

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.

The integral (2) is also analytic in the outside of C , being zero at infinity. The coefficient of $\frac{1}{z^k}$ ($k=1, 2, 3, \dots$) in the expansion of (2) at infinity is $\frac{-1}{2\pi i} \int_C f(t)t^{k-1}dt$. Hence the condition (1) is equivalent to that

$$\int_C \frac{f(t)}{t-z'} dt=0 \tag{3}$$

for all z' in the outside of C .

Under these remarks, we now proceed to the proof.

III. Taking a fixed point t_0 on C , we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t_0)}{t-z} dt=f(t_0) \tag{4}$$

and
$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t_0)}{t-z'} dt=0 \tag{5}$$

where z and z' denote respectively any points within and without C . So the equation

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow t_0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{t-z} dt=f(t_0) \tag{6}$$

which we are to prove, under the condition (3), is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{t-z} dt - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t)}{t-z'} dt \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t_0)}{t-z} dt - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f(t_0)}{t-z'} dt \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

or
$$\int_C \frac{\{f(t)-f(t_0)\} (z-z')}{(t-z)(t-z')} dt \rightarrow 0 \tag{8}$$

uniformly for $z \rightarrow t_0$ along the bisector. Here z' may be any point without C . So we take as z' the point which is symmetric for z with respect to t_0 . Then $z \rightarrow t_0$ is equivalent to $|z-z'| \rightarrow 0$.

Denote the length of the arc $\widehat{t_0 t}$ by s , and the arc containing t_0 , for which $s \leq \sigma$, by C_0 . Take σ so small that

$$|f(t)-f(t_0)| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{on } C_0. \tag{9}$$

Corresponding to this σ , there exists a constant $M(\sigma)$, independent of z, z' , such that

$$\frac{1}{|t-z||t-z'|} \leq M(\sigma) \quad \text{on } C-C_0. \tag{10}$$

The determination of σ and $M(\sigma)$ can be made independently of the position of t_0 .

If we can find a constant N independent of σ, z, z' and t_0 such that

$$\int_{C_0} \frac{|dt|}{|t-z||t-z'|} \leq \frac{N}{|z-z'|} \tag{11}$$

then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_C \frac{\{f(t)-f(t_0)\}(z-z')}{(t-z)(t-z')} dt \right| &\leq \left| \int_{C_0} \right| + \left| \int_{C-C_0} \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon N + 2GM(\sigma)S|z-z'| \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where G is the greatest magnitude of $f(t)$ and S is the whole length of C . Since ε can be taken arbitrarily, the inequality (12) shows that (8) holds good.

Hence there remains only to prove the existence of a constant N of (11).

Evidently, we can find such a constant σ_0 that, if $\sigma \leq \sigma_0$ the arc C_0 lies wholly without the angles of the sectors corresponding to t_0 . We may confine ourselves to such a small σ . Let the projection of t on the bisector of the complementary angles of the sectors be t' , then there exists a positive constant λ depending on ω such that

$$\begin{aligned} |t-z| &\geq \lambda |t'-z| \\ |t-z'| &\geq \lambda |t'-z'| = \lambda |t'-z| \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

since t lies in the said complementary angles. Hence we have

$$\int_{C_0} \frac{|dt|}{|t-z||t-z'|} \leq \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_{C_0} \frac{|dt|}{|t'-z|^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_{-\sigma}^{\sigma} \frac{ds}{x^2(s)+r^2} \tag{14}$$

where $x(s) = |t_0 - t'|$, $r = |t_0 - z| = \frac{|z-z'|}{2}$ and s is measured with the sense.

Changing the variable by

$$s = ru, \quad ds = r du \tag{15}$$

we get

$$\int_{-\sigma}^{\sigma} \frac{ds}{x^2+r^2} = \frac{1}{r} \int_{-\frac{\sigma}{r}}^{\frac{\sigma}{r}} \frac{du}{\left\{ \frac{x(ru)}{r} \right\}^2 + 1} \tag{16}$$

Since our associated sectors varies continuously with t_0 , we see that any chord of C_0 makes such an angle θ , with the line t_0t' , that

$$\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2} + \delta > \theta > -\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2} + \delta \right) \tag{17}$$

where $\delta (> 0)$ can be made so small as $0 < \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2} + \delta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ by taking

σ_0 suitably small. In this case, we evidently have¹⁾

$$s \leq x \sec \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega}{2} + \delta \right\} = x\mu \quad (\text{say, for brevity}). \quad (18)$$

And hence

$$\int_{-\frac{\sigma}{r}}^{\frac{\sigma}{r}} \frac{du}{\left\{ \frac{x(ru)}{r} \right\}^2 + 1} \leq \int_{-\frac{\sigma}{r}}^{\frac{\sigma}{r}} \frac{du}{\left(\frac{u}{\mu} \right)^2 + 1} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\left(\frac{u}{\mu} \right)^2 + 1} = \mu\pi. \quad (19)$$

Thus we get the inequality (11), by putting

$$N = \frac{\mu\pi}{\lambda^2}, \quad (20)$$

which completes our proof.

1) Even in the case where the variation of our sectors is not continuous, we can get a certain limitation on the whole length of the curve, if it lies within a given limited domain. See the next paper of Takeya and Kunugi, in this proceeding.
