

6. Residues & Poles

■ Singularities

■ Definitions

Singularities

Points at which functions are not analytic.

■ Singular point

singular point

z_0 is a **singular point** of $f(z)$

- \iff 1. $f(z_0)$ is not analytic.
 2. $\forall N(z_0) \exists z \in N(z_0) \ni f(z)$ is analytic.

■ Isolated singular point

isolated singular point

z_0 is an **isolated singular point** of $f(z)$

- \iff 1. $f(z_0)$ is a singular point.
 2. $\exists N(z_0) \ni f(z)$ is analytic in $N(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$

$\iff f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad 0 < |z - z_0| < R$

■ Types of singular points

Non-Isolated Singular Point $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Branch Point} \\ \text{Accumulation point of a set of} \\ \text{isolated singular points} \end{array} \right.$

Isolated singular point $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Pole} \\ \text{Removable singular point} \\ \text{Essential singular point} \end{array} \right.$

■ Poles

pole

z_0 is a **pole of order m** of $f(z)$

$\iff f(z) = \sum_{n=-m}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad a_{-m} \neq 0$

z_0 is a **simple pole** $\iff m = 1$

Examples

1. $\frac{z + 1}{z^3(z^2 + 1)}$ has 3 simple poles at $z = 0, \pm i$

$$2. \frac{1}{\sin \frac{\pi}{z}}$$

Singular points (simple poles) at $\sin \frac{\pi}{z} = 0$, i.e. $\frac{\pi}{z} = n\pi \rightarrow z = \frac{1}{n}$.

Since $n = 0$ is the accumulation point of $\left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}$, all singular points except $n = 0$ are isolated

■ Removable singular point

removable singular point

z_0 is a **removable singular point** of $f(z)$

\Leftrightarrow 1. $f(z_0)$ is an isolated singular point.

$$2. f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

Example:

$z_0 = 0$ is a **removable singular point** of $f(z) = \frac{1 - \cos z}{z^2}$

proof:

Using $\cos z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1}{z^2} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \frac{z^{2(n-1)}}{(2n)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n+2)!} \end{aligned}$$

■ Essential singular point

essential singular point

z_0 is an **essential singular point** of $f(z)$

\Leftrightarrow 1. $f(z_0)$ is an isolated singular point.

$$2. f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad a_{-\infty} \neq 0$$

Example:

$z = 0$ is an essential singular point of $\exp \frac{1}{z}$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \frac{1}{z} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n & 0 < \left|\frac{1}{z}\right| < \infty \quad \text{or} \quad 0 < |z| < \infty \\ &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{|n|!} z^n \end{aligned}$$

■ Principal Part

Let z_0 be an isolated singular point of $f(z)$

ie. $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \quad 0 < |z - z_0| < R$

The **singular part** of f is defined as

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} a_n (z - z_0)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{-n} \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^n}$$

■ Meromorphic Functions

meromorphic

f is **meromorphic** in D

$\Leftrightarrow f$ is analytic in D except for a finite number of poles.

■ Residues

■ Definition

residues def

Let z_0 be an isolated singularity of f .

Let $f(z) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$ converges for $0 < |z - z_0| < R$

$$\rightarrow \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z) \equiv a_{-1}$$

$$= \text{coefficient of } \frac{1}{z - z_0} \text{ of the Laurent series expansion about } z_0.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c dz f(z)$$

where c encloses z_0 & lies entirely within $0 < |z - z_0| < R$

■ Example

eg 1

Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2)^4}$. Find $\operatorname{Res}_{z=2} f$.

Solution:

A) 1st, expand $\frac{1}{z}$ about $z = 2$:

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z-2+2} = \frac{1}{z-2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{z-2}} = \frac{1}{z-2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{2}{z-2} \right)^n$$

where $0 \leq \left| \frac{2}{z-2} \right| < 1$ or $\infty > |z-2| > 2$

$$\rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{2^n}{(z-2)^{n+5}} = \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-5} \frac{2^{n-5}}{(z-2)^n}$$

The residue cannot be calculated from this expansion since the convergent region is not of the form $0 < |z - z_0| < R$.

B) 1st, expand $\frac{1}{z}$ about $z = 2$:

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{z-2+2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{z-2}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z-2}{2} \right)^n$$

where $0 \leq \left| \frac{z-2}{2} \right| < 1$ or $0 \leq |z-2| < 2$

$$\rightarrow f(z) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n} (z-2)^{n-4} = \sum_{n=-4}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+4}}{2^{n+5}} (z-2)^n$$

where $0 < |z-2| < 2$

$$\therefore \operatorname{Res} f = \frac{(-1)^3}{2^4} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

C) Let C be $|z-2| = r \rightarrow 0$; $z = 2 + r e^{i\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res} f &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{1}{z(z-2)^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta i e^{i\theta} r \frac{1}{(2 + r e^{i\theta}) r^4 e^{4i\theta}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} r^{-3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \frac{e^{-3i\theta}}{2 + r e^{i\theta}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} r^{-3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta e^{-3i\theta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-r e^{i\theta}}{2} \right)^n \quad (r/2 < 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right)^n r^{n-3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta e^{(n-3)i\theta} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right)^n r^{n-3} 2\pi \delta_{n,3} \\ &= -\frac{1}{16} \end{aligned}$$

D) Using the formula for poles of order 4:

$$\operatorname{Res} f = \frac{1}{z-2} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left(\frac{1}{z} \right)_{z=2} = \frac{1}{3!} (-)^3 3! \frac{1}{2^4} = -\frac{1}{16}$$

■ Cauchy's Residue Theorem

Cauchy's residue thm

$$\oint_C dz f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_{n=1}^N \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_n} f(z)$$

where f is meromorphic, all singular points z_n lie inside c & N is finite.

■ proof

Let c_n be simple closed contour enclosing only one singular point z_n .

C-GT \rightarrow

$$\oint_C dz f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^N \oint_{c_n} dz f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_{n=1}^N \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_n} f(z)$$

■ Example

eg 2

1. Let C be $|z|=2$, $f = \frac{5z-2}{z(z-1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \oint_C dz \frac{5z-2}{z(z-1)} &= 2\pi i \left(\operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f + \operatorname{Res}_{z=1} f \right) \\ &= 2\pi i \left\{ \left(\frac{5z-2}{z-1} \right)_{z=0} + \left(\frac{5z-2}{z} \right)_{z=1} \right\} \\ &= 2\pi i (2+3) = 10\pi i \end{aligned}$$

2. Let C be $|z-2|=1$, $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z-2)^4}$

Since only pole $z=2$ is inside C , we have

$$\oint_C dz \frac{1}{z(z-2)^4} = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=2} f = -\frac{\pi i}{8}$$

■ Theorem $\left(z \rightarrow \frac{1}{z} \right)$

residue thm 2

$$\oint_C dz f(z) = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} \left[\frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right]$$

where f is meromorphic & **all** singular points of f are inside C .

■ **proof**

Let $\beta: |z| = R$ be a circle which encloses C .

Taylor's theorem \rightarrow

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n \quad \text{where } R < |z| < \infty \quad (f \text{ analytic})$$

and
$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} dz \frac{f(z)}{z^{n+1}}$$

where γ is any contour that encloses β .

Let $w = \frac{1}{z}$

$\rightarrow dz = \frac{-1}{w^2} dw$

$$f(z) = f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = F(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n \left(\frac{1}{w}\right)^n \quad \text{where } 0 < |w| < \frac{1}{R}$$

with
$$c_n = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} dw w^{n-1} f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} dw w^{n-1} F(w)$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_c dz f(z) &= - \oint_c dw \frac{1}{w^2} F(w) \\ &= 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left\{ \frac{1}{w^2} F(w) \right\} = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{w=0} \left\{ \frac{1}{w^2} f\left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Note: the contour that encloses the region $R < |z| < \infty$ or $0 < |w| < \frac{1}{R}$ is $-c$. Also, F is analytic except at $w = 0$. Since w is a dummy variable, we can write

$$\oint_c dz f(z) = 2\pi i \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} \left[\frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right]$$

■ **Example**

Let C be $|z| = 2$, $f = \frac{5z-2}{z(z-1)}$

Poles $z = 0, 1$ are all inside C .

$$\frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = \frac{1}{z^2} \cdot \frac{\frac{5}{z} - 2}{\frac{1}{z} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{z} - 1\right)} = \frac{5 - 2z}{z(1-z)}$$

$\rightarrow \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} \left[\frac{1}{z^2} f\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) \right] = 5$

$$\oint_c dz \frac{5z-2}{z(z-1)} = 10\pi i \quad (\text{cf example})$$

■ **Theorem (multiple-order poles)**

residue thm 3

z_0 is a pole of order m of f

$$\iff f(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{(z - z_0)^m} \quad \text{where } \phi \text{ is analytic \& } \phi(z_0) \neq 0$$

$$\implies \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z) = \frac{\phi^{(m-1)}(z_0)}{(m-1)!}$$

■ **proof**

ϕ analytic & $\phi(z_0) \neq 0$

$$\text{Taylor Theorem} \longrightarrow \phi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n \text{ with } a_0 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^{n-m} = \sum_{n=-m}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$$

where $c_n = a_{n+m}$ & $c_{-m} = a_0 \neq 0$.

which is simply the definition for z_0 to be a pole of order m of f .

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f(z) = c_{-1} = a_{m-1} = \frac{\phi^{(m-1)}(z_0)}{(m-1)!}$$

■ **Example**

1. Let $f(z) = \frac{z^3 + 2z}{(z-i)^3}$

$\longrightarrow z = i$ is a pole of order 3

$$\therefore \operatorname{Res}_{z=i} f(z) = \frac{1}{2!} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} (z^3 + 2z) \Big|_{z=i} = 3i$$

2. Let $f(z) = \frac{\sinh z}{z^4}$

Since $\sinh 0 = 0$, $z = 0$ is not a pole of order 4.

Using

$$\sinh z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

we have

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n-3}}{(2n+1)!}$$

which means $z = 0$ is pole of order 3.

$$\text{However: } \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \sinh z \Big|_{z=0} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\text{while } c_{-1} = \frac{1}{3!} = \frac{1}{6}$$

The incorrect usage of the derivative formula gives the correct residue here.

3. Let $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(e^z - 1)}$

Poles are at $z = 0$ & solutions of $e^z = 1$ ($z = 2n\pi i$).

Since $e^z - 1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n+1}}{n!}} = \frac{1}{z^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}}$$

Hence $z = 0$ is a pole of order 2.

Now:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!} = 1 + \frac{z}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}} = 1 - \frac{z}{2!} + \dots$$

$$\therefore \operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Another way to do it is by differentiation:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}} = -\frac{1}{\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}\right)^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m z^{m-1}}{(m+1)!}$$

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f(z) = \left(\frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}} \right)_{z=0} = -\frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2!} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

■ Theorem (zeros-poles)

residue thm 4

Let p, q be analytic at z_0 .

Let z_0 be a zero of order m of q & $p(z_0) \neq 0$

$$\implies \frac{p}{q} \text{ has a pole of order } m \text{ at } z_0$$

■ proof

z_0 is a zero of order m of q

$$\implies q(z) = (z - z_0)^m \alpha(z) \quad \text{where } \alpha \text{ is analytic \& } \alpha(z_0) \neq 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{p}{q} = \frac{\phi}{(z - z_0)^m} \quad \text{where } \phi = \frac{p}{\alpha} \text{ \& } \phi(z_0) \neq 0$$

$$\implies \frac{p}{q} \text{ has a pole of order } m \text{ at } z_0$$

■ **Example**

$f(z) = z(e^z - 1)$ has a zero of order 2 at $z = 0$

→ $\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{z(e^z - 1)}$ has a pole of order 2 at $z = 0$

■ **Corollary**

residue cor4

Let p, q be analytic at z_0 .

$$p(z_0) \neq 0, \quad q(z_0) = 0, \quad \& \quad q'(z_0) \neq 0$$

⇒ z_0 is a simple pole of p/q with

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{p(z_0)}{q'(z_0)}$$

■ **proof**

This is simply the $m = 1$ case of theorem.

■ **Example**

1. Let $f(z) = \frac{\cos z}{\sin z}$

Poles are at $z = n\pi$.

$$(\sin z)' = \cos z \quad \rightarrow \quad (\sin z)'|_{z=n\pi} = (-1)^n \neq 0$$

∴ these poles are simple.

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=n\pi} f(z) = \left(\frac{\cos z}{(\sin z)'} \right)_{z=n\pi} = \left(\frac{\cos z}{\cos z} \right)_{z=n\pi} = 1$$

2. Let $f(z) = \frac{z}{z^4 + 4}$

Poles are at $z^4 + 4 = 0$

$$\rightarrow z = (-4)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{4} + in\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\text{For } n=0 \quad z = \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = 1 + i$$

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=1+i} f(z) = \left(\frac{z}{4z^3} \right)_{z=1+i} = \frac{1}{4(1+i)^2} = \frac{(1-i)^2}{16} = -\frac{i}{8}$$

■ **Riemann's Theorem**

Riemann thm

Let f be analytic & bounded in $N(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$ & $f(z_0)$ is not analytic.

⇒ z_0 is a removable singularity.

■ **proof**

f has an isolated singularity at $z_0 \rightarrow$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z - z_0)^n} \quad \forall z \in N_\epsilon(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$$

where
$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_c dz \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{-n+1}} \quad c \subset N_\epsilon(z_0)$$

f bounded $\rightarrow \exists M \ni |f| \leq M \quad \forall z \in N_\epsilon(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$

Choosing c to be a circle centered at z_0 with radius $\rho < \epsilon$

$$\rightarrow b_n \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} 2\pi\rho \frac{M}{\rho^{-n+1}} = \rho^n M$$

Letting $\rho \rightarrow 0$, we have $b_n = 0$, which means z_0 is a removable singularity.

■ **Picard's Theorem**

Let z_0 be an essential singularity of f

\Rightarrow In every neighborhood of z_0 , f assumes every finite value, except for one possible value, an infinite number of times.

■ **Example**

Let $f(z) = e^{\frac{1}{z}}$

$\rightarrow z = 0$ is an essential singularity

Points at which $f = -1$ are solutions of

$$\frac{1}{z} = i(2n + 1)\pi$$

ie.
$$z = \frac{-i}{(2n + 1)\pi}$$

There are infinitely many of these points in any neighborhood of $z = 0$.

■ **Casorati - Weierstrass Theorem**

Casorati - Weierstrass Theorem

Let z_0 be an essential singularity of f

w_0 is any complex number.

$$\Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists z \in N_\epsilon(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\} \ni |f(z) - w_0| < \epsilon$$

■ **proof**

z_0 is an isolated singularity

→ $\exists N_\delta(z_0) \ni f$ is analytic in $N_\delta(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$

Assume $|f(z) - w_0| \geq \epsilon$

→ $g(z) = \frac{1}{f(z) - w_0}$ is analytic & bounded in $N_\delta(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$

∴ z_0 is a removable singularity of g

→ g can be defined to be analytic at z_0

Now: $f(z) = \frac{1}{g(z)} + w_0$ in $N_\delta(z_0)$

If $g(z_0) \neq 0$ → $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{g(z_0)} + w_0$ is finite

→ z_0 is a removable singularity of f

If $g(z_0) = 0$ → z_0 must be an isolated zero of finite order of g

→ z_0 is a pole of finite order of f .

∴ $|f(z) - w_0| < \epsilon$ if z_0 is an essential singularity of f

■ **Zeros**

■ **Definition**

zero def

z_0 is a **zero of order m** of an analytic function f

⇔ $f^{(n)}(z_0) = 0 \quad \forall n = 0, 1, \dots, m-1 \quad f^{(m)}(z_0) \neq 0$

■ **Lemma**

zeroes lem1

z_0 is a **zero of order m** of an analytic function f

⇔ $f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$ where g is analytic & $g(z_0) \neq 0$

■ **proof**

\Rightarrow

f is analytic at $z_0 \rightarrow$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{n!} \quad (\text{Taylor's Theorem})$$

z_0 is a zero of order m of f

$$\rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} f^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{n!}$$

Let $k = n - m \rightarrow n = k + m \quad k = 0, \dots, \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^{(k+m)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^{k+m}}{(k+m)!} \\ &= (z - z_0)^m \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^{(k+m)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^k}{k!} \\ &= (z - z_0)^m g(z) \end{aligned}$$

where $g(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f^{(k+m)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^k}{k!} = \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^m}$

g is analytic $\forall z \neq z_0$ because it's the ratio of analytic functions f and $(z - z_0)^m$. Furthermore, $g(z_0) = f^{(m)}(z_0)$ exists & is non-zero. Hence, g is analytic wherever f is.

\Leftarrow

g is analytic at $z_0 \rightarrow$

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{n!} \quad (\text{Taylor's Theorem})$$

$$\therefore f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^{n+m}}{n!}$$

Using $\frac{d^k}{dz^k} z^l = \frac{l!}{(l-k)!} z^{l-k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f^{(k)}(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^{n+m-k}}{n!} \cdot \frac{(n+m)!}{(n+m-k)!} \\ &= (z - z_0)^{m-k} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} g^{(n)}(z_0) \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{(n+m)!}{(n+m-k)!} \end{aligned}$$

Hence: $f^{(k)}(z_0) = 0 \quad \forall k < m$

$$f^{(m)}(z_0) = g(z_0) \neq 0$$

$\rightarrow z_0$ is a zero of order m of f

■ **Example**

eg 3

Let $f(z) = z(e^z - 1)$

$$\rightarrow f(0) = 0$$

$$f'(z) = e^z - 1 + ze^z \rightarrow f'(0) = 0$$

$$f''(z) = 2e^z + ze^z \rightarrow f''(0) = 2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore z = 0$ is a zero of order 2.

Writing $f(z) = z^2 g(z)$

$$\rightarrow g(z) = \frac{e^z - 1}{z}$$

where $g(0) = 1 \neq 0$

■ **Theorem**

zero thm1

Let f be continuous & $f(z_0) \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \exists N(z_0) \ni f(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in N(z_0)$$

■ **proof:**

f continuous at z_0

$$\rightarrow \exists \delta > 0 \ni \left| f(z) - f(z_0) \right| < \frac{1}{2} \left| f(z_0) \right| \quad \forall z \in N_\delta(z_0)$$

if $\exists z_1 \in N_\delta(z_0) \ni f(z_1) = 0$ we have $\left| f(z_0) \right| < \frac{1}{2} \left| f(z_0) \right|$

This is impossible if $f(z_0) \neq 0$.

Hence $f(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in N_\delta(z_0)$

■ **Theorem**

zeroes lem2

Let f be analytic & $f(z_0) = 0$

If $\nexists N(z_0) \ni f(z) \equiv 0 \quad \forall z \in N(z_0)$

$$\Rightarrow 1. z_0 \text{ is an zero of finite order.}$$

$$2. \exists N(z_0) \ni f(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in N(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$$

(z_0 is an **isolated zero** of finite order)

■ **proof:**

See ex 58.13

■ **Corollary**

zero cor1

Let f be analytic & $f(z_0) = 0$

If $\nexists N(z_0) \ni f(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in N(z_0) \setminus \{z_0\}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists N(z_0) \ni f(z) \equiv 0 \quad \forall z \in N(z_0)$$

■ **proof:**

Apply the rule: $A \rightarrow B \implies \neg B \rightarrow \neg A$
to the last theorem.

■ **Corollary**

zero cor2

Let f be analytic in D .

Let $f(z) = 0 \quad \forall z \in A \subset D$ where A can be an arc

$\implies f(z) = 0 \quad \forall z \in D$

■ **proof**

This is just a re-phrasing of the last corollary

■ **Theorem**

zero thm2

Let f be analytic in D & $f(z_0) = 0$ where $z_0 \in D$.

\implies either $f(z_0)$ is an **isolated zero** of finite order.

or $f(z) \equiv 0 \quad \forall z \in D$

■ **proof:**

This is simply a summary of the foregoing results.

■ **Corollary**

zero cor3

Let f be analytic in D

$\implies f$ is uniquely determined by its values in a sub-domain of D

■ **proof:**

Consider 2 analytic functions f, g & their difference $h = f - g$.

If $h = 0$ in $A \subset D$ then $h = 0$ in D .

■ **Example**

Let $f(z) = \cos^2 z + \sin^2 z - 1$ (f is entire)

Since $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ for real x

$\therefore f(z) = 0$ for the entire real axis

$\implies f(z) = 0$ for all z .

ie. $\cos^2 z + \sin^2 z = 1$

Exercises