

Theorem 0.0.1: Residue Theorem

Assume that f is analytic except on a discrete set $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\} \subset \Omega$ and that f is analytic in $\Omega \setminus A$. Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f \, dz = 2\pi i \sum_j n(\gamma, a_j) \text{Res}(f, a_j)$$

for every $\gamma \in C_0$ not intersecting A and $\gamma \sim 0$. Since A is discrete, we have $n(\gamma, a_j) = 0$ for all but finitely many.

Proof. WLOG assume $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ is finite (for we can always throw away those with index 0). Let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$ be sufficiently small circles so that the disks are separated. Also assume that these disks are entirely in Ω . Then

$$g(z) := f - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\text{Res}(f, a_j)}{z - a_j}$$

is periodic. So

$$\int_{\gamma} f - \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\text{Res}(f, a_j)}{z - a_j} \, dz = 2\pi i \sum_j \text{Res}(f, a_j) n(\gamma, a_j).$$

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Computing Residues at Poles

If f has a pole of order n , then

$$f(z) = \frac{g(z)}{(z-a)^n}$$

where g is analytic and $g(0) \neq 0$. By Taylor's theorem,

$$f(z) = ((g(0) + (z-a)g'(a) + \dots + (z-a)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{g^{(n-1)}(a)}{(n-1)!} + (z-a)^n h(z))$$

where $h(z)$ is also analytic.