

35. *An Application of a Compact Normal Operator in Hilbert Spaces to the Theory of Functions*

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In this paper we shall discuss the integration of a given function of a complex variable along a closed Jordan curve which encloses its denumerably infinite set of poles and its essential singularities, by making use of the properties of a compact normal operator in an abstract Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} and of linear functionals with domain \mathfrak{H} .

Theorem 1. Let $f(\lambda)$ be holomorphic at all points of the closure \bar{D} of a simply connected domain D in the complex λ -plane, except at its poles $\{\lambda_n\} \in D$ tending to the point $\lambda=0$ interior to D and at its non-isolated essential singularity $\lambda=0$.

If the principal part of the expansion of $f(\lambda)$ at any pole λ_n is given by $\frac{\alpha_n}{\lambda - \lambda_n}$ and if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_n| < \infty$, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n,$$

where the complex curvilinear integration along the boundary ∂D of D is taken in the positive (anti-clockwise) direction.

Proof. Let $\{\varphi_n\}$ be an arbitrary complete orthonormal system in the abstract complex Hilbert space \mathfrak{H} which is complete, separable and infinite dimensional, and let E_n be the orthogonal projection of \mathfrak{H} onto the subspace determined by φ_n .

If we now define N by $N = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n E_n$, it is easily verified that N has the following properties:

1° the convergence of $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n E_n$ is uniform, that is, $\left\| N - \sum_{n=1}^p \lambda_n E_n \right\| \rightarrow 0$, ($p \rightarrow \infty$);

2° $\{\lambda_n\}$ is the point spectrum of N , and E_n is the characteristic projection of N corresponding to λ_n , $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$;

3° N is a compact normal operator in \mathfrak{H} [1].

Since every linear continuous functional $L(y)$ on \mathfrak{H} can be put in the form $L(y) = (y, x)$ where the generating element $x \in \mathfrak{H}$ is uniquely determined by the functional L [4], from now on we shall denote by L_x the functional L associated with x .

Next we put

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha_n} \varphi_n, \quad \tilde{x} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_n} \varphi_n \quad ((\sqrt{\alpha_n} \varphi_n, \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_n} \varphi_n) = \alpha_n)$$

and consider the function $H(\lambda)$ defined by

$$H(\lambda) = f(\lambda) - L_{\tilde{x}}[(\lambda I - N)^{-1}x].$$

Then, it is first clear that x and \tilde{x} both belong to \mathfrak{H} by virtue of the assumption on $|\alpha_n|$ for $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$, and that $H(\lambda)$ can be holomorphic on \bar{D} on account of the facts that all points in the complex plane, except $0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$, belong to the resolvent set $\rho(N)$ of N and hence

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda I - N)^{-1} &= \int_G \frac{1}{\lambda - z} dE(z), \quad \lambda \in \rho(N) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{\lambda - \lambda_n} \quad [2] \end{aligned}$$

where G and $\{E(z)\}$ denote the complex plane and the spectral family associated with N respectively. According to the Cauchy theorem on curvilinear integral, we have therefore

$$\int_{\partial D} H(\lambda) d\lambda = 0;$$

and this result permits us to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} L_{\tilde{x}}[(\lambda I - N)^{-1}x] d\lambda \\ &= L_{\tilde{x}} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (\lambda I - N)^{-1} d\lambda \cdot x \right] \\ &= L_{\tilde{x}}(Ix) \quad [3] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n. \end{aligned}$$

The theorem has thus been proved.

Corollary 1. In the case where the sequence $\{\lambda_n\}$ converges to a non-zero complex number, the same assertion as that stated in Theorem 1 is also valid.

Proof. Let λ_0 be the limiting point of $\{\lambda_n\}$, and let $\{\bar{E}(z)\}$ denote the spectral family of the compact normal operator \bar{N} defined by $\bar{N} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_n - \lambda_0) E_n$ where E_n has the same meaning as before. Then, since the characteristic projection of \bar{N} corresponding to the characteristic value $\lambda_n - \lambda_0$ is identical with E_n for any positive integer n , we have, for every λ different from $\lambda_n, n=0, 1, 2, \dots$,

$$\begin{aligned} [(\lambda - \lambda_0)I - \bar{N}]^{-1} &= \int_G \frac{1}{\lambda - \lambda_0 - z} d\bar{E}(z) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{\lambda - \lambda_0 - (\lambda_n - \lambda_0)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{\lambda - \lambda_n}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $f(\lambda) - L_{\tilde{x}} [((\lambda - \lambda_0)I - \bar{N})^{-1}x]$ is holomorphic at every point λ on \bar{D} . In consequence, by the same reasoning as that used in the proof of the preceding theorem, it is easily verified that the present corollary holds.

Theorem 2. Let $f(\lambda)$ be subject to the hypotheses of Theorem 1. If the principal part of the expansion of $f(\lambda)$ at any pole λ_n is given by

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{p(n)} \frac{\alpha_\nu^{(n)}}{(\lambda - \lambda_n)^\nu},$$

where $p(n)$ denotes the order of the pole λ_n , and if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_\nu^{(n)}| < \infty$ for every admissible value of ν under the condition that $\alpha_\nu^{(n)} = 0$ for $\nu > p(n)$, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_1^{(n)},$$

where ∂D is the boundary of D , positively oriented.

Proof. If we put

$$x_\nu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\alpha_\nu^{(n)}} \varphi_n, \quad \tilde{x}_\nu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_\nu^{(n)}} \varphi_n \quad ((\sqrt{\alpha_\nu^{(n)}} \varphi_n, \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_\nu^{(n)}} \varphi_n) = \alpha_\nu^{(n)})$$

where $\{\varphi_n\}$ is the same symbol as that used before, then, by the assumption concerning $|\alpha_\nu^{(n)}|$, x_ν and \tilde{x}_ν belong to \mathfrak{H} for every admissible value of ν . Since, for any point λ in the resolvent set $\rho(N)$ of the compact normal operator N defined at the beginning of the proof of Theorem 1,

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda I - N)^{-\nu} &= \int_{\mathfrak{G}} \frac{1}{(\lambda - z)^\nu} dE(z) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{E_n}{(\lambda - \lambda_n)^\nu}, \end{aligned}$$

we see that $f(\lambda) - \sum_{\nu \leq M} L_{\tilde{x}_\nu} [(\lambda I - N)^{-\nu} x_\nu]$, where $M = \max\{p(1), p(2), \dots\}$,

is holomorphic on \bar{D} , and hence that

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{\nu \leq M} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} L_{\tilde{x}_\nu} [(\lambda I - N)^{-\nu} x_\nu] d\lambda.$$

In addition, applying the fact that $(\lambda I - N)^{-1}$ has derivatives of all orders, with

$$\frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} (\lambda I - N)^{-1} = (-1)^n n! (\lambda I - N)^{-(n+1)}, \quad (\lambda \in \rho(N); n = 1, 2, \dots) \quad [5],$$

there is no difficulty in showing that

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (\lambda I - N)^{-\nu} d\lambda &= -\frac{1}{2(\nu-1)\pi i} \int_{\partial D} d(\lambda I - N)^{-\nu+1}, \quad \nu = 2, 3, \dots, M, \\ &= \mathbf{0}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{0}$ denotes the null operator.

By applying (2) to (1) we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda &= L_{\tilde{x}_1} \left[\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} (\lambda I - N)^{-1} d\lambda \cdot x_1 \right] \\ &= L_{\tilde{x}_1} (I x_1) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_1^{(n)}, \end{aligned}$$

as we wished to prove.

Corollary 2. In the case where λ_n converges to a non-zero complex number λ_0 when n becomes infinite, the result stated in Theorem 2 is also valid.

Proof. Let \bar{N} denote the compact normal operator $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_n - \lambda_0) E_n$ as before. Then, by applying $[(\lambda - \lambda_0)I - \bar{N}]^{-\nu}$ in place of $(\lambda I - N)^{-\nu}$ employed in the proof of Theorem 2, the present corollary can be established in the same way as Theorem 2 was proved.

Theorem 3. Let $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1,2,3,\dots}$ be all poles of a function $f(\lambda)$ defined on the closure \bar{D} of a simply connected domain D in the complex λ -plane; let c_1, c_2, \dots, c_M be all accumulation points of $\{\lambda_n\}$; let $\{\lambda_{(\kappa,n)}\}_{n=1,2,3,\dots}$ be a subsequence of $\{\lambda_n\}$, which converges to c_κ ; let $\{\lambda_{(\kappa,n)}\}_{\substack{\kappa=1,2,\dots,M \\ n=1,2,3,\dots}}$ contain all elements of $\{\lambda_n\}$; let $\{\lambda_n\}$ and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_M be in the interior of D ; and let $f(\lambda)$ be holomorphic at all points of \bar{D} , except at those poles and non-isolated essential singularities.

If the principal part of the expansion of $f(\lambda)$ at any pole $\lambda_{(\kappa,n)}$ is given by

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^{p(\kappa,n)} \frac{\alpha_\nu^{(\kappa,n)}}{(\lambda - \lambda_{(\kappa,n)})^\nu},$$

where $p(\kappa, n)$ is the order of the pole $\lambda_{(\kappa,n)}$, and if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\alpha_\nu^{(\kappa,n)}|$ converges for all admissible values of ν under the condition that $\alpha_\nu^{(\kappa,n)} = 0$ for $\nu > p(\kappa, n)$, then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{\kappa=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_1^{(\kappa,n)},$$

where ∂D is the boundary of D , positively oriented.

Proof. In D we can first construct disjoint, simply connected domains D_1, D_2, \dots, D_M such that the poles $\{\lambda_{(\kappa,n)}\}_{n=1,2,3,\dots}$, together with the corresponding essential singularity c_κ , are in the interior of D_κ for $\kappa = 1, 2, \dots, M$. Then, by virtue of the application of Corollary 2 to $f(\lambda)$ restricted on the closure \bar{D}_κ of D_κ , we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D_\kappa} f(\lambda) d\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_1^{(\kappa,n)},$$

where ∂D_κ denotes the boundary of D_κ , positively oriented.

On the other hand, since $f(\lambda)$ is holomorphic on the closed domain R bounded by the boundaries of D and D_κ , $\kappa = 1, 2, \dots, M$, the integral

of $f(\lambda)$ along the boundary of R is equal to zero according to Cauchy's curvilinear integral theorem.

In consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D} f(\lambda) d\lambda &= \sum_{\kappa=1}^M \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial D_{\kappa}} f(\lambda) d\lambda \\ &= \sum_{\kappa=1}^M \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_1^{(\kappa, n)}, \end{aligned}$$

as we were to prove.

Remark. From the extension of Mittag-Leffler's theorem on the decomposition of meromorphic functions into simple fractions, it is clear that there exist such functions $f(\lambda)$ as we have treated above.

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