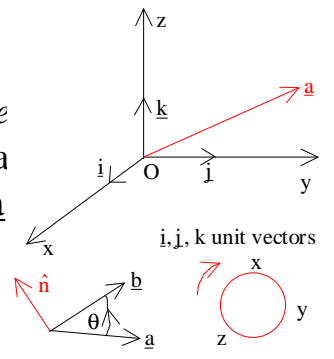
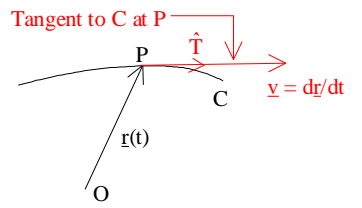


## Section 1: Vector Calculus

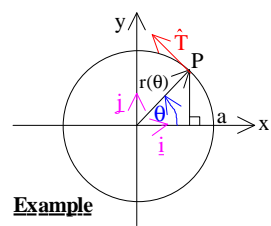
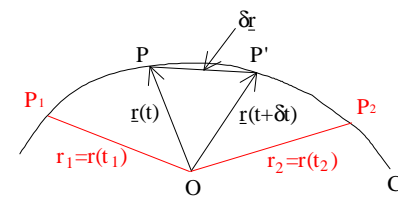
**1.1. Revision of vector algebra.** (i)  $\underline{a} = a_x\underline{i} + a_y\underline{j} + a_z\underline{k}$ .  $|\underline{a}| = \text{magnitude}$  of  $\underline{a} = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$  (---(1)).  $\hat{\underline{a}} = \text{unit vector in the direction of } \underline{a} = \underline{a}/a$  (---(2)). (ii) If  $\underline{b} = b_x\underline{i} + b_y\underline{j} + b_z\underline{k}$ , then  $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = ab\cos\theta = a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z = \underline{b} \cdot \underline{a}$  (---(3)). (iii)  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = ab\sin(\theta)\hat{\underline{n}}$  = the *determinant* shown on the **right** =  $\underline{i}(a_y b_z - a_z b_y) - \underline{j}(a_x b_z - a_z b_x) + \underline{k}(a_x b_y - a_y b_x)$   $[\underline{j}(a_z b_x - a_x b_z)] = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ a_x & a_y & a_z \\ b_x & b_y & b_z \end{vmatrix}$   $-\underline{b} \times \underline{a}$  (---(4)). (iv)  $\underline{a} \cdot (\underline{b} \times \underline{c})$  is the *Scalar Triple Product* = the *determinant* shown on the **left** (---(5)). (v)  $\underline{a} \times (\underline{b} \times \underline{c}) = (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{c})\underline{b} - (\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b})\underline{c}$  is the *Vector Triple Product*.



**1.2 Vector function of a single real variable.**  $\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\underline{r}(t+\delta t) - \underline{r}(t)}{\delta t} \right\}$  (---(1)).  $\underline{v} = \text{velocity}$ .  $|\underline{v}| = \text{speed} = v$ .  $\underline{V} = v\hat{\underline{T}}$  ( $\hat{\underline{T}}$  = the *unit tangent vector* to C at P, in the **direction** of motion). **Recall:**  $\frac{d}{dt}(\phi(t)\underline{r}(t)) = \phi(t)\frac{d\underline{r}(t)}{dt} + \underline{r}(t)\frac{d\phi(t)}{dt}$  ( $\phi(t)$  is a **scalar** function of t;  $\underline{r}(t)$  is a **vector** function of t) (---(2a)). We can deduce also the following:  $\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{r}_1 \cdot \underline{r}_2) = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}_1}{dt}\right) \cdot \underline{r}_2 + \underline{r}_1 \cdot \left(\frac{d\underline{r}_2}{dt}\right)$  (---(2b)); and  $\frac{d}{dt}(\underline{r}_1 \times \underline{r}_2) = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}_1}{dt}\right) \times \underline{r}_2 + \underline{r}_1 \times \left(\frac{d\underline{r}_2}{dt}\right)$  (---(2c)).



**Arc Length.** Define  $\overrightarrow{PP^{-1}} = \underline{r}(t+\delta t) - \underline{r}(t) = \delta\underline{r}$ . So  $\Sigma PP^{-1} = \Sigma |\delta\underline{r}|$ . Define Arc Length, L, as the *distance* from  $P_1$  to  $P_2$  along C =  $\int_{P_1}^{P_2} |\delta\underline{r}|$ . But  $|\delta\underline{r}| = \left| \left( \frac{dx}{dt}, \frac{dy}{dt}, \frac{dz}{dt} \right) dt \right|$  (where  $\underline{r} = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k} = (x, y, z)$ ) =  $\sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2} dt \Rightarrow L = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2} dt$ . (---(3)).

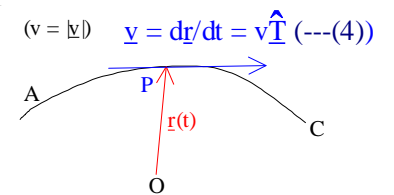


Example

**Example:**  $\underline{r} = a\cos\theta\underline{i} + a\sin\theta\underline{j} + 0\underline{k}$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ . So  $L = \int_0^{2\pi} |\delta\underline{r}| = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(-a\sin\theta)^2 + (a\cos\theta)^2 + 0^2} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} a\sqrt{\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} a d\theta = a[\theta]_0^{2\pi} = 2\pi a$ . **Also,**  $\frac{d\underline{r}}{d\theta} = (-a\sin\theta, a\cos\theta, 0) \Rightarrow \hat{\underline{T}} = (\text{unit tangent vector}) = \frac{d\underline{r}/d\theta}{|d\underline{r}/d\theta|} = \frac{(-a\sin\theta, a\cos\theta, 0)}{\sqrt{(-a\sin\theta)^2 + (a\cos\theta)^2 + 0^2}} = \frac{1}{a}(-a\sin\theta, a\cos\theta, 0) = (-\sin\theta, \cos\theta, 0)$ .

## Curvature and Torsion of a Curve

Let  $v = l$ , so that t can be **identified** with the distance s *along the curve c*, from some fixed point A. This implies that  $\underline{v} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{ds} = v\hat{\underline{T}} = (\text{because } v = 1) = \hat{\underline{T}} \Rightarrow \hat{\underline{T}} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{ds}$  (---(5)). Since  $\hat{\underline{T}}$  is of unit length, we have  $\hat{\underline{T}} \cdot \hat{\underline{T}} = 1$ . *Differentiating*,  $\frac{d}{ds}(\hat{\underline{T}} \cdot \hat{\underline{T}}) = \frac{d}{ds}(1) = 0$ . But  $\frac{d}{ds}(\hat{\underline{T}} \cdot \hat{\underline{T}}) = \left(\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}\right) \cdot \hat{\underline{T}} + \hat{\underline{T}} \cdot \left(\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}\right) = 2\left(\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}\right) \cdot \hat{\underline{T}}$ ; so  $\left(\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}\right) \cdot \hat{\underline{T}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\hat{\underline{T}}$ , as  $\hat{\underline{T}} \neq \underline{0}$  and  $\left(\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}\right) \neq \underline{0}$  by *assumption*. So  $\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds}$  is **normal** to the curve at P; and it follows that  $\frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds} = \kappa\hat{\underline{N}}$  (---(6)).

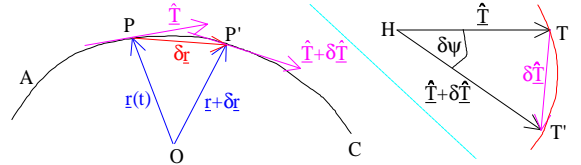


In the above,  $\hat{\underline{N}}$  is the **unit** vector in the normal direction, and  $\kappa$  is a *non-negative scalar*. The straight line through P in the **direction** of  $\hat{\underline{N}}$  is called the principal normal to the curve at P, and  $\hat{\underline{N}}$  is called the unit principal normal vector at P. The *plane* containing  $\hat{\underline{T}}$  and  $\hat{\underline{N}}$  at P is called the osculating plane, or the plane of curvature at P. (6)  $\Rightarrow \kappa = \left| \frac{d\hat{\underline{T}}}{ds} \right|$  (---(7)), where  $\kappa$  ("kappa") is called the **curvature** of C at P. The **radius of curvature**,  $\rho$ , is defined to be  $1/\kappa$ , so that  $\rho = 1/\kappa$ . ( $\kappa \neq 0$ ) (---(8)).

## Geometrical Meaning of $\kappa$

$\hat{\mathbf{T}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}+\delta\hat{\mathbf{T}}$  give the *unit tangent vectors* at P and P' respectively. Since  $|\hat{\mathbf{T}}| = 1$  and  $|\hat{\mathbf{T}}+\delta\hat{\mathbf{T}}| = 1$ , then  $HT = HT' = 1$ . Therefore,  $\delta\psi = \angle\hat{\mathbf{T}}\hat{\mathbf{T}}' = \text{arc } TT'$  of the *unit circle* centred at H. ( $\psi$  is measured in *radians*). So  $\kappa =$

$$\left|\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{T}}}{ds}\right| = \lim_{\delta s \rightarrow 0} \left|\frac{\delta\hat{\mathbf{T}}}{\delta s}\right| = \lim_{\delta s \rightarrow 0} \left|\frac{\delta\hat{\mathbf{T}}}{\delta\psi} \times \frac{\delta\psi}{\delta s}\right| = \lim_{\delta s \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{TT'}{\delta\psi} \times \frac{\delta\psi}{\delta s}\right) = \frac{d\psi}{ds} \text{ as } \lim_{\delta s \rightarrow 0} (TT'/\delta\psi) = 1. \text{ So } \kappa = \delta\psi/\delta s.$$



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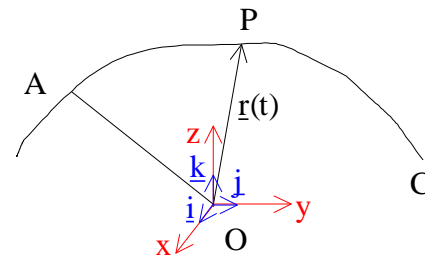
Since  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  are  $\perp^r$  unit vectors, it follows that  $\hat{\mathbf{B}} = \hat{\mathbf{T}} \times \hat{\mathbf{N}}$  (---(9)) is also a unit vector.  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$  is called the unit binormal vector at P. So  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$  form a *right-handed system* of mutually **perpendicular** unit vectors. Since  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$  is a unit vector of *constant length*, then  $(d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds)$  is  $\perp^r$  to  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ . Also, *differentiating* the equation  $\hat{\mathbf{T}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} = 0 \Rightarrow (d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/ds) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} + \hat{\mathbf{T}} \cdot (d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds) = 0$  (---(10)).

(6) & (10)  $\Rightarrow \kappa \hat{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} + \hat{\mathbf{T}} \cdot (d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds) = 0$ . (Because  $\hat{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} = 0$ ) (---(11)). And  $\hat{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} = 0$  (---(12)). (12) in (11)  $\Rightarrow (d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds)$  is  $\perp^r$  to  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$ . But  $(d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds)$  is also  $\perp^r$  to  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$ ; so  $(d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds)$  must be *parallel* to  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$ . We write  $(d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds) = -\tau \hat{\mathbf{N}}$  (---(13)). (**Note:** the *minus* sign is by convention, and  $\tau$  can be -ve, +ve or zero).  $\tau$  is known as the torsion of the curve at P.

The torsion is the *arc-rate of rotation* of the plane of curvature, since  $\hat{\mathbf{B}}$  is always  $\perp^r$  to this plane. The radius of torsion,  $\sigma$ , is *defined* by  $\sigma = 1/|\tau|$  for  $\tau \neq 0$ . Using (6) & (13), we can *find*  $(d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/ds)$ . Now  $\hat{\mathbf{N}} = \hat{\mathbf{B}} \times \hat{\mathbf{T}} \Rightarrow (d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/ds) = d/ds(\hat{\mathbf{B}} \times \hat{\mathbf{T}}) = (d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds) \times \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \hat{\mathbf{B}} \times (d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/ds) =$  (by (6) and (13))  $= (-\tau \hat{\mathbf{N}}) \times \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \hat{\mathbf{B}} \times \kappa \hat{\mathbf{N}} = (-\tau)(-\hat{\mathbf{B}}) + \kappa(-\hat{\mathbf{T}})$ . So  $(d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/ds) = -\kappa \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \tau \hat{\mathbf{B}}$  (---(14)). (6), (13) and (14) are called **Frenes** formulae:  $(d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/ds) = \kappa \hat{\mathbf{N}}$ ;  $(d\hat{\mathbf{B}}/ds) = -\tau \hat{\mathbf{N}}$ ; and  $(d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/ds) = -\kappa \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \tau \hat{\mathbf{B}}$  (---(set 15)).

## Formulae for Computing $\kappa$ & $\tau$

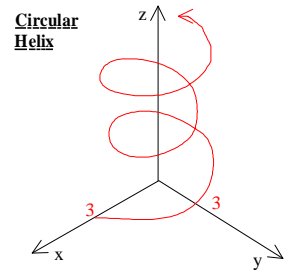
Let C be given by  $\underline{\mathbf{r}} = \underline{\mathbf{r}}(t) = x(t)\underline{\mathbf{i}} + y(t)\underline{\mathbf{j}} + z(t)\underline{\mathbf{k}}$  (---(16)), where  $t$  denotes a parameter which is *not necessarily* the distance  $s$  along the curve from some **fixed** point A. Now (16)  $\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = d\underline{\mathbf{r}}/dt = (d\underline{\mathbf{r}}/ds) \times (ds/dt)$ . (**Note:**  $d\underline{\mathbf{r}}/ds$  is  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$  from (5)). So  $\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \hat{\mathbf{T}} \dot{s}$  (---(17)). Now (17)  $\Rightarrow \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = d/dt(\hat{\mathbf{T}} \dot{s}) = (d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/dt) \dot{s} + \hat{\mathbf{T}} \ddot{s} = ((d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/ds)(ds/dt)) \dot{s} + \hat{\mathbf{T}} \ddot{s} =$  (6)  $= \kappa \hat{\mathbf{N}} \dot{s}^2 + \hat{\mathbf{T}} \ddot{s}$ . So we have  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}}$  (---(18)). (17) & (18)  $\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = (\hat{\mathbf{T}} \dot{s}) \times (\dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}}) = \dot{s} \dot{s}^2 (\hat{\mathbf{T}} \times \hat{\mathbf{N}}) + \kappa \dot{s}^3 (\hat{\mathbf{T}} \times \hat{\mathbf{T}})$ . Because  $\hat{\mathbf{T}} \times \hat{\mathbf{T}} = 0$ , and because  $\hat{\mathbf{T}} \times \hat{\mathbf{N}} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}$ , we have  $\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \kappa \dot{s}^3 \hat{\mathbf{B}}$  (---(19)). Now (19)  $\Rightarrow \kappa = (|\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}|) / \dot{s}^3$  (---(20)). ( $|\hat{\mathbf{B}}| = 1$ ). But (17)  $\Rightarrow \dot{s} = |\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}|$  (---(21)). ( $|\hat{\mathbf{T}}| = 1$ ). (21) in (20)  $\Rightarrow \kappa = (|\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}|) / (|\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}|^3)$ . (---(22)).



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To find the *torsion*  $\tau$ , consider  $\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}$ . From (18),  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}}$ . *Differentiating*, we obtain  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = d/dt(\dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}}) + d/dt(\ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}})$ ;  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \dot{s} (d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/dt) + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \dot{s} (d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/dt)$ ;  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \dot{s} (d\hat{\mathbf{N}}/ds) \dot{s} + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \dot{s} (d\hat{\mathbf{T}}/ds) \dot{s}$  (15)  $= \dot{s}^2 \hat{\mathbf{N}} + \dot{s} \kappa \hat{\mathbf{T}} \dot{s} + \ddot{s} \hat{\mathbf{T}} + \dot{s} (\kappa \hat{\mathbf{N}} \dot{s})$ ;  $\ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = (\ddot{s} + \kappa \dot{s}^2) \hat{\mathbf{T}} + (\dot{s} \kappa \dot{s} + d/dt(\kappa \dot{s}^2)) \hat{\mathbf{N}} + (\kappa \dot{s}^3 \tau) \hat{\mathbf{B}}$  (---(23)). Now (19)  $\Rightarrow \dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = \kappa \dot{s}^3 \hat{\mathbf{B}}$ , and as  $\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{T}} = 0 = \hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{N}}$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} = 1$ , then (19) & (23)  $\Rightarrow (\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) \cdot \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} = (\kappa \dot{s}^3 \tau) \hat{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}} = \kappa \dot{s}^3 \tau$  (---(24)). Finally, (20) & (24)  $\Rightarrow \tau = \frac{(\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) \cdot \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}}{(\dot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}} \times \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{r}}}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}}}$  (---(25)).

**Example:** Sketch the *space curve*  $\underline{r}(t) = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$ , where  $x = 3\cos(t)$ ,  $y = 3\sin(t)$ , and  $z = 4t$  (---(1)), and find (a)  $\hat{T}$ , (b)  $\hat{N}$ , (c)  $\kappa$ ,  $\rho$ , (d)  $\hat{B}$ , (e)  $\tau$ ,  $\sigma$ . A: (1)  $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 3^2 \Rightarrow$  curve lies on the *surface of the cylinder*  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$  (---(2)). (a)  $\underline{r} = 3\cos(t)\underline{i} + 3\sin(t)\underline{j} + 4t\underline{k}$ . So  $\dot{\underline{r}} = -3\sin(t)\underline{i} + 3\cos(t)\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$ ;  $ds/dt = |\dot{\underline{r}}| = \sqrt{((-3\sin(t))^2 + (3\cos(t))^2 + 4^2)} = \sqrt{(3^2 + 4^2)} = 5$  (---(3)). Therefore,  $\hat{T} = d\underline{r}/ds = d\underline{r}/dt / ds/dt = -3/5\sin(t)\underline{i} + 3/5\cos(t)\underline{j} + 4/5\underline{k}$  (---(4)).



Now  $d/dt(\hat{T}) = (4) = -3/5\cos(t)\underline{i} - 3/5\sin(t)\underline{j} + 0$ . As  $(d\hat{T}/ds) = (d\hat{T}/dt)(dt/ds) = -3/25\cos(t)\underline{i} - 3/25\sin(t)\underline{j}$  (---(5)), then *since*  $(d\hat{T}/ds) = \kappa\hat{N}$ , we have  $\kappa = |(d\hat{T}/ds)|$  ( $\kappa \geq 0$ ) = (5) =  $| -3/25\cos(t)\underline{i} - 3/25\sin(t)\underline{j} | = 3/25$ . Now  $\rho = 1/\kappa$  ( $\kappa \neq 0$ ) =  $25/3$  (---(6)). So (5) & (6)  $\Rightarrow \hat{N} = 1/\kappa(d\hat{T}/ds) = (25/3)(-3/25\cos(t)\underline{i} - 3/25\sin(t)\underline{j}) = -(\cos(t)\underline{i} + \sin(t)\underline{j})$  (---(7)).

Now  $\hat{B} = \hat{T} \times \hat{N}$  = the *determinant* shown on the right =  $4/5\sin(t)\underline{i} - 4/5\cos(t)\underline{j} + 3/5\underline{k}$  (---(8)). Further, (8)  $\Rightarrow (d\hat{B}/ds) = (d\hat{B}/dt)(dt/ds) = 4/25\cos(t)\underline{i} + 4/25\sin(t)\underline{j} + 0$  (---(9)). Since  $(d\hat{B}/ds) = -\tau\hat{N}$ , then (7) & (9)  $\Rightarrow 4/25\cos(t)\underline{i} + 4/25\sin(t)\underline{j} = -\tau(-\cos(t)\underline{i} - \sin(t)\underline{j})$ , so  $\tau = 4/25$  (Note:  $> 0$ ). And  $\sigma = 1/|\tau| = 25/4$ .

$i$	$j$	$k$
$-\frac{3}{5} \sin t$	$\frac{3}{5} \cos t$	$\frac{4}{5}$
$-\cos t$	$-\sin t$	$0$

We now use *formulae* (22) & (25) to get  $\kappa$  and  $\tau$ . Now we **know** that  $\underline{r} = 3\cos(t)\underline{i} + 3\sin(t)\underline{j} + 4t\underline{k}$ ; so that  $\dot{\underline{r}} = -3\sin(t)\underline{i} + 3\cos(t)\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$  (which  $\Rightarrow |\dot{\underline{r}}| = 5$ );  $\ddot{\underline{r}} = -3\cos(t)\underline{i} - 3\sin(t)\underline{j}$ ; and  $\ddot{\underline{r}} \times \dot{\underline{r}} = 3\sin(t)\underline{i} - 3\cos(t)\underline{j}$ . So  $\dot{\underline{r}} \times \ddot{\underline{r}}$  = the determinant shown on the left =  $12\sin(t)\underline{i} - 12\cos(t)\underline{j} + 9\underline{k}$ . So  $\kappa = \sqrt{(12^2\sin^2(t) + 12^2\cos^2(t) + 9^2)}/5^3 = \sqrt{(12^2 + 9^2)}/5^3 = 3\sqrt{(4^2 + 3^2)}/5^3 = 3^3/25$ . Now  $(\dot{\underline{r}} \times \ddot{\underline{r}}) \cdot \ddot{\underline{r}} = (12\sin(t))(3\sin(t)) + (-12\cos(t))(-2\cos(t)) + 9 \times 0 = 36$ . And  $|\dot{\underline{r}} \times \ddot{\underline{r}}| = 3 \times 5$ , so  $\tau = 36/15^2 = 4/25$ . Both are *verified*.

**Notation Note:** From now on, I will remove the “hats” from the tops of letters and use **BOLD** type instead. As an example,  $\hat{T}$  will now be *denoted* simply as **T**.

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## Tutorial

**General Notes.** Find the magnitude: If  $\underline{a} = 3\underline{i} + 4\underline{k}$ , then  $|\underline{a}| = \sqrt{(3^2 + 4^2)} = 5$ ; the *unit vector* in the direction of  $\underline{a}$  is  $\underline{a}/|\underline{a}|$ . (=  $\hat{a}$ ). Remember that  $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}$  = multiply **components**, or use  $ab\cos\theta$ . **Orthogonal:**  $\cos\theta = 0$ . To calculate  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$ , use the *determinant*. Be careful to use the correct formula in **computing** e.g.  $\underline{a} \times (\underline{a} \times \underline{b})$ . The *unit normal* to the plane containing  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  is  $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} / |\underline{a} \times \underline{b}|$ . Be careful when **doing** e.g.  $d/dt(\underline{a} \times \underline{b})$  — *think!*

Q: For the **space curve**  $\underline{r} = (t^{-1/3})\underline{i} + t^2\underline{j} + (t^{1/3})\underline{k}$ , find **T**,  $\kappa$ , **N**, **B** and  $\tau$ . A:  $\dot{\underline{r}} = (1-t^2)\underline{i} + 2t\underline{j} + (1+t^2)\underline{k}$ ; and  $\dot{s} = |\dot{\underline{r}}| = \sqrt{((1-t^2)^2 + (2t)^2 + (1+t^2)^2)} = \dots = \sqrt{(2)(1+t^2)}$ . So **T** =  $\dot{\underline{r}}/\dot{s} = (1-t^2)/\sqrt{(2)(1+t^2)}\underline{i} + 2t/\sqrt{(2)(1+t^2)}\underline{j} + 1/\sqrt{(2)}\underline{k}$ . Now  $d\underline{T}/dt$  = (use *quotient rule*) =  $\dots = -2\sqrt{(2)t}/(1+t^2)^2\underline{i} + \sqrt{(2)(1-t^2)}/(1+t^2)^2\underline{j}$ . Further,  $d\underline{T}/ds = (d\underline{T}/dt)/\dot{s} = \dots = [-2t\underline{i} + (1-t^2)\underline{j}]/(1+t^2)^3$ . Now *since*  $d\underline{T}/ds = \kappa\underline{N}$ , then  $\kappa = |d\underline{T}/ds| = 1/(1+t^2)^3 \sqrt{((-2t)^2 + (1-t^2)^2)} = 1/(1+t^2)^2$ .

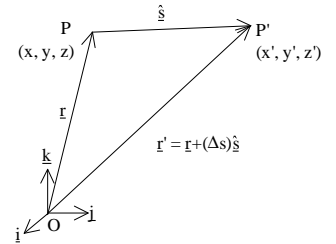
Now **N** =  $1/\kappa d\underline{T}/ds = \dots = 1/(1+t^2)(-2t\underline{i} + (1-t^2)\underline{j})$ . Now use **B** = **T**  $\times$  **N** (using the *determinant* method) to get **B** =  $1/\sqrt{(2)(1+t^2)}[(t^2-1)\underline{i} - 2t\underline{j} + (1+t^2)\underline{k}]$ . Then get  $d\underline{B}/dt$  and  $d\underline{B}/ds$ , and because  $d\underline{B}/ds = -\tau\underline{N}$ , we can *obtain*  $\tau$  using  $\tau = 1/(1+t^2)^2$ . Note here that *curvature* = *torsion* for this curve.

### 1.3: Scalar and Vector Fields

If, to *each* point  $(x,y,z)$  of a domain  $D$  of space, an unique **scalar** is assigned, then a scalar field is defined in  $D$ . **Example:** *Temperature* in a room,  $T = T(x,y,z)$ . If, to each point  $(x,y,z)$  of a domain  $D$  of space, an unique **vector** is assigned, then a vector field is defined in  $D$ . **Example:** The *velocity* of particles in a fluid,  $\underline{v} = \underline{v}(x,y,z) = v_x\underline{i}+v_y\underline{j}+v_z\underline{k}$ , where  $v_\alpha = v_\alpha(x,y,z)$  and  $\alpha = x,y,z$ . We shall see that *scalar* fields give rise to *vector* fields and **vice-versa**.

### 1.4: The Directional Derivative

Let  $f(x,y,z)$  be a *scalar* field in some **domain**  $D$ . In the diagram,  $\underline{r} = x\underline{i}+y\underline{j}+z\underline{k}$ , and  $\hat{s} =$  the unit vector in *direction*  $PP'$ . Let  $\overrightarrow{PP'} = (\Delta s)\hat{s}$ . The *directional derivative*,  $\frac{dF}{ds}$ , of  $F(x,y,z)$  in the *direction* of  $\hat{s}$ , is defined by  $\frac{dF}{ds} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} (\frac{\Delta F}{\Delta s})$  (---(1)), where  $\Delta F = F(P')-F(P)$  (---(2)), and  $\Delta S = PP'$  (---(3)).



Now  $\hat{s} = \cos(\alpha)\underline{i}+\cos(\beta)\underline{j}+\cos(\gamma)\underline{k}$  (---(4)), where  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the *angles* between the **direction** of  $\hat{s}$  and the *directions* of  $\underline{i}, \underline{j}$  and  $\underline{k}$  respectively. Then  $\underline{r}' = \underline{r}+(\Delta s)\hat{s} \Rightarrow (x', y', z') = (x,y,z)+(\Delta s)(\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma) = (x+(\Delta s)\cos\alpha, y+(\Delta s)\cos\beta, z+(\Delta s)\cos\gamma)$  (---(5)). And therefore  $\Delta F = (2) = F(x+(\Delta s)\cos\alpha, y+(\Delta s)\cos\beta, z+(\Delta s)\cos\gamma)$  (---(6)).

Now, if  $F$  satisfies the conditions for a total differential, i.e.  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}$  are all continuous, then it can be shown that  $\Delta F = (\frac{\partial F}{\partial x})(\Delta s)\cos\alpha+(\frac{\partial F}{\partial y})(\Delta s)\cos\beta + (\frac{\partial F}{\partial z})(\Delta s)\cos\gamma + \epsilon_1(\Delta s)\cos\alpha+\epsilon_2(\Delta s)\cos\beta+\epsilon_3(\Delta s)\cos\gamma$  (---(7)), where  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2$  and  $\epsilon_3 \rightarrow 0$  as  $\Delta S \rightarrow 0$ . Further, (7)  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\cos\alpha+\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\cos\beta+\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\cos\gamma+\epsilon_1\cos\alpha+\epsilon_2\cos\beta+\epsilon_3\cos\gamma \Rightarrow \frac{dF}{ds} = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta s} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}\cos\alpha+\frac{\partial F}{\partial y}\cos\beta+\frac{\partial F}{\partial z}\cos\gamma$  (---(8)), where  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the *direction cosines* of the chosen direction. [Note: (8) may be rewritten as  $(\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial z}) \cdot (\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma)$ ].

### Assignment 1: Set 11/2; In 25/2; Back 9/3

Q: Find the **length** of the *curve*  $\underline{r} = (3\cos(t))\underline{i}+(3\sin(t))\underline{j}+2t^{3/2}\underline{k}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ . A: If  $\underline{r}(t) = f(t)\underline{i}+g(t)\underline{j}+h(t)\underline{k}$  for  $a \leq t \leq b$ , then the *length* of the smooth curve traced from  $a$  to  $b$  is  $L = \int_a^b \sqrt{[(\frac{df}{dt})^2+(\frac{dg}{dt})^2+(\frac{dh}{dt})^2]}dt$ . So in this *example*,  $L = \int_0^3 \sqrt{[(\frac{d}{dt}(3\cos(t)))^2+(\frac{d}{dt}(3\sin(t)))^2+(\frac{d}{dt}(2t^{3/2}))^2]}dt = \int_0^3 \sqrt{[(-3\sin t)^2+(3\cos t)^2+(3t^{1/2})^2]}dt = \int_0^3 \sqrt{[9\sin^2 t+9\cos^2 t+9t]}dt = 3\int_0^3 \sqrt{(\sin^2 t+\cos^2 t+t)}dt = 3\int_0^3 \sqrt{(1+t)}dt = 3[\frac{2}{3}(1+t)^{3/2}]_0^3 = \dots = 14$  units.

Q: Find the *unit tangent*  $\underline{T}$ , the *unit principal normal*  $\underline{N}$ , the *unit binormal*  $\underline{B}$ , the *curvature*  $\kappa$  and the *torsion*  $\tau$  at the given value of  $t$ :  $\underline{r} = (3\cosh(2t))\underline{i}+(3\sinh(2t))\underline{j}+6t\underline{k}$ ;  $t = \ln 2$ . A: To find  $\underline{T}$ , we shall use  $\underline{T} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{ds} = (\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt}) \times (\frac{dt}{ds})$ . Now  $\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \underline{\dot{r}} = 6\sinh(2t)\underline{i}+6\cosh(2t)\underline{j}+6\underline{k}$ . And  $\frac{ds}{dt} = |\underline{\dot{r}}| = \sqrt{(36\sinh^2(2t)+36\cosh^2(2t)+36)} = 6\sqrt{(\sinh^2(2t)+\cosh^2(2t)+1)} = 6\sqrt{(1+2\sinh^2(2t)+1)}$  (as  $\cosh^2(2t)-\sinh^2(2t) = 1$ )  $= 6\sqrt{(2)}\sqrt{(1+\sinh^2(2t))} = 6\sqrt{(2)}\sqrt{(\cosh^2(2t))} = 6\sqrt{(2)}\cosh(2t)$ . So  $\underline{T} = (\frac{1}{6\sqrt{(2)}\cosh(2t)})[6\sinh(2t)\underline{i}+6\cosh(2t)\underline{j}+6\underline{k}] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2)}}[\tanh(2t)\underline{i}+\underline{j}+\text{sech}(2t)\underline{k}]$ .

To get  $\mathbf{T}$  when  $t = \ln(2)$ , all we need to *calculate* is  $\sinh(2t)$  and  $\cosh(2t)$  for when  $t = \ln(2)$ . Now  $\sinh(2t) = e^{2t} - e^{-2t}/2$ . When  $t = \ln 2$ ,  $\sinh(2t) = e^{2\ln 2} - e^{-2\ln 2}/2 = e^{\ln 4} - e^{-\ln 4}/2 = 4^{-(1/4)}/2 = 15/8$ . Similarly,  $\cosh(2t) = e^{2t} + e^{-2t}/2$ , and when  $t = \ln(2)$ ,  $\cosh(2t) = 4^{+(1/4)}/2 = 17/8$ . So when  $t = \ln(2)$ , substituting for  $\sinh(2t)$  and  $\cosh(2t)$ , we *obtain*  $\mathbf{T} = (1/\sqrt{2})(^{15/8}/_{17/8}\underline{i} + \underline{j} + ^{1/}_{17/8}\underline{k}) = (1/\sqrt{2})(^{15/17}\underline{i} + \underline{j} + ^{8/17}\underline{k})$ .

To get  $\kappa$  and  $\mathbf{N}$ , we will use  $d\mathbf{T}/ds = \kappa\mathbf{N}$ , or  $d\mathbf{T}/dt \times dt/ds = \kappa\mathbf{N}$ . Now  $d\mathbf{T}/dt = d/dt(^{1/\sqrt{2}})(\tanh(2t)\underline{i} + \underline{j} + \text{sech}(2t)\underline{k}) = (1/\sqrt{2})(2\text{sech}^2(2t)\underline{i} + 0\underline{j} - 2\text{sech}(2t)\tanh(2t)\underline{k}) = (\sqrt{2})(\text{sech}^2(2t)\underline{i} - \text{sech}(2t)\tanh(2t)\underline{k})$ . We already *know* that  $ds/dt = 6\sqrt{2}\cosh(2t)$ ; so  $(\sqrt{2})(\text{sech}^2(2t)\underline{i} - \text{sech}(2t)\tanh(2t)\underline{k})(1/6\sqrt{2}\cosh(2t)) = \kappa\mathbf{N}$ ; ...;  $(^{\text{sech}^2(2t)}/_6)(\text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k}) = \kappa\mathbf{N}$ .

Now  $\kappa = |d\mathbf{T}/dt \times dt/ds| = |d\mathbf{T}/ds| = \sqrt{[(^{\text{sech}^3(2t)}/_6)^2 + (^{-\text{sech}^2(2t)\tanh(2t)}/_6)^2]} = (1/6)\sqrt{[\text{sech}^6(2t) + \text{sech}^4(2t)\tanh^2(2t)]} = (1/6)\sqrt{(\text{sech}^4(2t)[\text{sech}^2(2t) + \tanh^2(2t)])} = (1/6)\sqrt{(\text{sech}^4(2t)[1])} = \text{sech}^2(2t)/6$ . When  $t = \ln(2)$ ,  $\kappa = ^{32}/_{867}$ . Now we get  $\mathbf{N}$  using  $\mathbf{N} = 1/\kappa d\mathbf{T}/ds = 6/\text{sech}^2(2t)[^{\text{sech}^2(2t)}/_6](\text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k}) = \text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k}$ . When  $t = \ln(2)$ ,  $\mathbf{N} = ^{8/17}\underline{i} - ^{15/17}\underline{k}$ .

We get  $\mathbf{B}$  using  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N}$ . It turns *out* that  $\mathbf{B} = (-1/\sqrt{2})(\tanh(2t)\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \text{sech}(2t)\underline{k})$ . When  $t = \ln 2$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = (-1/\sqrt{2})(^{15/17}\underline{i} - \underline{j} + ^{8/17}\underline{k})$ . Because of the *similarity* between  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , we can deduce that  $d\mathbf{B}/ds = (^{-\text{sech}^2(2t)}/_6)(\text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k})$ . (Because the  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{k}$  terms *involved* in the above only differ by sign in  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ ).

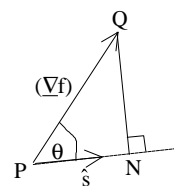
Now as  $d\mathbf{B}/ds = -\tau\mathbf{N}$ , and as we know *everything* apart from  $\tau$ , we can say that  $(^{-\text{sech}^2(2t)}/_6)(\text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k}) = -\tau(\text{sech}(2t)\underline{i} - \tanh(2t)\underline{k})$ ;  $(^{-\text{sech}^2(2t)}/_6) = -\tau$ . So  $\tau = \text{sech}^2(2t)/6$ . When  $t = \ln(2)$ ,  $\tau = (^{8/17})^2/6 = ^{32}/_{867}$ . Note that  $\kappa = \tau$ .

**Q:** Find the **gradient** and the **directional derivative** in the direction of  $2\underline{i} - \underline{j} - 2\underline{k}$  of the scalar field  $f = x^2yz + 4xz^2$  at the point  $(1, -2, 1)$ . **A:** The *direction* of  $\mathbf{A}$  is obtained by dividing  $\mathbf{A}$  by its length. So  $\underline{u} = \underline{A}/|\underline{A}| = 2\underline{i} - \underline{j} - 2\underline{k}/\sqrt{(2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2)} = 2\underline{i} - \underline{j} - 2\underline{k}/\sqrt{9} = ^{2/3}\underline{i} - ^{1/3}\underline{j} - ^{2/3}\underline{k}$ . The partial derivatives of  $f$  are as follows:  $\partial f/\partial x = 2xyz + 4z^2 = 2z(xy + 2z)$ ;  $\partial f/\partial y = x^2z$ ; and  $\partial f/\partial z = x^2y + 8xz = x(xy + 8z)$ .

Therefore, the *gradient* of  $f$  at a point  $(x, y, z)$  is given by  $\underline{\nabla}f = 2z(xy + 2z)\underline{i} + x^2z\underline{j} + x(xy + 8z)\underline{k}$ . At the point  $(1, -2, 1)$ , the **gradient** of  $f$  is given by  $\underline{\nabla}f = 2(1)(-2+2)\underline{i} + (1)^2(1)\underline{j} + (1)(-2+8)\underline{k} = 2(0)\underline{i} + \underline{j} + 6\underline{k} = \underline{j} + 6\underline{k}$ . The *directional derivative* of  $f$  at  $(1, -2, 1)$  in the direction of  $\underline{A}$  is therefore given by  $\underline{\nabla}f \cdot \underline{u} = (\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}) \cdot (^{2/3}\underline{i} - ^{1/3}\underline{j} - ^{2/3}\underline{k}) = (0 \times ^{2/3}) + (1 \times (-1/3)) + (6 \times (-2/3)) = 0 - ^{1/3} - ^{12/3} = -^{13/3}$ .

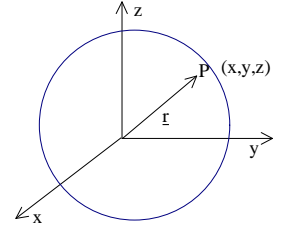
## 1.5: The Gradient Field

Let  $F(x, y, z)$  be a *scalar field* where the first **partial** derivatives of  $f$  exist in some **domain**  $D_0$ . The *gradient* of the scalar field  $f$ ,  $\text{grad } f$ , is defined by  $\text{grad } f = \partial f/\partial x \underline{i} + \partial f/\partial y \underline{j} + \partial f/\partial z \underline{k}$  (---(1)). **Notation:**  $\text{grad } f = \underline{\nabla}f$  ('del' or 'nabla'), where  $\underline{\nabla} = \underline{i}/\partial x + \underline{j}/\partial y + \underline{k}/\partial z$ . Now  $(\underline{\nabla}f)\hat{s} = \partial f/\partial x \cos\alpha + \partial f/\partial y \cos\beta + \partial f/\partial z \cos\gamma = df/ds$  (= the derivative of  $f$  in the *direction* of  $\hat{s}$ ). In the **diagram**,  $PN = (\underline{\nabla}f) \cdot \hat{s} = |\underline{\nabla}f| |\hat{s}| \cos\theta = |\underline{\nabla}f| \cos\theta = df/ds$ . So  $|\cos\theta| \leq 1 \Rightarrow |df/ds| \leq |\underline{\nabla}f| \Rightarrow |\underline{\nabla}f|$  is the *maximum* rate of change of  $f$  w.r.t. **different** directions.



## Properties of grad

(i)  $\text{grad}(f+g) = \text{grad}(f)+\text{grad}(g)$  (---(7)). (ii)  $\text{grad}(fg) = f\text{grad}(g)+g.\text{grad}(f)$  (---(8)). **Example:** If  $f(x,y,z) = x^2+y^2+z^2$ , then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 2x$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2y$  and  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 2z \Rightarrow \text{grad}(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\mathbf{k} = 2x\mathbf{i} + 2y\mathbf{j} + 2z\mathbf{k} = 2(x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbf{r}$ .

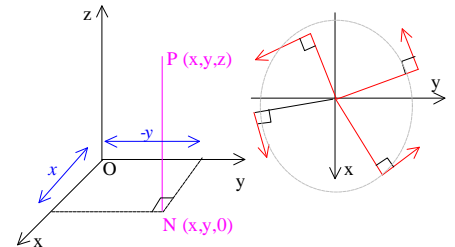


## 1.6: Divergence of a Vector Field

Let  $\underline{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$  be a *vector field* in some domain D. Consider the  $3 \times 3$  **matrix** shown on the right (---(1)). From (1), construct the *scalar field*  $\text{div}(\underline{v})$  ( $\text{div} = \text{divergence}$ ) by the *definition*  $\text{div}(\underline{v}) = (\partial v_x / \partial x) + (\partial v_y / \partial y) + (\partial v_z / \partial z)$  (---(2))  $= \nabla \cdot \underline{v} = (\partial / \partial x, \partial / \partial y, \partial / \partial z) \cdot (v_x, v_y, v_z)$ . The *divergence* produces a **scalar** field from a **vector** field. **Example:** If  $\underline{v} = \mathbf{r} = (x,y,z)$ , then  $\text{div}(\underline{v}) = (2) = \partial / \partial x(x) + \partial / \partial y(y) + \partial / \partial z(z) = 1+1+1 = 3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:** Let  $\underline{v} = (-y, x, 0)$ . Here,  $\text{div}(\underline{v}) = \partial / \partial x(-y) + \partial / \partial y(x) + \partial / \partial z(0) = 0+0+0 = 0$ . Now let  $\underline{v} = (3x^2, \sin z, \cos y)$ . It follows that  $\text{div}(\underline{v}) = 6x+0+0 = 6x$ . **Properties of Divergence:**  $\text{div}(\underline{u}+\underline{v}) = \text{div}(\underline{u})+\text{div}(\underline{v})$  (---(3));  $\text{div}(f\underline{u}) = f\text{div}(\underline{u})+(\text{grad } f) \cdot \underline{u}$  (---(4)).



**Proof** of (4): If  $\underline{u} = u_x\mathbf{i} + u_y\mathbf{j} + u_z\mathbf{k}$ , then  $f\underline{u} = (fu_x)\mathbf{i} + (fu_y)\mathbf{j} + (fu_z)\mathbf{k}$ , and so  $\text{div}(f\underline{u}) = \partial / \partial x(fu_x) + \partial / \partial y(fu_y) + \partial / \partial z(fu_z) = (\text{product rule}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}u_x + f(\partial u_x / \partial x) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}u_y + f(\partial u_y / \partial y) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}u_z + f(\partial u_z / \partial z) = f.\text{div}(\underline{u}) + (\text{grad } f) \cdot \underline{u}$ .

## The Curl of a Vector Field

The *curl* of a vector field is *defined* as follows:  $\text{curl}(\underline{v}) = (\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z})\mathbf{i} + (\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x})\mathbf{j} + (\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y})\mathbf{k} = \text{the determinant shown in yellow}$  (---(1))  $= \nabla \times \underline{v}$ . **Example:** If  $\underline{v} = \mathbf{r} = (x,y,z)$ , then  $\text{curl}(\underline{v}) = \nabla \times \underline{v} =$  the same as the determinant shown, but with bottom row  $x, y, 0$ , giving  $\text{curl}(\underline{v}) = (\partial / \partial y(z) - \partial / \partial z(y))\mathbf{i} - (\partial / \partial x(z) - \partial / \partial z(x))\mathbf{j} + (\partial / \partial x(y) - \partial / \partial y(x))\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$ . **Example:** If  $\underline{v} = \mathbf{r} = (-y,x,0)$ , then  $\text{curl}(\underline{v}) = \mathbf{i}(0-0) - \mathbf{j}(0-0) + \mathbf{k}(1-(-1)) = 2\mathbf{k}$ . **Properties of curl:**  $\text{curl}(\underline{u}+\underline{v}) = \text{curl}(\underline{u})+\text{curl}(\underline{v})$  (---(2));  $\text{curl}(f\underline{u}) = f\text{curl}(\underline{u}) + (\text{grad } f) \times \underline{u}$  (---(3)).

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \partial / \partial x & \partial / \partial y & \partial / \partial z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix}$$

## 1.8: Combinations of grad, div and curl

**Linearity** of operators: equations (1.5.7), (1.6.3) and (1.7.2) say that  $\text{grad}(f+g) = \text{grad}(f)+\text{grad}(g)$ ;  $\text{div}(\underline{u}+\underline{v}) = \text{div}(\underline{u})+\text{div}(\underline{v})$ ; and  $\text{curl}(\underline{u}+\underline{v}) = \text{curl}(\underline{u})+\text{curl}(\underline{v})$  (---(set 1)). These imply that an operation on a *sum* is the *sum of the operation* on the terms. If  $f = c$ , a constant, then (1.5.1)  $\Rightarrow \text{grad } f = \mathbf{0}$ . So (1.5.8), (1.6.4) and (1.7.3)  $\Rightarrow \text{grad}(cg) = c\text{grad}(g)$ ;  $\text{div}(c\underline{u}) = c\text{div}(\underline{u})$ ; and  $\text{curl}(c\underline{u}) = c\text{curl}(\underline{u})$  (---(set 2)). (1) & (2)  $\Rightarrow \text{grad, div, curl are linear operators}$ .

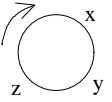
## Curl of a Gradient

Let  $f$  be any *differentiable* scalar field, then  $\text{curl}(\text{grad } f) =$  the determinant shown in **green**  $= \mathbf{i}(\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) + (\dots)\mathbf{j} + (\dots)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial z} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z \partial y}) + (\dots)\mathbf{j} + (\dots)\mathbf{k} = 0 + 0 + 0 = \mathbf{0}$ . (**Note:**  $\text{curl}(\text{grad } f) = \nabla \times \nabla(f) = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $\nabla \times \nabla$  is where the 0 comes from). **Converse:** under *additional assumptions*,  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{v} = \text{grad}(f)$  for some *scalar* field  $f$ .

$\mathbf{i}$	$\mathbf{j}$	$\mathbf{k}$
$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial z}$
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$	$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$

## Divergence of a Curl

$\text{div}(\text{curl } \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}[\frac{\partial v_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_y}{\partial z}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}[\frac{\partial v_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial v_z}{\partial x}] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}[\frac{\partial v_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_x}{\partial y}] = 0$ , since the order of differentiation may be *reversed* if the **second** order partial derivatives exist and are continuous. (The **coloured** elements cancel out). Remember the *cyclic permutations* as shown. Note:  $\text{div}(\text{curl } \mathbf{v}) = \nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{v}) = 0$ . (Scalar *triple product*; two terms **identical**  $\Rightarrow 0$ ). **Converse:** under *additional assumptions*,  $\text{div}(\mathbf{u}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{u} = \text{curl}(\mathbf{v})$  for some  $\mathbf{v}$ . ( $\mathbf{u}$  is *solenoidal*).

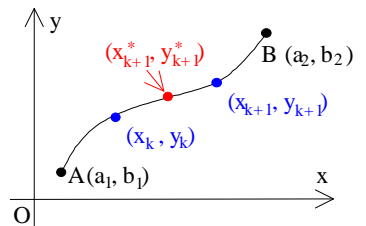


**Divergence of a vector product:**  $\text{div}(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} \cdot \text{curl}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{u} \cdot \text{curl}(\mathbf{v})$ . **Divergence of a gradient:**  $\text{div}(\text{grad } f) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}) = (\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2})f = \nabla \cdot \nabla f = \nabla^2 f$ , where  $(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2})$  is the *Laplacian operator*. **Curl of a curl:**  $\text{curl}(\text{curl } \mathbf{u}) = \text{grad}(\text{div } \mathbf{u}) - ((\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_x)\mathbf{i} + (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_y)\mathbf{j} + (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_z)\mathbf{k})$ . If one defines the *action* of the Laplacian operator on a **vector**  $\mathbf{u}$  by  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_x)\mathbf{i} + (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_y)\mathbf{j} + (\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_z)\mathbf{k}$ , then **curl(curl  $\mathbf{u}$ ) = grad(div  $\mathbf{u}$ ) -  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$** .

## Section 2: Vector Integral Calculus

### 2.1: Line Integrals in Space

**2-dimensional:** Let  $C$  be a curve in the  $x$ - $y$  plane connecting  $A(a_1, b_1)$  to  $B(a_2, b_2)$ . Let  $P(x, y)$  and  $Q(x, y)$  be single-valued *functions* defined at all points of  $C$ . Subdivide  $C$  into  $n$  parts by choosing  $n-1$  points on it:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$ . Let  $\Delta x_k = x_k - x_{k-1}$ , and let  $\Delta y_k = y_k - y_{k-1}$ . ( $k = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $(a_1, b_1) = (x_0, y_0)$ , and  $(a_2, b_2) = (x_n, y_n)$ ).

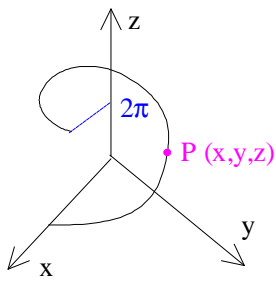
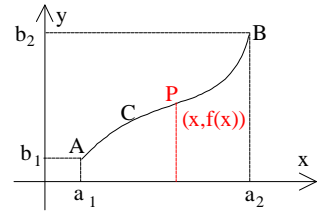


Choose *points*  $(x_{k+1}^*, y_{k+1}^*)$  *between*  $(x_k, y_k)$  and  $(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$ . ( $k = 0, \dots, n$ ). Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n P(x_k^*, y_k^*)\Delta x_k + Q(x_k^*, y_k^*)\Delta y_k$  (with  $\max\{\Delta x_k, \Delta y_k\} \rightarrow 0$ )  $= \int_C P(x, y)dx + Q(x, y)dy$  (---(1)), and is called a *line integral along C*. **Sufficient** condition for the existence of (1):  $P$  and  $Q$  are **continuous** at all points of  $C$ . The *value* of (1) depends in **general** on  $P, Q, C, A$  and  $B$ .

**3-dimensional.** Equation (1) easily generalises to *3-dimensions*:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \{A_1(x_k^*, y_k^*, z_k^*)\Delta x_k + A_2(x_k^*, y_k^*, z_k^*)\Delta y_k + A_3(x_k^*, y_k^*, z_k^*)\Delta z_k\}$  (with  $\max\{\Delta x_k, \Delta y_k, \Delta z_k\} \rightarrow 0$ )  $= \int_C A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz$  (---(2)). **Vector notation:** If  $\mathbf{A} = A_1\mathbf{i} + A_2\mathbf{j} + A_3\mathbf{k}$ , and if  $d\mathbf{r} = (dx)\mathbf{i} + (dy)\mathbf{j} + (dz)\mathbf{k}$ , then  $\int_C A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz = \int_C (A_1\mathbf{i} + A_2\mathbf{j} + A_3\mathbf{k}) \cdot ((dx)\mathbf{i} + (dy)\mathbf{j} + (dz)\mathbf{k}) = \int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  (---(3)).

## Evaluation of Line Integrals

**2-dimensional.** If  $C$  is given by  $y = f(x)$ , then  $dy = f'(x)dx$ . So (1)  $\Rightarrow \int_{a_1}^{a_2} P(x, f(x))dx + Q(x, f(x))f'(x)dx = \int_{a_1}^{a_2} [P(x, f(x)) + Q(x, f(x))f'(x)]dx$  (---(4)). Similarly, if  $C$  is given by  $x = g(y)$ , then  $dx = g'(y)dy$ , so (1)  $\Rightarrow \int_{b_1}^{b_2} [P(g(y), y)g'(y) + Q(g(y), y)]dy$  (---(5)). Also, if  $C$  is given parametrically by  $x = \phi(t)$  and  $y = \psi(t)$  (so that  $dx = \phi'(t)dt$  and  $dy = \psi'(t)dt$ ), then (1)  $\Rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [P(\phi(t), \psi(t))\phi'(t) + Q(\phi(t), \psi(t))\psi'(t)]dt$  (---(6)), where  $(a_i, b_i) = (\phi(t_i), \psi(t_i))$ , and  $i = 1, 2$ .

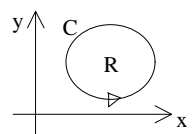


**3-dimensional:** obvious generalisation of the above. **Example:** Evaluate  $I = \int_C^{(1,0,2\pi)}_{(1,0,0)} zdx + xdy + ydz$ , where  $C$  is  $x = \cos(t)$ ,  $y = \sin(t)$  and  $z = t$  (for  $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ ). So  $I = \int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} t(-\sin t)dt + \cos t(\cos t)dt + \sin t dt = \int_{t=0}^{t=2\pi} [\sin t(1-t) + \cos^2 t]dt = \dots = 3\pi$ .

**Properties of Line Integrals.** (i)  $\int_C Pdx + Qdy = \int_C Pdx + \int_C Qdy$  (---(7)). (ii)  $\int_C^{(a_2, b_2)}_{(a_1, b_1)} Pdx + Qdy = -\int_C^{(a_1, b_1)}_{(a_2, b_2)} Pdx + Qdy$  (---(8)). (iii)  $\int_C^{(a_2, b_2)}_{(a_1, b_1)} Pdx + Qdy = \int_C^{(a_3, b_3)}_{(a_1, b_1)} Pdx + Qdy + \int_C^{(a_2, b_2)}_{(a_3, b_3)} Pdx + Qdy$  (---(9)), where  $(a_3, b_3)$  is some other point on  $C$ . Similarly for **3-dimensional** line integrals.

## Green's Theorem in the Plane

Let  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  be single valued and continuous in a simply connected region  $R$  bounded by a simple closed curve  $C$ . Then  $\oint_C Pdx + Qdy = \iint_R (\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y})dxdy$  (---(10)). **Note:** the loop in the integral goes anticlockwise. **Simple closed curve:** a closed non-intersecting curve.



## Tutorial

**Q:** If  $\underline{a}$  is a constant vector and we are given the scalar and vector fields respectively:  $f(\underline{r}) = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{r}$ ;  $\underline{v}(\underline{r}) = \underline{a} \times \underline{r}$ , show that (i)  $\underline{\nabla}f = \underline{a}$ ; (ii)  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$ ; (iii)  $\underline{\nabla}^2 f = 0$ ; (iv)  $\underline{\nabla}^2 (f^2) = 2\underline{a} \cdot \underline{a}$ ; and (v)  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot (f\underline{v}) = 0$ . Find  $\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v}$ , and verify that  $\underline{\nabla} \times (f\underline{v}) = f\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v} + (\underline{\nabla}f) \times \underline{v}$ . **A:** These vector operations are independent of the choice of the co-ordinate axes. We can **therefore**, w.l.o.g., take  $\underline{a} = (0, 0, a)$ .

(i)  $f(\underline{r}) = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{r} = (0, 0, a) \cdot (x, y, z) = 0 + 0 + ax = az$ . So  $\underline{\nabla}f = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(az)\underline{i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(az)\underline{j} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(az)\underline{k} = 0\underline{i} + 0\underline{j} + a\underline{k} = (0, 0, a) = \underline{a}$ . (ii)  $\underline{v}(\underline{r}) = [0\underline{i} \ j0_y \ k a_z] = -ay\underline{i} + ax\underline{j} + 0\underline{k} = (-ay, ax, 0)$ . So  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{v} = (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}) \cdot (-ay, ax, 0) = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$ . (iii)  $\underline{\nabla}^2 f = \underline{\nabla}(\underline{\nabla}f) = \underline{\nabla}(0, 0, a) = (0, 0, 0) = \underline{0}$ . (iv)  $f^2 = (0, 0, a^2z^2)$ , and  $\underline{\nabla}f^2 = (0, 0, 2a^2z)$ ; so  $\underline{\nabla}^2 f^2 = (0, 0, 2a^2) = 2(0, 0, a^2) = 2(0, 0, a) \cdot (0, 0, a) = 2\underline{a} \cdot \underline{a}$ . (v)  $f\underline{v} = (-a^2zy, a^2xz, 0)$ , so  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot (f\underline{v}) = 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$ .

Now  $\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v} = [\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \ \frac{\partial}{\partial z}] \times [0 \ 0 \ a] = [0+0]\underline{i} - [0+0]\underline{j} + [a+a]\underline{k} = (0, 0, 2a)$ . So  $\underline{\nabla} \times (f\underline{v}) = [\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \ \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \ \frac{\partial}{\partial z}] \times [-a^2zx \ -a^2yz \ 0] = [0 - a^2x]\underline{i} - [0 + a^2y]\underline{j} + [a^2z + a^2z]\underline{k} = -a^2x\underline{i} - a^2y\underline{j} + 2a^2z\underline{k}$ . **Now**  $f\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v} = [az(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}) \ -ay \ (\frac{\partial}{\partial y}) \ ax \ (\frac{\partial}{\partial z})] \times [0 - a^2x \ -a^2yz \ 0] = [0-0]\underline{i} - [0-0]\underline{j} + [a^2z + a^2z]\underline{k} = 2a^2z\underline{k}$ . And  $(\underline{\nabla}f) \times \underline{v} = [0 \ -ay \ a] \times [0 \ 0 \ a] = [0 - a^2x]\underline{i} - [0 + a^2y]\underline{j} + 0\underline{k} = -a^2x\underline{i} - a^2y\underline{j} + 0\underline{k}$ . So  $f\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v} + (\underline{\nabla}f) \times \underline{v} = -a^2x\underline{i} - a^2y\underline{j} + 2a^2z\underline{k} = \underline{\nabla} \times (f\underline{v})$ .

## Examples 2

**Q:** Find the *length* of the curve  $\mathbf{r} = (2\cos(t))\mathbf{i} + (2\sin(t))\mathbf{j} + t^2\mathbf{k}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \pi/4$ . **A:**  $L = \int_{t=0}^{t=\pi/4} \sqrt{(-2\sin(t))^2 + (2\cos(t))^2 + (2t)^2} dt = 2 \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1+t^2} dt$ . Consider  $I = \int \sqrt{1+t^2} dt$ . Let  $t = \tan\theta$ , so that  $dt = \sec^2\theta d\theta$ . Therefore,  $I = \int \sec\theta \sec^2\theta d\theta = \int \sec\theta d(\tan\theta) =$  (by parts)  $= \sec\theta \tan\theta - \int \tan\theta d(\sec\theta) = \sec\theta \tan\theta - \int \tan\theta \sec\theta \tan\theta d\theta = \sec\theta \tan\theta - \int \sec\theta (\sec^2\theta - 1) d\theta$ .

**Therefore,**  $I = \sec\theta \tan\theta - \int \sec^3\theta d\theta + \int \sec\theta d\theta$ . Because  $\int \sec^3\theta d\theta = I$ , it follows that  $2I = \sec\theta \tan\theta + \int \sec\theta d\theta$ . Now because  $\int \sec\theta d\theta = \ln|\sec\theta + \tan\theta|$ , then  $2I = \sec\theta \tan\theta + \ln|\sec\theta + \tan\theta|$ , and so  $L = 2I = [\sqrt{1+t^2}t + \ln|\sqrt{1+t^2}+t|]_{t=0}^{t=\pi/4} = \pi/4 \sqrt{1+(\pi/4)^2} + \ln(\pi/4 + \sqrt{1+(\pi/4)^2})$ .

**Q:** Find the unit *tangent*  $\mathbf{T}$ , the unit *principal normal*  $\mathbf{N}$ , the unit *binormal*  $\mathbf{B}$ , the *curvature*  $\kappa$ , and the *torsion*  $\tau$  at the given value of  $t$ :  $\mathbf{r} = t\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2t}\mathbf{j}$  for  $t = \ln 2$ . **A:**  $\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{i} + e^{2t}\mathbf{j}$ , and  $\dot{s} = |\dot{\mathbf{r}}| = \sqrt{1+e^{4t}}$ . So  $\mathbf{T} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}/\dot{s} = \{1/\sqrt{1+e^{4t}}\}[\mathbf{i} + e^{2t}\mathbf{j}]$ . Now  $\kappa\mathbf{N} = d\mathbf{T}/ds = (d\mathbf{T}/dt)/\dot{s} = \{1/\sqrt{1+e^{4t}}\}[\mathbf{i}\{(-1/2)(1+e^{4t})^{-3/2}(4e^{4t})\} + \mathbf{j}\{(-1/2)(1+e^{4t})^{-3/2}(-4e^{4t})\}]$ . (As  $e^{2t}/\sqrt{1+e^{4t}} = 1/\sqrt{e^{-4t}+1}$ ).

The above *implies* that  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  lie in the x-y plane for all t. Therefore,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{N} = \mathbf{k}$  for all t, so  $\tau = 0$ . At  $t = \ln(2)$ ,  $e^{2t} = e^{2\ln(2)} = e^{\ln(4)} = 4$ . Therefore,  $\mathbf{T}(0) = 1/\sqrt{17}(\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})$ ;  $\kappa\mathbf{N} =$  (after substitution)  $= 8/17\sqrt{17}\{-4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}/\sqrt{17}\}$ , which *implies* that  $\kappa = 8/17\sqrt{17}$  and  $\mathbf{N} = -4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}/\sqrt{17}$ .

## Assignment 2: Set 25/2; In 10/3; Back 29/3

**Q:** If  $\mathbf{a}$  denotes a constant vector, show that (i)  $\text{div}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = 0$ ; (ii)  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = 2\mathbf{a}$ ; (iii) provided  $r \neq 0$ ,  $\text{div}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = 0$ ; and (iv)  $\text{curl}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = (2/r^4)(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{r})\mathbf{r}$ . **A:** Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be the vector parallel to the z-axis, so that  $\mathbf{a} = (0,0,a)$ . Let  $\mathbf{r}$  be any point in space,  $\mathbf{r} = (x,y,z)$ . Then (i)  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r} =$  (using the **matrix** method)  $= -ay\mathbf{i} + ax\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$ .

So  $\text{div}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = (\partial/\partial x, \partial/\partial y, \partial/\partial z) \cdot (-ay, ax, 0) = \partial/\partial x(-ay) + \partial/\partial y(ax) + \partial/\partial z(0) = 0$ . QED. (ii) Now  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = \nabla \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) =$  (using the *matrix* method)  $= [0-0]\mathbf{i} - [0-0]\mathbf{j} + [a-a]\mathbf{k} = 0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + 2a\mathbf{k} = 2(0\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + a\mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbf{a}$ . QED. (iii) Using a **property**, we can say that  $\text{div}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = 1/r^2 \text{div}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) + (\text{grad}^{1/r^2}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})$ . We know from (i) that  $\text{div}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = 0$ , so we have  $\text{div}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = (\text{grad}^{1/r^2}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})$ .

We now need to **find**  $\text{grad}^{1/r^2}$ . As  $r = |\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$ , then  $r^2 = x^2+y^2+z^2$ , and so  $1/r^2 = (x^2+y^2+z^2)^{-1}$ . Therefore,  $\text{grad}^{1/r^2} = \partial/\partial x(1/r^2)\mathbf{i} + \partial/\partial y(1/r^2)\mathbf{j} + \partial/\partial z(1/r^2)\mathbf{k} = -1/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 \cdot 2x\mathbf{i} - 1/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 \cdot 2y\mathbf{j} - 1/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 \cdot 2z\mathbf{k} = -2/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 [x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}]$ . So  $\text{div}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = (\text{grad}^{1/r^2}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = -2/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 [x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}] \cdot (-ay\mathbf{i} + ax\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}) = -2/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 [-xay + yax + z(0)] = -2/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 [axy - axy] = 0$ . QED.

(iv) Using the *property*  $\text{curl}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = 1/r^2 \text{curl}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) + (\text{grad}^{1/r^2}) \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})$ , and (from (i)):  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = 2\mathbf{a} = 2(0,0,a)$ , and (from (iii)):  $\text{grad}^{1/r^2} = -2/(x^2+y^2+z^2)^2 [x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}] = -(2/r^4)(x,y,z)$ , we have  $\text{curl}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = 1/r^2 [2(0,0,a)] - [(2/r^4)(x,y,z)] \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = 2/r^2 (0,0,a) - ((2/r^4)(x,y,z)) \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})$ . We calculate the *second* term by **matrix** to get  $((2/r^4)(x,y,z)) \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) = -(2a/r^4)[xz\mathbf{i} + yz\mathbf{j} - (x^2+y^2)\mathbf{k}]$ . Therefore,  $\text{curl}[1/r^2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r})] = 2/r^2 (0,0,a) - (-2a/r^4)(xz,yz,-x^2-y^2) = \dots = (2az/r^4)(x,y,z)$ . To see if this equals  $(2/r^4)(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{r})\mathbf{r}$ , let us evaluate  $(2/r^4)(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{r})\mathbf{r} = (2/r^4)[(0,0,a) \cdot (x,y,z)](x,y,z) = (2/r^4)[0+0+az](x,y,z) = (2az/r^4)(x,y,z)$ . QED.

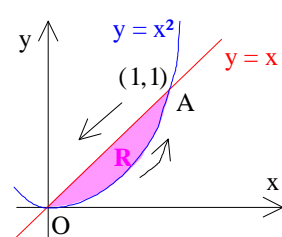
Q: Show that  $\underline{F} = (y^2\cos(x)+z^3)\underline{i}+(2y\sin(x)-4)\underline{j}+(3xz^2+2)\underline{k}$  is a conservative force field. (a) Find a scalar potential function for  $\underline{F}$ . (b) Show that the work done in moving an **object** in this field from  $(0,1,-1)$  to  $(\pi/2,-1,2)$  is  $15+4\pi$ . A: To show that it is conservative, simply **show** that  $\text{curl}\underline{F} \equiv \underline{0}$ , where  $\text{curl}\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{v} =$  the matrix shown, which *turns* out to be vectorially **zero**. Therefore,  $\underline{F}$  is a conservative force.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ y^2 \cos(x) + z^3 & 2y \sin(x) - 4 & 3xz^2 + 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(a) The **above** implies that  $\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$  for some scalar field  $W$ . So  $(y^2\cos(x)+z^3)\underline{i} + (2y\sin(x)-4)\underline{j} + (3xz^2+2)\underline{k} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x}\underline{i} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y}\underline{j} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}\underline{k}$ . As  $\underline{i}$ ,  $\underline{j}$  &  $\underline{k}$  are linearly independent, we can say that  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = y^2\cos(x)+z^3$ ;  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial y} = 2y\sin(x)-4$ ; and  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 3xz^2+2$ . These *imply* that  $W = \int(y^2\cos(x)+z^3)dx = \int(2y\sin(x)-4)dy = \int(3xz^2+2)dz$ . So  $W = y^2\sin(x)+z^3x + f(y,z) = y^2\sin(x)-4y+g(z,x) = xz^3+2z+h(x,y)$ , where  $f(y,z)$ ,  $g(z,x)$  and  $h(x,y)$  are additive “constants” which do not **depend** on  $x$ ,  $y$  or  $z$  respectively.

By *inspection*, we choose  $f(y,z) = 2z-4y$ ;  $g(z,x) = z^3x+2z$ ; and  $h(x,y) = y^2\sin(x)-4y$ , so that  $W = y^2\sin(x)+z^3x-4y+2z+c$ . (b) The work done is **given** by  $W(\pi/2,-1,2)-W(0,1,-1)$ . Now  $W(\pi/2,-1,2) = (-1)^2\sin(\pi/2)+(2)^3(\pi/2)-4(-1)+2(2) = \dots = 9+4\pi$ . Similarly,  $W(0,1,-1) = -6$ . So  $W(\pi/2,-1,2)-W(0,1,-1) = (9+4\pi)-(-6) = 15+4\pi$  units. QED.

Q: Verify *Green's Theorem* in the plane for  $\oint_C (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy$  (anticlockwise), where  $C$  is the **closed** curve of the region bounded by  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ . A: In this *question*,  $P = (xy+y^2)$ , and  $Q = x^2$ , so we need to **verify** the following:  $\oint_C (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy = \iint_R (2x-(x+2y))dxdy$ ;  $\oint_C (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy = \iint_R (x-2y)dxdy$ . The region involved is as *shown in the diagram on the right*.



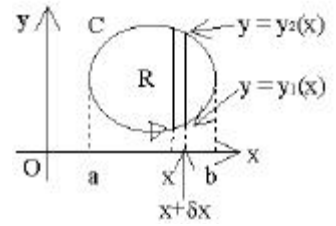
Let us first evaluate the L.H.S. The **counter-clockwise** integral can be split into 2 parts: from  $O$  to  $A$ , and then from  $A$  to  $O$ . So  $\oint_C = \oint_{OA} + \oint_{AO} =$  (where the **first** part is along  $y = x^2$ , so  $Dy = 2xdx$ ; and the **second** part is along  $y = x$ , so  $Dy = 1dx$ )  $= \oint_{OA} (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy + \oint_{AO} (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \oint_C &= \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy \text{ (with } y = x^2) + \int_{y=1}^{y=0} (xy+y^2)dx+x^2dy \text{ (with } y = x) = \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (xx^2+(x^2)^2)dx+x^2 \cdot 2xdx \\ &+ \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (xx+(x)^2)dx+x^2 \cdot 1dx = \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (x^3+x^4)dx+2x^3dx + \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (x^2+x^2)dx+x^2dx \\ &= \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (3x^3+x^4)dx+\int_{y=0}^{y=1} 3x^2dx = \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (3x^3+x^4)dx-\int_{y=0}^{y=1} 3x^2dx = \int_{y=0}^{y=1} (3x^3+x^4-3x^2)dx = \dots = -1/20. \end{aligned}$$

Now let us evaluate the **RHS**,  $\iint_R (x-2y)dxdy$ . Looking at the diagram,  $x$  goes from  $0$  to  $1$  while  $y$  goes from  $x^2$  to  $x$  over our *region R*. **Alternatively**,  $y$  goes from  $0$  to  $1$ , while  $x$  goes from  $y$  to  $\sqrt{y}$ . So  $\iint_R (x-2y)dxdy = \int_0^1 \int_y^{\sqrt{y}} (x-2y)dxdy = \int_0^1 [x^2/2-2yx]_y^{\sqrt{y}} dy = \int_0^1 [y^2/2-2y^{3/2}-(y^2/2-2y^2)]dy = \int_0^1 3y^2/2-2y^{3/2}+y/2dy = \dots = -1/20$ . QED.

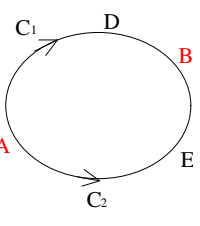
## Proof of Green's Theorem

Consider  $\iint_R \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dx dy = \int_{x=a}^{x=b} [\int_{y=y_1(x)}^{y=y_2(x)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} dy] dx = \int_{x=a}^{x=b} [P(x,y_2) - P(x,y_1)] dx = -\int_{x=a}^{x=b} P(x,y_1) dx = -\oint_C P dx$  (---(11)). (Anti clockwise loop in integral)  
 Similarly,  $\iint_R \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} dx dy = \oint_C Q dy$  (---(12)). (Anti clockwise). Now (11) & (12)  $\Rightarrow \oint_C P dx + Q dy = \iint_R (\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}) dx dy$ .



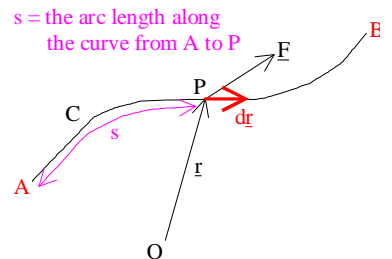
If P and Q have *continuous partial derivatives* in a simply connected region R, then a **necessary and sufficient** condition for  $\int_C P dx + Q dy$  (---(13)) to be *independent* of the path C joining any two points in R is that in R,  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  (---(14)).

**Proof.** (i) Do  $\Rightarrow$ . If  $\int_C P dx + Q dy$  is *independent* of the path C from A to B, then  $\int_{c_1} = \int_{c_2} \Leftrightarrow \oint_{ADBEA} = 0$  (**clockwise**) = (from (9)) =  $\oint_{\#}$ , (**anticlockwise**), where # is the path  $c_2 c_1$  (AEB, BDA);  $\Leftrightarrow$  (10)  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$ , by Green's Theorem. (ii) Do  $\Leftarrow$ . If  $\oint_C P dx + Q dy = 0$  (anticlockwise) for any c, and if  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x} \neq \frac{\partial Q}{\partial y}$ , (a) suppose  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} > 0$  at some point  $(x_0, y_0)$  of R. By **continuity**, there exists a neighbourhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$ , where  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} > 0$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the boundary, then (10)  $\Rightarrow \oint_{\Gamma} (P dx + Q dy) > 0$ . (No!). (b) **Since**  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} < 0$ , then  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow$  **necessity**. **Note:**  $-(\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x})$  is the z-component of  $\text{curl}(\underline{v})$ , where  $\underline{v} = (P, Q, 0)$ .

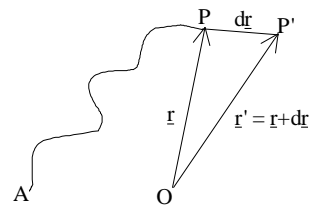


## 2.2. Work Done by a Force F moving along a Curve

Let  $\underline{F}$  be defined in a region D of space, and let the curve C joining A and B be in D. The work done by  $\underline{F}$  in the displacement  $d\underline{r}$  is given by  $dW = \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ . The total work done (W) when  $\underline{F}$  moves its point of application from A to B *along* C is  $W = \int_A^B \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ . In *general*, W depends on the path C as well as on the **end points** A and B. If, however, W *only* depends on A and B, then W is said to be **path independent**, and the force  $\underline{F}$  is said to be **conservative**.



Consider A, a fixed point. Then for a *conservative* force  $\underline{F}$ , the work done by  $\underline{F}$  in moving from A along *any path* to an arbitrary point P,  $W(P)$ , will only depend on the position of P.  $W(P)$  is then a **scalar field** defined in D. Consider a *neighbouring point* P' to P, where  $\overrightarrow{PP'} = d\underline{r}$ . The work done by  $\underline{F}$  in the *displacement*  $d\underline{r}$  is given by  $dW = \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r}$ . But  $dW = W(P') - W(P) = \underline{\nabla}(W) \cdot d\underline{r}$ , where  $\underline{\nabla}(W)$  is the *gradient* of the scalar field W.



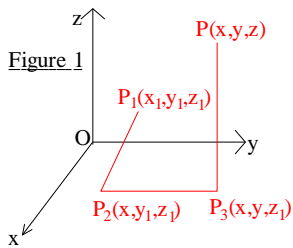
**Therefore**,  $\underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \underline{\nabla}(W) \cdot d\underline{r}$ , or  $(\underline{F} - \underline{\nabla}(W)) \cdot d\underline{r} = 0$ . But the  $d\underline{r}$  is *arbitrary*:  $\Rightarrow \underline{F} - \underline{\nabla}(W) = \underline{0}$ , or  $\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$ . W is called a *potential function* for the force  $\underline{F}$ . Conversely, if  $\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}W$ , then the work done by  $\underline{F}$  when its *point of application* moves along any path between points A and B **only** depends on the positions of A and B, *since*  $\int_A^B \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_A^B (\underline{\nabla}W) \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_A^B \frac{dW}{ds} ds = \int_A^B dW = W(B) - W(A)$ . So a force F is *conservative* iff  $\exists$  a potential function W such that  $\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$ .

**Convenient test for a conservative force.** We know that  $\text{curl}(\text{grad}(f)) \equiv \underline{0}$ , so if  $\underline{F}$  is conservative, then  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) = \text{curl}(\underline{\nabla}(W)) = \text{curl}(\text{grad}(W)) \equiv \underline{0}$ . So  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) \equiv \underline{0}$  is a *necessary* condition for  $\underline{F}$  to be conservative. Note: we can **also** show that  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) \equiv \underline{0}$  is a *sufficient* condition.

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### Proof of Sufficiency

Given  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) \equiv \underline{0}$ , we want to show that  $\underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$  holds for some scalar field  $W$ . Now  $\text{curl}\underline{F} \equiv \underline{0} \Rightarrow$  the determinant shown is  $\equiv \underline{0}$ , where  $\underline{F} = F_1\underline{i} + F_2\underline{j} + F_3\underline{k}$ . Therefore,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}F_3 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}F_2$ ;  $\frac{\partial}{\partial z}F_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}F_3$ ; and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}F_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}F_1$  (---(set A)).



The work done by  $\underline{F}$  in moving from  $P_1(x, y, z_1)$  to  $P(x, y, z)$  along any path  $C$  is  $\int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_C F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz$ . Now, let  $C$  be the particular path shown in Figure 1, which consists of straight line segments from  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to  $P_2(x, y_1, z_1)$  to  $P_3(x, y, z_1)$  to  $P(x, y, z)$ . Let  $W(x, y, z)$  denote the work done along this **particular** path, so that  $W = \int_{x_1}^x F_1(x_1, y_1, z_1) dx + \int_{y_1}^y F_2(x, y_1, z_1) dy + \int_{z_1}^z F_3(x, y, z) dz$ .

It follows that  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = F_3(x, y, z)$ ;  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial y} = F_2(x, y, z_1) + \int_{z_1}^z (\frac{\partial}{\partial y}F_3)(x, y, z) dz = \text{(A)} = F_2(x, y, z_1) + \int_{z_1}^z (\frac{\partial}{\partial z}F_2)(x, y, z) dz = F_2(x, y, z_1) + [F_2(x, y, z)]_{z_1}^z = F_2(x, y, z_1) + F_2(x, y, z) - F_2(x, y, z_1) = F_2(x, y, z)$ ; and  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = F_1(x, y_1, z_1) + \int_{y_1}^y (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}F_2)(x, y, z_1) dy + \int_{z_1}^z (\frac{\partial}{\partial x}F_3)(x, y, z) dz = \text{(A)} = F_1(x, y_1, z_1) + \int_{y_1}^y (\frac{\partial}{\partial y}F_1)(x, y, z_1) dy + \int_{z_1}^z (\frac{\partial}{\partial z}F_1)(x, y, z) dz = F_1(x, y_1, z_1) + [F_1(x, y, z_1)]_{y_1}^y + [F_1(x, y, z)]_{z_1}^z = F_1(x, y_1, z_1) + F_1(x, y, z_1) - F_1(x, y_1, z_1) + F_1(x, y, z) - F_1(x, y, z_1) = F_1(x, y, z)$ .

So  $\underline{F} = F_1\underline{i} + F_2\underline{j} + F_3\underline{k} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x}\underline{i} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y}\underline{j} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}\underline{k} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$ , which proves *sufficiency*. So, a **necessary** and **sufficient** condition for a force  $\underline{F}$  to be conservative is  $\text{curl}(\underline{F}) \equiv \underline{0}$ .

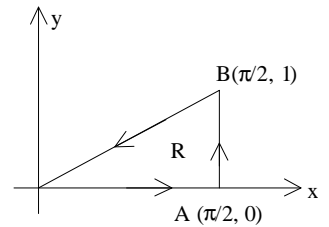
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### Examples

Q: Show that  $\underline{F} = (2xy+z^3)\underline{i} + x^2\underline{j} + 3xz^2\underline{k}$  (---(1)) is *conservative*. (b) Find the scalar potential function. (c) Find the **work** done along a path joining (1,-2,1) to (3,1,4). A: (a) A *necessary* and *sufficient* condition for  $\underline{F}$  to be conservative is that  $\text{curl} \underline{F} \equiv \underline{0}$ . Here,  $\text{curl} \underline{F} =$  the determinant shown on the **right**  $= 0\underline{i} - (3z^2 - 3z^2)\underline{j} + (2x - 2x)\underline{k} = \underline{0}$ . (b) Part (a)  $\Rightarrow \underline{F} = \underline{\nabla}(W)$  for some scalar field  $W$ . So (1)  $\Rightarrow (2xy+z^3)\underline{i} + x^2\underline{j} + 3xz^2\underline{k} = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x}\underline{i} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial y}\underline{j} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}\underline{k}$ . As  $\underline{i}$ ,  $\underline{j}$  and  $\underline{k}$  are linearly independent, then  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial x} = 2xy+z^3$ ;  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial y} = x^2$ ; and  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial z} = 3xz^2$ .

So  $W = x^2y + xz^3 + f(y, z)$  (---(2));  $W = x^2y + g(z, x)$  (---(3)); and  $W = xz^3 + h(x, y)$  (---(4)), with  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  *arbitrary*. Choosing  $f = 0$ ,  $g = xz^3$ , and  $h = x^2y$  gives  $W = x^2y + xz^3$ , which satisfies all equations (2)-(4) ( $W$  is unique up to an *additive* constant). (c) The work done along any path is given by  $W(3, 1, 4) - W(1, -2, 1) = (3^2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 4^3) - (1^2 \cdot -2 + 1 \cdot 1^3) = 202$  **units**.

Q: Evaluate  $\oint_C (y-\sin(x))dx+\cos(x)dy$  directly. Now  $\int_C = \int_{OA}+\int_{AB}+\int_{BO}$ . Therefore,  $\int_{OA}$  (with  $y = 0$ , so  $Dy = 0$ ) is  $\int_{x=0}^{x=\pi/2} (y-\sin(x))dx+\cos(x)dy = \int_{x=0}^{x=\pi/2} -\sin(x)dx = [\cos(x)]_{x=0}^{\pi/2} = [0-1] = -1$ . And  $\int_{AB} = \int_0^1 \cos(\pi/2)dy = \int_0^1 0 = 0$ . Consider  $\int_{BO}$ , with  $y/x = 1/\pi/2 = \int_0^{\pi/2} (y-\sin(x))dx+\cos(x)dy = \int_{x=\pi/2}^{x=0} (2/\pi x-\sin(x))dx+\cos(x)(2/\pi)dx = \dots = 1-\pi/4-2/\pi$ . So  $\int_C = -1+0+1-\pi/4-2/\pi = -\pi/4-2/\pi$ .



Using *Green's Theorem* in the plane,  $\oint_C (y-\sin(x))dx+\cos(x)dy = \iint_R (-\sin(x)-1)dxdy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\pi/2} (-\sin(x)-1)dxdy = \int_0^1 [\cos(x)-x]_{x=0}^{\pi/2} dy = \int_0^1 [(\cos(\pi/2)-\pi/2)-(\cos(0)-0)] dy = \int_0^1 [-\pi/2-1] dy = [-\pi y/2-y]_{y=0}^1 = [-\pi/2-1] = -\pi/2-1 = -\pi/4-2/\pi$ . QED.

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## Functions of a Complex Variable

### 1. Introduction, Definitions and Continuity

If  $w (= u+iv)$  and  $z (= x+iy)$  ( $u, v, x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ ) are any 2 *complex numbers*, then we might say that  $w$  is a function of  $z$ ,  $w = f(z)$ , if, to any value of  $z$  in a certain **domain**  $D$ , there corresponds any one value of  $w$ . This is exactly analogous to the definition of a function for real variables. It turns out that this definition is far too wide.

It is exactly the same as a function  $u(x,y)+iv(x,y)$  of two real variables  $x$  and  $y$ . For functions defined in this way, the definition of continuity is exactly the same as for **real** functions of real variables: the function  $f(z)$  is continuous at the point  $z_0$  if given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta_\epsilon(z_0) > 0$  s.t.  $|f(z)-f(z_0)| < \epsilon$  for all  $z \in D$  satisfying  $|z-z_0| < \delta_\epsilon(z_0)$ .

A function is *uniformly continuous* in  $D$  if given any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $h_\epsilon > 0$ , independent of  $z_0$ , s.t.  $|f(z)-f(z_0)| < \epsilon$  for all  $z, z_0 \in D$  satisfying  $|z-z_0| < h_\epsilon$ . So a function  $f(z) = u(x,y)+iv(x,y)$  is a *continuous* function of  $z$  iff the  $u(x,y)$  and the  $v(x,y)$  are continuous functions of  $x$  and  $y$ . The only class (of functions of  $z$ ) which is of any *practical* use is that to which the process of differentiation can be applied.

### 2. Differentiability

The natural definition is: Let  $f(z)$  be a **one-valued** function defined in a domain  $D$  of the complex plane, then  $f(z)$  is differentiable at a point  $z_0$  of  $D$  if  $f(z)-f(z_0)/z-z_0$  tends to a **unique** limit as  $z \rightarrow z_0$  through points of  $D$ . If the limit exists, it is called the *derivative* of  $f(z)$  at  $z = z_0$ , and is denoted by  $f'(z)$ , or by  $df/dz|_{z=z_0}$ , or by  $df/dz(z_0)$ .

**Rules of differentiation.** All the rules of *elementary calculus* apply. Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be differentiable functions in  $D$ . (1)  $d/dz(f(z) \pm g(z)) = df/dz \pm dg/dz$ . (2)  $d/dz(cf(z)) = c df/dz$  ( $c$  is an *arbitrary complex constant*). (3)  $d/dz(f(z)g(z)) = f(z)dg/dz + g(z)df/dz$ . (4)  $d/dz(f(z)/g(z)) = [g(z)df/dz - f(z)dg/dz]/[g(z)]^2$ , with  $g(z) \neq 0$ . (5) If  $w = f(t)$  and  $t = g(z)$ , then  $dw/dz = dw/dt \cdot dt/dz$ . (6) If  $w = f(z)$  and  $z = f^{-1}(w)$ , then  $dw/dz = 1/dz/dw$ . (7) If  $z = f(t)$  and  $w = g(t)$ , where  $t$  is a *parameter*, then  $dw/dz = dw/dt / dz/dt$ .

### 3. Analytic Functions

A function which is *one-valued and differentiable* in a domain D is said to be **analytic** in D. [A function is said to be analytic at a point  $z_0$  if  $f'(z_0)$  exists, and  $f'(z)$  exists at *all* points  $z$  of some neighbourhood of the point  $z_0$ :  $|z-z_0| < \delta > 0$ ]. A function may be *differentiable* in a domain D except at possibly a **finite** number of points. Such points are called singularities of  $f(z)$ .

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#### The Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for $f(z)^n$ to be Analytic

If  $f(x) = u(x,y)+iv(x,y)$  is *differentiable* at a given point  $z$ , then  $\frac{f(z+\Delta z)-f(z)}{\Delta z}$  must tend to a *unique* limit as  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$  in any **possible** way. Now  $\Delta z = \Delta x+i\Delta y$ . Therefore, take  $\Delta z$  to be *wholly* real, so that  $\Delta y = 0$ , and then, using  $z = x+iy$  and  $\Delta z = \Delta x+i\Delta y$ ,  $\left\{ \frac{u(x+\Delta x, y)-u(x,y)}{\Delta x} \right\} + i \left\{ \frac{v(x+\Delta x, y)-v(x,y)}{\Delta x} \right\}$  must tend to a *definite* limit as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ . This implies that  $u_x$  and  $v_x$  must exist at  $(x,y)$ , and that the *limit* is  $u_x+iv_x$ . (Note:  $u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ ;  $u_y = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ ).

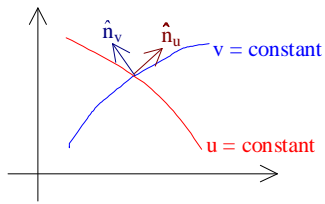
**Similarly**, if we take  $\Delta z$  to be wholly imaginary, i.e.  $\Delta x = 0$ , then  $\left\{ \frac{u(x, y+\Delta y)-u(x,y)}{i\Delta y} \right\} + i \left\{ \frac{v(x, y+\Delta y)-v(x,y)}{i\Delta y} \right\}$  must tend to a *definite* limit as  $\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ , which is  $(\frac{1}{i})u_y+i(\frac{1}{i}v_y) = v_y-iu_y$ . The **two** limits must be identical, so we must have  **$u_x = v_y$  and  $u_y = -v_x$**  (---(1)). (These are the **Cauchy-Riemann Equations, which are Partial Differential Equations**).

Note: it can be **shown** that the mere existence of the 4 derivatives ( $u_x, u_y, v_x$  and  $v_y$ ) and the satisfying of the C-R equations is not sufficient to give differentiability. But, if the 4 derivatives are also **continuous**, then sufficiency *follows*. If  $w = f(z) = u+iv$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are *functions* of  $x$  and  $y$ , then since  $x = \frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z})$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})$  (---(2)) ( $z = x+iy, \bar{z} = x-iy$ ), we may **regard**  $u$  and  $v$  as functions of  $z$  and  $\bar{z}$ .

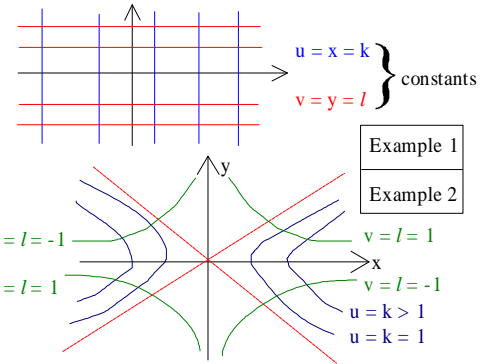
If  $u_x, u_y, v_x$  and  $v_y$  are continuous, then the *condition*  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0 \Rightarrow \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \bar{z}} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \bar{z}} \right) + i \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \bar{z}} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \bar{z}} \right) = 0$ . And (2)  $\Rightarrow (\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(-\frac{1}{2i})) + i(\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}(-\frac{1}{2i})) = 0 \Rightarrow (u_x - v_y) + i(u_y + v_x) = 0 \Rightarrow u_x = v_y$  and  $u_y = -v_x$ , the *C-R equations*. Hence a formula representing an analytic function of  $z$  can **only** have  $x$  and  $y$  in the combination  $x+iy$ . Thus  $x+3iy = 2z\bar{z}$  ( $= 2x+2iy-(x-iy)$ ) **cannot** be analytic. (Check the C-R equations — not satisfied).

#### Conjugate Functions

(C-R equations)  $\Rightarrow (u_x = v_y, v_x = -u_y) \Rightarrow (\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x \partial y}, \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y \partial x} = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2})$ . So if the 2nd order *partial derivatives* are **continuous**, then  $v_{xy} = v_{yx} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$  (**Laplace's** equations in  $x$  and  $y$ ). Similarly,  $\frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2} = 0$ . So the C-R equations  $\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 = \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial y^2}$ , Laplace's equations in 2 dimensions. They are called **Harmonic** functions, i.e. Harmonic functions  $\phi(x,y)$  satisfy  $\nabla^2 \phi = \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .



The C-R equations imply  $u_x v_x = -v_y u_y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$ ,  $(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}) \cdot (\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) = 0$ . **Example 1:**  $w = z \Rightarrow u = x, v = y$ . **Example 2:**  $w = z^2 = (x+iy)^2 = x^2+2ix-y^2 = (x^2-y^2)+i(2xy)$   $[u(x,y)+iv(x,y)]$ . Now  $u_x = 2x$  and  $v_y = 2x$ , so  $u_x = v_y$  ( $\checkmark$ ). And  $u_y = -2y$  and  $v_x = 2y$ , so  $u_y = -v_x$  ( $\checkmark$ ). So  $u = k = x^2-y^2$ , and  $v = l = 2xy$ . Another example:  $y = mx$ , with  $x^2+y^2 = r^2$  (A "Spider's Web").



It is possible to construct a **function**  $f(z)$  which has a given *real* function of  $x$  and  $y$  for its real or imaginary part, if either of the functions  $u(x,y)$  or  $v(x,y)$  is a simple combination of elementary functions satisfying *Laplace's* equations.

### Milne-Thompson Construction

Let  $x = \frac{1}{2}(z+\bar{z})$ , and let  $y = \frac{1}{2i}(z-\bar{z})$ ; so that  $f(z) = u(z+\bar{z}/2, z-\bar{z}/2i) + iv(z+\bar{z}/2, z-\bar{z}/2i)$ . Now put  $\bar{z} = z$ , i.e.  $x = z$  and  $y = 0$ . So  $f(z) = u(z,0) + iv(z,0)$ ;  $f'(z) = u_x + iv_x = (\mathbf{C-R}) = u_x + i(-u_y) = u_x - iu_y$ . Therefore, if we write  $\phi_1(x,y)$  and  $\phi_2(x,y)$  for  $u_x$  and  $u_y$  respectively, we have  $f'(z) = \phi_1(x,y) - i\phi_2(x,y) = \phi_1(z,0) - i\phi_2(z,0)$ . Integrating,  $f(z) = \int \phi_1(z,0) - i\phi_2(z,0) dz + C$ . Similarly, if  $v(x,y)$  is given, we get  $f(z) = \int \phi_1(z,0) + i\phi_2(z,0) dz + C$ , where  $\phi_1(x,y) = v_y$  and  $\phi_2(x,y) = v_x$ .

### Assignment 3: Set 16/3; In 30/3; Back 14/4

**Q:** Using the *definition*, find the derivative of  $w = f(z) = 3z^{-2}$  at the point where (a)  $z = 1+i$ ; (b)  $z = 1-i$ . **A:**  $f'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(z+\Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z}$ . **Here,**  $f(z+\Delta z) = \frac{3}{(z+\Delta z)^2} = \frac{3}{z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2}$ . So  $f'(z) = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\frac{3}{z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2} - \frac{3}{z^2}]}{\Delta z} = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{3z^2 - 3(z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2)}{\Delta z(z^2(z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2))} = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{3z^2 - 3z^2 - 6z\Delta z - 3\Delta z^2}{\Delta z(z^2(z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2))} = \lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{-6z - 3\Delta z}{z^2(z^2+2z\Delta z+\Delta z^2)} = \frac{-6z - 3(0)}{z^2(z^2+2z(0)+(0)^2)} = \frac{-6z}{z^4} = \frac{-6}{z^3} = -6z^{-3}$ .

(a) **When**  $z = 1+i$ ,  $f'(z) = \frac{-6}{(1+i)^3}$ . Now  $(1+i)^2 = 1+2i+i^2 = 1+2i-1 = 2i$ . And  $(1+i)^3 = 2i(1+i) = 2i+2i^2 = 2i-2 = 2(i-1)$ . So  $f'(z) = \frac{6}{2(i-1)} = \frac{-3}{i-1} = \frac{3}{1-i} = \frac{3}{2}(1+i)$ . (b) **Similarly,** when  $z = 1-i$ ,  $f'(z) = \frac{3}{2}(1-i)$ .

**Q:** Prove that  $\frac{d}{dz}(z^2\bar{z})$  does not exist anywhere except at  $z = 0$ . **A:**  $f'(z_0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \frac{(z^2\bar{z} - z_0^2\bar{z}_0)/(z - z_0)}$ . Now use  $z = z_0 + \Delta z$  with  $\bar{z} = \bar{z}_0 + \Delta \bar{z}$  to rearrange, giving  $\lim_{\Delta z \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2z_0\bar{z}_0 + \bar{z}_0\Delta z + 2z_0\Delta\bar{z} + (\Delta z)(\Delta\bar{z})] + [z_0^2(\frac{\Delta\bar{z}}{\Delta z})]}{\Delta z}$ . **Letting**  $\Delta z = \Delta x \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain  $2z_0\bar{z}_0 + z_0^2(1)$ . **Letting**  $\Delta z = i\Delta y \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain  $2z_0\bar{z}_0 + z_0^2(-1)$ . Thus there is no **unique** limit when  $z_0 \neq 0$ , but  $f'(0) = 0!$

**Q:** Verify that the *real* and *imaginary* parts of the function  $w = f(z) = e^{z^2}$  satisfies the Cauchy-Riemann equations, and thus deduce the **analyticity** of the function. **A:** **Using**  $z = x+iy$ ,  $z^2 = (x+iy)^2 = (x^2-y^2) + i(2xy)$ . So  $w = e^{(x^2-y^2)+i(2xy)} = e^{(x^2-y^2)}e^{i(2xy)}$ . Using Euler's relation,  $e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ , we can say that  $e^{i(2xy)} = \cos(2xy) + i\sin(2xy)$ . Therefore,  $w = e^{(x^2-y^2)}[\cos(2xy) + i\sin(2xy)] = (\cos(2xy))e^{(x^2-y^2)} + i[(\sin(2xy))e^{(x^2-y^2)}]$ .

Here,  $u = (\cos(2xy))e^{(x^2-y^2)}$ , and  $v = (\sin(2xy))e^{(x^2-y^2)}$ . From these, we can show that the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied. To deduce the analyticity of the function, we must show that the **four** derivatives  $u_x$ ,  $u_y$ ,  $v_x$  and  $v_y$  are continuous. These derivatives are *multiplicative* or *additive* combinations of continuous functions, so the four derivatives are continuous. Therefore, we can say that  $w$  is analytic **everywhere**.

Q: Prove that the function  $u = x^2-y^2-2xy-2x+3y$  is harmonic. Find a function  $v$  such that  $f(z) = u+iv$  is **analytic**, i.e. find the conjugate function of  $u$ . Express  $f(z)$  in terms of  $z$ . A: By showing that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ , we can prove that  $u$  is *harmonic*. To find a function  $v$  such that  $u+iv$  is analytic, let us use the **Cauchy-Riemann** equations. Firstly,  $u_x = v_y$ , so that  $v_y = 2x-2y-2$ , and  $v = \int 2x-2y-2 dy = 2xy-y^2-2y+f(x)$ . Secondly,  $u_y = -v_x$ , so that  $v_x = 2y+2x-3$ , and  $v = \int 2y+2x-3 dx = 2yx+x^2-3x+g(y)$ . ( $f(x)$  and  $g(y)$  are *constants*, independent of  $y$  and  $x$  respectively). Choosing  $f(x) = x^2-3x$ , and  $g(y) = -y^2-2y$ , we have  $v = 2xy+x^2-y^2-3x-3y+c$ . (**Choose**  $c = 0$ ). Now check that  $v_y = u_x$ , and that  $v_x = -u_y$ , so we have  $f(z) = u+iv = x^2-y^2-2xy-2x+3y+i(2xy+x^2-y^2-3x-2y)$ . Now  $z = x+iy$ ;  $-2z = -2x-2iy$ ;  $-3iz = -3ix+3y$ ;  $z^2 = x^2+2ixy-y^2$ ; and  $iz^2 = ix^2-2xy-iy^2$ . So  $f(z) = (-2x-2iy) + (-3ix+3y) + (x^2+2ixy-y^2) + (ix^2-2xy-iy^2) = (-2x)+(-3iz)+(z^2)+(iz^2) = z^2+iz^2-2z-3iz$ .

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## Tutorial

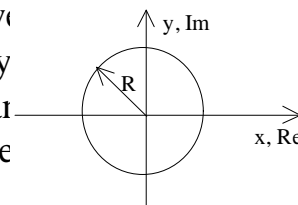
Let  $u(x,y) = e^x(x\cos y - y\sin y)$ . Verify that  $u$  satisfies Laplace's equations,  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$ . Now  $\phi_1(x,y) = u_x = e^x(x\cos(y) - y\sin(y)) + e^x(\cos(y)) = e^x(x\cos(y) - y\sin(y) + \cos(y))$ ; and  $\phi_2(x,y) = u_y = e^x(-x\sin(y) - (1.\sin(y) + y\cos(y))) = -e^x(x\sin y + \sin y + y\cos y)$ . Therefore,  $f'(z) = \phi_1(z,0) - i\phi_2(z,0) = e^z(z+1) + i(e^z(0)) = e^z(1+z) \Rightarrow f(z) = \int e^z(1+z) dz = \int (1+z)d(e^z) = (1+z)e^z - \int e^z dz = (1+z)e^z - e^z + C$ ;  $f(z) = ze^z + C$ . ( $C$  is an arbitrary complex constant).

Q: Using the *definition*, find the derivative of  $w = f(z) = z^3 - 2z$  at the point **where** (a)  $z = z_0$ ; (b)  $z = -1$ ; and (c)  $z = i$ . A: Use the fact that  $\frac{f(z+\Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z}$  must tend to a *unique* limit as  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ . Now  $f(z+\Delta z) = (z+\Delta z)^3 - 2(z+\Delta z) = (z^2 + 2z\Delta z + \Delta z^2)(z+\Delta z) - 2(z+\Delta z) = z^3 + z^2\Delta z + 2z\Delta z^2 + 2z\Delta z^2 + z\Delta z^2 + \Delta^3 z - 2z - 2\Delta z$ . **And**  $f(z+\Delta z) - f(z) = (\dots) - (z^3 - 2z) = z^2\Delta z + 2z\Delta z^2 + 2z\Delta z^2 + z\Delta z^2 + \Delta^3 z - 2\Delta z$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\frac{f(z+\Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z} = z^2 + 2z\Delta z + 2z\Delta z + z\Delta z + \Delta^2 z - 2$ . As  $\Delta z \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{f(z+\Delta z) - f(z)}{\Delta z} \rightarrow 3z^2 - 2$ . (a) When  $z = z_0$ ,  $f'(z) = 3z_0^2 - 2$ . (b) When  $z = -1$ ,  $f'(z) = 3 - 2 = 1$ . (c) When  $z = i$ ,  $f'(z) = 3(i)^2 - 2 = -3 - 2 = -5$ .

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## Section 3: Power Series

Consider  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . As far as *absolute convergence* is concerned, everything that has been proved for absolutely convergent series of **real** series extends to complex series, because the series of *moduli*  $|a_0| + |a_1||z| + |a_2||z|^2 + \dots$  is a series of +ve terms. By Cauchy's root test, a series of +ve terms  $\sum_n u_n$  is *convergent* or *divergent* according to whether  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((u_n)^{1/n})$  is  $< 1$  or  $> 1$ . Letting  $u_n = |a_n z^n|$ , we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n z^n|^{1/n} = |z| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n}$ , and if we let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} = 1/R$ , then we see that the *power series*  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  is *absolutely convergent* if  $|z| < R$ , and *divergent* if  $|z| > R$ . (If  $|z| = R$ , **anything** can happen). The number  $R$  is called the radius of convergence, and the circle with centre at the origin and *radius*  $R$  is called the circle of convergence.



**Important Theorem:** If  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ , then  $f(z)$  is *analytic* at every point within the circle of convergence of the power series. This means that a power series may be **differentiated** or **integrated** term-by-term as often as we like (and at any point) within its circle of convergence. The converse of the above is also *true*: if  $f(z)$  is analytic in a region, it can be expanded as a power series.

## Elementary Functions of a Complex Variable

(I) **Rational Functions.** A polynomial in  $z$ :  $a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$  may be regarded as a *power series* which converges for all values of  $z$ . As each such function is analytic in the whole complex plane, then rational functions:  $f(z) = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_m z^m}{b_0 + b_1 z + \dots + b_k z^k}$  are analytic at **all** points of a complex plane, except where the denominator *vanishes*.

(II) **Exponential Functions.** We define  $\exp(z)$  as the *sum* function of the series of complex terms:  $\exp(z) = 1 + z/1! + z^2/2! + z^3/3! + \dots + (z^n/n!) + \dots$ . Since this series converges *for all*  $z$  in the complex plane, it defines an **analytic** function in the whole complex plane. Such functions are called *integral* functions.

When  $z$  is real ( $z = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ), then  $\exp(z)$  is identical to the real exponential function,  $\exp(x) = e^x$ . When  $z$  is complex, it is *convenient* to write  $e^z$  for  $\exp(z)$ , since the formula  $\exp(z)\exp(\zeta) = \exp(z+\zeta)$  can be proved by **multiplication** of series, where  $z$  is *real* or *complex*. The real number  $e$  with complex exponent obeys  $e^z \cdot e^\zeta = e^{z+\zeta}$ .

So, we may define the *power*  $e^z$  unambiguously by  $e^z = 1 + z/1! + z^2/2! + \dots + (z^n/n!) + \dots$ . If  $a$  is any **positive** number, then  $a^z$  is unambiguously *defined* by  $a^z = e^{z \log(a)}$ . ( $\log(a) = \ln(a)$ ). Now take  $z = iy$  ( $x = 0$ ) —  $z$  *pure imaginary*. Then  $e^z = e^{iy} = 1 + (iy)/1! + (iy)^2/2! + (iy)^3/3! + \dots = (1 - y^2/2! + (y^4/4!) - \dots) + i(y - y^3/3! + (y^5/5!) - \dots)$ . So  $e^{iy} = \cos(y) + i \sin(y)$ .

Hence  $e^z = e^{(x+iy)} = e^x e^{iy} = e^x (\cos(y) + i \sin(y))$ . [**Note:** sometimes,  $\cos(y) + i \sin(y)$  is denoted by  $\text{cis}(y)$ ]. Also,  $|e^{iy}| = |\cos(y) + i \sin(y)| = 1$ ;  $|e^z| = |e^x| |e^{iy}| = |e^x| = e^x$  ( $e^x > 0$ ); and  $\arg(e^z) = y = \text{Im}(z)$ . Further,  $e^{(z+2\pi i)} = e^z e^{2\pi i} = e^z$  ( $e^{2\pi i} = 1$ ). So  $e^z$  has a **period** of  $2\pi i$ . Finally, *term by term* differentiation of the power series for  $e^z$  gives  $d/dz(e^z) = e^z$ .

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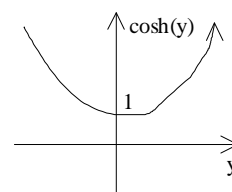
(III) **Trigonometric and Hyperbolic functions.** We define the functions  $\sin(z)$  and  $\cos(z)$  (when  $z$  is complex) as the *sum* functions of power series, just as we do for  $\sin(x)$  and  $\cos(x)$  when  $x$  is real. So define  $\sin(z) = z - z^3/3! + (z^5/5!) - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$ ;  $\cos(z) = 1 - z^2/2! + (z^4/4!) - \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n z^{2n}}{2n!}$ , and as both have *infinite radius of convergence*, both are **integral** functions.

Term-by-term differentiation  $\Rightarrow d/dz(\sin(z)) = \cos(z)$ ;  $d/dz(\cos(z)) = -\sin(z)$ . The *other* *trigonometric* functions are defined as  $\tan(z) = \sin(z)/\cos(z)$ ;  $\cot(z) = 1/\tan(z)$ ;  $\sec(z) = 1/\cos(z)$ ; and  $\text{cosec}(z) = 1/\sin(z)$ . From the **series** definitions of  $\cos(z)$ ,  $\sin(z)$  and  $e^z$ , we obtain  $\cos(z) + i \sin(z) = e^{iz}$ , and  $\cos(z) - i \sin(z) = e^{-iz}$ .

These *Euler formulae* give rise to  $\cos^2(z) + \sin^2(z) = (1/2(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}))^2 + (1/2i(e^{iz} - e^{-iz}))^2 = 1$  (using  $\cos(z) = 1/2(e^{iz} + e^{-iz})$  and  $\sin(z) = 1/2i(e^{iz} - e^{-iz})$ ). Also, the *addition formulae* hold, that is  $\sin(z \pm \zeta) = \sin(z)\cos(\zeta) \pm \cos(z)\sin(\zeta)$ ; and  $\cos(z \pm \zeta) = \cos(z)\cos(\zeta) \mp \sin(z)\sin(\zeta)$ .

The *hyperbolic functions* of a complex variable are defined in the **same** way as for real variables:  $\sinh(z) = 1/2(e^z - e^{-z})$ ;  $\cosh(z) = 1/2(e^z + e^{-z})$ ;  $\tanh(z) = \sinh(z)/\cosh(z)$ ; etc. **Note:**  $\sin(iz) = 1/2i(e^{iiz} - e^{-iiz}) = 1/2i(e^{-z} - e^z) = -1/2i(e^z - e^{-z}) = 1/2(e^z - e^{-z}) = i\sinh(z)$ . **Similarly**,  $\cos(iz) = \cosh(z)$ ,  $\sinh(iz) = i\sin(z)$ , and  $\cosh(iz) = \cos(z)$ .

Now  $\sin(z) = \sin(x+iy) = \sin(x)\cos(iy) + \cos(x)\sin(iy) = \sin(x)\cosh(y) + i\cos(x)\sinh(y)$ . Now if  $\sin(z) = 0$ , then  $\sin(x)\cosh(y) = 0$  (---(1)) and  $\cos(x)\sinh(y) = 0$  (---(2)). But  $\cosh(y) \geq 1$  as shown, so  $\sin(x) = 0$  in (1)  $\Rightarrow x = n\pi$  ( $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). So  $\cos(x)$  in (2)  $= (-1)^n$ , and so (2)  $\Rightarrow \sinh(y) = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$ . Therefore,  $\sin(z) = 0 \Rightarrow z = x+iy = n\pi$  ( $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). Similarly,  $\cos(z) = 0 \Rightarrow z = (n+1/2)\pi$  ( $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ).



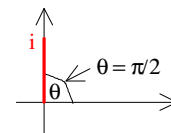
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(IV) **The logarithmic function.** When  $x$  is real and positive,  $e^u = x$  has 1 real solution,  $u = \log_e(x)$ . If  $z$  is complex, but not zero, then  $e^w = z$  has an **infinite** number of solutions, each of which is called a *logarithm* of  $z$ . Let  $w = u+iv$ , then  $e^w = z \Rightarrow e^{u+iv} = e^u e^{iv} = e^u(\cos v + i\sin v) = z = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta) \Rightarrow e^u = r$  (so  $u = \log_e(r) = \log_e(|z|)$ ) and  $v = \theta = \arg(z)$ .

So  $w = \text{Log}(z) = \log(|z|) + i\arg(z)$ . **Note** that  $\arg(z)$  has an *infinite* number of values. The principal value of  $\arg(z)$  is  $-\pi < \arg(z) \leq \pi$ . So the *principal* value of  $\text{Log}(z)$ , which is obtained by giving  $\arg(z)$  its principal value ( $-\pi < \arg(z) \leq \pi$ ), is denoted by  $\log(z)$ , since it is *identical* to the ordinary logarithm when  $z$  is real and positive.

So  $\text{Log}(z) = \log(z) + 2k\pi i$  ( $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ), and  $\log(z) = \log_e(|z|) + i\arg(z)$  ( $-\pi < \arg(z) \leq \pi$ ). The *exponential* and *logarithm* functions may be used to define complex **powers** of complex numbers. We define  $\zeta^z = e^{z\text{Log}(\zeta)}$ , with  $\zeta \neq 0$ .  $\text{Log}(\zeta)$  is *multi-valued*, so  $\zeta^z$  is multi-valued. The *principal* value of  $\zeta^z$  occurs when  $\zeta^z = e^{z\log(\zeta)}$ , i.e. where  $\log(\zeta)$  is the *principal value* of  $\text{Log}(\zeta)$ .

**Example:**  $i^i = e^{i\text{Log}(i)} = e^{i(\log|i| + i\arg(i))}$  ( $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). But  $\log(i) = \log_e|i| + i\arg(i) = (as |i| = 1 \text{ so } \log_e|i| = 0; \text{ and as } \arg(i) = \pi/2) = 0 + i\pi/2 = i\pi/2$ . Therefore,  $i^i = e^{i(i(\pi/2) + 2k\pi i)} = e^{-((\pi/2) + 2k\pi)}$  ( $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ). The *principal value* of  $i^i$  is given by  $k = 0$ , i.e.  $i^i = \exp(-\pi/2)$ . Alternatively,  $i = e^{i(\pi/2)} = e^{2k\pi i}$ , where  $e^{2k\pi i} = 1$  and  $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . So  $i = e^{i((\pi/2) + 2k\pi)}$ . Raise both sides to the power  $i$ , so that (as before)  $i^i = e^{i((\pi/2) + 2k\pi)i} = e^{-((\pi/2) + 2k\pi)}$ .



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## Complex Integration

The **definite** integral of a complex valued function along a curve in the complex plane can be expressed in terms of two line integrals *as follows*: Let  $f(z)$  be analytic in a domain  $D$  of the complex plane, and let  $C$  denote a **piecewise** smooth curve in  $D$ . Then  $\int_C f(z)dz = \int_C (u+iv)(dx+idy) = \int_C (u dx - v dy) + i \int_C (v dx + u dy)$ .

If  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on  $C$ , and  $l$  is the **length** of  $C$ , then  $|\int_C f(z)dz| \leq Ml$  (---(1)). **Proof:** Let  $C$  be given by  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  for  $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$ , then  $|\int_C f(z)dz| = |\int_C (u+iv)(dx+idy)| = \int_C |u+iv||dx+idy| \leq \int_C M|dx+idy| = M \int_C |(\dot{x}+i\dot{y})dt| =$  (because  $dt \geq 0$ )  $= M \int_C \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} dt = Ml$ . Notes:  $|u+iv| \leq M$  by *assumption*;  $\int_C \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} dt$  is  $l$ , or  $\int_C \sqrt{\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2} dt$  is the **length** of  $C$ .

## Cauchy's Theorem

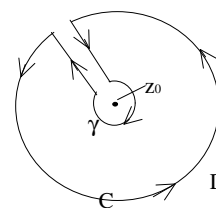
**Note:** all integrals are *anticlockwise* unless otherwise indicated. **Theorem:** If  $f(z)$  is analytic, and if  $f'(z)$  is *continuous* in a simply connected domain  $D$ , then  $\oint_C f(z)dz = 0$  (---(2)) on every *closed contour* in  $D$ .

The **Proof** uses Green's Theorem. (If  $P(x,y)$ ,  $Q(x,y)$ ,  $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}$  are all continuous in  $D$ , then we have  $\oint_C Pdx+Qdy = \iint_R (\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y})dxdy$ ). **Now**  $\oint_C f(z)dz = \oint_C (udx-vdy)+i\oint_C (vdx+udy) =$  (by *Green's Theorem*)  $= -\iint_R (\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y})dxdy + i\iint_R (\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y})dxdy$ . Using *Cauchy-Riemann*:  $u_x = v_y$  or  $u_x - v_y = 0$ ; and  $u_y = -v_x$  or  $v_x + u_y = 0$ ; then we **have**  $\oint_C Pdx+Qdy = -\iint_R 0dxdy + i\iint_R 0dxdy = 0$ .

**Note:** Goursat showed that it was *not necessary* to assume the continuity of  $f'(z)$  — the theorem also holds provided  $f'(z)$  exists everywhere in  $D$ .

## Cauchy's Integral

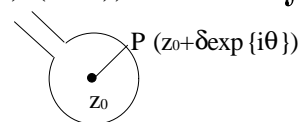
If  $f(z)$  is **analytic** in a simply connected domain  $D$  (and on its *boundary*  $C$ ), and if  $z_0$  is a point within  $C$ , then  $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz$  (---(3)). Describe *about*  $z = z_0$  a small circle  $\gamma$  of radius  $\delta$  lying entirely within  $C$ . In the **region** between  $C$  and  $\gamma$ , the function  $f(z)/z-z_0$  is analytic, but the region is **not** simply connected.



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By making a **cross-cut** joining any point of  $\gamma$  to any point of  $C$ , we form a closed contour  $\Gamma$  bounding a region which is *simply* connected, so by Cauchy's Theorem,  $\oint_\Gamma (f(z)/z-z_0)dz = 0$ . In traversing  $\Gamma$ , the cross-cut is traversed *twice* in the opposite direction, so the integrals here cancel out. So  $\oint_C (f(z)/z-z_0)dz + \oint_\gamma (f(z)/z-z_0)dz = 0$ . (The *second*  $\oint$  is **clockwise**). Or,  $\oint_C (f(z)/z-z_0)dz - \oint_\gamma (f(z)/z-z_0)dz = 0$ . (Both  $\oint$  are *anticlockwise*).

Now **using**  $f(z) = f(z_0) + (f(z) - f(z_0))$ ,  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_\gamma (f(z)/z-z_0)dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_\gamma (f(z_0)/(z-z_0))dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_\gamma (f(z) - f(z_0))/(z-z_0)dz$ . Looking at the **diagram**, we know that  $z = z_0 + \delta e^{i\theta}$ , so  $dz = \delta i e^{i\theta} d\theta$ . But on  $\delta$ ,  $z-z_0 = \delta e^{i\theta}$  for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ; so  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_\gamma (f(z_0)/z-z_0)dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0)}{\delta e^{i\theta}} \delta i e^{i\theta} d\theta = \frac{f(z_0)}{2\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta = \frac{f(z_0)}{2\pi} [2\pi] = f(z_0)$ .



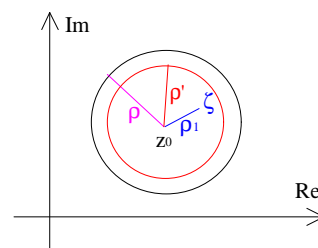
**Also**,  $|\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_\gamma (f(z) - f(z_0))/(z-z_0)dz| \leq$  (by (1))  $\frac{1}{(2\pi)} \frac{\max_\gamma |f(z) - f(z_0)|}{\delta} \cdot 2\pi\delta \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ , since  $f(z)$  is *continuous* at  $z = z_0$  — this **proves** the theorem. **Further**,  $f^{(n)}(z_0) = n! \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C (f(z)/(z-z_0)^{n+1})dz$ . Using *Cauchy's Integral*,  $\frac{f(z_0 + \delta z_0) - f(z_0)}{\delta z_0} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C (f(z)/\delta z_0) \left\{ \frac{1}{z-z_0-\delta z_0} - \frac{1}{z-z_0} \right\} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C (f(z)/\delta z_0) \left\{ \frac{z-z_0-(z-z_0-\delta z_0)}{(z-z_0-\delta z_0)(z-z_0)} \right\} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0-\delta z_0)(z-z_0)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C (f(z)/(z-z_0)^2)dz$  as  $\delta z_0 \rightarrow 0$ .

Therefore,  $f'(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^2} dz$  (---(4)). If the process is repeated  $n$  times, then  $f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} dz$  (---(5)). (For the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of an **analytic** function  $f(z)$  at an *interior* point of its domain).

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## Taylor's Theorem

If  $f(z)$  is *analytic* within and on a circle  $|z-z_0| \leq \rho$ , and if  $\zeta$  is a point such that  $|\zeta-z_0| = \rho_1$  ( $< \rho$ ), then  $f(\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\zeta-z_0)^n$  (---(6)), where  $a_n = f^{(n)}(z_0)/n!$ . **Proof:** We consider the identity  $\frac{1}{z-\zeta} = \frac{1}{z-z_0} + \frac{\zeta-z_0}{(z-z_0)^2} + \dots + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)^{n-1}}{(z-z_0)^n} + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)^n}{(z-z_0)^n(z-\zeta)}$ . Let  $S_n = 1+r+r^2+\dots+r^n$ ; so that  $rS_n = r+r^2+\dots+r^n+r^{n+1} \Rightarrow S_n(1-r) = 1-r^{n+1}$ ;  $S_n = (1-r^{n+1})/(1-r)$ . Therefore, the **RHS** of the identity, *except for the final term*, is  $1/(z-z_0)\{1+r+r^2+\dots+r^{n-1}\}$ , where  $r = (\zeta-z_0)/(z-z_0)$ . So we have  $\frac{1}{z-z_0}(1 - (\frac{\zeta-z_0}{z-z_0})^{n+1}) = (1 - (\frac{\zeta-z_0}{z-z_0})^{n+1})/z-z_0$ , and the *identity* is therefore **true**.



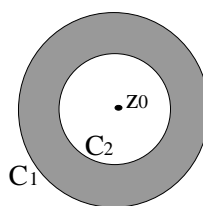
Now multiply each term of the identity by  $f(z)/2\pi i$ , and integrate round the contour  $C$ , where  $C$  is the *circle* of  $\rho'$  with centre  $z = z_0$ , where  $\rho_1 < \rho' < \rho$ . **Then, it follows that**

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-\zeta)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{z-z_0} + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^2} + \dots + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)^{n-1}}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^n} + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)^n}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^n(z-\zeta)}$$

Now Cauchy's Integral (3)  $\Rightarrow f(\zeta) = f(z_0) + (\zeta-z_0)/1! f'(z_0) + (\zeta-z_0)^2/2! f''(z_0) + \dots + \frac{(\zeta-z_0)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} f^{(n-1)}(z_0) + R_n$ , where  $R_n = (\zeta-z_0)^n \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^n(z-\zeta)}$ . If  $|f(z)| \leq M$  on  $C$ , then  $|R_n| \leq \frac{\rho_1^n}{2\pi} \frac{M}{(\rho')^n(\rho'-\rho_1)} 2\pi\rho' = k(\rho_1/\rho')^n$ , where  $k$  is a constant *independent* of  $n$ . Since  $\rho_1 < \rho'$ , then  $|R_n| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , *proving* our theorem.

## Laurent's Theorem

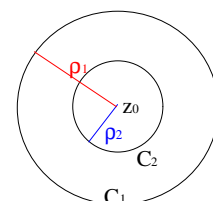
Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be two circles with centres  $z_0$  and radii  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  ( $\rho_2 < \rho_1$ ). It follows that  $f(z)$  is analytic on the *circles* and within the annulus between  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , and if  $\zeta$  is any point of the annulus, then  $f(\zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(\zeta-z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n(\zeta-z_0)^{-n}$  (---(8)), where  $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}}$  (---(9a)), and  $b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} (z-z_0)^{n-1} f(z) dz$  (---(9b)).



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## Zeros, Poles and Residues of an Analytic Function

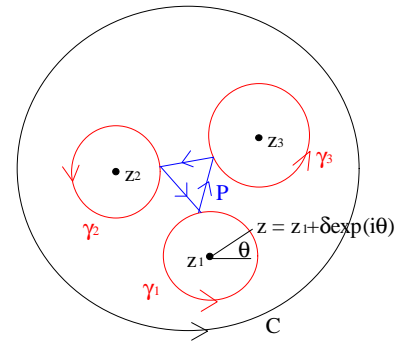
Consider the **Taylor** Expansion (6)  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-z_0)^n$  (---(15)). If  $a_0 = a_1 = \dots = a_{m-1} = 0$ , and if  $a_m \neq 0$ , then the *first* term in (15) is  $a_m(z-z_0)^m$ . In **this** case,  $f(z)$  is said to have a *zero of order*  $m$  at  $z = z_0$ . A singularity of a function  $f(z)$  is a **point** where  $f(z)$  is not analytic. If  $z = z_0$  is an isolated *singularity* of  $f(z)$ , then  $f(z)$  has a Laurent expansion in the annulus between the two circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .



$f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n(z-z_0)^n + \sum_1^\infty b_n(z-z_0)^{-n}$  (---(16)), where the *principal* part of  $f(z)$  at  $z = z_0$  is the **red** part. It may *happen* that  $b_m \neq 0$ , but we could have  $b_{m+1}, b_{m+2}, \dots, b_\infty = 0$ ; i.e. the *principal* part consists of a finite number of terms:  $b_1/(z-z_0) + b_2/(z-z_0)^2 + \dots + b_m/(z-z_0)^m$  ---(17)), and the *singularity* at  $z = z_0$  is called a **pole** of order  $m$  of  $f(z)$ . The coefficient  $b_1$  is called the *residue* of  $f(z)$  at the pole  $z = z_0$ . If the **pole** is of order 1 (called a *simple* pole), then (16)  $\Rightarrow b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [(z-z_0)f(z)]$  (---(18)). For a pole of *order*  $n$ ,  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [1/(m-1)! \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} [(z-z_0)^m f(z)]]$ . Example: for  $m = 2$ ,  $b_1(z-z_0)^2/z-z_0 = b_1(z-z_0) \Rightarrow$  (by  $d^{2-1}/dz^{2-1}$ )  $b_1$ .

## Cauchy's Residue Theorem

$\oint_C f(z)dz = (2\pi i)\Sigma(\text{Residues})$  (---(19)), where  $f(z)$  is *analytic* within and on a closed contour  $C$ , except at a **finite** number of poles within  $C$ , where  $\Sigma(\text{Residues}) (= \Sigma R)$  denotes the sum of the *residues* of  $f(z)$  at all of its poles within  $C$ . **Proof.** Let  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  be the  $n$  poles within  $C$ . Draw a set of circles  $\gamma_r$ , of radius  $\delta$  and centre  $z_r$ , which do not **intersect**, and which all lie *within*  $C$ . ( $r = 1, \dots, n$ ).



Now  $f(z)$  is certainly analytic in the region between  $C$  and the small circles  $\gamma_r$ . We can therefore *deform*  $C$  until it consists of the small circles  $\gamma_r$  and a polygon  $P$  which *joins* together the small circles  $\gamma_r$ . It follows that  $\oint_C f(z)dz = \oint_P f(z)dz + \sum_{r=1}^n \oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz$ , where the *first term* is 0 because  $f(z)$  is **analytic** within  $P$ . So  $\oint_C f(z)dz = \sum_{r=1}^n \oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz$  (---(20)).

If  $z_r$  is a **pole** of order  $m$ , then  $f(z) = \phi(z) + \sum_{s=1}^m b_s/(z-z_r)^s$ , where  $\phi(z)$  is *analytic within and on*  $\gamma_r$ . Hence  $\oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz = \sum_{s=1}^m \oint_{\gamma_r} [b_s/(z-z_r)^s]dz$ . Now let  $z = z_r + \delta e^{i\theta}$  (so  $dz = \delta i e^{i\theta} d\theta$ ), for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , and so  $\oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz = \sum_{s=1}^m b_s \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \frac{\delta i e^{i\theta} d\theta}{\delta^s e^{is\theta}} = \sum_{s=1}^m b_s \delta^{1-s} \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} e^{i(1-s)\theta} i d\theta$ . Now  $\int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} e^{i(1-s)\theta} i d\theta =$  (when  $s \neq 1$ )  $= [\frac{e^{i(1-s)\theta}}{i(1-s)}]_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} = 0$ . And  $\int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} e^{i(1-s)\theta} i d\theta =$  (when  $s = 1$ )  $= \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} i d\theta = [i\theta]_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} = 2\pi i$ . So  $\oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz = 2\pi i b_1$  (---(21)), where  $b_1$  is the *residue* at  $z = z_r$ . Therefore,  $\oint_C f(z)dz = \sum_{r=1}^n \oint_{\gamma_r} f(z)dz = 2\pi i \Sigma R$ , where  $\Sigma R =$  the *sum of the residues* of  $f(z)$  at all its **poles** within  $C$ .

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## Calculation of Residuals

From equations (16) and (17) (and the *accompanying* discussion), if  $f(z)$  has a pole of **order**  $m$  at  $z = z_0$ , then  $f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n(z-z_0)^n + \sum_1^m b_n/(z-z_0)^n$ . (Blue part =  $\phi(z)$ ). The *residue* of  $f(z)$  at  $z = z_0$  is  $b_1$ . If  $m = 1$ , then  $f(z) = \phi(z) + (b_1/z-z_0)$ . *Multiply* by  $z-z_0$  and take **limits** as  $z \rightarrow z_0$ , so that  $(z-z_0)f(z) = \phi(z)(z-z_0) + b_1$ ;  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [(z-z_0)f(z)]$ .

For a pole of **order**  $m$ ,  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} \{ \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{d^{m-1}}{dz^{m-1}} [(z-z_0)^m f(z)] \}$ . Let  $f(z)$  have a *pole of order* 1 at  $z = z_0$ , with residue  $b_1$ . If  $g(z)$  is **analytic** at  $z = z_0$ , then  $f(z)g(z)$  has *residue*  $b_1 g(z_0)$ . If  $f(z)$  has a *simple* pole at  $z = z_0$ , then Laurent  $\Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n(z-z_0)^n + (b_1/z-z_0)$ . Now *multiply* by  $g(z)$  (which is analytic at  $z_0$ ), so that  $f(z)g(z) = \phi(z)g(z) + (b_1 g(z)/z-z_0)$ . Multiply by  $(z-z_0)$ , and take the *limit* as  $z \rightarrow z_0$ , so that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} [(z-z_0)f(z)g(z)] = b_1 g(z_0)$ . So the *residue* of  $f(z)g(z)$  at  $z_0$  is  $b_1 g(z_0)$ . ( $b_1$  is the residue of  $f(z)$  at  $z_0$ ).

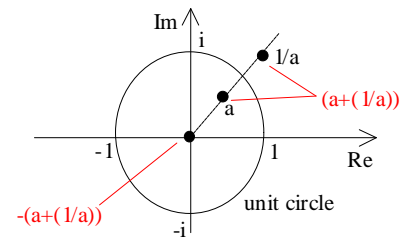
## Examples

Determine the *residue* of the following **functions** at their poles. (i)  $f(z) = \frac{1}{1-z} = \frac{-4}{z-1}$ . **A:** In  $f(z) = \sum_0^\infty a_n(z-z_0)^n + \sum_1^\infty (b_n/(z-z_0)^n)$ , the first *summation* is zero, while in the second,  $b_n = -4$ , and  $z_0 = 1$ . Or, we **have**  $(z-z_0)f(z) = (\text{with } z_0 = 1) = \frac{(z-1)^4}{(1-z)} = (\text{take the limit}) = -4$ . So  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} (z-1)f(z) = -4$ .

(ii)  $F(z) = \frac{z}{(z-a)(z-b)(z-c)}$  ( $a \neq b \neq c$ )  $= \frac{1}{z-a} \frac{z}{(z-b)(z-c)} = f(z)g(z)$ . **A:** Now  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z-a}$  has a *simple pole* at  $z = a$ , with the residue at  $z = a$  being 1.  $g(z)$  is **analytic** at  $z = a$ , so  $f(z)g(z)$  also has a *simple pole* at  $z = a$ , with the residue of  $f(z) \times g(a)$  being  $1 \times \frac{a}{(a-b)(a-c)}$ . Similarly for the *other two poles* ( $b$  and  $c$ ).

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**Example:**  $f(z) = z^4 - 1/z^2(z-a)(z^{-1}/a)$ . There is a pole of *order 2* at  $z = 0$ . So  $\text{Res}(f(z), 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(2-1)!} (d^{2-1}/dz^{2-1})(z^2 f(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{d}{dz} (z^4 - 1/(z-a)(z^{-1}/a)) = \dots = -(a+1/a)$ . To get the *two other residues*, split  $f(z)$  up as necessary. From this, we get a **pole** at  $z = a$  with residue  $a+1/a$ , and a pole at  $z = 1/a$  with residue  $a+1/a$ . Now *suppose that*  $0 < |a| < 1$  — we have  $\oint_C f(z) dz = 2\pi i \Sigma R$ .

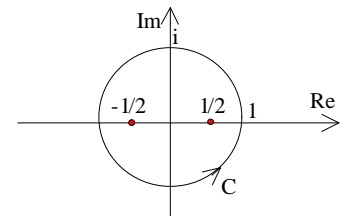


## Assignment 4: Set 07/4

**Q:** Determine the *residues* of the following functions at their poles: (a)  $3\exp z/z^4$ ; (b)  $4z^{-1}/z^2+3z+2$ . **A:** (a) Let  $f(z) = 3\exp z/z^4$ , then  $f(z)$  has a *pole of order 4* at  $z = 0$ . So  $b_1 = \text{Res}(f(z), 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(4-1)!} (d^{4-1}/dz^{4-1})((z-z_0)^m f(z)) = (m = 4, z_0 = 0) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} (z^4 f(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{6} \frac{d^3}{dz^3} (3\exp z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{6} (3\exp z) = \frac{1}{6} (3\exp(0)) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(b) Let  $f(z) = \frac{4z^{-1}}{z^2+3z+2} = \frac{4z^{-1}}{(z+1)(z+2)}$ .  $f(z)$  has 2 *discontinuities*, at  $z = -1$  and at  $z = -2$ . **Pole at  $z = -1$ :** Consider that we split  $f(z)$  up as  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z+1} \frac{4z^{-1}}{z+2} = (g(z))(h(z))$ . Now  $g(z) = \frac{1}{z+1}$  has a *simple pole* at  $z = -1$ , with  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} (z-(-1))g(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} ((z+1)^1/(z+1)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -1} (1) = 1$ . *Therefore*,  $\text{Res}(g(z), -1) = 1$ . Further,  $h(z)$  is **analytic** at  $z = -1$ , so  $g(z)h(z)$  will also have a *simple pole* at  $z = -1$ . Its residue will be given by  $\text{Res}(g(z), -1) \times h(-1) = 1 \times \frac{4(-1)^{-1}}{(-1)+2} = -5$ . *Therefore*,  $\text{Res}(f(z), -1) = -5$ . *Similarly*, for the pole at  $z = -2$ , we get  $\text{Res}(f(z), -2) = 9$ .

**Q:** If  $C$  is the *unit circle* centred at the origin, evaluate the following integral using the **residue** theorem:  $\oint_C \tan(\pi z) dz$ . **A:**  $\oint_C \tan(\pi z) dz = I = \oint_C \frac{\sin(\pi z)}{\cos(\pi z)} dz$ . Now  $\cos(\pi z)$  *vanishes* when  $\pi z = n\pi/2$  ( $n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ), so we will have *discontinuities* when  $z = n/2$ . However, we're *only* interested in discontinuities **within**  $C$  — at  $z = \pm 1/2$ .

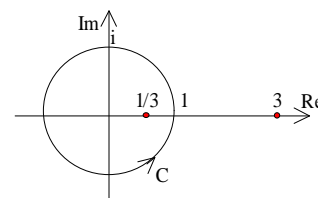


**Pole at  $z = 1/2$ :**  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/2} (z-1/2) \frac{\sin(\pi z)}{\cos(\pi z)}$ . Let  $w = z-1/2$ , so the *above* becomes  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{w \sin(\pi(w+1/2))}{\cos(\pi(w+1/2))}$ . Now apply the *addition* formula,  $\cos(z \pm \zeta) = \cos(z)\cos(\zeta) \mp \sin(z)\sin(\zeta)$ , to give  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{w \sin(\pi(w+1/2))}{\cos(\pi w)\cos(\pi/2) - \sin(\pi w)\sin(\pi/2)}$ . Because  $\cos(\pi/2) = 0$  and because  $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$ , we *obtain*  $\lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{w \sin(\pi(w+1/2))}{-\sin(\pi w)} = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi w \sin(\pi(w+1/2))}{-\pi \sin(\pi w)} = \lim_{w \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-1/\pi) (\sin(\pi(w+1/2))) (\pi w / \sin(\pi w))}{-1}$ . We can *use* the fact that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin(x)} = 1$  to give  $(-1/\pi) (\sin(\pi(0+1/2))) (1) = (-1/\pi) (\sin(\pi/2)) = (-1/\pi) (1) = -1/\pi$ . *Therefore*, if we let  $f(z) = \tan(\pi z)$ , we have  $\text{Res}(f(z), 1/2) = -1/\pi$ .

Similarly (using  $w = z^{1/2}$ ), we get  $\text{Res}(f(z), -1/2) = -1/\pi$ . Using the **Residue Theorem**,  $I = 2\pi i(\Sigma \text{Residues}) = 2\pi i(-1/\pi + (-1/\pi)) = 2\pi i(-2/\pi) = -4i$ . **Conclusion:**  $\oint_C \tan(\pi z) dz = -4i$ , where  $C$  is the unit circle centred at the origin.

**Q:** Using *contour* integration, evaluate the following integral:  $\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta / (5 - 3\cos\theta)$ . **A:** To change to a *contour* integral, we use the **substitution**  $z = e^{i\theta}$ . Our contour using *this* substitution is the unit circle in the **complex** plane. Now  $z = e^{i\theta} \Rightarrow dz = ie^{i\theta} d\theta = iz d\theta$ . We also know that  $\cos\theta = (e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta})/2 = 1/2(z + 1/z)$ . So, we obtain  $I = \oint_C \frac{dz}{iz} \frac{1}{5 - 3(1/2)(z + 1/z)} = \oint_C \frac{dz}{iz} \frac{2}{10 - 3(z + 1/z)} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{10iz - 3iz(z + 1/z)} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{10iz - 3iz^2 - 3i} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{-3iz^2 + 10iz - 3i} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{i(-3z^2 + 10z - 3)} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{i(-z+3)(3z-1)}$ . To continue, let  $f(z) = \frac{2}{i(-z+3)(3z-1)}$ .

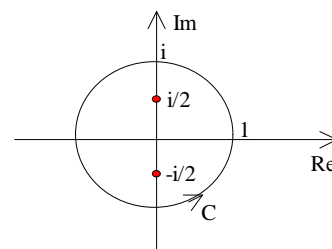
We have **discontinuities** at  $z = 3$  and  $z = 1/3$ . But only the *second* discontinuity lies within  $C$ , with  $b_1 = \text{Res}(f(z), 1/3) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/3} (z - 1/3)f(z) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1/3} \frac{2}{3i(3z-1)} = \frac{2}{3i(3 - 1/3)} = \frac{1}{4i}$ . So, using the *Residue Theorem*,  $I = 2\pi i(\Sigma R) = 2\pi i(1/4i) = \pi/2$ . **Conclusion:**  $\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta / (5 - 3\cos\theta) = \pi/2$ .



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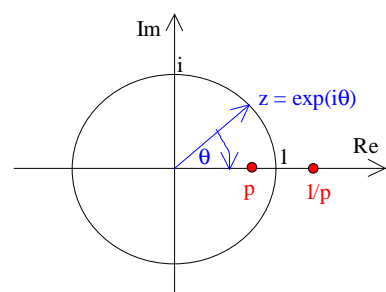
## Examples on the Use of the Residue Theorem

**Q:**  $I = \oint_C \frac{dz}{1+4z^2}$ , where  $C$  is the unit circle centred at the origin. **A:** Putting  $1+4z^2 = 0$ , we get  $z^2 = -1/4$ , which implies that  $z = \pm i/2$ . So we have *two simple poles* as shown on the diagram. Now  $1+4z^2 = 4(z^2 + 1/4) = 4(z - i/2)(z - (-i/2))$ . **Pole at  $z = +i/2$ :**  $b_1 = \lim_{z \rightarrow i/2} ((z - i/2)f(z)) = \lim_{z \rightarrow i/2} ((z - i/2)) \frac{1}{4(z - i/2)(z - (-i/2))} = \lim_{z \rightarrow i/2} \frac{1}{4(z + i/2)} = \frac{1}{4(i/2 + i/2)} = -1/4$ . Similarly the **pole at  $z = -i/2$**  is  $b_1 = +1/4$ . So, by the *residue theorem*,  $I = 2\pi i(\Sigma R) = 2\pi i(-1/4 + 1/4) = 0$ .



**Q: Evaluate**  $\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta / (5 + 3\sin\theta)$  (---(1)). **A:** Let  $z = e^{i\theta}$  (---(2)). Now (2)  $\Rightarrow dz = e^{i\theta} i d\theta$ ;  $dz = iz d\theta$  (---(3)). Now, since we know that  $\sin\theta = (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})/2i = 1/2i(z - 1/z)$ , in (1),  $I = \oint_C \frac{dz}{iz} \frac{1}{5 + \frac{3}{2i}(z - 1/z)} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{(3z^2 + 10iz - 3)} = \oint_C \frac{2dz}{(3z+i)(z+3i)}$ . Now let  $f(z) = \frac{2}{(3z+i)(z+3i)}$ . We have **two poles**, but only  $z = -i/3$  lies within  $C$ . So  $b_1 = \text{Res}(f(z), -i/3) = \lim_{z \rightarrow -i/3} (z + i/3) \frac{2}{(3z+i)(z+3i)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow -i/3} \frac{2}{3(z+3i)} = \frac{1}{4i}$ . By the *Residue Theorem*,  $I = 2\pi i(1/4i) = \pi/2$ .

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**Q: Evaluate**  $I = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta / (1 - 2p\cos\theta + p^2)$ , with  $0 < p < 1$ . **A:** Let  $z = e^{i\theta}$ , so that  $dz/iz = d\theta$ . By knowing this, and also that  $\cos\theta = 1/2(z + 1/z)$ , we get  $I = \oint_C \frac{dz}{iz} \frac{1}{1 + p^2 - p(z + 1/z)} = \frac{1}{p} \oint_C \frac{dz}{(z-p)(z-1/p)}$ . Now let  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-p)(z-1/p)}$ . We have *simple poles* at  $z = p$  and at  $z = 1/p$ , but as  $0 < p < 1$ , only  $z = p$  lies within  $C$ . So  $b_1 = \text{Res}(f(z), z=p) = \lim_{z \rightarrow p} [(z-p)f(z)] = \lim_{z \rightarrow p} \frac{1}{(z-1/p)} = \frac{1}{(p-1/p)} = p/p^2 - 1$ . So, using the *Residue Theorem*,  $I = (1/p) 2\pi i(p/p^2 - 1) = -2\pi/p^2 - 1 = 2\pi/p^2 - 1$ , with  $0 < p < 1$ .

## Exam Paper: May 2000

### SECTION 1 (Compulsory)

- (1) (a) Define the gradient of the scalar field  $f(x, y, z)$ . Find the gradient and the directional derivative in the direction  $-\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}+2\mathbf{k}$  of the scalar field  $f = xy^2z^3$  at the point  $(2, 1, -1)$ . **[5 marks]**
- (b) Define the curl of the vector field  $\mathbf{v}$ .  
If  $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{r}$ , where  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$ , find  $\text{curl } \mathbf{v}$ . **[7 marks]**
- (c) Write down the Cauchy-Riemann equations satisfied by the real and imaginary parts  $u, v$  of the differentiable function  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ . If the real and imaginary parts of a complex valued function satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations, is that function differentiable? Explain your answer.

Examine whether or not the real and imaginary parts of the function  $f(z) = z^2 + 5iz + 3 - i$  satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations and state the domain of analyticity of the function. **[8 marks]**

### SECTION 2 (Answer 2 out of 4 questions)

- (2) (a) Prove that  $\text{curl}(\phi\mathbf{A}) = (\text{grad } \phi) \times \mathbf{A} + \phi \text{curl} \mathbf{A}$ . **[4 marks]**
- (b) Simplify  $\text{curl}(\text{grad } \phi)$ . **[2 marks]**
- (c) Calculate  $\text{curl}(\mathbf{r}^2\mathbf{r})$  where  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$  and  $r = |\mathbf{r}|$ . **[4 marks]**
- (d) Is there a function  $\phi$  such that  $\text{grad } \phi = \mathbf{r}^2\mathbf{r}$ ? If so, then find such a  $\phi$ . If not, then explain why not. **[5 marks]**
- (3) (a) Given a space curve  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(t)$ , define the unit tangent vector  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$ , the unit principal normal vector  $\hat{\mathbf{N}}$  and the curvature  $\kappa$ . **[3 marks]**
- (b) Show that  $\kappa = \frac{|\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{r}}|}{|\dot{\mathbf{r}}|^3}$  **[4 marks]**
- (c) If  $\mathbf{r}(t) = t^4\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{j} + t^2\mathbf{k}$ , find  $\hat{\mathbf{T}}$ ,  $\kappa$  at the point  $P = (1, 1, 1)$ . **[4 marks]**
- (d) Calculate the work done in moving the force  $\mathbf{F} = (3x-2y, y+2z, -x^2)$  from the origin to  $P$  along the curve given in part (c). **[4 marks]**

- (4) (a) Give the definition of a harmonic function  $u(x,y)$ . **[2 marks]**
- (b) Show that  $u = x^3 - 2xy^2 + 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 1$  is a harmonic function. **[3 marks]**
- (c) Find the harmonic conjugate function  $v(x, y)$  such that  $w = u + iv$  is analytic. **[5 marks]**
- (d) Express  $w$  in the form  $f(z)$  where  $z = x + iy$ . **[5 marks]**
- (5) Determine the residues at the poles of  $f(z)$  where  $f(z) = \frac{z^4 + 1}{z^2(z-a)(z-a^{-1})}$ ,  $0 < |a| < 1$ . **[6 marks]**

Use the substitution  $z = e^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ , and the Residue Theorem to deduce that

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos(2\theta)d\theta}{1 - 2a \cos(\theta) + a^2} = \frac{2\pi a^2}{1 - a^2}, \quad 0 < |a| < 1. \quad \mathbf{[9 \text{ marks}]}$$

(Questions done: 1, 4, 5)