

PART II

COMPLEX ASYMPTOTIC METHODS

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ASYMPTOTICS

(N!)

$(\frac{N}{e})^N \sqrt{2\pi N} (1 + \frac{1}{12N}) + \dots$

Some functions are too complicated to be expanded  
 e.g. = TRAINS

Some GF's are not even explicit  
 e.g. = unlabelled, non-plane trees

$U(z) = z \exp(U(z) + \frac{1}{2} U(z)^2 + \frac{1}{3} U(z)^3 + \dots)$

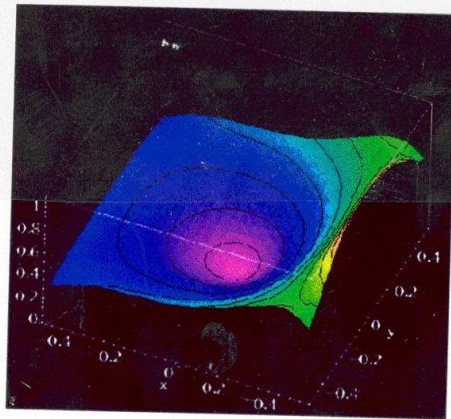
"Universality" phenomena are not apparent

- schemas applying to wide classes
- limit laws shared by — —

PRINCIPLE: Assign to the variable  $(z)$  complex values  $\Rightarrow$

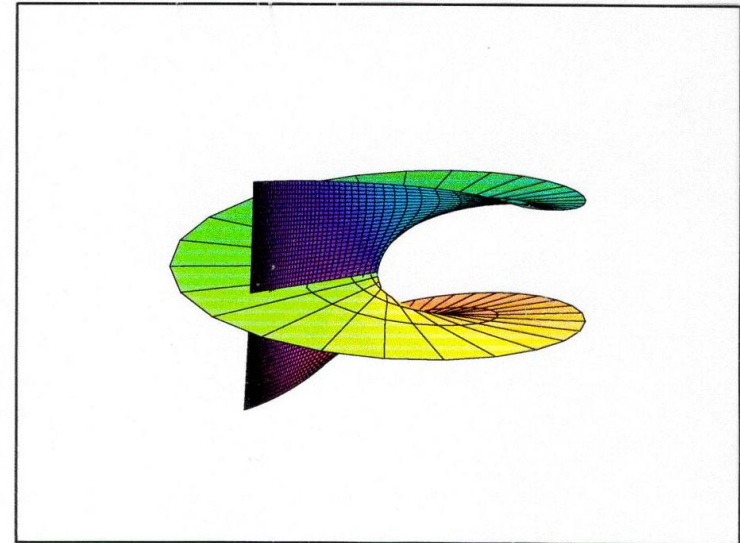
View a GF as a geometric transformation from  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

Modulus of GF of balanced trees



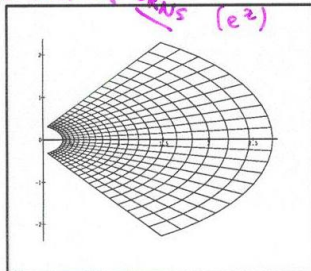
SINGULARITIES MATTER!

The  $\sqrt{\cdot}$ -singularity of the OGF of binary trees.



ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS /

THE EGF of  $U_n$  (e<sup>2</sup>)



## CHAPTER 4: BASIC COMPLEX ASYMPTOTICS

- Notion of an (analytic / holomorphic) function
- Meromorphic function
- Residue theorem; <sup>Cauchy's</sup> coefficient theorem
- Singularities and exponential order

Let  $f(z)$  be defined from  $\mathcal{D}$  to  $\mathcal{E}$



(Under  $\mathcal{D}$  = connected open set)

## FUNDAMENTAL EQUIVALENCE THEOREM

There is equivalence between the following properties

- $f(z)$  is analytic at all points  $z_0 \in \mathcal{D}$
- $f(z)$  is complex-differentiable at all points  $z_0 \in \mathcal{D}$   
Also say that  $f(z)$  is "REGULAR".

DEFINITION:  $f(z)$  is analytic at  $z_0$  iff it admits a locally convergent series expansion

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z-z_0)^n$$

(Note: such expansions converge in disco!)

$f(z)$  is complex-differentiable (holomorphic) at  $z_0$  iff the limit exists:

$$\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ h \in \mathbb{C}}} \left( \frac{f(z_0+h) - f(z_0)}{h} \right) \rightarrow f'(z_0) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{df}{dz} \Big|_{z_0} \dots$$

- ANALYTICITY (series expansion) is what interests combinatorialists, a priori.
- COMPLEX-DIFFERENTIABILITY makes easier the development of the theory.

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta z} \text{ calculations, ...}$$

closure under  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$  (if denom  $\neq 0$ )  
composition, inversion (cond. on derivatives  $\neq 0$ )

- THE FUNCTION  $\sqrt{z}$

$$\sqrt{e^{i\theta}} = \sqrt{r} e^{i\theta/2}$$

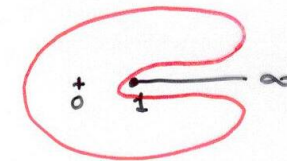
can only be made continuous in  $(-\infty, -1)$



(ANALYTIC  
REGULAR) in  
 $\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0)$

- $\log z = \log(pe^{i\theta}) = \log p + i\theta$

- $\frac{e^z}{\sqrt{1-z}}$  is (regular in analytic)



- $\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4z}}{2}$  is (regular in analytic) in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus (\frac{1}{4}, +\infty)$  etc...

- ANY POLYNOMIAL  $z^2 + 19z^5$  is (regular in analytic/h) in whole of  $\mathbb{C}$

- A RATIONAL FRACTION  $\frac{z-3}{(z-1)(z^2-2)}$ ,  $\frac{A(z)}{B(z)}$  is (regular in analytic) in  $\mathbb{C}$  minus POLES

- THE EXPONENTIAL FUNCTION IS REGULAR in  $\mathbb{C}$

- $\frac{e^{-z}}{1-z}$  regular in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{1\}$

**INTEGRATION**

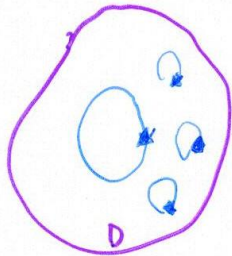
- Define integration along curves  $\int_{\gamma} f(z) dz$

**FUNDAMENTAL INTEGRAL THEOREM**

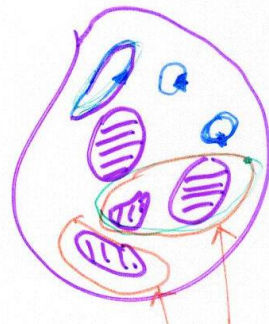
Let  $f$  be analytic in  $D$ . Let  $\gamma$  be <sup>"a loop"</sup> contractible to a single point in  $D$ . Then

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

$$\Rightarrow \int_A^B f(z) dz \text{ does not depend on path.}$$



$D$  is simply connected.



not a loop

**DEFINITION:**  $g(z)$  is meromorphic in  $D$  iff  
 near any  $z_0$ , one has  $g(z) = \frac{A(z)}{B(z)}$  with  
 $A(z), B(z)$  analytic at  $z_0$ .

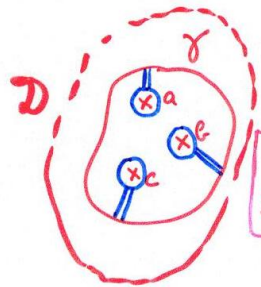
A point  $z_0$  such that  $B(z_0) = 0$  while  $A(z_0) \neq 0$  is called a **pole**. Its order is the multiplicity of the zero/root  $z_0$  of  $B(z)$ .

Pole of order  $m$ :  $g(z) = \frac{C_{-m}}{(z-z_0)^m} + \dots + \frac{C_{-1}}{(z-z_0)} + C_0 + C_1(z-z_0) + \dots$

CAUCHY RESIDUE THEOREM  $f(z)$  has poles

$\text{Res}(f(z))_{z=z_0}$  is the coeff. of  $\frac{1}{z-z_0}$

$$f(z) = \sum_{n \geq -m} c_n (z-z_0)^n \Rightarrow \text{Res}(f)_{z=z_0} \equiv c_{-1}$$



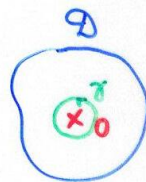
$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} f(z) dz = \sum \text{Residues}$$

Proof: Termwise "local" integration

CAUCHY COEFFICIENT THEOREM

$$\text{coeff}[z^n] f(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} f(z) \frac{dz}{z^{n+1}}$$

Proof: Residue theorem



COMPLEX ANALYSIS: LOCAL & GLOBAL

■ Computing integrals global  $\rightsquigarrow$  local!!!

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dx}{1+x^4} &= \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \frac{dx}{1+x^4} \\ &= 2i\pi \sum_{z \in \{e^{i\pi/4}, e^{3i\pi/4}\}} \text{Res}\left(\frac{1}{1+x^4}; z\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

A diagram showing a contour in the complex plane for the integral of  $1/(1+x^4)$ . The contour is a semi-circle in the upper half-plane from  $-R$  to  $R$  on the real axis, with two poles marked with 'x' at  $e^{i\pi/4}$  and  $e^{3i\pi/4}$ .

■ Estimating coefficients  $d_n := \text{Pr}\{\text{derangement}/\mathcal{D}_n\}$

$$D(z) = \sum d_n z^n = \frac{e^{-z}}{1-z}$$

$$d_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|z|=1/2} \frac{e^{-z}}{1-z} \frac{dz}{z^{n+1}}$$

Evaluate instead on  $|z|=2$

$$D_n = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{|z|=2} \frac{e^{-z}}{1-z} \frac{dz}{z^{n+1}} = O(2^n)$$

$$= \text{Res. at } z=0 + \text{Res. at } z=1$$

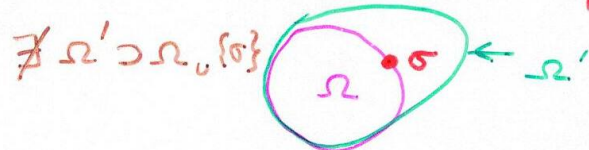
$$= d_n - e^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d_n = e^{-1} + O(2^{-n})} \quad \text{ASYMPTOTIC ESTIMATE.}$$

### Singularities

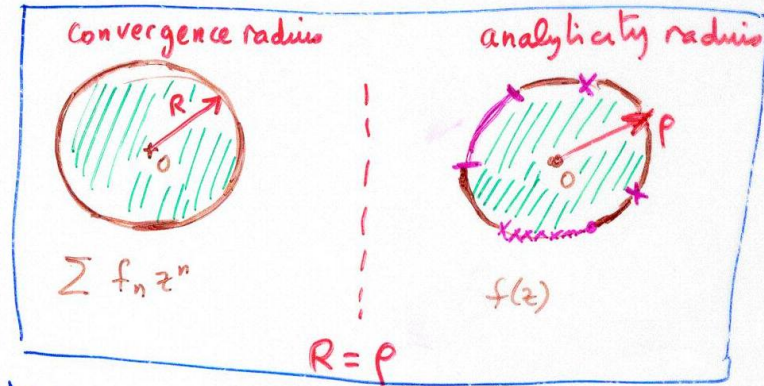
- what they are
- why they are important -

■  $f(z)$  has a SINGULARITY at border point  $\sigma$  iff



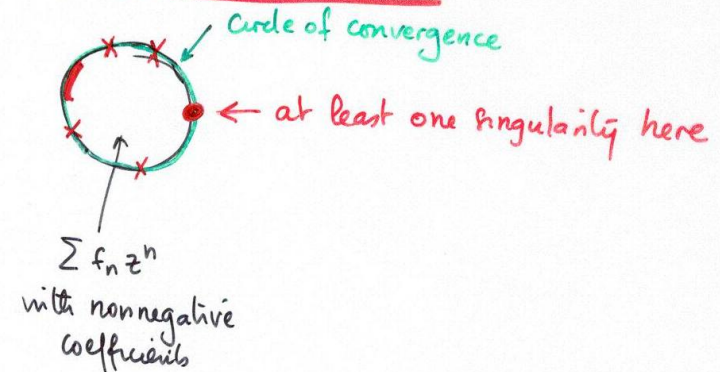
e.g:  $f(\sigma) = \infty$ ,  $f'(\sigma) = \infty$ , + other causes

**FACT** A series  $f(z) = \sum f_n z^n$  always has at least one singularity on its circle of convergence but NONE inside.



Thm: convergence radius = analytic radius

Help: PRINGSHEIM'S THEOREM



**Fact** Let  $f(z)$  be analytic at 0 with radius of convergence exactly  $R$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon$

- $f_n(R-\varepsilon)^n \rightarrow 0$
- $f_n(R+\varepsilon)^n$  is unbounded.

In other words  $\limsup |f_n|^{1/n} = \frac{1}{R}$

$f_n = R^{-n} \theta(n) \rightarrow \limsup |\theta(n)|^{1/n} > 1$   
where  $\theta(n)$  is "subexponential"

The exponential order of growth of  $f_n$  is  $R^{-n}$ .  $f_n \asymp R^{-n}$

Once you find the singularities nearest to the origin, you know the exponential growth of the function's coefficients.

### Examples (singularities)

$\frac{e^{-z}}{1-z}$  is singular at  $z=1$  [derangements]

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2z^2}}$  is singular at  $z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  [binary mappings]

$\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4z}}{2z}$  is singular at  $z = \frac{1}{4}$  [Catalan trees]

### • Words

$$\frac{1}{1-2z} \Rightarrow W_n \asymp 2^n$$

### • derangements

$$\frac{e^{-z}}{1-z} \Rightarrow \frac{D_n}{n!} \asymp 1^n$$

### • (1,2)-coverings

$$\frac{1}{1-(z+z^2)} \Rightarrow C_n \asymp \phi^n \quad \phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.6..$$

### • general trees

$$\frac{1-\sqrt{1-4z}}{2} \Rightarrow G_n \asymp 4^n$$

In fact

$$G_n = \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \sim \frac{4^{n-1}}{\sqrt{\pi n^3}} \text{ [by Stirling]}$$



Exercise: unary-binary trees  $\mathcal{U}$

$$U = z(1 + U + U^2)$$

$$U(z) = \frac{1 - z - \sqrt{1 - 2z - 3z^2}}{2z}$$

Show that  $U_n \sim 3^n$ .

ASYMPTOTIC EXPONENTIAL ORDER IS  
COMPUTABLE AUTOMATICALLY  
for POSITIVE FUNCTIONS / CONSTRUCTIONS

$$p(f+g) = \min(p(f), p(g))$$

$$p(f \times g) = \min(p(f), p(g))$$

$$p\left(\frac{1}{1-f}\right) = \min(p(f), \{ |z| \mid f(z) = 1 \})$$

$$p(e^f) = p(f)$$

$$p(\log \frac{1}{1-f}) = \rho \frac{1}{1-f}$$

$(f(0)=0)$

+ Recursive structures can be approached  
via Implicit function theorem.

CHAPTER 5

Rational and meromorphic  
function asymptotics.

Find subexponential factors

$$f_n \not\sim R^{-n}$$

$$f_n = \vartheta(n) \cdot R^{-n}$$

where  $\vartheta(n)$  is usually like  $n^\alpha$ ,  $(\log n)^\beta$ ,  $e^{\sqrt{n}}$ , etc.

Ⓐ COEFFICIENTS OF RATIONAL FUNCTIONS

$$[z^n] \frac{1}{(z-\xi)^m} = (-\xi)^{-m} \binom{n+m-1}{m-1} \xi^{-n}$$

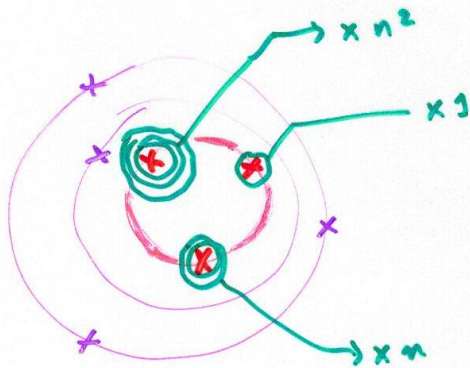
$$\sim \frac{n^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \xi^{-n}$$

Theorem:

EACH POLE  $\xi$  WITH MULTIPLICITY  $r$  CONTRIBUTES  
A TERM

$$\xi^{-n} P(n) \text{ with } \deg(P) = r-1.$$

Poles are arranged in order of increasing modulus. Dominant one matter  $\rightarrow$  exponential rate; next, multiplicities give polynomial growth.



Denumerants = ways of changing  $m$  cents given  
1¢, 2¢, 5¢, 10¢ coins.

$$D(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)(1-z^2)(1-z^5)(1-z^{10})}$$

$\rightarrow$  Q1: Find  $A, R$  in formula  
 $D_n \sim C \cdot A^n \cdot n^R$

Q2: Find constant  $C$ .

$\rightarrow$  Q3  $[z^n] D(z) e^z$ ;  $\frac{D(z)}{1-2z}$ ;  $\frac{D(z)}{1-z/2}$

Problem: Denumerants. How many integer solutions to  $\sum_{j=1}^m x_j s_j = m$  where  $\{s_j\}$  is fixed? Assume freely  $\gcd(\{s_j\}) = 1$ .

= Integer partitions with fixed summands  
= MONEY CHANGER'S PROBLEM

$$D = \text{Seq}(1^{s_1}) \times \text{Seq}(1^{s_2}) \times \dots \times \text{Seq}(1^{s_m})$$

$$D(z) = \frac{1}{1-z^{s_1}} \times \frac{1}{1-z^{s_2}} \times \dots \times \frac{1}{1-z^{s_m}}$$

Poles at various roots of unity w/order  $< m$   
at  $z=1$  with order exactly  $m$

$$D_n \equiv [z^n] D(z) \sim [z^n] \frac{1}{(1-z)^m} \frac{1}{\prod s_j}$$

[Schur]

$$\sim \frac{n^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \times \frac{1}{\prod s_j}$$

Eg:  $\# \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^m j x_j = m \right\} \sim \frac{n^m}{(m-1)! m!}$

Largest RUN in a random string OPT

bbb abb a a abbb abbb

$\text{Seq}_{\leq m}(b) \times \text{Seq}(a \times \text{Seq}_{\leq m}(b))$

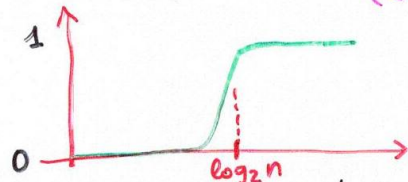
$$\frac{1-z^m}{1-z} \times \frac{1}{1-z} \frac{1-z^m}{1-z} = \frac{1-z^m}{1-2z+z^{m+1}}$$

► Dominant pole at  $\rho_m \approx \frac{1}{2}$

$$\rho_m \approx \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^{m+1} \right)$$

► Check error from dominant pole is good  
by  $\int_{|z|=3/4}$

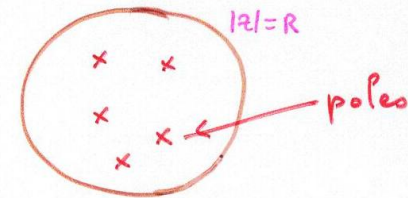
$$\text{Pr}(\text{Longest run} \leq m) \approx \left( \frac{1}{2\rho_m} \right)^n \approx e^{-n/2^{m+1}}$$



Guibas-Odlyzko = Correlation Polynomials  
Normality of strings; longest repeated substring...

### ⓑ. COEFFICIENTS OF MEROMORPHIC F.N.S.

Assumption:  $g(z)$  is meromorphic in  $|z| < R$  and analytic on  $|z| = R$



#### Theorem

EACH POLE  $\int$  WITH MULTIPLICITY  $r$  CONTRIBUTES  
A TERM

$$\int^{-n} P(n) \text{ with } \deg(P) = r-1$$

AND ERROR TERM  $O(R^{-n})$

Proof: 1) Let  $h(z)$  gather contributions of poles.

Then  $[g(z) - h(z)]$  is analytic in  $|z| \leq R$

Cauchy coeff. formula + trivial bounds

2) Estimate  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int g$  on  $|z|=R$  by residues.

## A WORKED OUT EXAMPLE DERANGEMENTS

$$\mathcal{D} = \text{Set}(\text{Cycle}(Z, \text{card} \geq 2))$$

$$D(z) = \exp\left(\log \frac{1}{1-z} - z\right)$$

$$D(z) = \frac{e^{-z}}{1-z}$$

$$D(z) \sim \frac{e^{-1}}{1-z} \text{ at singularity } z=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{D_n}{n!} \sim [z^n] \frac{e^{-1}}{1-z} = e^{-1}$$

PROP. A perm is a derangement with probability  $e^{-1} = 0.345\dots$

### Generalized derangements $\mathcal{D}^*$

$$D^*(z) = \frac{e^{-z - \frac{z^2}{2}}}{1-z}$$

$$\frac{D_n^*}{n!} \sim e^{-3/2}$$

in general, get

proba  $\sim e^{-H_k}$  of all cycles of length  $> k$ .

Theorem: Any «path in graph» model [finite automaton]

leads to a **rational generating function**

that has a unique **dominant pole**, so that

$$f_n \sim c \cdot p^{-n}$$

**provided** [Perron Frobenius theory]

- graph is strongly connected.
- aperiodicity condition  $\equiv \forall n \geq n_0$ , there exists paths of length  $n$  from source to destination.

(f: words containing a fixed pattern (alt.))

APPLICATION: Supercritical schema (sequences)

Assume  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Seq}(\mathcal{G}) \Rightarrow F(z) = \frac{1}{1-G(z)}$

H<sub>1</sub>:  $G(z)$  reaches 1 before it becomes singular

(H<sub>2</sub>: The schema is aperiodic:  $F_n \gg 0$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .)

Then  $F_n \sim C \cdot \rho^{-n}$       $\rho = G^{(-1)}(1)$

Also: number of  $\mathcal{G}$ -components in random  $\mathcal{F}$ -structure has  
mean  $\sim \rho n$ ; variance  $\sim \sigma^2 n \Rightarrow$  concentration

## Preferential arrangements / surjections

$$\mathcal{R} = \text{Seq}(\text{Set}_{\geq 1}(z)) \quad R(z) = \frac{1}{1-(e^z-1)} = \frac{1}{2-e^z}$$

Pole at  $z = \log 2$ ; others at  $\log 2 \pm 2i\pi, \log 2 \pm 3i\pi, \dots$

$$\frac{R_n}{n!} \sim c \cdot (\log 2)^{-n} \quad \left( c = \frac{1}{2 \log 2} \right)$$