

# Complex Variables & Integral Transforms

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# 1 Complex Variables

## 1.1 General Relations & Definitions

$$z = x + iy = re^{i\theta} \quad (1)$$

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad (2)$$

$$z^n = (re^{i\theta})^n = r^n(\cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta) \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{z} = x - iy \quad (4)$$

$$z = \bar{z}z \quad (5)$$

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0 \quad (6)$$

*Principle value range:* range within which functions are well defined/single valued.

*Open:* in a set of complex numbers, if one can draw an arbitrarily small circle around any point, with the circle still in the set, then the set is open.

*Connected:* if two points in a set can be connected with a continuous curve, then the set is connected. If the set is not-empty and open and connected, then the set is a *domain*.

### 1.1.1 Hyperbolics, Sinusoidals & Logarithms

$$\cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$\sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} \quad (8)$$

$$\cosh iz = \cos z \quad (9)$$

$$\sinh iz = i \sin z \quad (10)$$

$$\ln z = \ln(re^{i\theta}) = \ln r + i\theta \quad (11)$$

### 1.1.2 Complex Functions

$$f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y) \quad (12)$$

So that  $\Re\{f(z)\} = u(x, y)$  and  $\Im\{f(z)\} = v(x, y)$

### 1.1.3 Continuity & Differentiability

A complex function  $f(z)$  is continuous if

$$|f(z) - f(z_0)| \rightarrow 0 \quad (13)$$

as  $z \rightarrow z_0$  in any manner.

A complex function  $f(z)$  is differentiable if

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \left( \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} \right) \rightarrow 0 \quad (14)$$

in any manner.

## 1.2 Cauchy-Riemann Equations

The complex function  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  is regular (analytic) if and only if

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \quad (16)$$

hold. The functions  $u(x, y)$  and  $v(x, y)$  are known as ‘conjugate functions’, and are harmonic:

$$\nabla^2 u = \nabla^2 v = 0 \quad (17)$$

## 1.3 Laurent Series

Useful to know the following ‘common’ expansions:

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z}} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \quad (19)$$

the first of which is convergent on  $|z| < 1$ , and the second on  $|z| > 1$ .

Now,  $\sum a_n z^n$  converges on  $|z| < R_2$ , and  $\sum b_n z^{-n}$  on  $|z| > R_1$ . Hence:

$$\sum a_n z^n + \sum b_n z^{-n} \quad (20)$$

converges on  $R_1 < |z| < R_2$ .

We have:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (21)$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} (z - z_0)^{n-1} f(z) dz \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (22)$$

So, generally:

$$f(z) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_n (z - z_0)^n \quad (23)$$

is a Laurent expansion about the point  $z = z_0$ .

### 1.3.1 Singularities

If, in the Laurent expansion, all coefficients of the  $\frac{1}{z^n}$  terms (i.e. the  $b_n$ ) are zero, then  $z = z_0$  is a removable singularity.

If, for  $n > k$ ,  $b_n = 0$ , then there is a pole of order  $k$  at  $z = z_0$ .  $k = 1$  is known as a ‘simple pole’, with  $k = 2$  being a ‘double pole’.

If there is an infinite number of  $b_n$ ’s, then an essential singularity at  $z = z_0$ .

These have all been examples of ‘isolated singularities’

A non-isolated is one in which in any small region surrounding one singularity, there is always another. For example  $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{1}{z}}$  has an ‘essential singularity’ at  $z = \frac{1}{n\pi}$ .

A ‘branch point’ singularity has an example of the logarithm: it is only uniquely defined in the cut plane, and is singular everywhere on the branch point.

$f(z)$  has a simple pole at  $z = z_0$  if  $f(z_0) = 0$  and  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ .

$f(z)$  has a double pole at  $z = z_0$  if  $f(z_0) = f'(z_0) = 0$  and  $f''(z_0) \neq 0$ .

$g(z)$  has a pole of order  $k$  at  $z = z_0$ , and  $f(z)$  has a zero of order  $k$ . Where  $g(z) = \frac{1}{f(z)}$ .

## 1.4 Complex Integration

### 1.4.1 Integration by Parameterisation

Here, we parameterise  $z$  in terms of some function of  $t$ :

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \int_{t=\alpha}^{t=\beta} f\{z(t)\} \frac{dz}{dt} dt \quad (24)$$

### 1.4.2 Cauchy’s Theorem

If  $f(z)$  is regular inside some closed contour  $\gamma$ , then:

$$\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0 \quad (25)$$

### 1.4.3 Cauchy’s Integral Formula

If  $f(z)$  is regular in some domain  $D$ , and  $\gamma$  is some closed Jordan contour in  $D$ ; and  $z_0$  inside  $\gamma$ , then:

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz \quad (26)$$

## 1.5 Cauchy's Residue Theorem

If  $f(z)$  is regular everywhere inside a closed contour  $\gamma$ , except at a finite number of isolated singularities  $z_k$ . Then:

$$\oint_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 2\pi i \sum_{z_k \text{ inside } \gamma} \text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_k\} \quad (27)$$

Where:

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = b_1 \quad (28)$$

Thus, the residue of  $f(z)$  at a singularity at  $z = z_0$ , is the coefficient of the  $\frac{1}{z-z_0}$  term in the Laurent expansion.

### 1.5.1 Finding Residues

We can find residues by a number of methods:

Let:

$$f(z) = \frac{\phi(z)}{(z - z_0)^m} \quad (29)$$

Where  $f(z)$  has a pole of order  $m$  at  $z = z_0$ . If  $\phi(z_0) \neq 0$ , and  $\phi(z_0)$  is regular we have the following cases:

For  $m = 1 \Rightarrow$  simple pole:

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = \phi(z_0) \quad (30)$$

For  $m = 2 \Rightarrow$  double pole:

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right)_{z=z_0} \quad (31)$$

For  $m = m \Rightarrow$  pole order  $m$ :

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left( \frac{\partial^{m-1} \phi}{\partial z^{m-1}} \right)_{z=z_0} \quad (32)$$

Another method:

Let

$$f(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)} \quad (33)$$

where both  $p(z)$  &  $q(z)$  are regular at  $z = z_0$ .  
 $q(z_0)$  is a zero of order  $m$ ; and if  $p(z_0) \neq 0$ , then:

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = \frac{p(z_0)}{q'(z_0)} \quad (34)$$

And, if  $p(z_0) = 0$ , and  $p'(z_0) \neq 0$  &  $q''(z_0) \neq 0$ :

$$\text{Res}\{f(z); z = z_0\} = 2 \frac{p'(z_0)}{q''(z_0)} \quad (35)$$

## 1.6 Evaluation of Real Integrals

Use to solve integrals of the form:

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(\cos \theta, \sin \theta) d\theta \quad (36)$$

Now,  $z = re^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ . Thus:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \quad (37)$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2i} \left( z - \frac{1}{z} \right) \quad (38)$$

$$d\theta = \frac{dz}{iz} \quad (39)$$

Thus, the integral can be changed to a complex integral about the unit circle  $\oint_C g(z) dz$ , which can be solved.

## 1.7 Jordan's Lemma

Let  $\gamma_R$  be the semi-circular contour extending from  $-R \rightarrow +R$ , and  $\gamma_1$  the portion of the real line joining these two points. Thus, the closed semi-circular contour is  $\gamma = \gamma_R + \gamma_1$ .

Then, for the integral:

$$\oint_{\gamma} f(z) e^{imz} dz \quad (40)$$

That is, the integral::

$$\oint_{\gamma} f(z) e^{imz} dz = \int_{\gamma_R} f(z) e^{imz} dz + \int_{\gamma_1} f(z) e^{imz} dz \quad (41)$$

$$= \int_{\gamma_R} f(z) e^{imz} dz + \int_{-R}^R f(z) e^{imz} dz \quad (42)$$

If the following conditions hold:  $f(z)$  only has simple poles in the finite part of the upper-half-plane;  $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} f(z) = 0$ ;  $m > 0$ ; Jordan's Lemma states that:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_R} f(z) e^{imz} dz = 0 \quad (43)$$

$$(44)$$

So that the integral becomes:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \oint_{\gamma} f(z)e^{imz} dz = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_1} f(z)e^{imz} dz \quad (45)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(z)e^{imz} dz \quad (46)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)e^{imx} dx \quad (47)$$

We use this in the evaluation of integrals of the form  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx$ , by working backwards:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \oint_{\gamma} f(z)e^{imz} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_k \text{Res}\{f(z)e^{imz}; z = z_k\} \quad (48)$$

Which is therefore evaluated by Cauchy's Residue theorem. Remembering that it is the sum over residues enclosed by the contour: i.e. over all residues due to all singularities in the upper-half-plane.

## 2 Integral Transforms

### 2.1 Laplace Transform

$$\bar{f}(p) = L\{f(t)\} = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-pt} dt \quad (49)$$

The transform is a linear operator:

$$L\{f_1(t) + f_2(t)\} = L\{f_1(t)\} + L\{f_2(t)\} \quad (50)$$

Some common transforms:

$f(t)$	$\bar{f}(p) = L\{f(t)\}$
$e^{\alpha t}$	$\frac{1}{p-\alpha}$
$t^n$	$\frac{n!}{p^{n+1}}$
$\frac{dy}{dt}$	$p\bar{y}(p) - y(0)$
$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$	$p^2\bar{y}(p) - y'(0) - py(0)$
$e^{i\omega t}$	$\frac{p+i\omega}{p^2+\omega^2}$

### 2.2 Bromwich Contour

$$f(t) = L^{-1}\{\bar{f}(p)\} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} \bar{f}(p)e^{pt} dp \quad (51)$$



This inversion integral is directly analogous to Jordan's Lemma.  $c$  is chosen to the right of any singularities of  $\bar{f}e^{pt}$ . Only works if  $\bar{f}$  has a finite number of isolated poles in the left-half-plane,  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{f}| = 0$  and  $m > 0$ . That is:

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left( 2\pi i \sum_{z_k \text{ in LHP}} \bar{f}e^{pt}; z = z_k \right) \quad (52)$$

## 2.3 Fourier Transforms

### 2.3.1 Derivation of Fourier Transforms

Suppose we expand  $f(x)$  on some range  $\frac{\lambda}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}$  as a Fourier series:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(k_n x) + b_n \sin(k_n x) \quad (53)$$

Where:

$$k_n \equiv \frac{2\pi n}{\lambda} \quad (54)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) dt \quad (55)$$

$$a_n = \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) \cos(k_n t) dt \quad (56)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) \sin(k_n t) dt \quad (57)$$

$$(58)$$

Now, using the identity  $\cos[k_n(t-x)] = \cos(k_n t) \cos(k_n x) + \sin(k_n t) \sin(k_n x)$ , we get:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) dt + \frac{2}{\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) \cos[k_n(t-x)] dt \quad (59)$$

Notice:

$$\cos[k_n(t-x)] = \frac{1}{2} [e^{ik_n(t-x)} + e^{-ik_n(t-x)}] \quad (60)$$

$$k_n \equiv \frac{2\pi n}{\lambda} \Rightarrow k_{-n} = \frac{2\pi(-n)}{\lambda} = -k_n \quad (61)$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{-n} = -k_n \quad (62)$$

Thus, by changing the summation limits to  $-\infty \leq n \leq \infty$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\frac{\lambda}{2}}^{\frac{\lambda}{2}} f(t) e^{ik_n(t-x)} dt \quad (63)$$

Now, to tidy up; we define  $h \equiv \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow k_n = nh$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} h \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(t) e^{-inh(t-x)} dt \quad (64)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} hg(nh) \quad (65)$$

$$g(nh) \equiv \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} f(t) e^{-inh(t-x)} dt \quad (67)$$

Now, as  $h \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} hg(nh) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(k) dk \quad (68)$$

Thus:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(k) dk \quad (69)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{ik(t-x)} dt dk \quad (70)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{-ikx} dk \quad (71)$$

Where:

$$F(k) \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx} dx \quad (72)$$

### 2.3.2 Summary of Fourier Transform

Transform:

$$F(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{ikx} dx \quad (73)$$

Inverse:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(k) e^{-ikx} dk \quad (74)$$