

Weierstrass Factorization Theorem

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1. Introduction to Weierstrass Factorization Theorem:
 - a. Entire complex functions can be written as an infinite product of factors involving their zeros
 - b. Every infinite sequence has an associated entire function with its zeros at the points of that sequence
 - c. Allows us to factor any entire function into a product of zeros and a non-zero entire function

2. Motivation for the Theorem:
 - a. For complex polynomials of degree n , you can factor $p(z)$ into n factors associated with their zeros, therefore the sequence of zeros is finite
 - b. Can this be extended to all entire functions with an infinite sequence of zeros?
 - c. Infinite sequence of zeros imply an infinite product
 - d. Weierstrass saw in order for the infinite product of such factors to converge, the individual factors $(z - a_n) \Rightarrow 1$ as the limit of n goes to infinity, where (a_n) is the infinite sequence of zeros
 - e. Weierstrass needed functions such that the factors are equal to zero for each specific zero in the sequence, but stay near 1 when not at the specific zero and thus defined Elementary Factors, which possess this property

3. Elementary Factors:
 - a. Weierstrass called his new factors, Elementary Factors and defined them as such:
 - i. $E_0 = 1 - z$ if $n=0$
 - ii. $E_n = (1 - z)\exp\left[\frac{z}{1} + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{z^n}{n}\right]$ otherwise
 - b. He defined them this way because he needed factors that converged to 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and without introducing more zeros to the function

4. The Weierstrass Factorization:
 - a. Entire functions with $f(z)=0$, z DOES NOT equal zero
 - b. a_n is an infinite sequence of non-zero complex numbers
 - i.
$$f(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} E_{p_n}(z/a_n)$$
 - ii. where p_n is a sequence such that for all $r > 0$,
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (r/|a_n|)^{1+p_n} < \infty,$$

c. Entire functions with $f(z) \neq 0$, $z \neq 0$ zero

$$f(z) = z^m e^{g(z)} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} E_{p_n} \left(\frac{z}{a_n} \right)$$

i.

ii. where m is the multiplicity of $z = 0$, $g(z)$ is a function, and p_n is a sequence of integers.

5. Example:

a.
$$\sin \pi z = \pi z \prod_{n \neq 0} \left(1 - \frac{z}{n} \right) e^{z/n} = \pi z \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{n^2} \right)$$

b.
$$\cos \pi z = \prod_{q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \text{ odd}} \left(1 - \frac{2z}{q} \right) e^{2z/q} = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4z^2}{(2n+1)^2} \right)$$

6. Hadamard Factorization:

$$f(z) = z^m e^{g(z)} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} E_p(z/a_n)$$

a.

b. generalized form of Weierstrass factorizations

c. f is an entire function of finite order ρ and $g(z)$ is a polynomial of degree q where $q \leq \rho$

d. where the order of the function is the smallest positive ρ such that for every ε

$$|f(z)| \leq e^{|z|^{\lambda+\varepsilon}}$$

> 0 ,

7. Example:

a. $\cos(z^{1/2})$ is of order $1/2$ and therefore can be factored using Hadamard's method

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