

(12/3/2018) More Laurent Series

Lemma 29.1. For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_\rho(z_0)} \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} dz = \delta_{m,n} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases}.$$

Remark 29.2 (Uniqueness of the Laurent coefficients). If we know somehow that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n (z - z_0)^n \text{ for } r < |z - z_0| < R,$$

then for $r < \rho < R$,

$$\begin{aligned} a_m &:= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_\rho} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_\rho} \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n (z - z_0)^n dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n \oint_{C_\rho} \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} (z - z_0)^n dz \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} b_n \delta_{mn} = b_m. \end{aligned}$$

So the coefficients in the Laurent expansion are unique.

Definition 29.3 (O - notation). We write $f(z) = O(z^N)$ for any $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ to mean, there is a constant $C < \infty$ such that $|f(z)| \leq C|z|^N$ for $z \neq 0$ but near zero.

Proposition 29.4 (Manipulating Series). Suppose $f(z)$ is analytic on $D'(z_0, \varepsilon) := D(z_0, \varepsilon) \setminus \{z_0\}$, with

$$f(z) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} a_m (z - z_0)^m \text{ where}$$

$$a_m = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z - z_0| = \rho} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} dz \text{ with } 0 < \rho < \varepsilon.$$

If we also know for some $K, N \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $K \leq N$ that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=K}^N b_n (z - z_0)^n + O\left((z - z_0)^{N+1}\right). \quad (29.1)$$

then for $m \leq N$,

$$a_m = b_m \mathbf{1}_{K \leq m \leq N} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } m < K \\ b_m & \text{for } K \leq m \leq N \end{cases}.$$

If f is analytic on $D(z_0, \varepsilon)$ and

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N b_n (z - z_0)^n + O\left((z - z_0)^{N+1}\right), \quad (29.2)$$

then

$$b_n = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \text{ for } n \leq N. \quad (29.3)$$

Proof. As usual we assume that $z_0 = 0$ to simplify notation. We then have, for any $\rho > 0$, that

$$\begin{aligned} a_m &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z - z_0| = \rho} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z - z_0| = \rho} \left[\sum_{n=K}^N b_n \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} + \frac{O\left((z - z_0)^{N+1}\right)}{(z - z_0)^{m+1}} \right] dz \\ &= \sum_{n=K}^N b_n \delta_{m,n} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z - z_0| = \rho} O\left((z - z_0)^{N-m}\right) dz \\ &= b_m \mathbf{1}_{K \leq m \leq N} + R_m(\rho), \end{aligned}$$

If $m \leq N$, then

$$|R_m(\rho)| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z - z_0| = \rho} O\left((z - z_0)^{N-m}\right) dz \right| \leq \frac{1}{|2\pi i|} C 2\pi \rho \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \rho \downarrow 0.$$

and we have shown

$$a_m = b_m \mathbf{1}_{K \leq m \leq N} \text{ for all } m \leq N$$

We will now use this in conjunction with the already proved result. ■

Proposition 29.5. Suppose that $f(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is a convergent power series expansion near $z = 0$, then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n + O(z^{N+1}).$$

29.1 Residue Calculations and Uses

Proposition 29.6. If f is analytic near z_0 and $n \geq 0$, then

$$\operatorname{res}_{z_0} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!}$$

Proof. We have

$$\frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(k)}(z_0)}{k!} \frac{(z-z_0)^k}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} = \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \frac{1}{z-z_0} + \dots$$

Exercise 29.1. Use the residue theorem to show:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Solution to Exercise (29.1). The usual techniques (see class notes for details which will be needed on the final!) shows,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^2} dx &= 2\pi i \cdot \operatorname{Res}_{z=i} \frac{1}{(1+z^2)^2} \\ &= 2\pi i \cdot \operatorname{Res}_{z=i} \left[\frac{1}{(z-i)^2} (z+i)^{-2} \right] \\ &= 2\pi i (-2) (z+i)^{-3} \Big|_{z=i} = \frac{-4\pi i}{8i^3} = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 29.7. Suppose that f and g are analytic near z_0 , $g(z_0) = 0$ but $g'(z_0) \neq 0$, then

$$\operatorname{res}_{z_0} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right) = \frac{f(z_0)}{g'(z_0)}.$$

Proof. (Assume $z_0 = 0$ for simplicity, did not do this in class!) We have

$$\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{f(z)}{g'(0)z + O(z^2)} = \frac{1}{z} h(z) \quad \text{where } h(z) = \frac{f(z)}{g'(0) + \frac{1}{2}g''(0)z + \dots}$$

and so

$$\operatorname{res}_0 \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = h(0) = \frac{f(0)}{g'(0)}.$$

Corollary 29.8 (Highly Optional!). Suppose that f and g are analytic near z_0 and g has a zero of order 2, i.e. (i.e. $g(z_0) = 0 = g'(z_0)$ but $g''(z_0) \neq 0$) then

$$\operatorname{res}_{z_0} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right) = 2 \frac{f'(z_0)g''(z_0) - \frac{1}{3}g'''(z_0)f(z_0)}{g''(z_0)^2}.$$

Proof. In this case

$$\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{f(z)}{\frac{1}{2}g''(0)z^2 + \frac{1}{3!}g'''(0)z^3 + \dots} = \frac{1}{z^2} h(z),$$

where

$$h(z) = \frac{f(z)}{\frac{1}{2}g''(0) + \frac{1}{3!}g'''(0)z + \dots}$$

and hence by Proposition 29.6,

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{res}_0 \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} &= h'(0) = \frac{f'(0)\frac{1}{2}g''(0) - \frac{1}{3!}g'''(0)f(0)}{[\frac{1}{2}g''(0)]^2} \\ &= 4 \frac{f'(0)\frac{1}{2}g''(0) - \frac{1}{3!}g'''(0)f(0)}{g''(0)^2} = 2 \frac{f'(0)g''(0) - \frac{1}{3}g'''(0)f(0)}{g''(0)^2}. \end{aligned}$$