

What did we do last time?

- Defined the (complex) exponential function

$$e^z := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} \quad (\text{converges } \forall z \in \mathbb{C})$$

- Defined the complex logarithm: for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

$$\log z := \ln |z| + i \arg(z) \quad (\text{a multivalued function})$$

and the principal value of the complex log:

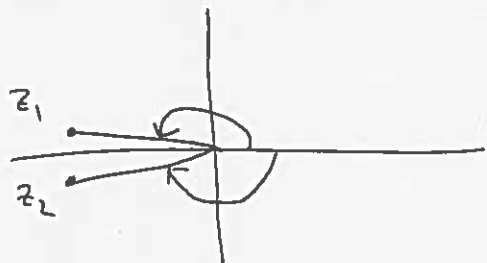
$$\text{Log } z := \ln |z| + i \underbrace{\text{Arg}(z)}_{\in (-\pi, \pi]}.$$

What will we do today?

- study the differentiability of  $\text{Log } z$
- start looking at the complex integral by defining paths, loops and contours.

The principal value of the complex log,  $\text{Log } z$ , ①  
is not continuous (& therefore not differentiable)  
on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Why? Because  $\text{Arg}(z)$  is not continuous on  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ .



$\text{Arg}(z_1)$  is close to  $\pi$

$\text{Arg}(z_2)$  is close to  $-\pi$ .

As we go across the negative real axis,  $\text{Arg}$  jumps from  $\pi$  to  $-\pi$ ,  
so is not continuous.

Define the cut plane  $D := \mathbb{C} \setminus \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{negative real axis} \\ \text{and } 0 \end{array} \right\}$ .



Fact  $\text{Log } z$  is continuous on the cut-plane  $D$ .

Why? Recall  $\text{Log } z = \ln |z| + i \text{Arg}(z)$ .

and note that  $|z|$ ,  $\text{Arg}(z)$ ,  $\ln$  are all continuous.

Prop  $\text{Log } z$  is holomorphic on the cut-plane  $D$  and

$$\frac{d}{dz} \text{Log } z = \frac{1}{z}.$$

Pf Let  $w = \text{Log } z$ , so  $z = \exp(w)$ . Let  $\text{Log}(z+h) = w+k$

As  $\text{Log } z$  is continuous on  $D$ , we have  $k \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Log}'(z) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Log}(z+h) - \text{Log } z}{(z+h) - z}$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{(w+k) - w}{\exp(w+k) - \exp(w)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\exp(w+h) - \exp(w)}{h} \right)^{-1}$$

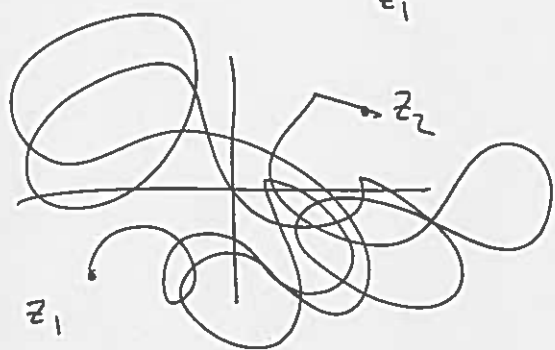
$$= (\exp'(w))^{-1} = \frac{1}{\exp(w)} = \frac{1}{z}$$

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#### 4. Complex integration & Cauchy's Thm

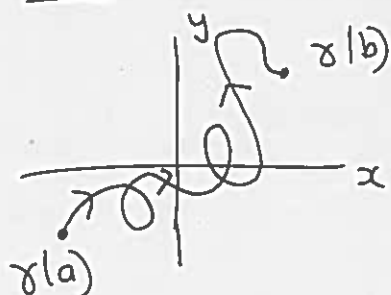
Real case:  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  = "integral of  $f$  from  $a$  to  $b$ ."

What does  $\int_{z_1}^{z_2} f(z) dz$  mean?



Need to look at paths  $\gamma$  from  $z_1$  to  $z_2$ .

Defn A path is a continuous function  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  ( $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an interval). The path starts at  $\gamma(a)$  and ends at  $\gamma(b)$ .



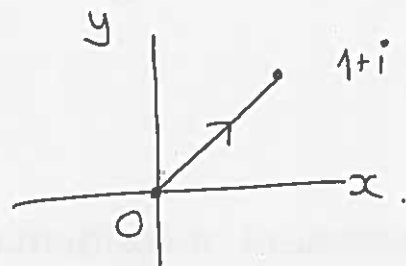
$$a \leq t \leq b$$

Think of  $\gamma(t)$  as "where we are in the complex plane at time  $t$ ".

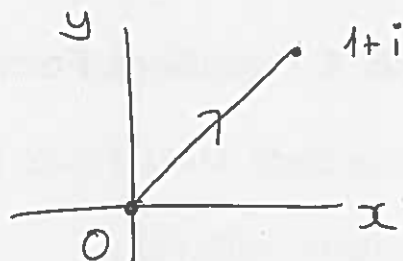
~~Defn~~ Rmk  $\gamma$  is a function. Sometimes it is useful to regard  $\gamma$  as a set of points in  $\mathbb{C}$  (ie we identify  $\gamma$  with its image), albeit equipped with an orientation. Often we call the function  $\gamma(t)$ ,  $a \leq t \leq b$ , a parametrisation of  $\gamma$ .

Different parametrisations can give the same path (3)

$$\gamma(t) = t + it \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$



$$\gamma(t) = t^2 + it^2 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

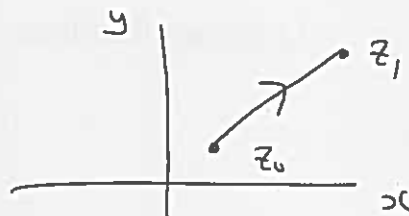


Examples of paths Let  $z_0, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let

$$\gamma(t) = (1-t)z_0 + tz_1 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

- a straight line from  $z_0$  to  $z_1$

- Denote this by  $[z_0, z_1]$

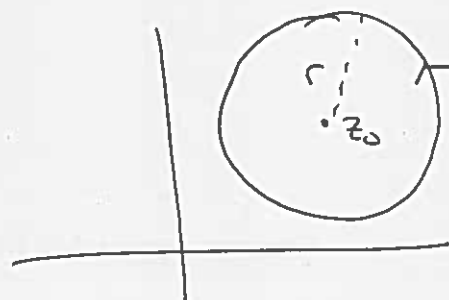


Defn  $\gamma$  is a closed loop if it starts & ends at the same point :  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$

Example Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}, r > 0$

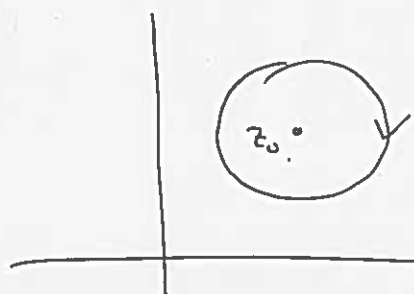
$$\gamma(t) = z_0 + r e^{it} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

- describes a circle, centre  $z_0$   
radius  $r$ , once anti-clockwise



$$\gamma(t) = z_0 + r e^{-it} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

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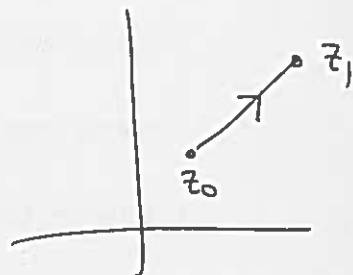


Defn  $\gamma$  is smooth if  $\gamma(t)$  is differentiable and  $\gamma'(t)$  is continuous (means:  $\gamma$  has no corners). (4)

Defn Let  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a smooth path. Then  

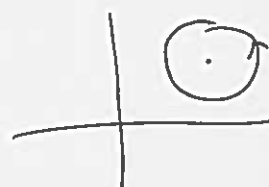
$$\text{length}(\gamma) := \int_a^b |\gamma'(t)| dt$$

Examples: (1)  $\text{length}[z_0, z_1] = |z_1 - z_0|$



(2)  $\gamma(t) = z_0 + re^{it}$   $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

$$\text{length}(\gamma) = 2\pi r.$$

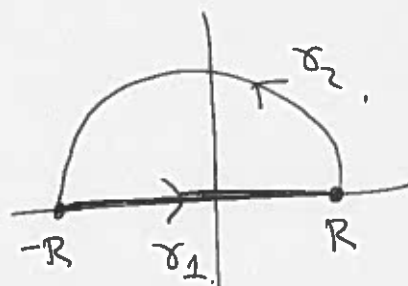


(easy checks from the defn).

Defn A contour  $\gamma$  is a collection of smooth paths  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$  s.t. the end point of  $\gamma_r$  is the start point of  $\gamma_{r+1}$ . (Essentially: a contour is a smooth path, except we allow finitely many corners.)

Write  $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n$ .

Example  $\gamma_1(t) = t$   $-R \leq t \leq R$   
 $\gamma_2(t) = Re^{it}$   $0 \leq t \leq \pi$



$\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2$  is a D-shaped contour.

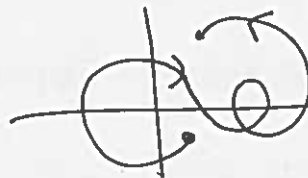
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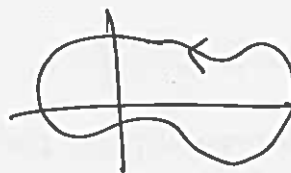
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- we proved that  $\text{Log } z$  is holomorphic on the cut plane and  $\frac{d}{dz} \text{Log } z = \frac{1}{z}$

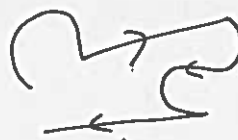
- we defined paths



closed loops



contours.



What will we do today?

- define the reversed path  $-\gamma$

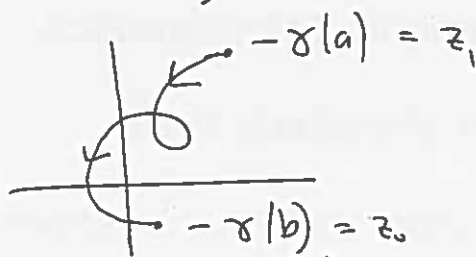
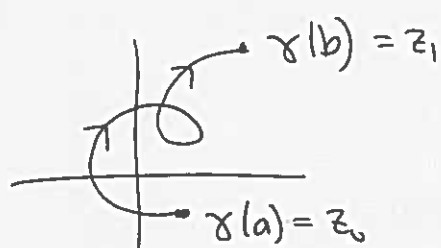
- define the complex integral  $\int_{\gamma} f$

- state & prove the fundamental Thm of Contour Integration.



Reversed paths Let  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a path. ①

The reversed path is  $-\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is defined to be  $-\gamma(t) := \gamma(a+b-t)$

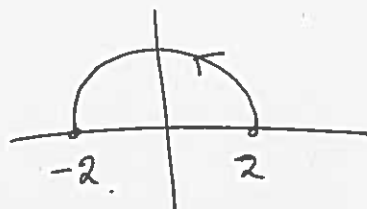


$\gamma$  starts at  $z_0$  & ends at  $z_1$

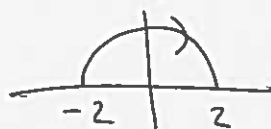
$-\gamma$  starts at  $z_1$ , travels backwards along  $\gamma$ , & ends at  $z_0$

This ≠ DOES NOT mean: take the formula for  $\gamma$  and multiply it by  $-1$

Example  $\gamma(t) = 2e^{it}$   $0 \leq t \leq \pi$



$$-\gamma(t) = \gamma(0 + \pi - t) = 2e^{i(\pi-t)} = -2e^{-it} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \pi$$



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Contour integration Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function,

$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow D$  be a smooth path in  $D$ .

We define:  $\int_{\gamma} f = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz := \int_a^b f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt$

Example Let  $f(z) = z^2$ ,  $\gamma(t) = t^2 + it^3$   $1 \leq t \leq 2$ .

$$\gamma'(t) = 2t + 3it^2$$

$$f(\gamma(t)) = (t^2 + it^3)^2 = t^4 + 2it^5 - t^6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\gamma} f &= \int_1^2 f(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt = \int_1^2 (t^4 + 2it^5 - t^6)(2t + 3it^2) dt \\
 &= \int_1^2 -8t^7 + 2t^5 dt + i \int_1^2 7t^6 - 3t^8 dt \\
 &= -234 - \frac{130i}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Defn Let  $\gamma = \gamma_1 + \gamma_2 + \dots + \gamma_n$  be a contour. Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f := \int_{\gamma_1} f + \dots + \int_{\gamma_n} f.$$

Prop "Contour integration is independent of the choice of parametrisation."

Let  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a smooth path

$\phi: [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$  is an increasing smooth function & a bijection.

(so  $\gamma \circ \phi: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a "reparametrisation" of  $\gamma$ )

$$\text{Then } \int_{\gamma \circ \phi} f = \int_{\gamma} f.$$

Pf Omitted — chain rule + change of variables.

The algebra of contour integration

Let  $f, g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  are contours in  $D$   
 (end point of  $\gamma_1 =$  start point of  $\gamma_2$ ).



$$\text{Then } (1) \int_{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} f = \int_{\gamma_1} f + \int_{\gamma_2} f \quad (3)$$

$$(2) \int_{\gamma} f + g = \int_{\gamma} f + \int_{\gamma} g$$

$$(3) \int_{\gamma} cf = c \int_{\gamma} f$$

$$(4) \int_{-\gamma} f = - \int_{\gamma} f$$

In real analysis, integration is the reverse of differentiation. To calculate  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ , choose  $F$  s.t.  $F' = f$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a).$$

In complex analysis, very few functions have anti-derivatives (but when they do, calculating  $\int_{\gamma} f$  is easy).

Thm (Fundamental Theorem of Contour Integration)

Suppose  $g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is continuous

$G: D \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is an anti-derivative of  $g$  on  $D$   
(i.e.  $G'(z) = g(z) \forall z \in D$ ).

$\gamma$  is a contour in  $D$  from  $z_0$  to  $z_1$ .

$$\text{Then } \int_{\gamma} g = G(z_1) - G(z_0).$$

Pf It's sufficient to prove this for a smooth path  $\gamma$ .

Let  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow D$  be s.t.  $\gamma(a) = z_0, \gamma(b) = z_1$ .

$$\text{Let } \omega(t) = g(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) \quad (9)$$

$$W(t) = G(\gamma(t)).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } W'(t) &= G'(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) \quad (\text{chain rule}) \\ &= g(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) = \omega(t). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Write } \omega(t) = u(t) + iv(t)$$

$$W(t) = U(t) + iV(t), \text{ so } U'(t) = u(t), V'(t) = v(t)$$

$$\text{Hence: } \int_{\gamma} g = \int_a^b g(\gamma(t)) \gamma'(t) dt = \int_a^b \omega(t) dt$$

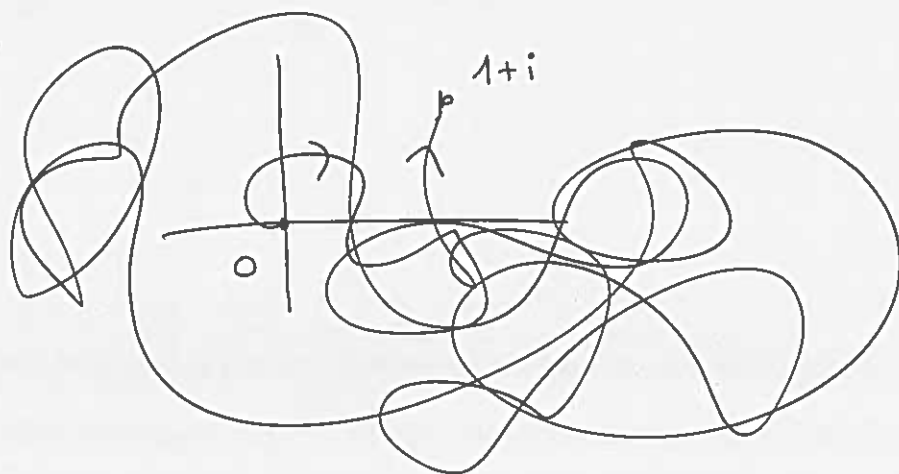
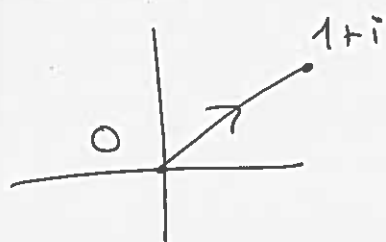
$$= \int_a^b u(t) + iv(t) dt = \int_a^b u(t) dt + i \int_a^b v(t) dt$$

$$= U(t) \Big|_a^b + i V(t) \Big|_a^b \text{ by Fund. Th. of Calculus.}$$

$$= W(t) \Big|_a^b = G(\gamma(b)) - G(\gamma(a)) = G(z_1) - G(z_0) \quad \square$$

Remark Suppose  $f$  has an antiderivative on  $D$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a contour in  $D$ . Then  $\int_{\gamma} f$  depends only on the endpoints of  $\gamma$  & not on the choice of  $\gamma$ .

Example Let  $f(z) = z^4$ ,  $\gamma$  = any contour from 0 to  $1+i$ .



Calculate  $\int_{\gamma} f$ .

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Let  $F(z) = \frac{1}{5} z^5$ . Then  $F'(z) = f(z) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

By the Fund. Thm of Contour Integration

$$\int_{\gamma} f = F(1+i) - F(0) = \frac{(1+i)^5}{5} - 0 = \frac{-4-4i}{5}$$

Remark Suppose  $\gamma$  is a closed contour (ie starts & ends at the same point) &  $f$  has an anti-derivative on a domain that contains  $\gamma$ .

Then  $\int_{\gamma} f = 0$ .

Why? If  $F'(z) = f(z)$  then  $\int_{\gamma} f = F(z_1) - F(z_0) = 0$   
if  $z_1 = z_0$   $\square$