

Other series expansion for meromorphic functions

We have proven that

$$\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z-n)^2} \quad (1)$$

Now,

$$\frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z} = D(-\pi \cot \pi z), \quad \text{and} \quad D \frac{1}{z-n} = -\frac{1}{(z-n)^2}$$

The function $\pi \cot \pi z$ has simple poles at the integers

with singular part $\pi \frac{\cos \pi z}{\sin \pi z} = \pi \frac{\cos \pi(z-n)}{\sin \pi(z-n)} = \frac{1}{z-n} + h(z)$

with $h(z)$ analytic near n (and $h(z) \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow n$). $\cot \pi z$ has period 1.

Now, $\sum \frac{1}{z-n}$ does not converge but $\sum \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} \right)$ does

as $\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{z}{(z-n)n}$ and defines

a meromorphic function on $\mathbb{C} \setminus (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\})$ with simple poles at $z=n \neq 0$.

Then,

$$-D \left(\frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(z-n)^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{\pi^2}{\sin^2 \pi z} = -D \pi \cot \pi z$$

so that

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} \right) + c$$

but

$$\pi \cot \pi z - \frac{1}{z} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow 0$$

and so does $\sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} \right) \Rightarrow c=0$.

We proved that

$$\pi \cot \pi z = \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n \neq 0} \left(\frac{1}{z-n} + \frac{1}{n} \right) \stackrel{\text{Ex.}}{=} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-m}^m \frac{1}{z-n} \quad (2)$$

This last formula suggests that

$$(3) \quad \boxed{\frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-m}^m \frac{(-1)^n}{z-n}}$$

Proof First notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=-m}^m \frac{(-1)^n}{z-n} &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^m (-1)^n \left(\frac{1}{z-n} - \frac{1}{z+n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{z} + \sum_{n=1}^m (-1)^n \frac{2z}{z^2 - n^2} \end{aligned}$$

which converges uniformly on compact sets in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-m}^m \frac{(-1)^n}{z-n} &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=-(2m+1)}^{2m+1} \frac{(-1)^n}{z-n} \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{\substack{j=-m \\ n=2j}}^m \frac{1}{z-2j} - \sum_{\substack{j=-m \\ n=2j+1}}^m \frac{1}{z-2j-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{j=-m}^m \frac{1}{\frac{z}{2}-j} - \sum_{j=-m}^m \frac{1}{\frac{z}{2}-j} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\cot \frac{\pi z}{2} - \cot \pi \left(\frac{z-1}{2} \right) \right) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \pi z} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\cot x - \cot \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \frac{1}{\sin x \cos x} = \frac{2}{\sin 2x}$$

Theorem (Mittag-Leffler) Let meromorphic in $\mathbb{C}$ with poles in $z_n \rightarrow \infty$ and angular part at z_n , $P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-z_n}\right)$, P_n polyn (with $P_n(0)=0$). Then, $\exists$ polynomial P_n and an entire function g s.t.

$$f(z) = \sum_n \left(P_n\left(\frac{1}{z-z_n}\right) - P_n(z) \right) + g$$

where the series converges absolutely in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_n\}$ and uniformly on compact sets in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{z_n\}$.