

Points of singularities, Lectures

Isolated singularity

D is an open subset of the complex plane.



f is a complex differentiable function for all z in $D \setminus \{w\}$ [excluding w]

1) If there is a finite limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow w} f(z)$ then w is a removable singularity.

Example $f(z) = \frac{\sinh z}{z}$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} f(z) = 1$$

2) The point w is a ~~point~~ pole if there is an infinite limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow w} f(z) \rightarrow \infty$

Examples $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)^2}$, $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^3}$, ...

3.) The point ω is essential singularity if there is no limit $\lim_{z \rightarrow \omega} f(z)$.

Example:

$$f(z) = e^{1/z}$$

Non isolated singularities

To be discussed later

Laurent series for different types of isolated singularities

1) Removable singularity

$$\frac{\sin z}{z} \approx 1 - \frac{z^2}{6} + \frac{z^4}{120} + \dots$$

In other words this function is Taylor expandable and in Laurent series

$$f(z) = \dots + \frac{c_{-n}}{(z-\omega)^n} + \dots + \frac{c_{-1}}{z-\omega} + c_0 + c_1(z-\omega) + \dots$$

all term with $\overset{0}{\parallel}$ negative power of $(z-\omega)$ are zero

2) Non-essential singularities (Poles)

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

conclusion: there is a finite number of terms with negative powers of $(z-w)$

In general, for the pole of degree n

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow w} (z-w)^n f(z) = C_n \text{ exist and}$$

$$f(z) = \underbrace{\frac{C_{-n}}{(z-w)^n} + \dots + \frac{C_{-1}}{z-w}}_{\text{a finite number of terms}} + \underbrace{C_0 + C_1(z-w) + \dots}_{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(z-w)^n}$$

may be a finite or an infinite number

3) Essential singularities

Consider an example

$$f(z) = e^{1/z} = 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{2! z^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n! z^n} + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{n=-1}^{-\infty} z^{-n} \frac{1}{n!}$$

There are infinitely many terms with negative powers of $(z-w)$.

In the vicinity of an essential singularity function takes all possible values and one may choose a set of points z_k , such that $z_k \rightarrow \omega$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$ that $f(z_k) \rightarrow A$ [A is any number in the complex plane, including ∞].

Example

$$f(z) = e^{1/z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-n}}{n!}$$

choose $A = \infty$

$$z_k = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$f(z_k) = e^k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

choose $A = 0$

$$z_k = -\frac{1}{k}$$

$$f(z_k) = e^{-k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

choose $A \neq 0, \neq \infty \rightarrow z_k = \frac{1}{2\pi ki + \ln A}$

$$f(z_k) = e^{2\pi i k + \ln A} = A$$

any branch of $\ln$

Let us discuss the connection between singularity at point w and Cauchy theorem.



consider an integral along C , that encompasses w and function f , such that w is a singular point. Assume that this is the only singular point inside.

If w is a removable singularity we shrink C into an infinitesimal loop

$$\oint_C f(z) dz = \oint_C f(w) dz = f(w) \oint_C dz = 0$$

therefore $\lim_{z \rightarrow w} f(z) = 0$ and removable singularities do not affect the value of an integral.

Next we discuss the res of the function that has a pole of degree n

$$f(z) = \frac{c_{-n}}{(z-w)^n} + \dots + \frac{c_{-1}}{z-w} + c_0 + c_1(z-w) + \dots$$

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How do we find c_{-1} ?

Multiply $f(z)$ by $(z-w)^n$

$$f(z)(z-w)^n = c_{-n} + (z-w)c_{-n+1} + (z-w)^2 c_{-n+2} + \dots + c_{-2}(z-w)^{n-2} + c_{-1}(z-w)^{n-1} + c_0(z-w)^n + \dots$$

Differentiate with respect to z $(n-1)$ times

Terms with $n < -1$ are polynomials
with degree $< n-2 \rightarrow$ drop after $n-1$ derivatives

$$\frac{d^{n-1} f(z)}{dz^{n-1}} = (n-1)! c_{-1} + c_0 n! (z-w) + \dots$$

$$\left. \frac{d^{n-1} f(z)}{dz^{n-1}} \right|_{z=w} = (n-1)! c_{-1} \rightarrow$$

$$c_{-1} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \left. \frac{d^{n-1} f(z)}{dz^{n-1}} \right|_{z=w}$$

For the simple pole

$$\text{res } f(w) = \left. (z-w)f(z) \right|_{z=w} \equiv \lim_{z \rightarrow w} (z-w)f(z)$$

↗
limit $z \rightarrow w$

In particular if

$f(z) = \frac{y(z)}{g(z)}$, where $y(z), g(z)$ are analytic functions in D



$$g(w) = 0, y(w) \neq 0$$

$$\text{res } f(z) = (z-w) f(z) \Big|_{z=w} =$$

$$= \lim_{z \rightarrow w} \frac{(z-w) y(z)}{g(z)} = \lim_{z \rightarrow w} \frac{(z-w) y(w)}{(z-w) g'(w)} = \frac{y(w)}{g'(w)}$$

expand $y(z) = y(w)$
 $g(z) = g(w) + (z-w)g'(w) = (z-w)g'(w)$

Example

$$f(z) = \frac{\cos z - 2}{\sin z}$$

$$w = 0$$

$$\text{res } f(0) = \frac{\cos 0 - 2}{(\sin z)'_{z=0}} = \frac{-1}{\cos 0} = -1$$

Example

$$f(z) = \frac{\cos z}{\sinh z}$$

$$\sinh z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} = 0$$

$$e^{iz} = e^{-iz} \rightarrow e^{2iz} = 1$$

$$2iz = 2\pi i k$$

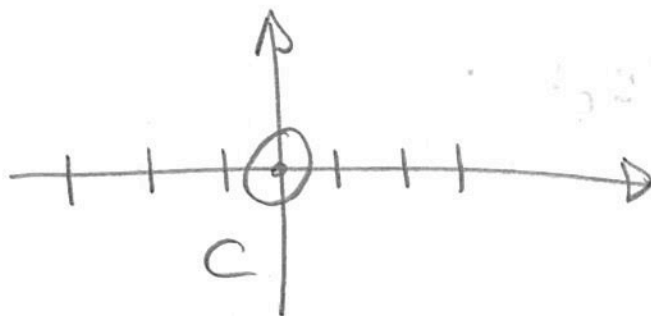
$$z = \pi k$$

$$\operatorname{res} \{ f(z_k) \} = \frac{\cos z_k}{(\sinh z)'_{z_k}} = \frac{\cos z_k}{\cos z_k} = 1$$

Therefore

$$\oint_C \frac{\cos z}{\sinh z} dz = 2\pi i$$

$$|z| < \frac{1}{2}$$



Example

$$f(z) = \frac{dz}{dz} = \frac{\cosh z}{\sinh z}$$

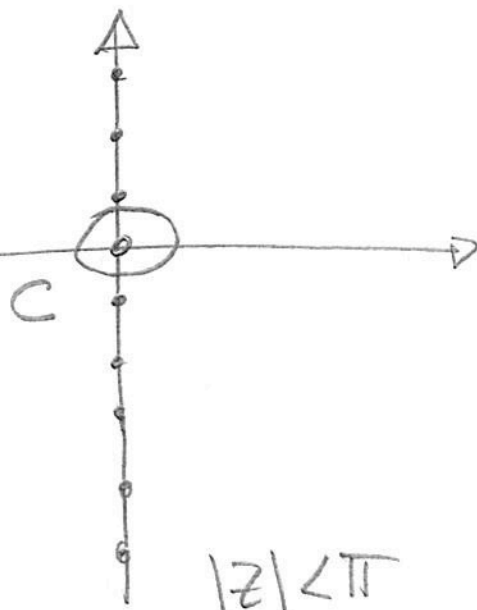
$$f(z_k) = 0 \quad \sinh z = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{2} = 0$$

$$e^z = e^{-z} \rightarrow e^{2z} = 1$$

$$2z = 2\pi i k$$

$$z = \pi i k$$

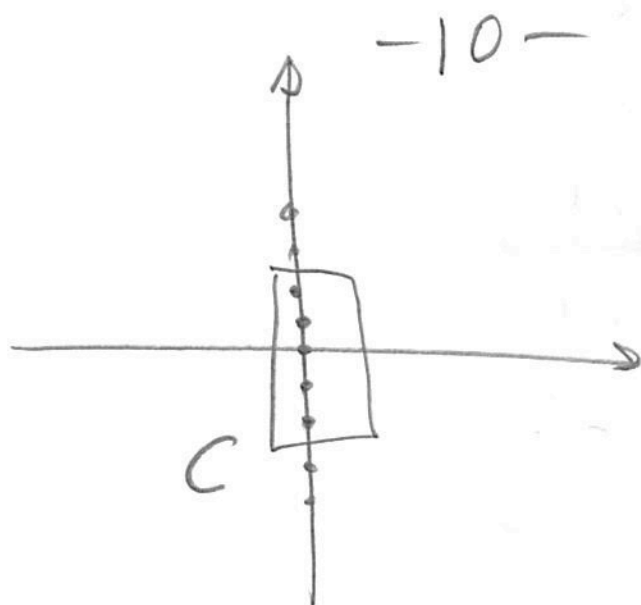
$$\operatorname{res} f(z) = \frac{\cosh z_k}{\cosh z_k} = 1$$



Integral over C

$$\oint_C dz \frac{dz}{dz} = 2\pi i$$

Note that if C is bigger



$$\oint_C dz \, \frac{1}{z} = 2\pi i \times [\text{number of poles inside}]$$

If we integrate function $f(z)$ that is analytic inside C , and does not vanish at $z_k = \tau_k i$

$$\oint_C dz \, f(z) = 2\pi i \sum_{\substack{k \text{ inside} \\ C}} f(z_k)$$

Consider an analytic function $f(z)$ in D and $\frac{d}{dz} \ln f(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}$

Assume that $f(a) = 0$ and it is a zero of the order 1, i.e.

$$f(z) \cong C_1(z-a) + C_2(z-a)^2 + \dots$$

The integral around a

$$\oint_C dz \frac{d \ln f(z)}{dz} = \oint_C dz \frac{\cancel{C_1}}{C_1(z-a)} = 2\pi i$$

Therefore if $f(z)$ has a zero of the order 1 $\rightarrow \frac{d}{dz} \ln f(z) \cong \frac{1}{z-a} \rightarrow \text{Res} = 1$

$$\left[\text{res} \left(\frac{d \ln f}{dz}(a) \right) = 1 \right]$$

Now generalize

zero of the order n

$$f(z) \cong C_n(z-a)^n + C_{n+1}(z-a)^{n+1} + \dots$$

$$\frac{d \ln f}{dz} \cong \frac{n C_n (z-a)^{n-1}}{C_n (z-a)^n} = \frac{n}{z-a} \rightarrow \text{Res} = n$$

Next we consider the function f with poles.

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$$f(z) = \frac{c-1}{z-\omega}$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \ln f = \frac{f'}{f} = -\frac{c-1}{(z-\omega)^2} \cdot \frac{z-\omega}{c-1} = -\frac{1}{z-\omega}$$

$$\text{Res} \{ \ln f \} = -1$$

$$f(z) = \frac{c-h}{(z-\omega)^h}$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} \ln f = \frac{f'}{f} = \frac{-h c-h}{(z-\omega)^{h+1}} \cdot \frac{(z-\omega)^h}{c-h} = \frac{-h}{z-\omega}$$

$$\text{Res} \ln f = -h$$

Therefore pole of the order n in function $f \rightarrow$ pole of the order 1 of function $\frac{d \ln f}{dz}$ with $\text{Res} \left\{ \frac{d \ln f}{dz} \right\} = -h$

Zero of the order n in $f \rightarrow$ pole of the order 1 with $\text{Res} \left\{ \frac{d \ln f}{dz} \right\} = h$

Theorem

Let $f(z)$ be analytic function in D ,
except a finite number of poles at points
 b_1 of the order p_1

b_2 ———— p_2

...

b_m ———— p_m

and it has zeroes at
 a_1 of the order n_1

a_2 ———— n_2

a_l ———— n_l

zeroes and poles are inside D
[not at the boundary].

From derivation above

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = (n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_l) - (p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_m) = N - P$$

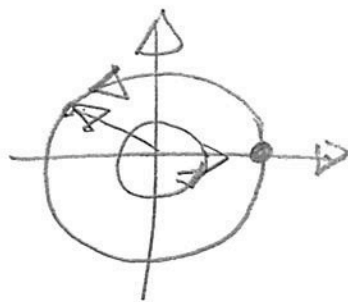
$$\oint_C \frac{1}{2\pi i} d \ln f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C d(\ln |f(z)| + i \operatorname{Arg} f(z)) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_C d \operatorname{Arg} f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta \operatorname{Arg} f(z)$$

vector $\begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} f(z) \\ \operatorname{Im} f(z) \end{pmatrix}$ number of times turns around origin.

Example

$$f(z) = z$$



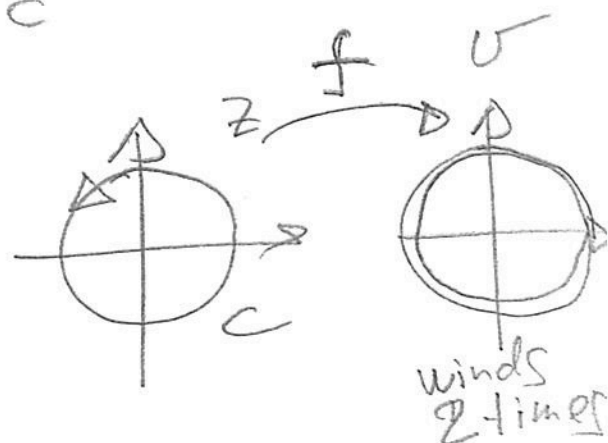
$$\frac{d \ln f}{dz} = \frac{f'}{f} = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{d \ln f}{dz} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{dz}{z} = 1$$

Example

$$f(z) = z^2$$

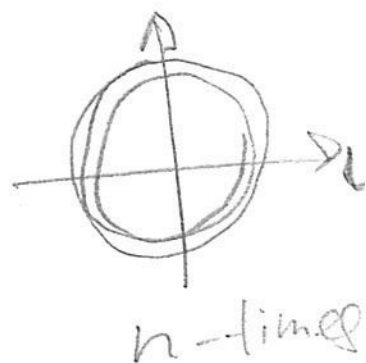
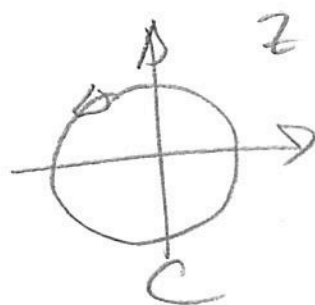
$$\frac{d \ln f}{dz} = \frac{2}{z}$$



$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{f'}{f} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{2}{z} = 2$$

Example

$$f(z) = z^n$$



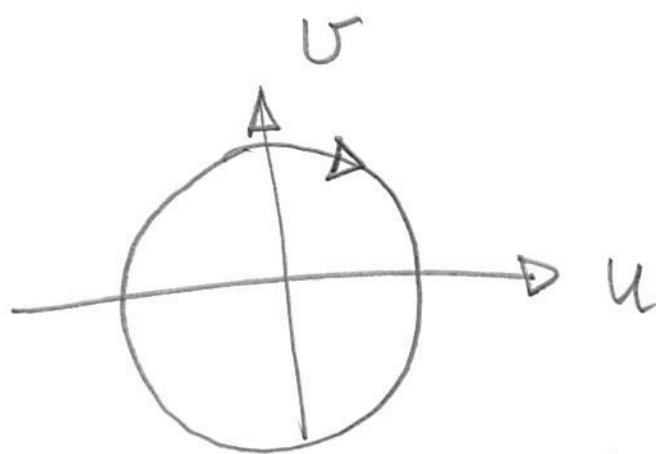
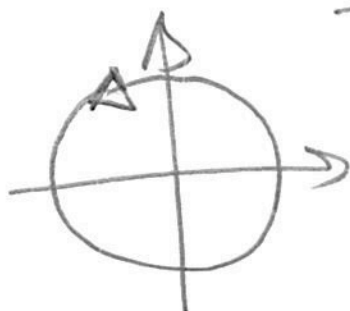
$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{f'}{f} = n$$

Example

$$f(z) = 1/z$$

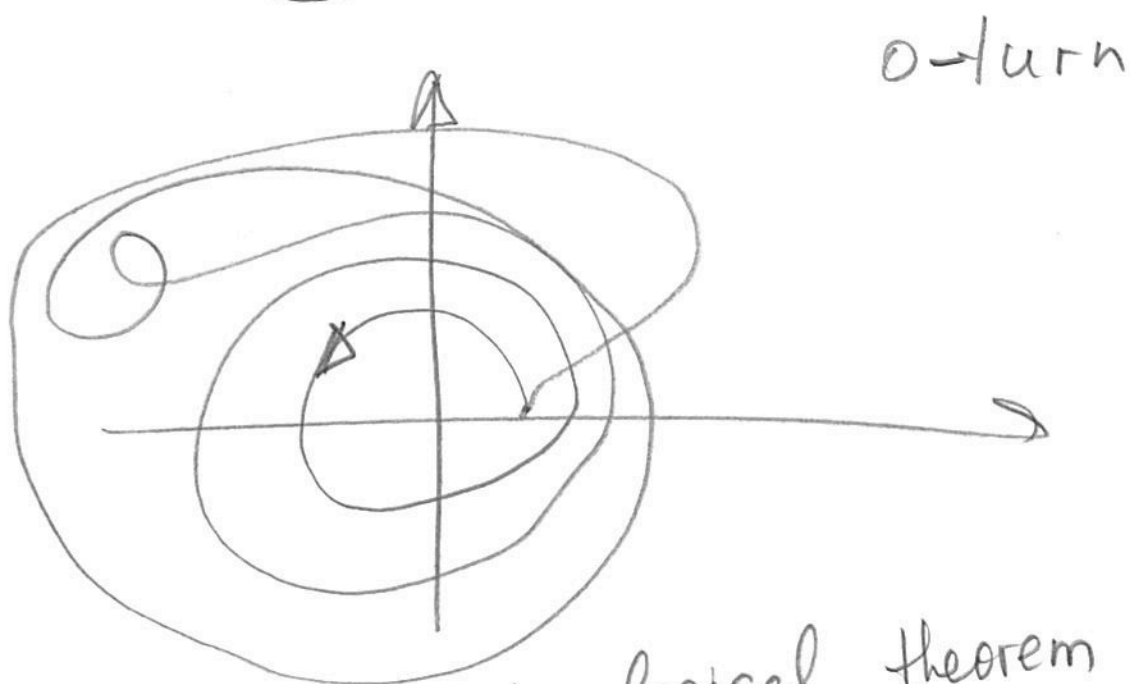
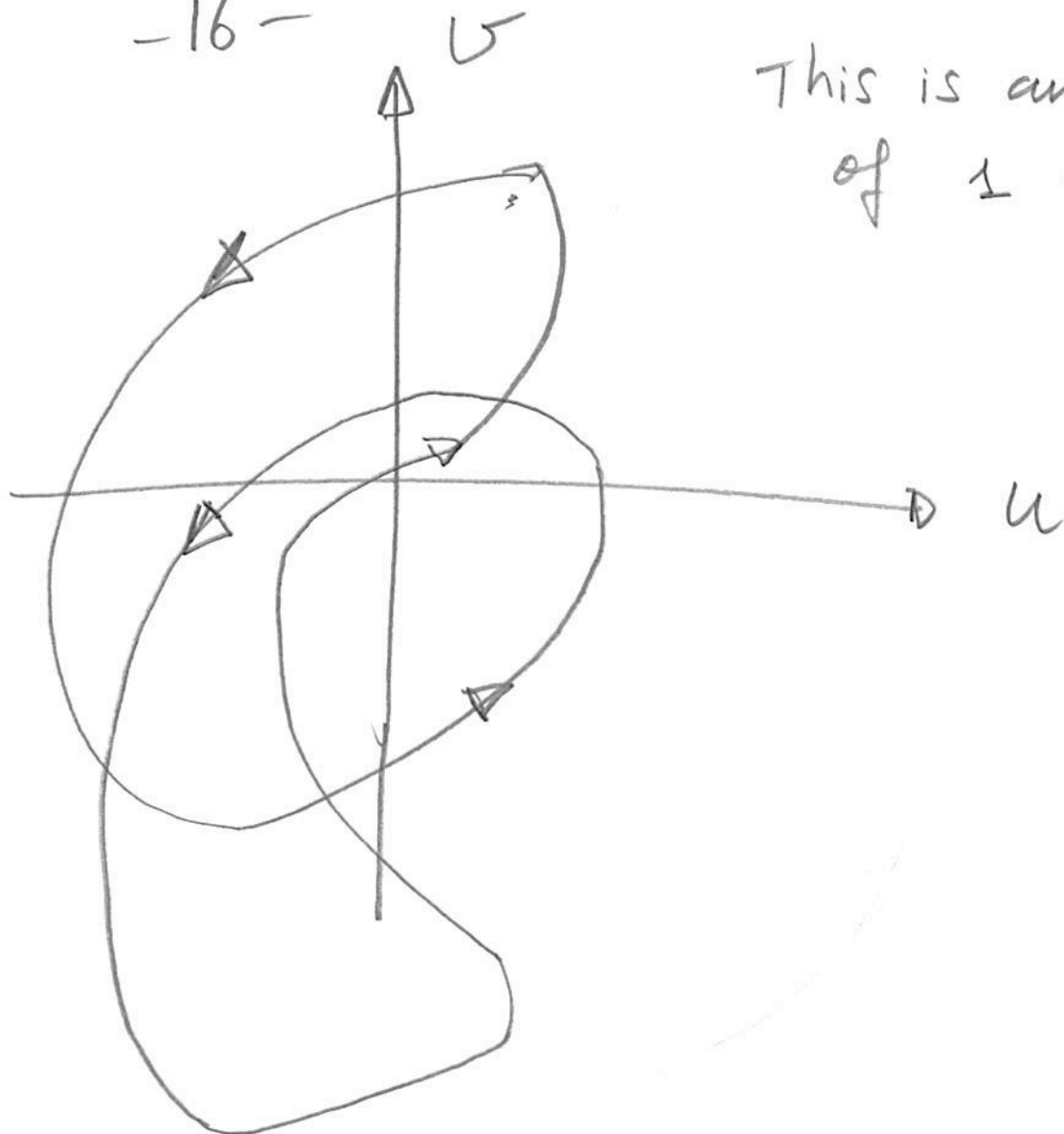
$$\frac{d}{dz} \ln f = -\frac{1}{z}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C dz \frac{d}{dz} \ln f = -1$$



turns in opposite
(clockwise
direction)

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This is a topological theorem that relates zeroes and poles of the function $f(z)$ the topological index [number of turns]