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Topic :- Cauchy Residue theorem

Theorem: - If a single valued function $f(z)$ is analytic within and on a closed contour C , except for a finite number of singular points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n interior to C , then

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res } f(z) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$= 2\pi i \times$ (sum of Residues at all singularities within C)

where the integral is taken in the counter-clockwise sense around C .

Proof: - If a function has only a finite number of singular points in a given domain,

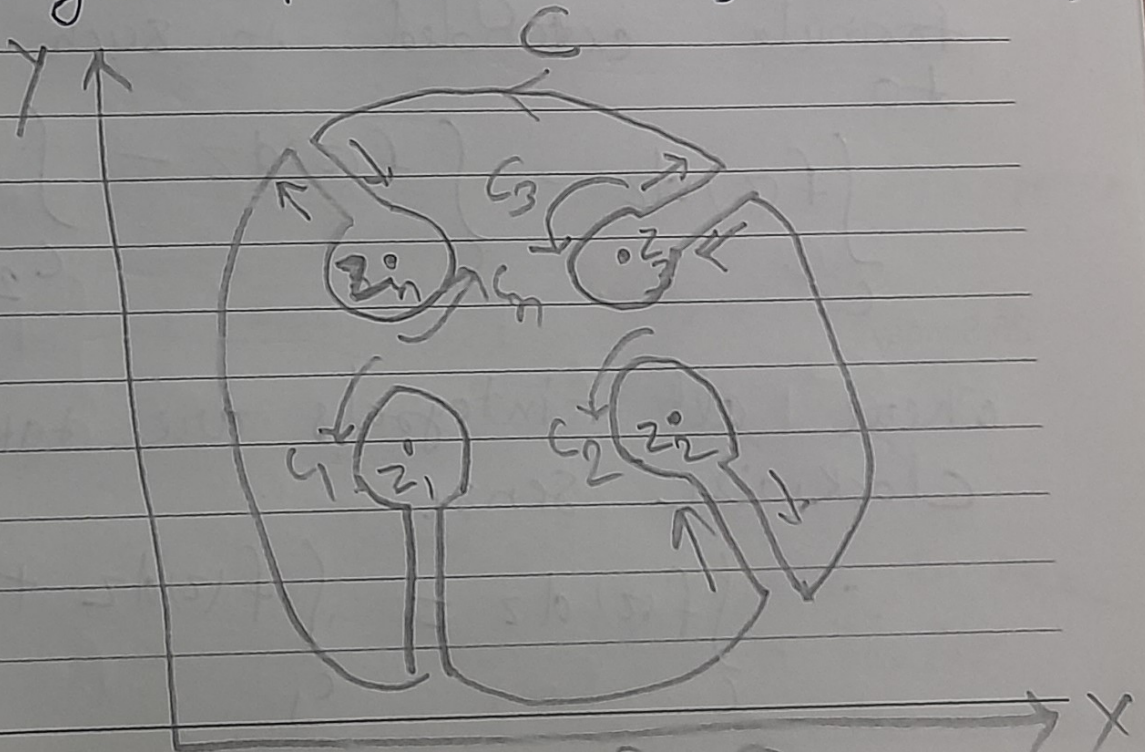


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then those singular points are necessarily isolated.

Let a single valued funⁿ $f(z)$ be analytic within and on a closed contour C except for a finite number of singular points z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n interior to C .

Let us enclose each of the singular points z_k in a small circle C_k such that these n circles and the contour C are all separated fig (1).

These circles together with the curve C ~~form~~ form the boundary of a multiply connected domain D within $f(z)$ is analytic. Now deforming the contour C by cross-cuts as shown in fig (1), the Cauchy's integral formula extended to such regions leads to

$$\int_C f(z) dz - \int_{C_1} f(z) dz - \int_{C_2} f(z) dz - \dots - \int_{C_n} f(z) dz = 0$$

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where all integrals are taken in counter-clockwise sense.

$$\therefore \int_C f(z) dz = \int_{C_1} f(z) dz + \int_{C_2} f(z) dz + \dots$$

$$\dots + \int_{C_n} f(z) dz \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

But $\text{Res}_{z=z_k} f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_k} f(z) dz$

i.e., $\int_{C_k} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \text{Res}_{z=z_k} f(z)$ --- (3)

Therefore eqnⁿ (2) gives

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res}_{z=z_k} f(z) \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$= 2\pi i \times (\text{sum of residues at all singular points within } C)$$

This proves Cauchy residue theorem

It is of extreme importance in evaluating complex and real integrals.

Cor. If a funⁿ is analytic in the whole domain except at a finite number of singular points including

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that at infinity, then the sum of residues at these singularities (including that at infinity) is zero. This can be proved as follows: -

Let C denote the boundary of the domain enclosing all the singularity of analytic function $f(z)$ except at ∞ , then according to Cauchy Residue theorem

$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res } f(z)_{z=z_k}$$

where $\sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res } f(z)_{z=z_k}$ denotes the sum of all residues at all

the finite singularities enclosed by C .

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \text{Res } f(z)_{z=z_k} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(z) dz \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

But by definition the residue at infinity

$$\text{Res } f(z)_{z=\infty} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-C} f(z) dz = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(z) dz \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

Adding (5) and (6); we obtain
the sum of all the residues of $f(z)$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \operatorname{Res}_{z=z_k} f(z) + \operatorname{Res}_{z=\infty} f(z) = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$