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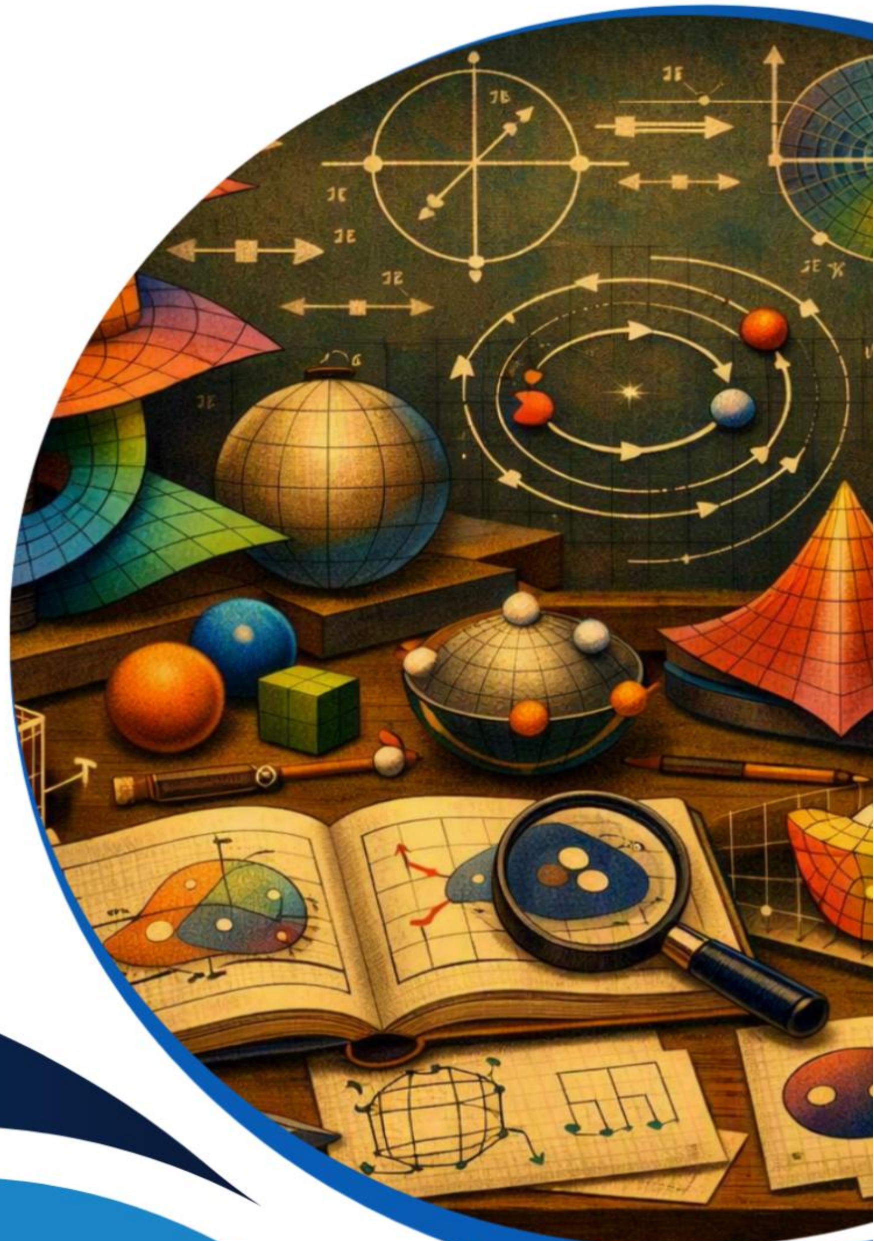
COMPLEX ANALYSIS II



Series 1 Laurent Expansions, Isolated Singularities, and Residues

Series Outline

Part 1.1: Laurent Expansions

Definition of Laurent series

Derivation and examples

Region of convergence

Part 1.2: Isolated Singularities

Definition and classification (removable, pole, essential)

Behaviour near singularities

Worked examples

Part 1.3: Residues

Definition of residue

Methods of calculating residues (direct computation, limit method, coefficient extraction)

Illustrative examples

Part 1.4: Applications of Residues in Complex Functions

Connection between residues and singularities

Role of residues in contour integration

Preliminary applications leading into the residue theorem

Introduction

In everyday mathematics, we often encounter functions that behave smoothly across their domains. However, in complex analysis, certain functions exhibit points where they fail to be analytic, known as singularities. To study such behaviour, mathematicians developed the Laurent expansion, a powerful tool that allows us to represent functions near these points using series that include both positive and negative powers. This expansion provides a way to analyse and classify singularities, and to compute important quantities called residues, which play a central role in evaluating complex integrals.

The aim of this Series is to introduce you to Laurent expansions, isolated singularities, and residues, and to equip you with the skills needed to compute and interpret them in the study of complex functions.
We shall commence this Series by examining the concept of Laurent expansions, including their definition, derivation, and regions of convergence. Next, we will explore isolated singularities, considering their classification into removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities. Following that, we will study residues, focusing on their definition and methods of calculation. Finally, we will conclude by discussing the applications of residues in complex functions, preparing the ground for the residue theorem in the next Series.

Series Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this Series, you should be able to:

SLO 1.1 define the Laurent expansion and explain how it represents complex functions near singularities,

SLO 1.2 analyse the region of convergence of a Laurent series and demonstrate its application with examples,

SLO 1.3 classify isolated singularities into removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities, and explain their behaviour,

SLO 1.4 define the concept of a residue and demonstrate methods of calculating residues using direct computation, limits, and coefficient extraction,

SLO 1.5 evaluate the role of residues in complex functions and apply them to preliminary problems involving contour integration.

1.1 Laurent Expansions

The Laurent expansion is a representation of a complex function as a series that includes both positive and negative powers of the variable. Unlike the Taylor series, which only involves non-negative powers, the Laurent series allows us to study functions near points where they are not analytic, known as singularities. This makes it a powerful tool in complex analysis.

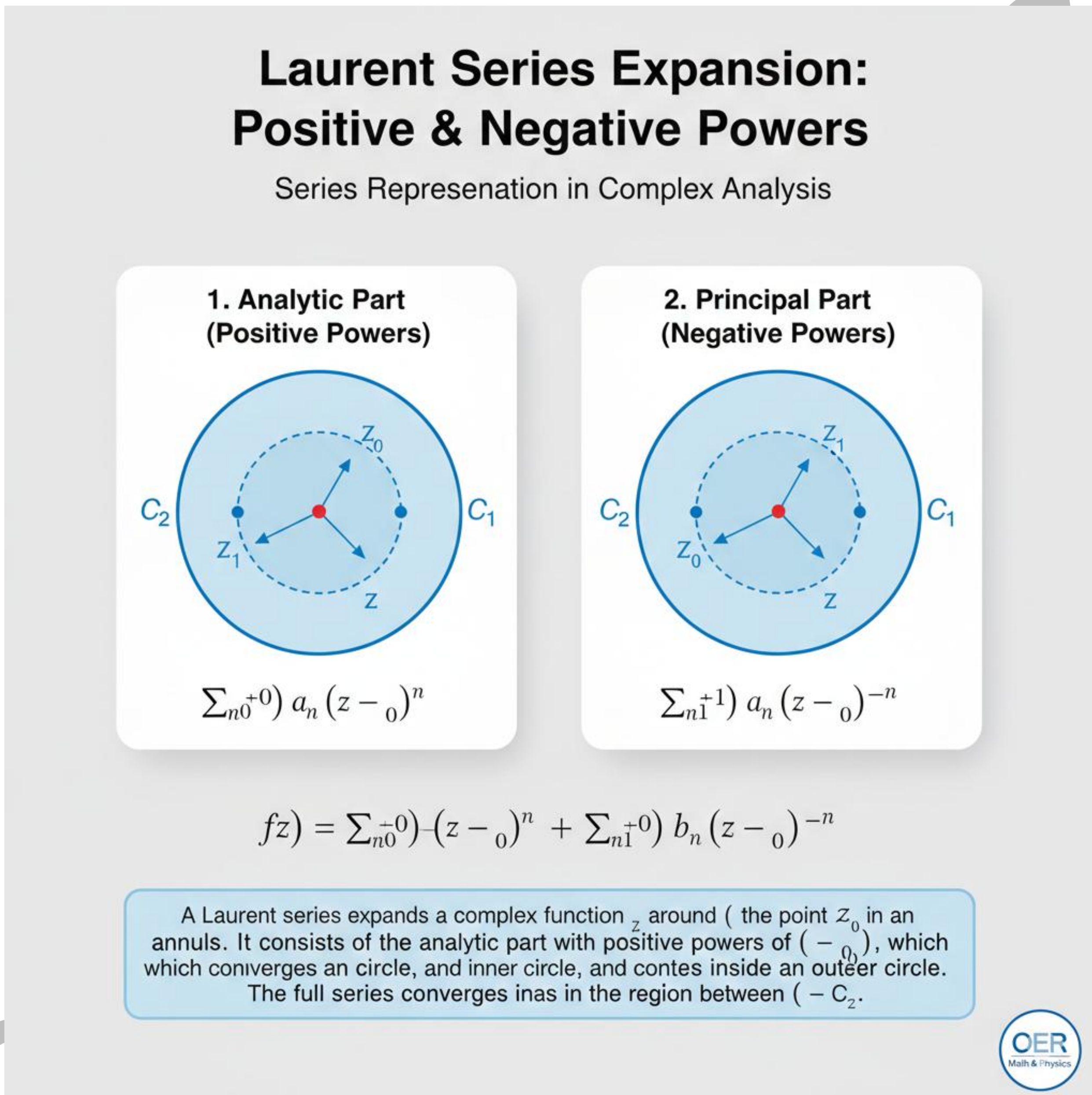
Fill in the blank: A Laurent series differs from a Taylor series because it includes __________ powers of the variable.

1.1.1 Definition of Laurent series

A Laurent series is defined as an infinite series of the form:

f(z)=n=-an(z-z0)n

where z0is the centre of expansion and the coefficients anare complex numbers. The terms with negative powers are called the principal part, while those with non-negative powers form the regular part.



Structure of a Laurent series expansion

Fill in the blank: The terms with negative powers in a Laurent series are called the __________ part.

1.1.2 Derivation and examples

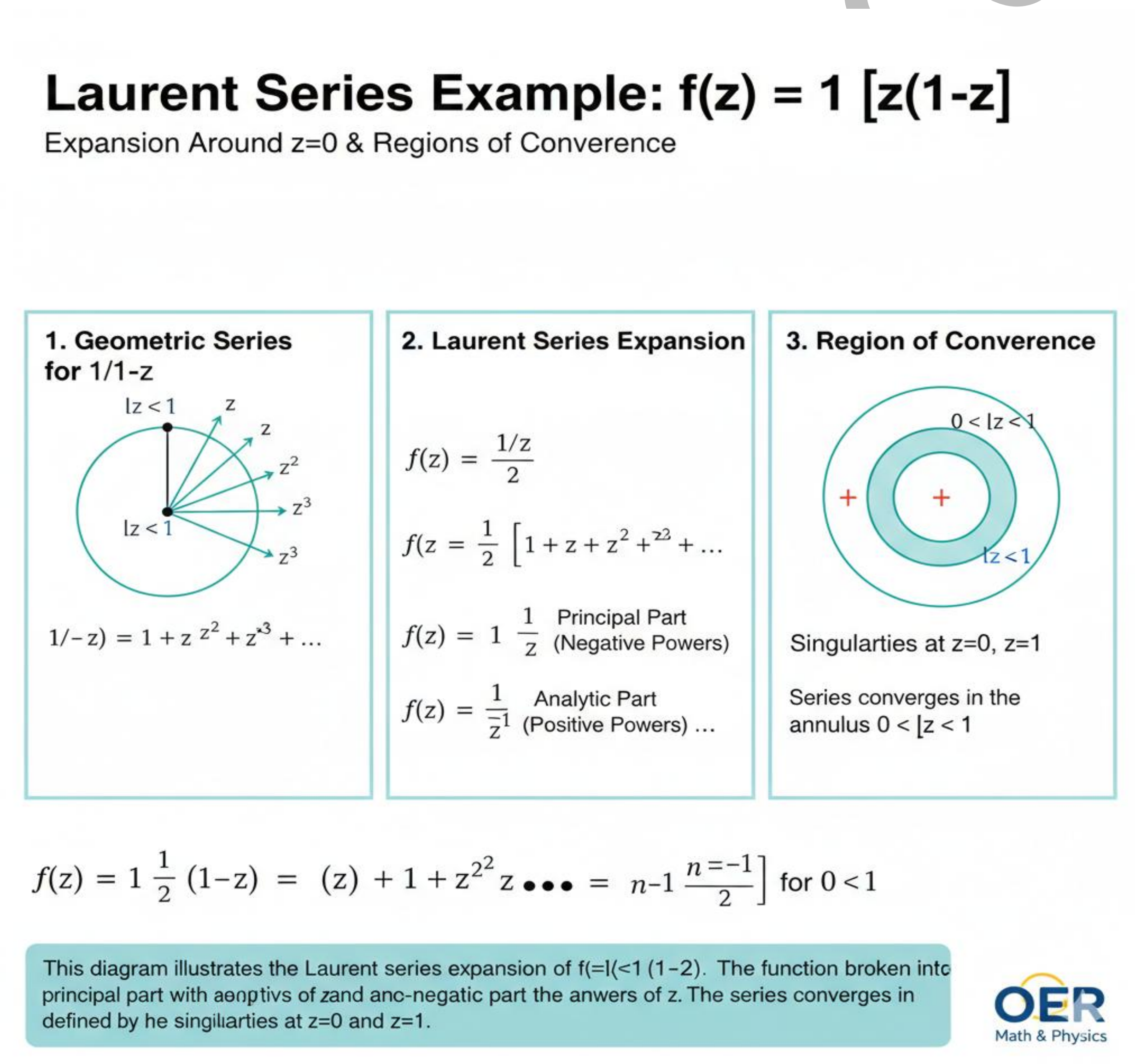
Laurent expansions can be derived using contour integration or by manipulating known series expansions. For example, the function

$$f(z)=1z(1\text{-}z)$$

can be expanded around z=0as:

$$f(z)=1z+1+z+z2+z3+\cdots$$

Here, the term 1zbelongs to the principal part, while the remaining terms form the regular part.

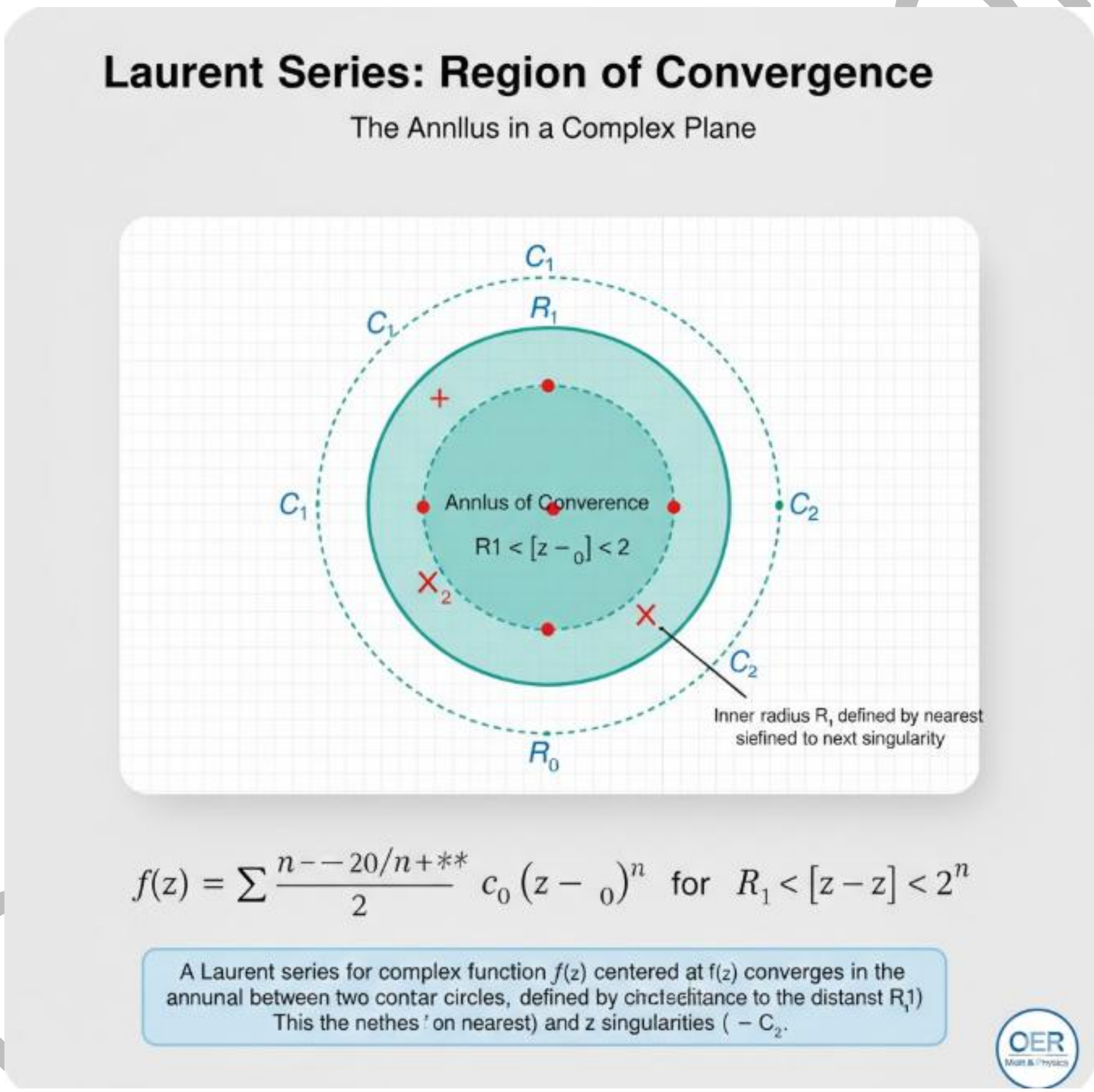


Example of Laurent expansion around z = 0

Fill in the blank: In the expansion of f(z)=1z(1-z), the term 1zbelongs to the __________ part.

1.1.3 Region of convergence

The region of convergence of a Laurent series is an annulus (ring-shaped region) around the point of expansion. Within this region, the series converges absolutely and uniformly. The inner radius corresponds to the nearest singularity inside, and the outer radius corresponds to the nearest singularity outside.



Region of convergence of a Laurent series

Fill in the blank: The region of convergence of a Laurent series is shaped like an __________ around the point of expansion.

Pilot questions 1.1

- A Laurent series differs from a Taylor series because it includes: A. Only positive powers B. Negative powers C. No powers D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.1)
- The terms with negative powers in a Laurent series are called the: A. Regular part B. Principal part C. Convergent part D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.1)
- In the expansion of f(z)=1z(1-z), the term 1zbelongs to the: A. Regular part B. Principal part C. Convergent part D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.2)
- The region of convergence of a Laurent series is shaped like: A. A circle B. An annulus C. A rectangle D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.2)
- The coefficients of a Laurent series are: A. Real numbers only B. Complex numbers C. Integers D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.1)

1.2 Isolated Singularities

In complex analysis, certain points exist where a function ceases to be analytic. These points are called isolated singularities, defined as points where a function is not analytic but remains analytic in some punctured neighbourhood around them. Studying isolated singularities is crucial because they determine the behaviour of functions near problematic points and form the basis for residue theory.

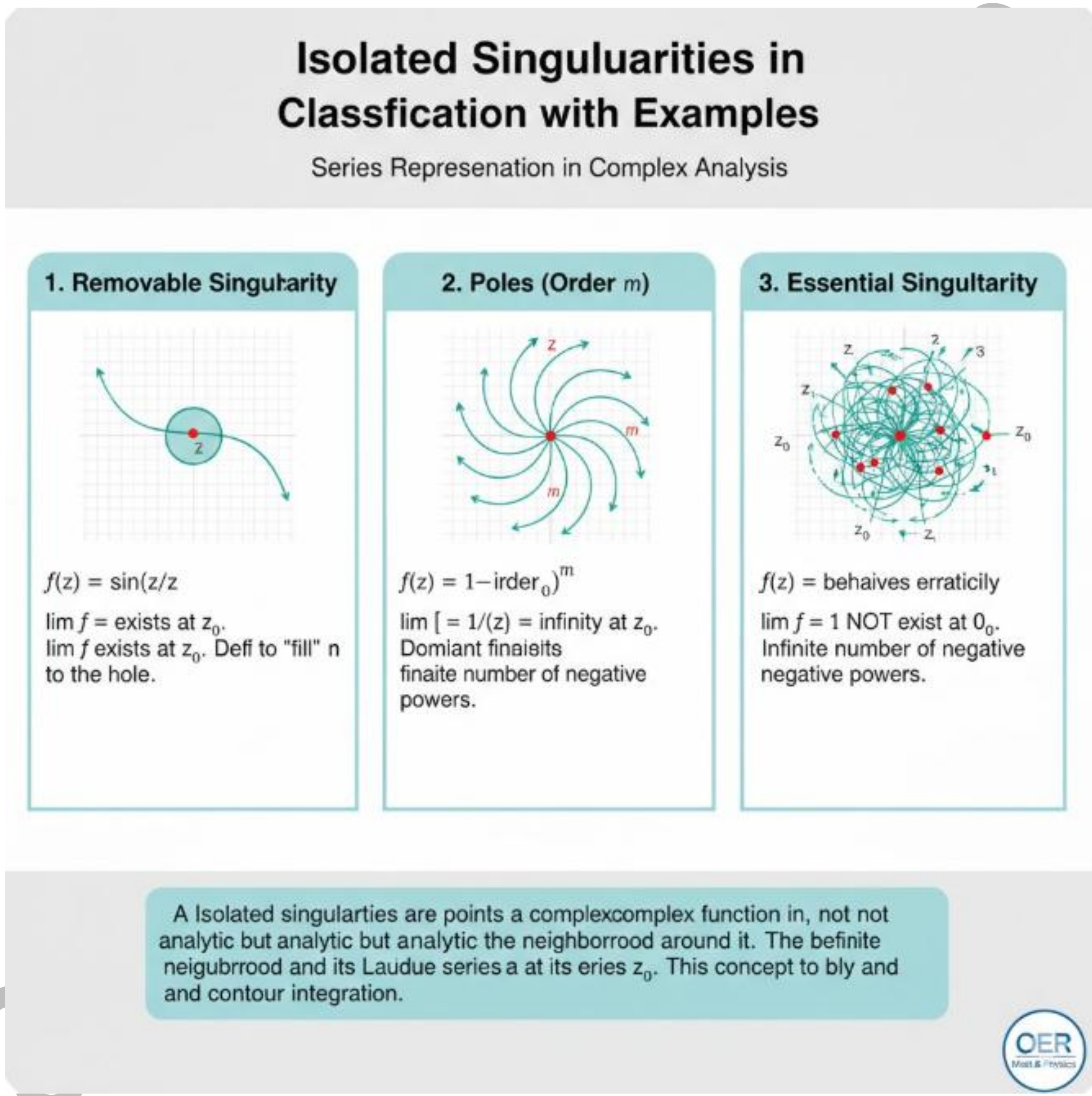
Fill in the blank: An isolated singularity is a point where a function is not analytic but remains analytic in a __________ neighbourhood around it.

1.2.1 Definition and classification

There are three main types of isolated singularities:

- Removable singularity: A point where the function is undefined, but can be redefined to make it analytic.
- Pole: A point where the function tends to infinity as the variable approaches it. Poles are classified by order, depending on how rapidly the function diverges.

Essential singularity: A point where the function exhibits chaotic behaviour, with values clustering densely around the complex plane near the singularity.



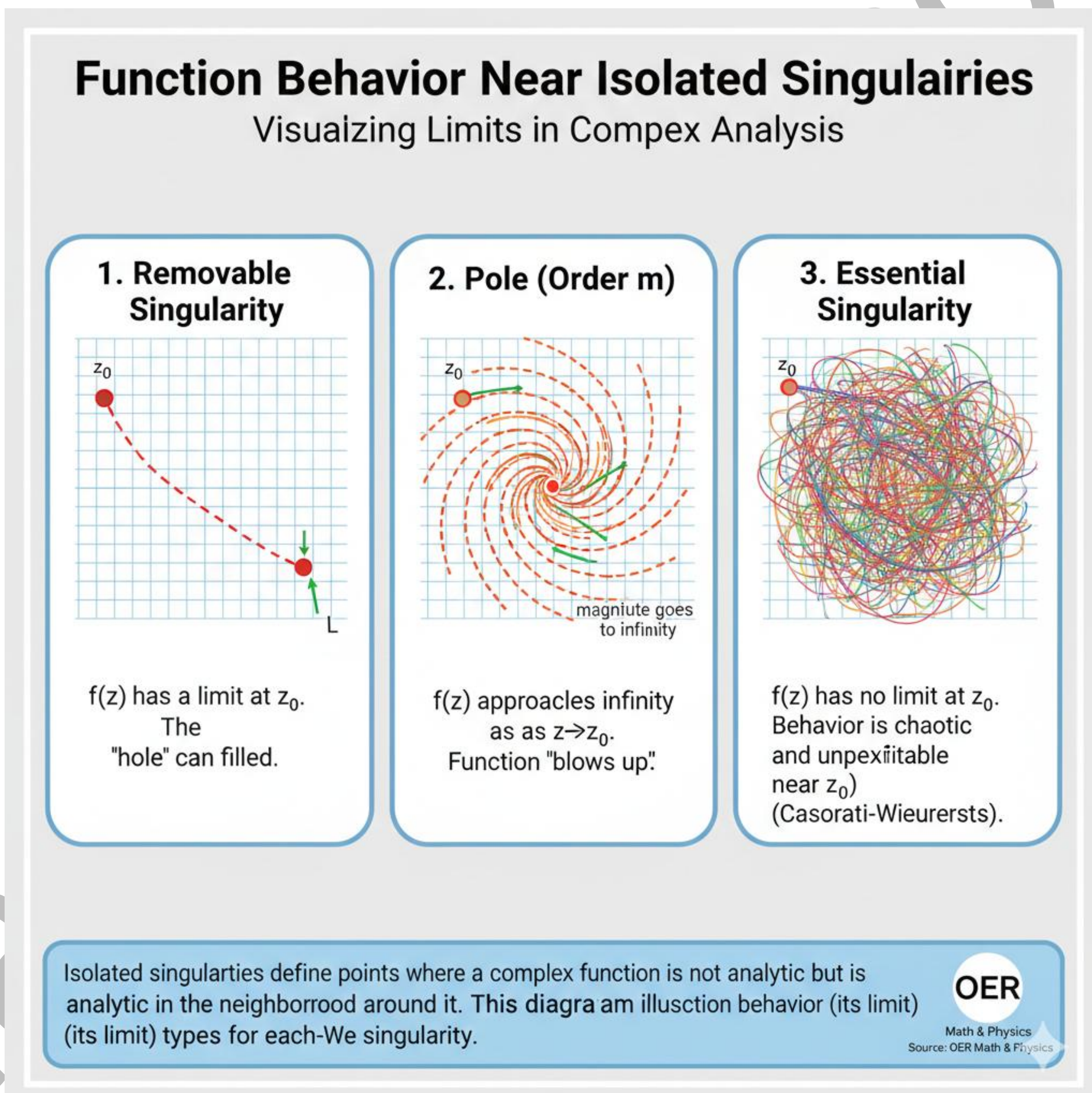
Classification of isolated singularities

Fill in the blank: A point where a function tends to infinity as the variable approaches it is called a __________.

1.2.2 Behaviour near singularities

The behaviour of a function near its singularities depends on the type:

- Near a removable singularity, the function behaves smoothly once redefined.
- Near a pole, the function grows without bound, with the rate determined by the order of the pole.
- Near an essential singularity, the function takes on values that are dense in the complex plane, as described by Picard's theorem.



Behaviour of functions near isolated singularities "

Fill in the blank: Near an essential singularity, the function takes on values that are __________ in the complex plane.

1.2.3 Worked examples

Example 1: Consider $f(z)=\sin z z$. At $z=0$, the function is undefined, but redefining $f(0)=1$makes it analytic. Thus, $z=0$is a removable singularity.

Example 2: Consider $f(z)=1z2$. At $z=0$, the function tends to infinity, and the singularity is a pole of order 2.

Example 3: Consider $f(z)=e1/z$. At $z=0$, the function exhibits chaotic behaviour, making it an essential singularity.

Fill in the blank: The function $f(z)=e1/z$has an __________ singularity at $z=0$.

Pilot questions 1.2

An isolated singularity is a point where a function is: A. Analytic everywhere B. Not analytic but analytic in a punctured neighbourhood C. Always infinite D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

A point where a function can be redefined to make it analytic is called a: A. Pole B. Removable singularity C. Essential singularity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

A point where a function tends to infinity is called a: A. Removable singularity B. Pole C. Essential singularity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

Near an essential singularity, the function takes on values that are: A. Finite B. Dense in the complex plane C. Zero D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

The function $f(z)=1z2$has a singularity at $z=0$which is a: A. Removable singularity B. Pole of order 2 C. Essential singularity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

1.3 Residues

The concept of residues is central to complex analysis. A residue is the coefficient of the $1z\text{-}z0$term in the Laurent expansion of a function about a singularity $z0$. Residues allow us to evaluate complex integrals efficiently, especially when functions have singularities inside the contour of integration.

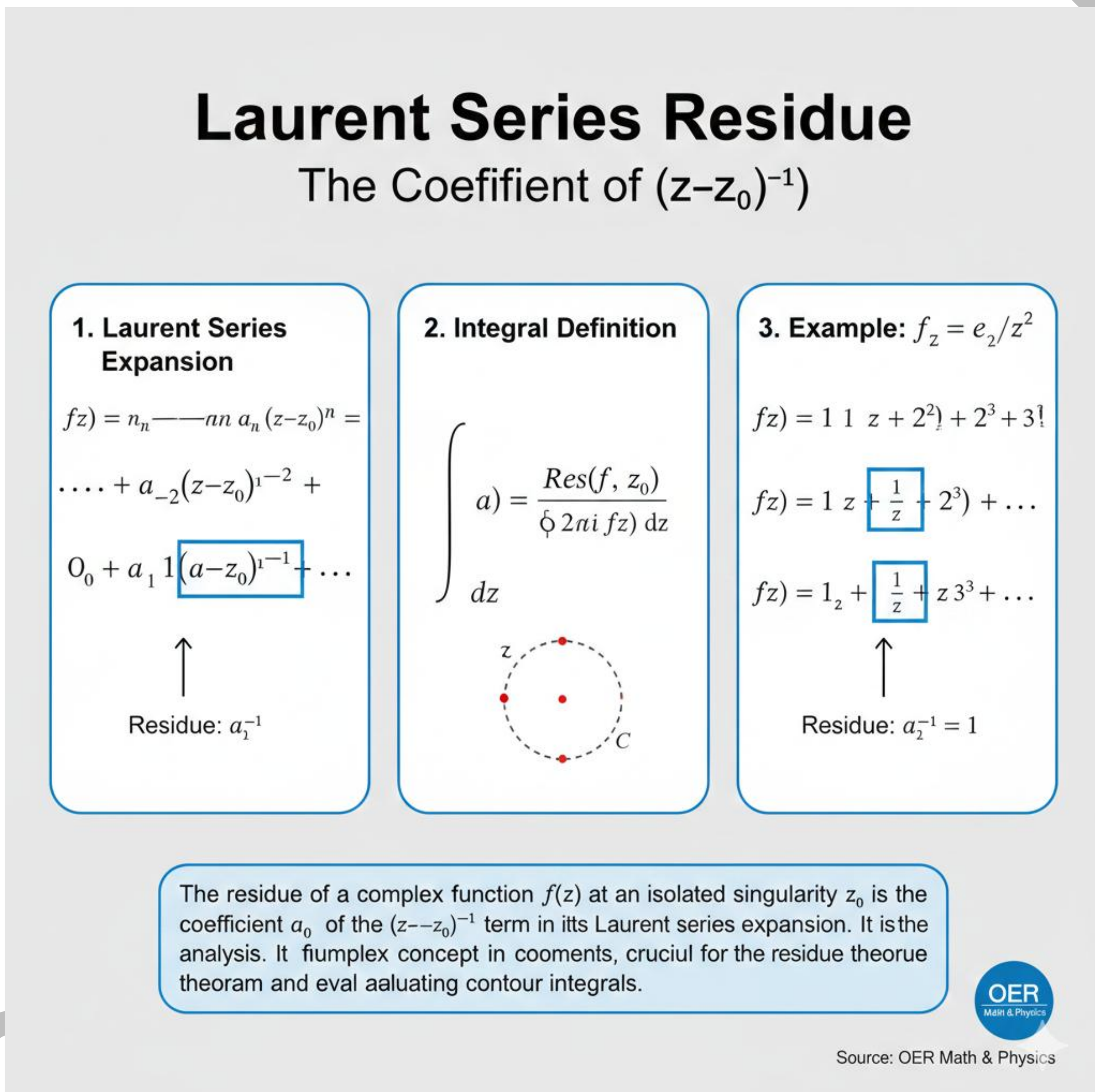
Fill in the blank: The residue of a function at a point is the coefficient of the __________ term in its Laurent expansion.

1.3.1 Definition of residue

For a function f(z)with an isolated singularity at z0, the residue of fat z0is defined as:

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,z0)=a\text{-}1$$

where a-1is the coefficient of (z0)-1in the Laurent expansion of f(z)about z0.



Residue as the coefficient of the (z0)-1ter

1.3.2 Methods of calculating residues

There are several methods for computing residues:

Direct computation from Laurent expansion: Expand the function and identify the coefficient of (z0)-1.

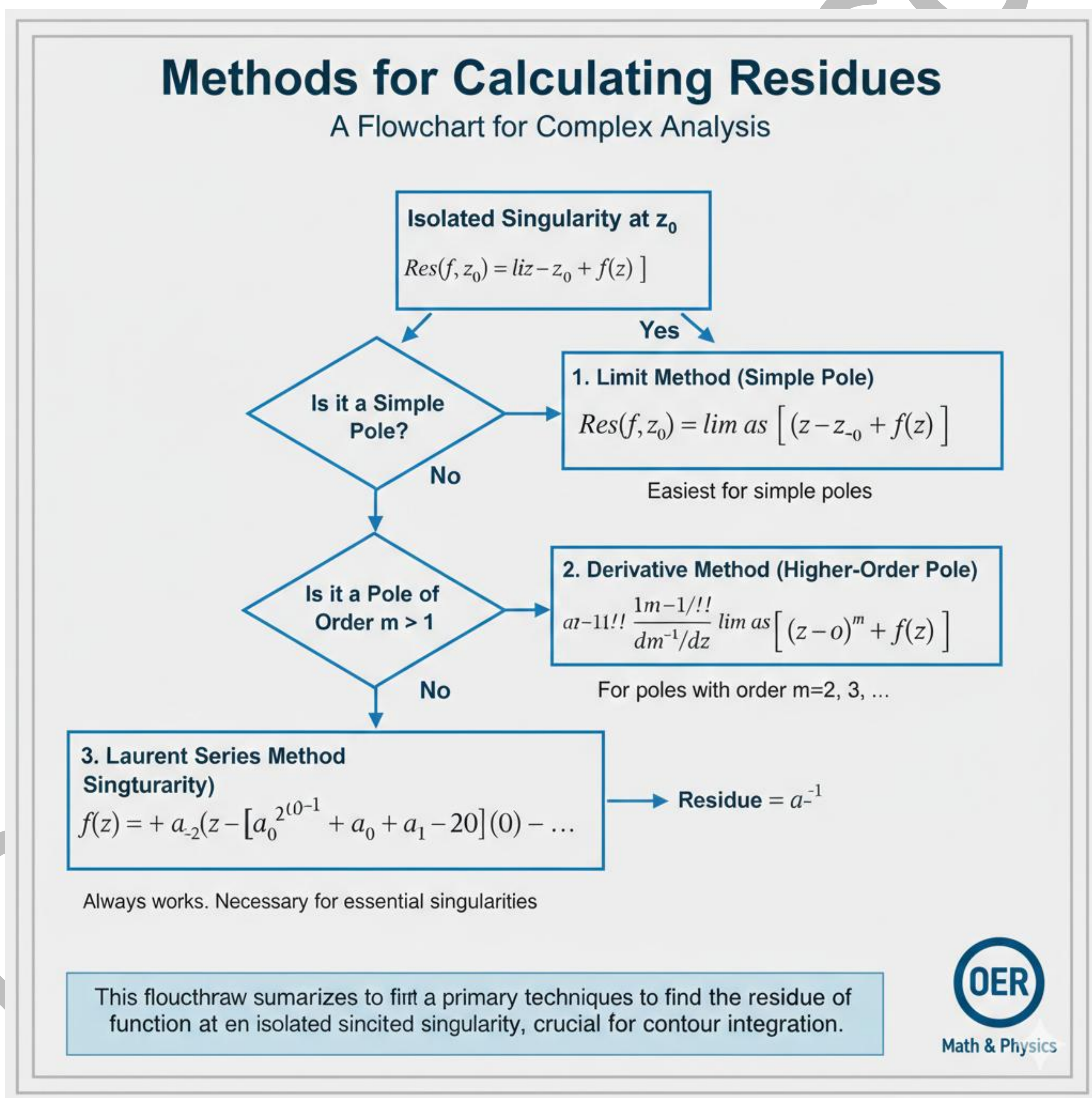
Limit method for simple poles:

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,z0)=\lim z\to z0(z-z0)f(z)$$

Derivative method for higher-order poles:

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,z0)=1(m-1)!\lim z\to z0dm-1dzm-1(z-z0)mf(z)$$

where mis the order of the pole.



Methods of calculating residue

Fill in the blank: For a simple pole at z0, the residue is given by lim⁡z→z0(z-z0)f(z).

1.3.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: For f(z)=1z, the Laurent expansion about z=0is simply 1z. The residue at z=0is 1.

Example 2: For f(z)=1(1)2, the pole at z=1is of order 2. Using the derivative method:

Res(f,1)=11!lim⁡z→1ddz(z-1)21(1)2=lim⁡z→1ddz(1)=0

Thus, the residue at z=1is 0.

Example 3: For f(z)=ezz2, at z=0there is a pole of order 2. Using the derivative method:

Res(f,0)=11!lim⁡z→0ddzezz2=lim⁡z→0ddz(ez)=1

Fill in the blank: The residue of f(z)=ezz2at z=0is __________.

Pilot questions 1.3

The residue of a function at a point is the coefficient of which term in its Laurent expansion? A. (z0)0B. (z0)-1C. (z0)-2D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

For a simple pole at z0, the residue is given by: A. lim⁡z→z0f(z)B. lim⁡z→z0(z-z0)f(z)C. lim⁡z→z0(z-z0)2f(z)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

The derivative method is used to compute residues at: A. Removable singularities B. Simple poles C. Higher-order poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

The residue of f(z)=1zat z=0is: A. 0 B. 1 C. -1 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

The residue of f(z)=ezz2at z=0is: A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

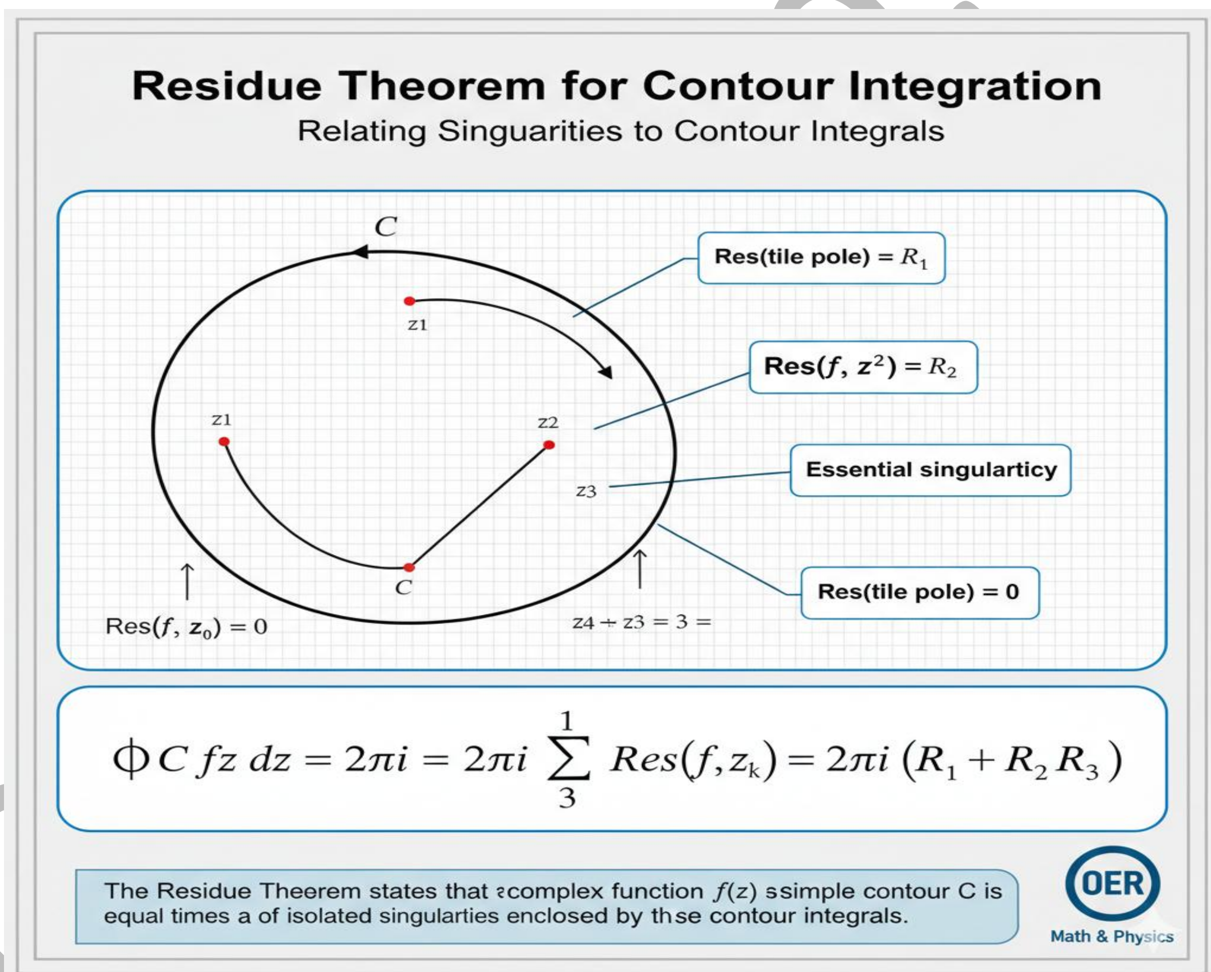
1.4 Applications of Residues in Complex Functions

Residues are not only theoretical constructs but also practical tools in complex analysis. They provide a direct way to evaluate contour integrals, especially when functions have singularities inside the contour. This makes them indispensable in solving problems involving integrals and series.

Fill in the blank: Residues are particularly useful in evaluating __________ integrals when singularities lie inside the contour.

1.4.1 Connection between residues and singularities

Residues are closely tied to isolated singularities. Each singularity contributes a residue, and the sum of these residues within a contour determines the value of certain integrals. This connection forms the foundation of the residue theorem, which will be studied in detail in the next Series.

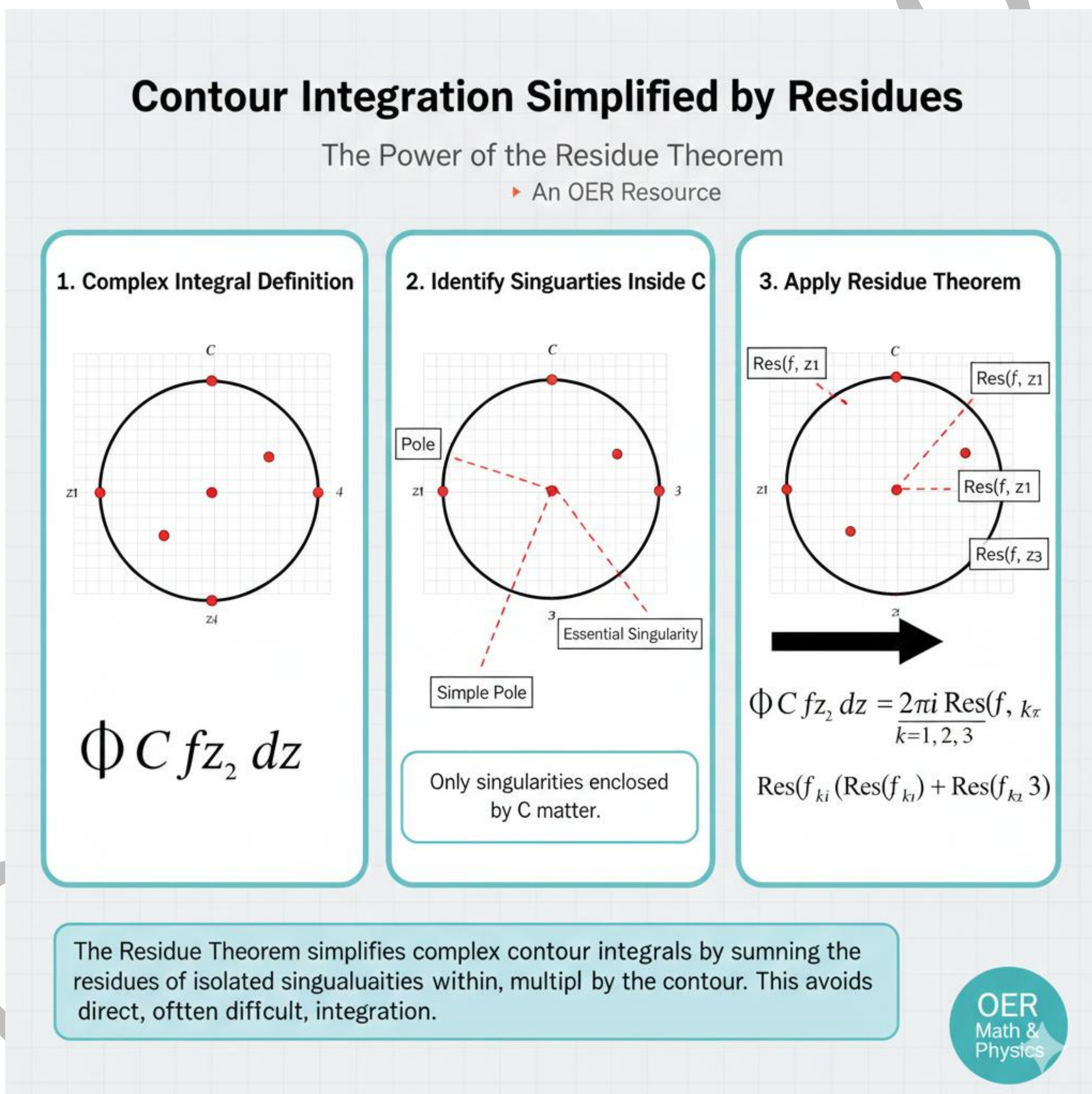


Connection between residues and singularities inside a contour

Fill in the blank: The sum of residues inside a contour determines the value of certain __________.

1.4.2 Role of residues in contour integration

Residues simplify the evaluation of contour integrals by reducing them to algebraic calculations. Instead of computing integrals directly, one can calculate residues at singularities and use them to determine the integral. This approach is especially powerful when dealing with functions that are otherwise difficult to integrate.



Role of residues in contour integration

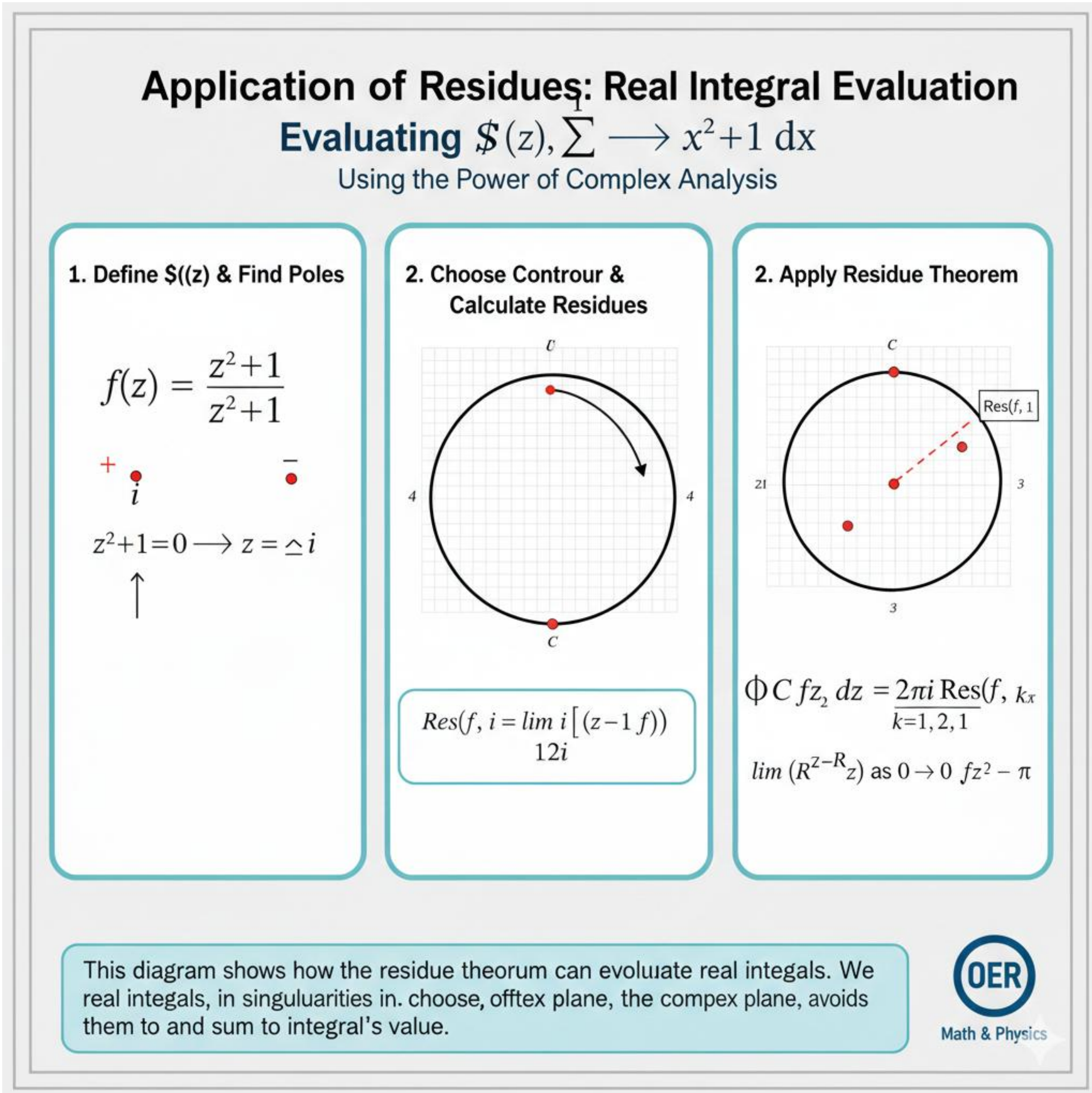
Fill in the blank: Residues allow contour integrals to be reduced to __________ calculations.

1.4.3 Preliminary applications

Residues are applied in evaluating integrals of rational functions, trigonometric integrals, and even in summing series. For example, integrals of the form:

$$-dxx2+1$$

can be evaluated using residues at the poles of the function in the complex plane. Similarly, residues provide a method for summing infinite series by relating them to contour integrals.



Application of residues to rational integral

Fill in the blank: Residues can also be applied to the __________ of infinite series.

Pilot questions 1.4

Residues are particularly useful in evaluating: A. Real integrals B. Contour integrals C. Definite sums D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.5)

The sum of residues inside a contour determines the value of certain: A. Derivatives B. Integrals C. Limits D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.5)

Residues allow contour integrals to be reduced to: A. Algebraic calculations B. Numerical approximations C. Infinite expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.5)

Residues can be applied to evaluate: A. Rational integrals B. Trigonometric integrals C. Infinite series D. All of the above (Linked to SLO 1.5)

The connection between residues and singularities forms the foundation of the: A. Argument principle B. Residue theorem C. Rouche's theorem D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.5)

Series Summary

This Series has introduced you to the essential tools of complex analysis: Laurent expansions, isolated singularities, and residues. We began by examining Laurent expansions, which extend the idea of Taylor series by including negative powers, allowing us to represent functions near points where they are not analytic. We then moved on to isolated singularities, classifying them into removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities, and exploring how functions behave in their neighbourhoods. Following that, we studied residues, defining them as the coefficient of the (z0)-1term in a Laurent expansion and learning several methods for calculating them. Finally, we explored the applications of residues, particularly their role in contour integration and their connection to singularities, setting the stage for the residue theorem in the next Series. By completing this Series, you should now be able to define and explain Laurent expansions (SLO 1.1), analyse regions of convergence (SLO 1.2), classify isolated singularities and describe their behaviour (SLO 1.3), compute residues using different methods (SLO 1.4), and evaluate their role in complex functions and preliminary applications (SLO 1.5). These skills form the foundation for deeper exploration of the residue theorem and its applications in subsequent Series.

Glossary of Terms

Annulus: A ring-shaped region in the complex plane, defined by two concentric circles, which represents the region of convergence of a Laurent series.

Essential singularity: An isolated singularity where the function exhibits chaotic behaviour, taking on values densely across the complex plane near the point.

Isolated singularity: A point where a function is not analytic, but remains analytic in some punctured neighbourhood around it.

Laurent expansion: A series representation of a complex function that includes both positive and negative powers of the variable.

Pole: An isolated singularity where the function tends to infinity as the variable approaches the point. Poles are classified by order.

Principal part: The portion of a Laurent series consisting of terms with negative powers.

Regular part: The portion of a Laurent series consisting of terms with non-negative powers.

Removable singularity: An isolated singularity where the function can be redefined to make it analytic at that point.

Residue: The coefficient of the (z0)-1term in the Laurent expansion of a function about a singularity z0.

Concept Check Questions 1

Objective questions

The coefficient of the (z0)-1term in a Laurent expansion is called the: A. Regular part B. Residue C. Pole D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.4)

The region of convergence of a Laurent series is shaped like: A. A circle B. An annulus C. A rectangle D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.2)

Which type of singularity can be redefined to make the function analytic? A. Pole B. Removable singularity C. Essential singularity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 1.3)

Short-answer questions

Define a Laurent expansion and explain how it differs from a Taylor series. (Linked to SLO 1.1)

What is meant by the principal part of a Laurent series? (Linked to SLO 1.1)

Classify the singularity of f(z)=1z2at z=0. (Linked to SLO 1.3)

State one method for calculating residues at simple poles. (Linked to SLO 1.4)

Explain how residues are applied in contour integration. (Linked to SLO 1.5)

Long-answer questions

Discuss the definition, derivation, and region of convergence of Laurent expansions. (Linked to SLO 1.1, 1.2)

Basic response: Define Laurent expansions, explain their structure, and describe the annulus of convergence.

Value-added response: Provide examples of functions expanded into Laurent series and explain how convergence depends on singularities.

Analyse the classification of isolated singularities and their behaviour. (Linked to SLO 1.3)

Basic response: Define removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities.

Value-added response: Illustrate with examples and explain Picard's theorem for essential singularities.

Evaluate the role of residues in complex analysis. (Linked to SLO 1.4, 1.5)

Basic response: Define residues and explain methods of calculation.

Value-added response: Show how residues simplify contour integration and provide examples of applications to integrals and series.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 1

1-B, 2-B, 3-B

A Laurent expansion is a series representation of a complex function that includes both positive and negative powers. It differs from a Taylor series, which only includes non-negative powers.

The principal part of a Laurent series consists of terms with negative powers.

The singularity of f(z)=1z2at z=0is a pole of order 2.

For a simple pole at z0, the residue is given by lim z→z0(z-z0)f(z).

Residues are applied in contour integration by reducing the evaluation of integrals to algebraic calculations involving the sum of residues inside the contour.

Basic response: Laurent expansions represent functions with both positive and negative powers, converging in an annulus. Value-added response: Examples such as f(z)=1z(1-z)show how expansions depend on singularities, with convergence determined by the nearest singularities inside and outside the annulus.

Basic response: Isolated singularities are classified into removable singularities, poles, and essential singularities. Value-added response: Examples include sin z z(removable), 1z2(pole), and e1/z(essential). Picard's theorem explains the dense behaviour near essential singularities.

Basic response: Residues are coefficients of the (z0)-1term, calculated using expansion, limits, or derivatives. Value-added response: They simplify contour integrals and are applied in evaluating rational and trigonometric integrals, as well as summing series.

Answers to Pilot Questions 1

Part 1.1: 1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B Part 1.2: 1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B, 5-B Part 1.3: 1-B, 2-B, 3-C, 4-B, 5-B Part 1.4: 1-B, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D, 5-B

Series 2 Residue Theorem and Calculus of Residues

Series Outline

Part 2.1: The Residue Theorem

Statement and interpretation

Connection to contour integration

Illustrative examples

Part 2.2: Calculus of Residues

Techniques for computing residues systematically

Application to rational functions and trigonometric integrals

Worked examples

Part 2.3: Applications of the Residue Theorem

Evaluation of definite integrals

Summation of series using residues

Practical problem-solving contexts

Part 2.4: Advanced Illustrations and Problem Sets

Complex integrals involving multiple singularities

Case studies linking residues to physical and engineering problems

Guided exercises for independent practice

Introduction

In the previous Series, we explored Laurent expansions, isolated singularities, and residues, laying the foundation for deeper applications in complex analysis. Building on that knowledge, we now turn to the residue theorem, one of the most powerful results in the subject. This theorem connects residues to contour integrals, enabling us to evaluate complex integrals with remarkable efficiency.

The aim of this Series is to introduce you to the residue theorem and the calculus of residues, and to demonstrate how these concepts are applied in evaluating integrals and summing series.

We shall commence this Series by examining the statement and interpretation of the residue theorem, followed by its connection to contour integration and illustrative examples. Next, we will study the calculus of residues, focusing on systematic techniques for computing residues and applying them to rational and trigonometric functions. Following that, we will explore practical applications of the residue theorem in evaluating definite integrals and summing series. Finally, we will conclude with advanced illustrations and problem sets, where you will apply these ideas to more challenging integrals and real-world contexts.

Series Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this Series, you should be able to:

SLO 2.1 state and interpret the residue theorem, explaining its connection to contour integration,

SLO 2.2 demonstrate how to apply the residue theorem to evaluate complex integrals with singularities inside a contour,

SLO 2.3 compute residues systematically using the calculus of residues, including rational and trigonometric functions,

SLO 2.4 apply the residue theorem to evaluate definite integrals and to sum series, SLO 2.5 analyse advanced problems involving multiple singularities and illustrate how residues are used in practical contexts.

2.1 The Residue Theorem

The residue theorem is one of the most powerful results in complex analysis. It provides a direct link between the residues of a function and the evaluation of contour integrals. In essence, it states that the integral of a function around a closed contour depends only on the sum of the residues of the function's singularities inside that contour. This makes it an invaluable tool for evaluating complex integrals that would otherwise be difficult to compute.

Fill in the blank: The residue theorem states that the integral of a function around a closed contour depends only on the __________ of the residues inside the contour.

2.1.1 Statement and interpretation

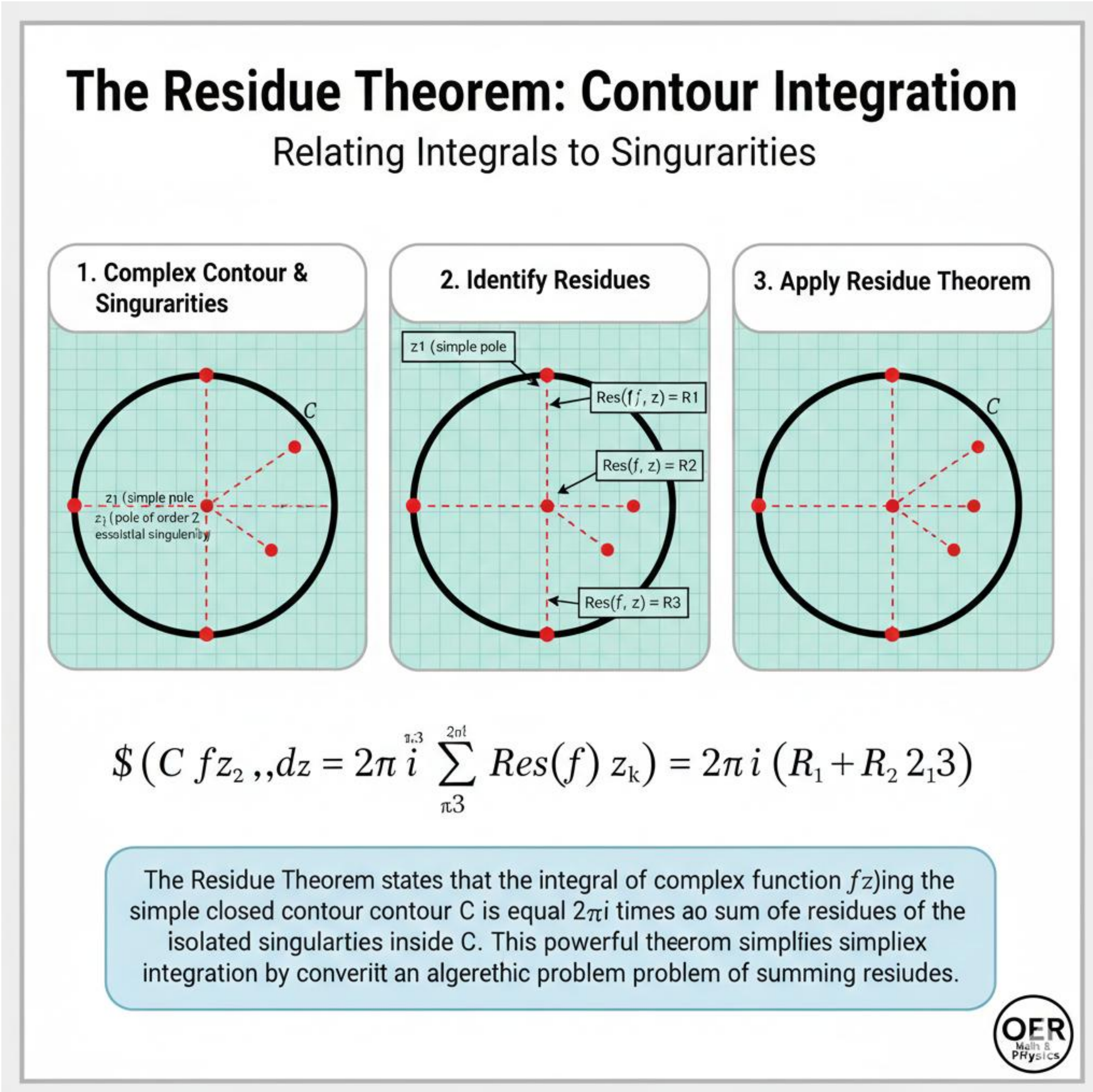
The residue theorem can be stated as follows:

If f(z)is analytic inside and on a simple closed contour C, except for isolated singularities inside C, then

$$Cf(z)\,dz=2\pi i\sum \mathrm{Res}(f,zk)$$

where the sum is taken over all singularities zkinside the contour.

This theorem shows that instead of directly computing the integral, we can simply calculate the residues at the singularities and multiply their sum by 2πi.

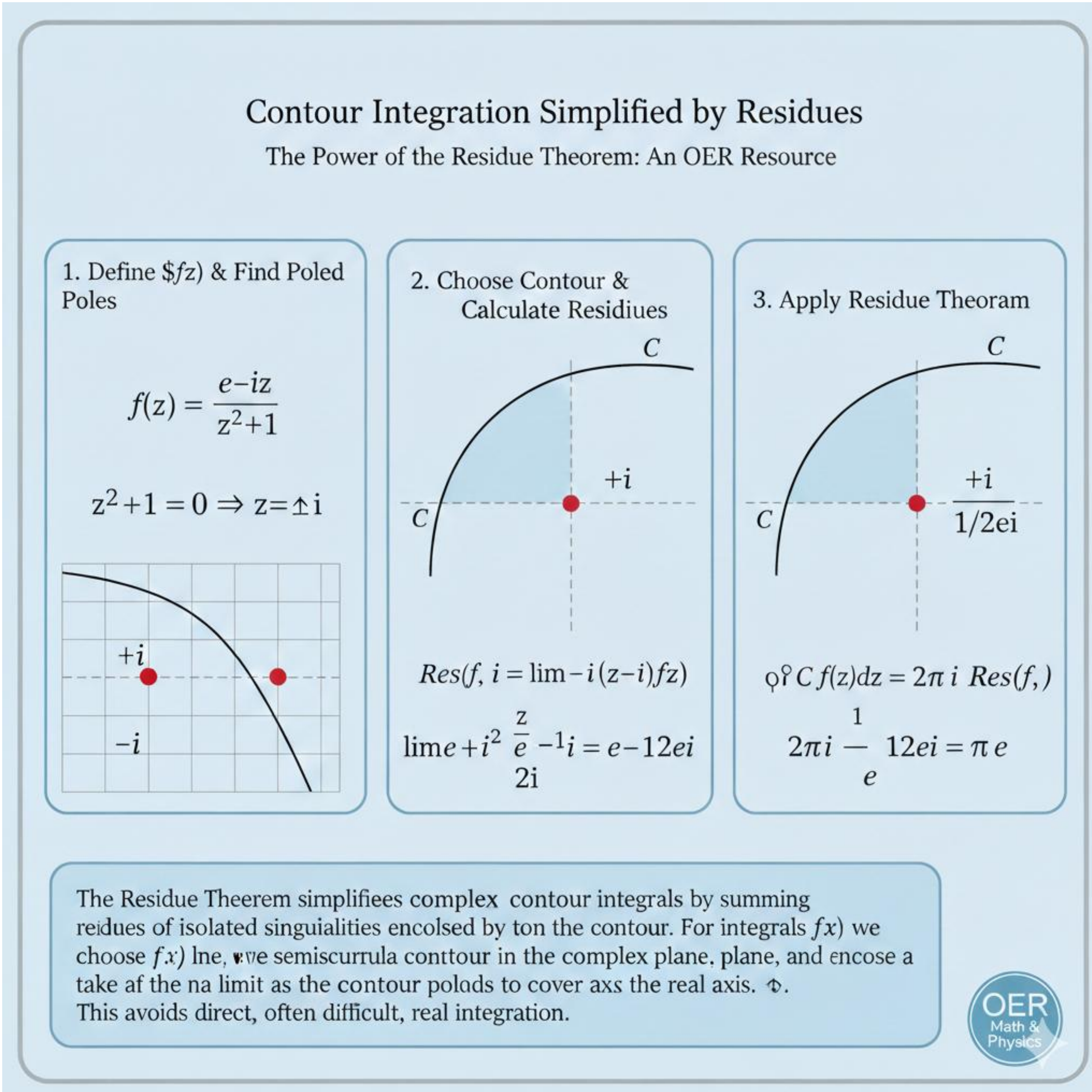


Residue theorem applied to a closed contour

Fill in the blank: According to the residue theorem, the integral around a closed contour is equal to 2πitimes the __________ of residues inside the contour.

2.1.2 Connection to contour integration

The residue theorem simplifies contour integration by reducing it to the calculation of residues. Instead of evaluating complex integrals directly, we identify the singularities inside the contour, compute their residues, and apply the theorem. This approach is particularly useful for rational functions and functions with poles.



Contour integration using the residue theorem

Fill in the blank: The residue theorem reduces contour integration to the calculation of __________.

2.1.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: Evaluate

C1z2+1 dz

where Cis the unit circle centred at the origin.

The function has singularities at z=iand z=-i. Only z=ilies inside the unit circle. The residue at z=iis:

$$\mathrm{Resi}=\lim z\to i(z-i)1z-i)(z+i=12i$$

Thus,

$$C1z2+1\ dz=2\pi i\cdot 12i=\pi$$

Example 2: Evaluate

$$Cezz2\ dz$$

where Cis a circle centred at the origin with radius 1.

The function has a pole of order 2 at z=0. The residue is:

$$\mathrm{Res}0=\lim z\to 0ddz(ez)=1$$

Thus,

$$Cezz2\ dz=2\pi i\cdot 1=2\pi i$$

Fill in the blank: The integral of 1z2+1around the unit circle is equal to __________.

Pilot questions 2.1

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour is equal to: A. The sum of residues B. 2πitimes the sum of residues C. The product of residues D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.1)

The residue theorem is particularly useful in evaluating: A. Real integrals B. Contour integrals C. Definite sums D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.2)

The integral of 1z2+1around the unit circle is: A. 0 B. C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.2)

The integral of ezz2around the unit circle is: A. 0 B. C. 2πiD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.2)

The residue theorem reduces contour integration to the calculation of: A. Limits B. Derivatives C. Residues D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.2)

2.2 Calculus of Residues

The calculus of residues provides systematic techniques for computing residues at singularities. While the residue theorem tells us how residues relate to contour integrals, the calculus of residues equips us with practical methods to calculate them efficiently. These methods are particularly useful when dealing with rational functions, trigonometric integrals, and higher-order poles.

Fill in the blank: The calculus of residues provides systematic techniques for __________ residues at singularities.

2.2.1 Techniques for computing residues systematically

There are three main techniques for computing residues:

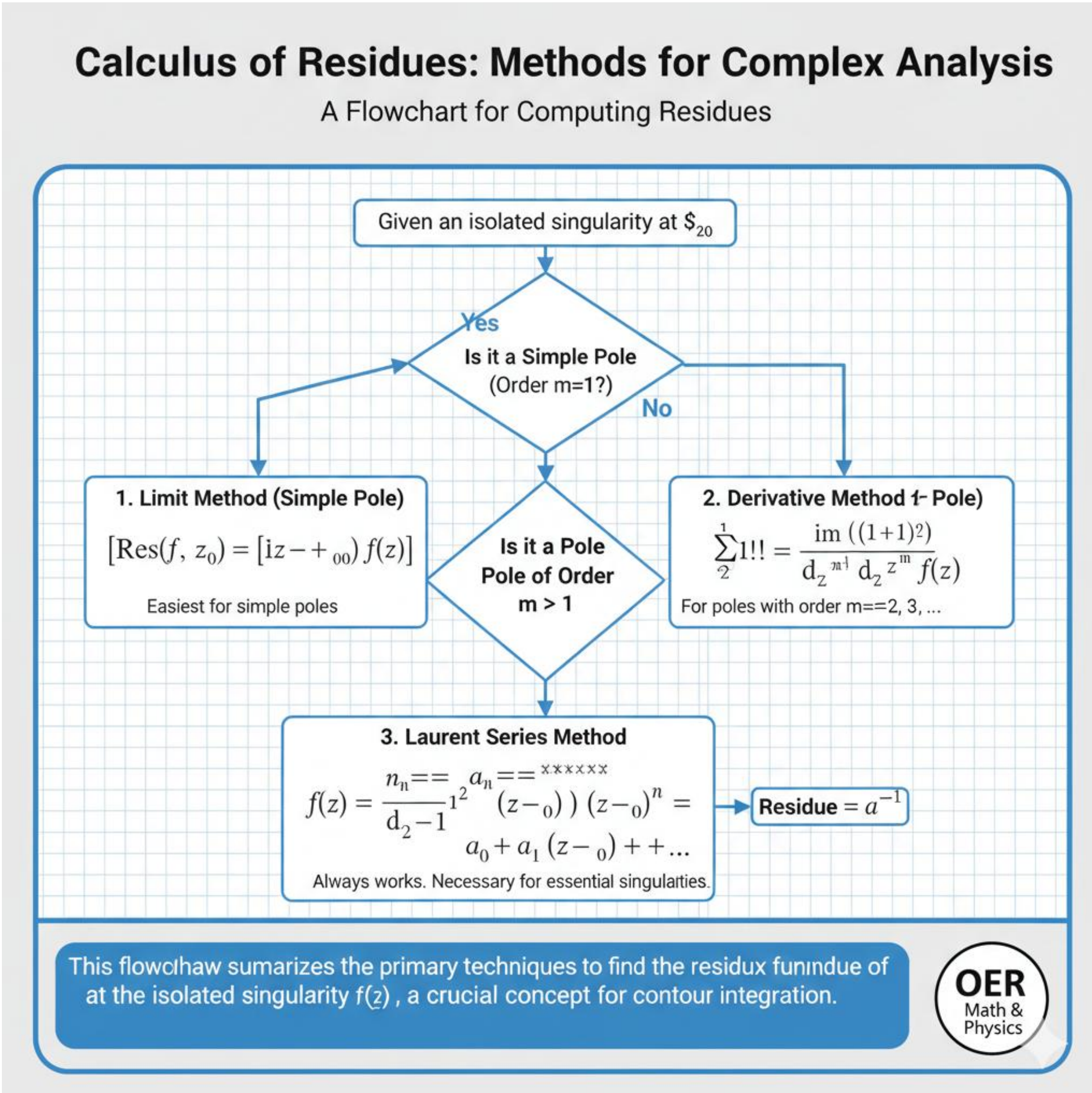
- Laurent expansion method: Expand the function into a Laurent series and identify the coefficient of $(z_0)^{-1}$.
- Limit method for simple poles:

$$\text{Res}(f,z_0)=\lim_{z\to z_0}(z-z_0)f(z)$$

- Derivative method for higher-order poles:

$$\text{Res}(f,z_0)=\frac{1}{(m-1)!}\lim_{z\to z_0}\frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}}(z-z_0)^m f(z)$$

where mis the order of the pole.



Techniques for computing residue

Fill in the blank: For a simple pole at z_0, the residue is given by $\lim_{z \to z_0}(z-z_0)f(z)$.

2.2.2 Application to rational functions and trigonometric integrals

Residues are particularly useful in evaluating integrals of rational functions and trigonometric functions. For rational functions, poles are easily identified, and residues can be computed using the limit or derivative method. For trigonometric integrals, residues allow us to transform real integrals into contour integrals in the complex plane, simplifying the evaluation.

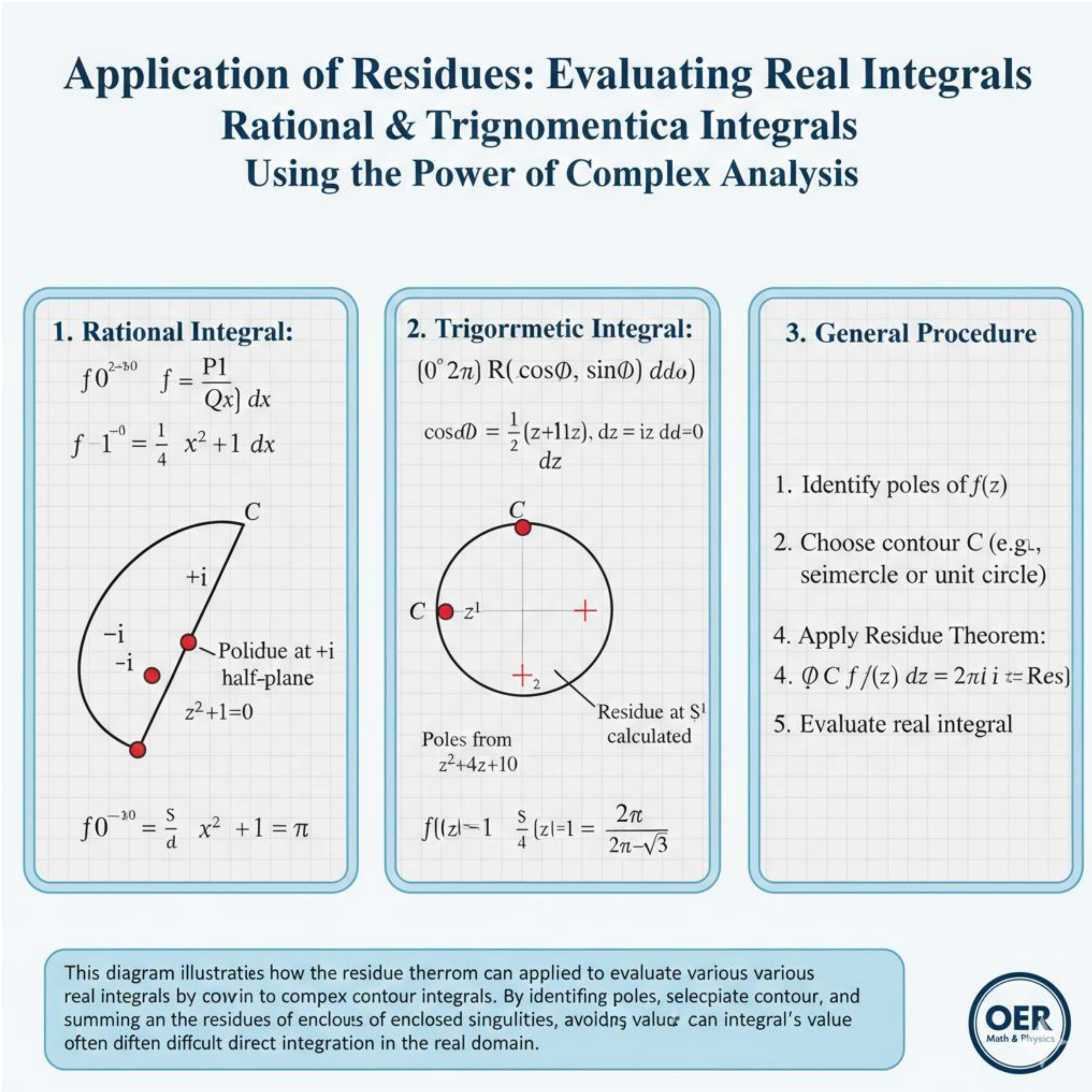
Example 1: For $f(z)=1z2+1$, the poles are at $z=i$and $z=-i$. The residue at $z=i$is:

$$\mathrm{Res}(f,i)=\lim z\to i(z-i)1z-i)(z+i=12i$$

Example 2: To evaluate

$$-\cos x\, x2+1\, dx$$

we extend the integral into the complex plane and use residues at $z=i$and $z=-i$. The calculation shows that the integral equals $e-1$.



Application of residues to rational and trigonometric integrals

Fill in the blank: Residues allow real trigonometric integrals to be evaluated by transforming them into __________ integrals in the complex plane.

2.2.3 Worked examples

Example 1: Compute the residue of f(z)=1(2)2at z=2. This is a pole of order 2. Using the derivative method:

Res(f,2)=11!lim⁡z→2ddz(z-2)21(2)2=lim⁡z→2ddz(1)=0

Example 2: Compute the residue of f(z)=ezzat z=0. This is a simple pole. Using the limit method:

Res(f,0)=lim z→0z·ezz=lim z→0ez=1

Fill in the blank: The residue of f(z)=ezzat z=0is __________.

Pilot questions 2.2

The calculus of residues provides systematic techniques for: A. Expanding functions B. Computing residues C. Evaluating limits D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.3)

For a simple pole at z0, the residue is given by: A. lim z→z0f(z)B. lim z→z0(z-z0)f(z)C. lim z→z0(z-z0)2f(z)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.3)

The derivative method is used to compute residues at: A. Removable singularities B. Simple poles C. Higher-order poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.3)

Residues allow real trigonometric integrals to be evaluated by transforming them into: A. Real integrals B. Contour integrals C. Definite sums D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

The residue of f(z)=ezzat z=0is: A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.3)

2.3 Applications of the Residue Theorem

The residue theorem is not only a theoretical result but also a practical tool for solving integrals and series. By reducing complex integrals to algebraic sums of residues, it allows us to evaluate definite integrals and infinite series that would otherwise be very difficult to compute.

Fill in the blank: The residue theorem is especially useful for evaluating definite integrals and __________ series.

2.3.1 Evaluation of definite integrals

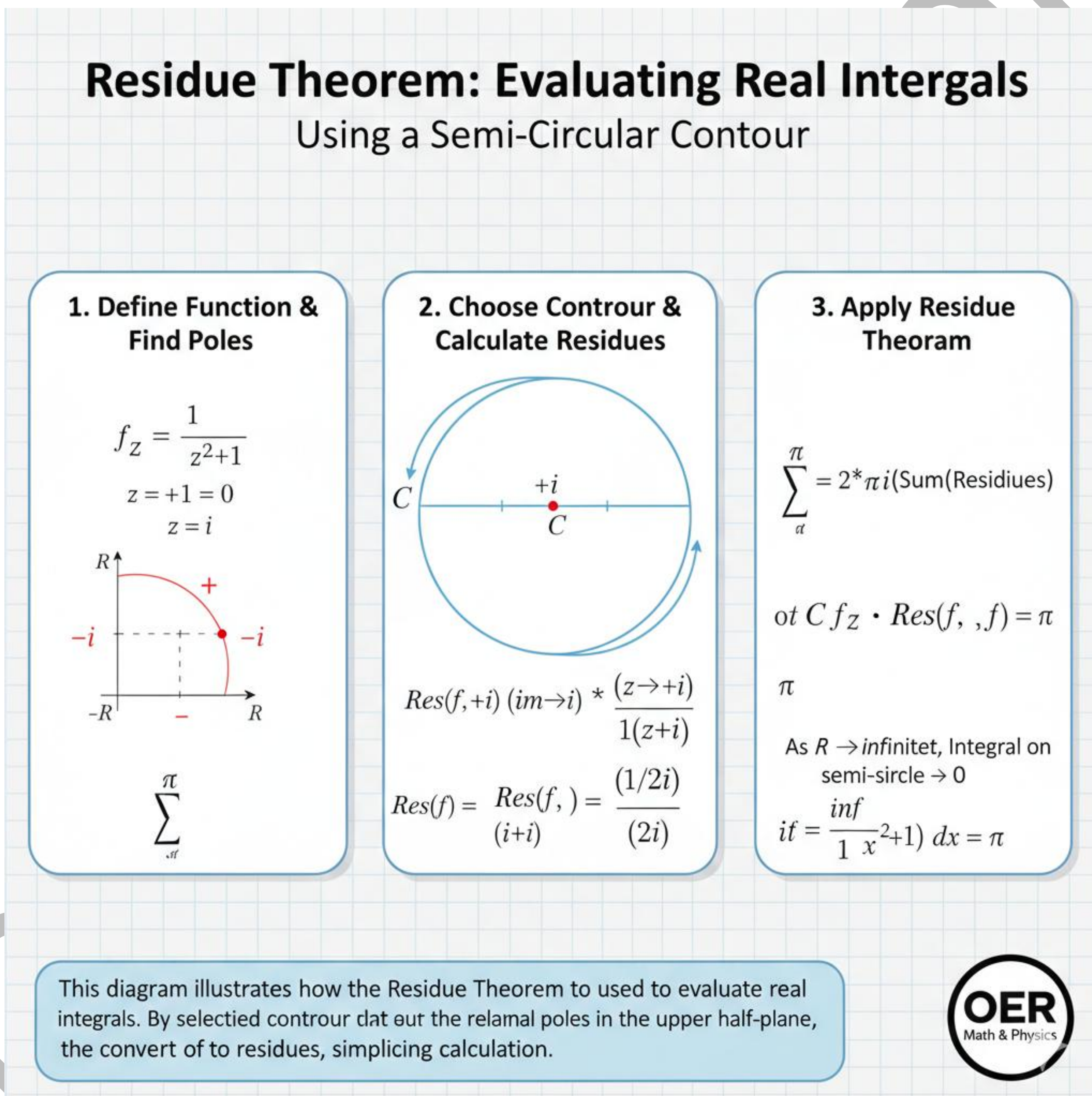
Residues provide a method for evaluating definite integrals, particularly those involving rational or trigonometric functions. By extending the integral into the complex plane and applying the residue theorem, we can compute values that are otherwise inaccessible through elementary techniques.

Example 1: Evaluate

-dxx2+1

We consider the contour integral of 1z2+1around a semicircle in the upper half-plane. The only pole inside the contour is at z=i, with residue 12i. Thus,

-dxx2+1=π



Evaluation of definite integral using the residue theorem

Fill in the blank: The integral -dxx2+1evaluates to __________.

2.3.2 Summation of series using residues

Residues can also be applied to the summation of series. By relating series to contour integrals, the residue theorem provides a way to compute infinite sums.

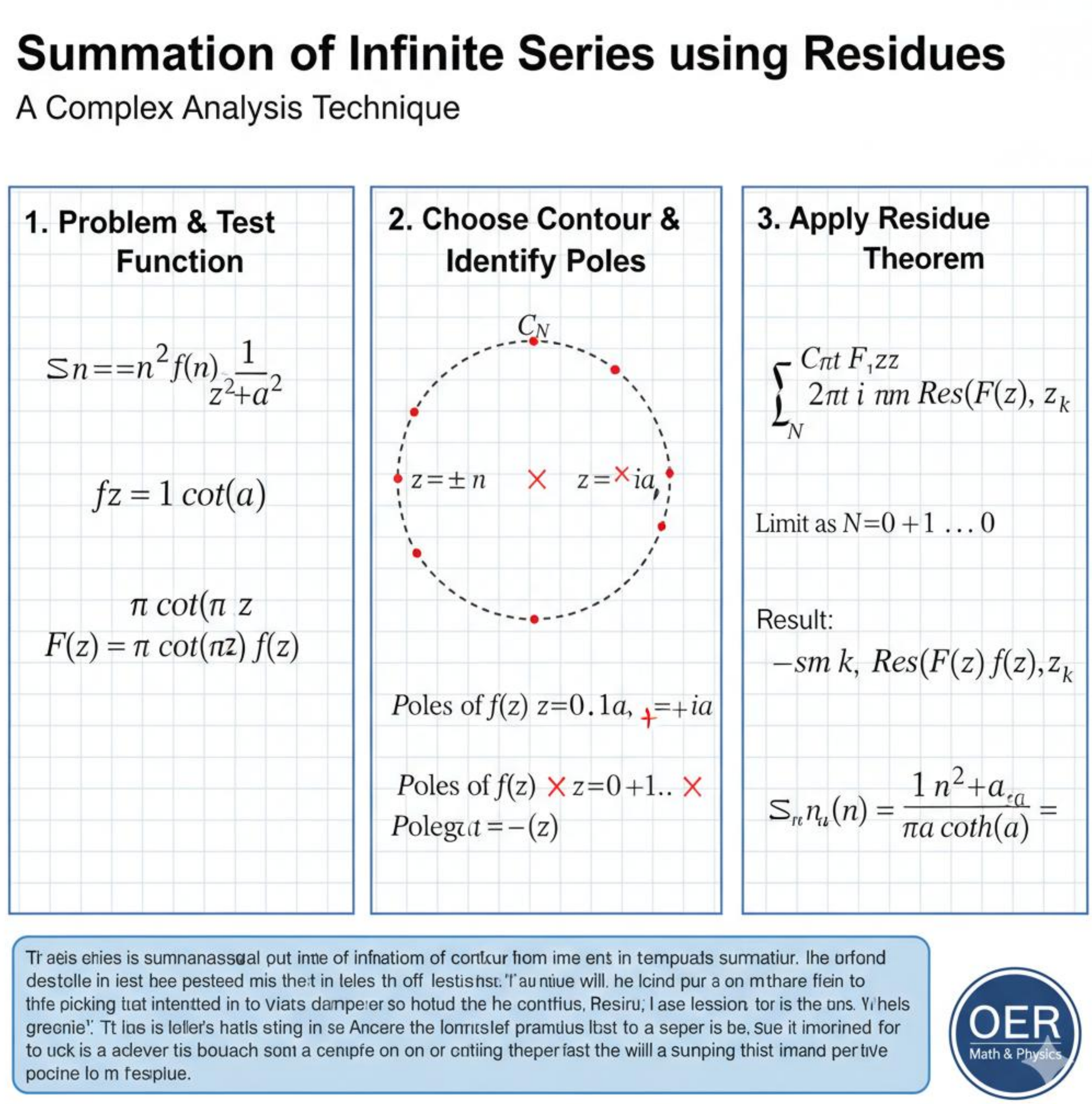
Example 2: Consider the series

$$n=-1n2+a2$$

This series can be evaluated using contour integration and residues at the poles of $\cot(\pi z)$. The result is:

$$n=-1n2+a2=a\coth(\pi a)$$

[Insert figure here] Short description: Diagram showing relation between series summation and residues. Caption: Figure 2.6:



Summation of series using residues

Fill in the blank: The series n=-1n2+a2evaluates to acoth(πa).

2.3.3 Practical problem-solving contexts

Residues and the residue theorem are widely used in physics, engineering, and applied mathematics. For example, they are applied in evaluating Fourier transforms, solving problems in quantum mechanics, and analysing electrical circuits. The ability to reduce complex integrals to simple algebraic sums makes them indispensable in these fields.

Fill in the blank: Residues are applied in physics and engineering, for example in evaluating __________ transforms.

Pilot questions 2.3

The residue theorem is especially useful for evaluating: A. Definite integrals and infinite series B. Derivatives and limits C. Polynomials and equations D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

The integral -dxx2+1evaluates to: A. 0 B. C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

The series n=-1n2+a2evaluates to: A. πaB. acoth(πa)C. 1a2D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

Residues are applied in physics and engineering, for example in evaluating: A. Fourier transforms B. Taylor expansions C. Matrix determinants D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

The connection between residues and series summation is established through: A. Contour integration B. Differentiation C. Taylor expansion D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

2.4 Advanced Illustrations and Problem Sets

This final Part of the Series is designed to consolidate your understanding of the residue theorem and the calculus of residues. Here, we explore more advanced applications, including integrals involving multiple singularities and case studies that demonstrate how residues are applied in physics and engineering. You will also engage with guided problem sets that encourage independent practice and deeper mastery.

Fill in the blank: Advanced applications of the residue theorem often involve integrals with __________ singularities inside the contour.

2.4.1 Complex integrals involving multiple singularities

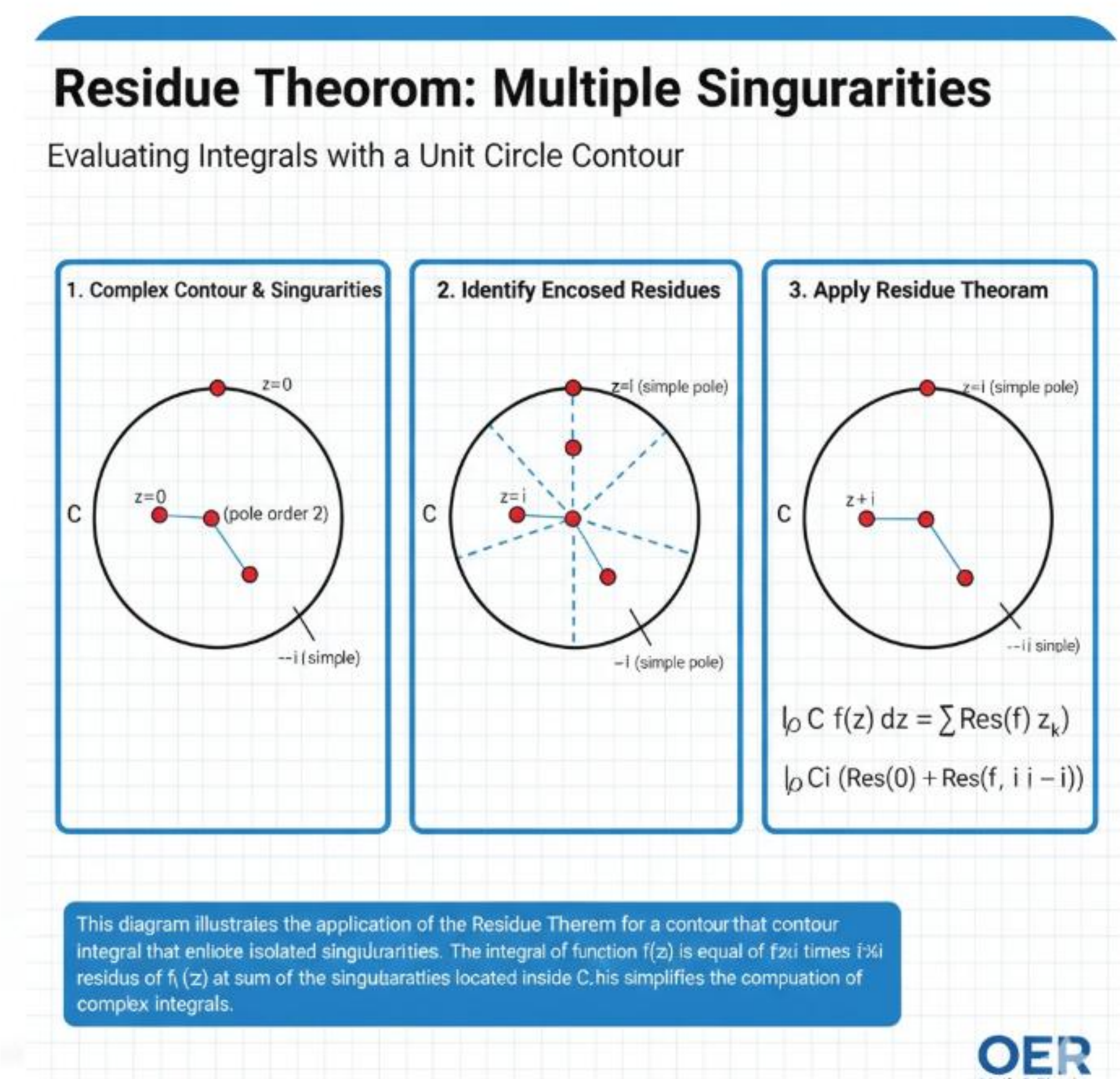
When a contour encloses more than one singularity, the residue theorem requires summing the residues at all enclosed points. This principle allows us to evaluate integrals that involve several poles simultaneously.

Example 1: Evaluate

Cdzz2(z2+1)

where Cis the unit circle centred at the origin.

The function has singularities at $z=0$ (pole of order 2) and $z=i, z=-i$ (simple poles). Only $z=0$ lies inside the unit circle. The residue at $z=0$ is computed using the derivative method, and the integral is then obtained by multiplying the residue by $2\pi i$.



Contour with multiple singularities

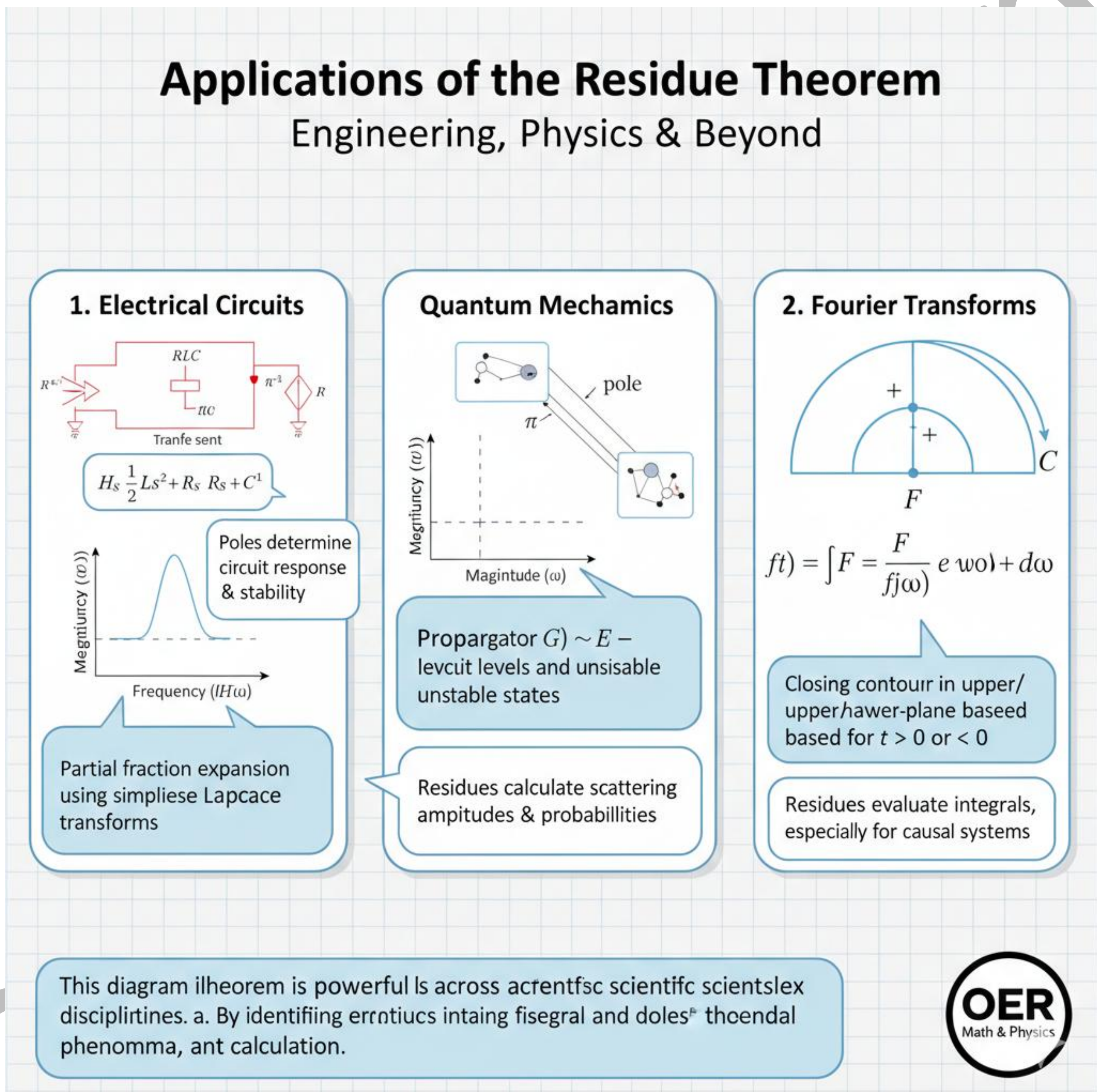
2.4.2 Case studies linking residues to physical and engineering problems

Residues are widely applied in real-world contexts. For example:

Electrical engineering: Residues are used in analysing circuits with alternating current, where integrals involving sinusoidal functions arise.

Quantum mechanics: Residues help evaluate integrals in scattering problems and wave functions.

Signal processing: Fourier transforms often involve contour integrals that can be solved using residues.



Applications of residues in engineering and physics

Fill in the blank: In electrical engineering, residues are applied in analysing __________ circuits.

2.4.3 Guided exercises for independent practice

To strengthen your skills, attempt the following exercises:

Compute the integral

Cdzz3-1

where Cis the circle |z|=2.

Evaluate

-sin x x dx

using contour integration and residues.

Show how the residue theorem can be applied to sum the series

n=11n2

Fill in the blank: The series n=11n2can be evaluated using the __________ theorem.

Pilot questions 2.4

When a contour encloses multiple singularities, the integral is determined by: A. The largest residue B. The sum of residues C. The product of residues D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

Residues are applied in physics, for example in: A. Quantum mechanics B. Geometry C. Algebra D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

Residues are applied in engineering, for example in analysing: A. Electrical circuits B. Chemical reactions C. Linear equations D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

The integral Cdzz3-1around |z|=2involves residues at: A. One pole B. Two poles C. Three poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

The series n=11n2can be evaluated using the: A. Taylor theorem B. Residue theorem C. Binomial theorem D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.5)

Series Summary

This Series has focused on the residue theorem and the calculus of residues, building directly on the foundations established in Series 1. We began by stating and interpreting the residue theorem, showing how it connects residues to contour integrals and greatly simplifies their evaluation. We then explored the calculus of residues, learning systematic techniques such as the Laurent expansion, limit method, and derivative method, and applying them to rational and trigonometric functions. Following that, we examined practical applications of the residue theorem, including the evaluation of definite integrals and the summation of series. Finally, we engaged with advanced illustrations and problem sets, tackling integrals with multiple singularities and considering real-world contexts in physics and engineering. By completing this Series, you should now be able to state and interpret the residue theorem (SLO 2.1), demonstrate its application to contour integrals (SLO 2.2), compute residues systematically (SLO 2.3), apply the theorem to definite integrals and series (SLO 2.4), and analyse advanced problems involving multiple singularities in practical contexts (SLO 2.5). These skills prepare you for deeper exploration of applications in subsequent Series, where principles such as the maximum modulus and argument principles will be introduced.

Glossary of Terms

Contour integration: The process of integrating a complex function along a closed path (contour) in the complex plane.

Derivative method: A technique for calculating residues at higher-order poles by differentiating the function after multiplying by a suitable power of z_0.

Laurent expansion method: A technique for computing residues by expanding a function into a Laurent series and identifying the coefficient of (z_0)-1.

Limit method: A technique for calculating residues at simple poles using the limit $\lim_{z \to z_0}(z-z_0)f(z)$.

Residue theorem: A fundamental result in complex analysis stating that the integral of a function around a closed contour is equal to $2\pi i$times the sum of the residues of the singularities inside the contour.

Residues: The coefficients of the (z_0)-1term in the Laurent expansion of a function about a singularity z_0.

Simple pole: A singularity of order one, where the function behaves like 1z-$z_0$near the point.

Trigonometric integrals: Integrals involving trigonometric functions, often evaluated using residues by extending them into the complex plane.

Concept Check Questions 2

Objective questions

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour is equal to: A. The sum of residues B. 2πitimes the sum of residues C. The product of residues D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.1)

For a simple pole at z0, the residue is given by: A. lim z→z0f(z)B. lim z→z0(z-z0)f(z)C. lim z→z0(z-z0)2f(z)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.3)

The integral -dxx2+1evaluates to: A. 0 B. C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 2.4)

Short-answer questions

State the residue theorem and explain its significance in contour integration. (Linked to SLO 2.1)

What is the derivative method used for in the calculus of residues? (Linked to SLO 2.3)

Compute the residue of f(z)=ezzat z=0. (Linked to SLO 2.3)

Explain how residues can be applied to evaluate trigonometric integrals. (Linked to SLO 2.4)

Give one example of how residues are applied in physics or engineering. (Linked to SLO 2.5)

Long-answer questions

Discuss the statement, interpretation, and application of the residue theorem. (Linked to SLO 2.1, 2.2)

Basic response: State the theorem and explain how it reduces contour integrals to sums of residues.

Value-added response: Provide worked examples showing its application to rational functions.

Analyse the systematic techniques for computing residues. (Linked to SLO 2.3)

Basic response: Describe the Laurent expansion, limit method, and derivative method.

Value-added response: Illustrate with examples involving simple and higher-order poles.

Evaluate the role of residues in definite integrals and series summation. (Linked to SLO 2.4)

Basic response: Explain how residues are used to evaluate integrals and series.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as -dxx2+1and n=-1n2+a2.

Examine advanced applications of residues in physics and engineering. (Linked to SLO 2.5)

Basic response: Mention contexts such as Fourier transforms and electrical circuits.

Value-added response: Explain how residues simplify integrals in quantum mechanics and signal processing.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 2

1-B, 2-B, 3-B

The residue theorem states that the integral of a function around a closed contour is equal to 2πitimes the sum of the residues of the singularities inside the contour. It simplifies contour integration by reducing it to algebraic calculations.

The derivative method is used to compute residues at higher-order poles by differentiating the function after multiplying by a suitable power of z0.

The residue of f(z)=ezzat z=0is 1.

Residues allow trigonometric integrals to be evaluated by extending them into the complex plane and applying contour integration.

In physics, residues are applied in quantum mechanics to evaluate integrals in scattering problems. In engineering, they are used in analysing alternating current circuits.

Basic response: The residue theorem reduces contour integrals to sums of residues.

Value-added response: For example, C1z2+1 dzaround the unit circle evaluates to using the residue at z=i.

Basic response: Techniques include Laurent expansion, limit method, and derivative method. Value-added response: For example, the residue of 1z2+1at z=ican be computed using the limit method, while higher-order poles require the derivative method.

Basic response: Residues are used to evaluate definite integrals and infinite series.

Value-added response: For example, -dxx2+1=π, and n=-1n2+a2=acoth(πa).

Basic response: Residues are applied in Fourier transforms and electrical circuits.

Value-added response: In quantum mechanics, residues simplify integrals in wave functions, while in signal processing they are used in analysing frequency responses

Series 3 Applications of Residues to Integrals and Series

Series Outline

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Residues in Fourier transforms and Laplace transforms

Guided problem sets

Introduction

In the previous Series, we studied the Residue Theorem, which gave us a powerful method for evaluating complex integrals by summing residues at poles inside a contour. In this Series, we turn to its applications: how residues can be used to evaluate real integrals, improper integrals, and infinite series.

Residues provide a bridge between complex analysis and real-variable problems. Many integrals that are difficult to compute directly can be evaluated elegantly using contour integration and the residue theorem. Similarly, residues can be applied to evaluate infinite series by relating them to integrals around closed contours.

The purpose of this Series is to show how the residue theorem is applied in practice. By the end, you will be able to use residues to evaluate definite and improper integrals, apply them to compute series, and understand their role in physics and engineering contexts such as Fourier and Laplace transforms.

Series Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this Series, you should be able to:

SLO 3.1 state and interpret the application of the residue theorem to evaluate definite integrals,

SLO 3.2 apply residues to compute improper integrals over infinite intervals,

SLO 3.3 use residues to evaluate series, including sums of rational and trigonometric series,

SLO 3.4 analyse applications of residues in physics and engineering, particularly in Fourier and Laplace transforms, SLO 3.5 solve guided problems involving integrals and series using the residue theorem.

3.1 Residues and Definite Integrals

Residues can be applied to evaluate real definite integrals that are otherwise difficult to compute directly. By embedding the real integral into a complex contour integral and applying the Residue Theorem, we can often obtain elegant solutions.

Fill in the blank: Residues are used to evaluate real __________ integrals by embedding them into complex contour integrals.

3.1.1 Using residues to evaluate real integrals

The idea: Extend the real integral into the complex plane by considering a closed contour.

Apply the Residue Theorem: The integral around the contour equals 2πitimes the sum of residues inside.

The real integral is then extracted from the contour integral.

Example:

-1x2+1 dx

This integral can be evaluated by considering the contour integral of 1z2+1around a semicircle in the upper half-plane. The pole at z=icontributes a residue of 12i. Applying the residue theorem gives:

-1x2+1 dx=π

Fill in the blank: The integral -1x2+1dxevaluates to __________ using residues.

3.1.2 Examples with rational functions

Rational functions with quadratic denominators are common targets for residue methods.

Example:

-1x2+4 dx

Poles at z=2iand z=-2i. Using a semicircle in the upper half-plane, only z=2icontributes. Residue at z=2iis 14i. Thus:

-1x2+4 dx=2

Fill in the blank: The integral -1x2+4dxevaluates to __________ using residues.

3.1.3 General strategy

Identify the integrand and its poles.

Choose a contour that includes the real axis and closes in the upper or lower half-plane.

Compute residues at poles inside the contour.

Apply the residue theorem to evaluate the contour integral.

Extract the real integral from the contour result.

Fill in the blank: The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of __________ inside the contour.

Pilot questions 3.1

Residues are used to evaluate real: A. Definite integrals B. Indefinite integrals C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The integral -1x2+1dxevaluates to: A. 0 B. C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The integral -1x2+4dxevaluates to: A. B. 2C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of: A. Poles B. Residues C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

To evaluate real integrals using residues, we embed them into: A. Real intervals B. Complex contour integrals C. Infinite sums D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

3.2 Residues and Improper Integrals

Residues are especially powerful for evaluating improper integrals—those taken over infinite intervals or involving singularities. By embedding the integral into a contour integral and applying the Residue Theorem, we can handle integrals that would otherwise be intractable.

Fill in the blank: Residues are used to evaluate improper integrals taken over __________ intervals or involving singularities.

3.2.1 Applications to integrals over infinite intervals

Improper integrals often arise in physics and engineering.

By closing the contour in the upper or lower half-plane, we can evaluate integrals over -,.

The contribution from the semicircular arc vanishes as the radius goes to infinity, leaving only the real integral and residues.

Example:

$$-\cos x \, x2+1 \, dx$$

Consider the contour integral of eizz2+1around a semicircle in the upper half-plane. The pole at z=icontributes residue e-12i. Thus:

$$-\cos x \, x2+1 \, dx=\pi e\text{-}1$$

Fill in the blank: The integral -cos x x2+1dxevaluates to __________ using residues.

3.2.2 Worked problems

Problem 1:

$$0\sin x \, x \, dx$$

Consider the contour integral of eizzaround a semicircle in the upper half-plane.

The pole at z=0contributes residue 1.

Result:

$$0\sin x \, x \, dx=2$$

Problem 2:

$$-dxx4+1$$

Poles at eiπ/4,ei3π/4,ei5π/4,ei7π/4.

Choose contour in upper half-plane, residues at eiπ/4,ei3π/4.

Result:

$$-dxx4+1=2$$

Fill in the blank: The integral 0sin x xdxevaluates to __________ using residues.

3.2.3 General strategy

Identify the improper integral.

Embed it into a complex contour integral.

Choose a contour that closes in the upper or lower half-plane.

Compute residues at poles inside the contour.

Apply the residue theorem and extract the real integral.

Fill in the blank: To evaluate improper integrals using residues, we embed them into __________ integrals.

Pilot questions 3.2

Residues are used to evaluate improper integrals taken over: A. Finite intervals B. Infinite intervals C. Rational intervals D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The integral -cos x x2+1dxevaluates to: A. B. e-1C. 2D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The integral 0sin x xdxevaluates to: A. 0 B. 2C. D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The integral -dxx4+1evaluates to: A. B. 2C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

To evaluate improper integrals using residues, we embed them into: A. Real integrals B. Complex contour integrals C. Infinite sums D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

3.3 Residues and Series

Residues can also be applied to evaluate infinite series. By relating series to contour integrals, the residue theorem provides elegant ways to compute sums that are otherwise difficult to handle.

Fill in the blank: Residues are used to evaluate infinite __________ by relating them to contour integrals.

3.3.1 Using residues to evaluate sums of series

Many series can be expressed as sums of residues of certain meromorphic functions.

The idea: Construct a function whose poles encode the terms of the series.

Apply the residue theorem to evaluate the contour integral, which corresponds to the sum of the series.

Example:

n=-1n2+1

This series can be evaluated using the function cot(πz)/(z2+1). The residues at integer values of zgive the terms of the series. The result is:

n=-1n2+1=πcoth(π)

Fill in the blank: The series n=-1n2+1evaluates to __________ using residues.

3.3.2 Illustrative examples

Example 1:

n=11n2

This series can be evaluated using residues of cot(πz)/z2. The result is:

n=11n2=26

Example 2:

n=-1n2+a2

Residue methods yield:

n=-1n2+a2=acoth(πa)

Fill in the blank: The series n=11n2evaluates to __________ using residues.

3.3.3 General strategy

Identify the series to be evaluated.

Construct a meromorphic function whose poles encode the series terms.

Choose a contour that encloses the poles.

Apply the residue theorem to evaluate the contour integral.

Relate the contour integral to the sum of the series.

Fill in the blank: To evaluate series using residues, we construct a __________ function whose poles encode the series terms.

Pilot questions 3.3

Residues are used to evaluate infinite: A. Integrals B. Series C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

The series n=-1n2+1evaluates to: A. B. coth(π)C. 26D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

The series n=11n2evaluates to: A. B. 26C. coth(π)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

The series n=-1n2+a2evaluates to: A. πaB. acoth(πa)C. 26D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

To evaluate series using residues, we construct a: A. Rational function B. Meromorphic function C. Polynomial function D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

3.4 Applications in Physics and Engineering

Residues are not only useful in pure mathematics—they play a central role in applied contexts such as physics and engineering. Many problems involving oscillations, wave propagation, and transforms can be solved elegantly using the residue theorem.

Fill in the blank: Residues are widely applied in physics and engineering, especially in __________ and Laplace transforms.

3.4.1 Residues in Fourier transforms

Fourier transforms often involve integrals over infinite intervals.

Residue methods simplify the evaluation of these integrals by embedding them into complex contours.

Example: Evaluating the Fourier transform of 1x2+1uses residues at poles z=±i.

Fill in the blank: Fourier transforms often involve integrals over __________ intervals, which can be handled using residues.

3.4.2 Residues in Laplace transforms

Laplace transforms convert differential equations into algebraic equations.

Inverse Laplace transforms often require contour integration.

Residues provide a direct way to compute inverse transforms by summing contributions from poles.

Example: Inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+1involves residues at s=±i, yielding sin t.

Fill in the blank: Inverse Laplace transforms are often computed using __________ at poles.

3.4.3 Guided problem sets

Problem 1: Evaluate the Fourier transform of 1x2+1.

Solution: Poles at z=±i. Residues yield exponential terms. Result: Transform is proportional to e-|k|.

Problem 2: Compute the inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+4.

Solution: Poles at s=±2i. Residues yield 12sin(2t).

Fill in the blank: The inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+4is __________.

3.4.4 Broader applications

Quantum mechanics: Residues are used in evaluating propagators.

Electrical engineering: Residues simplify circuit analysis via Laplace transforms.

Signal processing: Residues help compute transforms for filtering and frequency analysis.

Fill in the blank: Residues are used in electrical engineering to simplify __________ analysis via Laplace transforms.

Pilot questions 3.4

Residues are widely applied in physics and engineering, especially in: A. Fourier and Laplace transforms B. Algebra and geometry C. Probability and statistics D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Fourier transforms often involve integrals over: A. Finite intervals B. Infinite intervals C. Rational intervals D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Inverse Laplace transforms are often computed using: A. Derivatives B. Residues at poles C. Integrals over finite intervals D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

The inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+4is: A. sin t B. 12sin(2t)C. cos t D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Residues are used in electrical engineering to simplify: A. Circuit analysis B. Probability analysis C. Geometric analysis D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Series Summary

In this Series, we explored the applications of residues to integrals and series, showing how the residue theorem extends beyond theory into practical problem-solving.
We began with definite integrals, where residues allow us to evaluate real integrals by embedding them into complex contour integrals. Examples such as -1x2+1dx=πdemonstrated the efficiency of this method.
Next, we studied improper integrals over infinite intervals. By closing contours in the upper or lower half-plane, we evaluated integrals like 0sin x xdx=2and -dxx4+1=2.
We then applied residues to series, showing how infinite sums can be expressed as residues of meromorphic functions. Examples included n=11n2=26and n=-1n2+a2=acoth(πa).
Finally, we examined applications in physics and engineering, where residues simplify Fourier and Laplace transforms, making them invaluable in quantum mechanics, electrical engineering, and signal processing.
By completing this Series, you should now be able to apply the residue theorem to evaluate definite and improper integrals (SLO 3.1, 3.2), use residues to compute series (SLO 3.3), and analyse their applications in physics and engineering (SLO 3.4, 3.5). These skills prepare you for the next Series, where we will explore Rouchet’s Theorem and Schwartz’s Lemma, advancing toward deeper results in analytic function theory.

Glossary of Terms

Residue theorem: A fundamental result in complex analysis stating that the integral of a function around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of residues of the function inside the contour.

Residue: The coefficient of 1z-z0in the Laurent series expansion of a function around a pole z0.

Definite integral: An integral taken over a finite or infinite interval, often evaluated using residues when embedded into contour integrals.

Improper integral: An integral taken over an infinite interval or involving singularities, evaluated using contour integration and residues.

Contour integral: An integral of a complex function taken along a path (contour) in the complex plane.

Pole: A type of singularity where a function behaves like 1(z0)nnear z0.

Meromorphic function: A function that is analytic except at isolated poles.

Series evaluation via residues: A method of computing infinite sums by relating them to contour integrals and residues of meromorphic functions.

Fourier transform: A mathematical transform that expresses a function in terms of its frequency components; residues simplify its evaluation.

Laplace transform: A transform used to convert differential equations into algebraic equations; residues are used in computing inverse Laplace transforms.

Concept Check Questions 3

Objective questions

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of: A. Poles B. Residues C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The integral -1x2+1dxevaluates to: A. 0 B. C. 2πD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The integral 0sin x xdxevaluates to: A. 0 B. 2C. D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The series n=11n2evaluates to: A. B. 26C. coth(π)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Residues are widely applied in physics and engineering, especially in: A. Fourier and Laplace transforms B. Algebra and geometry C. Probability and statistics D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Short-answer questions

State the residue theorem and explain its significance. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

How are improper integrals evaluated using residues? (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Explain how residues can be used to evaluate series. (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Give one example of how residues are applied in physics or engineering. (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Why are contour integrals essential in applying the residue theorem? (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Long-answer questions

Discuss the application of residues to definite integrals, including examples. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

Basic response: State that residues can evaluate real definite integrals.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as -1x2+1dx=π.

Analyse the role of residues in evaluating improper integrals. (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Basic response: Explain that residues handle integrals over infinite intervals.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as 0sin x xdx=2.

Explain how residues are used to evaluate series, with examples. (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Basic response: State that residues relate series to contour integrals.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as n=11n2=26.

Evaluate the importance of residues in Fourier and Laplace transforms. (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Basic response: State that residues simplify transforms.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as inverse Laplace transforms yielding sine functions.

Solve a guided problem using residues: Evaluate -cos x x2+1dx. (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Basic response: State that residues are used.

Value-added response: Show that the result is e-1.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 3

1-B, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B, 5-A

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of residues inside the contour. It is significant because it simplifies complex integrals.

Improper integrals are evaluated by embedding them into contour integrals, closing the contour in the upper or lower half-plane, and applying the residue theorem.

Residues evaluate series by constructing meromorphic functions whose poles encode the series terms, then applying the residue theorem.

Example: Inverse Laplace transforms in engineering are computed using residues at poles.

Contour integrals are essential because they connect real integrals and series to residues via the residue theorem.

Basic response: Residues evaluate definite integrals. Value-added response: Example: -1x2+1dx=π.

Basic response: Residues handle improper integrals. Value-added response: Example: 0sin x xdx=2.

Basic response: Residues relate series to contour integrals. Value-added response: Example: n=11n2=26.

Basic response: Residues simplify transforms. Value-added response: Example: Inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+1yields sin t .

Basic response: Residues are used. Value-added response: Result is e-1.

Answers to Pilot Questions 3

Part 3.1 Residues and Definite Integrals

Residues are used to evaluate real: A. Definite integrals

The integral -1x2+1dxevaluates to: B.

The integral -1x2+4dxevaluates to: B. 2

The residue theorem states that the integral around a closed contour equals 2πitimes the sum of: B. Residues

To evaluate real integrals using residues, we embed them into: B. Complex contour integrals

Part 3.2 Residues and Improper Integrals

Residues are used to evaluate improper integrals taken over: B. Infinite intervals

The integral -cos x x2+1dxevaluates to: B. e-1

The integral 0sin x xdxevaluates to: B. 2

The integral -dxx4+1evaluates to: B. 2

To evaluate improper integrals using residues, we embed them into: B. Complex contour integrals

Part 3.3 Residues and Series

Residues are used to evaluate infinite: B. Series

The series n=-1n2+1evaluates to: B. coth(π)

The series n=11n2evaluates to: B. 26

The series n=-1n2+a2evaluates to: B. acoth(πa)

To evaluate series using residues, we construct a: B. Meromorphic function

Part 3.4 Applications in Physics and Engineering

Residues are widely applied in physics and engineering, especially in: A. Fourier and Laplace transforms

Fourier transforms often involve integrals over: B. Infinite intervals

Inverse Laplace transforms are often computed using: B. Residues at poles

The inverse Laplace transform of 1s2+4is: B. 12sin(2t)

Residues are used in electrical engineering to simplify: A. Circuit analysis

Series 3 Maximum Modulus Principle and Argument Principle

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Introduction

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Series Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this Series, you should be able to:

SLO 3.1 state and interpret the maximum modulus principle, explaining its consequences for analytic functions, SLO 3.2 describe and apply the minimum modulus principle, showing its relation to the maximum modulus principle,

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SLO 3.4 apply the argument principle to count zeros and poles inside a contour,

SLO 3.5 analyse practical applications of these principles in theoretical and applied contexts, including stability analysis.

3.1 Maximum Modulus Principle

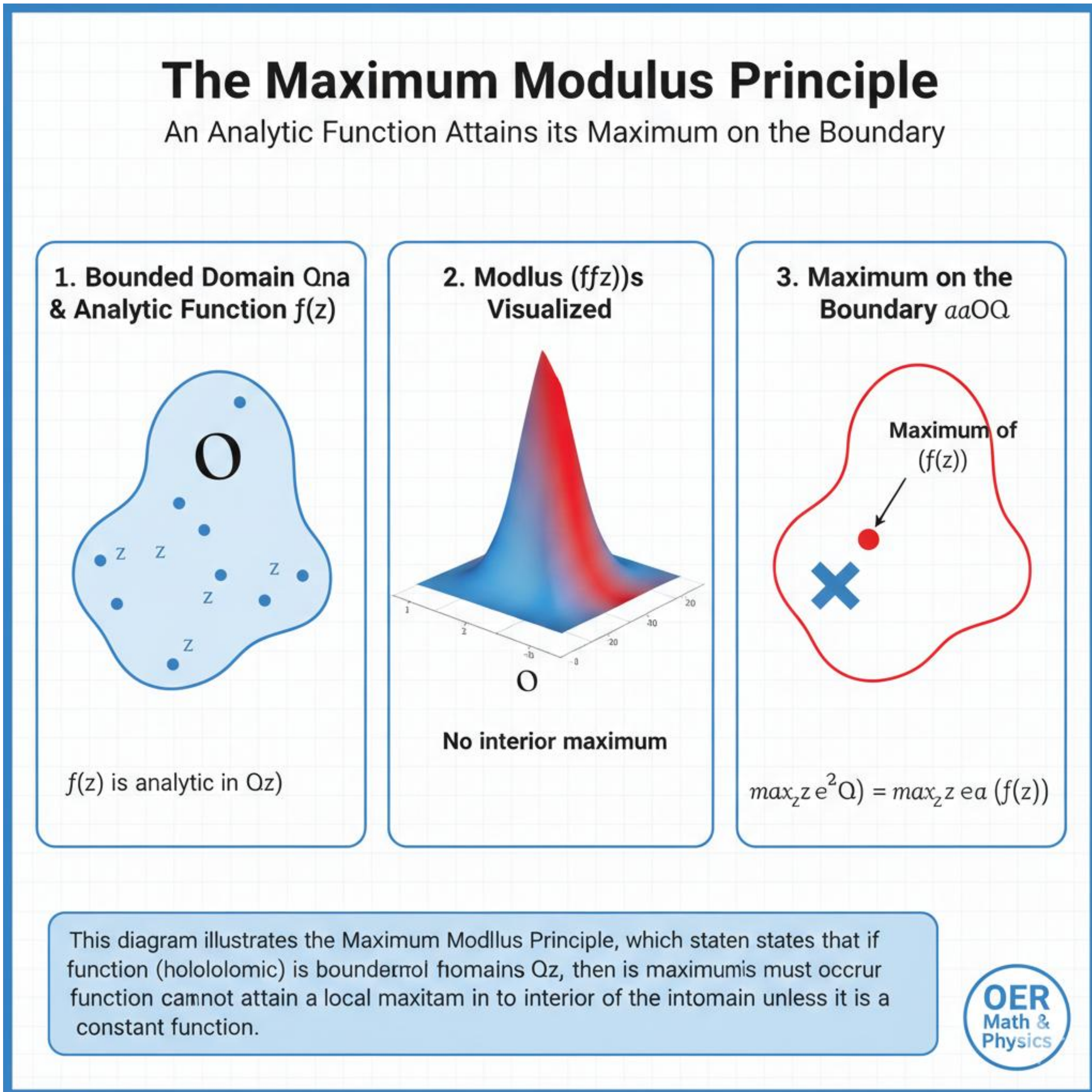
The maximum modulus principle is a fundamental result in complex analysis that describes how analytic functions behave with respect to their maximum values. It states that if a function is analytic and non-constant within a domain, then the maximum of its modulus cannot occur inside the domain but must occur on the boundary. This principle highlights the restrictive nature of analytic functions and is a powerful tool in proving uniqueness and boundedness results.

Fill in the blank: The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the __________ of the domain.

3.1.1 Statement and interpretation

Formally, if $f(z)$ is analytic and non-constant in a bounded domain D, then $|f(z)|$ cannot attain its maximum value at any point inside D. Instead, the maximum is achieved on the boundary of D.

This principle implies that analytic functions are "controlled" by their boundary behaviour, and it prevents them from having interior points where the modulus is locally maximal.



Maximum modulus principle in a bounded domain AI prompt: "

Fill in the blank: If f(z)is analytic and non-constant in a domain, then |f(z)|cannot attain its maximum value at any point __________ the domain.

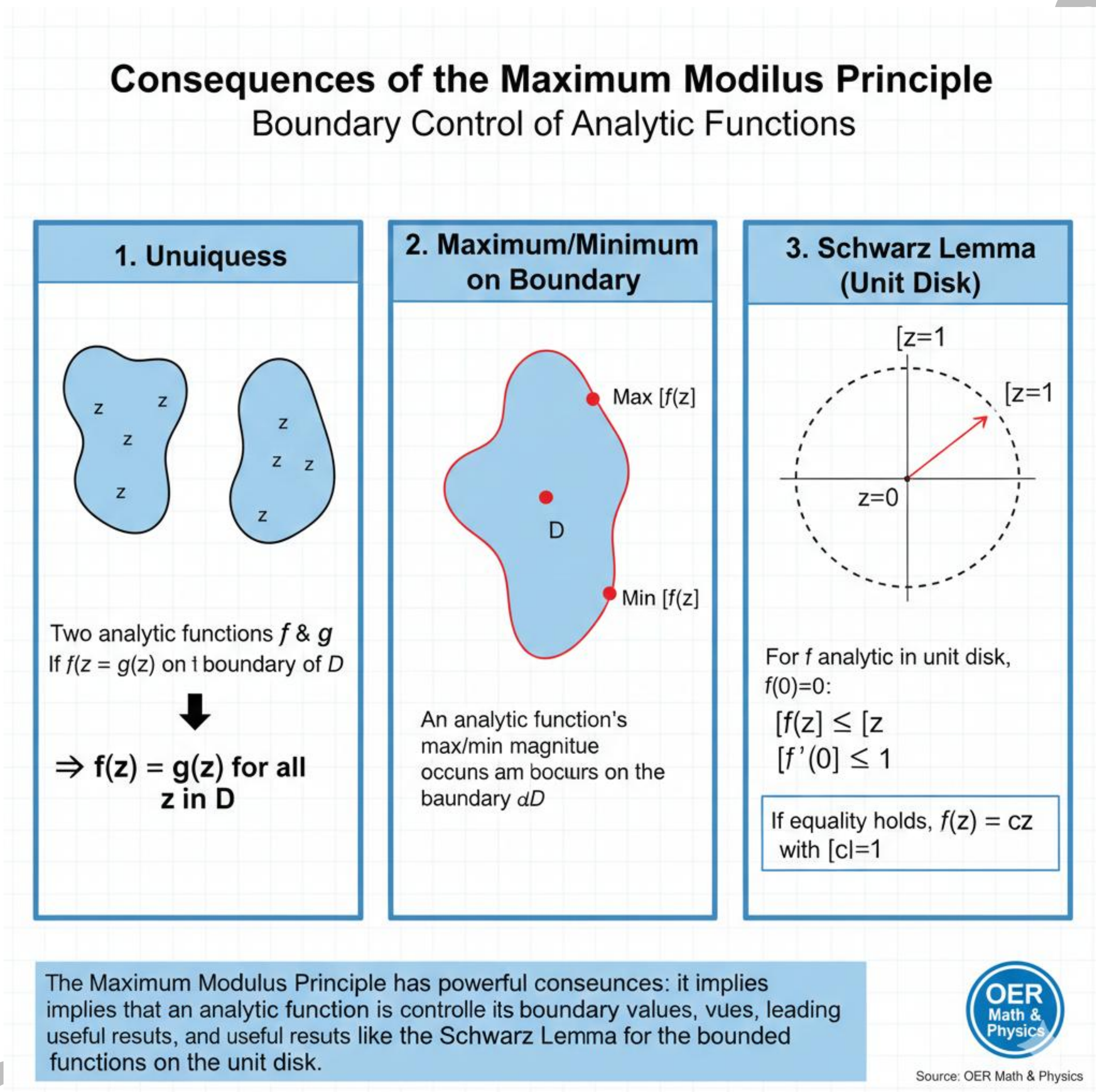
3.1.2 Consequences for analytic functions

The maximum modulus principle has several important consequences:

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are constant.

It provides a method for bounding analytic functions by their boundary values.

It is used in uniqueness proofs, showing that if two analytic functions agree on a boundary, they agree everywhere inside.



Consequences of the maximum modulus principle

Fill in the blank: Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are __________.

3.1.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: Consider f(z)=zin the unit disk |z|<1. The modulus |f(z)|=|z|attains its maximum value of 1 on the boundary |z|=1, not inside the disk.

Example 2: Consider f(z)=ezin the strip |Re(z)|<1. The maximum modulus occurs on the boundary lines Re(z)=±1.

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the __________ of the disk.

Pilot questions 3.1

The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the: A. Interior of the domain B. Boundary of the domain C. Centre of the domain D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are: A. Constant B. Linear C. Quadratic D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The maximum modulus principle is useful in: A. Bounding analytic functions by boundary values B. Expanding functions into series C. Differentiating functions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the: A. Interior B. Boundary C. Centre D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The maximum modulus principle implies that analytic functions are controlled by their: A. Derivatives B. Boundary behaviour C. Taylor expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

3.2 Minimum Modulus Principle

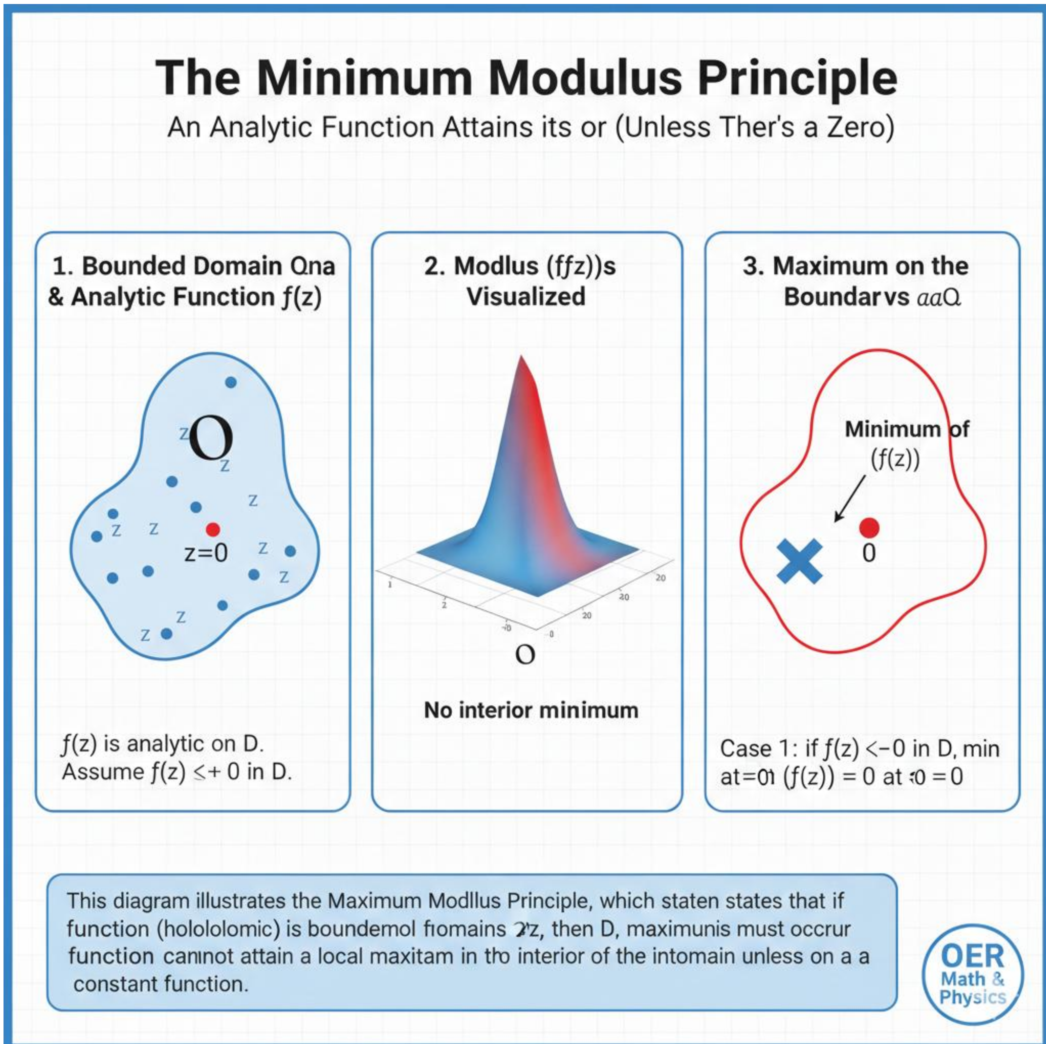
The minimum modulus principle complements the maximum modulus principle by describing how analytic functions behave with respect to their minimum values. It states that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, then the minimum of its modulus cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there. In other words, analytic functions cannot achieve a non-zero minimum modulus at an interior point.

Fill in the blank: The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a __________ there.

3.2.1 Statement and relation to the maximum modulus principle

Formally, if f(z)is analytic and non-constant in a bounded domain D, then |f(z)|cannot attain a non-zero minimum value at any point inside D. The minimum modulus must occur on the boundary of D, unless f(z)has a zero inside the domain.

This principle is closely related to the maximum modulus principle, as both highlight the boundary-controlled behaviour of analytic functions.



Minimum modulus principle in a bounded domain

Fill in the blank: If f(z)is analytic and non-constant, then the minimum modulus must occur on the __________ unless a zero exists inside.

3.2.2 Applications and examples

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about the distribution of zeros of analytic functions and in bounding functions from below.

Example 1: Consider f(z)=zin the unit disk |z|<1. The modulus |f(z)|=|z|attains its minimum value of 0 at the interior point z=0, which is a zero of the function.

Example 2: Consider f(z)=ezin the strip |Re(z)|<1. Since ezhas no zeros, the minimum modulus occurs on the boundary lines Re(z)=±1.

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at the interior point __________.

Pilot questions 3.2

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a: A. Pole B. Zero C. Constant value D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The minimum modulus principle is closely related to the: A. Argument principle B. Maximum modulus principle C. Taylor expansion D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at: A. Boundary B. Centre (z=0) C. Infinity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have: A. A pole B. A zero C. A constant value D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about: A. Distribution of zeros B. Series expansions C. Differentiability D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

3.3 Argument Principle

The argument principle is another cornerstone of complex analysis. It connects the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside the contour. This principle provides a powerful way to count zeros and poles without explicitly solving equations.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle relates the change in the __________ of a function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside.

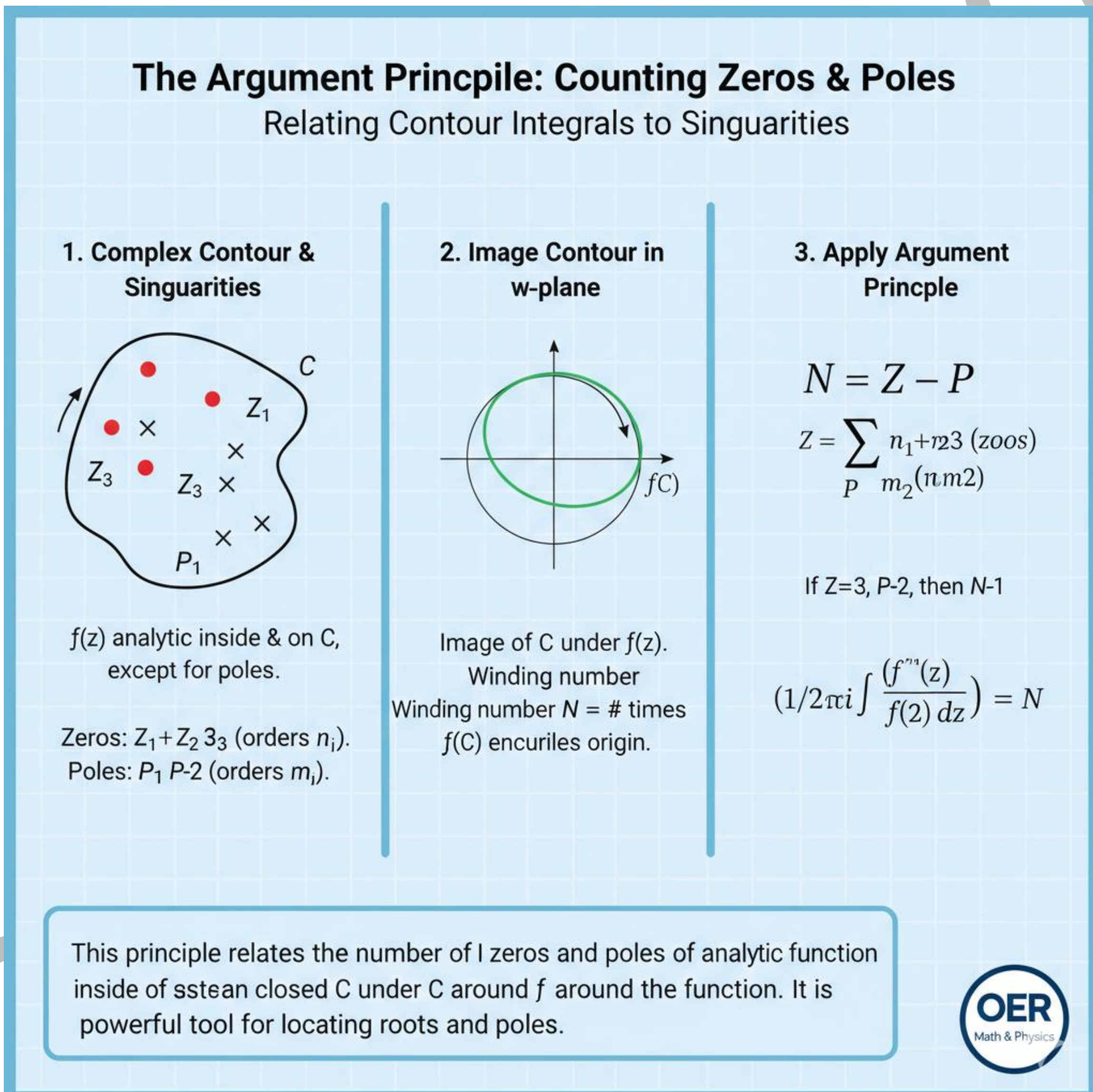
3.3.1 Statement and interpretation

If f(z)is meromorphic inside and on a simple closed contour C, with no zeros or poles on C, then

12πiCf'(z)f(z) dz=N-P

where Nis the number of zeros and Pis the number of poles of f(z)inside C, each counted with multiplicity.

This means that the integral of f'(z)f(z)around a contour directly gives the difference between the number of zeros and poles inside.



Argument principle applied to a closed contour

Fill in the blank: According to the argument principle, 12πiCf'(z)f(z)dzequals the number of zeros minus the number of __________ inside the contour.

3.3.2 Connection to zeros and poles of functions

The argument principle provides a method for counting zeros and poles without explicitly finding them. By evaluating the integral, we can determine how many zeros and poles lie inside a contour. This is particularly useful in stability analysis and root-finding problems.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle provides a method for counting __________ and poles without explicitly solving equations.

3.3.3 Worked examples

Example 1: Let f(z)=z2-1. Consider the contour |z|=2. The function has zeros at z=1and z=-1, both inside the contour. There are no poles. Thus,

$$12\pi iCf'(z)f(z)dz=2$$

Example 2: Let f(z)=1z(z-1). Consider the contour |z|=2. The function has poles at z=0and z=1, both inside the contour. There are no zeros. Thus,

$$12\pi iCf'(z)f(z)dz=-2$$

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are __________ zeros inside.

Pilot questions 3.3

The argument principle relates the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

According to the argument principle, 12πiCf'(z)f(z)dzequals: A. The sum of residues B. The number of zeros minus the number of poles C. The product of zeros and poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

The argument principle provides a method for counting: A. Derivatives B. Zeros and poles C. Series terms D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 zeros B. 1 zero C. 2 zeros D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For f(z)=1z(z-1)in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 poles B. 1 pole C. 2 poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

3.4 Applications of the Argument Principle

The argument principle is not just a theoretical result—it has powerful applications in mathematics, physics, and engineering. By connecting the change in the argument of a function to the number of zeros and poles inside a contour, it provides a practical way to analyse functions without explicitly solving equations.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle is applied to count the number of __________ and poles inside a contour.

3.4.1 Counting zeros and poles inside a contour

One of the most direct applications of the argument principle is counting the number of zeros and poles of a function inside a given contour. This is especially useful when the exact locations of zeros are difficult to determine.

Example 1: For $f(z)=z3-1$, consider the contour $|z|=2$. The function has three zeros (the cube roots of unity), all inside the contour. By applying the argument principle, we confirm that $N=3$and $P=0$.

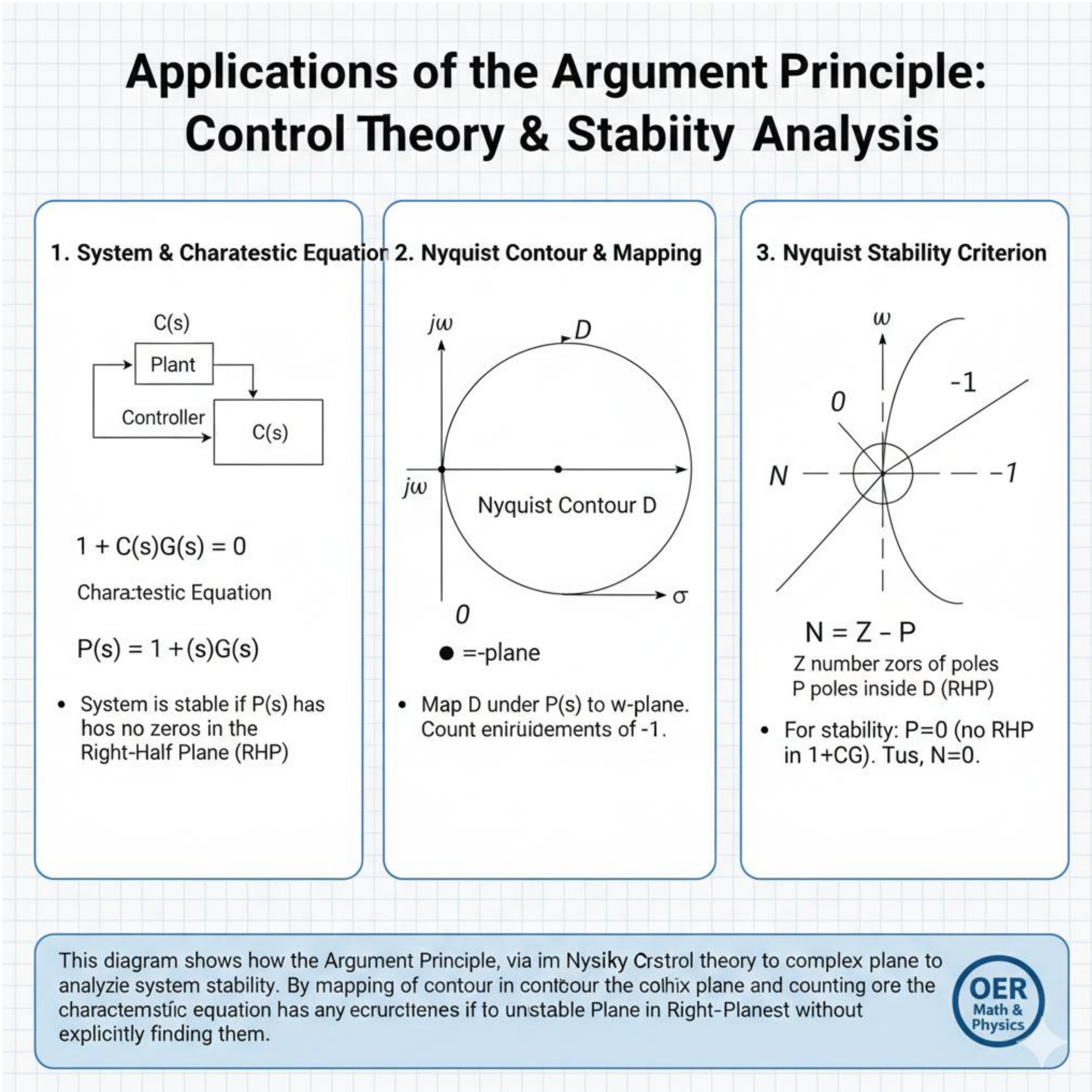
Example 2: For $f(z)=z2+1z2$, consider the contour $|z|=2$. The function has two zeros ($z=i,z=-i$) and two poles ($z=0$ of order 2). Thus, the argument principle shows $N-P=0$.

Fill in the blank: For $f(z)=z3-1$in the contour $|z|=2$, the argument principle shows there are __________ zeros inside.

3.4.2 Use in stability analysis and applied contexts

The argument principle is widely used in applied mathematics and engineering, particularly in control theory and stability analysis. For example:

- In control theory, the principle is used to determine whether a system is stable by counting the number of poles of its transfer function in the right half-plane.
- In physics, it helps analyse wave functions and scattering problems.
- In numerical analysis, it is used to locate roots of equations by enclosing them in contours.



Application of argument principle in stability analysis

Fill in the blank: In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is __________.

3.4.3 Guided problem sets

Try the following exercises to strengthen your understanding:

Use the argument principle to count the number of zeros of $f(z)=z4+z2+1$inside the contour $|z|=2$.

Apply the argument principle to determine the number of poles of f(z)=1z2+4inside the contour |z|=3.

Explain how the argument principle can be applied in control theory to test system stability.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate __________ of equations by enclosing them in contours.

Pilot questions 3.4

The argument principle is applied to count the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For f(z)=z3-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 zeros B. 1 zero C. 3 zeros D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is: A. Stable B. Linear C. Quadratic D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.5)

The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate: A. Derivatives B. Roots of equations C. Series terms D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.5)

The argument principle connects the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Zeros and poles inside a contour B. Derivatives and integrals C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Series Summary

This Series has focused on two fundamental principles in complex analysis: the maximum modulus principle and the argument principle. We began by studying the maximum modulus principle, which shows that analytic functions cannot attain their maximum modulus inside a domain unless they are constant, highlighting the boundary-controlled behaviour of analytic functions. We then examined the minimum modulus principle, which complements the maximum modulus principle by showing that analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have a zero there.

Next, we explored the argument principle, which connects the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside. This principle provides a powerful method for counting zeros and poles without explicitly solving equations. Finally, we applied the argument principle in practical contexts, such as stability analysis in control theory, root-finding in numerical analysis, and problem sets involving contours with multiple zeros and poles.

By completing this Series, you should now be able to state and interpret the maximum modulus principle (SLO 3.1), describe and apply the minimum modulus principle (SLO 3.2), state and interpret the argument principle (SLO 3.3), apply it to count zeros and poles inside contours (SLO 3.4), and analyse practical applications in theoretical and applied contexts (SLO 3.5). These skills prepare you for the next Series, where we will explore Rouchet's theorem and Schwartz's lemma, extending the study of analytic functions and their behaviour.

Glossary of Terms

Analytic function: A complex function that is differentiable at every point in its domain, with derivatives that are continuous.

Boundary behaviour: The values or properties of a function as evaluated on the boundary of its domain, often controlling its interior behaviour.

Maximum modulus principle: A theorem stating that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, the maximum of its modulus occurs on the boundary of the domain.

Minimum modulus principle: A theorem stating that if a function is analytic and non-constant, the minimum of its modulus cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there.

Meromorphic function: A function that is analytic except at isolated poles, where it has singularities.

Argument principle: A theorem that relates the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside the contour.

Zeros of a function: Points where the function evaluates to zero.

Poles of a function: Points where the function tends to infinity, representing singularities.

Stability analysis: An applied context, especially in control theory, where the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is stable by counting poles in the right half-plane.

Concept Check Questions 3

Objective questions

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The argument principle relates the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Short-answer questions

State the maximum modulus principle and explain its significance. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

What is the minimum modulus principle, and how does it relate to zeros of analytic functions? (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Write the formula for the argument principle and explain what each term represents. (Linked to SLO 3.3)

How can the argument principle be applied to count zeros inside a contour? (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Give one example of how the argument principle is applied in engineering. (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Long-answer questions

Discuss the maximum modulus principle, including its statement, consequences, and examples. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

Basic response: State the principle and explain that maxima occur on boundaries.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=zin the unit disk.

Analyse the minimum modulus principle and its relation to zeros of analytic functions. (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Basic response: State the principle and explain that minima occur on boundaries unless zeros exist inside.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=zin the unit disk and f(z)=ezin a strip.

Explain the argument principle and demonstrate its application with examples. (Linked to SLO 3.3, 3.4)

Basic response: State the formula and explain its meaning.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=z2-1and f(z)=1/[z(z-1)].

Evaluate the role of the argument principle in applied contexts such as stability analysis. (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Basic response: Mention its use in counting poles for system stability.

Value-added response: Explain how it is applied in control theory and numerical analysis.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 3

1-B, 2-B, 3-B

The maximum modulus principle states that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, the maximum of its modulus occurs on the boundary. It shows that analytic functions are controlled by boundary behaviour.

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there. It relates directly to the distribution of zeros.

The formula is 12πiCf'(z)f(z)dz=N-P, where Nis the number of zeros and Pis the number of poles inside the contour.

By evaluating the integral of f'(z)f(z)around a contour, we can determine the number of zeros inside without explicitly solving for them.

In engineering, the argument principle is applied in control theory to test system stability by counting poles in the right half-plane.

Basic response: The maximum modulus principle states maxima occur on boundaries. Value-added response: For example, $f(z)=z$in the unit disk has maximum modulus 1 on the boundary.

Basic response: The minimum modulus principle states minima occur on boundaries unless zeros exist inside. Value-added response: For example, $f(z)=z$has minimum modulus 0 at $z=0$, a zero of the function.

Basic response: The argument principle relates the integral of $f'(z)f(z)$to zeros and poles. Value-added response: For $f(z)=z2-1$, the principle shows 2 zeros inside $|z|=2$.

Basic response: The argument principle is used in stability analysis. Value-added response: In control theory, it counts poles in the right half-plane to determine system stability.

Answers to Pilot Questions 3

Part 3.1 Maximum Modulus Principle

The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the: B. Boundary of the domain

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are: A. Constant

The maximum modulus principle is useful in: A. Bounding analytic functions by boundary values

For $f(z)=z$in the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the: B. Boundary

The maximum modulus principle implies that analytic functions are controlled by their: B. Boundary behaviour

Part 3.2 Minimum Modulus Principle

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a: B. Zero

The minimum modulus principle is closely related to the: B. Maximum modulus principle

For $f(z)=z$in the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at: B. Centre ($z=0$)

Analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have: B. A zero

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about: A. Distribution of zeros

Part 3.3 Argument Principle

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According to the argument principle, 12πiCf′(z)f(z)dzequals: B. The number of zeros minus the number of poles

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For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 2 zeros

For f(z)=1z(z-1)in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 2 poles

Part 3.4 Applications of the Argument Principle

The argument principle is applied to count the number of: B. Zeros and poles

For f(z)=z3-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 3 zeros

In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is: A. Stable

The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate: B. Roots of equations

The argument principle connects the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Zeros and poles inside a contour

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3.1 Maximum Modulus Principle

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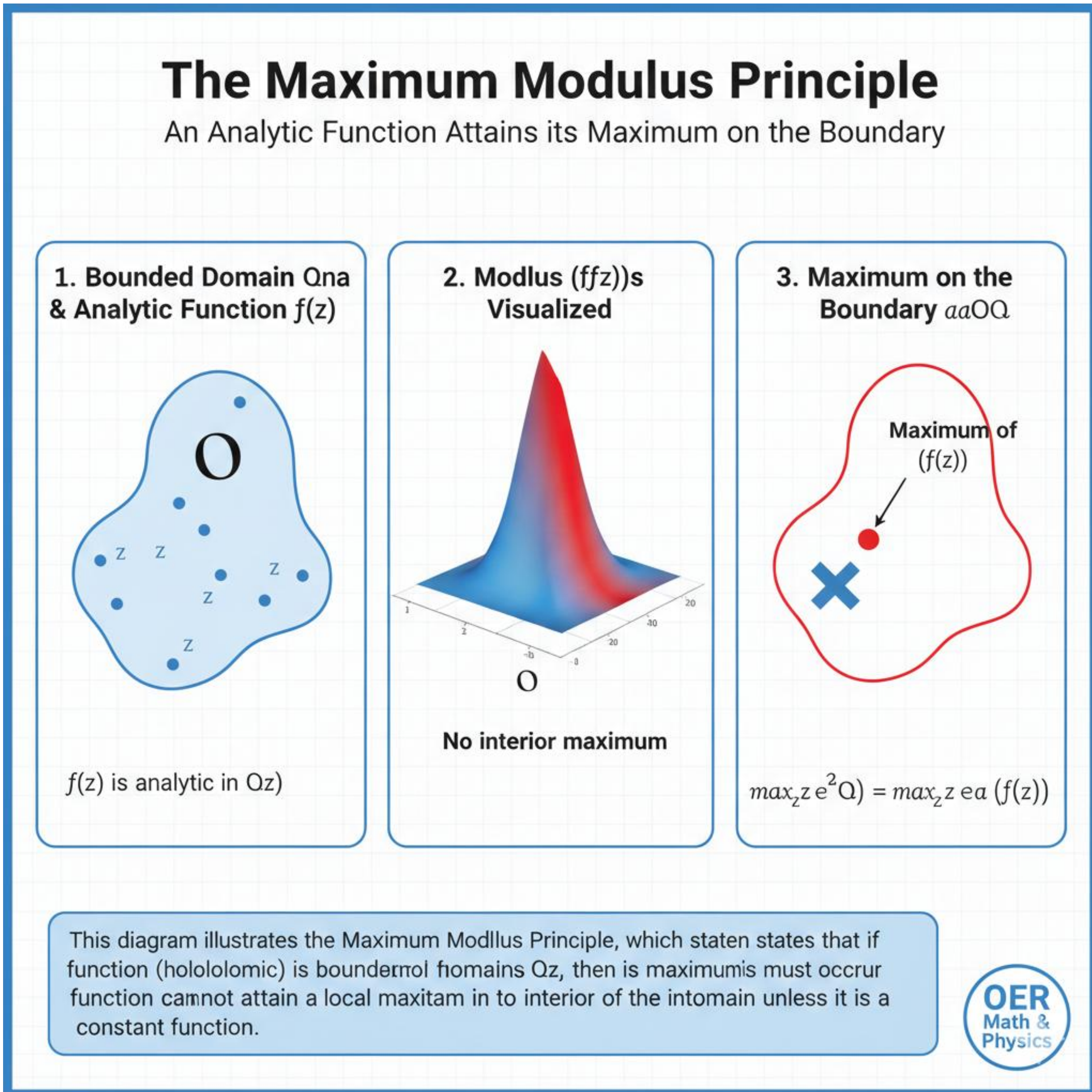
Fill in the blank: The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the __________ of the domain.

3.1.1 Statement and interpretation

Formally, if $f(z)$is analytic and non-constant in a bounded domain D, then $|f(z)|$cannot attain its maximum value at any point inside D. Instead, the maximum is achieved on the boundary of D.

This principle implies that analytic functions are "controlled" by their boundary behaviour, and it prevents them from having interior points where the modulus is locally maximal.



Maximum modulus principle in a bounded domain AI prompt: "

Fill in the blank: If f(z)is analytic and non-constant in a domain, then |f(z)|cannot attain its maximum value at any point __________ the domain.

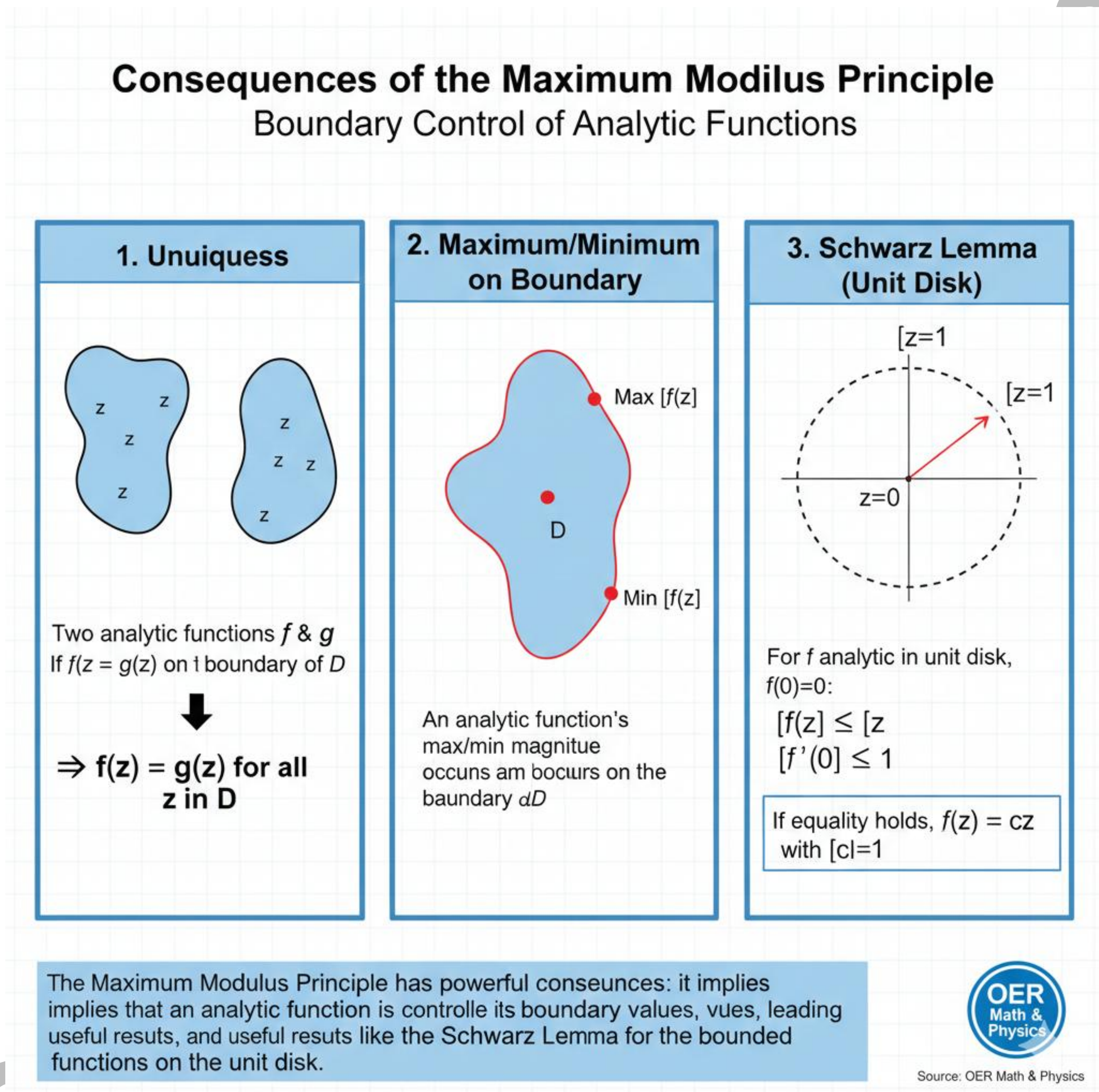
3.1.2 Consequences for analytic functions

The maximum modulus principle has several important consequences:

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are constant.

It provides a method for bounding analytic functions by their boundary values.

It is used in uniqueness proofs, showing that if two analytic functions agree on a boundary, they agree everywhere inside.



Consequences of the maximum modulus principle

Fill in the blank: Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are __________.

3.1.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: Consider $f(z)=z$in the unit disk $|z|<1$. The modulus $|f(z)|=|z|$attains its maximum value of 1 on the boundary $|z|=1$, not inside the disk.

Example 2: Consider $f(z)=e^z$in the strip $|Re(z)|<1$. The maximum modulus occurs on the boundary lines $Re(z)=\pm 1$.

Fill in the blank: For $f(z)=z$in the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the __________ of the disk.

Pilot questions 3.1

The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the: A. Interior of the domain B. Boundary of the domain C. Centre of the domain D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are: A. Constant B. Linear C. Quadratic D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The maximum modulus principle is useful in: A. Bounding analytic functions by boundary values B. Expanding functions into series C. Differentiating functions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

For $f(z)=z$in the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the: A. Interior B. Boundary C. Centre D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The maximum modulus principle implies that analytic functions are controlled by their: A. Derivatives B. Boundary behaviour C. Taylor expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

3.2 Minimum Modulus Principle

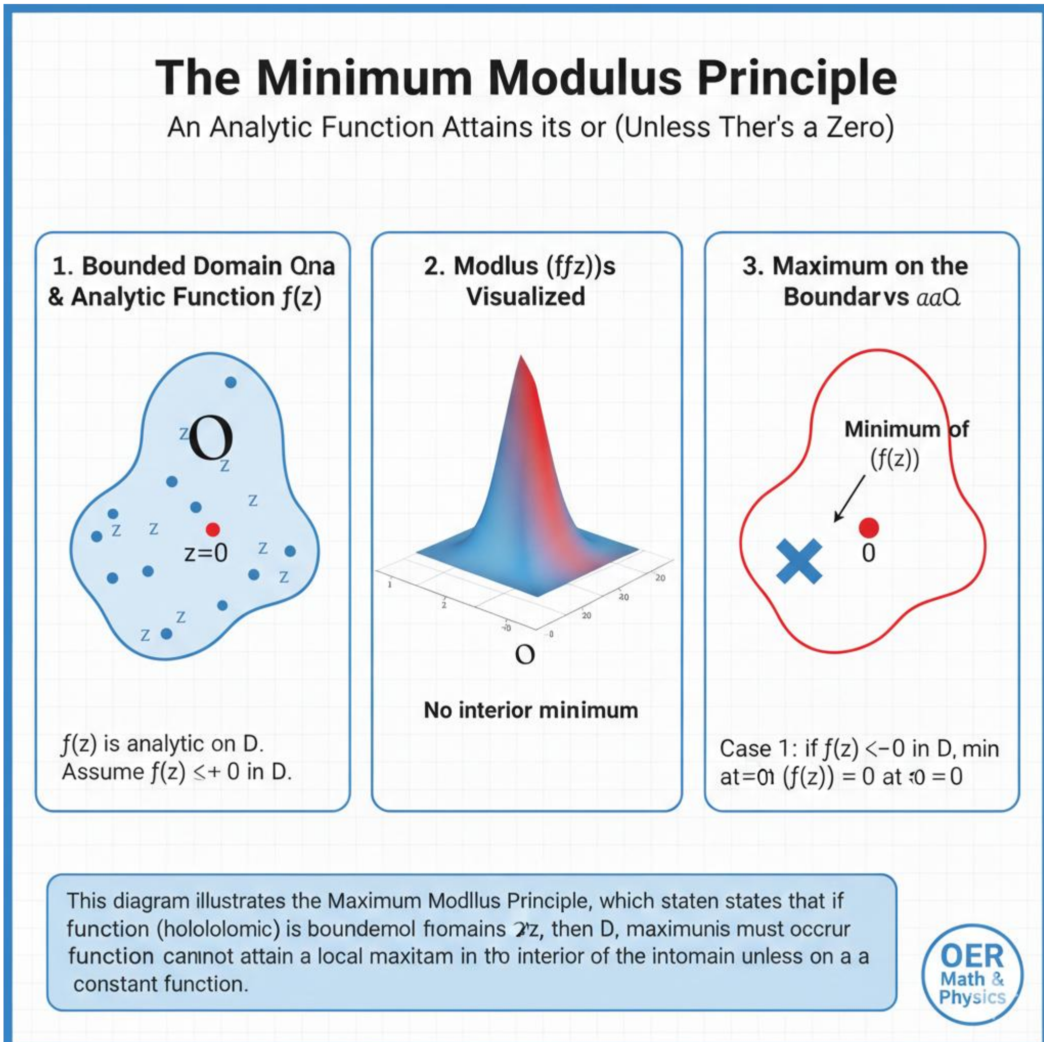
The minimum modulus principle complements the maximum modulus principle by describing how analytic functions behave with respect to their minimum values. It states that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, then the minimum of its modulus cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there. In other words, analytic functions cannot achieve a non-zero minimum modulus at an interior point.

Fill in the blank: The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a __________ there.

3.2.1 Statement and relation to the maximum modulus principle

Formally, if f(z)is analytic and non-constant in a bounded domain D, then |f(z)|cannot attain a non-zero minimum value at any point inside D. The minimum modulus must occur on the boundary of D, unless f(z)has a zero inside the domain.

This principle is closely related to the maximum modulus principle, as both highlight the boundary-controlled behaviour of analytic functions.



Minimum modulus principle in a bounded domain

Fill in the blank: If f(z)is analytic and non-constant, then the minimum modulus must occur on the __________ unless a zero exists inside.

3.2.2 Applications and examples

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about the distribution of zeros of analytic functions and in bounding functions from below.

Example 1: Consider f(z)=zin the unit disk |z|<1. The modulus |f(z)|=|z|attains its minimum value of 0 at the interior point z=0, which is a zero of the function.

Example 2: Consider f(z)=ezin the strip |Re(z)|<1. Since ezhas no zeros, the minimum modulus occurs on the boundary lines Re(z)=±1.

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at the interior point __________.

Pilot questions 3.2

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a: A. Pole B. Zero C. Constant value D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The minimum modulus principle is closely related to the: A. Argument principle B. Maximum modulus principle C. Taylor expansion D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at: A. Boundary B. Centre (z=0) C. Infinity D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have: A. A pole B. A zero C. A constant value D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about: A. Distribution of zeros B. Series expansions C. Differentiability D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

3.3 Argument Principle

The argument principle is another cornerstone of complex analysis. It connects the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside the contour. This principle provides a powerful way to count zeros and poles without explicitly solving equations.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle relates the change in the __________ of a function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside.

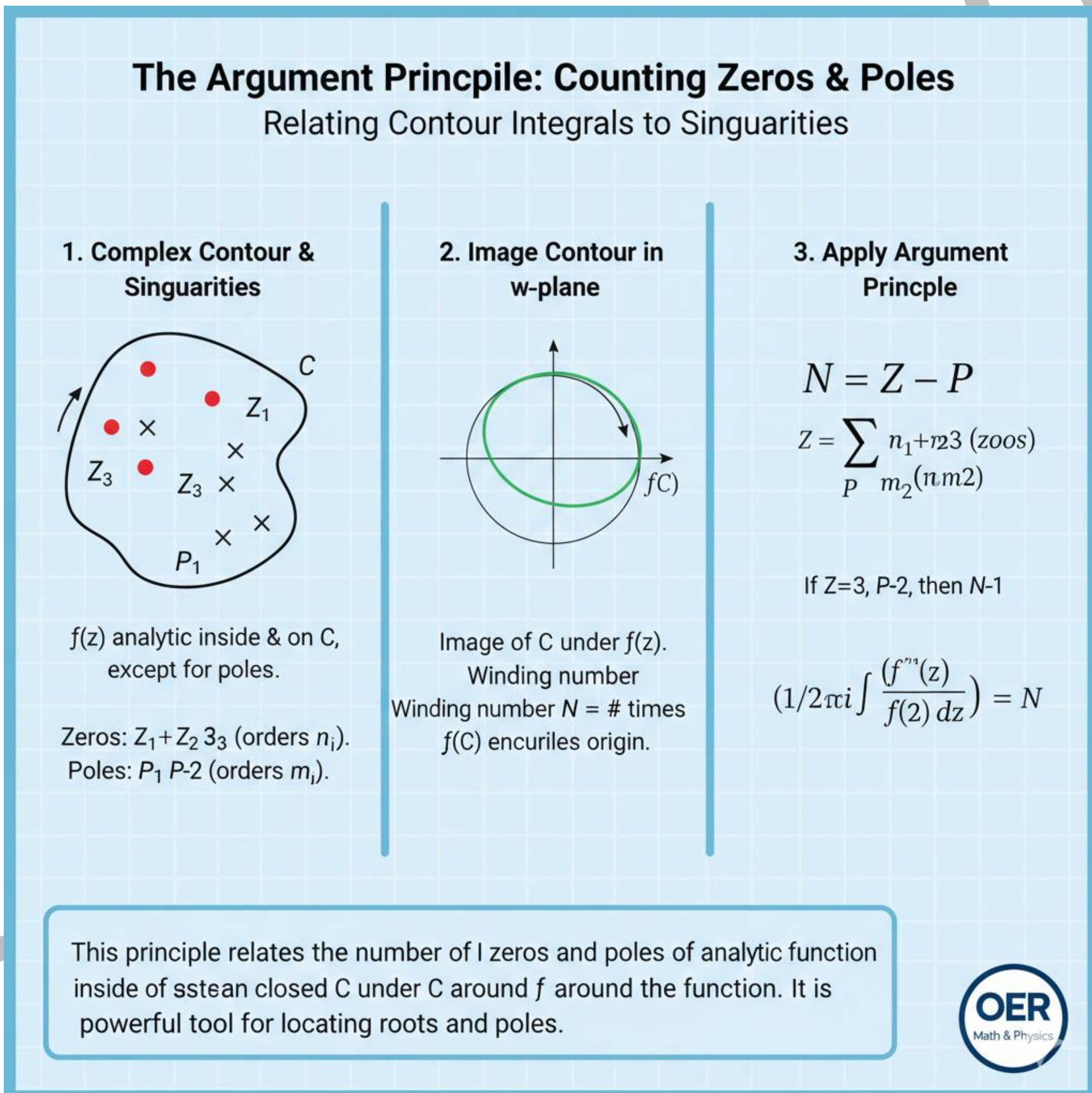
3.3.1 Statement and interpretation

If f(z)is meromorphic inside and on a simple closed contour C, with no zeros or poles on C, then

$$12\pi iCf'(z)f(z)\ dz=N-P$$

where Nis the number of zeros and Pis the number of poles of f(z)inside C, each counted with multiplicity.

This means that the integral of f′(z)f(z)around a contour directly gives the difference between the number of zeros and poles inside.



Argument principle applied to a closed contour

Fill in the blank: According to the argument principle, 12πiCf′(z)f(z)dzequals the number of zeros minus the number of __________ inside the contour.

3.3.2 Connection to zeros and poles of functions

The argument principle provides a method for counting zeros and poles without explicitly finding them. By evaluating the integral, we can determine how many zeros and poles lie inside a contour. This is particularly useful in stability analysis and root-finding problems.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle provides a method for counting __________ and poles without explicitly solving equations.

3.3.3 Worked examples

Example 1: Let f(z)=z2-1. Consider the contour |z|=2. The function has zeros at z=1and z=-1, both inside the contour. There are no poles. Thus,

12πiCf'(z)f(z)dz=2

Example 2: Let f(z)=1z(z-1). Consider the contour |z|=2. The function has poles at z=0and z=1, both inside the contour. There are no zeros. Thus,

12πiCf'(z)f(z)dz=-2

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are __________ zeros inside.

Pilot questions 3.3

The argument principle relates the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

According to the argument principle, 12πiCf'(z)f(z)dzequals: A. The sum of residues B. The number of zeros minus the number of poles C. The product of zeros and poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

The argument principle provides a method for counting: A. Derivatives B. Zeros and poles C. Series terms D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 zeros B. 1 zero C. 2 zeros D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For f(z)=1z(z-1)in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 poles B. 1 pole C. 2 poles D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

3.4 Applications of the Argument Principle

The argument principle is not just a theoretical result—it has powerful applications in mathematics, physics, and engineering. By connecting the change in the argument of a function to the number of zeros and poles inside a contour, it provides a practical way to analyse functions without explicitly solving equations.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle is applied to count the number of __________ and poles inside a contour.

3.4.1 Counting zeros and poles inside a contour

One of the most direct applications of the argument principle is counting the number of zeros and poles of a function inside a given contour. This is especially useful when the exact locations of zeros are difficult to determine.

Example 1: For f(z)=z3-1, consider the contour |z|=2. The function has three zeros (the cube roots of unity), all inside the contour. By applying the argument principle, we confirm that N=3and P=0.

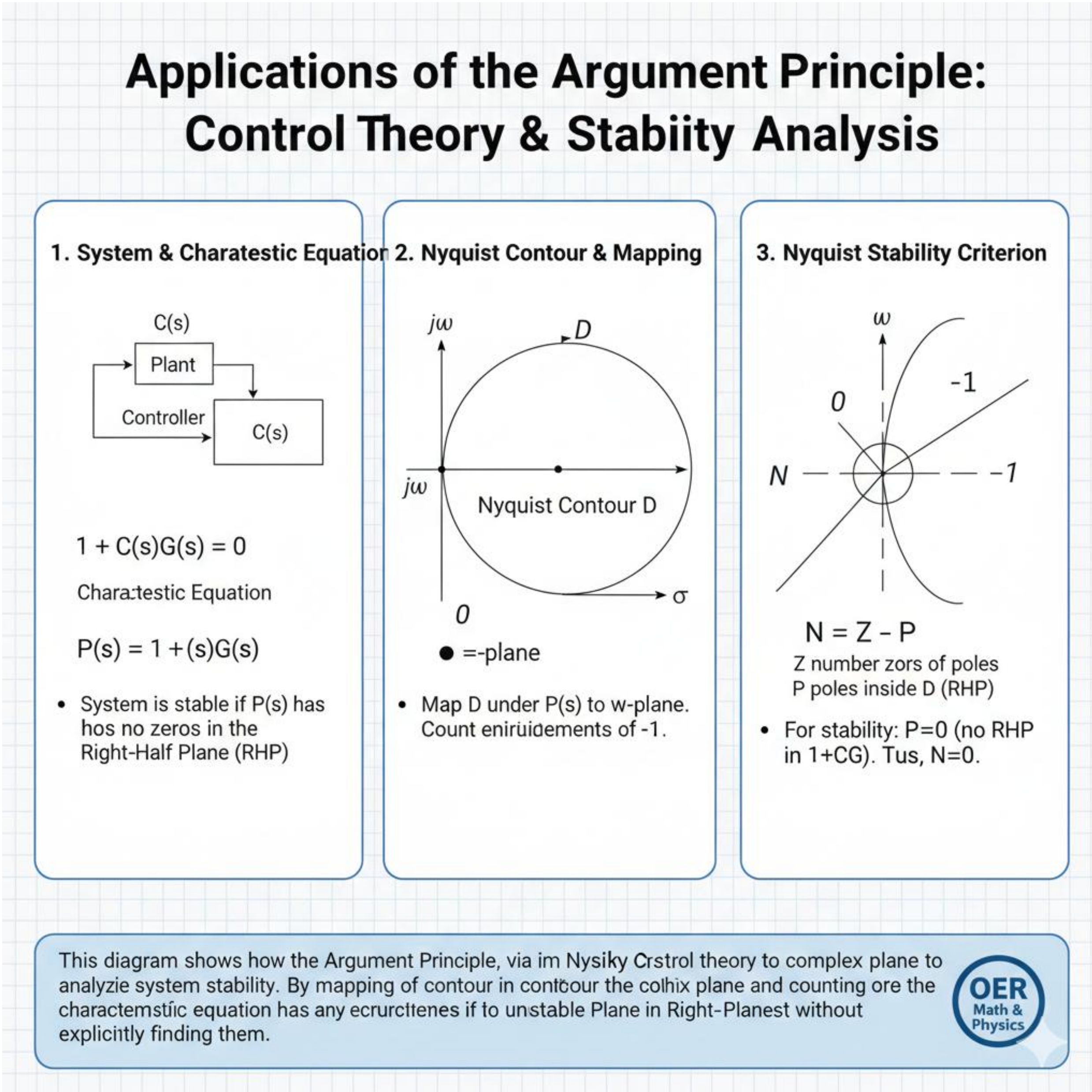
Example 2: For f(z)=z2+1z2, consider the contour |z|=2. The function has two zeros (z=i,z=-i) and two poles (z=0 of order 2). Thus, the argument principle shows N-P=0.

Fill in the blank: For f(z)=z3-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are __________ zeros inside.

3.4.2 Use in stability analysis and applied contexts

The argument principle is widely used in applied mathematics and engineering, particularly in control theory and stability analysis. For example:

- In control theory, the principle is used to determine whether a system is stable by counting the number of poles of its transfer function in the right half-plane.
- In physics, it helps analyse wave functions and scattering problems.
- In numerical analysis, it is used to locate roots of equations by enclosing them in contours.



Application of argument principle in stability analysis

Fill in the blank: In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is __________.

3.4.3 Guided problem sets

Try the following exercises to strengthen your understanding:

Use the argument principle to count the number of zeros of $f(z)=z4+z2+1$ inside the contour $|z|=2$.

Apply the argument principle to determine the number of poles of $f(z)=1z2+4$inside the contour $|z|=3$.

Explain how the argument principle can be applied in control theory to test system stability.

Fill in the blank: The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate __________ of equations by enclosing them in contours.

Pilot questions 3.4

The argument principle is applied to count the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

For $f(z)=z3-1$in the contour $|z|=2$, the argument principle shows there are: A. 0 zeros B. 1 zero C. 3 zeros D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.4)

In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is: A. Stable B. Linear C. Quadratic D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.5)

The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate: A. Derivatives B. Roots of equations C. Series terms D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.5)

The argument principle connects the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Zeros and poles inside a contour B. Derivatives and integrals C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Series Summary

This Series has focused on two fundamental principles in complex analysis: the maximum modulus principle and the argument principle. We began by studying the maximum modulus principle, which shows that analytic functions cannot attain their maximum modulus inside a domain unless they are constant, highlighting the boundary-controlled behaviour of analytic functions. We then examined the minimum modulus principle, which complements the maximum modulus principle by showing that analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have a zero there.

Next, we explored the argument principle, which connects the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside. This principle provides a powerful method for counting zeros and poles without explicitly solving equations. Finally, we applied the argument principle in practical contexts, such as stability analysis in control theory, root-finding in numerical analysis, and problem sets involving contours with multiple zeros and poles.

By completing this Series, you should now be able to state and interpret the maximum modulus principle (SLO 3.1), describe and apply the minimum modulus principle (SLO 3.2), state and interpret the argument principle (SLO 3.3), apply it to count zeros and poles inside contours (SLO 3.4), and analyse practical applications in theoretical and applied contexts (SLO 3.5). These skills prepare you for the next Series, where we will explore Rouchet's theorem and Schwartz's lemma, extending the study of analytic functions and their behaviour.

Glossary of Terms

Analytic function: A complex function that is differentiable at every point in its domain, with derivatives that are continuous.

Boundary behaviour: The values or properties of a function as evaluated on the boundary of its domain, often controlling its interior behaviour.

Maximum modulus principle: A theorem stating that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, the maximum of its modulus occurs on the boundary of the domain.

Minimum modulus principle: A theorem stating that if a function is analytic and non-constant, the minimum of its modulus cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there.

Meromorphic function: A function that is analytic except at isolated poles, where it has singularities.

Argument principle: A theorem that relates the change in the argument of a meromorphic function along a closed contour to the number of its zeros and poles inside the contour.

Zeros of a function: Points where the function evaluates to zero.

Poles of a function: Points where the function tends to infinity, representing singularities.

Stability analysis: An applied context, especially in control theory, where the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is stable by counting poles in the right half-plane.

Concept Check Questions 3

Objective questions

The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the: A. Interior of the domain B. Boundary of the domain C. Centre of the domain D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.1)

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a: A. Pole B. Zero C. Constant value D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.2)

The argument principle relates the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Derivatives and integrals B. Zeros and poles C. Series and expansions D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 3.3)

Short-answer questions

State the maximum modulus principle and explain its significance. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

What is the minimum modulus principle, and how does it relate to zeros of analytic functions? (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Write the formula for the argument principle and explain what each term represents. (Linked to SLO 3.3)

How can the argument principle be applied to count zeros inside a contour? (Linked to SLO 3.4)

Give one example of how the argument principle is applied in engineering. (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Long-answer questions

Discuss the maximum modulus principle, including its statement, consequences, and examples. (Linked to SLO 3.1)

Basic response: State the principle and explain that maxima occur on boundaries.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=zin the unit disk.

Analyse the minimum modulus principle and its relation to zeros of analytic functions. (Linked to SLO 3.2)

Basic response: State the principle and explain that minima occur on boundaries unless zeros exist inside.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=zin the unit disk and f(z)=ezin a strip.

Explain the argument principle and demonstrate its application with examples. (Linked to SLO 3.3, 3.4)

Basic response: State the formula and explain its meaning.

Value-added response: Provide examples such as f(z)=z2-1and f(z)=1/[z(z-1)].

Evaluate the role of the argument principle in applied contexts such as stability analysis. (Linked to SLO 3.5)

Basic response: Mention its use in counting poles for system stability.

Value-added response: Explain how it is applied in control theory and numerical analysis.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 3

1-B, 2-B, 3-B

The maximum modulus principle states that if a function is analytic and non-constant in a domain, the maximum of its modulus occurs on the boundary. It shows that analytic functions are controlled by boundary behaviour.

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a zero there. It relates directly to the distribution of zeros.

The formula is 12πiCf'(z)f(z)dz=N-P, where Nis the number of zeros and Pis the number of poles inside the contour.

By evaluating the integral of f'(z)f(z)around a contour, we can determine the number of zeros inside without explicitly solving for them.

In engineering, the argument principle is applied in control theory to test system stability by counting poles in the right half-plane.

Basic response: The maximum modulus principle states maxima occur on boundaries. Value-added response: For example, f(z)=zin the unit disk has maximum modulus 1 on the boundary.

Basic response: The minimum modulus principle states minima occur on boundaries unless zeros exist inside. Value-added response: For example, f(z)=zhas minimum modulus 0 at z=0, a zero of the function.

Basic response: The argument principle relates the integral of f'(z)f(z)to zeros and poles. Value-added response: For f(z)=z2-1, the principle shows 2 zeros inside |z|=2.

Basic response: The argument principle is used in stability analysis. Value-added response: In control theory, it counts poles in the right half-plane to determine system stability.

Answers to Pilot Questions 3

Part 3.1 Maximum Modulus Principle

The maximum modulus principle states that the maximum of the modulus of an analytic function occurs on the: B. Boundary of the domain

Analytic functions cannot have interior points of maximum modulus unless they are: A. Constant

The maximum modulus principle is useful in: A. Bounding analytic functions by boundary values

For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the maximum modulus occurs on the: B. Boundary

The maximum modulus principle implies that analytic functions are controlled by their: B. Boundary behaviour

Part 3.2 Minimum Modulus Principle

The minimum modulus principle states that the minimum of the modulus of an analytic function cannot occur inside the domain unless the function has a: B. Zero

The minimum modulus principle is closely related to the: B. Maximum modulus principle

For f(z)=zin the unit disk, the minimum modulus occurs at: B. Centre (z=0)

Analytic functions cannot attain a non-zero minimum modulus inside a domain unless they have: B. A zero

The minimum modulus principle is useful in proving results about: A. Distribution of zeros

Part 3.3 Argument Principle

The argument principle relates the change in the argument of a function to the number of: B. Zeros and poles

According to the argument principle, 12πiCf′(z)f(z)dzequals: B. The number of zeros minus the number of poles

The argument principle provides a method for counting: B. Zeros and poles

For f(z)=z2-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 2 zeros

For f(z)=1z(z-1)in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 2 poles

Part 3.4 Applications of the Argument Principle

The argument principle is applied to count the number of: B. Zeros and poles

For f(z)=z3-1in the contour |z|=2, the argument principle shows there are: C. 3 zeros

In control theory, the argument principle is used to determine whether a system is: A. Stable

The argument principle can be applied in numerical analysis to locate: B. Roots of equations

The argument principle connects the change in the argument of a function to the number of: A. Zeros and poles inside a contour

Series 5 Analytic Continuation, Multiple-Valued Functions, and Riemann Surfaces

Series Outline

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Illustrative examples

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Part 5.3: Multiple-Valued Functions

Definition and examples (logarithm, square root)

Branches and branch cuts

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Definition and motivation

Construction for multiple-valued functions

Applications in complex analysis

Introduction

In the previous Series, we studied Rouchet's theorem and Schwartz's lemma, which gave us powerful tools for counting zeros and bounding analytic functions in the unit disk. In this Series, we move into deeper territory: analytic continuation, multiple-valued functions, and Riemann surfaces.

Analytic continuation allows us to extend the domain of an analytic function beyond its original region of definition, often revealing new properties and connections. Multiple-valued functions, such as the logarithm and square root, challenge the idea of single-valuedness and require careful handling through branches and branch cuts. Riemann surfaces provide a geometric framework to make sense of these multiple-valued functions, turning them into well-defined objects by "unfolding" their structure across layered surfaces.

The purpose of this Series is to help you understand how analytic continuation expands the reach of functions, how multiple-valued functions are managed, and how Riemann surfaces unify these ideas into a coherent geometric picture. By the end, you will be able to apply analytic continuation to extend functions, handle multiple-valued functions with branches, and interpret Riemann surfaces as the natural setting for complex analysis.

Series Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this Series, you should be able to:

SLO 5.1 state and interpret the concept of analytic continuation, explaining how functions can be extended beyond their original domains,

SLO 5.2 apply analytic continuation to extend functions and solve problems involving extended domains,

SLO 5.3 define and explain multiple-valued functions, including examples such as the logarithm and square root, and describe how branches and branch

5.1 Analytic Continuation

Analytic continuation is one of the most powerful ideas in complex analysis. It allows us to extend the domain of an analytic function beyond the region where it was originally defined, often revealing deeper connections and hidden structures.

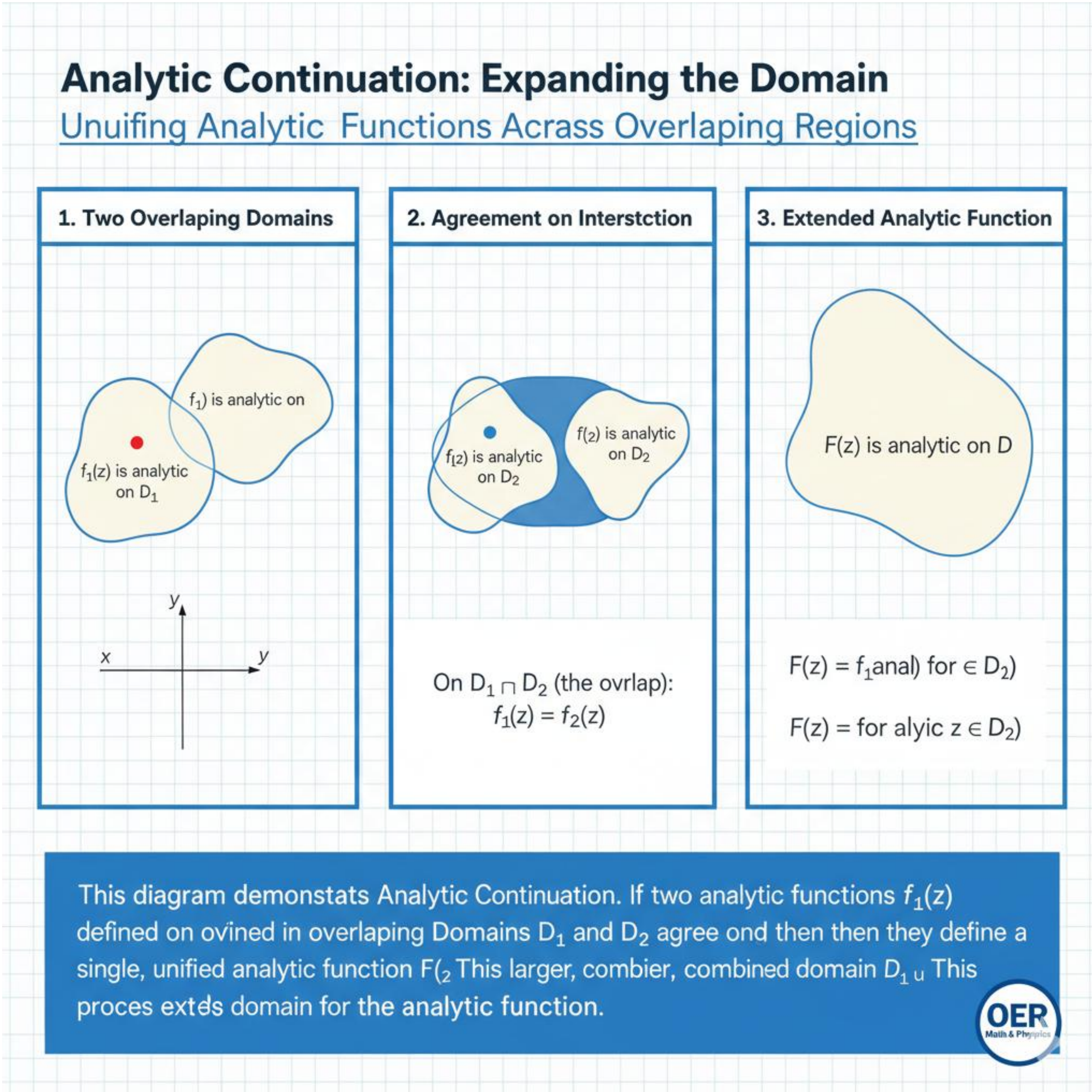
Fill in the blank: Analytic continuation is used to extend the __________ of an analytic function beyond its original region.

5.1.1 Statement and interpretation

If two analytic functions agree on a region where their domains overlap, then they are identical on the union of their domains. This principle allows us to "continue" a function step by step into larger regions, provided the continuation is consistent.

Analytic continuation is unique: once extended, the function is determined everywhere it can be continued.

It often reveals new singularities or branch points that were not visible in the original domain.



Analytic continuation across overlapping domains

Fill in the blank: Analytic continuation is __________, meaning once extended, the function is determined everywhere it can be continued.

5.1.2 Methods of continuation

Power series continuation: Extend the radius of convergence by overlapping disks.

Functional equations: Use identities (e.g., Gamma function satisfies (z+1)=z(z)) to extend domains.

Integral representations: Define functions beyond their original domain using contour integrals.

Fill in the blank: The Gamma function can be analytically continued using the functional equation (z+1)=z(z).

5.1.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: The function 11-zis originally defined for |z|<1. By analytic continuation, it can be extended to all z1.

Example 2: The Riemann zeta function ζ(s)is defined by a series for R(s)>1. Using analytic continuation, it can be extended to all complex s1.

Fill in the blank: The Riemann zeta function is originally defined for R(s)>1, but analytic continuation extends it to all complex s \neq __________.

Pilot questions 5.1

Analytic continuation is used to extend the: A. Domain of an analytic function B. Range of an analytic function C. Derivative of an analytic function D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)

Analytic continuation is: A. Arbitrary B. Unique C. Undefined D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)

The Gamma function can be analytically continued using the functional equation: A. (z+1)=z(z)B. (z+1)=(z)C. (z+1)=z2(z)D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)

The function 11-zis originally defined for: A. |z|<1B. |z|>1C. |z|=1D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)

The Riemann zeta function is originally defined for R(s)>1, but analytic continuation extends it to all complex s: A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)

5.2 Applications of Analytic Continuation

Analytic continuation is not just a theoretical concept—it has wide-ranging applications in extending functions, solving problems in physics and mathematics, and uncovering deeper structures in complex analysis.

Fill in the blank: Analytic continuation is applied to extend functions beyond their original __________ of definition.

5.2.1 Extending domains of functions

Power series extension: Functions defined by series can be extended step by step into larger regions.

Special functions: Many functions in mathematics (Gamma, Zeta, Bessel functions) are defined initially in restricted domains but extended via analytic continuation.

Physics applications: Analytic continuation is used in quantum mechanics and statistical mechanics to extend solutions into complex domains.

Example: The Riemann zeta function $\zeta(s)$is defined for $R(s)>1$. Analytic continuation extends it to all complex s1, allowing its use in number theory and physics.

Fill in the blank: The Riemann zeta function is extended to all complex s \neq __________ by analytic continuation.

5.2.2 Worked problems

Problem: Extend the function 11-zbeyond $|z|<1$.

Solution: The series n=0znconverges only for $|z|<1$. However, the closed form 11-zis valid for all z1. Thus, analytic continuation extends the domain to all z1.

Problem: Show how the Gamma function is extended using its functional equation.

Solution: The Gamma function is defined by an integral for $R(z)>0$. Using $(z+1)=z(z)$, we can extend it to negative values of z, except at non-positive integers where poles occur.

Fill in the blank: The Gamma function is extended to negative values of zusing the functional equation $(z+1)=z(z)$, except at __________ integers.

5.2.3 Broader applications

Number theory: Analytic continuation of the zeta function is central to the study of prime numbers.

Quantum field theory: Continuation into complex time domains is used in path integrals.

Engineering: Analytic continuation helps in solving boundary value problems involving Laplace transforms.

Fill in the blank: Analytic continuation of the zeta function is central to the study of __________ numbers.

Pilot questions 5.2

Analytic continuation is applied to extend functions beyond their original: A. Range of definition B. Domain of definition C. Derivative of definition D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.2)

The Riemann zeta function is extended to all complex s: A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.2)

The Gamma function is extended to negative values of zusing the functional equation, except at: A. Positive integers B. Non-positive integers C. Rational numbers D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.2)

Analytic continuation of the zeta function is central to the study of: A. Rational numbers B. Prime numbers C. Real numbers D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.2)

Analytic continuation is used in physics to extend solutions into: A. Real domains B. Complex domains C. Rational domains D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.2)

5.3 Multiple-Valued Functions

Multiple-valued functions are functions in complex analysis that do not assign a single output to each input. Instead, they can produce several possible values. Classic examples include the logarithm, square root, and inverse trigonometric functions. These functions challenge the usual idea of single-valuedness and require careful handling through branches and branch cuts.

Fill in the blank: Multiple-valued functions can produce several possible __________ for a single input.

5.3.1 Definition and examples

- Logarithm function: $\log z = \ln |z| + i \arg(z)$. Since $\arg(z)$ can differ by multiples of 2π, the logarithm is multiple-valued.
- Square root function: z has two possible values for each nonzero z.
- Inverse trigonometric functions: Functions like $\arcsin(z)$ and $\arccos(z)$ are multiple-valued because trigonometric functions are periodic.

Fill in the blank: The logarithm function is multiple-valued because the argument $\arg(z)$ can differ by multiples of __________.

5.3.2 Branches and branch cuts

To make multiple-valued functions manageable, we define branches: single-valued versions of the function restricted to a chosen domain.

- Branch cut: A curve or line in the complex plane where the function is discontinuous, chosen to prevent ambiguity.
- Example: For $\log z$, a common branch cut is along the negative real axis, restricting $\arg(z)$ to $(-\pi,\pi]$.
- Example: For z, a branch cut is often chosen along the negative real axis to define a principal branch.

Fill in the blank: A branch cut is a curve in the complex plane where a multiple-valued function is made __________ to avoid ambiguity.

5.3.3 Illustrative examples

Example 1: The logarithm function $\log z$ has infinitely many values differing by multiples of $2\pi i$. Choosing the principal branch restricts $\arg(z)$ to $(-\pi,\pi]$.

Example 2: The square root function z has two values. Choosing the principal branch restricts the argument to $(-\pi,\pi]$, giving a consistent definition.

Example 3: The inverse sine function $\arcsin(z)$ is multiple-valued because sine is periodic. Branches are chosen to restrict the range.

Fill in the blank: The square root function has __________ possible values for each nonzero input.

Pilot questions 5.3

- Multiple-valued functions can produce several possible: A. Inputs B. Outputs C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)

The logarithm function is multiple-valued because the argument can differ by multiples of: A. B. 2πC. iD. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)

A branch cut is a curve in the complex plane where a multiple-valued function is made: A. Continuous B. Single-valued C. Undefined D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)

The square root function has how many possible values for each nonzero input? A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)

Inverse trigonometric functions are multiple-valued because trigonometric functions are: A. Linear B. Periodic C. Constant D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)

5.4 Riemann Surfaces

Riemann surfaces provide the natural geometric framework for handling multiple-valued functions. Instead of restricting functions with branch cuts, Riemann surfaces "unfold" the complex plane into layered sheets, making multiple-valued functions single-valued when viewed on these surfaces.

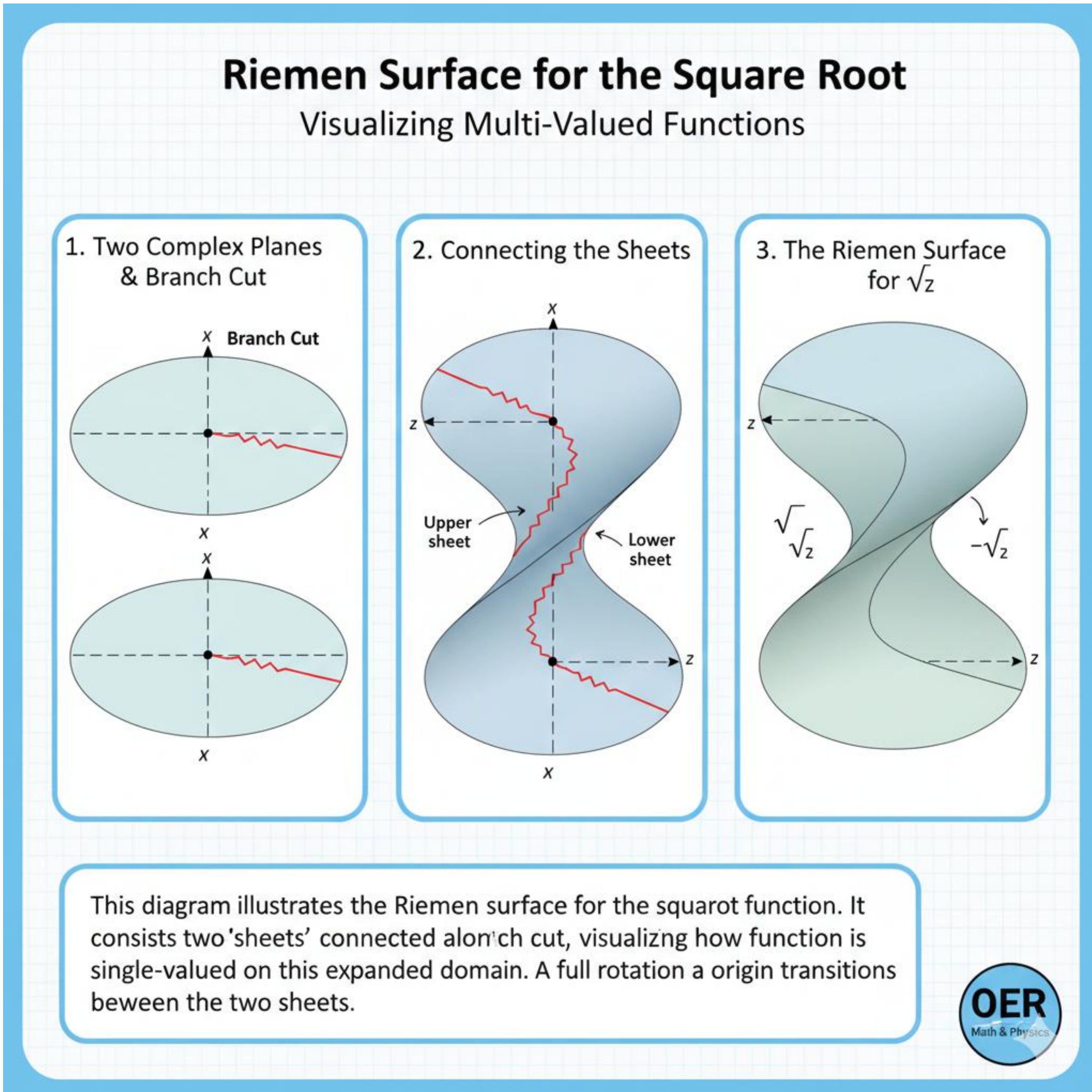
Fill in the blank: Riemann surfaces provide a geometric framework to make __________ functions single-valued.

5.4.1 Definition and motivation

A Riemann surface is a one-dimensional complex manifold that locally looks like the complex plane.

Motivation: Multiple-valued functions (like $\log z$ or z) cannot be made single-valued on the complex plane without cuts. Riemann surfaces resolve this by creating layered structures.

Each "sheet" corresponds to one branch of the function, and moving around branch points transitions between sheets.



Riemann surface for z

Fill in the blank: Each sheet of a Riemann surface corresponds to one __________ of a multiple-valued function.

5.4.2 Construction for multiple-valued functions

Square root function: Construct a two-sheeted surface where circling the origin moves you from one sheet to the other.

Logarithm function: Construct an infinite-sheeted surface where circling the origin repeatedly moves you to new sheets.

General case: Riemann surfaces are built by gluing sheets along branch cuts to make functions continuous and single-valued.

Fill in the blank: The logarithm function requires an __________-sheeted Riemann surface to become single-valued.

5.4.3 Applications in complex analysis

Simplifies multiple-valued functions: Makes them single-valued and analytic.

Geometric function theory: Provides a natural setting for studying conformal mappings.

Algebraic geometry: Riemann surfaces are central in studying algebraic curves.

Physics: Used in string theory and quantum field theory to model complex structures.

Fill in the blank: Riemann surfaces are central in studying algebraic __________ in mathematics.

Pilot questions 5.4

Riemann surfaces provide a geometric framework to make: A. Single-valued functions multiple-valued B. Multiple-valued functions single-valued C. Functions discontinuous D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.4)

Each sheet of a Riemann surface corresponds to one: A. Derivative B. Branch C. Pole D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.4)

The logarithm function requires an: A. Two-sheeted surface B. Infinite-sheeted surface C. Three-sheeted surface D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.4)

Riemann surfaces are central in studying algebraic: A. Curves B. Numbers C. Series D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.4)

Riemann surfaces are used in physics in: A. String theory and quantum field theory B. Classical mechanics C. Real analysis D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.5)

Series Summary

This Series explored three interconnected themes in complex analysis: analytic continuation, multiple-valued functions, and Riemann surfaces.

We began with analytic continuation, which allows functions to be extended beyond their original domains. This principle is unique and consistent, enabling us to uncover new properties of functions such as the Gamma and Riemann zeta functions. We then examined applications of analytic continuation, including extending domains, solving boundary problems, and its role in number theory and physics.

Next, we studied multiple-valued functions, such as the logarithm, square root, and inverse trigonometric functions. These functions produce several possible outputs for a single input, and we learned how branches and branch cuts are used to manage them.

Finally, we introduced Riemann surfaces, which provide a geometric framework to make multiple-valued functions single-valued. By constructing layered sheets connected at branch points, Riemann surfaces allow us to treat functions like zand $\log z$ as well-defined analytic functions. We also explored their applications in complex analysis, algebraic geometry, and physics.

By completing this Series, you should now be able to state and interpret analytic continuation (SLO 5.1), apply it to extend functions (SLO 5.2), define and explain multiple-valued functions with branches and cuts (SLO 5.3), understand Riemann surfaces as the natural setting for these functions (SLO 5.4), and analyse applications across mathematics and physics (SLO 5.5). These skills prepare you for the next Series, where we will explore Conformal Mapping and Applications, extending the geometric perspective of complex analysis.

Glossary of Terms

Analytic continuation: A method of extending the domain of an analytic function beyond its original region of definition by ensuring consistency across overlapping domains.

Domain of definition: The set of points in the complex plane where a function is originally defined.

Gamma function: A special function defined initially for $R(z)>0$, extended to other values of zusing analytic continuation and the functional equation $(z+1)=z(z)$.

Riemann zeta function: A function defined by a series for $R(s)>1$, extended to nearly the entire complex plane (except $s=1$) using analytic continuation.

- Multiple-valued function: A function that assigns more than one value to a single input, such as log z or z.
- Branch: A single-valued version of a multiple-valued function, defined by restricting the domain.
- Branch cut: A curve or line in the complex plane used to restrict the domain of a multiple-valued function to make it single-valued.
- Riemann surface: A one-dimensional complex manifold that provides a geometric framework for making multiple-valued functions single-valued by layering sheets connected at branch points.
- Branch point: A point in the complex plane where a multiple-valued function changes values when encircled (e.g., $z=0$for z).
- Sheet: One layer of a Riemann surface corresponding to a branch of a multiple-valued function.

Concept Check Questions 5

Objective questions

- Analytic continuation is used to extend the: A. Domain of an analytic function B. Range of an analytic function C. Derivative of an analytic function D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.1)
- Multiple-valued functions can produce several possible: A. Inputs B. Outputs C. Derivatives D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)
- A branch cut is introduced to make a multiple-valued function: A. Continuous B. Single-valued C. Undefined D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.3)
- Each sheet of a Riemann surface corresponds to one: A. Derivative B. Branch C. Pole D. None of the above (Linked to SLO 5.4)

Short-answer questions

State analytic continuation and explain its significance. (Linked to SLO 5.1)

How is the Gamma function extended to negative values of z? (Linked to SLO 5.2)

Why is the logarithm function multiple-valued? (Linked to SLO 5.3)

What is a branch cut, and why is it necessary? (Linked to SLO 5.3)

Explain how Riemann surfaces resolve the issue of multiple-valued functions. (Linked to SLO 5.4)

Long-answer questions

Discuss analytic continuation, including its statement, methods, and examples. (Linked to SLO 5.1)

- Basic response: State that analytic continuation extends functions beyond their original domain.
- Value-added response: Provide examples such as 11-zand the Riemann zeta function.

Analyse applications of analytic continuation in mathematics and physics. (Linked to SLO 5.2)

- Basic response: Explain its role in extending functions.
- Value-added response: Discuss its use in number theory and quantum field theory.

Explain multiple-valued functions, branches, and branch cuts with examples. (Linked to SLO 5.3)

- Basic response: Define multiple-valued functions and explain branches.
- Value-added response: Provide examples such as log z and z.

Evaluate the role of Riemann surfaces in complex analysis. (Linked to SLO 5.4, 5.5)

- Basic response: State that Riemann surfaces make multiple-valued functions single-valued.
- Value-added response: Explain their applications in algebraic geometry and physics.

Answers to Concept Check Questions 5

1-A, 2-B, 3-B, 4-B

Analytic continuation extends the domain of an analytic function beyond its original region, ensuring uniqueness and consistency.

The Gamma function is extended using the functional equation (z+1)=z(z), except at non-positive integers where poles occur.

The logarithm function is multiple-valued because the argument arg(z)can differ by multiples of 2π.

A branch cut is a curve in the complex plane introduced to restrict the domain of a multiple-valued function, making it single-valued.

Riemann surfaces resolve multiple-valued functions by layering sheets connected at branch points, making the function single-valued on the surface.

Basic response: Analytic continuation extends functions beyond their domain. Value-added response: For example, 11-zextends to all z1; the zeta function extends to all s1.

Basic response: Analytic continuation extends functions. Value-added response: It is used in number theory (zeta function) and physics (quantum field theory).

Basic response: Multiple-valued functions assign more than one value; branches restrict them. Value-added response: log z has infinitely many values; zhas two values. Branch cuts make them single-valued.

Basic response: Riemann surfaces make multiple-valued functions single-valued. Value-added response: They are central in algebraic geometry and physics, e.g., string theory.

Answers to Pilot Questions 5

Part 5.1 Analytic Continuation

Analytic continuation is used to extend the: A. Domain of an analytic function

Analytic continuation is: B. Unique

The Gamma function can be analytically continued using the functional equation: A. (z+1)=z(z)

The function 11-zis originally defined for: A. |z|<1

The Riemann zeta function is originally defined for R(s)>1, but analytic continuation extends it to all complex s: B. 1

Part 5.2 Applications of Analytic Continuation

Analytic continuation is applied to extend functions beyond their original: B. Domain of definition

The Riemann zeta function is extended to all complex s: B. 1

The Gamma function is extended to negative values of zusing the functional equation, except at: B. Non-positive integers

Analytic continuation of the zeta function is central to the study of: B. Prime numbers

Analytic continuation is used in physics to extend solutions into: B. Complex domains

Part 5.3 Multiple-Valued Functions

Multiple-valued functions can produce several possible: B. Outputs

The logarithm function is multiple-valued because the argument can differ by multiples of: B. 2π

A branch cut is a curve in the complex plane where a multiple-valued function is made: B. Single-valued

The square root function has how many possible values for each nonzero input? B. 2

Inverse trigonometric functions are multiple-valued because trigonometric functions are: B. Periodic

Part 5.4 Riemann Surfaces

Riemann surfaces provide a geometric framework to make: B. Multiple-valued functions single-valued

Each sheet of a Riemann surface corresponds to one: B. Branch

The logarithm function requires an: B. Infinite-sheeted surface

Riemann surfaces are central in studying algebraic: A. Curves

Riemann surfaces are used in physics in: A. String theory and quantum field theory