

Homework assigned Wednesday, February 22.

We saw in class today that the following holds.

Theorem 1. Let U be an open set in \mathbf{C} and γ a path contained in U . Let $f(z)$ be a function defined on U that has an antiderivative $F(z)$. (That is $F(z)$ is analytic in U and $F'(z) = f(z)$.) Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = F(\gamma_{\text{end}}) - F(\gamma_{\text{begin}}).$$

Problem 1. Use this to evaluate the following integrals.

(a) $\int_{\gamma} 12z^3 dz$ where γ is parametrized by $z(t) = (1 + 5t - t^3) + i(6 - t^4 + 3t^6)$; $0 \leq t \leq 1$.

(b) $\int_{\alpha} ze^{z^2} dz$ where α is the segment going from $1 + i$ to $-i$.

(c) $\int_{\beta} \frac{dz}{z^2}$ where β is the upper half of the circle $|z| = 1$.

Definition 2. A path is **closed** iff it begins and ends at the same point. (It is allowed to cross itself.) See Figure 1 for examples of closed paths and Figure 2 for examples of non-closed paths.

Remark 3. Another way to say that a curve is closed is that $\gamma_{\text{end}} = \gamma_{\text{begin}}$.

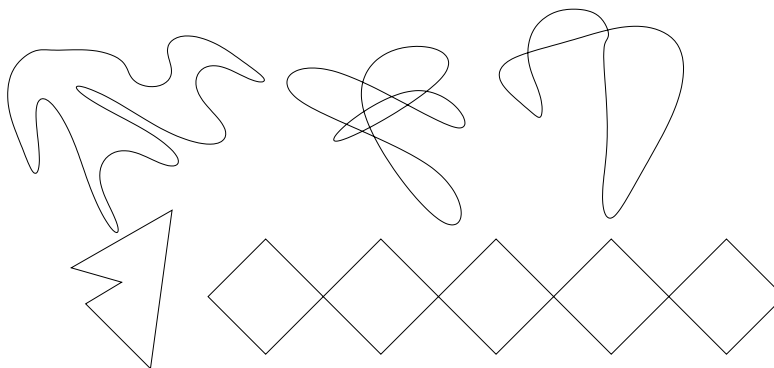


FIGURE 1. Examples of closed curves.

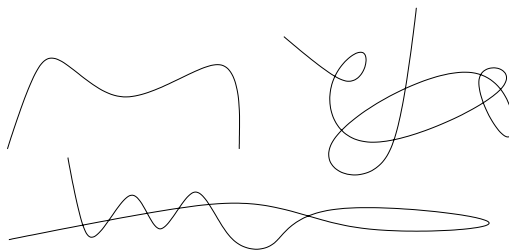


FIGURE 2. Examples of non-closed curves.

Theorem 4. Let U be an open set, f a function that has an antiderivative, F , in U and γ a closed curve in U . Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = 0.$$

Problem 2. Prove this. *Hint:* It is not hard.

Note the last theorem tells use that if a function has an antiderivative, then its integral over every closed curve is zero. The contrapositive to this is

Corollary 5. *If there is a closed curve, γ , such that*

$$\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz \neq 0$$

then $f(z)$ does not have an antiderivative in any open set containing γ .

Problem 3. Show that $f(z) = \bar{z}$ does not have an antiderivative. *Hint:* Compute $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ where γ is the unit circle $|z| = 1$ traversed once in the counter-clock wise direction.

Problem 4. Show that $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ does not have an antiderivative in the set $U = \{z : z \neq 0\}$. *Hint:* Compute $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$ where γ is the unit circle $|z| = 1$ traversed once in the counter-clock wise direction.

Problem 5. In the last problem we have seen that $f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$ does not have an antiderivative, but we learned a couple of weeks ago that if $F(z) = \log(z)$ that $F'(z) = \frac{1}{z} = f(z)$ which makes it look like $f(z)$ does have an antiderivative. Resolve this paradox.