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DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE CASE OF HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS. AN
IMPULSE FUNCTION (DIRAC'S DISTRIBUTION) FOR HOLOMORPHIC
FUNCTIONS

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Abstract : In the paper a Dirac's distribution for holomorphic functions is constructed; it has the form:

$$(\delta(z-z_0), f(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz = f(z_0), \text{ where } f \in H(D)$$

The Cauchy integral has the properties of a Dirac distribution; the filtering property is proved to hold and the derivative in distribution sense is calculated.

The derivative in distribution sense of the distribution generated by a function f satisfies the well-known relation : $f'(z) = \tilde{f}(z) + s_0(f) \delta(z-z_0)$

where $f'(z)$ is the derivative in distribution sense of the distribution generated by f , $\tilde{f}(z)$ is the distribution function-type of the function's derivative and $s_0(f)$ is the function's saltus on $\gamma \subset D$.

Definition 1: Let $f:C \rightarrow C$ be a function and denote by $\text{supp } f = \{z \in C | f(z) \neq 0\}$ the support of the function $f(z)$. Let K be the space of holomorphic function $f:C \rightarrow C$ having compact support and define uniform convergence in K as follows:

$$\varphi_n^{(k)}(z) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} \varphi^{(k)}(z) \quad \text{if } \exists \bar{D} \subset C \text{ such that}$$

$\text{supp } (\varphi_n(z)) \subset \bar{D}, \text{ supp } (\varphi(z)) \subset \bar{D}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$

Definition 2 : Let S be the space of temperate functions, i.e. $\varphi \in S$ if $\varphi:C \rightarrow C, \varphi \in H(D), D \subset C$ so that for $\|z\| \rightarrow \infty$ we have $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} z^k \varphi(z) = 0$ (functions which vanish faster than any power of $\frac{1}{\|z\|}$).

Remark: In the case of holomorphic function Jordan's Lemma holds:

If $f(z) \in H(D)$ and $(\gamma_R, \|z\| = R, z = R = e^{i\theta}, \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2])$ with $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} z^k f(z) = 0$ (uniformly with respect to $\theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$), then $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma_R} f(z) dz = 0$

Definition 3: We say that $f_n(z) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{s} f(z)$ if in any bounded domain D of C we have $f_n^{(k)}(z) \xrightarrow[D]{s} f^{(k)}(z)$ and, moreover, $|z^k \cdot D^k f_n(z)| \leq C_{k,n}$ (constants do not depend on function's index in the sequence).

Definition 4: Let ξ be the space of indefinite differentiable complex functions $f:C \rightarrow C$, having any support of function. Note that holomorphic functions belong to the space S .

In particular, for holomorphic functions - because zero are isolated - $\text{supp } f(z)$ is a multiply connected domain, in fact the complex plane C except the points z_0 for which $f(z_0) = 0$.

Definition 5. Let $(E, C), (Y, C)$ be two vector spaces over the field Γ and $X \subset E$. A mapping $T: X \rightarrow Y$ is an operator with the domain X and value in Y . Denote $T(x) = (T, x) = y \in Y$.

T is a linear operator if

$$T(\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2) = \alpha_1 T(x_1) + \alpha_2 T(x_2), \text{ for } \forall \alpha_i \in \Gamma, \forall x_i \in X.$$

T is a functional if $Y = \Gamma$ (the field Γ), i.e. $T: X \rightarrow \Gamma$.

Definition 6. A distribution is a continuous linear functional defined on a fundamental space $\Phi(K, S, \mathbb{F})$, i.e. it maps any functional from Φ into a complex number, and this correspondence satisfies the following conditions:

$$(1) \quad (T, \alpha_1 f_1 + \alpha_2 f_2) = \alpha_1 (T, f_1) + \alpha_2 (T, f_2)$$

$$(2) \quad f_i \xrightarrow{*} f \Rightarrow (T, f_i) \xrightarrow{*} (T, f); \quad f_i, f \in \Phi.$$

We shall denote by $T \in \phi'$ a distribution defined on ϕ .

The sequence of distribution T_i converges to the distribution T , $T \in \phi' : \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} T_i = T \Leftrightarrow \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} (T_i, f) = (T, f)$, i.e. the sequence of complex numbers (T_i, f) converges to the complex number (T, f) .

The set ϕ' of distributions defined on ϕ with addition, scalar multiplication and a convergence structure is a vector space with convergence, named the space of distributions ϕ' .

We shall construct now a Dirac distribution (an impulse function).

Let us consider the class of distributions generated by functions which are locally integrable on C .

$$\text{Example : } (T_f, \phi) = \int f(z) \phi(z) dz, \phi \in K, \gamma \subset K$$

Definition 7 : An impulse function $\delta(z)C$ is defined by :

$$(\delta(z), f(z)) = f(0), \quad f \in \phi, \text{ centered in } z=0$$

$$\text{or } (\delta(z - z_0), f(z)) = f(z_0), \text{ centered in } z_0$$

Extend in complex the Heaviside function (unit function) :

$$\theta(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \in \gamma \\ 0 & z \notin \gamma \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and define } (\theta(z), f(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{dt}{z-t} f(t) dt$$

The distribution : $(T_\theta, f(z)) = \int_{\gamma} \theta(z) f(z) dz = \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$, where $\gamma \subset \text{supp } f(z)$

will be called Heaviside distribution.

We shall define now the Dirac distribution of an holomorphic function:

$$f(z) \in H(D) \rightarrow C, D \subset C$$

$$(\delta(z), f(z)) = \int_{\gamma} \delta(z) f(z) dz \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z} dz = f(0)$$

or, centered in z_0 :

$$(\delta(z-z_0), f(z)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{z-z_0} dz = f(z_0)$$

This distribution is a linear and continuous one and will have the same properties as Dirac's distribution in the real case.

Filtering property:

$$\psi \delta(z-z_0) = \psi(z_0) \delta(z-z_0), \text{ for } \forall \psi \in H(D)$$

Indeed

$$(\psi(z) \delta(z-z_0), f(z)) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{\psi(z) f(z)}{z-z_0} dz = \psi(z_0) f(z_0) = (\psi(z_0) \delta(z-z_0), f(z))$$

Derivative of the distribution :

$$\delta'(z-z_0), f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z-z_0)^2} dz = -f'(z_0) = -(\delta(z-z_0), f'(z)).$$

In general:

$$(\delta^{(n)}, f(z)) = (-1)^n (\delta(z), f^{(n)}(z)) \quad (\text{where } f^{(n)}(z) = \frac{d^n f}{dz^n}(z)).$$

For the Heaviside distribution we have : $\frac{d\theta(z)}{dz} = \delta(z)$,

$$\text{because } \theta(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} \frac{dz}{z-z_0} = \begin{cases} 1 & , z \in \gamma \\ 0 & , z - \text{outside the contour} \end{cases}$$

Remark : Let us remind a lemma concerning the following Dirichlet problem :

Find an holomorphic function $F(z) = U(z) + iV(z)$ inside $D \cup \gamma, \gamma = FrD$ except at $z_0 \in \gamma$ where $\text{Re}[F(z)]$ has a saltus $S(z_0) = U_2 - U_1$ (simple pole).

The solution of the problem will be : around the point z_0

$$F(z) = \frac{i}{\pi} (U_2 - U_1) \ln(z - z_0) + \text{continuous function}$$

The derivative of this function is

$$F'(z) = -\frac{i}{\pi} (U_2 - U_1) \frac{1}{z - z_0} + \text{continuous function or , in}$$

general , for z_n - simple poles and $S_n(z_n)$ = saltus of $\operatorname{Re}\{F(z)\}$, we have:

$$F(z) = G(z) + i \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{S_n(z_n)}{\pi} \ln(z_n - z),$$

$G(z)$ being a continuous function .

Derivative in distribution sense in the neighbourhood of z_0 is a generalization of the usual derivative.

Proposition : (generalization of the real case)

Let $F(z) \in H(D)$ except at the point $z_0 \in \gamma$, where $F(z)$ has a pole with the saltus of $\operatorname{Re}\{F(z)\}$: $s_0(F(z)) = U_2 - U_1$

$$\text{i.e. } F(z) = \begin{cases} U_1 + iV & \text{on } \gamma_1 \\ U_2 + iV & \text{on } \gamma_2 \end{cases}$$

$s_0(F(z)) = U_2 - U_1$, then the following relation holds:

$$f'(z) = f'(z) + s_0(f) \delta(z - z_0)$$

where $f'(z)$ is the derivative (in distribution sense) of the distribution generated by f .

$f'(z)$ is the distribution function - type of the function's derivative .

If

$$f(z) = \delta(z), \text{ then } \delta'(z) = (\delta', f) \text{ and } f''(z) = (\delta, f'')$$

$$(f, \varphi)'_d = (f, \varphi') + s_0(f)(\delta(z - z_0), \varphi)$$

The point $z_0 \in \gamma$, then $\int \frac{dz}{z - z_0} = \pi i$ (semiresidue theorem).

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