

Tutorial 8 - Maximum Modulus Principle, Gauss Mean Value Theorem and more

1. Consider the function $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{z+2}$

- (a) The function $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{z+2}$ has the single singularity $z = -2$ which is outside $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$ so by the maximum modulus principle the maximum modulus is attained on the boundary of D namely $|z| = 1$.

$\left| \frac{z^2}{z+2} \right| = \frac{1}{|z+2|}$ is maximized when $|z+2|$ is minimized which is when $z = -1$ (the closest the circle $|z| = 1$ is to 2 is at $z = -1$), thus $\left| \frac{z^2}{z+2} \right|$ has maximum value 1 on D when $z = -1$

- (b) As $D \subseteq D'$ it follows that the maximum of (any) l attained on D is less than the maximum of l on D' so $M \leq M'$.

To calculate M' , note again $f(z)$ is analytic on D' so we examine $|f(z)|$ on $\partial D'$. We parameterize $\partial D'$ by $\gamma_L : z = -1 + it$, where $-1 \leq t \leq 1$, $\gamma_T : z = t + i$, where $-1 \leq t \leq 1$, $\gamma_B : z = t - i$, where $-1 \leq t \leq 1$, $\gamma_R : z = 1 + it$, where $-1 \leq t \leq 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On } \gamma_L \quad & \left| \frac{z^2}{z+2} \right| \\ &= \frac{1+t^2}{\sqrt{(2-1)^2+t^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{1+t^2} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \text{ at } t = \pm 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On } \gamma_T \quad & \left| \frac{z^2}{z+2} \right| \\ &= \frac{t^2+1}{\sqrt{1+(2+t)^2}} \\ &\leq \sqrt{1+t^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

As on the interval $-1 \leq t \leq 1$ it is true that $1+t^2 \leq 1+(2+t)^2 \Rightarrow 1/(1+t^2) \geq 1/(1+(2+t)^2)$.

By symmetry the same is true on γ_B .

Comparing the denominators (of γ_R and γ_L respectively) $|z+2| = \sqrt{3+t^2} > \sqrt{3} > \sqrt{2} > |z+2|$ on γ_L where as for the numerators $|-1+it| = |1+it|$. So $|f(z)| < \sqrt{2}$ on γ_R , comparing γ_R with γ_L .

Thus on D' the maximum modulus of $f(z)$ is $\sqrt{2}$ attained at $z = -1 + i$ and $z = -1 - i$.

2. Using an appropriate substitution and CAUCHY'S INTEGRAL FORMULA or CAUCHY'S GENERAL INTEGRAL FORMULA calculate:

We let $z = e^{i\theta}$ which gives $d\theta = \frac{dz}{iz}$ $\cos(\theta) = \frac{z+z^{-1}}{2}$ as θ runs from 0 to 2π z does one complete traverse of the unit circle $|z| = 1$.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{3 + 2 \cos \theta} d\theta &= \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{3 + z + z^{-1}} \frac{dz}{iz} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{z^2 + 3z + 1} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1/(z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)}{z - (-3 + \sqrt{5})/2} dz \\ &\quad \text{the numerator } 1/(z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2) \text{ is analytic on } |z| < 2 \\ &\quad \text{which contains the contour } |z| = 1 \text{ So by CIF} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} 2\pi i \frac{1}{z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2} \Big|_{z = (-3 + \sqrt{5})/2} \\ &= 2\pi \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\end{aligned}$$

(b) With the same substitution and approach as above

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{(3 + 2 \cos \theta)^2} d\theta &= \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{(3 + z + z^{-1})^2} \frac{dz}{iz} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{z}{(z^2 + 3z + 1)^2} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{z/(z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)^2}{(z - (-3 + \sqrt{5})/2)^2} dz \\ &\quad \text{the numerator } n(z) = z/(z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)^2 \text{ is analytic on } |z| < 2 \\ &\quad \text{which contains the contour } |z| = 1 \text{ So by GCIF} \\ &= \frac{1}{i} 2\pi i \frac{d}{dz} n(z) \Big|_{z = (-3 + \sqrt{5})/2} \\ &= 2\pi \left((z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)^{-2} - 2z(z - (-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)^{-3} \right) \Big|_{z = (-3 + \sqrt{5})/2} \\ &= 2\pi \left(\sqrt{5}^{-2} - 2((-3 - \sqrt{5})/2)(\sqrt{5})^{-3} \right) \\ &= 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{5} \left(1 + (3 - \sqrt{5})/\sqrt{5} \right) \right) \\ &= 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{5} \left(3/\sqrt{5} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{6\pi}{5\sqrt{5}}\end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the series

$$S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (2z)^n = 1 - (2z) + (2z)^2 - (2z)^3 + \dots$$

(a) The series S is geometric with common ratio $r = (-2z)$ and so will converge provided $|r| = |-2z| < 1$ that is if $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$.

(b) Using $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ar^n = \frac{a}{1-r}$ (for $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$) we obtain $S = \frac{1}{1+2z}$

(c) We cannot include $z = -\frac{1}{2}$ as this is a singularity of $\frac{1}{1+2z}$ so the largest disk open centred at the origin is $|z| < \frac{1}{2}$.

Note that this is the same open disk as for the convergence of S

4. (a) Let $z_0 = 0$ $r = 1$ and $f(z) = e^z$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{e^{i\theta}} d\theta &= 2\pi \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta \\ &= 2\pi f(z_0) \\ &= 2\pi e^0 \\ &= 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

(b) i. Expanding out

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} e^{e^{i\theta}} d\theta \right) &= (2\pi) \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta} d\theta) &= 2\pi \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{\cos\theta} e^{i\sin\theta} d\theta) &= 2\pi \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{\cos\theta} (\cos(\sin\theta) + i\sin(\sin\theta)) d\theta) &= 2\pi \\ \Leftrightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{\cos\theta} \cos(\sin\theta)) d\theta + i \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{\cos\theta} \sin(\sin\theta)) d\theta &= 2\pi + i0 \end{aligned}$$

So taking real parts we obtain $\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos(\theta)} \cos(\sin\theta) d\theta = 2\pi$

ii. Where as $\int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos(\theta)} \sin(\sin\theta) d\theta = 0$ is obtained by taking imaginary parts.