

Lesson 25 The Uniqueness theorem, Laurent expansions

$f(z_0) = 0$: $f(z) = \underbrace{a_N}_{a_0=0} (z-z_0)^N + \overset{\text{first non-zero coeff in Taylor series at } z_0}{a_{N+1}} (z-z_0)^{N+1} + a_{N+2} (z-z_0)^{N+2} + \dots$

$$= (z-z_0)^N \left[a_N + a_{N+1} (z-z_0) + a_{N+2} (z-z_0)^{N+2} + \dots \right] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{same} \\ \text{R of } \mathbb{C} \\ \text{as power} \\ \text{series above!} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= (z-z_0)^N F(z), \quad F(z_0) = a_N \neq 0$$

Thm: If $f \neq 0$, then zeroes of f are isolated.

Lemma If f is analytic on $D_r(z_0)$ and $f(z_0) = 0$,

then, either A) $f \equiv 0$ on $D_r(z_0)$, or

B) the zero at z_0 is isolated.

Defⁿ: z_0 is an accumulation point (or limit point) of a set $S' \subset \mathbb{C}$, if there is a seq $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ with $z_n \in S'$, $z_n \neq z_0$ for all n , and $z_n \rightarrow z_0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. [or cluster point]

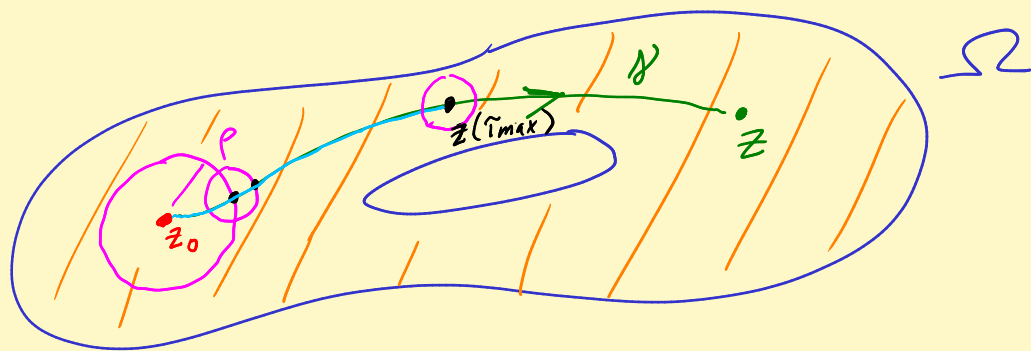
equivalent to: For every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a point z in $D_\varepsilon(z_0) \cap S'$ with $z \neq z_0$.

Big fact: (Uniqueness theorem). Suppose f is analytic on a domain Ω and let $Z_f = \{z \in \Omega : f(z) = 0\}$.

If z_f has an accumulation pt in Ω , then $f \equiv 0$ on Ω .²

Last time examples: Way false $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

PF:



Suppose $z_0 \in \Omega$ is a limit pt of z_f . $\exists D_\rho(z_0) \subset \Omega$ open.

Lemma implies $f \equiv 0$ on $D_\rho(z_0)$. Pick $z \in \Omega$.

Ω connected. So $\exists \gamma: z(t)$, $a \leq t \leq b$ in Ω connecting z_0 to z . Hmmm. $f(z(t)) \equiv 0$ for $t \in [a, a+\delta)$ for some $\delta > 0$.

Let $\tilde{\tau}_{\max} = \sup \{ \tilde{\tau} \in [a, b] \text{ such that } f(z(t)) = 0 \text{ for } a \leq t < \tilde{\tau} \}$

Aha! $z(\tilde{\tau}_{\max})$ is also a limit pt of z_f in Ω .

$\exists D_r(z(\tilde{\tau}_{\max})) \subset \Omega$, $r > 0$. Lemma $\Rightarrow$

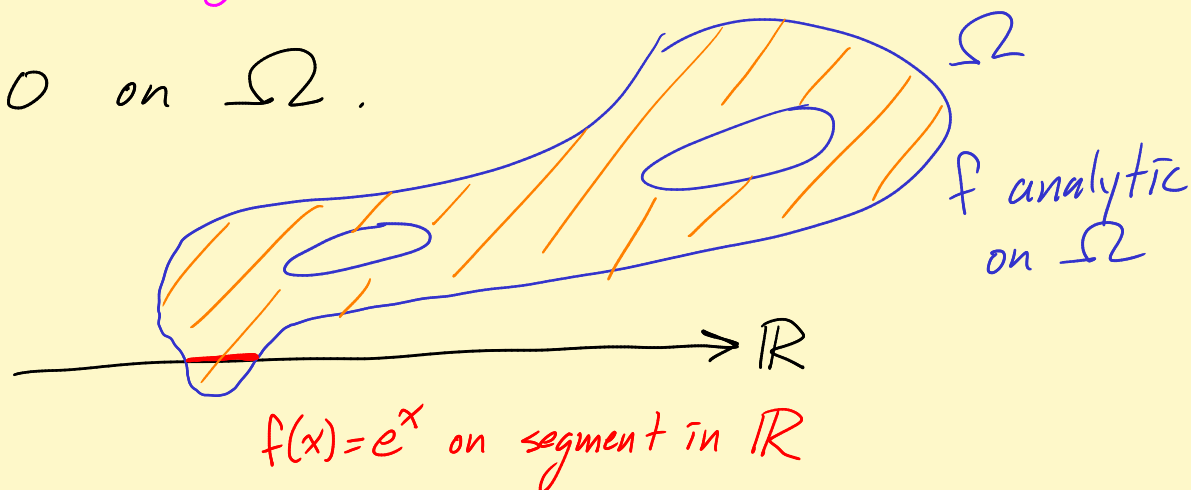
$f \equiv 0$ on $D_r(z(\tilde{\tau}_{\max}))$. Oops! Could

have made $\tilde{\tau}_{\max}$ bigger? No. Only way this can happen is if $\tilde{\tau}_{\max} = b$. Continuity implies

$$f(z) = \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \underbrace{f(z(t))}_0 = 0. \quad z \text{ was arbitrary.}$$

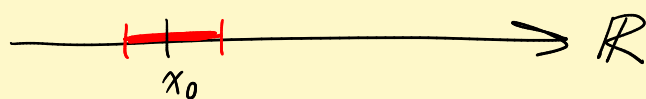
So $f \equiv 0$ on Ω .

EX:



Then $f(z) = e^z$ on Ω .

In particular, e^z is the only way to extend e^x from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{C}$ as an analytic fcn.



Every pt $x_0 \in$ segment is a limit pt of segment in $\mathbb{C}$.

Apply Uniq thm to $f(z) - e^z$

Fun fact: Every trig identity holds for complex angles.

EX: $\sin 2\theta = 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$

$$\left[\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \right]$$

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \sin \beta + \cos \beta \sin \alpha$$

Let $\alpha = z$ go complex. Get extension to $z \in \mathbb{C}$. Fix z .

Next, let $\beta = w$ go complex.

Warning Limit pt z_0 needs to be in Ω .

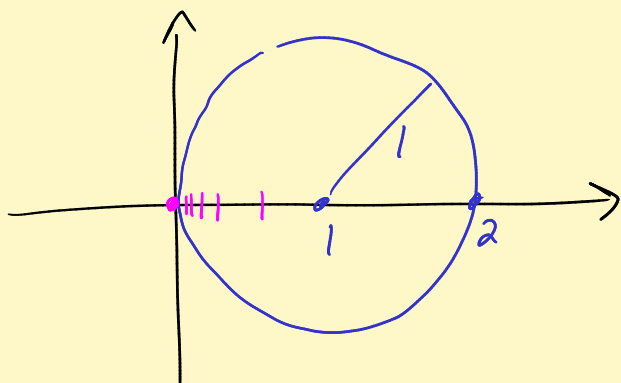
EX: $f(z) = \sin \frac{1}{z}$ on $\Omega = D_1(1)$.

Zeros of $\sin w$: $w = n\pi$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\frac{1}{z} = n\pi \quad z = \frac{1}{n\pi}$$

$$Z_f = \left\{ z \in D_1(1) : \sin \frac{1}{z} = 0 \right\} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2\pi}, \frac{1}{3\pi}, \dots \right\}$$

0 is a limit pt



$$f(z) \not\equiv 0.$$

0 is not in Ω ,
it's in the boundary of Ω .

Cor If f is analytic on a domain Ω and f vanishes on $D_\varepsilon(z_0) \subset \Omega$, then $f \equiv 0$ on Ω .

[$z_0 \in \Omega$ is a limit pt of Z_f .]

Cor: Same is true for harmonic fns u .

Pf: Know $u_x - iu_y$ is analytic when u is harmonic

on Ω . Let $F = u_x - iu_y$ on Ω . Then $F \equiv 0$

on $D_\varepsilon(z_0)$. So Cor $\Rightarrow F \equiv 0$ on Ω .

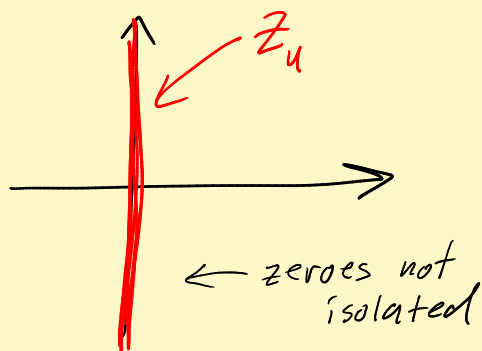
So $u_x \equiv 0, u_y \equiv 0$ on Ω , i.e., $\nabla u \equiv 0$.

So u is constant on Ω . Since $u(z_0) = 0$, that constant must be zero.

Question Is there is a uniqueness thm for harmonic fns? No!

EX: $x = \operatorname{Re} z$ is harmonic.

$$u(x, y) = x$$



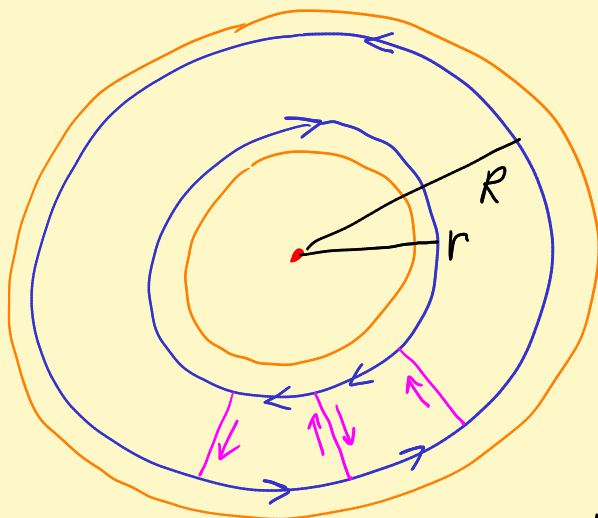
Lots of limit pts of zeroes: imaginary axis = Z_u .

Next time: Laurent expansions.

Tool: Cauchy thm and integral formula for an annulus.

Cauchy thm

$$\left(\int_{C_R} - \int_{C_r} \right) f dz = 0$$



f analytic
in bigger
annulus

Pf: Cut up like a pizza. Add up integrals. Cuts cancel!