

# Chp. (24.1) Singularities and the Residue Thm.

## Def: Isolated singularity

A complex fn.  $f$  has an isolated singularity at  $z_0$  if  $f$  is differentiable in an annulus  $0 < |z - z_0| < R$ , but not at  $z_0$  itself.

## Def Classification of Singularities

Let  $f$  have an isolated singularity  $z_0$ . Let the Laurent expansion of  $f(z)$  in an annulus  $0 < |z - z_0| < R$  be

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

Then

1.  $z_0$  is a removable singularity if  $c_n = 0$  for  $n = -1, -2, \dots$
2.  $z_0$  is a pole of order  $m$  ( $m > 0$ ) if  $c_m \neq 0$  and  $c_{m-1} = c_{m-2} = \dots = 0$
3.  $z_0$  is an essential singularity of  $f$  if  $c_n \neq 0$  for infinitely many positive integers  $n$ .

Ex: let  $f(z) = \frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z} \quad 0 < |z| < \infty$

we know  $\cos(z) = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \quad \forall z$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(z) &= \frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z} = \frac{z}{2!} - \frac{z^3}{4!} + \frac{z^5}{6!} - \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n)!} z^{2n-1}, \quad z \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Zero removable singularity of  $f$ .

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} (1 - \cos(z))/2 & z \neq 0 \\ 0 & z = 0. \end{cases}$$

Ex:  $f(z) = \frac{\sin(z)}{z - \pi}$  has a removable singularity at  $\pi$

$$\sin(z - \pi) = \sin(z)\cos(\pi) - \cos(z)\sin(\pi) = -\sin(z).$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(z) = -\sin(z - \pi) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} (z - \pi)^{2n+1}.$$

for  $z \neq \pi$

$$\frac{\sin(z)}{z - \pi} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)!} (z - \pi)^{2n} = -1 + \frac{1}{6}(z - \pi)^2 - \frac{1}{120}(z - \pi)^4 + \dots$$

so define  $g(z) = \begin{cases} f(z) & z \neq \pi \\ -1 & z = \pi. \end{cases}$

the extension removes the singularity of  $f$  at  $\pi$ , since  $f(z) = g(z)$  for  $z \neq \pi$  and  $g(\pi) = -1$ .

~~Def: Simple and Double pole~~

Ex:  $e^{1/z}$  is defined for all nonzero  $z \Rightarrow$

$$e^{1/z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{z^n} \quad z \neq 0.$$

the Laurent expansion contains infinitely many negative powers of  $z \Rightarrow$  zero is an essential singularity of  $e^{1/z}$ .

Def: Simple and Double Poles

A pole of order 1 is called a simple pole. A pole of order 2 is called a double pole.

Thm: let  $f$  be differentiable in the annulus  $0 < |z - z_0| < R$ . Then  $f$  has a pole of order  $m$  at  $z_0$  iff

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} (z - z_0)^m f(z) \text{ exists finite and is nonzero.}$$

Ex:  $f(z) = 1/(z+i)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} (z+i) f(z) = 1 \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$  has a simple pole at  $-i$ .

Ex:  $g(z) = 1/(z+i)^3$ , then

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -i} (z+i)^3 g(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -i} (z+i)^3 \cdot \frac{1}{(z+i)^3} = 1 \neq 0.$$

so  $g$  has a pole of order 3 at  $-i$ .

Ex:  $f(z) = \frac{\sin(z)}{z^3}$ .

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z^2 \cdot \frac{\sin(z)}{z^3} = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(z)}{z} = 1 \neq 0.$$

so  $f$  has a double pole at 0.

Thm: let  $f(z) = h(z)/g(z)$ , where  $h$  and  $g$  are differentiable in some open disk about  $z_0$ . Suppose  $h(z_0) \neq 0$ , but  $g$  has a zero of order  $m$  at  $z_0$ . Then  $f$  has a pole of order  $m$  at  $z_0$ .

Ex:  $f(z) = \frac{1+4z^3}{\sin^6(z)}$  has a pole of order 6 at 0.

Thm: let  $f(z) = h(z)/g(z)$ , and suppose  $h$  &  $g$  are differentiable in some open disk about  $z_0$ . Let  $h$  have a zero of order  $k$  at  $z_0$  and  $g$  a zero of order  $m$  at  $z_0$  with  $m > k$ . Then  $f$  has a pole of order  $m-k$  at  $z_0$ .

~~Ex:  $f(z) = \frac{1+4z^3}{\sin^6(z)}$~~

Ex: Consider  $f(z) = \frac{(z - 3\pi/2)^4}{\cos^7(z)} = \frac{h(z)}{g(z)}$

$h$  has a zero of order 4 at  $3\pi/2$ , and

$g$  has a zero of order 7 at  $3\pi/2$

$\Rightarrow f$  has a pole of order 3 at  $3\pi/2$ .

### Thm (Poles of products)

Let  $f$  have a pole of order  $m$  at  $z_0$  and let  $g$  have a pole of order  $n$  at  $z_0$ . Then  $fg$  has a pole of order  $m+n$  at  $z_0$ .

Ex: let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{\cos^4(z) (z - \pi/2)^2}$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = \left[ \frac{1}{\cos^4(z)} \right] \times \left[ \frac{1}{(z - \pi/2)^2} \right] = g \times h.$$

$g$  has a pole of order 4 at  $\pi/2$

$h$  has a pole of order 2 at  $\pi/2$

$\Rightarrow f$  has a pole of order 6 at  $\pi/2$ .