

# Residues of a complex function

Defn - Residues - If  $f(z)$  be analytic at a singular point  $z=a$ , then by

Laurent's series 
$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-a)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(z-a)^{-n}$$

The coefficient of  $(z-a)^{-1}$  i.e.  $b_1$  is called the residues of  $f(z)$  at  $z=a$  and is denoted by  $\text{Res}_{z=a} f(z)$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\text{Res}_{z=a} f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c f(z) dz}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\int_c f(z) dz = 2\pi i [\text{Res}_{z=a} f(z)]}$$

where  $c$  is the closed curve around the point  $z=a$

## Working rule for finding residues

(a) Residue at simple pole

(i) If  $f(z)$  has a simple pole at  $z=a$  then  $\text{Res. } f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow a} (z-a) f(z)$

(ii) If  $f(z)$  is of the form, at  $z=a$   $f(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{\psi(z)}$ , where  $\phi(a) = 0$  &  $\psi(a) \neq 0$

$\therefore \text{Residue at } z=a = \frac{\phi'(a)}{\psi'(a)}$

(b) Residue at a pole of order  $n$

If  $f(z)$  has a pole of order  $n$  at  $z=a$  then,  $\text{Res. (at } z=a) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left\{ \frac{d^{n-1}}{dz^{n-1}} [ (z-a)^n f(z) ] \right\}_{z=a}$

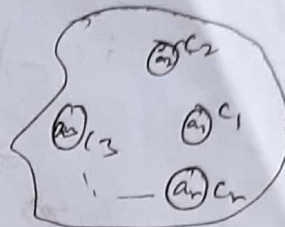
- (2) (c) Residue at a pole  $z=a$  of any order (simple or order of  $m$ )

$$\text{Res. } f(a) = \text{coeff. of } (1/t)$$

Putting  $z=a+t$  in the function  $f(z)$ , expand it in powers of  $t$ . Coefficient of  $\frac{1}{t}$  is residue of  $f(z)$  at  $z=a$

### Residue theorem

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in a closed curve  $C$ , with finite number of poles within  $C$ , then



$$\int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i (\text{sum of residues at the poles within } C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i [\text{Res } f(a_1) + \text{Res } f(a_2) + \text{Res } f(a_3) + \dots + \text{Res } f(a_n)]$$

F.R. Cauchy integral formula is a particular case of this theorem.

Here  $[f(z)/(z-a)]$  has only a simple

pole at  $z=a$ , and the residue is  $f(a)$

$\therefore$  By residue theorem

$$\int_C \frac{f(z)}{z-a} dz = 2\pi i f(a)$$



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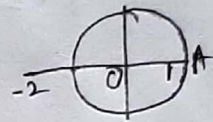
Problems on residues

(4) Find the residue of  $\oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z^2+2z} dz$ ,  $C: |z| > 2$   
the following,

$$\text{Here } f(z) = \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z^2+2z} dz$$

$$= \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z(z+2)} dz$$

Poles are given by  $z=0, z=-2$   
i.e.  $f(z)$  has a simple poles at  $z=0$ ,  
 $z=-2$ , out of which only  $z=0$   
lies within  $C$ .



$$\therefore \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z(z+2)} dz = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \oint_C (3z+5) \left[ \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z+2} \right] dz \right] \quad (\text{using partial fraction})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z} dz - \frac{1}{2} \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z+2} dz$$

Now, residue at  $z=-2$  lies outside the curve,

$$\therefore \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z(z+2)} dz = 0$$

$$\& \frac{1}{2} \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z} dz$$

Residue of  $f(z)$  at  $z=0$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z-0) f(z)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cdot \left( \frac{3z+5}{z} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3 \times 0 + 5] = 5/2$$

$$\textcircled{i)} \quad \oint_C \frac{3z+5}{z} dz = 2\pi i \times \text{Res. } f(z) \text{ at } z=0$$

$$= 2\pi i \times \frac{5}{1} = 10\pi i$$

$$\textcircled{ii)} \quad \oint_C \frac{\sin z}{z \cos z} dz, \quad C: |z|=2$$

Here poles are given by

$$z=0, \pm \pi/2, \pm 3\pi/2, \dots$$

only the poles  $z=0$  &  $z=\pm \pi/2$  lies inside  $|z|=2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } f(0) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} [z \cdot f(z)] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cdot \frac{\sin z}{z \cos z} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res. } f(\pi/2) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} [(z - \pi/2) f(z)] \\ &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \left[ \frac{(z - \pi/2) \sin z}{z \cos z} \right], \text{ form } \frac{0}{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow \pi/2} \left[ \frac{(z - \pi/2) \cos z + \sin z}{\cos z - z \sin z} \right]$$

(using L'Hospital's rule)

$$= \frac{1}{-\pi/2} = -\frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } f(-\pi/2) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \left[ \frac{(z + \pi/2) \sin z}{z \cos z} \right], \text{ form } \frac{0}{0} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -\pi/2} \left[ \frac{(z + \pi/2) \cos z + \sin z}{\cos z - z \sin z} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi}$$



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$$\therefore \oint_C \frac{\sin z}{z \cos z} dz = 2\pi i [\text{Sum of residues}]$$

$$= 2\pi i [\text{Res } f(0) + \text{Res } f(\pi/2) + \text{Res } f(-\pi/2)]$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ 0 - \frac{2}{\pi} + \frac{2}{\pi} \right] = 0$$

(iii)  $\oint_C \frac{e^z - 1}{z(z-1)(z-i)^2} dz$ ,  $C: |z| = 1/2$

Here  $f(z)$  has simple poles

at  $z=0$  &  $z=1$

& pole of order 2 at  $z=i$

only  $z=0$  lies within  $C$

$$\therefore \text{Res } f(0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (z-0) f(z)$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} z \cdot \frac{e^z - 1}{z(z-1)(z-i)^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^0 - 1}{(0-1)(0-i)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1-1}{-i^2} = 0$$

$$\therefore \oint_C \frac{e^z - 1}{z(z-1)(z-i)^2} dz$$

$$= 2\pi i [\text{Res } f(0)] = 2\pi i \times 0 = 0$$

(iv)  $\oint_C \frac{z-3}{z^2+2z+5} dz$ , (a)  $C: |z|=1$ , (b)  $C: |z+1-i|=2$

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Here the poles are given by

$$z^2 + 2z + 5 = 0$$

$$z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{-16}}{2} = \frac{-2 \pm 4i}{2}$$

$$= -1 \pm 2i$$

② Both poles  $z = -1 + 2i$  &  $z = -1 - 2i$

lies outside the circle  $|z| = 1$

$\therefore$  By Cauchy theorem

$$\oint_C \frac{z-3}{z^2+2z+5} dz = 0$$

(b) only  $z = -1 + 2i$  lies inside the circle,  $|z+1-i| = 2$

$\therefore f(z)$  is analytic within  $C$  except this pole.

$$\text{Res } f[-1+2i]$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow -1+2i} \frac{(z+1-2i)(z-3)}{(z+1-2i)(z+1+2i)}$$

$$= \frac{-1+2i-3}{-1+2i+1+2i} = \frac{-4+2i}{4i}$$

$$= \frac{-2+i}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}$$

$$\therefore \oint_C \frac{z-3}{z^2+2z+5} dz = 2\pi i \left[ \text{Res}_i f(-1+2i) \right] = 2\pi i \left[ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2} \right]$$



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$$\oint_C \frac{z^3}{(z-1)^4(z-2)(z-3)} dz, \quad c: |z|=2.5$$

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4 poles are given by

 $z=1$ , is of order 4&  $z=2, z=3$  are simple polesRes.  $f(z)$ 

$$= \frac{1}{(4-1)!} \left[ \frac{d^{4-1}}{dz^{4-1}} [(z-1)^4 \cdot f(z)] \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3!} \left[ \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left\{ \cancel{(z-1)^4} \times \frac{z^3}{\cancel{(z-1)^4} (z-2)(z-3)} \right\} \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d^3}{dz^3} \left( \frac{z^3}{(z-2)(z-3)} \right) \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left\{ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z^3}{(z-2)(z-3)} \right) \right\} \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left\{ \frac{(z-2)(z-3)3z^2 - z^3 \times 1 \times (z-2) - z^3 \times 1 \times (z-3)}{\{(z-2)(z-3)\}^2} \right\} \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left\{ \frac{3z^4 - 15z^3 + 18z^2 - z^3(z-2+z-3)}{\{(z-2)(z-3)\}^2} \right\} \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left( \frac{z^4 - 10z^3 + 18z^2}{\{(z-2)(z-3)\}^2} \right) \right]_{z=1}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{6} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z^4 - 10z^3 + 18z^2}{\{(z-2)(z-3)\}^2} \right) \right) \right]_{z=1}$$

$$= \frac{101}{16} \quad (\text{After solving})$$

Residue  $f(z)$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \left[ (z-2) \frac{z^3}{(z-1)^4 (z-2)(z-3)} \right]_{z=2}$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{z^3}{(z-1)^4 (z-3)} \right]_{z=2}$$

$$= \frac{8}{1 \times (2-3)} = -8$$

Pole  $z=3$  outside  $C$

$$\therefore \oint_C f(z) dz = \oint_C \frac{z^3}{(z-1)^4 (z-2)(z-3)} dz$$

$$= 2\pi i [\text{Res } f(z) + \text{Res } f(2)]$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ \frac{101}{16} - 8 \right]$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ \frac{101 - 128}{16} \right]$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ \frac{-27}{16} \right] = -\frac{27\pi i}{8}$$



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$$(vi) \oint_C \frac{e^z}{z^2(z+1)^3} dz, \quad C: |z|=2$$

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Here,  $f(z)$  has pole of order 2, at  $z=0$  & pole of order 3, at  $z=-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } f(0) &= \frac{1}{(2-1)!} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} (z^2 \cdot f(z)) \right] \\ &= \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \cancel{z^2} \times \frac{e^z}{\cancel{z^2}(z+1)^3} \right) \right]_{z=0} \\ &= \left[ \frac{(z+1)^3 \times e^z - e^z \times 3(z+1)^2}{(z+1)^6} \right]_{z=0} \\ &= \frac{e^0 - e^0 \times 3}{1} = \frac{1-3}{1} = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res. of } f(-1) &= \frac{1}{(3-1)!} \left[ \frac{d^{3-1}}{dz^{3-1}} \left\{ (z+1)^3 \times \frac{e^z}{z^2(z+1)^3} \right\} \right]_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2!} \left[ \frac{d^2}{dz^2} \left( \frac{e^z}{z^2} \right) \right]_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{e^z}{z^2} \right\} \right) \right]_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z^2 \times e^z - e^z \times 2z}{z^4} \right) \right]_{z=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{z \cdot e^z (z-2)}{z^4} \right) \right]_{z=-1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{e^z(z-2)}{z^3} \right) \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{z^3 \{ e^z(z-2) + e^z \times 1 \} - e^z(z-2) \times 3z^2}{z^6} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{z^3 \{ e^z(z-2+1) \} - e^z(z-2) \times 3z^2}{z^6} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{z^3 \{ e^z(z-1) \} - e^z(z-2) \times 3z^2}{z^6} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^z \cancel{z^3} \{ z(z-1) - 3(z-2) \}}{\cancel{z^6} z^4} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^z (z^2 - z - 3z + 6)}{z^4} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^z (z^2 - 4z + 6)}{z^4} \right]_{z=-1}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} e^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \oint_c \frac{e^z}{z^2(z+1)^3} dz = 2\pi i [\text{Res } f(0) + \text{Res } f(-1)]$$

$$= 2\pi i \left[ -2 + \frac{5}{2} e^{-1} \right]$$

$$= \pi i [-4 + 5e^{-1}]$$