

## Mittag-Leffler's Theorem

Let  $\{z_j\}$  be a sequence of distinct complex numbers such that  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{|z_j|} = 0$  and for each  $j$ , let  $p_j$  be the rational function given by

$$p_j(z) = \frac{a_{-m_j}^j}{(z-z_j)^{m_j}} + \frac{a_{-m_j+1}^j}{(z-z_j)^{m_j-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}^j}{(z-z_j)}.$$

Then there exists polynomials  $t_j$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots$ ) such that

$$f(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \{p_j(z) - t_j(z)\}$$

defines a meromorphic function with singularities precisely at  $z_1, z_2, \dots$  and principal parts  $p_1, p_2, \dots$  respectively.

Proof: Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $z_j \neq 0$  for each  $j$ . The only pole of the rational function  $p_j$  is at  $z_j \neq 0$ , so it is holomorphic on  $B(0, |z_j|)$ . Let  $g_j(z)$  be its Taylor's expansion on  $B(0, |z_j|)$ , i.e.  $g_j(z) = c_0^j + c_1^j z + c_2^j z^2 + \dots$ . — (1)  
Let  $n_j$  be such that

$$\left| \sum_{n=n_j+1}^{\infty} c_n^j z^n \right| < \frac{1}{2^j} \quad \text{for all } z \in \text{cl } B(0, |z_j|/2) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

and let

$$t_j(z) = c_0^j + c_1^j z + c_2^j z^2 + \dots + c_{n_j}^j z^{n_j}. \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

So from (1), (2) and (3), we have

$$|g_j(z) - t_j(z)| = \left| \sum_{n=n_j+1}^{\infty} c_n^j z^n \right| < \frac{1}{2^j}$$



Since  $g_j(z)$  is the Taylor's expansion of  $P_j(z)$ , Therefore  $|P_j(z) - h_j(z)| < \frac{1}{2^j}$  for all  $j > m$

$\therefore \sum_{j=m+1}^{\infty} \{P_j(z) - h_j(z)\}$  converges uniformly on

$B(0, R)$ , Hence it is holomorphic on  $B(0, R)$ .

But  $\sum_{j=1}^m \{P_j(z) - h_j(z)\}$  is meromorphic on

$B(0, R)$ , being a finite sum and has poles

at  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  with Principal parts  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$ .

Hence the infinite series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \{P_j(z) - h_j(z)\}$  has

only poles at  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  in  $B(0, R)$  with the principal parts  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  respectively

$$\therefore \text{If } f_m = \sum_{j=1}^m \{P_j(z) - h_j(z)\},$$

$\Rightarrow$  sequence  $\{f_m\}$  of meromorphic function

converges uniformly on compact sets to  $f$ ,

$$\text{where } f = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \{P_j(z) - h_j(z)\}$$

## Infinite Series Expression for cotangent function:

(An application of the Mittag-Leffler Theorem)

Consider a meromorphic function with simple poles at each integer  $j$ , with principal part

$$P_j(z) = \frac{1}{z-j}, \text{ at } j.$$

The series  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} P_j(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z-j}$  does not

converge uniformly for non-integer  $z$  with  $|z| \leq R$  ( $R > 0$ )

$$\therefore \text{ for any } j \neq 0, \left| \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{z}{j(z-j)} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{j^2} \frac{|z|}{\left| \left( \frac{z}{j} \right) - 1 \right|} \leq \frac{|z|}{j^2} \text{ for large } j$$

Hence for non-integer  $z$  with  $|z| \leq R$ ,

$$\sum_{j \neq 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right\} \text{ converges uniformly for}$$

each  $R > 0$ .

Hence, in the Mittag-Leffler's Theorem,

let  $h_j(z) = \frac{1}{j}$  for each non-zero integer  $j$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j \neq 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right\} &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} + \frac{1}{z+j} - \frac{1}{j} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2z}{z^2 - j^2}, \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

which is meromorphic function with simple



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poles at integers and the principal part  $\frac{1}{z-j}$  at each integer  $j$ .

$$\text{Now } \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right) = -\frac{1}{(z-j)^2}$$

Since term by term differentiation is valid.

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left\{ \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j \neq 0} \left( \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{z^2} - \sum_{j \neq 0} \frac{1}{(z-j)^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$= -\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-j)^2} = -\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z} \quad \left( \text{Proved in factorization of } \sin \pi z \right)$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{d}{dz} (\pi \cot \pi z) = \frac{-\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dz} (\pi \cot \pi z) = -\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(z-j)^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{d}{dz} (\pi \cot \pi z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j \neq 0} \left( \frac{1}{z-j} + \frac{1}{j} \right) \right)$$

(from above)

$$\sim \frac{d}{dz} (\pi \cot \pi z) = \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2z}{z^2-j^2} \right), \quad \left\{ \text{from (1)} \right\}$$

Integrating w.r.t,  $z$ , we have

$$\pi \cot \pi z = c + \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2z}{z^2-j^2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where  $c$  is constant,

changing  $z$  to  $-z$ , we have

$$\pi \cot \pi(-z) = c + \frac{1}{-z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2(-z)}{z^2-j^2} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

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from (3) and (4), we get

$$c = 0$$

Hence

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{2z}{z^2 - j^2}$$

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