

# Properties of Laurent Series

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

- (i) If series converges, it has to converge in  $\rho_1 < |z-z_0| < \rho_2$
- (ii) If series converges,  $G(z)$  is unique.
- (iii) If series converges,  $G(z)$  is continuous and analytic.
- (iv) If series converges, the series can be integrated and differentiated term by term. (they converge in the same region)

## Singularities

singularity of  $f(z)$ : a point where  $f(z)$  is not analytic:

- branch points:  $f(z)$  is not single valued
- other

ex  $f'(z) = \ln \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right) = \ln(1+z) - \ln(1-z)$  (ln has branch point at  $z=0$ )  
0 at  $z=-1$     0 at  $z=1$

Other singularities,  $z_0$ :

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

- (i)  $z_0$  is called removable singularity if  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z)$ : finite and  $f(z)$ : analytic in the neighborhood of  $z_0$ . ( $z \neq z_0$ )

$$f(z) = \dots + \frac{c_{-m}}{(z-z_0)^m} + \frac{c_{-m+1}}{(z-z_0)^{m-1}} + \dots + c_0 + c_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f(z) \text{ finite} \equiv A \rightarrow c_{-m} = 0, -m < 0$$

$$\rightarrow f(z) = c_0 + c_1(z-z_0) + \dots + c_n(z-z_0)^n; \text{ Taylor series}$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{c_0 = A} \quad \text{Can always define } f(z_0) \equiv A = c_0.$$

ex  $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z}$ ,  $z_0 = 0$      $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin z}{z} = 1 = A$

$$\frac{\sin z}{z} = 1 - \frac{z^2}{3!} + \dots$$

$\therefore z_0 = 0$ : removable discontinuity.

(ii)  $C_k = 0$  for  $k < -M$ ,  $M > 0$ ,  $C_M \neq 0$

$$f(z) = \frac{C_{-M}}{(z-z_0)^M} + \frac{C_{-M+1}}{(z-z_0)^{M-1}} + \dots + \frac{C_{-1}}{(z-z_0)} + C_0 + C_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

by definition,  $z_0$  is  $M^{\text{th}}$  order pole of  $f(z)$

$M=1$ : simple pole    $M=2$ : double pole    $M=3$ : triple pole.

$z_0$ :  $M^{\text{th}}$  order pole  $\iff \begin{cases} (z-z_0)^M f(z) : \text{analytic} \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \underbrace{[(z-z_0)^M f(z)]}_{C_{-M}} : \text{finite} \neq 0 \end{cases}$

(iii)  $f(z) = \dots \frac{C_{-M}}{(z-z_0)^M} + \dots$  infinite number of negative powers of  $z-z_0$   
 $\rightarrow z_0$ : essential singularity

Definition:  $C_{-1}$ : residue of  $f(z)$

$$f(z) = \dots + \frac{C_{-M}}{(z-z_0)^M} + \dots + \frac{C_{-1}}{(z-z_0)} + C_0 + C_1(z-z_0) + \dots$$

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = \dots + \int_C \frac{C_{-M}}{(z-z_0)^M} dz + \dots + C_{-1} \int_C \frac{dz}{z-z_0} + C_0 \int_C dz + \dots$$

$$\boxed{\oint_C f(z) dz = C_{-1} 2\pi i} \text{ always valid.}$$

Recall:   $\oint_C z^n dz = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq -1 \\ 2\pi i, & n = -1 \end{cases}$

  $\oint_{C'} (z-z_0)^n dz = \begin{cases} 0, & n \neq -1 \\ 2\pi i, & n = -1 \end{cases}$

ex  $f(z) = \frac{P_N(z)}{Q_M(z)}$     $P_N, Q_M$ : polynomials of degree  $N, M$ .

possible isolated singularities:  $Q_M(z) = 0$

removable or poles