , which are then also analytic functions in  $D$ . The values of derivatives at a point  $z_0$  in  $D$  are given by the formulas

(1')

$$f'(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz,$$

(1'')

$$f''(z_0) = \frac{2}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^3} dz,$$

and in general

(1)

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots);$$

here  $C$  is any simple closed path in  $D$  that encloses  $z_0$  and whose full interior belongs to  $D$ .

**proof)**

$$f'(z_0) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z}$$

By Cauchy's integral formula ;

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i \Delta z} \left[ \oint \frac{f(z)}{z - (z_0 + \Delta z)} dz - \oint \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i \Delta z} \oint \frac{f(z) \{z - z_0 - [z - (z_0 + \Delta z)]\}}{[z - (z_0 + \Delta z)][z - z_0]} dz \\ \frac{f(z_0 + \Delta z) - f(z_0)}{\Delta z} &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0 - \Delta z)(z - z_0)} dz \end{aligned}$$

We consider the difference between these two integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0 - \Delta z)(z - z_0)} dz - \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^2} dz &= \oint_C \frac{f(z)[z - z_0 - (z - z_0 - \Delta z)]}{(z - z_0 - \Delta z)(z - z_0)^2} dz \\ &= \oint_C \frac{f(z)\Delta z}{(z - z_0 - \Delta z)(z - z_0)^2} dz \end{aligned}$$

Being analytic, the function  $f(z)$  is continuous on  $C$ , hence bounded in absolute value,  $|f(z)| \leq K$ , Let  $d$  be the smallest distance from  $z_0$  to the points of  $C$ .

$$|z - z_0|^2 \geq d^2, \quad \text{hence} \quad \frac{1}{|z - z_0|^2} \leq \frac{1}{d^2}$$

By the triangle inequality,

$$d \leq |z - z_0| = |z - z_0 - \Delta z + \Delta z| \leq |z - z_0 - \Delta z| + |\Delta z|$$

let  $|\Delta z| \leq d/2$ , so that  $-|\Delta z| \geq -d/2$

$$\left| \oint_c \frac{f(z)\Delta z}{(z - z_0 - \Delta z)(z - z_0)^2} dz \right| \leq KL|\Delta z| \cdot \frac{1}{d} \cdot \frac{1}{d^2}$$

This approaches zero as  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$

**Example 1** Evaluation of line integrals.

for any contour enclosing the point  $\pi i$  (ccw)

$$\oint_c \frac{\cos z}{(z - \pi i)^2} dz = 2\pi i (\cos z)'|_{z=\pi i} = -2\pi i \sin \pi i = 2\pi \sinh \pi$$

**Example 2** for any contour enclosing the point  $-i$  (ccw)

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_c \frac{z^4 - 3z^2 + 6}{(z + i)^3} dz &= \pi i (z^4 - 3z^2 + 6)''|_{z=-i} = \pi i (4z^3 - 6z)'|_{z=-i} \\ &= \pi i (12z^2 - 6)|_{z=-i} = \pi i (-12 - 6) = -18\pi i \end{aligned}$$

**Example 3** for any contour for which 1 lies inside and  $\pm 2i$  lie outside (ccw)

$$\begin{aligned} \oint \frac{e^z}{(z - 1)^2(z^2 + 4)} dz &= 2\pi i \left( \frac{e^z}{z^2 + 4} \right)' \Big|_{z=1} = 2\pi i \frac{e^z(z^2 + 4) - e^z(2z)}{(z^2 + 4)^2} \Big|_{z=1} \\ &= 2\pi i \frac{e(5) - e(2)}{25} = \frac{6e\pi}{25} i \approx 2.050i \end{aligned}$$

## 25.4 Cauchy's Inequality. Liouville's and Morera's Theorems.

Choose for  $C$  a circle of radius  $r$  and center  $z_0$  with  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on  $C$

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| = \frac{n!}{2\pi} \left| \oint \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \right| \leq \frac{n!}{2\pi} M \cdot \frac{1}{r^{n+1}} 2\pi r$$

(2)

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!M}{r^n} \quad : \text{Cauchy's inequality}$$

**Theorem 2** Liouville's theorem

If an entire function  $f(z)$  is bounded in absolute value for all  $z$ , then  $f(z)$  must be a constant.

**proof** By assumption,  $|f(z)|$  is bounded, say,  $|f(z)| < k$  for all  $z$ . Using Cauchy's inequality,  $|f'(z_0)| < k/r$ . Since  $f(z)$  is entire, this is true for every  $r$ , so that we can take  $r$  as large as we please and conclude that  $f'(z_0) = 0$ . Since  $z_0$  is arbitrary,  $f'(z) = 0$  for all  $z$ , and  $f(z)$  is constant.

**Theorem 3** Morera's theorem (Converse of Cauchy's integral theorem)

If  $f(z)$  is continuous in a simply connected domain  $D$  and if

$$\oint_c f(z)dz = 0$$

for every closed path in  $D$ , then  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $D$ .

**proof** If  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $D$ , then

$$F(z) = \int_{z_0}^z f(z^*)dz^*$$

is analytic in  $D$  and  $F'(z) = f(z)$ . In the proof we used only the continuity of  $f(z)$  and the property that its integral around every closed path in  $D$  is zero ; from these assumptions we conclude that  $F(z)$  is analytic. By theorem 1, the derivative of  $F(z)$  is analytic, that is  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $D$ .