

## Taylor's and Laurent's Series

### 14.1 INTRODUCTION

An analytic function within a circle can be expanded by Taylor's series.  
 If a function which is not analytic within a circle is expanded by Laurent's series.

### 14.2 CONVERGENCE OF A SERIES OF COMPLEX TERMS

Let  $(u_1 + iv_1) + (u_2 + iv_2) + (u_3 + iv_3) + \dots + (u_n + iv_n) + \dots$  ... (1)  
 be an infinite series of complex terms:  $u_1, u_2, \dots, v_1, v_2, \dots$  being real numbers.

(a) If the series  $\sum u_n$  and  $\sum v_n$  converge to the sums  $U$  and  $V$  then series (1) is said to converge to the sum  $U + iV$ .

(b) If (1) is a convergent series, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n + iv_n) = 0$$

(c) The series (1) is said to be **absolutely convergent** if the series

$|u_1 + iv_1| + |u_2 + iv_2| + |u_3 + iv_3| + \dots + |u_n + iv_n| + \dots$   
 is convergent. Since  $|u_n|$  and  $|v_n|$  are both less than  $|u_n + iv_n|$ .

(d) Let the series

$$a_1(z) + a_2(z) + a_3(z) + \dots + a_n(z) + \dots \quad \dots (2)$$

converge to the sum  $S(z)$  and  $S_n(z)$  be the sum of its first  $n$  terms.

The series (2) is said to be absolutely convergent in region  $R$ , if corresponding to any positive number  $\epsilon$ , there exists a positive number  $N$ .

$$|S(z) - S_n(z)| < \epsilon \text{ for } n > N$$

(e) Weirstras's, M-test holds good for series of complex terms also.

Series (2) is uniformly convergent in a region  $R$  if there is a convergent series  $\sum M_n$ .

Such that  $|a_n(z)| \leq M_n$

A uniformly convergent series can be integrated term by term.

### 14.3 POWER SERIES

A series in powers of  $(z - z_0)$  is called power series.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n (z - z_0)^n = a_0 + a_1(z - z_0) + a_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots + a_n(z - z_0)^n + \dots \quad \dots (1)$$

Here  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots$  are known as the coefficients of the series.

Here  $z$  is a complex variable and  $z_0$  is called the centre of the series.

(1) is also called the power series about the point  $z_0$ .

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n + \dots$$

Here the centre of the series is zero.

### 12.4 REGION OF CONVERGENCE

The region of convergence is the set of all points  $z$  for which the series converges. There are three distinct possibilities for a convergent series.

- (1) The series converges only at the point  $z = z_0$
- (2) The series converges for all the points in the whole plane.
- (3) The series converges everywhere inside a circular plane  $|z - z_0| < R$ , where  $R$  is the radius of convergence and diverges everywhere outside the circle/circular ring.

### 12.5 RADIUS OF CONVERGENCE OF POWER SERIES

Consider the power series  $\sum a_n z^n$ .

By Cauchy theorem on limits, radius of convergence  $R$  is given by

$$(i) \frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |a_n|^{1/n} \quad (ii) \frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right|$$

**Example 1:** Find the radius of convergence of the power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!}$$

**Solution.** Here,  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!} \Rightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$

Radius of convergence is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0$$

$$R = \infty$$

Hence, the radius of convergence of the given power series is  $\infty$ .

**Example 2:** Find the radius of convergence of the power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{2^n + 3}$$

**Solution.** Here,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2^n + 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2^{n+1} + 3}$$

Radius of convergence is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n + 3}{2^{n+1} + 3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{3}{2^n}}{2 + \frac{3}{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R = 2$$

Hence, the radius of convergence of the given power series is 2.

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**Example 3:** Find the radius of convergence of the power series:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^n}$$

**Solution.** Here,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{n^n}, \quad a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$$

Radius of convergence is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n (n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n (n+1)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \infty$$

Hence, the radius of convergence of the given power series is  $\infty$ .

**Example 4:** Find the radius of convergence of the power series:

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} z^n$$

**Solution.** Here,  $a_n = \frac{n!}{n^n}$

$$\therefore a_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}}$$

Now,

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = \frac{n!}{(n+1)^n} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} = \frac{n^n}{(n+1)^n} = \left(\frac{n}{n+1}\right)^n = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n}$$

Radius of convergence is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = e.$$

Hence, the radius of convergence of the given power series is  $e$ .

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### EXERCISE 14.1

Find the radius of convergence of following power series:

1.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^n}$

Ans. 1

2.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{3^{n+1}}$

Ans. 3

3.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n^2} z^n$

Ans.  $\frac{1}{e}$

4.  $\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (5+12i)^m z^m$

Ans. 13

5.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2n+3}{(2n+5)(n+5)} z^n$

Ans. 1

### 14.6 METHOD OF EXPANSION OF A FUNCTION

- (1) Taylor's series
- (2) Binomial series
- (3) Exponential series

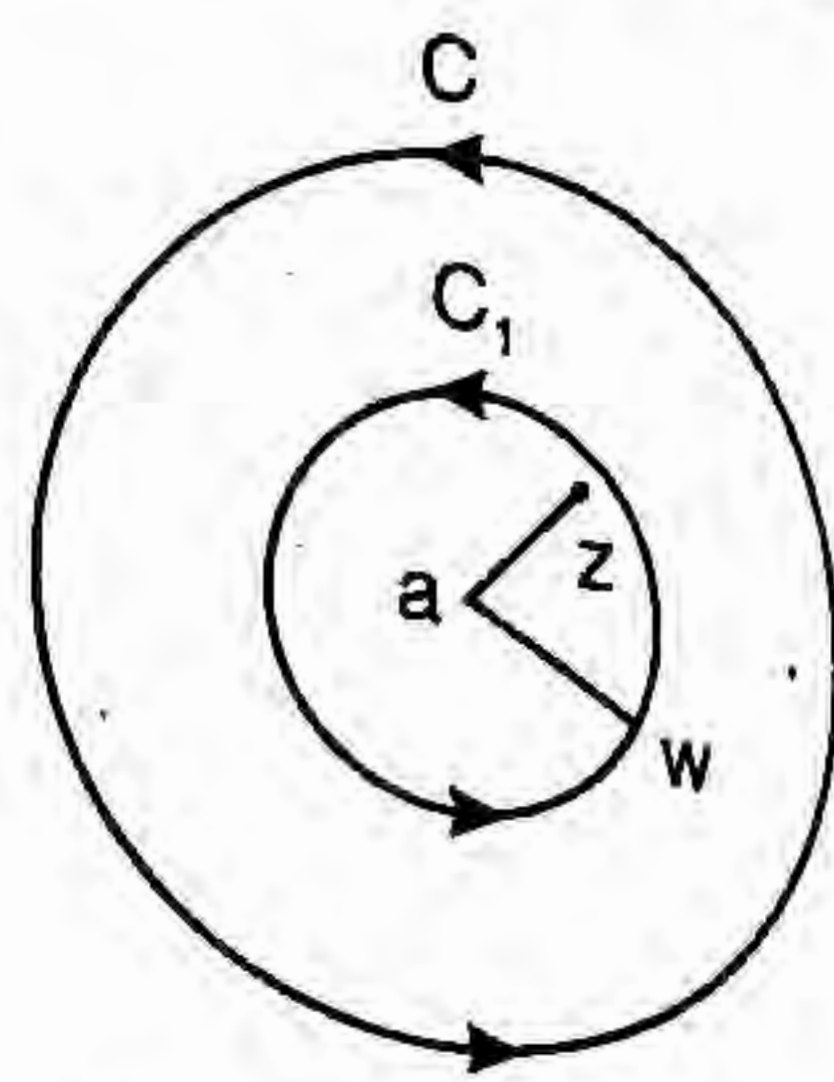
### 14.7 TAYLOR'S THEOREM

If a function  $f(z)$  is analytic at all points inside a circle  $C$ , with its centre at the point  $a$  and radius  $R$ , then at each point  $z$  inside  $C$ .

$$f(z) = f(a) + f'(a)(z-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^n(a)}{n!}(z-a)^n + \dots$$

**Proof.** Take any point  $z$  inside  $C$ . Draw a circle  $C_1$  with centre  $a$ , enclosing the point  $z$ . Let  $w$  be a point on circle  $C_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{w-z} = \frac{1}{w-a+a-z} = \frac{1}{w-a-(z-a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(w-a)} \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{z-a}{w-a}\right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{w-a} \left(1 - \frac{z-a}{w-a}\right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$



Apply Binomial theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{w-z} &= \frac{1}{w-a} \left[ 1 + \frac{z-a}{w-a} + \left(\frac{z-a}{w-a}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{z-a}{w-a}\right)^n + \dots \right] \\ \frac{1}{w-z} &= \frac{1}{w-a} + \frac{z-a}{(w-a)^2} + \frac{(z-a)^2}{(w-a)^3} + \dots + \frac{(z-a)^n}{(w-a)^{n+1}} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \dots (1)$$

As  $|z-a| < |w-a| \Rightarrow \frac{|z-a|}{|w-a|} < 1$ ,

So the series converges uniformly. Hence the series is integrable.

Multiply (1) by  $f(w)$ .

$$\frac{f(w)}{w-z} = \frac{f(w)}{w-a} + (z-a) \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^2} + (z-a)^2 \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^3} + \dots + (z-a)^n \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^{n+1}} + \dots$$

On integrating w.r.t. 'w', we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{w-a} dw + (z-a) \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^2} dw + (z-a)^2 \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^3} dw + \dots \\ &\quad + (z-a)^n \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^{n+1}} dw + \dots \end{aligned} \quad \dots (2)$$

We know that

$$\int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dz = 2\pi i f(z) \text{ and } \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{w-a} dw = 2\pi i f(a)$$

$$\int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^2} dw = 2\pi i f'(a) \text{ and so on.}$$

Substituting Taylor's series as given below we get

$$f(z) = f(a) + f'(a)(z-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{f^n(a)(z-a)^n}{n!} + \dots \quad \dots (3) \text{ Proved.}$$

**Corollary 1.** Putting  $z = a + h$  in (3), we get

$$f(a+h) = f(a) + hf'(a) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^n(a) + \dots$$

**Corollary 2.** If  $a = 0$ , the series (3) becomes

$$f(z) = f(0) + z f'(0) + \frac{z^2}{2!} f''(0) + \dots + \frac{z^n}{n!} f^n(0) + \dots$$

This series is called **Maclaurin's series**.

**Example 5.** Expand  $e^z$  about  $a$ .

**Solution.** Here, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(z) &= e^z & \Rightarrow f(a) &= e^a \\ f'(z) &= e^z & \Rightarrow f'(a) &= e^a \\ f''(z) &= e^z & \Rightarrow f''(a) &= e^a \\ & \dots & & \dots \\ f^n(z) &= e^z & \Rightarrow f^n(a) &= e^a \end{aligned}$$

Taylor's series of  $f(z)$  is

$$f(z) = f(a) + (z-a)f'(a) + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow e^z = e^a + \frac{(z-a)}{1!} e^a + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!} e^a + \dots$$

Ans.

**Example 6.** Expand the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$

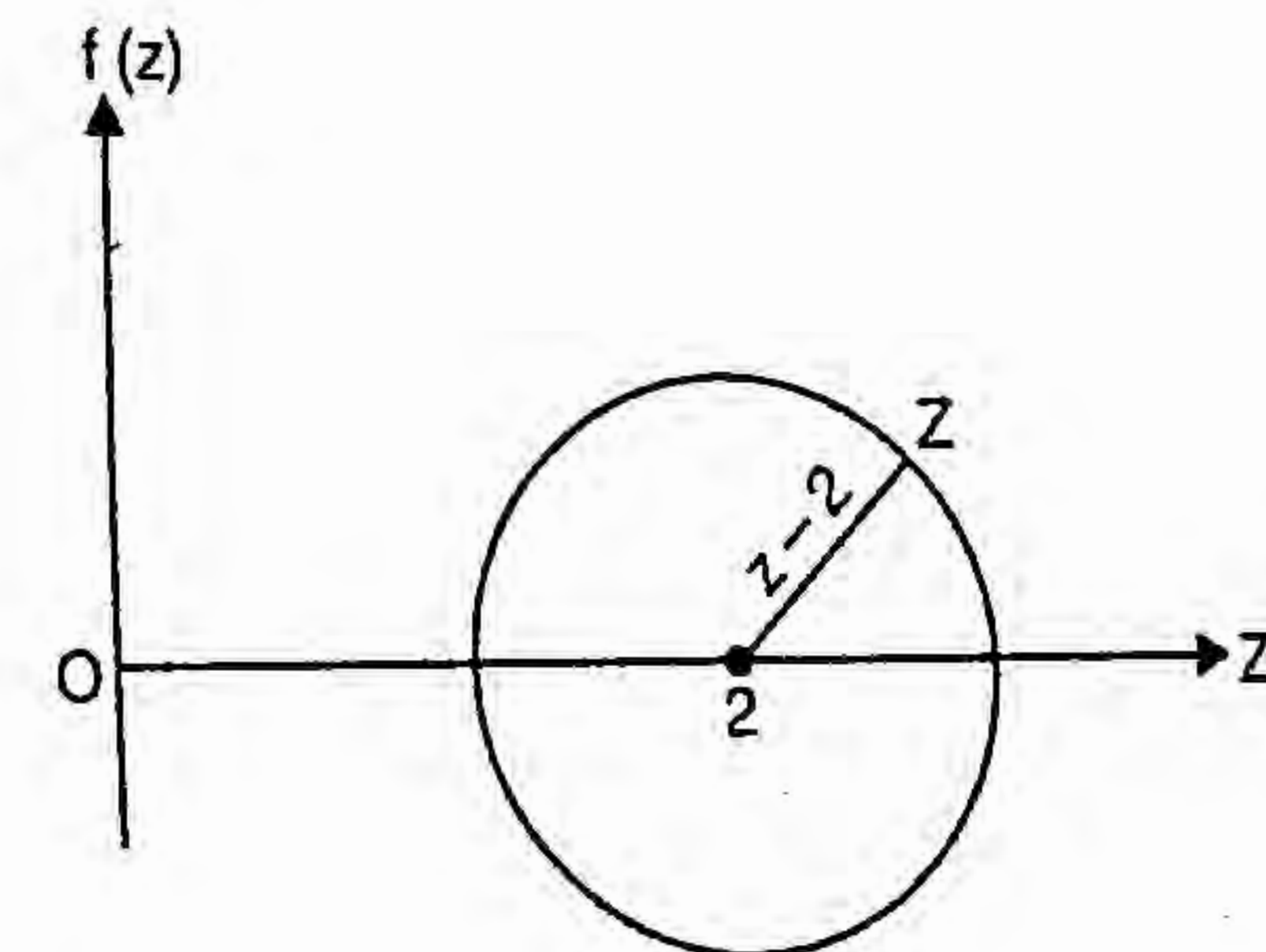
about  $z = 2$  in Taylor's series. Obtain its radius of convergence.

**Solution.** Here, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f(z) &= \frac{1}{z} \\ \Rightarrow f'(z) &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \\ \Rightarrow f''(z) &= \frac{2}{z^3} \\ & \dots \\ f^n(z) &= (-1)^n \frac{n!}{z^{n+1}} \end{aligned}$$

By Taylor's series

$$f(z) = f(2) + (z-2) f'(2) + \frac{(z-2)^2}{2!} f''(2) + \dots + \frac{(z-2)^n}{n!} f^n(2) + \dots$$



$$= \frac{1}{2} + (z-2) \left(-\frac{1}{2^2}\right) + \frac{(z-2)^2}{2!} \left(\frac{2}{2^3}\right) + \dots + \frac{(z-2)^n}{n!} (-1)^n \frac{n!}{2^{n+1}} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}(z-2) + \frac{1}{8}(z-2)^2 - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n+1}}(z-2)^n + \dots$$

Ans.

**Alternative.**  
We can expand the given function by Binomial expansion.

$$\frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{2+z-2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \frac{z-2}{2}} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{z-2}{2} \right)^{-1} \right], \quad \left| \frac{z-2}{2} \right| < 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{z-2}{2} + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left(\frac{z-2}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3!} \left(\frac{z-2}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z-2}{4} + \frac{1}{8}(z-2)^2 - \frac{1}{16}(z-2)^3 + \dots$$

Ans.

**Radius of convergence**  $\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{2^{n+2}} \cdot \frac{2^{n+1}}{(-1)^n} \right| = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow R = 2$

**Example 7.** Expand  $f(z) = \cosh z$  about  $\pi i$ .

**Solution.** Here, we have

$$f(z) = \cosh z = \frac{e^z + e^{-z}}{2} \Rightarrow f(\pi i) = \cosh(\pi i)$$

$$f'(z) = \sinh z \Rightarrow f'(\pi i) = \sinh(\pi i) = i \sin \pi = 0$$

$$f''(z) = \cosh z \Rightarrow f''(\pi i) = \cosh(\pi i)$$

$$f'''(z) = \sinh z \Rightarrow f'''(\pi i) = \sinh(\pi i)$$

By Taylor's series

$$f(z) = f(\pi i) + (z - \pi i) f'(\pi i) + \frac{(z - \pi i)^2}{2!} f''(\pi i) + \frac{(z - \pi i)^3}{3!} f'''(\pi i) + \dots$$

$$= \cosh \pi i + (z - \pi i) \sinh \pi i + \frac{(z - \pi i)^2}{2!} \cosh(\pi i) + \frac{(z - \pi i)^3}{3!} \sinh(\pi i) + \dots$$

Ans.

**Example 8.** Expand  $f(z) = \frac{a}{bz+c}$  about  $z_0$ .

**Solution.** Here, we have

$$f(z) = \frac{a}{bz+c}$$

$$= \frac{a}{bz - bz_0 + bz_0 + c} = \frac{a}{b(z - z_0) + bz_0 + c}$$

$$= \frac{a}{bz_0 + c} \left[ 1 + \frac{b(z - z_0)}{bz_0 + c} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{a}{bz_0 + c} \left[ 1 - \frac{b(z - z_0)}{bz_0 + c} + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left(\frac{b(z - z_0)}{bz_0 + c}\right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

(Binomial series)

$$= \frac{a}{bz_0 + c} \left[ 1 - \frac{b(z - z_0)}{bz_0 + c} + \frac{b^2(z - z_0)^2}{(bz_0 + c)^2} - \frac{b^3(z - z_0)^3}{(bz_0 + c)^3} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{a}{bz_0 + c} \left[ 1 - \frac{b}{bz_0 + c}(z - z_0) + \left(\frac{b}{bz_0 + c}\right)^2 (z - z_0)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{bz_0 + c}\right)^3 (z - z_0)^3 + \dots \right]$$

**Radius of curvature**

$$\frac{1}{R} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{b}{bz_0 + c}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(\frac{b}{bz_0 + c}\right)^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{b}{bz_0 + c} = \frac{b}{bz_0 + c}$$

$\Rightarrow R = \frac{bz_0 + c}{b} = z_0 + \frac{c}{b}$

Ans.

**Example 9.** Show that :

$$\log z = (z-1) - \frac{(z-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(z-1)^3}{3} - \dots$$

**Solution.** Let  $f(z) = \log z, \quad f(1) = \log 1 = 0$

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{z}, \quad f'(1) = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$f''(z) = -\frac{1}{z^2}, \quad f''(1) = -1$$

$$f'''(z) = \frac{2 \times 1}{z^3}, \quad f'''(1) = 2$$

$$f^{iv}(z) = -3 \times 2 \times 1 \times \frac{1}{z^4}, \quad f^{iv}(1) = -3!$$

By Taylor's series

$$f(z) = f(a) + f'(a) \cdot (z-a) + \frac{f''(a)(z-a)^2}{2!} + \frac{f'''(a)(z-a)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

$$f(z) = \log z = \log(1 + z - 1)$$

On substituting the values of  $f(1), f'(1), f''(1)$  etc., we get

$$\log z = 0 + 1(z-1) - \frac{1}{2!}(z-1)^2 + \frac{2}{3!}(z-1)^3 - \frac{3!}{4!}(z-1)^4 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \log z = (z-1) - \frac{1}{2}(z-1)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(z-1)^3 - \frac{1}{4}(z-1)^4 + \dots$$

**Example 10.** Obtain the terms upto  $z^3$  in the Taylor's series expansion of

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2 + \sin^2 z}{1 - \cos z}$$

about the point  $z = 0$ . Find its radius of convergence.

**Solution.**

The function  $f(z)$  is not analytic when  $1 - \cos z = 0$ , that is when  $z = 2n\pi$ ,  $n$  is any integer.

At  $z = 0$ ,  $f(z)$  has a limiting value 4. We have

$$\sin z = z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$\sin^2 z = z^2 - \frac{z^4}{3} + \frac{2}{45}z^6 + \dots$$

$$\cos z = 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} + \dots$$

Therefore,

$$f(z) = \frac{z^2 + \sin^2 z}{1 - \cos z} = \frac{z^2 + \left[ z^2 - \frac{z^4}{3} + \frac{2z^6}{45} - \dots \right]}{1 - \left[ 1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \right]}$$

$$= \frac{z^2 \left[ 2 - \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{2z^4}{45} - \dots \right]}{\frac{z^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{z^2}{12} + \frac{z^4}{360} - \dots \right]}$$

$$= 2 \left[ 2 - \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{2z^4}{45} - \dots \right] \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{z^2}{12} - \frac{z^4}{360} + \dots \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= 2 \left[ 2 - \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{2z^4}{45} - \dots \right] \left[ 1 + \frac{z^2}{12} - \frac{3}{720}z^4 - \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ 2 + \frac{z^2}{6} - \frac{1}{120}z^4 - \frac{z^2}{3} - \frac{z^4}{36} + \frac{2}{45}z^4 + \dots \right]$$

(Binomial series)

Proved.

The distance between  $z = 0$  and the nearest points  $z = \pm 2\pi$ .  
At which the function  $f(z)$  is not analytic is  $2\pi$ .  
Therefore,  $R = 2\pi$

**Example 11.**

Expand  $\frac{1}{z^2 - 3z + 2}$  in the region

- (a)  $|z| < 1$  (b)  $|z| > 2$  (c)  $1 < |z| < 2$

Ans.

**Solution.** Here,  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 - 3z + 2} = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-2)} = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1}$   
(R.G.P.V., Bhopal, III Semester, Dec. 2005)

(a) If  $|z| < 1$

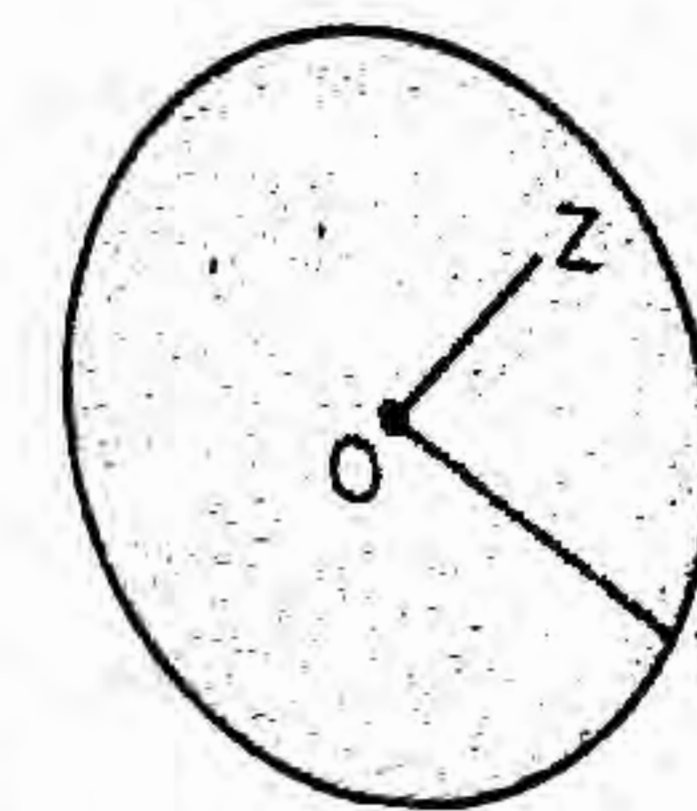
Taking common, bigger term out of  $|z|$  and 2, here 2 is bigger than  $|z|$ . So we take 2 common.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{-2 \left( 1 - \frac{z}{2} \right)} + \frac{1}{1-z}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{2} \right)^{-1} + (1-z)^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots \right) + (1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3z}{4} + \frac{7}{8}z^2 + \frac{15}{16}z^3 + \dots$$



[By Binomial theorem]

Which is the required expansion.

(b) If  $|z| > 2$

$$\text{We have, } f(z) = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1}$$

Taking common, bigger term out of  $|z|$  and 2, here  $z$  is bigger than 2. So we take  $|z|$  common.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z \left( 1 - \frac{2}{z} \right)} - \frac{1}{z \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z} \right)} = \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{z} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} + \frac{8}{z^3} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right)$$

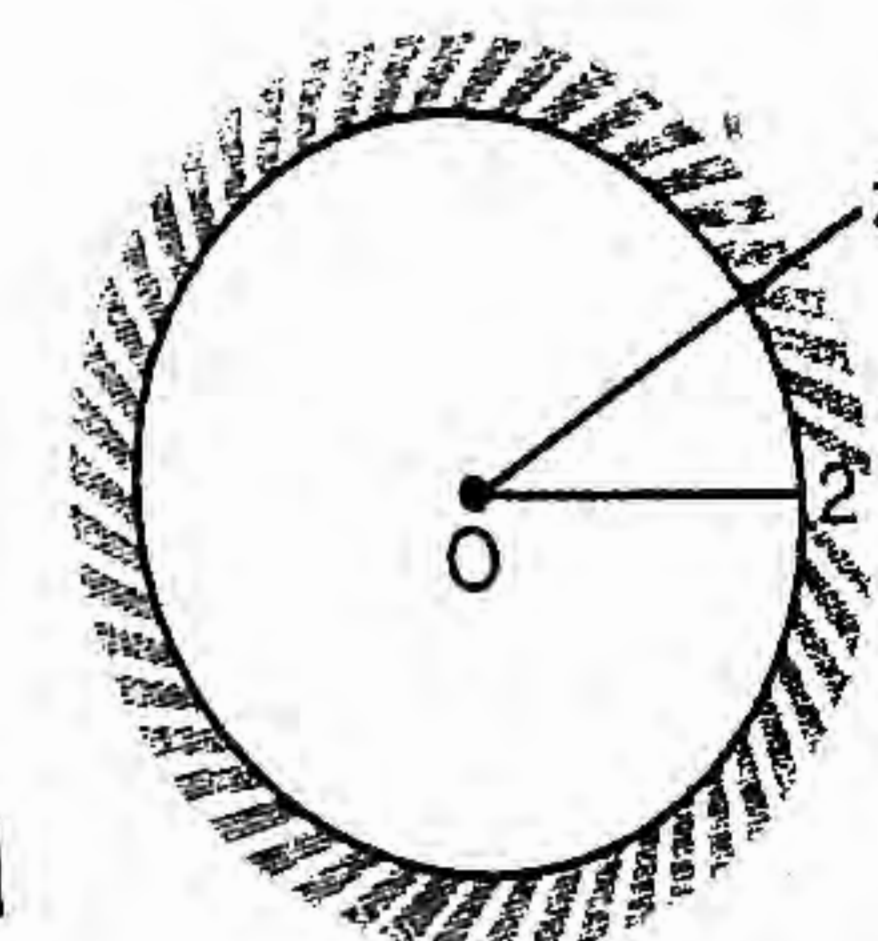
[By Binomial theorem]

$$= z^{-2} + 3z^{-3} + 7z^{-4} + \dots$$

Which is the required expansion.

(c) For the expansion of the given function by Binomial expansion is valid where  $1 < |z| < 2$ .

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2 - 3z + 2} = \frac{1}{z-2} - \frac{1}{z-1}$$



Ans.

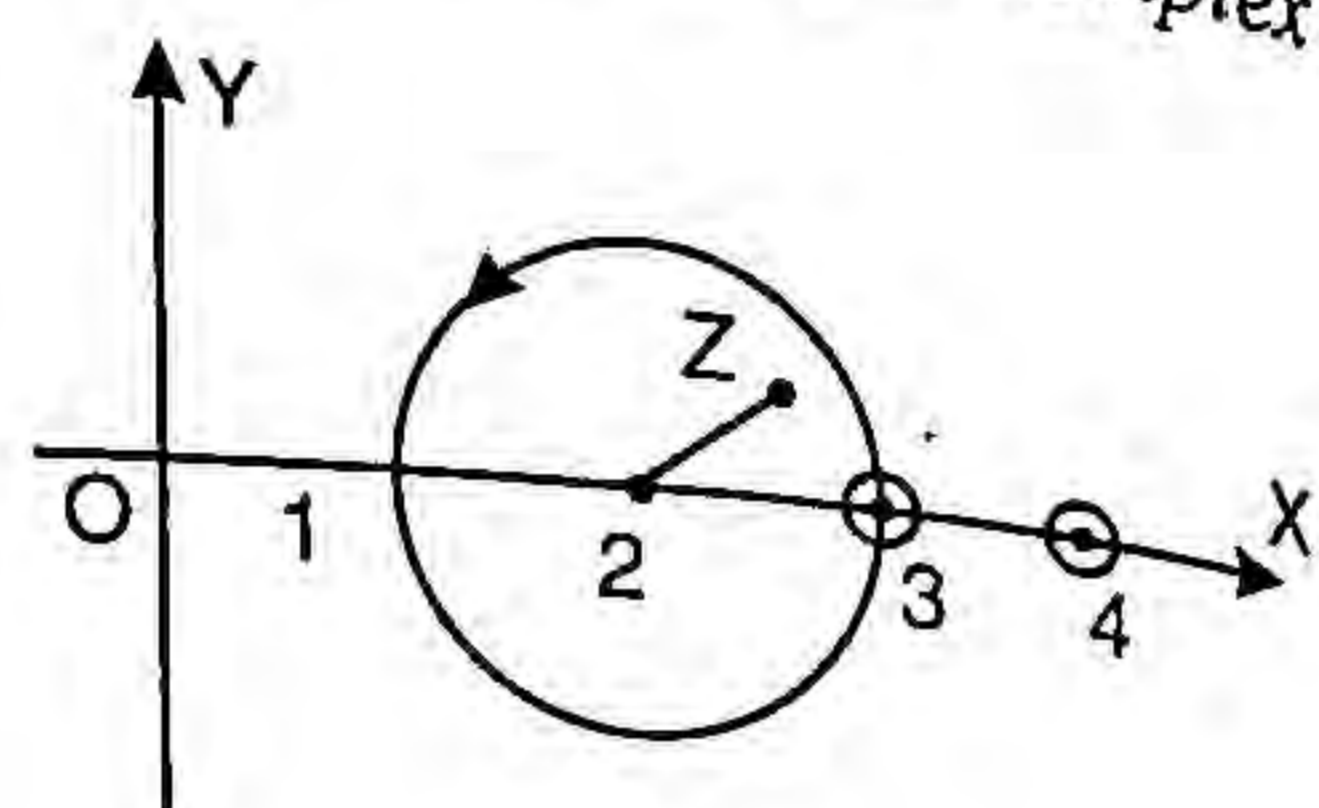
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z}{2}} - \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z}} \quad [1 < |z| < 2] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{z}{2}\right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} + \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots\right] - \frac{1}{z} \left(1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^2}{8} - \frac{z^3}{16} - \dots - \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} - \frac{1}{z^4} - \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Which is the required expansion.

**Example 12.** Find the first four terms of the Taylor's series expansion of the complex variable function

$$f(z) = \frac{z+1}{(z-3)(z-4)}$$

about  $z = 2$ . Find the region of convergence.



**Solution.**  $f(z) = \frac{z+1}{(z-3)(z-4)}$

If centre of a circle is at  $z = 2$ , then the distances of the singularities  $z = 3$  and  $z = 4$  from the centre are 1 and 2.

Hence if a circle is drawn with centre  $z = 2$  and radius 1, then within the circle  $|z - 2| = 1$ , the given function  $f(z)$  is analytic, hence it can be expanded in a Taylor's series within the circle  $|z - 2| = 1$ , which is therefore the circle of convergence.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{z+1}{(z-3)(z-4)} = \frac{-4}{z-3} + \frac{5}{z-4} \quad (\text{By Partial fraction method}) \\
 &= \frac{-4}{(z-2)-1} + \frac{5}{(z-2)-2} = 4[1 - (z-2)]^{-1} - \frac{5}{2} \left[1 - \frac{z-2}{2}\right]^{-1} \quad [|z-2| < 1] \\
 &= 4 \left[1 + (z-2) + (z-2)^2 + (z-2)^3 + \dots\right] - \frac{5}{2} \left[1 + \frac{z-2}{2} + \frac{(z-2)^2}{4} + \frac{(z-2)^3}{8} + \dots\right] \\
 &= \left(4 - \frac{5}{2}\right) + \left(4 - \frac{5}{4}\right)(z-2) + \left(4 - \frac{5}{8}\right)(z-2)^2 + \left(4 - \frac{5}{16}\right)(z-2)^3 + \dots \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} + \frac{11}{4}(z-2) + \frac{27}{8}(z-2)^2 + \frac{59}{16}(z-2)^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**Ans.**

**Alternative method.** In obtaining the Taylor series we evaluate the coefficients by contour integration.

$$f(z) = \frac{z+1}{(z-3)(z-4)}, \quad f(2) = \frac{2+1}{(2-3)(2-4)} = \frac{3}{2}$$

To make the differentiation easier let us convert the given fraction into partial fractions

$$f(z) = \frac{-4}{z-3} + \frac{5}{z-4}$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{4}{(z-3)^2} - \frac{5}{(z-4)^2}$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{-8}{(z-3)^3} + \frac{10}{(z-4)^3}$$

$$f'''(z) = \frac{24}{(z-3)^4} - \frac{30}{(z-4)^4}$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{4}{(2-3)^2} - \frac{5}{(2-4)^2} = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$f''(2) = \frac{-8}{(2-3)^3} + \frac{10}{(2-4)^3} = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$f'''(2) = \frac{24}{(2-3)^4} - \frac{30}{(2-4)^4} = \frac{177}{8}$$

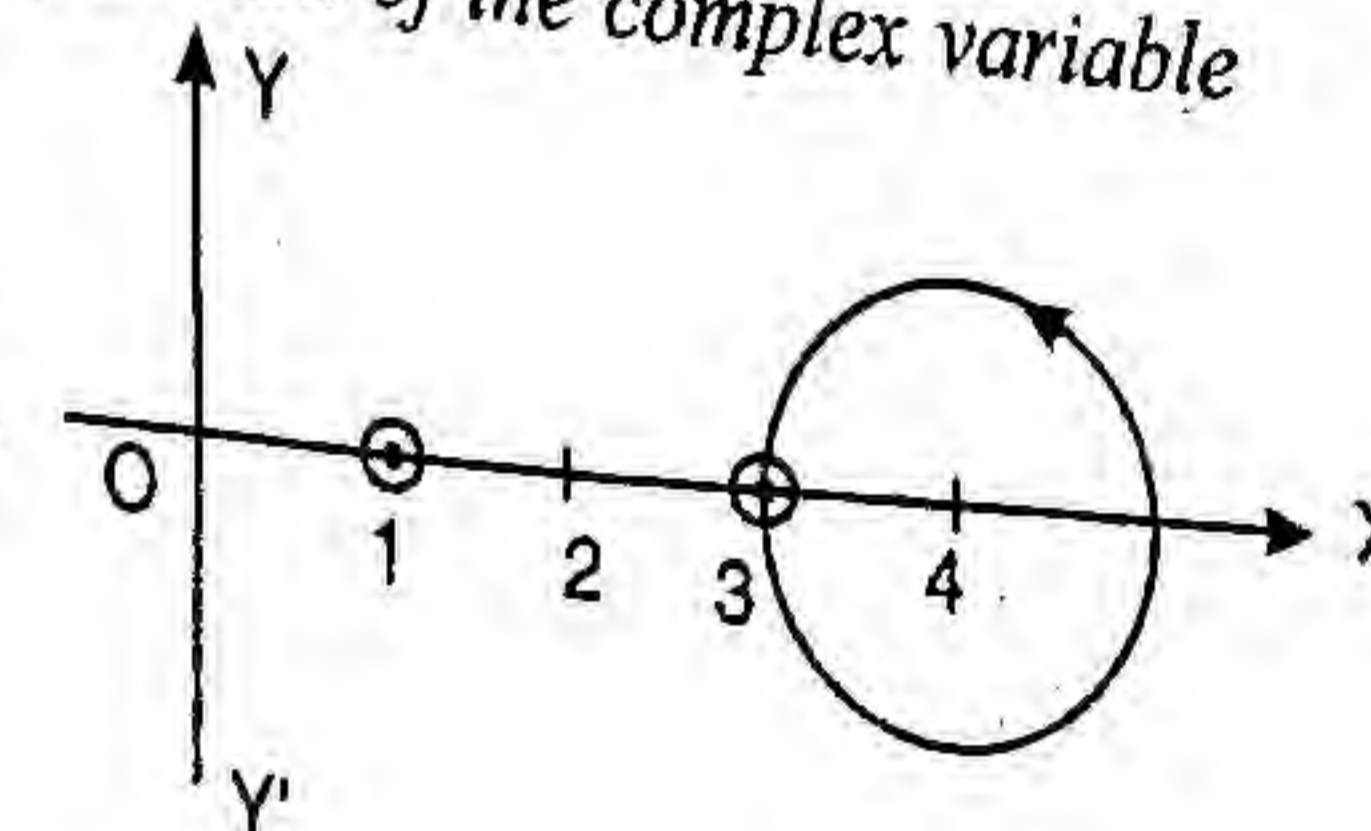
Taylor series is  $f(z) = f(a) + (z-a)f'(a) + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!}f''(a) + \frac{(z-a)^3}{3!}f'''(a) + \dots$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{z+1}{(z-3)(z-4)} &= \frac{3}{2} + (z-2)\frac{11}{4} + \frac{(z-2)^2}{2!} \left(\frac{27}{4}\right) + \frac{(z-2)^3}{3!} \frac{177}{8} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} + (z-2)\frac{11}{4} + (z-2)^2 \cdot \frac{27}{8} + (z-2)^3 \cdot \frac{59}{16} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 13.** Find the Taylor series expansion of a function of the complex variable

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)}$$

about the point  $z = 4$ . Find its region of convergence.



**Solution.**  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)}$

If the centre of a circle is at  $z = 4$ , then the distances of the singularities  $z = 1$  and  $z = 3$  from the centre are 3 and 1 respectively. Hence, if a circle is drawn with centre at  $z = 4$  and radius 1, then, within the circle  $|z - 4| = 1$  the given function  $f(z)$  is analytic. Hence, it can be expanded in Taylor series within the circle  $|z - 4| = 1$ , which is therefore the circle of convergence.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z-3} - \frac{1}{z-1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{z-4+1} - \frac{1}{(z-4)+3} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking common, bigger term out of  $|z-4|$  and 3, here 3 is bigger than  $|z-4|$ , so we take 3 common.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{1+(z-4)} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1+\frac{z-4}{3}} \right] \\
 \Rightarrow f(z) &= \frac{1}{2} [1 + (z-4)]^{-1} - \frac{1}{6} \left[1 + \frac{z-4}{3}\right]^{-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [1 - (z-4) + (z-4)^2 - (z-4)^3 + \dots] - \frac{1}{6} \left[1 - \frac{z-4}{3} + \frac{(z-4)^2}{9} - \frac{(z-4)^3}{27} + \dots\right] \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{18}\right)(z-4) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{54}\right)(z-4)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{162}\right)(z-4)^3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9}(z-4) + \frac{13}{27}(z-4)^2 - \frac{40}{81}(z-4)^3 + \dots$$

Which is the required Taylor's Series expansion of the given function of the complex variable.

**Alternative method.** In obtaining the expansion of the given function by Taylor's series we evaluate the coefficients by contour integration. Ans.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)}, \quad f(4) = \frac{1}{(4-1)(4-3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Let us convert the given function into partial fractions to make differentiation easier.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z-3} - \frac{1}{z-1} \right)$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{(z-3)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \right], \quad f'(4) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{(4-3)^2} + \frac{1}{(4-1)^2} \right] = -\frac{4}{9}$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{(z-3)^3} - \frac{2}{(z-1)^3} \right], \quad f''(4) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{(4-3)^3} - \frac{2}{(4-1)^3} \right] = \frac{26}{27}$$

$$f'''(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{6}{(z-3)^4} + \frac{6}{(z-1)^4} \right], \quad f'''(4) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{6}{(4-3)^4} + \frac{6}{(4-1)^4} \right] = -\frac{80}{27}$$

Taylor's series is

$$f(z) = f(a) + (z-a)f'(a) + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \frac{(z-a)^3}{3!} f'''(a) + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{(z-1)(z-3)} = \frac{1}{3} + (z-4) \left( -\frac{4}{9} \right) + \frac{(z-4)^2}{2!} \left( \frac{26}{27} \right) + \frac{(z-4)^3}{3!} \left( -\frac{80}{27} \right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9}(z-4) + (z-4)^2 \cdot \frac{13}{27} - (z-4)^3 \frac{40}{81} + \dots$$

Which is the required Taylor's Series expansion of the given function of the complex variable.

**Example 14**

Find the first three terms of the Taylor series expansion of  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+4}$  about  $z = -i$ . Find the region of convergence. Ans.

**Solution.**  $f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+4}$

Poles are given by  $z^2 + 4 = 0, \Rightarrow z^2 = -4, \Rightarrow z = \pm 2i$

If the centre of a circle is  $z = -i$ , then the distances of the singularities  $z = 2i$  and  $z = -2i$  from the centre are 3 and 1. Hence if a circle of radius 1 is drawn with centre at  $z = -i$ , then within the circle  $|z+i|=1$ , the given function  $f(z)$  is analytic. Thus the function can be expanded in Taylor series within the circle  $|z+i|=1$ , which is therefore the circle of convergence.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+4} = \frac{1}{(z+2i)(z-2i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ \frac{1}{z-2i} - \frac{1}{z+2i} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ \frac{1}{(z+i)-3i} - \frac{1}{(z+i)+i} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4i} \left[ -\frac{1}{3i} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z+i}{3i}} - \frac{1}{i} \frac{1}{1+\frac{z+i}{i}} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1-\frac{z+i}{3i}} + \frac{1}{1+\frac{z+i}{i}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1+\frac{i}{3}(z+i)} + \frac{1}{1-i(z+i)} \right] = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left\{ 1 + \frac{i}{3}(z+i) \right\}^{-1} + \left\{ 1 - i(z+i) \right\}^{-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{i}{3}(z+i) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} \left( \frac{i}{3} \right)^2 (z+i)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3!} \left( \frac{i}{3} \right)^3 (z+i)^3 + \dots \right\} + \left\{ 1 + i(z+i) + \frac{(-1)(-2)}{2!} (-i)^2 (z+i)^2 + \frac{(-1)(-2)(-3)}{3!} (-i)^3 (z+i)^3 + \dots \right\} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{i}{9}(z+i) - \frac{1}{27}(z+i)^2 + \frac{i}{81}(z+i)^3 + \dots + 1 + i(z+i) - (z+i)^2 - i(z+i)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{4}{3} + \frac{8i}{9}(z+i) - \frac{28}{27}(z+i)^2 - \frac{80}{81}i(z+i)^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$\therefore f(z) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2i}{9}(z+i) - \frac{7}{27}(z+i)^2 - \frac{20}{81}i(z+i)^3 + \dots$$

Ans.

**Alternative method**

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+4} \quad \dots(1)$$

By Taylor expansion  $f(z) = f(a) + (z-a)f'(a) + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2!} f''(a) + \frac{(z-a)^3}{3!} f'''(a) + \dots \dots(2)$

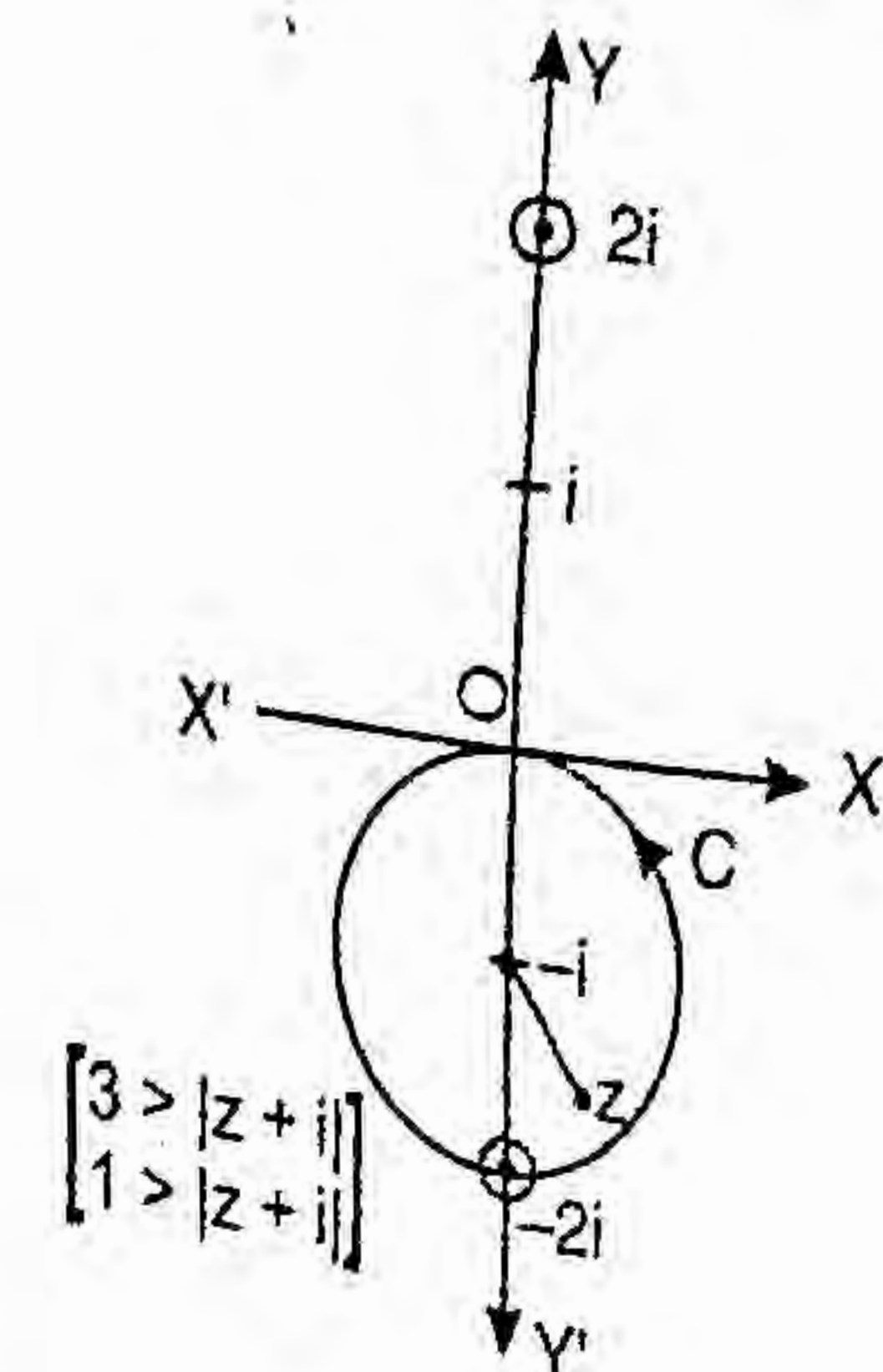
Putting  $a = -i$  in (2), we get

$$f(z) = f(-i) + (z+i)f'(-i) + \frac{(z+i)^2}{2!} f''(-i) + \dots$$

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z^2+4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-i) = \frac{1}{(-i)^2+4} = \frac{1}{-1+4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f'(z) = \frac{-2z}{(z^2+4)^2}$$



6.  $\log\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right)$  about  $z=0$

Ans.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2z^{2n+1}}{2n+1}, |z| < 1$

7.  $\frac{1}{z^2 + (1+2i)z + 2i}$  about  $z=0$

Ans.  $\frac{1}{(1-2i)} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right)^{n+1} - 1 \right\} (-1)^n z^n \right]$

8.  $(z+i)^{-2}$  about  $z=0$

Ans.  $\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} {}^2C_n \left(\frac{z}{i}\right)^n \right], R=1$

9.  $\frac{1}{(z^2-1)(z^2-2)}$  about  $z=0$

Ans.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \right] z^{2n}, R=1$

10.  $\tan z$  about  $z=0$

Ans.  $z + \frac{z^3}{3} + \frac{2z^5}{15} + \dots$

11.  $z \cot z$  about  $z=0$  Ans.  $1 - \frac{z^2}{3} - \frac{z^4}{45} + \dots$

12.  $\frac{e^z}{1+e^z}$  about  $z=0$  Ans.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{z}{4} - \frac{z^3}{48}$

14.8 LAURENT'S THEOREM

(U.P. III Semester Dec. 2009)

If we are required to expand  $f(z)$  about a point where  $f(z)$  is not analytic, then it is expanded by Laurent's Series and not by Taylor's Series.

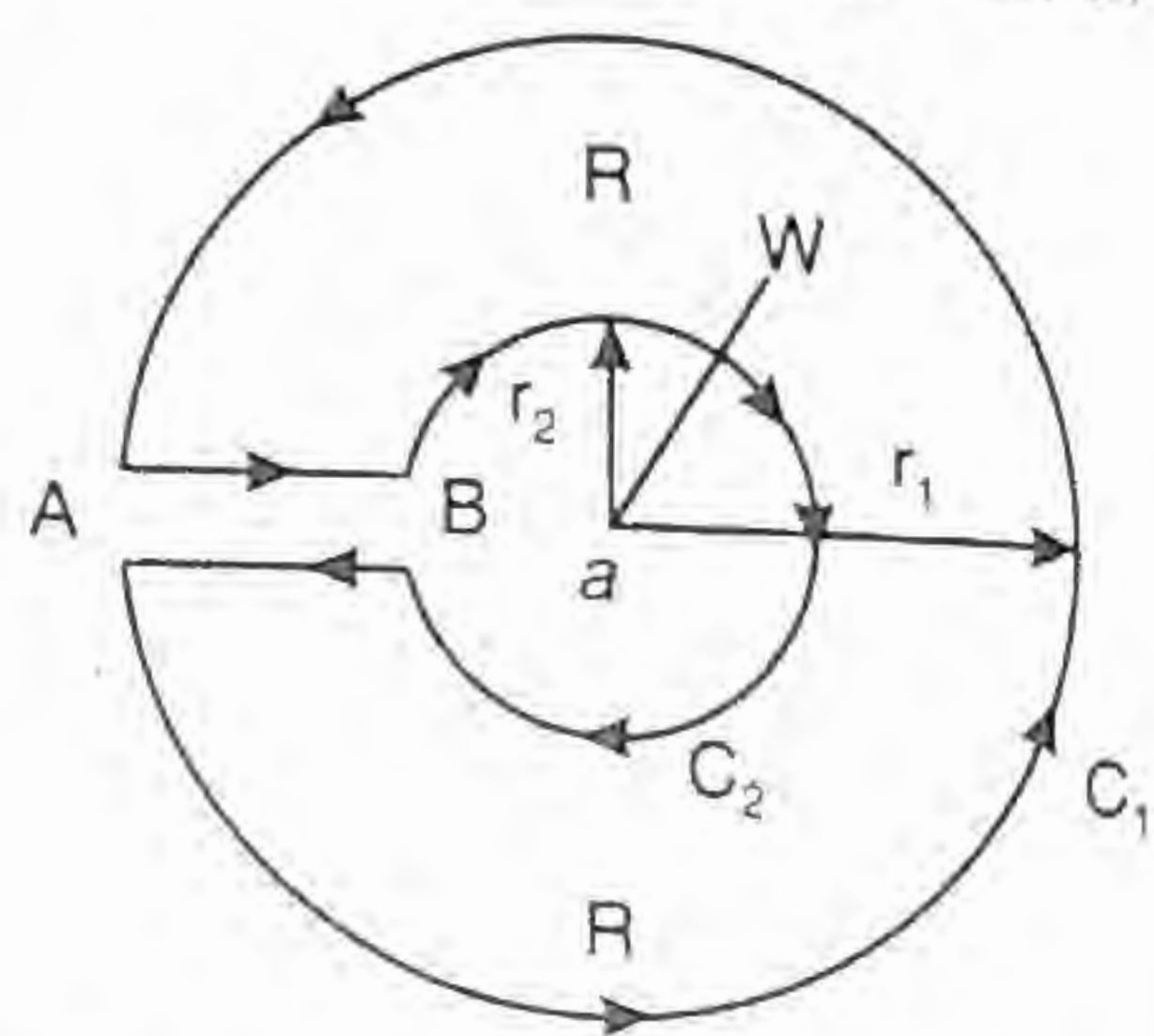
**Statement.** If  $f(z)$  is analytic on  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , and the annular region  $R$  bounded by the two concentric circles  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  ( $r_2 < r_1$ ) and with centre at  $a$ , then for all  $z$  in  $R$

$$f(z) = a_0 + a_1(z-a) + a_2(z-a)^2 + \dots + \frac{b_1}{z-a} + \frac{b_2}{(z-a)^2} + \dots$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^{n+1}} dw$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^{-n+1}} dw$$



**Proof.** By introducing a cross cut  $AB$ , multi-connected region  $R$  is converted to a simply connected region. Now  $f(z)$  is analytic in this region.

Now by Cauchy's integral formula

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{AB} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{BA} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z}$$

Integral along  $c_2$  is clockwise, so it is negative. Integrals along  $AB$  and  $BA$  cancel.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} \quad \dots (1)$$

For the first integral,  $\frac{f(w)}{w-z}$  can be expanded exactly as in Taylor's series as  $z$  lies on  $c_1$ .

$$\left( \frac{|z-a|}{|w-a|} \leq 1 \quad \because w \text{ lies on } c_1 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)dw}{w-z} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{w-a} dw + \frac{(z-a)}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^2} dw + \frac{(z-a)^2}{2\pi i} \int_{c_1} \frac{f(w)}{(w-a)^3} dw + \dots$$

$$= a_0 + a_1(z-a) + a_2(z-a)^2 + \dots (2)$$

In the second integral,  $z$  lies on  $c_2$ . Therefore

$$|w-a| < |z-a| \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{|w-a|}{|z-a|} < 1$$

so here

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{w-z} &= \frac{1}{w-a+a-z} = \frac{1}{(w-a)-(z-a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(z-a) \left( 1 - \frac{w-a}{z-a} \right)} = \frac{1}{z-a} \left( 1 - \frac{w-a}{z-a} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{z-a} \left[ 1 + \frac{w-a}{z-a} + \left( \frac{w-a}{z-a} \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{w-a}{z-a} \right)^{n+1} + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by  $-\frac{f(w)}{2\pi i}$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)}{z-a} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{(w-a)}{(z-a)^2} f(w) dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{(w-a)^2}{(z-a)^3} f(w) dw + \dots \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{z-a} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} f(w) dw + \frac{1}{(z-a)^2} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} (w-a) f(w) dw + \frac{1}{(z-a)^3} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} (w-a)^2 f(w) dw + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Integrating, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)}{w-z} dw &= \left( \frac{1}{z-a} \right) \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} f(w) dw + \frac{1}{(z-a)^2} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w-a)^1} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(z-a)^3} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w-a)^2} + \dots \\ &= \frac{b_1}{z-a} + \frac{b_2}{(z-a)^2} + \frac{b_3}{(z-a)^3} + \dots (3) \quad \left[ b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c_2} \frac{f(w)dw}{(w-a)^{-n+1}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values of both integrals from (2) and (3) in (1), we get

$$f(z) = a_0 + a_1(z-a) + a_2(z-a)^2 + b_1(z-a)^{-1} + b_2(z-a)^{-2} + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z-a)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{(z-a)^n} \quad \text{Proved.}$$

**Note.** To expand a function by Laurent Theorem is cumbersome. By Binomial theorem, the expansion of a function can be done easily.

**Example 22.** Expand  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(2-z)}$  in Laurent series valid for

- (i)  $|z-1| > 1$  and
  - (ii)  $0 < |z-2| < 1$ .
- (G.B.T.U., III Semester, Dec. 2012, 2011, 2010)

**Solution:**  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(z-1)(2-z)} = \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{2}{2-z}$

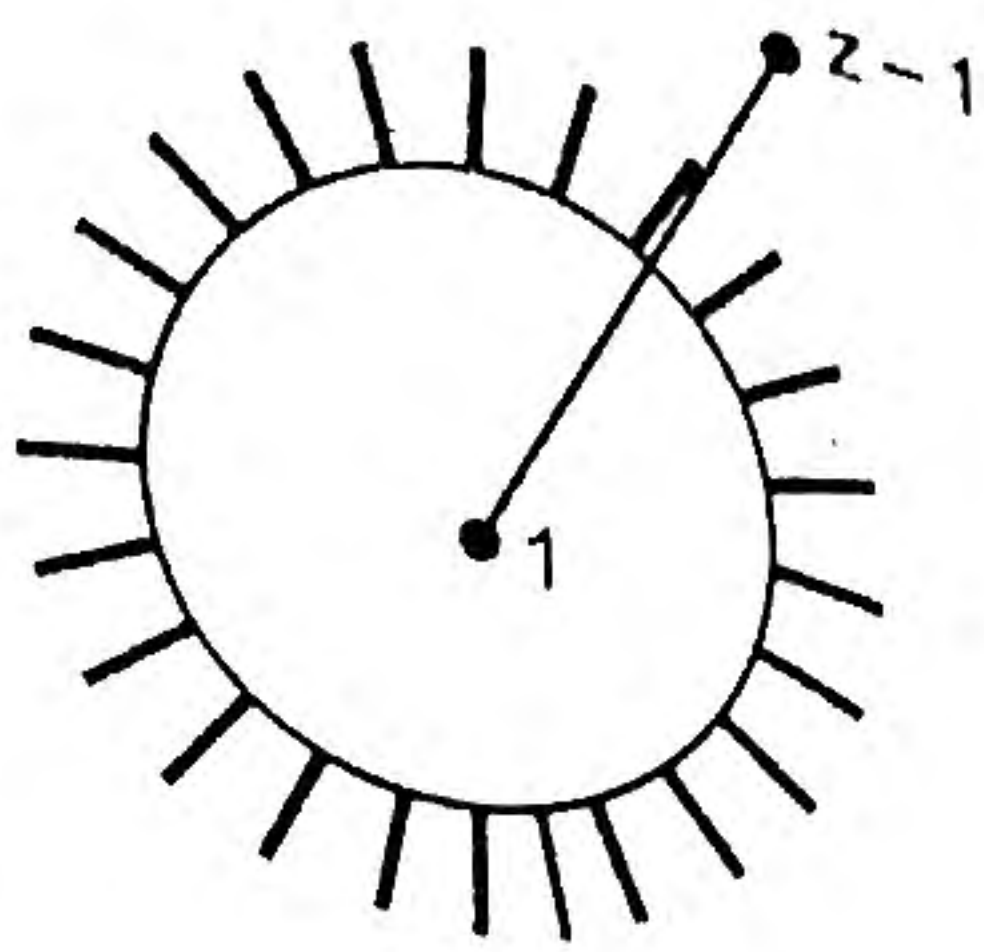
(i)  $|z-1| > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|z-1|} < 1$



$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{2}{(z-1)-1} = \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{2}{z-1} \left( \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{z-1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{2}{z-1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z-1} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{z-1} - \frac{2}{z-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1}{(z-1)^3} + \dots \right)$$



which is required Laurent expansion.

(ii)  $0 < |z-2| < 1$ .

$$f(z) = \frac{2}{2-z} + \frac{1}{(z-2)+1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2-z} + \frac{1}{1+(z-2)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2-z} + [1+(z-2)]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{2}{2-z} + [1-(z-2) + (z-2)^2 - (z-2)^3 + \dots]$$

which is required Laurent expansion.

**Example 23.** Obtain the Taylor or Laurent series which represents the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{(1+z^2)(z+2)} \text{ when}$$

(i)  $1 < |z| < 2$ ; (ii)  $|z| > 2$

**Solution.**  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(1+z^2)(z+2)} = \frac{-\frac{z}{5} + \frac{2}{5}}{1+z^2} + \frac{1}{z+2} = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{z-2}{1+z^2} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{z+2}$  [ $1 < |z| < 2$ ]

(i) In first expression  $1 < |z|$  and in second expression  $|z| < 2$

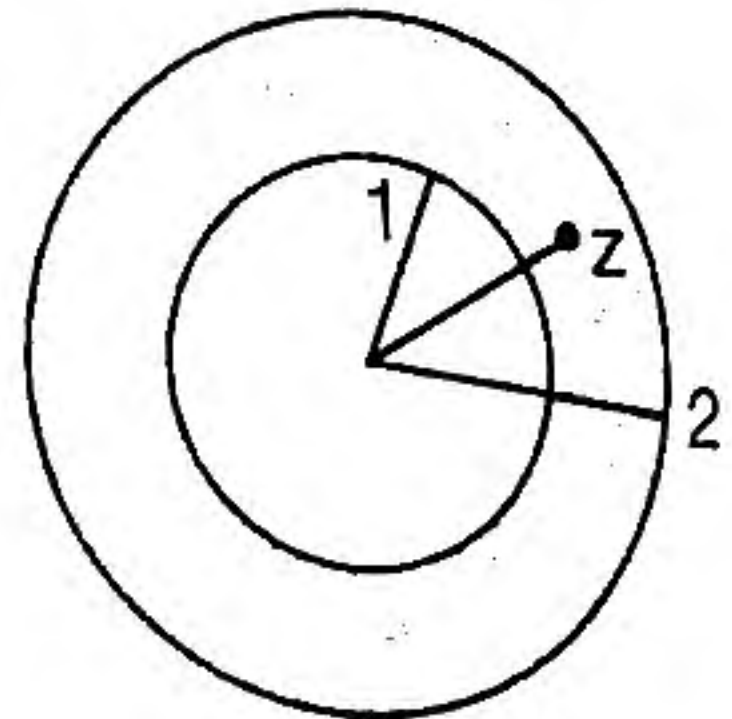
$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{z-2}{z^2} \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{z^2}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1+\frac{z}{2}}$$

$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{5z^2} (z-2) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z^2} \right)^{-1} + \frac{1}{10} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{2}{z^2} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{z^6} + \dots \right) + \frac{1}{10} \left[ 1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{z^2}{4} - \frac{z^3}{8} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^3} - \frac{1}{z^5} + \frac{1}{z^7} + \dots + \frac{2}{z^2} - \frac{2}{z^4} + \frac{2}{z^6} - \frac{2}{z^8} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{4} + \frac{z^2}{8} - \frac{z^3}{16} \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ \dots - 2z^{-8} + z^{-7} + 2z^{-6} - z^{-5} - 2z^{-4} + z^{-3} + 2z^{-2} - z^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{4} + \frac{z^2}{8} - \frac{z^3}{16} \dots \right]$$



Which is the required series.

Ans.

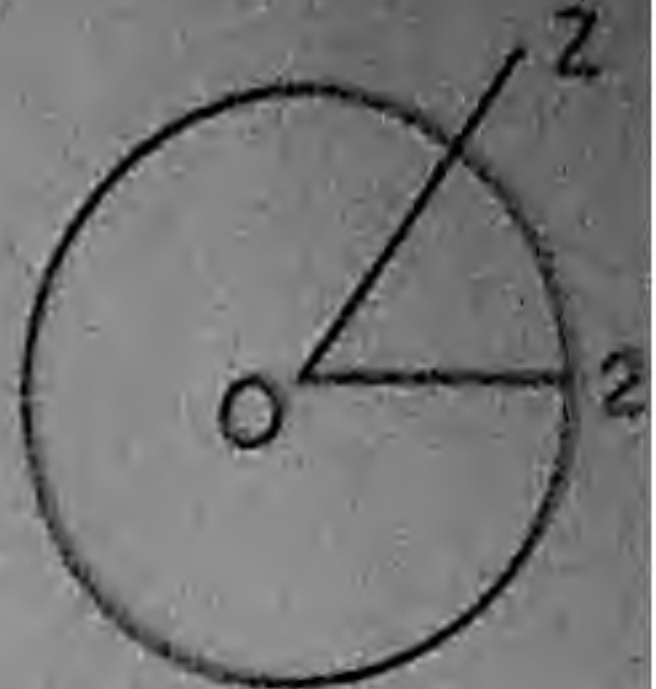
(ii) Here  $|z| > 2$

$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{z-2}{1+z^2} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{z+2} = -\frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{z^2} \frac{z-2}{1+\frac{1}{z^2}} + \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{z} \frac{1}{1+\frac{2}{z}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{5z^2} (z-2) \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{z^2} \right]^{-1} + \frac{1}{5z} \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{z} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{2}{z^2} \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^4} - \frac{1}{z^6} + \dots \right] + \frac{1}{5z} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{z} + \frac{4}{z^2} - \frac{8}{z^3} + \frac{16}{z^4} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left[ -\frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^3} - \frac{1}{z^5} + \frac{1}{z^7} + \dots + \frac{2}{z^2} - \frac{2}{z^4} + \frac{2}{z^6} - \frac{2}{z^8} + \dots + \frac{1}{z} - \frac{2}{z^2} + \frac{4}{z^3} - \frac{8}{z^4} + \dots \right]$$



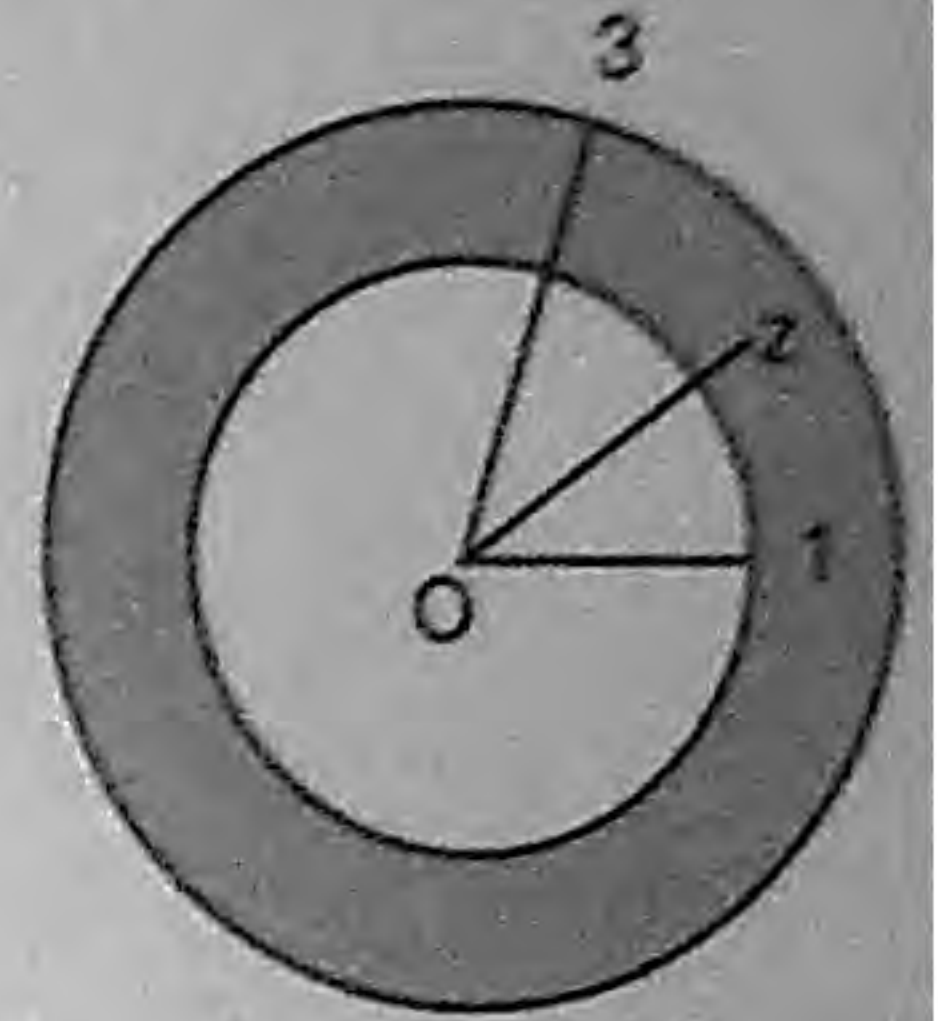
Which is the required series.

Ans.

**Example 24.** Expand  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)}$  in Laurent series valid for

- (i)  $1 < |z| < 3$  (ii)  $|z| > 3$
- (iii)  $0 < |z+1| < 2$  (iv)  $|z| < 1$

**Solution.**  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)(z+3)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{z+1} - \frac{1}{z+3} \right)$



(i)  $1 < |z| < 3 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{|z|} < 1$  and  $\frac{|z|}{3} < 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 < |z|$  and  $|z| < 3$ .

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{z \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z} \right)} - \frac{1}{3 \left( 1 + \frac{z}{3} \right)} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 + \frac{z}{3} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{z}{3} + \frac{z^2}{3^2} - \frac{z^3}{3^3} + \dots \right) \right]$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2z} - \frac{1}{2z^2} + \frac{1}{2z^3} - \frac{1}{2z^4} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{z}{18} - \frac{z^2}{54} + \frac{z^3}{162} - \dots$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2z^4} + \frac{1}{2z^3} - \frac{1}{2z^2} + \frac{1}{2z} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{z}{18} - \frac{z^2}{54} + \frac{z^3}{162} - \dots$$

Which is the required series.

Ans.

(ii)  $|z| > 3 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{|z|} < 1$

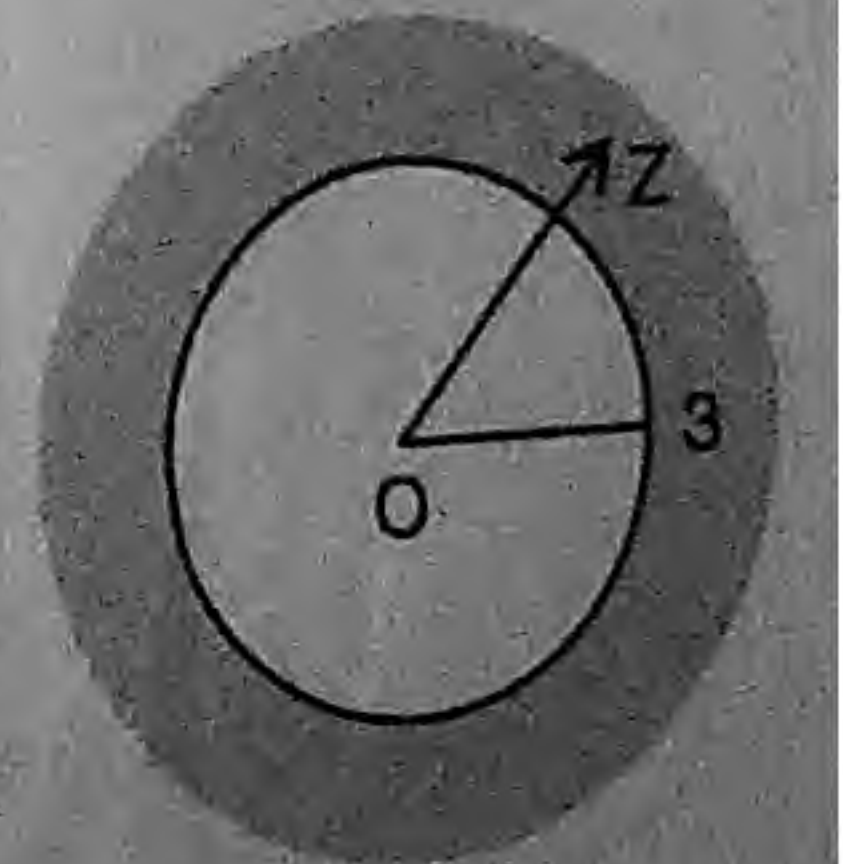
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{z} \right)^{-1} - \frac{1}{z} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{z} \right)^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2z} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{2z} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{z} + \frac{3^2}{z^2} - \dots \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{2z} - \frac{1}{2z^2} \right) + \left( \frac{-1}{2z^2} + \frac{3}{2z^2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2z^3} - \frac{9}{2z^3} \right) + \left( -\frac{1}{2z^4} + \frac{27}{2z^4} \right) + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{z^2} - \frac{4}{z^3} + \frac{13}{z^4} - \frac{50}{z^5} + \dots$$

Which is required expansion.

Ans.



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{(z-a)^m} [b_m + b_{m-1}(z-a) + \dots + b_1(z-a)^{m-1}] \\
 &= \frac{1}{(z-a)^m} \left[ b_m + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} b_n(z-a)^{m-n} \right] \\
 \left| \sum_{n=1}^m b_n(z-a)^{-n} \right| &= \left| \frac{1}{(z-a)^m} \left[ b_m + \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} b_n(z-a)^{m-n} \right] \right| \\
 &\geq \left| \frac{1}{(z-a)^m} \right| \left\{ |b_m| - \sum_{n=1}^{m-1} |b_n| |z-a|^{m-n} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

This tends to  $b_m$   $|a_1 + a_2| \geq |a_1| - |a_2|$   
 As  $z \rightarrow a$  R.H.S =  $\infty$ .

**Example 28.** Write all possible Laurent series for the function

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z+2)^3}$$

about the pole  $z = -2$ . Using appropriate Laurent series

**Solution.** To expand  $\frac{1}{z(z+2)^3}$  about  $z = -2$ , i.e., in powers of  $(z+2)$ , we put  $z+2 = t$ .

Then 
$$f(z) = \frac{1}{z(z+2)^3} = \frac{1}{(t-2)t^3} = \frac{1}{t^3} \cdot \frac{1}{t-2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{t^3} \cdot \frac{1}{-2} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \frac{t}{2}} \right) = -\frac{1}{2t^3} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

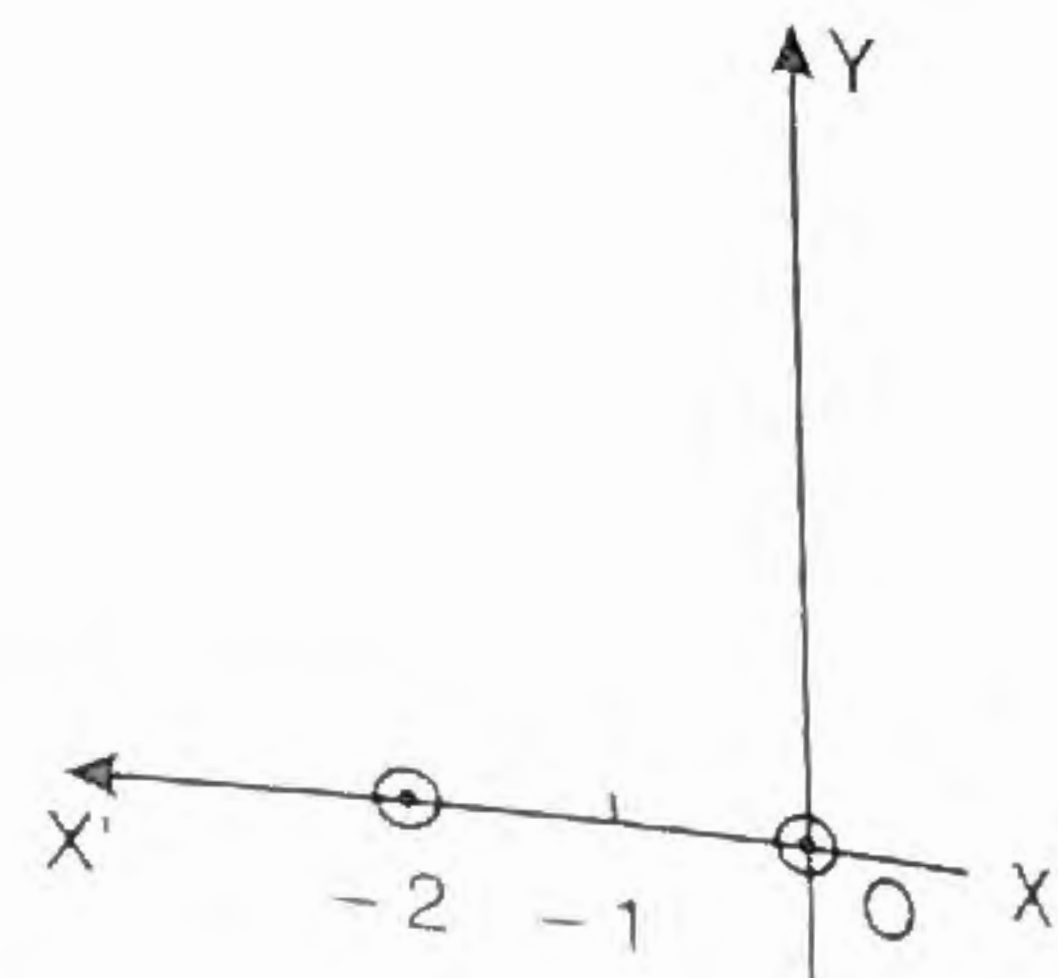
$$[0 < |z-2| < 1 \text{ or } 0 < |t| < 1]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2t^3} \left[ 1 + \frac{t}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4} + \frac{t^3}{8} + \frac{t^4}{16} + \frac{t^5}{32} + \dots \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2t^3} - \frac{1}{4t^2} - \frac{1}{8t} - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{t}{32} - \frac{t^2}{64} + \dots$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2(z+2)^3} - \frac{1}{4(z+2)^2} - \frac{1}{8(z+2)} - \frac{1}{16} - \frac{z+2}{32} - \frac{(z+2)^2}{64} + \dots$$

Ans.



**Example 29.** Expand  $\frac{e^z}{(z-1)^2}$  about  $z = 1$

**Solution.** Let  $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{(z-1)^2} = \frac{e^{1+t}}{t^2}$  [Put  $z-1 = t \Rightarrow z = 1+t$ ]

$$= \frac{e \cdot e^t}{t^2} = \frac{e}{t^2} \left[ 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \right] = e \left[ \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{t}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= e \left[ \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} + \frac{1}{z-1} + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{z-1}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

Which is required expansion.

Ans.

**Example 30.** Expand  $f(z) = \cos h \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)$

**Solution.**  $f(z)$  is analytic except  $z = 0$   
 $f(z)$  can be expanded by Laurent theorem.

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{z^n}$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c \frac{f(z) dz}{(z-0)^{n+1}}, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c f(z) z^{-n-1} dz$$

Now,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c \frac{\cosh \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right)}{z^{n+1}} dz$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} z &= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \\ \frac{1}{z} &= \cos \theta - i \sin \theta \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} z &= e^{i\theta} \\ dz &= i e^{i\theta} d\theta \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cosh(2 \cos \theta) i e^{i\theta}}{e^{i(n+1)\theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cosh(2 \cos \theta) \cdot i e^{i\theta}}{e^{i(n+1)\theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) e^{-ni\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) (\cos n\theta - i \sin n\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) \cos n\theta d\theta - \frac{i}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) \sin n\theta d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) \cos n\theta d\theta + 0$$

Similarly, 
$$b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cosh(2 \cos \theta) \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

If we write  $\frac{1}{z}$  for  $z$  in the given function

$$f(z) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \left( z^n + \frac{1}{z^n} \right)$$

Ans.

**Example 31.** Expand  $f(z) = \sin \left\{ c \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right) \right\}$

**Solution.**  $f(z)$  is not analytic at  $z = 0$ .  
 Therefore  $f(z)$  can be expanded by Laurent theorem.

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{z^n}$$

where

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c \frac{f(z) dz}{(z-0)^{n+1}} \text{ and } b_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c f(z) z^{-n-1} dz$$

Now,

$$a_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_c \frac{\sin c \left( z + \frac{1}{z} \right) dz}{z^{n+1}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} z &= e^{i\theta} \\ dz &= i e^{i\theta} d\theta \end{aligned} \right]$$