

9. The Cauchy Integral Formula in a Disc

Warm up:

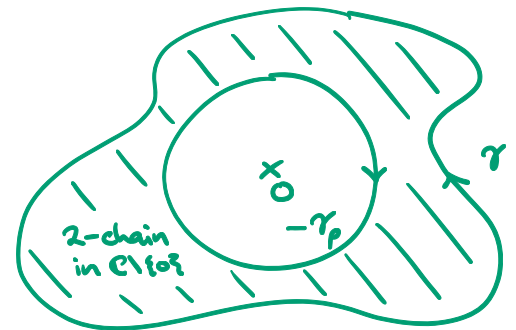
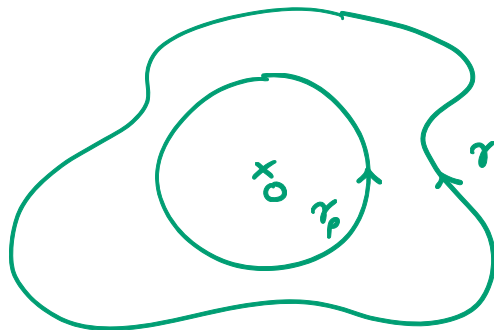
For $\rho > 0$ let $\gamma_\rho : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma_\rho(t) = \rho e^{it}$.

Recall that

$$\int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{1}{z} dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{\rho e^{it}} \cdot i \rho e^{it} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} i dt = \underline{\underline{2\pi i}}.$$

The answer is independent of ρ .

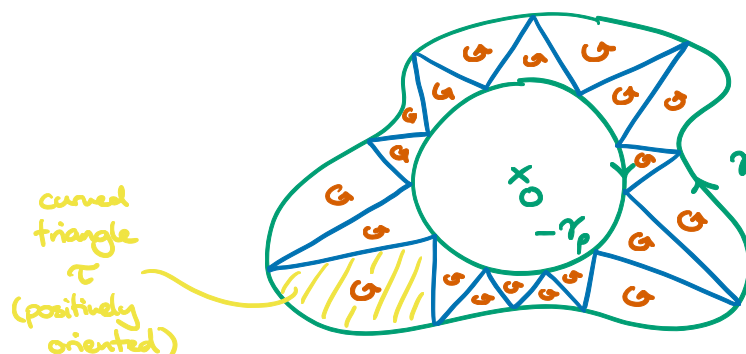
Q: Does it matter which path γ we take going once counterclockwise around 0 in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ when we compute $\int_\gamma \frac{1}{z} dz$?



A: No. We will still get $2\pi i$.

Heuristic Argument (we will give a proof using winding numbers later):

Break up into (curved) triangles and subdivide these if necessary⁺ until one can apply Cauchy's theorem to each of the small (curved) subtriangles.



* No need to further subdivide in this picture.

By Cauchy's theorem for convex sets (the "local Cauchy theorem")

$$\int_{\partial\tau} \frac{1}{z} dz = 0 \quad \text{for any "small" curved triangle } \tau \text{ in } \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Here "small" just means small enough to be contained in a convex subset of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ (e.g. in a disc that doesn't contain 0).

Adding up the integrals over all of the curved subtriangles we get

$$\int_{\gamma - \gamma_p} \frac{1}{z} dz = \sum_{\substack{\text{small} \\ \text{curved} \\ \text{triangles} \\ \tau_j}} \int_{\partial\tau_j} \frac{1}{z} dz = \sum 0 = 0.$$

local version of
Cauchy's theorem

Hence

$$\int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} dz = \int_{\gamma_p} \frac{1}{z} dz.$$

Q: What if we ask the same question for some other function $g: \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ that is also holomorphic?

A: We still get $\int_{\gamma} g(z) dz = \int_{\gamma_p} g(z) dz$ by the same reasoning. In particular, we see that $\int_{\gamma_p} g(z) dz$ will be independent of p .

Warm up continued:

Let $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a holomorphic function and for each $p > 0$ let $\gamma_p: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma_p(t) = pe^{it}$.

Since (we claim) $\int_{\gamma_p} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz$ is independent of p , we can calculate it by taking the limit as $p \rightarrow 0^+$ (the limit of a constant function of p).

$$\lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\gamma_p} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(pe^{it})}{pe^{it}} \cdot ipe^{it} dt = \lim_{p \rightarrow 0^+} i \int_0^{2\pi} f(pe^{it}) dt.$$

Since $f(\rho e^{it}) \rightarrow f(0)$ uniformly in $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ as $\rho \rightarrow 0^+$ we may exchange the order of the limit and integral to get:

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz = i \int_0^{2\pi} f(0) dt = 2\pi i \cdot f(0).$$

Hence

$$f(0) = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz.$$

Note:

- By the above heuristic discussion we should be able to drop the limit in the above formula, i.e. we should have

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz$$

for any $\rho > 0$.

- Moreover, we should be able to replace γ_ρ by any closed contour γ in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ that "winds once around 0, counterclockwise" to get

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz.$$

→ This would mean that the value of f at 0 can be obtained from the values of f on any closed contour winding around 0!

- Such a result will clearly also hold if f is only assumed to be holomorphic in some disc $\Delta_r(0)$, provided $\rho < r$ and γ lies in $\Delta_r(0) \setminus \{0\}$.

It is not hard to see that the above discussion can be "translated" to give a way of computing the value of $f(z)$ at any point in \mathbb{C} .

→ This leads to the Cauchy Integral Formula!

Exercise: Fix $z \in \mathbb{C}$, $R > 0$. Show that if $f: \Delta_R(z) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a continuous function then

$$f(z) = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw$$

where $\gamma_\rho: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is given by $\gamma_\rho(t) = z + \rho e^{it}$.

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z + \rho e^{it})}{z + \rho e^{it} - z} \cdot i\rho e^{it} dt \\ &= i \int_0^{2\pi} f(z + \rho e^{it}) dt \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.5 (The Cauchy Integral Formula for Discs):

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic. Suppose $\Delta_r(z_0) \subseteq V$. Then

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw \quad \text{for any } z \in \Delta_r(z_0).$$

Here $\partial \Delta_r(z_0)$ is the positively oriented boundary of $\Delta_r(z_0)$, which can be taken to be the contour $\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by $\gamma(t) = z_0 + r e^{it}$ (up to equivalence of chains).

Proof:

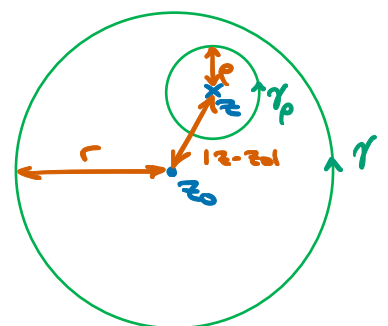
Fix a point $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$. Let $d = \text{dist}(z, \partial \Delta_r(z_0)) = r - |z - z_0|$ ($d > 0$).

Let $\gamma: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma(t) = z_0 + r e^{it}$, and for each $\rho \in (0, d)$ let $\gamma_\rho: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be given by $\gamma_\rho(t) = z + \rho e^{it}$.

Let $V' = V \setminus \{z\}$ and define $g: V' \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by

$$g(w) = \frac{f(w)}{w-z} \quad \text{for } w \in V'.$$

see picture
↓



Claim: For any $\rho \in (0, d)$ we have

$$\int_{\gamma} g(w) dw = \int_{\gamma_{\rho}} g(w) dw$$

$$\left(\text{i.e. } \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw = \int_{\gamma_{\rho}} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw \right).$$

Later we \rightarrow
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version of
Cauchy's
theorem.

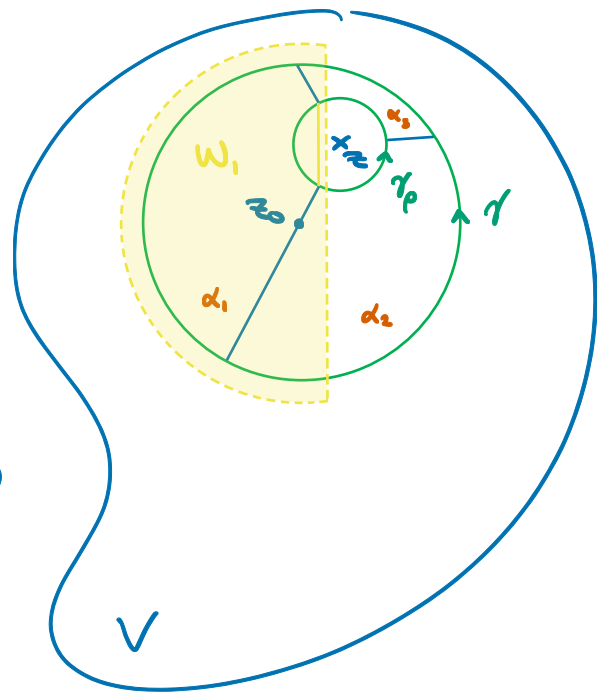
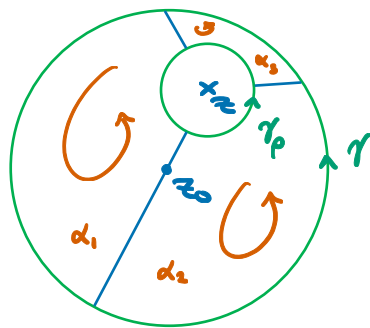
Proof of claim:

Fix $\rho \in (0, d)$. By dividing the region between γ^* and γ_{ρ}^* up into 3 subregions (using 3 straight rays emanating from z which are at an angle of $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ from each other) and taking the oriented boundaries of these regions we may write the chain $\gamma - \gamma_{\rho}$ as a sum of closed contours

$$\gamma - \gamma_{\rho} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3,$$

where the closed contours α_j ($j=1,2,3$) each lie in a convex open subset W_j of V .

It is \rightarrow
important
that $\rho \in (0, d)$
is fixed
(but arbitrary)
at this step
(as the sets
 W_j must
depend upon ρ).



$$\text{Hence } \int_{\alpha_j} g(w) dw = 0 \quad (j=1,2,3)$$

and thus

$$\int_{\gamma - \gamma_{\rho}} g(w) dw = 0.$$

This proves the claim.

Hence for each $\rho \in (0, d)$ we have

Independent
of ρ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= \int_{\gamma} g(w) dw \\
 &= \int_{\gamma_{\rho}} g(w) dw \\
 &= \int_{\gamma_{\rho}} \frac{f(w)}{z-w} dw \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z+\rho e^{it})}{\cancel{z+\rho e^{it}} - z} \cdot i\rho e^{it} dt \\
 &= i \int_0^{2\pi} f(z+\rho e^{it}) dt. \quad \leftarrow \text{Must be independent of } \rho!
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(z+\rho e^{it}) \rightarrow f(z)$ uniformly for $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ as $\rho \rightarrow 0^+$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw = \lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0^+} i \int_0^{2\pi} f(z+\rho e^{it}) dt \\
 &= i \int_0^{2\pi} f(z) dt \\
 &= \underline{2\pi i \cdot f(z)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

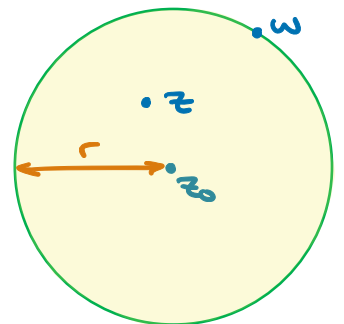
This proves the result. □

Note that the formula

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw$$

holds for any $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$.

→ The value of the holomorphic function $f(z)$ for any $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$ is determined by its values on the boundary $\partial\Delta_r(z_0)$ ($f(w)$ for $w \in \partial\Delta_r(z_0)$)!



This does not happen for real differentiable functions $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (unless they are linear \checkmark)!

Note also that for each $w \in \partial\Delta_r(z_0)$ the integrand $\frac{f(w)}{w-z}$ is an analytic function of z (for $z \neq w$). In particular, all of these functions (integrands) are analytic on $\Delta_r(z_0)$. We now use this to show that $f(z)$ is represented by a power series in $\Delta_r(z_0)$.

Theorem 2.6

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic. Suppose $\overline{\Delta_r(z_0)} \subseteq V$. Then there exists a sequence of complex numbers (c_n) such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n \quad \text{for every } z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$$

(and hence the series converges uniformly on compact subsets of $\Delta_r(z_0)$). Moreover, the coefficients are given by the formula

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z_0)^{n+1}} dw. \quad \left(= \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \right)$$

Proof:

To simplify the notation in the proof we assume, without loss of generality, that $z_0 = 0$. By the Cauchy Integral Formula

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(0)} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw \quad \text{for } z \in \Delta_r(z_0) = \Delta_r(0).$$

For $z \in \Delta_r(0)$ and $w \in \partial\Delta_r(0)$ we have $|\frac{z}{w}| = \frac{|z|}{r} < 1$, so

$$\frac{1}{w-z} = \frac{1}{w} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{w}} = \frac{1}{w} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{w}\right)^n. \quad \text{Geometric Series.}$$

Moreover, if $z \in \Delta_r(0)$ is fixed, then the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{w}\right)^n$ converges uniformly in $w \in \partial\Delta_r(0)$ (by direct comparison with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{|z|}{r}\right)^n$).

This justifies interchanging the order of the sum and integral in the following: Take $z \in \Delta_r(0)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(0)} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(0)} f(w) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{w^{n+1}} \right) dw \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(0)} \frac{f(w)}{w^{n+1}} dw \right) z^n \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n
 \end{aligned}$$

where the c_n are as given in the statement of the theorem. Since $z \in \Delta_r(0)$ was arbitrary, the result follows. □

Note: the function $\frac{1}{w-z}$ of $(w, z) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ with $w \neq z$ is known as the "Cauchy kernel" (the term "kernel" is being used in the sense that it is something you integrate against; in this case we are integrating our holomorphic function $f(w)$ against $\frac{1}{w-z}$ over $\partial\Delta_r(z_0)$ and obtaining $2\pi i f(z)$ for any $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$). The above proof can be seen as saying that $f(z)$ "inherits" the property of analyticity from the kernel $\frac{1}{w-z}$ which is clearly analytic.

Corollary

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open. A function $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is analytic if and only if it is holomorphic.

Corollary (Holomorphic functions are infinitely complex differentiable):

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic.

Then f is infinitely complex differentiable.

In particular, f' is holomorphic.

This allows us to prove a very useful converse to Cauchy's theorem:

Corollary 2.8 (Morera's Theorem):

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous. If $\int_{\partial T} f(z) dz = 0$ for every triangle T in V , then f is holomorphic.

Proof:

It is enough to prove that f is holomorphic in every convex open subset of V (since these cover V). Take any open convex subset W of V . By Proposition 2.3 f has an antiderivative on W , i.e. there exists $F: W \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic such that $F' = f|_W$. But F is infinitely complex differentiable, so $f|_W = F'$ is holomorphic. \square

Note that we could have proved the same result under the stronger assumption that " $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0$ for all closed contours γ in V " but this would obviously give us a weaker and less practically useful theorem.

As an easy consequence of Morera's theorem we have:

Corollary 3.0:

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and let $f_n: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a sequence of holomorphic functions that converges to $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ uniformly on compact subsets of V . Then f is holomorphic.

Note:

- This is a highly nontrivial & unexpected result!
- For real differentiable functions on open sets this does not happen! E.g., $\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{n^2}}$ is a sequence of differentiable (even C^∞ , in fact, even C^ω) functions on \mathbb{R} but $\sqrt{x^2 + \frac{1}{n^2}} \xrightarrow{\text{unif.}} |x|$ on \mathbb{R} as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof of Corollary 3.0:

Let T be any triangle in V . By Cauchy's theorem $\int_{\partial T} f_n(z) dz = 0$ for every n , and since $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on ∂T (compact) we have $\int_{\partial T} f(z) dz = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\partial T} f_n(z) dz = 0$. Since T was arbitrary we conclude by Morera's theorem that f is holomorphic. \square

Question: If $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on compact sets (& f_n holom) does $f_n' \rightarrow f'$ uniformly on compact sets?

\rightarrow We will see that the answer is yes.

(Hence $f_n'' \rightarrow f''$ unif. on cpct sets, etc, by induction.)

Recall that if f is holomorphic on $\overline{\Delta_r(z_0)}$ then

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n \quad \text{for } z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$$

with

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z_0)^{n+1}} dw = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!}.$$

To avoid notational confusion in what follows we restate this last formula as a lemma:

Lemma:

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a holomorphic function. If $\overline{\Delta_p(z)} \subseteq V$ then

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial \Delta_p(z)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw.$$

From the lemma we can see that if holomorphic functions f_n converge uniformly to f on some set, then (for any k) the sequence $f_n^{(k)}$ will converge uniformly to $f^{(k)}$ on a slightly smaller set (slightly smaller so that there is a small disc $\Delta_p(z)$ around each point z in the smaller set contained in the original set.

\hookrightarrow We'll come back to this shortly.

Corollary 3.1 (Cauchy Integral Formula for Derivatives):

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic. Suppose $\overline{\Delta_r(z_0)} \subseteq V$.

Then, for any $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$,

$$f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw \quad \text{for all } z \in \Delta_r(z_0).$$

Note: The $n=0$ case is just the usual Cauchy Integral Formula.

Proof:

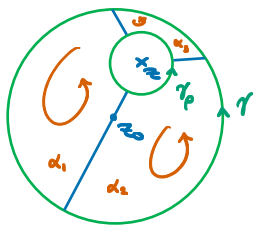
Fix $n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Fix $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$.

Let $d = \text{dist}(z, \partial\Delta_r(z_0)) = r - |z - z_0|$ ($d > 0$).

Take any $\rho \in (0, d)$ and define $\gamma_\rho: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow V$ by

$$\gamma_\rho(t) = z + \rho e^{it}.$$

Arguing as in the proof of the Cauchy Integral Formula we have



$$\int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw = \int_{\partial\Delta_\rho(z)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw.$$

The result then follows by the lemma stated above. \square

The advantage of the formula $f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw$ over the formula $f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_\rho(z)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z)^{n+1}} dw$ is that it (the former) holds for all $z \in \Delta_r(z_0)$ and the contour that one integrates over does not depend on z .

Exercise

Corollary 3.1 can also be proved by differentiating under the integral sign. Check the details of this. That is:

- ① Apply $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ (n times) to both sides of the Cauchy Integral Formula and check that a form of the Leibniz integral rule lets you bring the $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ inside the integral.
- ② Check that doing this gives you the Cauchy Integral Formula for Derivatives as stated above (easy!).

Note that we really only need $|f| \leq M$ on $\partial\Delta_r(z_0)$.

Corollary 3.2 (Cauchy's Estimates):

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic. If $\overline{\Delta_r(z_0)} \subseteq V$ and $|f| \leq M$ in $\overline{\Delta_r(z_0)}$ then

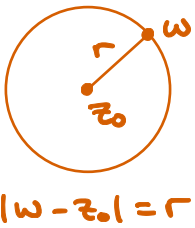
$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{Mn!}{r^n} \quad \text{for } n=0,1,2,3,\dots$$

Proof:

Just apply the "ML Inequality" to the Cauchy Integral Formula for Derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} |f^{(n)}(z_0)| &= \left| \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Delta_r(z_0)} \frac{f(w)}{(w-z_0)^{n+1}} dw \right| \\ &\leq \frac{n!}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{M}{r^{n+1}} \cdot \text{length}(\partial\Delta_r(z_0)) \\ &= \frac{Mn!}{2\pi r^{n+1}} \cdot 2\pi r = \frac{Mn!}{r^n}. \end{aligned}$$

□



As commented above, we can use the Cauchy Integral Formula for Derivatives (or Cauchy's Estimates) to get uniform convergence of the sequence $f_n^{(k)}$ (to $f^{(k)}$) provided we have uniform convergence of the sequence of holomorphic functions f_n (to f) on a slightly larger set.

Since we usually work with "uniform convergence on compact subsets" this poses no problem, as shown by the following two lemmas.

Lemma 3.3:

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $K \subseteq V$ compact. Then

$$\text{dist}(K, \mathbb{C} \setminus V) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \inf \{ |z-w| : z \in K, w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus V \} > 0.$$

| That is, $\exists \rho > 0$ s.t. $|z-w| > \rho$ for all $z \in K$ and $w \in \mathbb{C} \setminus V$.

Proof (by contradiction):

Suppose not. Then there exist sequences (z_n) in K and (w_n) in $\mathbb{C} \setminus V$ s.t.

$$|z_n - w_n| < \frac{1}{n} \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots).$$

Since K is compact, (z_n) has a convergent subsequence (z_{n_j}) with limit $z \in K$. Since $(z_n - w_n) \rightarrow 0$, however, we must also have $w_n \rightarrow z$. But $\mathbb{C} \setminus V$ is closed and hence $z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n \in \mathbb{C} \setminus V$, contradicting that $z \in K \subseteq V$. We conclude that $\text{dist}(K, \mathbb{C} \setminus V)$ must be positive. □

Lemma 3.4:

Suppose $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is compact and $\rho > 0$. Then

$$K' = \bigcup_{z \in K} \overline{\Delta_\rho(z)}$$

is also compact.

Proof:

We prove sequential compactness: Let (z_n) be a sequence in K' . For each n write $z_n = \alpha_n + \beta_n$ where $\alpha_n \in K$ and $\beta_n \in \overline{\Delta_\rho(0)}$. Since K is compact there exists a subsequence (α_{n_j}) of (α_n) that converges to a point $\alpha \in K$. Since $\overline{\Delta_\rho(0)}$ is compact there is a subsequence $(\beta_{n_{j_k}})$ of (β_{n_j}) that converges to $\beta \in \overline{\Delta_\rho(0)}$. Hence

$$z_{n_{j_k}} = \alpha_{n_{j_k}} + \beta_{n_{j_k}} \rightarrow \alpha + \beta \in K'.$$

□

Proposition 3.5

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f_n: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a sequence of holomorphic functions converging to $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ uniformly on compact subsets of V . Then $f_n' \rightarrow f'$ uniformly on compact subsets of V .

! Hence, by induction, $f_n^{(k)} \rightarrow f^{(k)}$ uniformly on subsets of V ($k \in \mathbb{N}$).

Proof:

Fix any compact subset $K \subseteq V$. We show that $f_n' \rightarrow f'$ uniformly on K . Let $\varepsilon > 0$.

By Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 $\exists \rho > 0$ s.t. $K' = \bigcup_{z \in K} \overline{\Delta_\rho(z)}$ is a compact subset of V . Hence $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly on K' , so $\exists N$ s.t.

$$|f_n(z) - f(z)| < \frac{\varepsilon \rho}{\rho} \quad \text{for all } z \in K', n > N.$$

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Therefore, if $n > N$ and $z \in K$ then $|f_n - f| < \frac{\varepsilon \rho}{\rho}$ on $\overline{\Delta_\rho(z)}$

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so by Cauchy's estimates (applied to estimate the first derivative of $f_n - f$):

$$|(f_n - f)'(z)| < \frac{\sup_{w \in \overline{\Delta_\rho(z)}} |(f_n - f)(w)|}{\rho} < \frac{\varepsilon \rho}{\rho} = \varepsilon$$

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choose $\varepsilon \rho$ here to end up with ε (and fill in blanks above)

for all $z \in K$ and $n > N$.

That is, $f_n' \rightarrow f'$ uniformly on K . □

Corollary:

Let $V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ be open and $f_n: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ a sequence of holomorphic functions converging to $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ uniformly on compact subsets of V . Then, for any k , the sequence of $(k+1)$ -tuples of functions $(f_n, f_n', \dots, f_n^{(k)})$ converges to $(f, f', \dots, f^{(k)})$ uniformly on compact subsets of V .

Note: The corollary is just saying that $f_n, \dots, f_n^{(k)}$ can simultaneously be made close to $f, \dots, f^{(k)}$ (on compact sets).

Precisely: For any $K \subseteq V$ compact and any $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$ s.t.

$$|f_n^{(k)}(z) - f^{(k)}(z)| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } z \in K, n > N \text{ and } k \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}.$$

The upshot of all this is that we don't need to talk about C^k convergence of sequences of holomorphic functions, only C^0 convergence* (i.e. uniform convergence) and C^0 convergence on compact subsets.

→ Complex analysis is less technical than real analysis!

* C^0 convergence (uniform convergence) and uniform convergence on compact subsets are the natural notions of convergence for C^0 (i.e. continuous) functions. Surprisingly, it turns out that they are the natural notions of convergence for holomorphic functions too!