

# Residue Theorem & Argument Principle

## • Residue Theorem

Def<sup>n</sup>: let  $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  open,  $p \in \Omega$  and  $f: \Omega \setminus \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

hol. if

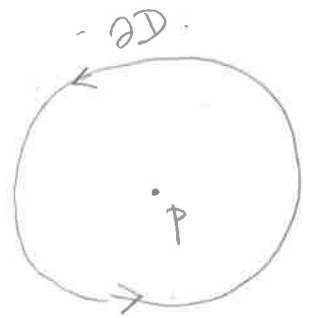
$$f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z-p)^n$$

on some disc  $D \subset \Omega$ , we define the residue of  $f$  at  $z=p$  by

$$\boxed{\text{Res}_p f(z) = a_{-1}}$$

Rk 1: We have already seen that

$$a_{-1} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(z) dz$$



i.e.

$$\int_{\partial D} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}_p f(z)$$

(Residue Th<sup>m</sup>)

Th<sup>m</sup>: let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  open and  $f: \Omega \setminus \{p_1, \dots\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

hol.  $\Gamma \subset \Omega$  closed curve. Assume

1)  $p_1, \dots$  are isolated.

2) No  $p_j$  lies on  $\Gamma$

3)  $\Gamma$  is simple &  $\text{Int}(\Gamma) \subset \Omega$ .

Then

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{p_j \in \text{Int}(\Gamma)} \text{Res}_{p_j} f(z)$$

if  $\Gamma$  is given the positive orientation:

Rk 2.1) If  $\Omega$  is simply connected,  $\text{Int}(\Gamma) \subset \Omega$  is automatic.

2) More generally, if  $\Gamma$  is not simple, we can prove

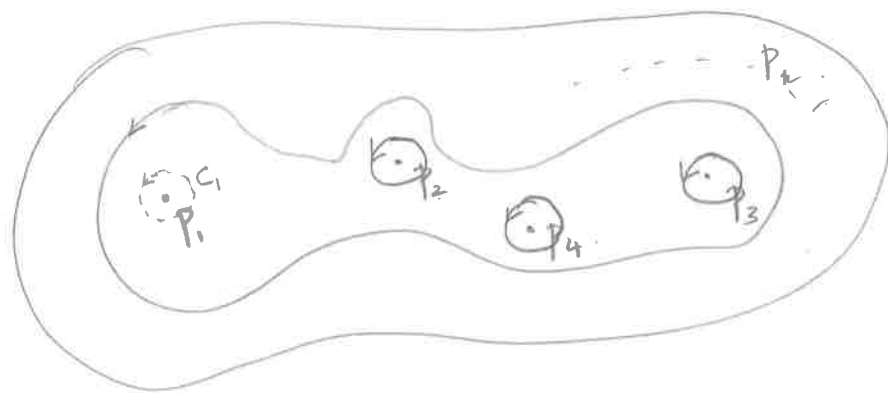
$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{p \in \text{Sing}(f)} n(\Gamma, p) \cdot \text{Res}_p f(z)$$

where  $\text{Sing}(f) =$  set of singularities of  $f$ .  
(i.e.  $p_1, p_2, \dots$ )

$n(\Gamma, p) =$  index of  $\Gamma$  around  $p$ .

Since  $\Gamma$  is compact and  $p_j$  do not have a limit point in  $\Omega$ ,  $\Gamma$  only finitely many in  $\text{Int}(\Gamma)$ . If  $p \in \text{Sing}(f) \cap \text{Ext}(\Gamma)$ ,  $n(\Gamma, p) = 0$ .  
So the sum on the right is a finite sum.

Pf:



Arrange the singularities s.t.  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in \text{Int}(\Gamma)$   
 $C_j =$  circle centered at  $p_j$  with +ve orientation  
s.t.  $p_k \notin \text{Int}(C_j)$  if  $k \neq j$ . &  $C_j \cap C_k = \emptyset$ .

Generalized Cauchy  $\Rightarrow$

$$\int_{\Gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{C_1} f(z) dz + \dots + \int_{C_N} f(z) dz$$

By Rk1,

$$\int_{C_j} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{P_j} f(z)$$

$\forall j = 1, \dots, N$

Summing up we prove Th<sup>m</sup>

Example: Find  $\int_{|z|=1} \frac{\sin(1/z)}{z-3} dz$

Check: Laurent Series at  $z=0$  is

$$-\frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{6z^3} + \frac{1}{120z^5} - \dots \right) \left( 1 + \frac{z}{3} + \frac{z^2}{9} + \dots \right)$$

So coeff of  $1/z$

$$a_{-1} = - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{3^{2k+1} (2k+1)!} = -\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

No other sing. in  $|z| < 1$ . So

$$\int_{|z|=1} \frac{\sin(1/z)}{z-3} dz = -2\pi i \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Residue at infinity: Let  $f$  hol on  $\mathbb{C}$  with finitely many isolated sing.  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N$ . Then  $z = \infty$  is an isolated sing. If  $A_R = \{|z| > R\}$  is a neighborhood s.t.  $P_1, \dots, P_N \in \{|z| < R\}$ .

Then we define

$$\text{Res}_\infty f(z) := -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} f(z) dz.$$

$C_R \leftarrow$  circle  $|z|=R$ .

The -ve sign since if we consider  $C_R$  a boundary of  $A_R$ , to keep  $A_R$  on left we have to traverse in clock-wise direction which is opp of the usual orientation of  $C_R$ .

Rk From definition & residue theorem

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \text{Res}_{p_j} f(z) + \text{Res}_\infty f(z) = 0.$$

Th<sup>m</sup>: With notation as

$$\text{Res}_\infty f(z) = \text{Res}_0 \frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)$$

-ve sign

Pf: let  $z=1/w$ , then  $dz = -dw/w^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_\infty f(z) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|w|=1/R} f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \cdot \frac{dw}{w^2} \\ &= \text{Res}_0 \frac{1}{w^2} f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Example  $f(z) = \sin(1/z)/(z-3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_\infty f(z) &= \text{Res}_0 \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{\sin(z)}{1/z-3} = \text{Res}_0 \left( \frac{\sin z}{z} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1-3z} \right) \\ &= 0 \text{ since both are hol at } z=0. \end{aligned}$$

Also easy to see  $\text{Res}_3 f(z) = \sin(1/3)$ .

So by Rk above

$$\text{Res}_0 f(z) = -\sin(1/3).$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = -\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}\right).$$

• Residue at a pole

Th<sup>m</sup>: Let  $f$  have a pole of order  $m$  at  $p$ .

Then,

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=p} f(z) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left. \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} \right|_{z=p} (z-p)^m f(z).$$

Pf: Near  $p$ ,

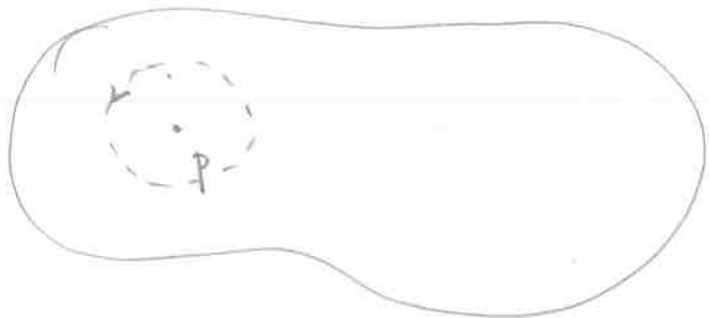
$$f(z) = \frac{a_{-m}}{(z-p)^m} + \frac{a_{-m+1}}{(z-p)^{m-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}}{(z-p)} + a_0 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow (z-p)^m f(z) = a_{-m} + a_{-m+1}(z-p) + \dots + a_{-1}(z-p)^{m-1} + a_0(z-p)^m + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} (z-p)^m f(z) = (m-1)! a_{-1} + a_0 m! (z-p) + \dots$$

Plugging in  $z=p$  we obtain the result.

• Argument Principle. Sp.  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  hol., and  $p \in \Omega$  is a zero of order 'm'.



On a small disc,  $D_\epsilon(p)$  s.t.  $\overline{D_\epsilon(p)} \subset \Omega$ .

$$f(z) = (z-p)^m g(z)$$

where  $g(z) \neq 0$  on  $\overline{D_\epsilon(p)}$ .

Then  $f'(z) = m(z-p)^{m-1} g(z) + (z-p)^m g'(z)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{m}{z-p} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \leftarrow \text{hol on } D_\epsilon(p)$$

$\Rightarrow$  By Cauchy's theorem

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-p|=\epsilon} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = m}$$

Similarly if  $p \in \Omega$  is a pole of order 'm'.

Then near  $p$ , on  $D_\epsilon(p)$

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-p)^m}, \quad g(z) \neq 0 \text{ on } \overline{D_\epsilon(p)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(z) = -m \frac{g(z)}{(z-p)^{m+1}} + \frac{g'(z)}{(z-p)^m}$$

So  $\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = -\frac{m}{(z-p)} + \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \leftarrow \text{hol.}$

Again by Cauchy,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z-p|=\epsilon} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = -m$$

Generalizing this we have

Th<sup>m</sup> (Argument Principle). Let  $\Omega$  simply connected,  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  meromorphic. If  $\gamma$  a closed, simple +ve oriented curve s.t.  $\gamma$  does not contain any zero or pole of  $f$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \#(\text{zeros in Int}(\gamma)) - \#(\text{poles in Int}(\gamma))$$

counted with multiplicities.

Pf: Use generalized Cauchy to reduce to integrals on circles centered at zeroes & poles (similar to proof of residue theorem). For circles we have proved the theorem

in remarks preceding the Theorem.

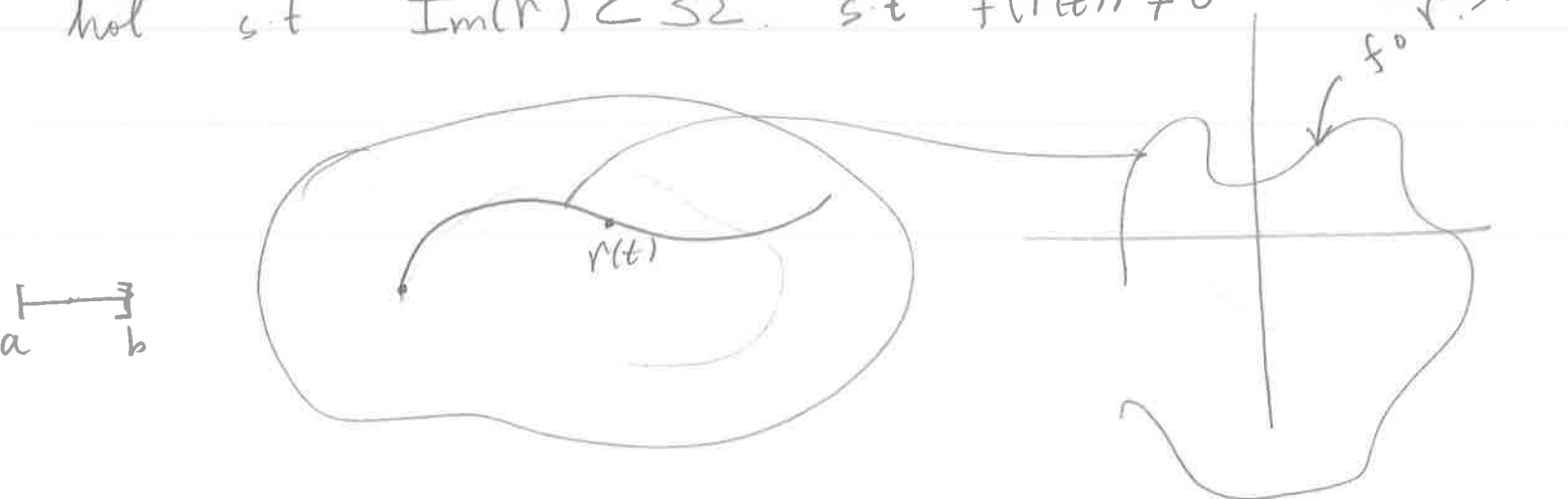
• Argument principle as Index.

Recall, the index

$$n(r, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_r \frac{dw}{w}$$

calculates the change in  $\arg w$  as one traverses around  $r$ .

Let  $r: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a curve and  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
hol s.t.  $\text{Im}(r) \subset \Omega$  s.t.  $f(r(t)) \neq 0 \forall t$ .



Then  $\Gamma(t) = f(r(t))$  is another curve.

$$\Gamma'(t) = f'(r(t)) r'(t).$$

$$n(\Gamma, 0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{dw}{w}, \quad \text{put } w = f(z); z \in r.$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_r \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$

← measures the change in  $\arg f(z)$  as  $z$  moves along  $r$ .