

1.  $f(z) = \frac{1-e^{2z}}{z^4}$ . What is the order of the pole  $z = 0$ ?

**Solution:**

$$f(z) = \frac{1 - e^{2z}}{z^4} = \frac{1}{z^4} \left( 1 - \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (2z)^n \right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} z^{n-4} = \sum_{n=-3}^{+\infty} \frac{2^{n+4}}{(n+4)!} z^n$$

So the order of the pole is  $-3$ .

2.  $f(z)$  is analytic at  $z_0$ .  $g(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0}$ . What type of singularity is  $z_0$  for the function  $g$ ?

**Solution:**

If  $f(z_0) \neq 0$ , it is a pole.

If  $f(z_0) = 0$ , the Taylor expansion of  $f$  at  $z_0$  is  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z - z_0)^n$ , so the Laurent expansion of  $g(z)$  around  $z_0$  is

$$g(z) = \frac{0}{z - z_0} f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} (z - z_0)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{f^{(n+1)}(z_0)}{(n+1)!} (z - z_0)^n$$

So  $z_0$  is a removable singular point.

3. Compute the residue of  $\frac{1}{z^2(z+1)^2}$  at  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $\phi(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)^2}$ , then  $\frac{1}{z^2(z+1)^2} = \frac{\phi(z)}{z^2}$  with  $\phi(z)$  analytic at  $z = 0$  and  $\phi(0) \neq 0$ , so the residue of  $\frac{1}{z^2(z+1)^2}$  at  $z = 0$  is

$$\frac{\phi'(0)}{(2-1)!} = \phi'(0) = -2$$

4. Prove  $z = 0$  is a pole for  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z(e^z-1)}$  and compute the residue at  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$\frac{e^z-1}{z} = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^n = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!} z^{n-1} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} z^n$ , so  $g(z) = \frac{e^z-1}{z}$  is analytic at 0 and  $g(0) = 1 \neq 0$ ,  $g'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 g(z)} = \frac{\frac{1}{g(z)}}{z^2}$$

where  $\frac{1}{g(z)}$  is analytic at 0 and  $\frac{1}{g(0)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1 \neq 0$ , so 0 is a pole of order 2 for  $f(z)$ , and

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=0} f = \left(\frac{1}{g(z)}\right)' \Big|_{z=0} = -\frac{g'(0)}{g(0)^2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

5. Show that  $z = 0$  is a simple pole for  $f(z) = \frac{1}{\sin z}$ , and compute the residue at  $z = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$\sin 0 = 0$ , but  $(\sin)'(0) = \cos 0 = 1 \neq 0$ , so  $z = 0$  is a zero of order 1 for  $\sin z$ . Note the constant function 1 is analytic and nonzero at  $z = 0$ , we conclude  $\frac{1}{\sin z}$  has a simple pole at  $z = 0$ . The residue is

$$\frac{1}{(\sin)'(0)} = \frac{1}{\cos 0} = 1$$

6.  $p$  and  $q$  are functions that are analytic at  $z_0$ , and  $p(z_0) \neq 0$ ,  $q(z_0) = 0$ . Show that if  $z_0$  is a pole of order  $m$  for  $f(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$ , then  $z_0$  is a zero of order  $m$  for  $q$ .

**Solution:**

$z_0$  is a pole of order  $m$  for  $f(z) = \frac{p(z)}{q(z)}$ , there exists  $\phi$  analytic at  $z_0$ ,  $\phi(z_0) \neq 0$  such that

$$\frac{p(z)}{q(z)} = \frac{\phi(z)}{(z - z_0)^m}$$

This means

$$q(z) = (z - z_0)^m \frac{p(z)}{\phi(z)}$$

and  $\frac{p(z)}{\phi(z)}$  is analytic at  $z_0$  and nonzero at  $z_0$ , we conclude  $z_0$  is a zero of order  $m$  for  $q$

7.  $C$  is the positively oriented circle  $|z| = e$ . Evaluate

$$\int_C \tan z \, dz$$

**Solution:**

$\tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}$ ,  $z_0$  is a singular point of  $\tan z$  if and only if  $z_0$  is a zero for  $\cos z$ .

For any  $z_0$  a zero of order 1 of  $\cos z$ ,  $\cos z_0 = 0$ ,  $\sin^2 z_0 = 1 - \cos^2 z_0 = 1$ , so  $\sin z_0 \neq 0$ . We see  $z_0$  is a simple pole for  $\tan z$ .

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} \tan z = \frac{\sin z_0}{(\cos)'(z_0)} = \frac{\sin z_0}{-\sin z_0} = -1$$

Inside  $C$ , the singular points are  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so

$$\int_C \tan z \, dz = 2\pi i (\operatorname{Res}_{z=\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan z + \operatorname{Res}_{z=-\frac{\pi}{2}} \tan z) = 2\pi i(-1 - 1) = -4\pi i$$

8.  $q(z)$  is a function analytic at  $z_0$ ,  $q(z_0) = 0$ ,  $q'(z_0) \neq 0$ . Show that  $z_0$  is a pole of order 2 of  $f(z) = \frac{1}{q(z)^2}$ , and prove the residue of  $f$  at  $z_0$  is  $-\frac{q''(z_0)}{(q'(z_0))^3}$

**Solution:**

$z_0$  is a zero of order 1 for  $q$ , so  $q(z) = (z - z_0)g(z)$  for some  $g(z)$  analytic at  $z_0$  and  $g(z_0) \neq 0$ .

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(q(z))^2} = \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^2 g(z)^2}$$

and  $\frac{1}{g(z)^2}$  is analytic and nonzero at  $z_0$ , so we see  $z_0$  is a pole of order 2 for  $f$ .

Next we are going to compute  $\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f$

$q'(z) = (z - z_0)g'(z) + g(z)$  and  $q''(z) = 2g'(z) + (z - z_0)g''(z)$ , so

$$q'(z_0) = g(z_0), q''(z_0) = 2g'(z_0)$$

$$\operatorname{Res}_{z=z_0} f = \left( \frac{1}{g(z)^2} \right)' \Big|_{z=z_0} = -\frac{2g'(z_0)}{(g(z_0))^3} = -\frac{q''(z_0)}{(q'(z_0))^3}$$