

Example. When we talk about the residue of a complex function f at an isolated singularity z_0 , this notion depends on our choice of coordinate.

(Residue as value of a_{-1} in the Laurent expansion of f at z_0 .) Laurent expansion is different in different coordinate systems.

Better to think of the residue of the hol. 1-form $f(z)dz$. (Residue as $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} f(z)dz$

where γ is a small anticlockwise loop around z_0 with $\text{wind}(\gamma, z_0) = 1$.)

Every connected
Riemann surface can be written
as S/Γ where $S \stackrel{\cong}{=} \mathbb{R}$ is simply connected
and Γ is acting by holomorphic
automorphisms.

We claim that every simply
connected Riemann surface is S^2 ,
 \mathbb{C} or the disk. We will now
describe these automorphism groups.

Automorphisms of \mathbb{C} .

Prop. Every automorphism of $\mathbb{C}P^1$ has the

form $z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$.

Proof. Say $f: \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ is a holomorphic automorphism. f is in particular a meromorphic function so $f(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$ by our previous theorem.

Now $f(z) = w$ has only one solution

$$\frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = w.$$

May assume that P, Q have distinct roots.

Roots of P map to 0 . Plus ~~just~~ one root

$$P(z) = c(z-z_0)^n, \quad Q(z_0) \neq 0.$$

The value of $\frac{P}{Q}$ at z_0 is w . Since $\frac{P}{Q}$ is an automorphism $V_P(z_0) = w = 1$.

So P is linear:

$$\begin{aligned} c(z-z_0)^n (a_0 + a_1(z-z_0) + \dots) \\ = c \cdot a_0 (z-z_0)^n + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We continue with the disks.

Without loss of generality we can consider the unit disk in \mathbb{C} which we write as Δ .

Schwarz's lemma. Suppose $f: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ is holomorphic and that $f(0) = 0$. Then either

(1) $|f(z)| < |z|$ for every non-zero z in Δ or

(2) $f(z) = e^{i\theta} z$ for some real constant θ .

In addition we have $|f'(0)| \leq 1$. If equality holds we are in case (1) above otherwise we are in case 2.

Proof. $f(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots$
 $= z(a_1 + a_2 z + \dots)$
 $= z \cdot g(z)$ g holomorphic

For $r < 1$ we can apply the maximum principle to g on the disk $D_r = \{z \mid |z| \leq r\}$ and obtain

$$|g(z)| \leq \sup_{|w|=r} |g(w)| < \frac{1}{r} \quad (*)$$

since on D_r :

$$\begin{aligned} 1 > |f(z)| &= |z \cdot g(z)| = |z| \cdot |g(z)| \\ &= r \cdot |g(z)| \end{aligned}$$

hence max occurs on ∂D_r by the maximum principle.

(Note that there are two versions of the maximum principle. Here we are using the version which says that a cont. fun. on the closed disk which is holomorphic in the interior takes its maximum on the boundary.)

(Below we use a refined version which implies that if a holomorphic function on the open disk achieves its maximum then it is constant.)

Letting $r \rightarrow 1$ in equation * we get

$|g(z)| \leq 1$ in Δ , note in particular that
 $|g(0)| = |f'(0)| \leq 1$.

If $|g| = 1$ at some point of the open disk Δ then by the second version of the maximum principle g is constant $g(z) = c$. Plus $|c| = 1$ and $c = e^{i\theta}$.

g is constant by the ^{refined} maximum principle and $g(z) = e^{i\theta} z$ so (2)

holds. Otherwise $|g| < 1$ and (1) holds.

To prove the last two statements note that g is defined and holomorphic on Δ and since $f(z) = z \cdot g(z)$ we have $f'(0) = g(0)$.

If $|f'(0)| = 1$ then $|g|$ achieves its maximum in Δ and we are in case 2. If $|f'(0)| < 1$ then $|g(0)| < 1$ then $|g(z)|$ cannot be 1 at any $z \in \Delta$

so we are in case 1.

Theorem. The elements of $\text{Aut}(\Delta)$ are precisely the Möbius transformations of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{az + \bar{c}}{cz + \bar{a}} \text{ with } |a|^2 - |c|^2 = 1.$$

Proof. Elements of this form form a group.

