

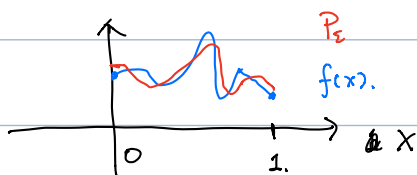
Runge Approximation Thm: approximate any holomorphic function on a compact set by a global rational function (or sometimes a polynomial).

Weierstrass Approximation Thm:

Any continuous function f on closed interval $[0, 1]$ can be approximated uniformly by polynomials.

i.e. $\forall \varepsilon > 0$, there is a $P_\varepsilon(x)$ polynomial, such that

$$\|f - P_\varepsilon\|_{[0,1]} := \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x) - P_\varepsilon(x)| < \varepsilon.$$



vertical distance over any $x \in [0, 1]$ is at most ε .

for fun:

(Look up a proof using Bernstein polynomials)

• Motivation: ① if f is a hol'ic function on \mathbb{D} , then.

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

✓ at pointwise, for each fixed $z \in \mathbb{D}$, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is a series of number. , $P_N(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n z^n$. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_N(z) = f(z)$

∴ This is also true uniformly over any compact subsets $K \subset \mathbb{D}$.

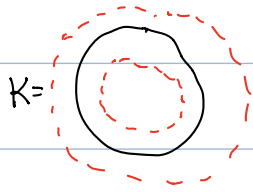
i.e. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|f - P_N\|_K = 0.$

$P_N(z)$ is a sequence of polynomials that approximate f (uniformly over any compact subset in \mathbb{D}).

② Another example. Let $K = \{ |z|=1 \}$, unit circle. compact.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \text{ for } z \in K.$$

Q: Can one find a sequence of polynomials P_N , such that $\|P_N - f\|_K \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$?



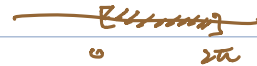
f is given on an open nbhd Ω of K.

and f is hol'c on Ω .

$$\Omega = \{ \frac{1}{2} < |z| < \frac{3}{2} \}.$$

idea: • cut the circle and straighten it, to a straight interval,

say, $[0, 2\pi] \in \mathbb{R}$



Assume otherwise, $P_N \rightarrow f$ uniformly on K, then $C = \{ |z|=1 \}$.

Ans: impossible. $\because \int_C f \cdot dz = \int_{|z|=1} \frac{1}{z} dz = 2\pi i.$

but $\int_C P_N(z) dz = 0.$
 \uparrow polynomial.

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_C P_N dz \neq \int_C f dz$$

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$$\int_C \lim P_N dz$$

contradiction.

Rmk: if $K = \text{circle with an opening}$, then one can use polynomial to approximate f on K.

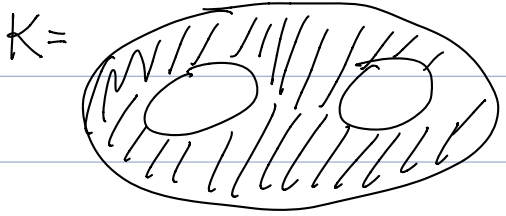
Runge Thm: Let $K \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a compact subset.

Let f be a hol'c function on an open neighborhood Ω of K .

Then, f can be approximated by rational function ~~on K~~

uniformly on K. Moreover, if K^c doesn't have any bounded components, then f can be approximated by a polynomial.

Ex:



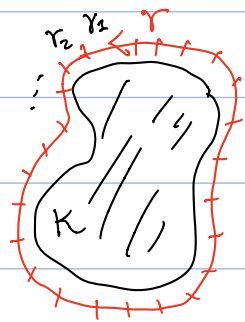
in this K^c has 3 connected components.
 of them.
 and 2 are bounded.

K^c has no bounded component \Leftrightarrow K does not enclosed any hole in it

Sketch of idea: ① find a contour that enclose K

② $\forall z \in K, f(z) = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} \frac{dw}{2\pi i} \quad \delta_i = \int_{\gamma_i} dw$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\gamma_i} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} \frac{dw}{2\pi i} \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(w_i)}{w_i-z} \cdot \frac{\delta_i}{2\pi i}$$



③ if K^c has no bounded component. then one can approximate $\frac{1}{z-z_0}$ ($z_0 \in K^c$) by polynomials.

• a compact subset of \mathbb{C} can be "ugly", say, Cantor set $\subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}$.

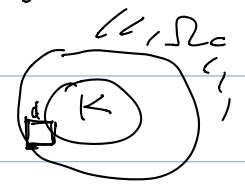
($\overline{0 \quad 1}$, remove the middle $\frac{1}{3}$ of each segment, repeats)

• consider $\{ \frac{1}{n}, n=1,2,\dots \} \cup \{0\} \subset \mathbb{C}$

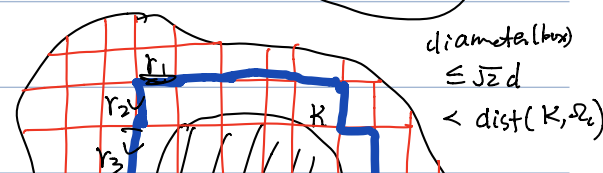
Step ①: Lemma: there exists a finite collection of segments.

$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N$, in $\Omega \setminus K$, such that $\forall z \in K$.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{\gamma_i} f(w) \cdot dw.$$

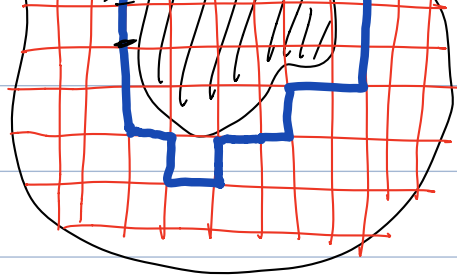


Pf: $d = c \cdot \text{dist}(K, \Omega^c)$ $\cdot K \cap \Omega^c = \emptyset$



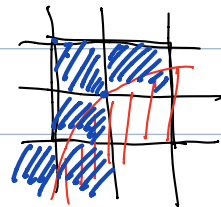
construct grid of size d .

$\epsilon > 0, \epsilon < \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



- If $K' = \text{union of closed boxes}$ that intersects K ,

then $K' \subset \Omega$, $K \subset \text{Int}(K')$.



- Consider the boundary of K' , as a union of little segments, $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_N$, each γ_i is a side of some boxes in K' , each γ_i is of length d .

$\forall z \in \text{Int}(K')$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial K'} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_i} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw. \quad \square$$

Step 2: Approximate integral by Riemann sum.

take γ to be one of the γ_i

Approximate $\int_{\gamma} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw$ by Riemann sum.

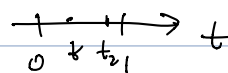
$$\gamma: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad I = \int_0^1 \left\{ \frac{f(\gamma(t))}{\gamma(t)-z} \cdot \gamma'(t) \right\} dt. \quad F(t,z): [0,1] \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ continuous.}$$

Then:

$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$, such that $\forall t_1, t_2 \in [0,1], |t_1 - t_2| < \delta$,



$$\sup_{z \in K} |F(t_1, z) - F(t_2, z)| < \epsilon.$$



choose n large enough, so that $\frac{1}{n} < \delta$.

$$I_n(z) := \sum_{i=1}^n F\left(\frac{i}{n}, z\right) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow I(z) = \int_0^1 F(t, z) \cdot dt.$$

$I_n(z) \rightarrow I(z)$ uniformly on K ,

indeed,
$$\sup_{z \in K} |I_n(z) - I(z)| = \sup_{z \in K} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ F\left(\frac{i}{n}, z\right) \underbrace{\int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} dt}_{=\frac{1}{n}} - \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} F(t, z) dt \right\} \right|$$

$$= \sup_{z \in K} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} (F(\frac{i}{n}, z) - F(t, z)) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \sup_{z \in K} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} \overbrace{|F(\frac{i}{n}, z) - F(t, z)|}^{< \varepsilon} dt$$

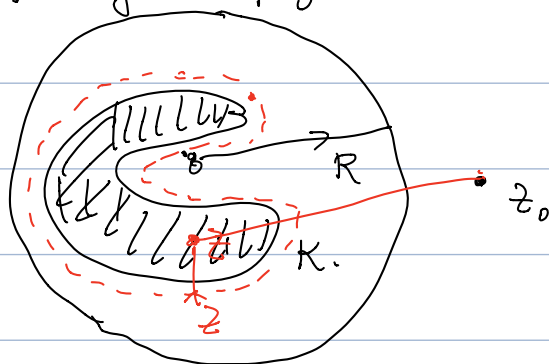
$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \int_{\frac{i-1}{n}}^{\frac{i}{n}} \varepsilon \cdot dt = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \varepsilon \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot n = \varepsilon$$

Then,
$$I_n(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(\gamma(t_i))}{\gamma(t_i) - z} \cdot \gamma'(t_i) \cdot \frac{1}{n}, \quad t_i = \frac{i}{n}$$

is a sum of rational functions. (actually, function with simple poles, i.e. $\frac{b}{z-a}$)

Together, this finish part 1 of Runge thm.

Step 3: If K^c has no bounded components, then one can approx f by polynomials.



$\because K$ is compact, $\therefore \exists R > 0$ (large enough), such that $K \subset D_R(0)$

Step 3a

• if $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $|z_0| > R$, then

$$\frac{1}{z - z_0}$$

can be approximated by polynomials for $z \in K$,

$$\text{pf: } \frac{1}{z-z_0} = -\frac{1}{z_0-z} = -\frac{1}{z_0(1-\frac{z}{z_0})}$$

$$\frac{|z|}{|z_0|} < \frac{|z|}{R} < 1, \text{ for } z \in K. \quad = -\frac{1}{z_0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^n.$$

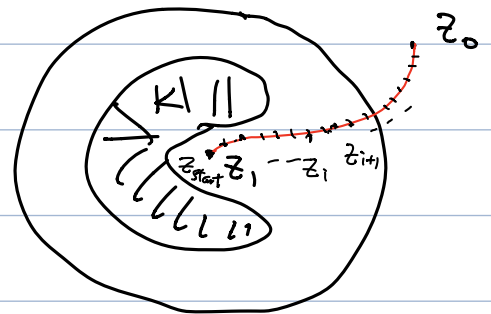
converges uniformly for $z \in K$.

$$\text{i.e. } P_N(z) = -\frac{1}{z_0} \sum_{n=0}^N \left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right)^n, \text{ then}$$

$$\|P_N(z) - \frac{1}{z-z_0}\|_K \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

step 3b: for any $z_1 \in K^c$, \exists a path. from z_1 to some point z_0 , where $|z_0| > R$.

goal: $\frac{1}{z-z_i}$ can be approximated by polynomials in $\frac{1}{z-z_{i+1}}$



$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{z-z_{\text{start}}}$ can be approximated by polynomial in $\frac{1}{z-z_{\text{end}}}$ uniformly for $z \in K$. (Read Stein for details).



Review: