

E. Morera Theorem

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Theorem : 2 (E.morera 1856-1909)

Let f be continuous on a domain D . If $\int_C f(z)dz = 0$ **(6)** for every closed contour C lying in D , then f is analytic throughout D .

Proof:

Given: $\int_C f(z)dz = 0$ for every closed contour C in D .

$\Rightarrow f$ has an anti derivative in D (by a theorem in section **42**)

\Rightarrow there exists an analytic function F such that $F'(z)=f(z)$ at each point in D .

We know that F is analytic $\Rightarrow F'$ is analytic in D . $\Rightarrow f$ is analytic in D . ■

Remark:

1. If the point lies outside of the given region then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(z) dz}{z - z_0} = 0 \text{ (by Cauchy Theorem).}$$

2. π radians = 180 degrees. i.e.) $\frac{22}{7}$ radians = 180 degrees.

In working out problems, put $\pi = \frac{22}{7} = 3.14$. ■

Problem :

Let C denote the positively oriented boundary of the square whose sides lie along the lines $x = \pm 2$ and $y = \pm 2$. Find

$$\int_C \frac{(\tan(z/2)) dz}{(z - x_0)^2} \quad (-2 < x_0 < 2).$$

Solution :

Since $-2 < x_0 < 2$, x_0 lies inside the given square. So

$$\begin{aligned}\int_C \frac{(\tan(z/2))}{(z-x)^2} dz &= 2\pi i [f'(z)] \text{ at } z = x_0 \\ &= 2\pi i \left[\frac{d}{dz} \left(\tan\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \right) \right] \text{ at } z = x_0 \\ &= 2\pi i \left[\frac{1}{2} \sec^2\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) \right] \text{ at } z = x_0 \\ &= \pi i \sec^2\left(\frac{x_0}{2}\right). \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

Problem:

Find $\int_C \frac{zdz}{z-2}$ where C is $|z|=1$

Solution : 2 lies outside $|z|=1$ and so $\frac{z}{z-2}$ is analytic inside

C . So $\int_C \frac{zdz}{z-2} = 0$. ■