

# Math 383: Complex Analysis: Fall '21 (Williams)

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Lecture 13: 10-13-21: <https://youtu.be/CR-sRChclD4>

Lecture 13: 10/06/17: 2015 Lecture: Complex Logarithm: <https://youtu.be/bnZOX0KXSmg> (2017 Review Problem Lecture: <https://youtu.be/zxziYCD5Jzc>)

## Plan for the day: Lecture : October 13, 2021:

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- Definition of complex logarithm
- Spaces where it is defined

### General items.

- Power of defining functions via integrals
- Generalizing concepts from real analysis
- Power of accumulation

**Theorem 4.4 (Open mapping theorem)** *If  $f$  is holomorphic and non-constant in a region  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  is open.*

**Theorem 4.5 (Maximum modulus principle)** *If  $f$  is a non-constant holomorphic function in a region  $\Omega$ , then  $f$  cannot attain a maximum in  $\Omega$ .*

**Corollary 4.6** *Suppose that  $\Omega$  is a region with compact closure  $\overline{\Omega}$ . If  $f$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  and continuous on  $\overline{\Omega}$  then*

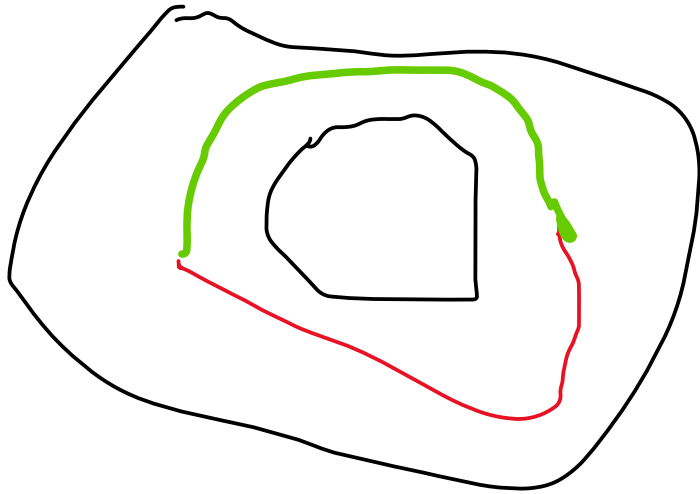
$$\sup_{z \in \Omega} |f(z)| \leq \sup_{z \in \overline{\Omega} - \Omega} |f(z)|.$$

# Simply connected space

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simply\\_connected\\_space](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simply_connected_space)

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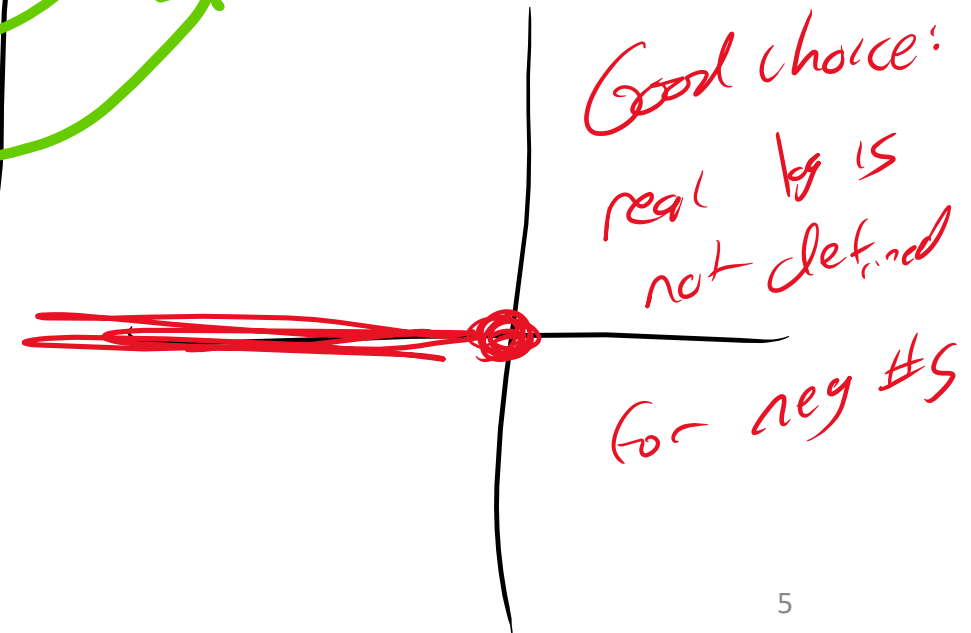
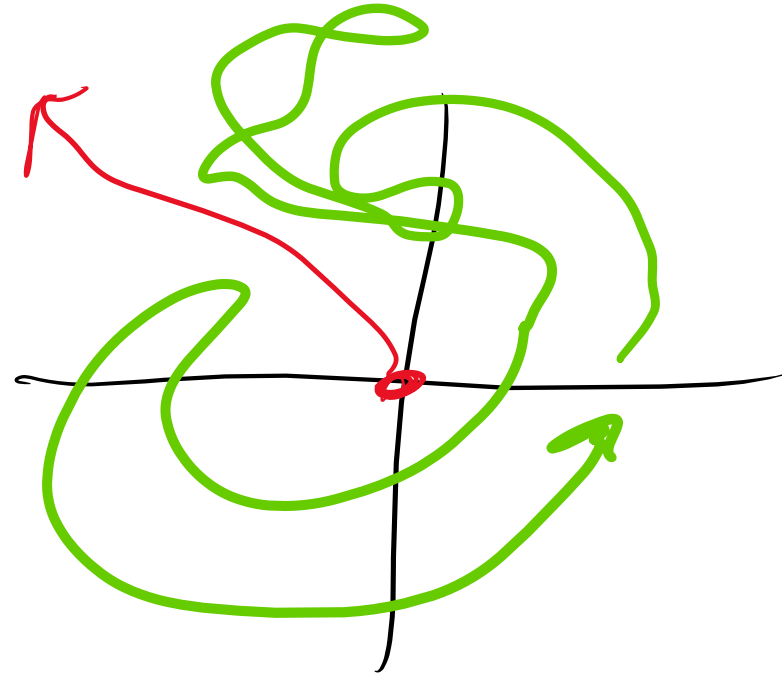
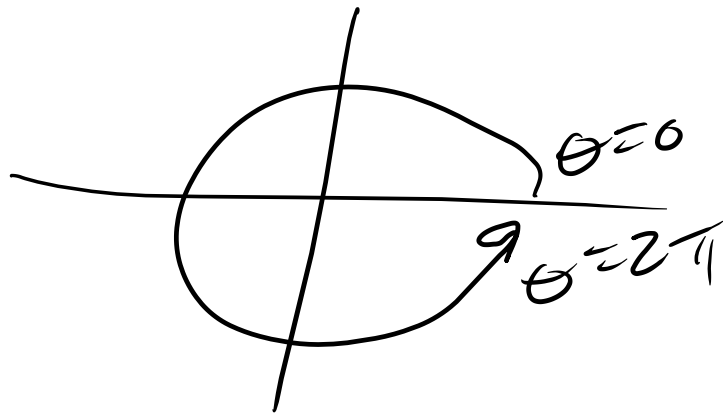
In [topology](#), a [topological space](#) is called **simply connected** (or **1-connected**, or **1-simply connected**<sup>[1]</sup>) if it is [path-connected](#) and every [path](#) between two points can be continuously transformed (intuitively for embedded spaces, staying within the space) into any other such path while preserving the two endpoints in question. The [fundamental group](#) of a topological space is an indicator of the failure for the space to be simply connected: a path-connected topological space is simply connected if and only if its fundamental group is trivial.



$$t\gamma_1(z) + (1-t)\gamma_2(z)$$

Roughly speaking, branch points are the points where the various sheets of a multiple valued function come together. The branches of the function are the various sheets of the function. For example, the function  $w = z^{1/2}$  has two branches: one where the square root comes in with a plus sign, and the other with a minus sign. A **branch cut** is a curve in the complex plane such that it is possible to define a single analytic branch of a multi-valued function on the plane minus that curve. Branch cuts are usually, but not always, taken between pairs of branch points.

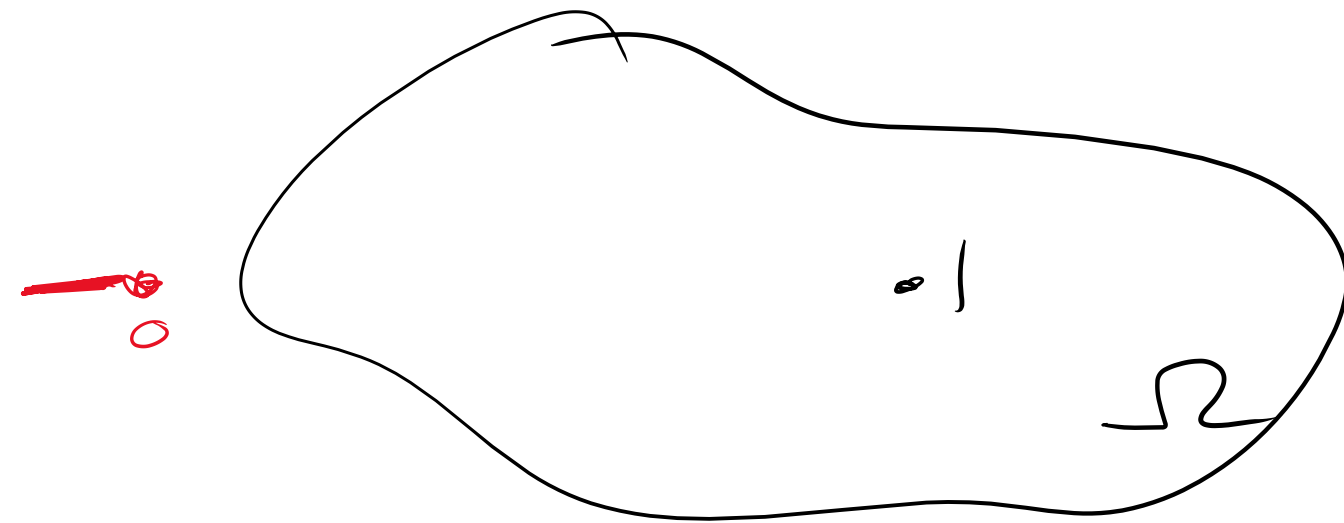
$$e^0 = e^{2\pi i n} \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$



Principal  
branch cut

**Theorem 6.1** Suppose that  $\Omega$  is simply connected with  $1 \in \Omega$ , and  $0 \notin \Omega$ . Then in  $\Omega$  there is a branch of the logarithm  $F(z) = \log_{\Omega}(z)$  so that

- (i)  $F$  is holomorphic in  $\Omega$ ,
- (ii)  $e^{F(z)} = z$  for all  $z \in \Omega$ ,
- (iii)  $F(r) = \log r$  whenever  $r$  is a real number and near 1.



Calculus:

$$\log(x), \quad \frac{d}{dx} \log x = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{so } \log x = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt$$

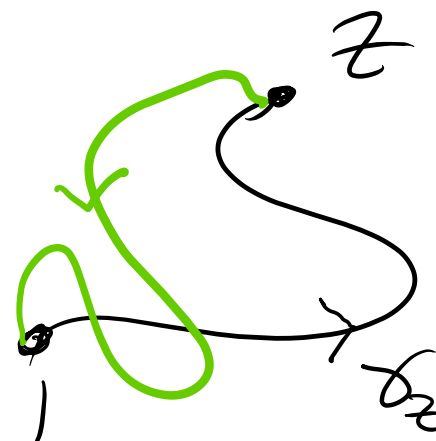
$$\exp(\log x) = x$$

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*Proof.* We shall construct  $F$  as a primitive of the function  $1/z$ . Since  $0 \notin \Omega$ , the function  $f(z) = 1/z$  is holomorphic in  $\Omega$ . We define

$$\log_{\Omega}(z) = F(z) = \underbrace{\int_{\gamma_z} f(w) dw}_{\text{well defined}}$$



closed curve,  $\int = 0$   
as holo, so two  
integrals the same!

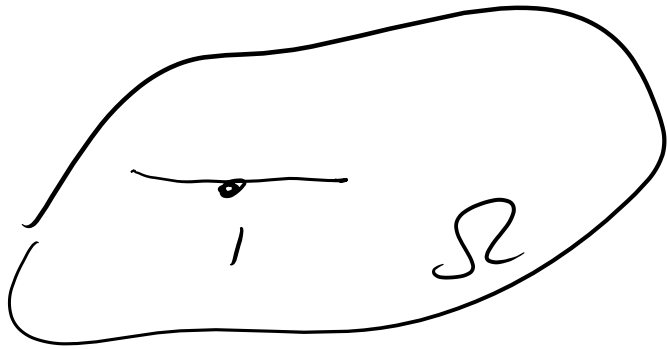
Standard techniques  $F'(z) = f(z)$

(ii)  $g(z) = z e^{-F(z)}$

$$g'(z) = 1 e^{-F(z)} - z e^{-F(z)} f(z) = e^{-F(z)} |1 - 1| = 0 \quad \square$$

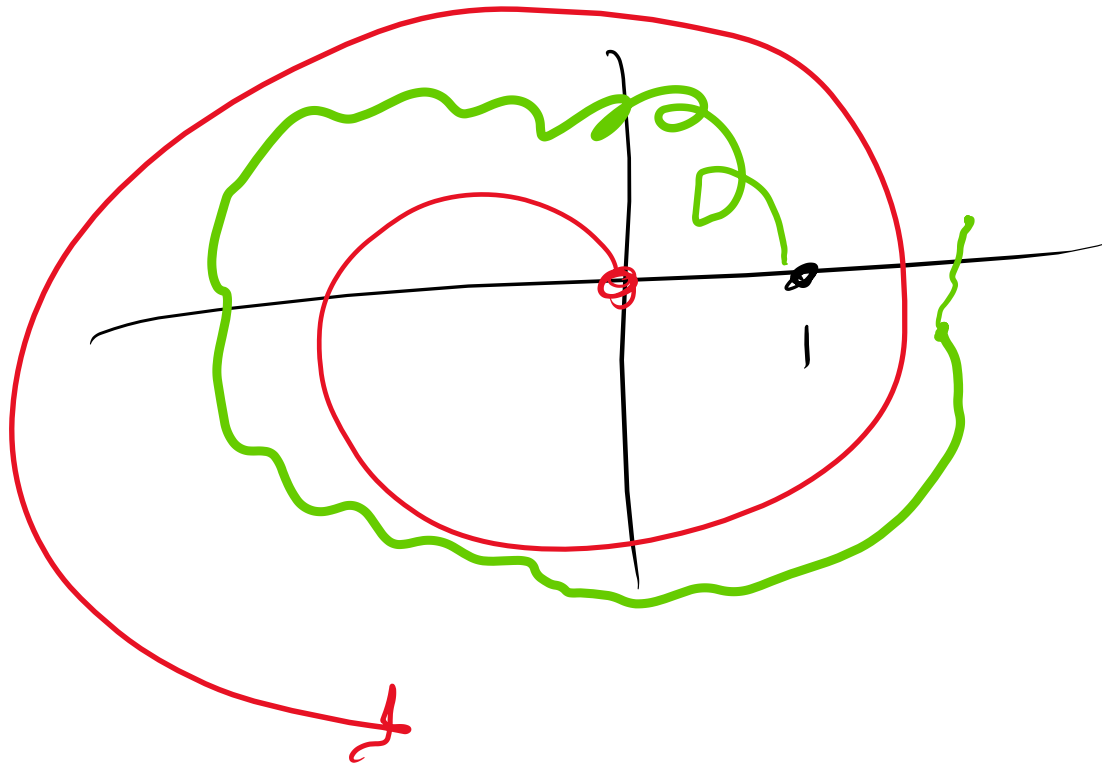
note  $g(1) = 1$  as  $F(1) = 0$

Need  $F(r) = \log r$  whenever  $r$  is a real number and near 1.



$$Z = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ near } 1\}$$

$$F(z) = F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{1}{t} dt = \log x$$



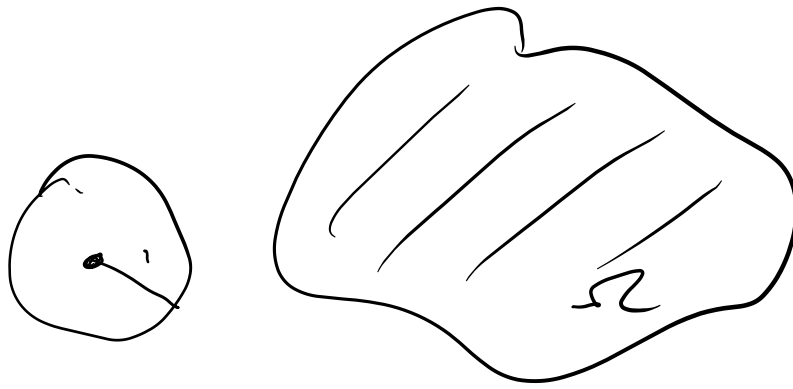




**Theorem 6.2** If  $f$  is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic function in a simply connected region  $\Omega$ , then there exists a holomorphic function  $g$  on  $\Omega$  such that

$$f(z) = e^{g(z)}.$$

Ex:  $e^z$  always works, as does  $e^{g(z)}$



$z, z^2, \dots, z^n, \frac{1}{z}, \frac{1}{z^n}$   
 $(z - \frac{1}{2})(z + \frac{3}{4})$   
 $x^{\sqrt{2}} = e^{\sqrt{2} \log x} \quad z = e^{\log z}$

Function Satisfies These Conditions at 0

Consider  $f(z) = z+1$ ,  $\Omega = D(0, 1/2)$

$$\text{In } \Omega, f(z) = z+1 = e^{g(z)}$$

$$\text{Morally: } \log_{\Omega}(z+1) = \log_{\Omega} e^{g(z)} \\ = g(z)$$

## Digression: Log Laws


$$\log_b(b) = 1$$

$$\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x/y) = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

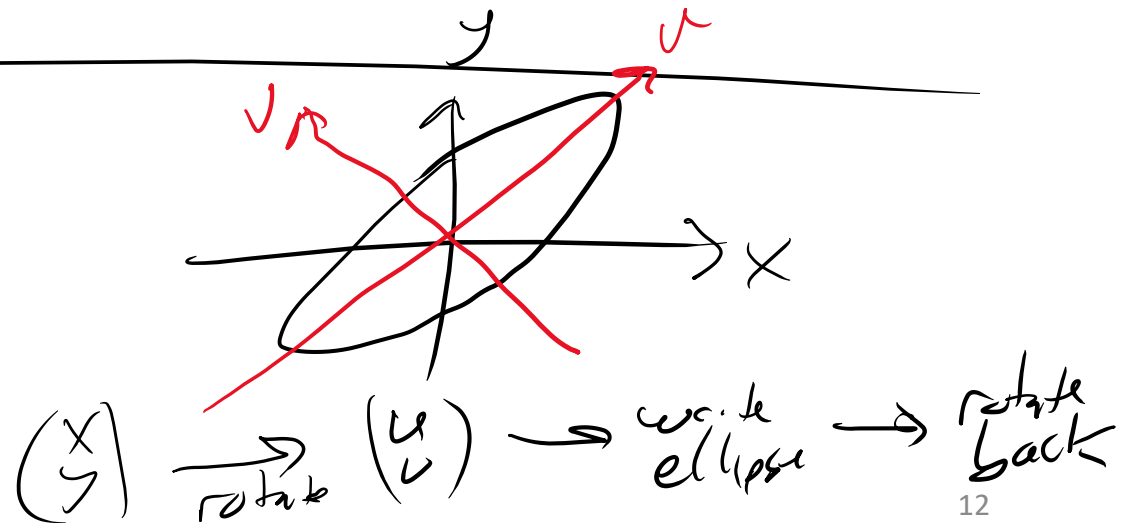
$$\log_b(x^r) = r \log_b x$$

Linear Alg: Principal Axis Thm


$$\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{b}\right)^2 = 1$$

## Change of basis

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_c x}{\log_c b}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1/a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/b^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad \text{Eq of an ellipse}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}^T A \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad A \text{ is pos definite}$$

$$f(x, y) = f(0, 0) + \underbrace{f_x(0, 0)x + f_y(0, 0)y}_{(\nabla f)(0, 0) \cdot (x, y)} + \underbrace{(x, y) \left( Hf|_{(0, 0)} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \right)}_{\dots} + \dots$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2$$

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$$g(z) = \int_{\gamma_z} \frac{f'(w)}{f(w)} dw + c_0,$$

well defined as  $f(z) \neq 0$  in  $\Omega$   
 $g(z_0) = c_0$  choose  $f(z_0) = e^{c_0}$

morally it is  $\log f(z)$  up to a constant

$$\log g'(z) = f'(z)/f(z)$$

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$$f(z) = e^{g(z)}.$$

The function  $g(z)$  in the theorem can be denoted by  $\log f(z)$ , and determines a “branch” of that logarithm.

*Proof.* Fix a point  $z_0$  in  $\Omega$ , and define a function

$$g(z) = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(w)}{f(w)} dw + c_0,$$

where  $\gamma$  is any path in  $\Omega$  connecting  $z_0$  to  $z$ , and  $c_0$  is a complex number so that  $e^{c_0} = f(z_0)$ . This definition is independent of the path  $\gamma$  since  $\Omega$  is simply connected. Arguing as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, Chapter 2, we find that  $g$  is holomorphic with

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

and a simple calculation gives

$$\frac{d}{dz} (f(z)e^{-g(z)}) = 0,$$

so that  $f(z)e^{-g(z)}$  is constant. Evaluating this expression at  $z_0$  we find  $f(z_0)e^{-c_0} = 1$ , so that  $f(z) = e^{g(z)}$  for all  $z \in \Omega$ , and the proof is complete.

Much of math is about solving equations.

Example: polynomials:

- $ax + b = 0$ , root  $x = -b/a$ .
- $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , roots  $(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac})/2a$ .
- Cubic, quartic: formulas exist in terms of coefficients; not for quintic and higher.

In general cannot find exact solution, how to estimate?



# Cubic: For fun, here's the solution to $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$

Solve[ $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ ,  $x$ ]

$$\left\{ \left\{ x \rightarrow -\frac{b}{3a} - \frac{2^{1/3} (-b^2 + 3ac)}{3a \left( -2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}} + \frac{\left( -2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{3 \times 2^{1/3} a} \right\},$$

$$\left\{ x \rightarrow -\frac{b}{3a} + \frac{(1 + i\sqrt{3}) (-b^2 + 3ac)}{3 \times 2^{2/3} a \left( -2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}} - \frac{(1 - i\sqrt{3}) \left( -2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-2b^3 + 9abc - 27a^2d)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{6 \times 2^{1/3} a} \right\},$$

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# One of four solutions to quartic $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0$

Solve[ $ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e = 0, x$ ]

$$\left\{ \left\{ x \rightarrow -\frac{b}{4a} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{2c}{3a} + \frac{(2^{1/3}(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae))}{\left( 3a \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} \right)} + \frac{1}{3 \times 2^{1/3} a} \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \frac{b^2}{2a^2} - \frac{4c}{3a} - \frac{(2^{1/3}(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae))}{\left( 3a \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} \right)} - \frac{1}{3 \times 2^{1/3} a} \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} - \left( -\frac{b^3}{a^3} + \frac{4bc}{a^2} - \frac{8d}{a} \right) / \left( 4 \sqrt{\left( \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{2c}{3a} + \frac{(2^{1/3}(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae))}{\left( 3a \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} \right)} + \frac{1}{3 \times 2^{1/3} a} \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left( \frac{b^2}{2a^2} - \frac{4c}{3a} - \frac{(2^{1/3}(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae))}{\left( 3a \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} \right)} - \frac{1}{3 \times 2^{1/3} a} \left( 2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace + \sqrt{-4(c^2 - 3bd + 12ae)^3 + (2c^3 - 9bcd + 27ad^2 + 27b^2e - 72ace)^2} \right)^{1/3}} \right) \right\} \right\},$$

Prescribe a fn that vanishes at  $z_1, z_2, z_3$

$$A (z - z_1) (z - z_2) (z - z_3)$$

$$f(z_1) \frac{(z - z_2)(z - z_3)}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_1 - z_3)} + f(z_2) \frac{(z - z_1)(z - z_3)}{(z_2 - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)} + f(z_3) \frac{(z - z_1)(z - z_2)}{(z_3 - z_1)(z_3 - z_2)}$$

Can do for  $n=3, 4, 5, \dots$  so long as  $n$  is

FINITE!















