

79. On the Boundary Values of Analytic Functions.

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I. We consider a simple closed rectifiable curve C on Gaussian plane, and we give a continuous function $f(t)$ on C . If there exists a function $F(z)$ which is analytic within C and is continuous up to the boundary C , satisfying $F(t)=f(t)$ on C , then we must have

$$\int_C f(t) t^m dt = 0, \quad m=0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

since z^m is analytic within and on C .

The equations (1) are also sufficient, under a certain condition, for the existence of such an analytic function $F(z)$ as above. For example, (1) is sufficient if $f(t)$ is given to be analytic along C .¹⁾ Also it is sufficient if the curve C is analytic.²⁾

The paper is devoted to prove the sufficiency of (1), in the case where C has the following property P :

To every point t on C , we can so associate a pair of opposite sectors (the sides of one sector being the elongations of the other's) of center t that 1) it varies continuously with t , 2) its radius ρ and central angle ω ($0 < \omega < \pi$) are fixed, and 3) the one sector lies within C while the other lies without C .

Any curve with continuous tangent, for example, evidently possesses the property P . For such curve, we can give previously any angle ω less than π , taking ρ sufficiently small, and make the sectors symmetric with respect to the tangent.

II. For proving the existence of such function $F(z)$ as above, it is sufficient to see that $F(z)$ is analytic within C and tends uniformly to $f(t)$ when z tends to t along the bisector of the inner sector corresponding to t . Because any point z within C which approaches to t on C should approach to t_1 on C , which is near to t and the bisector of whose corresponding sectors passes through z . So $F(z)$, approaching $f(t_1)$, will tend to $f(t)$. This is based upon the fact that the said bisector generates continuously the inner side of the curve C .

When the required function $F(z)$ should exist, it must be represented, within C , by Cauchy's integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{t-z} dt. \quad (2)$$

So we are only to show, under the condition (1), that this integral (2) (which is evidently analytic within C) tends uniformly to $f(t_0)$ when z tends to t_0 along the said bisector at t_0 .

1) S. Kakeya, Tohoku Math. Journ., 5 (1914), p. 42.

2) J. L. Walsh, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., 30 (1928), p. 327.