

Lecture 33

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(33.0) Recall - last time we proved a "generalized partial fraction" theorem

Hypotheses: $f: \mathbb{C} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is meromorphic; $A \subset \mathbb{C}$ set of poles of f . $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$ arranged so that $0 < |a_1| \leq |a_2| \leq |a_3| \leq \dots$ ($0 \notin A$: assumption)

- (1) We assume that every a_n is a simple pole of residue b_n .
- (2) Further assume that $\forall m \geq 1$, we can choose a contour γ_m around 0 ; so that

- Interior(γ_1) \subset Interior(γ_2) $\subset \dots$
- $R_m = \text{dist}(0; \gamma_m) \rightarrow \infty$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.
- $\exists C > 0$ s.t. $\text{Length}(\gamma_m) \leq C \cdot R_m \quad \forall m$.
- $\exists M > 0$ s.t. $|f(z)| \leq M \quad \forall z$ on γ_m ($\forall m \geq 1$).

Then
$$f(z) = f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \left(\frac{1}{z-a_n} + \frac{1}{a_n} \right) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus A.$$

(33.1) Corollary. - (Weierstrass factorization theorem). - Let $g: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function; $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ (discrete set) arranged so that $0 < |a_1| \leq |a_2| \leq \dots$. Let $m_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ be given; so that $g(a_n) = 0$ to order m_n . ($\forall n \geq 1$).

Assume Hypothesis (2) for $f = \frac{g'}{g}$. Then

$$g(z) = g(0) \cdot \left(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{a_n} \right)^{m_n} \cdot e^{\frac{z \cdot m_n}{a_n}} \right) \cdot e^{\frac{g'(0)}{g(0)} \cdot z}$$

Proof. - Let $f = \frac{g'}{g} : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. Then f has simple poles at A and $\text{Res}_{a_n} f = \frac{k_n}{m_n}$. By Theorem (32.1) (Lecture 32, page 2),

$$(*) \quad f(z) = f(0) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k_n}{m_n} \left(\frac{1}{z-a_n} + \frac{1}{a_n} \right)$$

For $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus A$, let γ be a simple (piecewise smooth) path joining 0 to z and set $h(z) = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$. Since $f = \frac{d}{dz} \log(g) = \frac{g'}{g}$,

$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ (modulo $2\pi i\mathbb{Z}$) does not depend on γ .

Hence $G(z) = \exp \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \exp \int_{\gamma} \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} dz$

is well-defined. Since R.H.S. of (*) is uniformly convergent - termwise integral is permissible, and we get:

$$G(z) = e^{\frac{g'(0)}{g(0)} \cdot z} \cdot \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z}{a_n} \right)^{m_n} e^{\frac{m_n}{a_n} \cdot z}$$

Note that $G'(z) = G(z) \cdot \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}$ and $g'(z) = g(z) \cdot \left(\frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{G(z)}{g(z)} \right) = 0 \quad ; \quad \text{i.e. } C \cdot G(z) = g(z)$$

$C = g(0)$. The result follows. □

(33.2) Mittag-Leffler Theorem

Assume that a discrete set $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ ($0 < |a_1| < |a_2| < \dots$) is given and $\forall n \geq 1$, we have a polynomial $P_n(z)$. Then \exists a mero. fn. $f: \mathbb{C} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ s.t. f has poles exactly at A and the Laurent Series expansion of f near a_n is of the form:

$$f(z) = P_n \left(\frac{1}{z-a_n} \right) + \text{holomorphic part (near } a_n)$$

Any two such functions differ by a holomorphic, entire, function.

Example: (1) Let $A = \{n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}\} \subset \mathbb{C}$. Let $P_n(z) = z$.

The theorem guarantees the existence of a mero. fn. $f: \mathbb{C} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with poles at $n\pi$, s.t. $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-n\pi} + \text{holomorphic part (dep. on } n) \text{ (i.e. near } n\pi)$

i.e. f has simple pole at $n\pi$, of residue 1.

One could try $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z-n\pi}$, but this series is divergent

However, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-n\pi} + \frac{1}{n\pi} \right)$ does give a convergent series

(Ex. this series converges uniformly for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}\pi$ and (rel. to compact sets).

hence defines a mero. fn. $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}\pi \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

So, we can define $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-n\pi} + \frac{1}{n\pi} \right)$.

(2). Assume that $A = \{\sqrt{n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}\}$. $P_n(z) = z$ ($\forall n \geq 1$).

Again Theorem $\Rightarrow \exists$ a mero fn. $f: \mathbb{C} \setminus A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with

simple poles at \sqrt{n} with residue n .

As before $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z-\sqrt{n}}$ is divergent. The "fix" from previous

part $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$ still gives a divergent series.

(Reason: $\frac{1}{z-a} = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{a}} = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{a^{n+1}}$ for $|a| > |z|$.)

So, for $N > |z|$, $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z-\sqrt{n}} = -\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^l}{(\sqrt{n})^{l+1}} \right)$

$= -\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} z^l \left(\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n})^{l+1}} \right)$
↑ may be divergent

$\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) = -\sum_{l=1}^{\infty} z^l \left(\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n})^{l+1}} \right)$
↑ still divergent for $l=1$.

$\Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-\sqrt{n}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \frac{z}{(\sqrt{n})^2} \right)$ works.

(Ex. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n^2}{n} = C \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z-a_n} + \frac{1}{a_n} + \frac{z}{a_n^2} \right)$

converges uniformly on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{a_n\}$.
(rel. to cpt sets)

(33.3) Proof of Thm. (33.2). For each $n \geq 1$, $P\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right)$ is holomorphic near $z=0$. Using Taylor series expansion near $z=0$, we can find polynomials $c_n(z)$ s.t.

$$(*) : \left| P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right) - c_n(z) \right| < \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \forall z \text{ s.t. } |z| < \frac{|a_n|}{2}$$

(Note: $P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right)$ is holomorphic $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{a_n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ - thus radius of convergence of its Taylor series expansion near 0 is $|a_n|$.)

If $P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} d_{n;l} z^l$ ($|z| < |a_n|$)
Taylor series of $P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right)$ near $z=0$.

then, by uniform convergence of the Taylor series, given $\epsilon > 0$ ($\epsilon = \frac{1}{2^n}$ in our case, and $r < |a_n|$ ($r = \frac{|a_n|}{2}$ in our case)), we can find $N > 0$ s.t.

$$\left| P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right) - \sum_{l=0}^N d_{n;l} z^l \right| < \epsilon \quad \text{for every } z \text{ s.t. } |z| \leq r.$$

polynomial in z .

Claim: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-a_n}\right) - c_n(z) \right)$ converges uniformly (on compact sets in $\mathbb{C} - A$).

(Hence defines a holomorphic function $f: \mathbb{C} - A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.)

Proof of the claim: Let $K \subset \mathbb{C} - A$ compact and $\epsilon > 0$ be given. Let $R > 0$ be such that $|z| \leq R \quad \forall z \in K$.

Choose $N > 0$ large enough so that $\begin{cases} |a_n| > 2R \quad \forall n \geq N \\ 2^N > \frac{1}{\epsilon} \end{cases}$

(note: for every $z \in K$ and $n \geq N$; $|z| \leq R < \frac{|a_n|}{2}$, hence $(*)$ is valid.)

Then, for every $n > N$ and $m \geq 0$, $z \in K$, we have:

$$\left| \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \left(P_k \left(\frac{1}{z-a_k} \right) - c_k(z) \right) \right| \leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \left| P_k \left(\frac{1}{z-a_k} \right) - c_k(z) \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=n}^{n+m} \frac{1}{2^k} < \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} = \frac{1}{2^N} < \epsilon.$$

Finally - if $f_1, f_2 : \mathbb{C} \setminus A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are two holomorphic functions satisfying the condition imposed in Theorem (33.2) (i.e. $\forall n \geq 1$, Laurent series expansions of both f_1 and f_2 near $z = a_n$ have the same singular part : $P_n \left(\frac{1}{z-a_n} \right)$.)

then $f_1 - f_2$ has removable singularities at A - i.e. $f_1 - f_2 : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an entire holomorphic function.

(33.4) Corollary of Thm (33.2) (same proof as in Cor 33.1):

[$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ as before] Let $m_n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$ be given, for each $n \geq 1$. Then $\exists g : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic; s.t. g has zeroes at (and only at) a_n of multiplicity m_n ($\forall n \geq 1$).
If $g_1, g_2 : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ are two such functions, then $g_1 = g_2 \cdot e^h$ for some holomorphic function $h : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.