Lecture 16: Integration - I

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Revisiting Green's Theorem

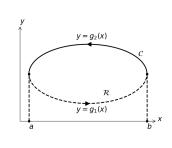
Let u and v be analytic in some $\mathcal R$ bounded by a simple curve $\mathcal C$

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} (u \, dx + v \, dy) = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy$$

 \mathcal{C} is traversed counter-clockwise (positive orientation)

Proof

In the region we first work out



$$- \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \, dx \, dy$$

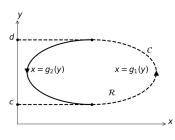
$$= - \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \int_{y=g_1(x)}^{y=g_2(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \, dy \, dx$$

$$= - \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \left[u(x, g_2(x)) - u(x, g_1(x)) \right] \, dx$$

$$= \oint_{\mathcal{C}} u \, dx$$

Green's Theorem

In the same region we now show



$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{y=c}^{y=d} \int_{x=g_2(y)}^{x=g_1(y)} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} dx dy$$

$$= \int_{y=c}^{y=d} [v(g_1(y), y) - v(g_2(y), y)] dy$$

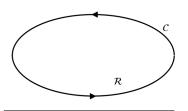
$$= \oint_{\mathcal{R}} v dy$$

Giving us the Green's theorem

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} (u \, dx + v \, dy) = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy$$

Cauchy's Theorem

If f(z) is analytic in some region ${\mathcal R}$ bounded by a simple curve ${\mathcal C}$



$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) \, \mathrm{d}z = 0$$

Proof

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) dz = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} (u + iv) (dx + i dy)$$

$$= \oint_{\mathcal{C}} (u dx - v dy) + i \oint_{\mathcal{C}} (u dy + v dx)$$

$$= \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \left[\left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) + i \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) \right] dx dy \dots GT$$

$$= 0$$

Converse is True!

If $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) dz = 0$ and f is continuous everywhere inside \mathcal{C} , then f is also analytic inside \mathcal{C} .

Proof left as exercise

Hint: Just use the fact that u, v must be continuous along with their partial derivatives for Green's theorem to apply. Cauchy-Riemann conditions will naturally follow from there.

Simple Example

Evaluate
$$\mathcal{I} = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} z^n \, \mathrm{d}z$$
 with $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

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With $z = a e^{i\theta}$

$$\mathcal{I} = \oint_{\mathcal{C}} z^n \, \mathrm{d}z = \int_0^{2\pi} a^{n+1} \mathrm{e}^{i(n+1)\theta} i \, \mathrm{d}\theta = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & (n=-1) \\ 0 & (n \neq -1) \end{cases}$$

The answer is also independent of a!

Food for thought

Q. \mathcal{I} vanishes for $\frac{1}{z^2}, \frac{1}{z^3} \dots$ These functions are not analytic in \mathcal{R}

A. The converse of Cauchy theorem is not applicable as none of these functions are continuous at origin

Generalization

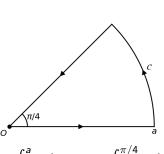
We could have taken the circle origin anywhere, say z_0 . Then, the parametrization $z-z_0=ae^{i\theta}$ gives

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} (z - z_0)^n dz = \oint_{\theta}^{2\pi} a^n e^{in\theta} aie^{i\theta} d\theta = \begin{cases} 2\pi i & (n = -1) \\ 0 & (n \neq -1) \end{cases}$$

As usual, the integral does not depend on the circle radius a.

Application in Electromagnetism

Evaluate the Fresnel integral (very hard by elementary method)



$$\mathcal{I} = \int_0^\infty e^{ix^2} dx$$

By Cauchy theorem,

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} e^{iz^2} \, dz = 0$$

gives the sum of three line integrals,

$$\int_0^a e^{ix^2} dx + i \ a \ \int_0^{\pi/4} e^{ia^2 \cos 2\theta} e^{-a^2 \sin 2\theta} \ e^{i\theta} \ d\theta + e^{i\pi/4} \ \int_a^0 e^{-r^2} dr = 0$$

In the limit $a \to \infty$

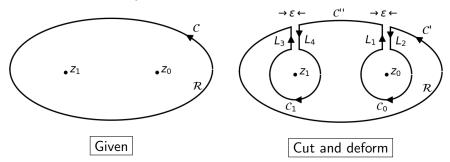
$$\mathcal{I} + e^{i\pi/4} \int_{\infty}^{0} e^{-r^2} dr = 0$$

$$\mathcal{I} = e^{i\pi/4} \sqrt{\pi}/2$$



Contour Deformation

How to evaluate $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) dz$ with two singularities z_0 and z_1 inside?

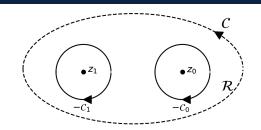


Since $z_{0,1}$ are outside the deformed contour, Cauchy's formula gives

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}'} + \int_{\mathcal{L}_2} + \int_{\mathcal{L}_1} + \int_{\mathcal{C}_0} + \int_{\mathcal{C}''} + \int_{\mathcal{L}_4} + \int_{\mathcal{L}_3} + \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} f(z) \, dz = 0$$

Stitching

In the limit $\epsilon \to 0$, we get



Two new circles with —ve orientation

and the integral reduces to

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) dz + \underbrace{\oint_{-\mathcal{C}_1} f(z) dz + \oint_{-\mathcal{C}_0} f(z) dz}_{\text{-ve orientation}} = 0$$

Put simply

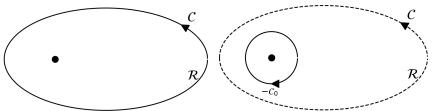
$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} f(z) dz = \oint_{\mathcal{C}_1} f(z) dz + \oint_{\mathcal{C}_0} f(z) dz$$



Worked Example

Evaluate $\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{e^{z^2}}{z^2} dz$ on some contour \mathcal{C} about the origin.

Solution: Clearly we cannot use the Cauchy's theorem as e^{z^2}/z^2 is not analytic at the origin. Below we apply the trick just learned



Deform some contour ${\cal C}$

to a circle about origin

$$\oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{e^{z^2}}{z^2} dz = \oint_{\mathcal{C}_0} \frac{e^{z^2}}{z^2} dz = \oint_{\mathcal{C}_0} \left(\frac{1}{z^2} + 1 + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \ldots \right) dz = 0$$