Example: Represent the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1+z}$$

into a series of negative power of z.

Solution:

$$\frac{1}{1+z} = \frac{1}{z\left(1+\frac{1}{z}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z}\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{z}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{z}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}(-1)^n\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{z}\left[1-\frac{1}{z}+\frac{1}{z^2}-\frac{1}{z^3}+\cdots\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{z}-\frac{1}{z^2}+\frac{1}{z^3}-\frac{1}{z^4}+\cdots, \left(\left|\frac{1}{z}\right|<1\to|z|>1\right)$$

Example: Evaluate Taylor series of $f(z) = \log(1+z)$ about zero.

Solution: note that $f(z) = \log(1+z)$ is not analytic when

$$Im(1+z) = 0$$
 and $Re(1+z) < 0$

$$y = 0 \text{ and } x + 1 < 0 \rightarrow x < -1$$

$$f(0) = \log 1 = 0$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{1+z} \to f'(0) = 1$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{-1}{(1+z)^2} \to f''(0) = -1$$

$$f^{(3)}(z) = \frac{2}{(1+z)^3} \to f^{(3)}(0) = 2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \log(1+z) = z - \frac{1}{2!}z^2 + \frac{1}{3}z^3 - \frac{1}{4}z^4 + \cdots, (|z| < 1)$$

[2] Laurent Series

If a function f fails to be analytic at z_0 , then we can apply Taylor's theorem at z_0 . It is possible however, to find a series representation for f(z) involving both positive and negative powers of $(z - z_0)$. Now, we represent the theory of such representation and begin with Laurent theorem.

Laurent's Theorem:

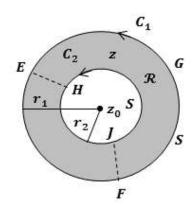
If f(z) is analytic inside and on the boundary of the ring \mathcal{R} bounded by two concentric C_1 and C_2 with center z_0 and respective radii r_1 and r_2 , then for all z in \mathcal{R}

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z - z_0)^n}$$

Such that:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}} , n = 0,1,2,...$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_2} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^{-n+1}} , n = 1,2,...$$



Note:

1. If *f* is analytic on and inside C_2 , then $b_n = 0$, i.e.:

$$b_n = \int f(z)(z-z_0)^{n-1} dz$$
, $n = 1,2,...$

2. Laurent's theorem can be reform as:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n$$

Such that: $a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C_1} \frac{f(z)dz}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}}$, n = 0,1,2,..., where C is any simple closed curve lies between C_1 and C_2 .

- **3.** If f is analytic on and inside C_1 then the Laurent series turns to Taylor series.
- **4.** The Laurent series expansion contains negative powers and usually begins from $-\infty$.
- 5. The Taylor series expansion about z_0 is a special case of Laurent expansion, that is when calculating Laurent coefficients in this case all the negative power coefficients appear as zeros and the Taylor series remains.

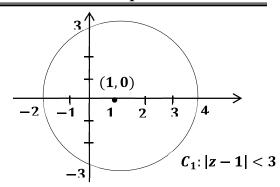
For example, if n = -1 then $(z - z_0)^0 = 1$ and the function is analytic i.e. $(\oint_C = 0)$, and it is the same when n = -2, -3, ...

- **6.** z_0 might be the only singular point of f on C_1 and in this case $0 < r_2 < r_1$, so the series will be at the region $0 < |z z_0| < r_1$.
- 7. Taylor series can be written for a point inside the circle.
- 8. Laurent series can be written for a point outside the circle.

Example: Represent $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z+2)}$ into a Laurent series about 0 < |z-1| < 3.

Solution:

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z+2)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(z-1)} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{(z+2)}$$



We don't need to make it (z-1), the singular points are 1, -2. Note that the singular point $0 < |z-1| < 3 \not\ni -2$.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{3(z-1)} - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3+z-1} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{3(z-1)} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{1}{1+\frac{z-1}{3}} \right]$$

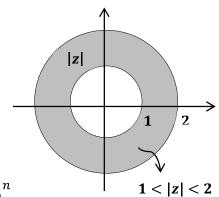
 $\rightarrow \frac{1}{1+\frac{Z-1}{3}}$ is a geometric series and a=1, $r=\frac{Z-1}{3}$ with alternative sign $(-1)^n$.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{3(z-1)} - \frac{1}{3^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{(z-1)^n}{3^n}$$

$$\left|\frac{z-1}{3}\right| < 1 \to |z-1| < 3$$

The other part of the region |z-1| > 0 we avoid that $|z-1| \neq 0$ in the term $\frac{1}{3(z-1)}$.

In the same example about 1 < |z| < 2



$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{3z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z}\right)^n - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^n$$

Example: Expand $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2(z-1)(z-2)}$ in a Laurent series about $z_0 = 0$.

Solution: the possibilities depend on the singular points 0, 1, 2:

Case 1:
$$0 < |z| < 1$$

Case 2:
$$1 < |z| < 2$$

Case 3:
$$2 < |z| < \infty$$

• Case 1: if 0 < |z| < 1

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{z - 2} - \frac{1}{z - 1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{1 - z} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z^n - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{2} \right)^n \right]$$

 $|z| < 1 \& \left| \frac{z}{2} \right| < 1 \to |z| < 1 \& |z| < 2$, note the connection between the intervals and the solution, then 0 < |z| < 1.

• Case 2: if 1 < |z| < 2

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{z - 2} - \frac{1}{z - 1} \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{-1}{2} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{z}{2}} - \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{z}} \right]$$

 $\left|\frac{z}{2}\right| < 1 \rightarrow |z| < 2 \& \left|\frac{1}{z}\right| < 1 \rightarrow |z| > 1$, note the connection between the intervals and the solution, then 1 < |z| < 2.

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{-1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^n} - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z} \right)^n \right]$$
$$= - \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{n-2}}{2^{n+1}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^{n+3}} \right]$$

• Case 3: if $2 < |z| < \infty$ (|2/z| < 1)

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} \left[\frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1} \right]$$

$$=\frac{1}{z^2}\left[\frac{1}{z}\,\frac{1}{1-\frac{2}{z}}-\frac{1}{z}\,\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z}}\right]$$

We need |z| > 2, so

 $\left|\frac{z}{z}\right| < 1 \rightarrow |z| > 2 \& \left|\frac{1}{z}\right| < 1 \rightarrow |z| > 1$, note the connection between the two intervals and the solution, then 2 < |z|.

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{z^3} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n}{z^n} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{z} \right)^n \right]$$

Example: Expand $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{z^2}$ in a Laurent series.

<u>Solution</u>: f(z) is analytic everywhere except the origin. We take C_1 big and C_2 a little smaller.

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z}{z^2} = \frac{1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \cdots}{z^2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{z}{3!} + \cdots, \ 0 < |z| < \infty$$

Example: Write $f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z^2 - 1}$ into a Laurent series in powers of z - 1.

Solution:

- 1. Locate the singular points which are -1,1.
- 2. Leave every factor of the form z-1 in the denominator and otherwise is considered a part of the numerator.

$$f(z) = \frac{\sin z}{z^2 - 1} = \frac{\sin z}{(z - 1)(z + 1)}$$
$$= \frac{\sin z/(z + 1)}{z - 1}$$

3. Write Taylor expansion for the new numerator about $z_0=1$ and then simplify to get Laurent series,

$$\frac{\sin z}{(z+1)} = \frac{\sin 1}{1+1} + \frac{(\sin z/(z+1))'\big|_{z=1}}{1!} (z-1) + \frac{(\sin z/(z+1))''\big|_{z=1}}{2!} (z-1)^2 + \cdots$$

$$f(z) = \frac{\sin z/(z+1)}{z-1}$$