

Laurent Expansion

- **Laurent Expansion Theorem.** Suppose that f is holomorphic on an open annulus $A(a;r,R)$. Then f has a Laurent series expansion

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

which converges absolutely in the annulus and uniformly on compact subannuli. Moreover, the coefficients c_n of the Laurent expansion are determined uniquely as

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(\zeta)}{\zeta - a} d\zeta, \quad n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots,$$

where γ is any positively oriented Jordan curve in the annulus which wraps around a .

- **Local Laurent expansion.** A Laurent series expansion of f on a “deleted neighborhood” of a , i.e. an annulus of the form $A(a;0,R)$, is called the *local* Laurent expansion of f at a .

- **Laurent estimates.** If $f(z) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n (z - a)^n$ is a Laurent expansion in the annulus $A(a;R_1,R_2)$, then for every

$$R_1 < R < R_2,$$

we have

$$|c_n| \leq \frac{M_R}{R^n}, \quad \text{where } M_R := \max_{|z-a|=R} |f(z)|.$$

- **Useful Laurent series.** In practice, it's useful to know a couple of important Laurent (and Taylor) series. Among them

Geometric $\frac{1}{1-z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots$
 ($|z| < 1$)

$\frac{1}{(1-z)^{k+1}} = \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dz^k} \left\{ \frac{1}{1-z} \right\}$
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Derivatives!

Binomial $(1+z)^\alpha = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\alpha}{n} z^n = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)\cdots(\alpha-n+1)}{n!} z^n$

Sine
 $(\forall z \in \mathbb{C}) \quad \sin z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n-1}}{(2n-1)!} = z - \frac{1}{3!}z^3 + \frac{1}{5!}z^5 - \frac{1}{7!}z^7 + \dots$

Cosine
 $(\forall z \in \mathbb{C}) \quad \cos z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{2n}}{(2n)!} = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}z^2 + \frac{1}{4!}z^4 - \frac{1}{6!}z^6 + \dots$

Exponential $(\forall z \in \mathbb{C}) \quad e^z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} = 1 + z + \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{6}z^3 + \frac{1}{24}z^4 + \dots$
 $(|z| < 1)$

Special types of points

- **Zeros.** A zero of a nonconstant function f is a point a such that $f(a) = 0$. If f is holomorphic and a is a zero of f , then we can Laurent (or Taylor!) expand f as

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} c_n(z-a)^n = c_m(z-a)^m + c_{m+1}(z-a)^{m+1} + \dots$$

The smallest $m \geq 1$ such that $c_m \neq 0$ is called the *order* of the zero. Then the following are equivalent:

$$a \text{ is a zero of order } m \iff f(a) = f'(a) = \dots = f^{(m-1)}(a) = 0, f^{(m)}(a) \neq 0 \iff \text{there exists a nonzero analytic } g \text{ defined near } a$$

$$\text{s.t. } f(z) = (z-a)^m g(z) \quad \forall z \text{ near } a$$

- **Isolated singularities.** A point a is an *isolated singularity* of f if f is not differentiable at a , but is differentiable on a *deleted neighborhood* of a , i.e. an annulus of the form $A(a; 0, R)$. There are three types of isolated singularities classified by the behavior of f near a :

Removable: $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = A \in \mathbb{C}$, so f can be made continuous at a

Pole: $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z) = \infty$, so f can be made continuous in \mathbb{C}_∞

Essential: $\lim_{z \rightarrow a} f(z)$ does not exist, so f cannot be made continuous at a

- **Removable singularities.** The following conditions are also equivalent for an isolated singularity a of a function f :

$$a \text{ is removable} \iff f \text{ can be made continuous at } a$$

$$\iff f \text{ is bounded on a neighborhood of } a$$

$$\iff \text{the local Laurent series at } a \text{ has no singular part}$$

$$\iff f \text{ can be made analytic at } a$$

- **Poles.** It is easy to see that $f(z)$ has a pole at a if and only if the reciprocal function $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a removable zero at a . Hence, every pole has a corresponding *order*. In fact, a is pole of order m $\Leftrightarrow 1/f$ has a removable zero of order m at a

\Leftrightarrow there exists a *nonzero* analytic g defined near a

$$\text{s.t. } f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^m} \quad \forall z \text{ near } a$$

\Leftrightarrow the local Laurent series at a has *finite* singular part

- **Essential singularities.** The following are equivalent for an isolated singularity a :

a is an essential singularity \Leftrightarrow the local Laurent series at a has *infinite* singular part \Leftrightarrow for any $A \in \mathbb{C}_\infty$, there exists a sequence z_n

$$\text{s.t. } z_n \rightarrow a, f(z_n) \rightarrow A \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

