

Integración en el plano complejo

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Real Integrals

Terminology Suppose a curve C in the plane is parametrized by a set of equations $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, where $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are continuous real functions. Let the initial and terminal points of C , that is, $(x(a), y(a))$ and $(x(b), y(b))$, be denoted by the symbols A and B , respectively. We say that:

- (i) C is a **smooth curve** if x' and y' are continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$ and not simultaneously zero on the open interval (a, b) .
- (ii) C is a **piecewise smooth curve** if it consists of a finite number of smooth curves C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n joined end to end, that is, the terminal point of one curve C_k coinciding with the initial point of the next curve C_{k+1} .
- (iii) C is a simple curve if the curve C does not cross itself except possibly at $t = a$ and $t = b$.
- (iv) C is a closed curve if $A = B$.
- (v) C is a simple closed curve if the curve C does not cross itself and $A = B$; that is, C is simple and closed.

Method of Evaluation— C Defined Parametrically The line integrals can be evaluated in two ways, depending on whether the curve C is defined by a pair of parametric equations or by an explicit function. Either way, *the basic idea is to convert a line integral to a definite integral in a single variable*. If C is smooth curve parametrized by $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, then replace x and y in the integral by the functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$, and the appropriate differential dx , dy , or ds by

$$dx = x'(t)dt \quad (1)$$

$$dy = y'(t)dt \quad (2)$$

$$ds = \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2}dt \quad (3)$$

In this manner each of the line integrals becomes a definite integral in which the variable of integration is the parameter t . That is,

$$\int_C G(x, y)dx = \int_a^b G(x(t), y(t))x'(t)dt \quad (4)$$

$$\int_C G(x, y)dy = \int_a^b G(x(t), y(t))y'(t)dt \quad (5)$$

$$\int_C G(x, y)ds = \int_a^b G(x(t), y(t))\sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2}dt \quad (6)$$

Method of Evaluation— C Defined by a Function If the path of integration C is the graph of an explicit function $y = f(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, then we can use x as a parameter. In this situation, $dy = f'(x)dx$, and the differential $ds = \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx$. Then,

$$\int_C G(x, y)dx = \int_a^b G(x(t), f(x))dx \quad (7)$$

$$\int_C G(x, y)dy = \int_a^b G(x(t), f(x))f'(x)dx \quad (8)$$

$$\int_C G(x, y)ds = \int_a^b G(x(t), f(x))\sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2}dx \quad (9)$$

A line integral along a piecewise smooth curve C is defined as the sum of the integrals over the various smooth curves whose union comprises C .

It is important to be aware that a line integral is independent of the parametrization of the curve C , provided C is given the same orientation by all sets of parametric equations defining the curve.

Complex Integrals

Curves Revisited Suppose the continuous real-valued functions $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, are parametric equations of a curve C in the complex plane. If we use these equations as the real and imaginary parts in $z = x + iy$, we can describe the points z on C by means of a complex-valued function of a real variable t called a **parametrization** of C :

$$z(t) = x(t) + iy(t) \quad (10)$$

with $a \leq t \leq b$. For example, the parametric equations $x = \cos t$, $y = \sin t$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$, describe a unit circle centered at the origin. A parametrization of this circle is $z(t) = \cos t + i \sin t$, or $z(t) = e^{it}$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$.

The point $z(a/b) = x(a/b) + iy(a/b)$ or $A/B = (x(a/b), y(a/b))$ is called the **initial/terminal point** of C . $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$ could also be interpreted as a two-dimensional vector function, with $z(a)$ and $z(b)$ being as position vectors. As t varies from $t = a$ to $t = b$ we can envision the curve C being traced out by the moving arrowhead of $z(t)$.

Contours The notions of curves in the complex plane that are smooth, piecewise smooth, simple, closed, and simple closed are easily formulated in terms of the vector function $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$. Suppose that its derivative is $z'(t) = x'(t) + iy'(t)$. We say a curve C in the complex plane is **smooth** if $z'(t)$ is continuous and never zero in the interval $a \leq t \leq b$. The vector $z'(t)$ is tangent to C at P . In other words, a smooth curve can have no sharp corners or

cusps. A **piecewise smooth curve** C has a continuously turning tangent, except possibly at the points where the component smooth curves C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n are joined together. A curve C in the complex plane is said to be a **simple** if $z(t_1) \neq z(t_2)$ for $t_1 \neq t_2$, except possibly for $t = a$ and $t = b$. C is a **closed curve** if $z(a) = z(b)$. C is a **simple closed curve** if $z(t_1) \neq z(t_2)$ for $t_1 \neq t_2$ and $z(a) = z(b)$. In complex analysis, a piecewise smooth curve C is called a **contour** or path.

We define the **positive direction/orientation** on a contour C to be the direction on the curve corresponding to increasing values of the parameter t . In the case of a simple closed curve C , the positive direction roughly corresponds to the counterclockwise direction. The **negative direction** is the direction opposite the positive direction.

Complex or Contour Integral An integral of a function f of a complex variable z that is defined on a contour C is denoted by $\int_C f(z)dz$ and is called a **complex or contour integral**,

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{k=1}^n f(z_k^*) \Delta z_k \quad (11)$$

If the limit exists, then f is said to be integrable on C . The limit exists whenever if f is continuous at all points on C and C is either smooth or piecewise smooth. Consequently we shall, hereafter, assume these conditions as a matter of course. Moreover, we will use the notation $\int_C f(z)dz$ to represent a complex integral around a positively oriented closed curve.

By writing $f = u + iv$ and $\Delta z = \Delta x + i\Delta y$ we can write, in a short hand notation

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \lim \sum (u + iv)(\Delta x + i\Delta y) \quad (12)$$

$$= \lim \left[\sum (u\Delta x - v\Delta y) + i \sum (v\Delta x + u\Delta y) \right] \quad (13)$$

The interpretation of the last line is

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \int_C udx - vdy + i \int_C vdx + udy \quad (14)$$

If $x = x(t)$, $y = y(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$ are parametric equations of C , then $dx = x'(t)dt$, $dy = y'(t)dt$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C udx - vdy + i \int_C vdx + udy &= \\ \int_a^b [u(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) - v(x(t), y(t)) y'(t)] dt & \\ + i \int_a^b [v(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + u(x(t), y(t)) y'(t)] dt & \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

If we use the complex-valued function $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$ to describe the contour C , then Eq. (15) is the same as $\int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t)dt$ when the integrand

$$f(z(t)) z'(t) = [u(x(t), y(t)) + iv(x(t), y(t))][x'(t) + iy'(t)] \quad (16)$$

is multiplied out and $\int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t)dt$ is expressed in terms of its real and imaginary parts. Thus we arrive at a practical means of evaluating a contour integral.

Evaluation of a Contour Integral If f is continuous on a smooth curve C given by the parametrization $z(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$, then

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \int_a^b f(z(t)) z'(t) dt \quad (17)$$

Example Evaluate the contour integral $\int_C \bar{z}dz$, where C is given by $x = 3t$, $y = t^2$, $-1 \leq t \leq 4$.

Solution:

$z(t) = 3t + it^2$, $z'(t) = 3 + i2t$ and $f(z(t)) = 3t - it^2$, then

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \int_a^b f(z(t))z'(t)dt \quad (18)$$

$$\int_C \bar{z}dz = \int_a^b (3t - it^2)(3 + i2t)dt = 195 + i65 \quad (19)$$

Example For some curves the real variable x itself can be used as the parameter. For example, to evaluate $\int_C (8x^2 - iy)dz$ on the line segment $y = 5x$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$, we write $z = x + iy = x + 5xi$ (i.e. $y = 5x$), $dz = (1 + 5i)dx$, then

$$\int_C (8x^2 - iy)dz = \int_0^2 (8x^2 - i5x)(1 + 5i)dx = \frac{214}{3} + i\frac{290}{3} \quad (20)$$

Properties(Theorem 5.2) Suppose the functions f and g are continuous in a domain D , and C is a smooth curve lying entirely in D . Then

(i) $\int_C kf(z)dz = k \int_C f(z)dz$, k a complex constant.

(ii) $\int_C [f(z) + g(z)]dz = \int_C f(z)dz + \int_C g(z)dz$.

(iii) $\int_C f(z)dz = \int_{C_1} f(z)dz + \int_{C_2} f(z)dz$, where C consists of the smooth curves C_1 and C_2 joined end to end.

(iv) $\int_{-C} f(z)dz = - \int_C f(z)dz$, where $-C$ denotes the curve having the opposite orientation of C .

All these four properties hold if C is a piecewise smooth curve in D .

Theorem (5.3): A Bounding Theorem or ML-inequality If f is continuous on a smooth curve C and if $|f(z)| \leq M$ for all z on C , then

$$\left| \int_C f(z)dz \right| \leq ML \quad (21)$$

where L is the length of C , i.e. $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[x'(t)]^2 + [y'(t)]^2}dt = \int_a^b |z'(t)|dt$, where $z'(t) = x'(t) + iy'(t)$.

It follows that since f is continuous on the contour C , the bound M for the values $f(z)$ in Theorem 5.3 will always exist.

Example Find an upper bound for the absolute value of $\oint_C e^z(z+1)^{-1}dz$ where C is the circle $|z| = 4$.

Solution:

The length L of the circle is 8π . Next, for all points z on the circle $|z+1| \geq |z| - 1 = 3$. Thus

$$\left| \frac{e^z}{z+1} \right| \leq \frac{|e^z|}{|z|-1} = \frac{e^x}{3} \leq \frac{e^4}{3} \quad (22)$$

where we used that on the circle $|z| = 4 \Rightarrow \max x = 4$, then

$$\left| \int_C f(z)dz \right| \leq ML = \frac{8\pi e^4}{3} \quad (23)$$

Cauchy-Goursat Theorem

In this section we shall concentrate on contour integrals, where the contour C is a simple closed curve with a positive (counterclockwise) orientation. Specifically, we shall see that when f is analytic in a special kind of domain D , the value of the contour integral $\oint_C f(z)dz$ is the same for any simple closed curve C that lies entirely within D .

Simply and Multiply Connected Domains. A **domain** is an open connected set in the complex plane. We say that a domain D is **simply connected** if every simple closed contour C lying entirely in D can be shrunk (encogido) to a point without leaving D . A simply connected domain has no “holes” in it. The entire complex plane is an example of a simply connected domain; the annulus defined by $1 < |z| < 2$ is not simply connected. A domain that is not simply connected is called a **multiply connected domain**; that is, a multiply connected domain has “holes” in it.

In 1825 the French mathematician Louis-Augustin Cauchy proved one of the most important theorems in complex analysis:

Cauchy’s Theorem Suppose that a function f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and that f is continuous in D . Then for every simple closed contour C in D ,

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = 0 \quad (24)$$

Proof: See pag. 257 in the book.

In 1883 the French mathematician Edouard Goursat proved that the assumption of continuity of f is not necessary to reach the conclusion of Cauchy’s theorem. The resulting modified version of Cauchy’s theorem is known today as the Cauchy-Goursat theorem:

Theorem (5.4): Cauchy-Goursat Theorem Suppose that a function f is analytic in a simply connected domain D . Then for every simple closed contour C in D ,

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = 0 \quad (25)$$

Proof: See Appendix II in the book.

Since the interior of a simple closed contour is a simply connected domain, the Cauchy-Goursat theorem can be stated in the slightly more practical manner:

If f is analytic at all points within and on a simple closed contour C , then $\oint_C f(z)dz = 0$.

Example Using an arbitrary shaped contour C in the first quadrant calculates $\oint_C e^z dz$.

Solution: The function $f(z) = e^z$ is entire and consequently is analytic at all points within and on the simple closed contour C . It follows that $\oint_C e^z dz = 0$. The point in this example is that $\oint_C e^z dz = 0$ for *any* simple closed contour in the complex plane. Indeed, it follows that for any simple closed contour C and any entire function f that the integral is nil, for example

$$\oint_C \sin z dz = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$\oint_C \cos z dz = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$\oint_C \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z^k dz = 0 \quad (28)$$

and so on.

Example Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2}$, where the contour C is the ellipse $(x - 2)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(y - 5)^2 = 1$.

Solution: The rational function $f(z) = 1/z^2$ is analytic everywhere except at $z = 0$. But $z = 0$ is not a point interior to or on the simple closed elliptical contour C . Thus, $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2} = 0$.

Principle of deformation of contours If f is analytic in a multiply connected domain D then we cannot conclude that $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$ for every simple closed contour C in D . To begin, suppose that D is a doubly connected domain (i.e. a domain with a single “hole”) and C and C_1 are simple closed contours such that C_1 surrounds the “hole” in the domain and is interior to C (see Fig. 1(a)). Suppose, also, that f is analytic on each contour and at each point interior to C but exterior to C_1 . By introducing the crosscut AB shown in Figure 1(b), the region bounded between the curves is now simply connected. From (iv) of Theorem 5.2, the integral from A to B has the opposite value of the integral from B to A , then

$$0 = \oint_C f(z) dz + \int_{AB} f(z) dz + \int_{-AB} f(z) dz + \oint_{C_1} f(z) dz$$

(aquí C se recorre en sentido antihorario y C_1 en sentido horario)

luego

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = \oint_{C_1} f(z) dz \quad (29)$$

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This result is sometimes called the principle of deformation of contours since we can think of the contour C_1 as a continuous deformation of the contour C . Under this deformation of contours, the value of the integral does not change. Then, we can evaluate an integral over a complicated simple closed contour C by replacing it with a contour C_1 that is more convenient.

The next theorem summarizes the general result for a multiply connected domain with n “holes.”

Theorem (5.5): Cauchy-Goursat Theorem for Multiply Connected Domains Suppose C, C_1, \dots, C_n are simple closed curves with a positive orientation such that C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n are interior to C but the regions interior to each C_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, have no points in common.

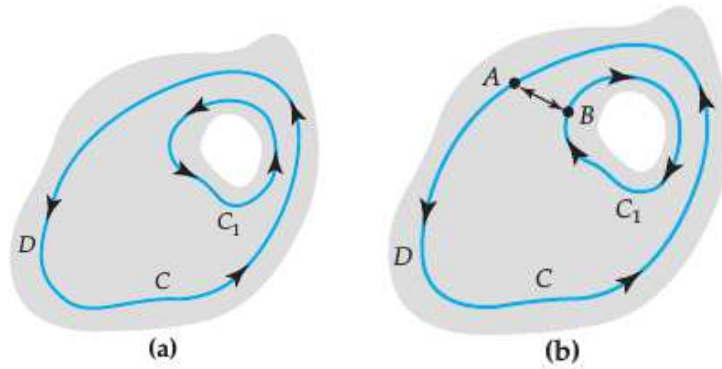


Figure 1: Doubly connected domain D (from the book)

If f is analytic on each contour and at each point interior to C but exterior to all the C_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = \sum_{k=1}^n \oint_{C_k} f(z)dz \quad (30)$$

Example Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z-i}$, where C is a complicated contour which contains $z = i$.

Solution: we choose the more convenient circular contour C_1 centered at $z_0 = i$ and radius $r = 1$, i.e. $|z - i| = 1$. It can be parametrized by $z = i + e^{it}$, $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{dz}{z-i} &= \oint_{C_1} \frac{dz}{z-i} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{dz}{e^{it}} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{ie^{it} dt}{e^{it}} \\ &= 2\pi i \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

This result can be generalized: if z_0 is any constant complex number interior to any simple closed contour C , then for n an integer we have

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{(z-z_0)^n} = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & n = 1 \\ 0 & n \neq 1 \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

The fact that this integral is zero when $n \neq 1$ follows only partially from the Cauchy-Goursat theorem. When n is zero or a negative integer, then $1/(z-z_0)^n$ is a polynomial and therefore entire. Theorem 5.4 then indicates that the integral is zero.

Analyticity of the function f at all points within and on a simple closed contour C is *sufficient* to guarantee that $\oint_C f(z)dz = 0$. However, the previous example emphasizes that analyticity is not *necessary*.

Example Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{5z+7}{z^2+2z-3} dz$, where C is the circle $|z-2| = 2$.

Solution: The roots of the denominators are 1 and -3 . The integrand fails at these roots. Of these two points, only $z = 1$ lies within the contour C . Separating the roots by partial fraction

$$\frac{5z+7}{z^2+2z-3} = \frac{3}{z-1} + \frac{2}{z+3} \quad (33)$$

we have

$$\oint_C \frac{5z+7}{z^2+2z-3} dz = \oint_C \frac{3}{z-1} dz + \oint_C \frac{2}{z+3} dz \quad (34)$$

from the above calculation, the first integral gives $2\pi i$, whereas the second gives 0 by the Cauchy-Goursat theorem. Then

$$\oint_C \frac{5z + 7}{z^2 + 2z - 3} dz = 3(2\pi i) + 2(0) = 6\pi i \quad (35)$$

Example Evaluate $\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1}$, where C is the circle $|z| = 4$.

Solution: In this case the denominator of the integrand factors as $z^2 + 1 = (z - i)(z + i)$. Consequently, the integrand $1/(z^2 + 1)$ is not analytic at $z = \pm i$. Both of these points lie within the contour C . Using partial fraction decomposition once more, we have

$$\oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1} = \oint_C \frac{dz}{2i(z - i)} - \oint_C \frac{dz}{2i(z + i)} = \frac{1}{2i} \oint_C \left[\frac{1}{z - i} - \frac{1}{z + i} \right] dz$$

Next we surround the points $z = i$ and $z = -i$ by circular contours C_1 and C_2 , respectively, that lie entirely within C . Specifically, the choice $|z - i| = 1/2$ for C_1 and $|z + i| = 1/2$ for C_2 will suffice. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C \frac{dz}{z^2 + 1} &= \frac{1}{2i} \oint_{C_1} \left[\frac{1}{z - i} - \frac{1}{z + i} \right] dz + \frac{1}{2i} \oint_{C_2} \left[\frac{1}{z - i} - \frac{1}{z + i} \right] dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2i} [2\pi i - 0] + \frac{1}{2i} [0 - 2\pi i] = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Remark Throughout the foregoing discussion we assumed that C was a simple closed contour. It can be shown that the Cauchy-Goursat theorem is valid for any closed contour C in a simply connected domain D .

There exist integrals $\int_C Pdx + Qdy$ whose value depends only on the initial point A and terminal point B of the curve C , and not on C itself. In this case we say that the line integral is **independent of the path**.

Independence of the Path Let z_0 and z_1 be points in a domain D . A contour integral $\int_C f(z)dz$ is said to be independent of the path if its value is the same for all contours C in D with initial point z_0 and terminal point z_1 .

Theorem (5.6): Analyticity Implies Path Independence. Suppose that a function f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and C is any contour in D . Then $\int_C f(z)dz$ is independent of the path C .

Suppose, as shown in Figure 2 that C and C_1 are two contours lying entirely in a simply connected domain D and both with initial point z_0 and terminal point z_1 . If f is analytic in D , it follows from the Cauchy-Goursat theorem that

$$[h!] \int_C f(z)dz + \int_{-C_1} f(z)dz = 0 \quad (37)$$

$$\int_C f(z)dz = \int_{C_1} f(z)dz \quad (38)$$

A contour integral $\int_C f(z)dz$ that is independent of the path C is usually written $\int_{z_0}^{z_1} f(z)dz$, where z_0 and z_1 are the initial and terminal points of C .

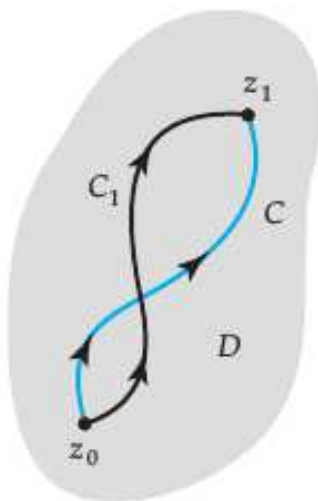


Figure 2: If f is analytic in D , integrals on C and C_1 are equal (from the book).

Example Evaluate $\int_C 2zdz$, where C is the contour shown in color in Figure 3.

Solution: Since the function $f(z) = 2z$ is entire, we can, in view of Theorem 5.6, replace the piecewise smooth path C by any convenient contour C_1 joining $z_0 = -1$ and $z_1 = -1 + i$. Using the black contour in Fig. 3, then $z = -1 + iy$, $dz = idy$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_C 2zdz &= \int_{C_1} 2zdz = \int_0^1 2(-1 + iy)(idy) \\ &= -2i \int_0^1 dy - 2 \int_0^1 ydy = [-2i] - 2\left[\frac{1}{2}\right] = -1 - 2i \end{aligned}$$

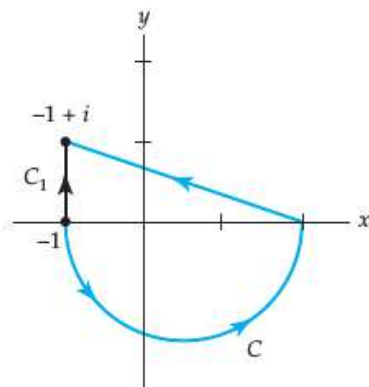


Figure 3: Alternative contour for the integral $\int_C 2zdz$ (from the book).

Antiderivative Suppose that a function f is continuous on a domain D . If there exists a function F such that $F'(z) = f(z)$ for each z in D , then F is called an antiderivative of f . For example, the function $F(z) = -\cos z$ is an antiderivative of $f(z) = \sin z$.

Indefinite integral The most general antiderivative, or indefinite integral, of a function $f(z)$ is written $\int f(z)dz = F(z) + C$, where $F'(z) = f(z)$ and C is some complex constant. For example, $\int \sin z dz = -\cos z + C$.

Since an antiderivative F of a function f has a derivative at each point in a domain D , it is necessarily analytic and hence continuous at each point in D .

Theorem (5.7): Fundamental Theorem for Contour Integrals Suppose that a function f is continuous on a domain D and F is an antiderivative of f in D . Then for any contour C in D with initial point z_0 and terminal point z_1 ,

$$\int_C f(z)dz = F(z_1) - F(z_0) \quad (39)$$

Example Calculate the integral $\int_C 2z dz$ with the same contour as in the previous example. Solution: Now since the $f(z) = 2z$ is an entire function, it is continuous. Moreover, $F(z) = z^2$ is an antiderivative of f .

$$\int_{-1}^{-1+i} 2z dz = z^2 \Big|_{-1}^{-1+i} = -1 - 2i \quad (40)$$

Example Evaluate $\int_C \cos z dz$, where C is any contour with initial point $z_0 = 0$ and terminal point $z_1 = 2 + i$.

Solution: $F(z) = \sin z$ is an antiderivative of $f(z) = \cos z$ since $F'(z) = \cos z = f(z)$. Therefore,

$$\int_C \cos z dz = \int_0^{2+i} \cos z dz = \sin z \Big|_0^{2+i} = \sin(2 + i) \approx 1.4031 - i0.4891 \quad (41)$$

Some Conclusions We can draw several immediate conclusions from Theorem 5.7.

- (i) If the contour C is closed, then $z_0 = z_1$ and, consequently, $\int_C f(z)dz = 0$.
- (ii) Since the value of $\int_C f(z)dz$ depends only on the points z_0 and z_1 , this value is the same for any contour C in D connecting these points, i.e. if a continuous function f has an antiderivative F in D , then $\int_C f(z)dz$ is independent of the path.
- (iii) If f is continuous and $\int_C f(z)dz$ is independent of the path C in a domain D , then f has an antiderivative everywhere in D .

If f is an analytic function in a simply connected domain D , it is necessarily continuous throughout D . This fact, when put together with the results in Theorem 5.6 (iii), leads to a theorem which states that an analytic function possesses an analytic antiderivative.

Theorem (5.8): Existence of an Antiderivative Suppose that a function f is analytic in a simply connected domain D . Then f has an antiderivative in D ; that is, there exists a function F such that $F'(z) = f(z)$ for all z in D .

About the antiderivate of $1/z$ We saw for $|z| > 0$, $-\pi < \arg(z) < \pi$, that $1/z$ is the derivative of Lnz . This means that under some circumstances Lnz is an antiderivative of $1/z$. But care must be exercised in using this result. For example, suppose D is the entire complex plane without the origin. The function $1/z$ is analytic in this multiply connected domain. If C is any simple closed contour containing the origin, it does not follow that $\oint_C dz/z = 0$. In fact, from the result for $\oint_C dz/(z - z_0)^n$ for $n = 1$ and $z_0 = 0$, we have $\oint_C dz/z = 2\pi i$. In this case, Lnz is not an antiderivative of $1/z$ in D since Lnz is not analytic in D . Recall, Lnz fails to be analytic on the nonpositive real axis.

Example Evaluate $\int_C 1/z dz$, where C is a contour in the first quadrant starting at $z_0 = 3$ and ending at $z = 2i$.

Solution: Suppose that D is the simply connected domain defined by $x > 0, y > 0$, i.e. D is the first quadrant in the z -plane. In this case, $\text{Ln}z$ is an antiderivative of $1/z$ since both these functions are analytic in D . Hence,

$$\int_3^{2i} \frac{1}{z} dz = \text{Ln}z \Big|_3^{2i} = \text{Ln}2i - \text{Ln}3 \quad (42)$$

$$= (\ln 2 + i\frac{\pi}{2}) + (\ln 3) \approx -0.4055 + i1.5708 \quad (43)$$

Example Evaluate $\int_C 1/z^{1/2} dz$, where C is the line segment between $z_0 = i$ and $z_1 = 9$.

Solution: Throughout we take $f_1(z) = z^{1/2}$ to be the principal branch of the square root function. In the domain $|z| > 0, -\pi < \arg(z) < \pi$, the function $f_1(z) = 1/z^{1/2} = z^{-1/2}$ is analytic and possesses the antiderivative $F(z) = 2z^{1/2}$. Hence,

$$\int_i^9 \frac{1}{z^{1/2}} dz = 2z^{1/2} \Big|_i^9 = 2 \left[3 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) \right] = (6 - \sqrt{2}) - i\sqrt{2} \quad (44)$$

Remarks

(i) Integration by parts: Suppose f and g are analytic in a simply connected domain D . Then,

$$\int f(z)g'(z)dz = f(z)g(z) - \int g(z)f'(z)dz \quad (45)$$

(ii) In addition, if z_0 and z_1 are the initial and terminal points of a contour C lying entirely in D , then

$$\int_{z_0}^{z_1} f(z)g'(z)dz = f(z)g(z) \Big|_{z_0}^{z_1} - \int_{z_0}^{z_1} g(z)f'(z)dz \quad (46)$$

(iii) In complex analysis there is no complex counterpart to the mean-value theorem $\int_a^b f(x)dx = f(c)(b-a)$ of real analysis, valid if f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, and c is a number in the open interval (a, b) .

Cauchy's Integral Formulas and their Consequences

The most significant consequence of the Cauchy-Goursat theorem is the following result: *the value of an analytic function f at any point z_0 in a simply connected domain can be represented by a contour integral.*

After establishing this proposition we shall use it to further show that: *an analytic function f in a simply connected domain possesses derivatives of all orders.*

Cauchy's Two Integral Formulas

If f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and z_0 is any point in D , the quotient $f(z)/(z - z_0)$ is not defined at z_0 and hence is not analytic in D . Therefore, we cannot conclude that the integral of $f(z)/(z - z_0)$ around a simple closed contour C that contains z_0 is zero by the Cauchy-Goursat theorem. Indeed, as we shall now see, the integral of $f(z)/(z - z_0)$ around C has the value $2\pi if(z_0)$. The first of two remarkable formulas is known simply as the Cauchy integral formula.

Theorem (5.9): Cauchy's Integral Formula Suppose that f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and C is any simple closed contour lying entirely within D . Then for any point z_0 within C ,

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz \quad (47)$$

Proof: See pag. 273 in the book.

Because the symbol z represents a point on the contour C , the integral $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C f(z)/(z - z_0) dz$ indicates that the values of an analytic function f at points z_0 inside a simple closed contour C are determined by the values of f on the contour C .

Cauchy's integral formula can be used to evaluate contour integrals. Since we often work problems without a simply connected domain explicitly defined, a more practical restatement of Theorem 5.9 is:

If f is analytic at all points within and on a single contour C , and z_0 is any point interior to C , then $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C f(z)/(z - z_0) dz$.

Example Evaluate $\oint_C (z^2 - 4z + 4)/(z + i) dz$, where C is the circle $|z| = 2$.

Solution: First, we identify $f(z) = z^2 - 4z + 4$ and $z_0 = -i$ as a point within the circle C . Next, we observe that f is analytic at all points within and on the contour C . Thus, by the Cauchy integral formula we obtain

$$\oint_C \frac{z^2 - 4z + 4}{z + i} dz = 2\pi i f(-i) = \pi(-8 + i6) \quad (48)$$

Example Evaluate $\oint_C z/(z^2 + 9) dz$, where C is the circle $|z - 2i| = 4$.

Solution: The roots of denominator are $3i$ and $-3i$. We see that $3i$ is the only point within the closed contour C at which the integrand fails to be analytic. Then,

$$\oint_C \frac{z}{z^2 + 9} dz = \oint_C \frac{z}{(z - 3i)(z + 3i)} dz = \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z - 3i} dz \quad (49)$$

with $f(z) = z/(z + 3i)$, then

$$\oint_C \frac{z}{z^2 + 9} dz = 2\pi i f(3i) = i\pi \quad (50)$$

We shall now build on Theorem 5.9 by using it to prove that the values of the derivatives $f^{(n)}(z_0)$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ of an analytic function are also given by an integral formula. This second integral formula is known by the name Cauchy's integral formula for derivatives.

Theorem (5.10): Cauchy's Integral Formula for Derivatives Suppose that f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and C is any simple closed contour lying entirely within D . Then for any point z_0 within C ,

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad (51)$$

Proof: The demonstration for $n = 1$ is given in pag. 275 of the book.

The Cauchy's integral formula for derivatives can be used to evaluate integrals.

Example Evaluate $\oint_C (z+1)/(z^4+2iz^3)dz$, where C is the circle $|z|=1$.

Solution: The integrand is not analytic at $z=0$ and $z=-2i$, but only $z=0$ lies within the closed contour. By writing the integral as

$$\oint_C \frac{z+1}{z^4+2iz^3} dz = \oint_C \frac{z+1}{(z+2i)(z-0)^3} dz \quad (52)$$

we can identify, $z_0=0$, $n=2$, and $f(z)=(z+1)/(z+2i)$. Then, $f''(z)=(2-4i)/(z+2i)^3$ and $f''(0)=(2i-1)/4i$,

$$\oint_C \frac{z+1}{z^4+2iz^3} dz = \frac{2\pi i}{2!} f''(0) = -\frac{\pi}{4} + i\frac{\pi}{2} \quad (53)$$

Example Evaluate $\int_C (z^3+3)/(z(z-i)^2)dz$, where C is shown in Fig. 4.

Solution: Although C is not a simple closed contour, we can think of it as the union of two

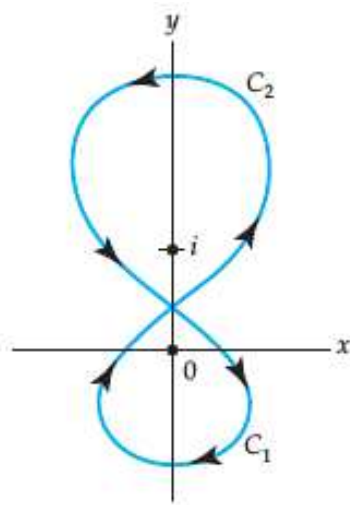


Figure 4: (from the book)

simple closed contours C_1 and C_2 . Hence, we write

$$\int_C \frac{z^3+3}{z(z-i)^2} dz = \int_{C_1} \frac{z^3+3}{z(z-i)^2} dz + \int_{C_2} \frac{z^3+3}{z(z-i)^2} dz \quad (54)$$

$$= -\oint_{-C_1} \frac{z^3+3}{z(z-i)^2} dz + \oint_{C_2} \frac{z^3+3}{z(z-i)^2} dz \quad (55)$$

$$= -\oint_{-C_1} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz + \oint_{C_2} \frac{g(z)}{(z-i)^2} dz \quad (56)$$

$$= -[2\pi i f(0)] + \frac{2\pi i}{1!} g'(i) \quad (57)$$

with

$$f(z) = \frac{z^3+3}{(z-i)^2} \quad (58)$$

$$g(z) = \frac{z^3+3}{z} \quad (59)$$

$$g'(z) = \frac{2z^3-3}{z^2} \quad (60)$$

and $f(0) = -3$, $g'(i) = 3 + 2i$, then

$$\int_C \frac{z^3 + 3}{z(z-i)^2} dz = -6\pi i + (-4\pi + 6\pi i) = -4\pi + i12\pi \quad (61)$$

Some Consequences of the Integral Formulas

Theorem (5.11): Derivative of an Analytic Function is Analytic Suppose that f is analytic in a simply connected domain D . Then f possesses derivatives of all orders at every point z in D . The derivatives f' , f'' , f''' , \dots are analytic functions in D .

If a function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ is analytic in a simply connected domain D , from

$$f'(z) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + i\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - i\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (62)$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + i\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x} - i\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \quad (63)$$

$$= \vdots \quad (64)$$

we can also conclude that the real functions u and v have continuous partial derivatives of all orders at a point of analyticity.

Theorem (5.12): Cauchy's Inequality Suppose that f is analytic in a simply connected domain D and C is a circle defined by $|z - z_0| = r$ that lies entirely in D . If $|f(z)| \leq M$ for all points z on C , then

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!M}{r^n} \quad (65)$$

Proof: Pag. 278 in the book

Theorem 5.12 is then used to prove the next theorem. The gist(esencia) of the theorem is that an entire function f , one that is analytic for all z , cannot be bounded unless f itself is a constant.

Theorem (5.13): Liouville's Theorem The only bounded entire functions are constants.

Proof: See pag. 279 of the book.

Theorem (5.14): Fundamental Theorem of Algebra If $p(z)$ is a nonconstant polynomial, then the equation $p(z) = 0$ has at least one root.

Proof: See pag. 279 of the book.

If $p(z)$ is a nonconstant polynomial of degree n , then $p(z) = 0$ has exactly n roots (counting multiple roots). See Problem 29 in Exercises 5.5 of the book.

Morera's Theorem gives a sufficient condition for analyticity. It is often taken to be the converse of the Cauchy-Goursat theorem.

Theorem (5.15): Morera's Theorem If f is continuous in a simply connected domain D and if $\oint_C f(z) dz = 0$ for every closed contour C in D , then f is analytic in D .

Proof: See pag. 280 of the book.

The next theorem tells us that $|f(z)|$ assumes its maximum value at some point z on the boundary C .

Theorem (5.16): Maximum Modulus Theorem Suppose that f is analytic and non-constant on a closed region R bounded by a simple closed curve C . Then the modulus $|f(z)|$ attains its maximum on C .

If the stipulation that $f(z) \neq 0$ for all z in R is added to the hypotheses of Theorem 5.16, then the modulus $|f(z)|$ also attains its minimum on C .

Example Find the maximum modulus of $f(z) = 2z + 5i$ on the closed circular region defined by $|z| \leq 2$.

Solution: $|z| = z\bar{z}$, then for $z \rightarrow 2z + 5i$ we get $|f(z)| = 4|z|^2 + 20\Im(z) + 25$. Because f is a polynomial, it is analytic on the region defined by $|z| \leq 2$. By Theorem 5.16, $\max_{|z| \leq 2} |2z + 5i|$ occurs on the boundary $|z| = 2$. Therefore, on $|z| = 2$, $|2z + 5i| = \sqrt{41 + 20\Im(z)}$. This expression attains its maximum when $\Im(z)$ attains its maximum on $|z| = 2$, namely, at the point $z = 2i$. Thus, $\max_{|z| \leq 2} |2z + 5i| = \sqrt{81} = 9$.

In this example, $f(z) = 0$ only at $z = -i5/2$ and that this point is outside the region defined by $|z| \leq 2$. Hence we can conclude that $|2z + 5i|$ attains its minimum when $\Im(z)$ attains its minimum on $|z| = 2$ at $z = -2i$. Then, $\min_{|z| \leq 2} |2z + 5i| = \sqrt{1} = 1$.