

(R2.0) The focus of the second exam will be on  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ .

$f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a continuous function, defined on an open set  $\Omega$ .

$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \Omega$  is a piecewise smooth path.

(R2.1) Definition and basic properties.

• If  $\gamma$  is smooth:  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$

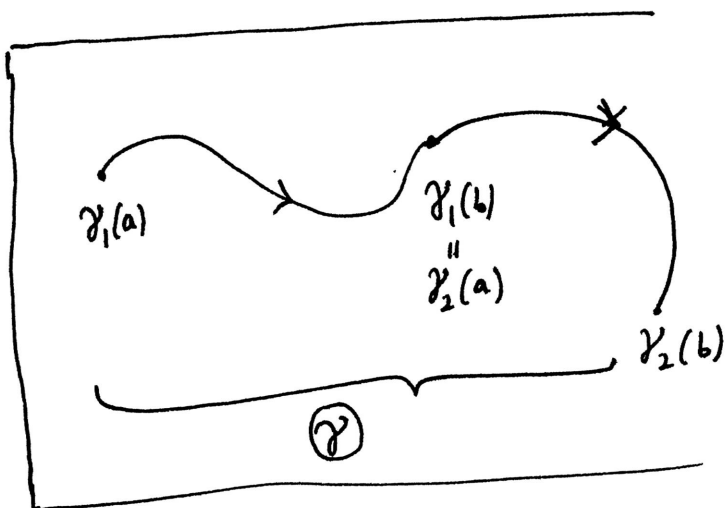
• If  $\gamma$  is piecewise smooth:  $\begin{cases} [a, b] = [a, c_1] \cup [c_1, c_2] \cup \dots \cup [c_{\ell}, b] \\ \text{s.t. } \gamma \text{ is smooth on each subinterval} \\ [a, c_1], [c_1, c_2], \dots, [c_{\ell}, b] \end{cases}$

Then 
$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_a^{c_1} f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt + \int_{c_1}^{c_2} f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt + \dots + \int_{c_{\ell}}^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$$

Property 1.  $\gamma = \gamma_1$  concatenated with  $\gamma_2$ , then

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$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) dz + \int_{\gamma_2} f(z) dz$$



Property 2.

$$\int_{(-\gamma)} f(z) dz = - \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$$



Property 3. (Important inequality).

If  $M \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is such that

$$|f(\gamma(t))| \leq M$$

for every  $t \in [a, b]$ ,

and  $L = \text{length}(\gamma)$ , then

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \right| \leq M \cdot L$$

(R2.2) • If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is NOT holomorphic, the only way

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to compute  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$  is from the definition.

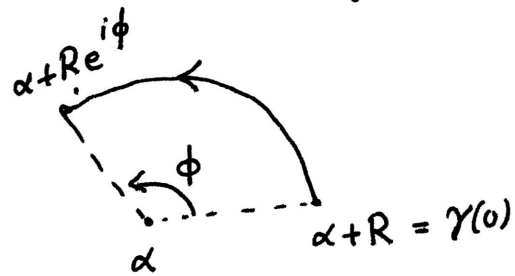
• Some useful parametrizations:

(i)  $\gamma$  = straight line joining  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  to  $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ :

$$\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}; \quad \boxed{\gamma(t) = \alpha + t(\beta - \alpha)}$$

(ii)  $\gamma$  = counterclockwise circular arc, centered at  $\alpha$ , of radius  $R$ , starting at  $\alpha + R$  (angle 0), ending at  $\alpha + R e^{i\phi}$  (angle  $\phi$ ):

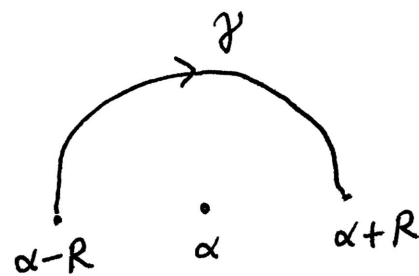
$$\gamma: [0, \phi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$
$$\underline{\gamma(t) = \alpha + R \cdot e^{it}}$$



[Remember:  $e^{i\pi} = -1$ ,  $e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = i$   
 $e^{-i\pi} = -1$ ,  $e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} = -i$ .]

(iii)  $\gamma$  = clockwise arc, starting at  $\alpha - R$ , ending at  $\alpha + R$ :

$$\gamma: [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$
$$\underline{\gamma(t) = \alpha - R e^{-it}}$$



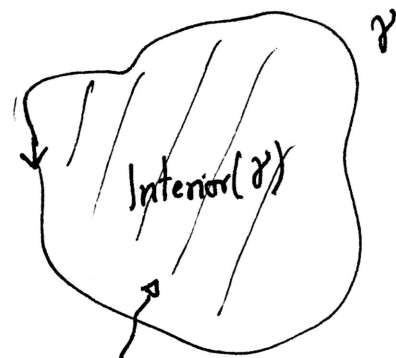
(R2.3) When  $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic, we have

very useful tools to compute  $\int g(z) dz$ . - namely:

• Antiderivative Thm.  $G'(z) = g(z) \Rightarrow \int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = G(\text{end point of } \gamma) - G(\text{starting point of } \gamma)$

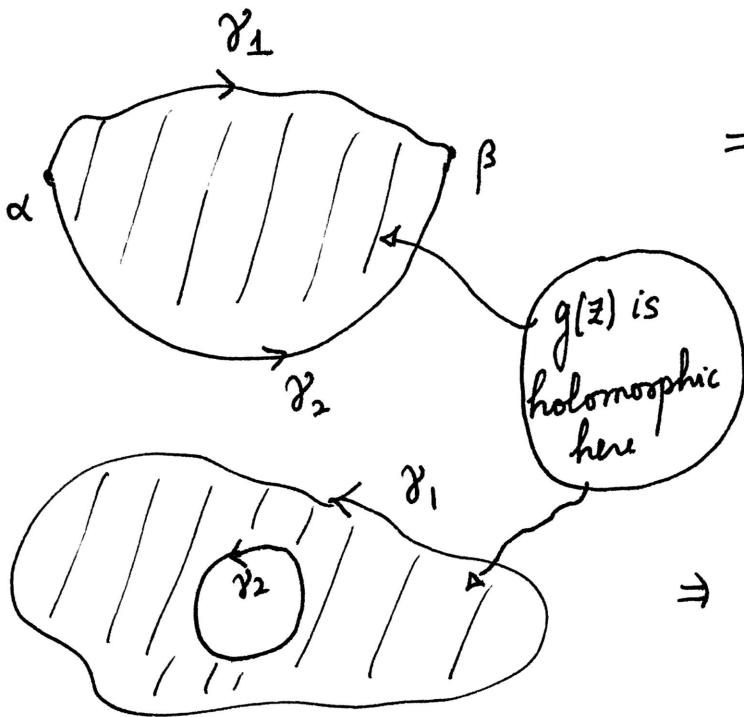
• Cauchy's Theorem  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \text{ is a contour (= simple and closed),} \\ g \text{ is holomorphic on Interior}(\gamma). \end{array} \right]$

$$\int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = 0$$



$g(z)$  is holomorphic here.

• Principle of contour deformation



$$\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma_1} g(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_2} g(z) dz$$

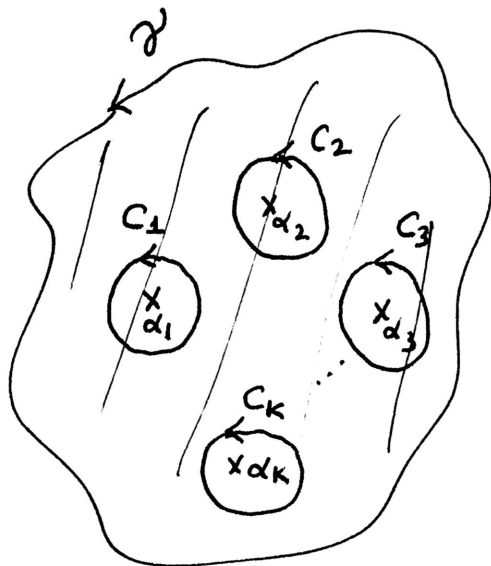
$$\Rightarrow \int_{\gamma_1} g(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_2} g(z) dz$$

- If  $g(z)$  is NOT holomorphic on the entire Interior( $\gamma$ ), but, say (5)  
only on Interior( $\gamma$ )  $- \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  :

$$\int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = \sum_{j=1}^k \int_{C_j} g(z) dz$$

by contour deformation

[ $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  are small contours around  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ ; such that  $\alpha_j \in \text{Interior}(C_j)$   
 $\alpha_l \in \text{Exterior}(C_j)$  for  $l \neq j$ .]



$g(z)$  is holomorphic on Interior( $\gamma$ )  $- \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$

- Cauchy's Integral Formula

$$\int_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-\alpha)^{n+1}} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{n!} f^{(n)}(\alpha)$$

- $C$  is a counterclockwise contour.  $f$  is holomorphic on Interior( $C$ )
- $\alpha \in \text{Interior}(C)$  •  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$

## (R2.4) Applications of Cauchy's integral formula:

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- Liouville's Theorem. - Every entire, bounded holomorphic function is constant.  
(means: domain =  $\mathbb{C}$ ) (means: there exists  $M \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq M; \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$ .)
- Fundamental Theorem of Algebra. - Every polynomial over  $\mathbb{C}$  is a product of linear ones.

Remark. - The idea behind the proof of Liouville's theorem is important. Namely, we can use the principle of contour deformation, combined with the important inequality to conclude (in some cases) that  $\int_{\mathcal{C}} g(z) dz = 0$ . (see Problem 2 of Practice Exam 2).

- Partial Fractions (Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_\ell \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ ,  $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  polynomial of degree  $n < m = m_1 + \dots + m_\ell$ )

$$g(z) = \frac{P(z)}{(z-\alpha_1)^{m_1} \dots (z-\alpha_\ell)^{m_\ell}} = \frac{A_{1,1}}{z-\alpha_1} + \frac{A_{1,2}}{(z-\alpha_1)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{1,m_1}}{(z-\alpha_1)^{m_1}} \\ + \frac{A_{2,1}}{z-\alpha_2} + \frac{A_{2,2}}{(z-\alpha_2)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{2,m_2}}{(z-\alpha_2)^{m_2}} \\ + \dots + \frac{A_{\ell,1}}{z-\alpha_\ell} + \frac{A_{\ell,2}}{(z-\alpha_\ell)^2} + \dots + \frac{A_{\ell,m_\ell}}{(z-\alpha_\ell)^{m_\ell}}$$

Using Cauchy's integral formula

$$A_{j,p} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_j} (z - \alpha_j)^{p-1} g(z) dz$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \leq j \leq l \\ 1 \leq p \leq m_j \end{pmatrix}$$

$C_j$  is a small counterclockwise contour :  $\begin{cases} \alpha_j \in \text{Interior}(C_j) \\ \alpha_k \in \text{Exterior}(C_j) \text{ for every } k \neq j. \end{cases}$

- Using the idea mentioned in the remark on the last page, we proved

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C g(z) dz = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n < m-1, \\ a_n & \text{if } n = m-1. \end{cases}$$

( $C$ : counterclockwise contour  
 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l \in \text{Interior}(C)$ )

eg.  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{2z^2 + 1}{(z-i)(z-3)^2} dz = 2$

$C$ : any contour such that  $i, 3 \in \text{Interior}(C)$   
 (counterclockwise)