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## Partial Fraction Decompositions over C

## Theorem

Suppose that

$$
f(z)=\frac{p(z)}{q(z)}=\frac{p(z)}{a\left(z-w_{1}\right)^{d_{1}}\left(z-w_{2}\right)^{d_{2}} \cdots\left(z-w_{s}\right)^{d_{s}}}
$$

is a rational function with $\operatorname{deg} p(z)<\operatorname{deg} q(z)=d_{1}+d_{2}+\cdots+d_{s}$. Then $f(z)=r_{1}(z)+r_{2}(z)+\cdots+r_{s}(z)$ where

$$
r_{k}(z)=\frac{A_{0}^{(k)}}{\left(z-w_{k}\right)^{d_{k}}}+\frac{A_{1}^{(k)}}{\left(z-w_{k}\right)^{d_{k}-1}}+\cdots+\frac{A_{d_{k}-1}^{(k)}}{\left(z-w_{k}\right)}
$$

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$$
D=\lim _{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^{2}}{d z^{2}}\left((z-1)^{3} f(z)\right)
$$

## The Complex Exponential Function

## Theorem

(1) We have $e^{w}=1$ if and only if $w=2 \pi i k$ for some $k \in \mathbf{Z}$.
(2) We have $e^{z}=e^{w}$ if and only if $w=z+2 \pi i k$ for some $k \in \mathbf{Z}$.

## Corollary

The complex exponential function $f(z)=e^{z}$ is periodic with period $2 \pi i$. That is, $f(z+2 \pi i)=f(z)$ for all $z \in \mathbf{C}$.

## Some Other Entire Functions

## Definition

For all $z \in \mathbf{C}$, we define

$$
\cos (z)=\frac{e^{i z}+e^{-i z}}{2} \quad \text { and } \quad \sin (z)=\frac{e^{i z}-e^{-i z}}{2 i}
$$

## Theorem

The functions $f(z)=\cos (z)$ and $g(z)=\sin (z)$ are entire with

$$
\frac{d}{d z}(\cos (z))=-\sin (z) \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{d}{d z}(\sin (z))=\cos (z)
$$

Further both are periodic with period $2 \pi$.


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