

One Conclusion on the Essential Singularity of Analytic Function

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Key words

Analytic function; Isolated singularity; Essential singularity; Laurent expansion

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1. INTRODUCTION

The deep research shows that theory of complex function has extensive application in physics, engineering, and other subject^[1-6].

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2. THE PROOF OF LEMMAS; PREPARATION

Lemma 1 Let f be analytic on a region A and have an isolated singularity^[1-6] at z_0 .

(i) z_0 is a removable singularity^[9-10] iff any one of the following conditions holds: (1) f is bounded in a deleted neighborhood^[11-14] of z_0 ; (2) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} it f(z)$ exists; or (3) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} it(z - z_0)f(z) = 0$. (Note that it is not immediately evident that these three conditions are equivalent but the assertion is that they are and that each is equivalent to the condition that f has a removable singularity.

(ii) z_0 is a simple pole iff $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} it(z - z_0)f(z)$ exists and is unequal to zero. This limit equals the residue of f at z_0 .

(iii) z_0 is a pole of order $\leq k$ (or possibly a removable singularity) iff any one of the following conditions holds: (1) There is a constant $M > 0$ and an integer $k \geq 1$ such that $f(z) \leq \frac{M}{|z-z_0|^k}$ in a deleted neighborhood of z_0 ; (2) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0)^{k+1} f(z) = 0$; or (3) $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0)^{k+1} f(z)$ exists.

(iv) z_0 is a pole of order $k \geq 1$ iff there is an analytic function^[15] φ defined on a neighborhood U of z_0 such that $U \setminus \{z_0\} \subset A$ such that $\varphi(z_0) \neq 0$, and such that

$$f(z) = \frac{\varphi(z)}{(z-z_0)^k} \text{ for } z \in U, z \neq z_0.$$

Proof. (i) If z_0 is a removable singularity, then in a deleted neighborhood of z_0 we have $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$. Since this series represents an analytic function in an undeleted neighborhood of z_0 , obviously conditions (1), (2), and (3) hold. Conditions (1) and (2) each obviously implies condition (3), so it remains to be shown that (3) implies that z_0 is a removable singularity for f . We must prove that each b_k in the Laurent expansion of f around z_0 is 0. Now $b_k = \int_{\gamma_r} f(\zeta)(\zeta-z_0)^{k-1} d\zeta$, where γ_r is a circle whose interior (except for z_0) lies in A . Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. By condition (3) can choose $r > 0$ with $r < 1$ such that γ_r we have $|f(\zeta)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{|\zeta-z_0|} = \frac{\varepsilon}{r}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |b_k| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\gamma_r} |f(\zeta)| |\zeta-z_0|^{k-1} |d\zeta| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\varepsilon}{r} r^{k-1} \int_{\gamma_r} |d\zeta| \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\varepsilon}{r} r^{k-1} 2\pi r = \varepsilon r^{k-1} \leq \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Thus $|b_k| \leq \varepsilon$. Since ε was arbitrary $b_k = 0$. We shall use (iii) to prove (ii). so (iii) is proved next.

(iii) This proof follows immediately by applying (i) to the function $(z-z_0)^k f(z)$, which is analytic on A . (One can easily obtained the details of the proof) (ii) If z_0 is a simple pole, then in a deleted neighborhood of z_0 we have

$$f(z) = \frac{b_1}{z-z_0} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n = \frac{b_1}{z-z_0} + h(z)$$

where h is analytic at z_0 and where $b_1 \neq 0$ by the Laurent expansion. Hence

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0) f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(b_1 + (z-z_0)h(z)) = b_1.$$

On the other hand, suppose that $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0) f(z)$ exists and is unequal to zero. Thus $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0)^2 f(z) = 0$. By the result obtained in (iii), this says that

$$f(z) = \frac{b_1}{z-z_0} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n = \frac{b_1}{z-z_0} + h(z)$$

for some constant b_1 , and analytic function h . where b_1 may or may not be zero. But then $(z-z_0)f(z) = b_1 + (z-z_0)h(z)$, so $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \text{it}(z-z_0) f(z) = b_1$. Thus, in fact, $b_1 \neq 0$, and therefore f has a simple pole at z_0 .

(iv) z_0 is a pole of order $k \geq 1$ iff

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{b_k}{(z-z_0)^k} + \frac{b_{k-1}}{(z-z_0)^{k-1}} + \cdots + \frac{b_1}{(z-z_0)} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n \\ &= \frac{1}{(z-z_0)^k} \left\{ b_k + b_{k-1}(z-z_0) + \cdots + b_1(z-z_0)^{k-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^{n+k} \right\}, \quad (b_k \neq 0) \end{aligned}$$

(where $b_k \neq 0$). This expansion is valid in a deleted neighborhood of z_0 . $\varphi(z) = b_k + b_{k-1}(z-z_0) + \cdots + b_1(z-z_0)^{k-1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^{n+k}$. Then $\varphi(z)$ is analytic in the corresponding undeleted neighborhood (since it is a convergent power series) and $\varphi(z_0) = b_k \neq 0$. Conversely, given such a φ , we can retrace these steps to show that

z_0 is a pole of order $k \geq 1$.

Definition 1 Let f be analytic on a region A and let $z_0 \in A$. We say that f has a zero of order k at z_0 iff $f(z_0) = 0, \dots, f^{(k-1)}(z_0) = 0, f^{(k)}(z_0) \neq 0$.

From the Taylor expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z - z_0)^n$$

we see that f has a zero of order k iff, in a neighborhood of z_0 , we can write $f(z) = (z - z_0)^k g(z)$ where $g(z)$ is analytic at z_0 and $g(z_0) = \frac{f^{(k)}(z_0)}{k!} \neq 0$. Thus from **Lemma 1** (iv). let $\varphi(z) = g(z)^{-1}$ we get the following.

Lemma 2 If f is analytic in a neighborhood of z_0 , then f has a zero of order k at z_0 iff $\frac{1}{f(z)}$ has a pole of order k at z_0 . If h is analytic and $h(z_0) \neq 0$, then $\frac{h(z)}{f(z)}$ also has a pole of order k .

Obviously, if z_0 is a zero of f and f is not identically equal to zero in a neighborhood of z_0 , then z_0 has some finite order k . (Otherwise the Taylor series would be identically zero.)

Definition 1 In practical problems we usually are dealing with a pole. It is not hard to show that if $f(z)$ has a pole (of finite order k) at z_0 , then $|f(z)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $z \rightarrow z_0$. However, in case of an essential singularity, $|f|$ will not, in general, approach ∞ , as $z \rightarrow z_0$. In fact, we have the following result.

3. FINAL THEOREM AND ITS PROOF

Theorem 1 Let f have an essential singularity at z_0 and let U be any (arbitrarily small) deleted neighborhood of z_0 . Then, for all $w \in C$, except perhaps one value, the equation $f(z) = w$ has infinitely many solutions z in U .

Theorem 1 actually belongs in a more advanced course. However, we can easily prove a simple version.

Theorem 2 Let f have an essential singularity at z_0 and let $w \in C$. Then there exist $z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_n \rightarrow z_0$, such that $f(z) \rightarrow w$.

Proof If the assertion were false, there would be a deleted neighborhood U of z_0 and an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $|f(z) - w| \geq \varepsilon$ for all $z \in U$. Let $g(z) = \frac{1}{f(z)-w}$. Thus on U , g is analytic, and since $g(z)$ is bounded on U ($|g(z)| \leq \varepsilon^{-1}$) z_0 is removable singularity by Lemma 1(i). Let k be the order of the zero of g at z_0 (set $k=0$ if $g(z_0) \neq 0$). (The order must be finite because otherwise, as mentioned previously, by the Taylor Theorem, g would be zero in a neighborhood of z_0 , whereas g is 0 nowhere on U .) Thus $f(z) = w + \frac{1}{g(z)}$ is either analytic (if $k=0$) or has a pole of order k by **Lemma 2**. This conclusion contradicts our assumption that f has an essential singularity.

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