

# THEOREMS BASED ON RESIDUES AND ARGUMENT PRINCIPLE

## 🔌 Important Points from the Chapter

1. If  $f(z)$  is analytic within and on a closed contour  $C$  except at a finite number of poles, and has no zero on  $C$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N - P$$

where,  $N$  is the number of zeroes and  $P$  the number of poles of  $f(z)$  inside  $C$ .

A pole or zero of order  $n$  must be counted  $n$  times. (2009, 1993, 91)

2. If  $g(z)$  is analytic function, regular inside and on a simple closed contour  $C$  and if  $f(z)$  is also analytic inside and on  $C$ , (except for a finite number of poles) having zeroes at  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  and poles at  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z) g(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{r=1}^m g(z_r) - \sum_{s=1}^n g(p_s).$$

(2011, 04, 02, 1999, 95, 94, 92, 90)

3. **Rouche's Theorem** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  and let  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on  $C$ . Then,  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  have the same number of zeroes inside  $C$ .

(2014, 09, 03, 1999, 97, 92)

4. **Fundamental Theorems of Algebra** Every polynomial of degree  $n$  has exactly  $n$  zeroes. (2013, 11, 08, 03, 01, 2000, 1998, 96, 93)

5. **Argument Principle** If  $f(z)$  is meromorphic inside a closed contour  $C$  and has no zero on  $C$ , then  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N - P$ , where  $N$  is the

number of zeroes and  $P$  the number of poles inside  $C$ , (a pole or zero of order  $m$  must be counted  $m$  times)

- **Note**  $N - P = \frac{1}{2\pi} \Delta_C \arg f(z)$ , where  $\Delta_C$  denotes the variation in  $\arg f(z)$  as  $z$  moves once round  $C$ .

## Very Short Answer Questions

**Q 1.** Using Rouché's theorem, determine the number of zeroes of the polynomial  $P(z) = z^{10} - 6z^7 + 3z^3 + 1$  in  $|z| < 1$ .

**Sol.** Here,  $P(z) = z^{10} - 6z^7 + 3z^3 + 1$

Let  $f(z) = -6z^7$ ,  $g(z) = z^{10} + 3z^3 + 1$

Then,  $P(z) = f(z) + g(z)$

Consider the circle  $C$  defined by  $|z| = 1$ .

Then,  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  both are analytic within and upon  $C$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{g}{f} \right| &= \left| \frac{z^{10} + 3z^3 + 1}{-6z^7} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|z|^{10} + 3|z|^3 + 1}{6|z|^7} \\ &= \frac{1^{10} + 3(1)^3 + 1}{6(1)^7} = \frac{5}{6} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{g}{f} \right| < 1 \text{ or } |g| < |f|$$

On applying Rouché's theorem, we get  $f(z) + g(z) = P(z)$  has the same number of zeroes inside  $C$  as  $f(z) = -6z^7$ .

But  $f(z)$  has seven zeroes inside  $C$ .

Hence,  $P(z)$  has seven zeroes inside  $C$ .

**Q 2.** Apply Rouché's theorem to determine the number of roots of the equation  $z^8 - 4z^5 + z^2 - 1 = 0$ , that lie inside the circle  $|z| = 1$ .

**Sol.** Consider the circle  $C$  defined by  $|z| = 1$ .

Take  $f(z) = -4z^5$ ,  $g(z) = z^8 + z^2 - 1$

$$\text{Then, } \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| = \left| \frac{z^8 + z^2 - 1}{-4z^5} \right| \leq \frac{|z|^8 + |z|^2 + 1}{4|z|^5} = \frac{1^8 + 1^2 + 1}{4 \cdot 1^5} = \frac{3}{4} < 1$$

$$\text{or } \left| \frac{g}{f} \right| < 1 \text{ or } |g| < |f|$$

Now,  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic functions within and upon the contour  $C$  such that  $|g| < |f|$ .

On applying Rouché's theorem, we find  $f + g = z^8 - 4z^5 + z^2 - 1$  has the same number of zeroes inside  $C$  as  $f(z)$ , but  $f(z) = -4z^5$  has five zeroes all located at the origin. It follows that  $f + g$  has 5 zeroes inside  $C$ .

Hence, the equation has 5 roots inside  $|z| = 1$ .

**Q 3.** For which value of the real number of 'α', the function  $z^n e^\alpha - e^z$  will have  $n$  zeroes inside  $|z| = 1$ ?

(2008, 05, 04, 01, 2000, 1997, 95, 94, 92, 90)

**Sol.** We have to find zeroes of

$$z^n e^\alpha - e^z = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Let us take  $f(z) = z^n e^\alpha$  and  $g(z) = -e^z$

On the unit circle,  $|z| = 1$ , we have

$$|f(z)| = |z^n e^\alpha| \leq e^\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad |g(z)| = |-e^z| = e$$

Now,  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  will have of same number of zeroes inside  $|z| = 1$ , provided  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  and thus  $e < e^\alpha$ , i.e.  $\alpha > 1$ .

Thus, if  $\alpha > 1$ , then  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  have same number of zeroes inside  $|z| = 1$ . But  $f(z) = z^n e^\alpha$  has  $n$  zeroes inside  $|z| = 1$ .

Hence,  $f(z) + g(z)$ , i.e.  $z^n e^\alpha - e^z$  has  $n$  zeroes inside the circle  $|z| = 1$  provided  $\alpha > 1$ .

## Short Answer Questions

**Q 1.** If  $g(z)$  is analytic function, regular inside and on a simple closed contour  $C$  and if  $f(z)$  is also analytic inside and on  $C$ , (except for a finite number of poles) having zeroes at  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_m$  and poles at  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , then prove that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z) g(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{r=1}^m g(z_r) - \sum_{s=1}^n g(p_s).$$

(2011, 04, 02, 1999, 95, 94, 92, 90)

**Sol.** Let  $z = z_r$  be a simple zero of  $f(z)$ , so that the function  $f(z)$  can be written as  $f(z) = (z - z_r) \phi(z)$ , where  $\phi(z)$  being analytic inside and on  $C$ , in the neighbourhood of  $z = z_r$ , where  $\phi(z_r) \neq 0$ .

Taking logarithmic differentiation, we get

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{(z - z_r)} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} \right\} \quad [\because \log f(z) = \log(z - z_r) + \log \phi(z)]$$

where,  $\phi'(z)$  is analytic at  $z = z_r$ , thus

$$\left\{ \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} g(z) = \left\{ \frac{g(z)}{(z - z_r)} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{g(z) \phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} \right\}$$

Since,  $g(z) \phi'(z) / \phi(z)$  is analytic and regular at  $z = z_r$  and  $\{f'(z) / f(z)\} g(z)$  has a simple pole at  $z = z_r$  with residue  $g(z_r)$ , taking into account all the zeroes of  $f(z)$  inside  $C$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} g(z) dz = \sum_{r=1}^m g(z_r)$$

Similarly, if  $z = p_s$  is a simple pole of  $f(z)$ , then we can write

$f(z) = \phi(z)/(z - p_s)$ ,  $\phi(z)$  has no poles at  $z = p_s$ , which gives

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = -\left\{\frac{1}{z - p_s}\right\} + \left\{\frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)}\right\} \quad [ \because \log f(z) = \log(z - p_s) + \log \phi(z) ]$$

$$\therefore \left\{\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} g(z) = -\left\{\frac{g(z)}{z - p_s}\right\} + \left\{\frac{\phi'(z) g(z)}{\phi(z)}\right\}$$

where,  $\frac{\phi'(z) g(z)}{\phi(z)}$  is analytic and regular at  $z = p_s$ .

Thus,  $\left\{\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} g(z)$  has a simple pole at  $z = p_s$  with residue  $-g(p_s)$ .

Taking into account all the poles of  $f(z)$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left\{\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}\right\} g(z) dz = - \sum_{s=1}^n g(p_s)$$

Now, combining both the results, we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left(\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}\right) g(z) dz = \sum_{r=1}^m g(z_r) - \sum_{s=1}^n g(p_s) \quad \text{Hence proved.}$$

**Q 2.** State and prove Rouché's theorem on zeroes of an analytic function. (1999)

*Or* State and prove Rouché's theorem. (2014, 09)

*Or* If  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic within and on a simple closed contour  $C$ , and if  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on  $C$ , then  $f(z) + g(z)$  have same number of zeroes inside  $C$ . (2010, 07, 03, 1997, 92)

**Sol. Statement Rouché's Theorem** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  and let  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on  $C$ . Then,  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  have the same number of zeroes inside  $C$ .

**Proof** Since,  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$ , therefore

$$\left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| < 1 \text{ on } C, \text{ where } |f(z)| \neq 0.$$

Otherwise,  $\left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right|$  will be infinity and not less than 1.

Also,  $|f(z) + g(z)| = |f(z) - \{-g(z)\}| > |f(z)| - |g(z)| \neq 0$  [ $\because |g(z)| < |f(z)|$ ]

$\therefore f(z) + g(z) \neq 0$  and hence neither  $f(z)$  nor  $\{f(z) + g(z)\}$  has zero on  $C$ .

Let  $F(z) = \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \Rightarrow |F(z)| = \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| < 1$  on  $C$

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It immediately follows that  $g(z)$  and  $f(z)$  are not zero on  $C$ , then we have

$$F(z) = \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \text{ on } C, \text{ i.e. } g = fF$$

$$\therefore g' = f'F + fF'$$

Let  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  be the number of zeroes of  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  respectively inside  $C$ , as these functions have no poles inside  $C$ .

By using the formula,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N - P$$

$$\text{We have, } N_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \text{ and } N_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f' + g'}{f + g} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore N_2 - N_1 &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f' + g'}{f + g} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'}{f} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f' + f'F + fF'}{f + fF} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'}{f} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(1 + F) + fF'}{f(1 + F)} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'}{f} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'}{f} dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{F'}{1 + F} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'}{f} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{F'}{1 + F} dz \end{aligned}$$

Again,  $1 + F \neq 0$  on  $C$ , because  $|F(z)| < 1$  and  $F'(z)$  is analytic on  $C$ , since  $F$  is analytic on  $C$ . [ $\because$  derivative on an analytic function is analytic].

Thus  $\frac{F'}{1 + F}$  is analytic on  $C$ , hence by Cauchy's theorem, we have

$$\int_C \frac{F'}{1 + F} dz = 0$$

$$\therefore N_2 - N_1 = 0 \Rightarrow N_1 = N_2$$

which proves the theorem.

**Q 3.** State and prove Fundamental theorem of algebra. (2008)

**Or** Prove that every polynomial of degree  $n$  has exactly  $n$  zeroes.

(2017, 13, 11, 06, 03, 01, 2000, 1998, 96, 93, 91)

**Sol. Statement** Let  $P(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n = 0$ , where  $a_n \neq 0$  be a polynomial equation of degree  $n$ .

**Proof** We will prove this by contradiction method. We suppose that the result is not true, i.e.  $P(z)$  has no zero or  $P(z) = 0$  has no root.

$$\text{Let } f(z) = \frac{1}{P(z)}$$

Since,  $P(z)$  has no zero, therefore  $f(z)$  is analytic everywhere in the domain.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, we have } f(z) &= \frac{1}{P(z)} = \frac{1}{a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n} \\ &= \frac{1}{z^n} \left\{ \frac{1}{\frac{a_0}{z^n} + \frac{a_1}{z^{n-1}} + \frac{a_2}{z^{n-2}} + \dots + a_n} \right\} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$ , such that

$$|f(z)| = \left| \frac{1}{P(z)} \right| < \varepsilon \text{ for } |z| > \delta$$

Also,  $f(z)$  is continuous in the bounded domain  $|z| \leq \delta$ , therefore it is bound in this domain.

Thus, there exists a number  $k$  such that  $|f(z)| \leq k$  for  $|z| \leq \delta$ ,

i.e.  $|f(z)| \leq \max(k, \varepsilon)$  for every  $z$ .

Now, let  $\max(k, \varepsilon) = m$ , then

$$|f(z)| = \left| \frac{1}{P(z)} \right| \leq m, \forall z$$

Hence, by Liouville's theorem,  $f(z)$  is constant, i.e.  $P(z)$  must be constant, which is a contradiction as  $P(z)$  cannot be constant, when  $n \geq 1$  and  $a \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $P(z)$  must have a zero.

Hence, the polynomial  $P(z)$  has at least one zero or the polynomial equation  $P(z) = 0$  has at least one root.

**Q 4.** If  $a > e$ , then prove by the help of Rouché's theorem that the equation  $e^z = az^n$  has  $n$  roots inside the circle  $|z| = 1$ .

(1997, 95, 94)

**Sol.** Let  $C$  denote the circle  $|z| = 1$  with centre at the origin and radius unity.

The given equation is  $az^n - e^z = 0$ .

Take  $f(z) = az^n$ ,  $g(z) = -e^z$

It is evident that both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic inside and on  $C$ .

$$\text{Now, } \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| = \left| \frac{-e^z}{az^n} \right| = \left| \frac{e^z}{az^n} \right| = \frac{|e^z|}{|a| \cdot |z|^n} = \frac{e^z}{a|z|^n} \quad [\text{since, } a \text{ is positive}]$$

$$= \frac{\left| 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots \right|}{a|z|^n} \leq \frac{1 + |z| + \frac{1}{2!}|z|^2 + \frac{1}{3!}|z|^3 + \dots}{a|z|^n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{a} \left( 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots \right) \quad [ \because |z| = 1 ]$$

$$= \frac{e}{a} < 1 \quad [ \because a > e ]$$



$\therefore |g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on  $C$ . Thus, all the conditions of Rouché's theorem are satisfied, so  $f(z) + g(z)$  has the same number of zeroes inside  $C$  as  $f(z)$ .

But  $f(z) = az^n$  has  $n$  zeroes, all located at the origin, consequently  $az^n - e^z$  has  $n$  zeroes inside  $C$ .

Hence, the equation  $e^z = az^n$  has  $n$  roots inside  $|z| = 1$ .

**Q 5.** State and prove Fundamental theorem of Algebra. Find real number  $a$  for which the function  $(z^n e^a - e^z)$  will have  $n$  zeroes inside  $|z| = 1$ . (2008)

**Sol. Part I** See the solution of Q. 3.

**Part II** See the solution of Q. 3 of Very Short Answer Questions.

**Q 6.** State and prove Hurwitz's theorem. (2017)

**Sol. Statement** Let  $f_n(z)$  be a sequence of analytic functions defined on a domain  $D$  such that  $f_n(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in D, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Assume that  $f_n(z)$  converges uniformly to  $f(z)$  on every bounded and closed subset of  $D$ .

Then, the limit function is either identically zero or nowhere zero in  $D$ .

**Proof** Suppose  $f(z)$  is not identically zero in  $D$ . Then, we have to show that  $f(z)$  is never zero in  $D$ . Assume the contrary to hold, i.e.  $f(z_0) = 0$  for some  $z_0$  in  $D$ . Since, zeroes of an analytic function are isolated, therefore there exist a deleted neighbourhood  $N_\delta(z_0)$  of  $z_0$  in which the function is non-zero. Therefore,

$$f(z) \neq 0, z \in 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta, \delta > 0$$

In particular,  $f(z)$  is non-zero on the circle.

$$C : 0 < |z - z_0| < \delta_1, \delta_1 < \delta.$$

Let  $\varepsilon = \text{Min} \{|f(z)| : z \in C\}$

Since,  $C$  is bounded and closed, it follows by the given hypothesis that  $f_n(z)$  converges uniformly to  $f(z)$  on  $C$ . Hence, for above  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist  $n_0$  such that

$$|f_n(z) - f(z)| < \varepsilon, \forall n > n_0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Due to the definition of  $\varepsilon$ , note that

$$\varepsilon \leq |f(z)| \text{ for } z \in C$$

Hence, on using Eq. (i), we have

$$|f_n(z) - f(z)| < |f(z)|, \forall n > n_0 \text{ for all points on } C.$$

Now, Rouché's theorem asserts that the functions  $f(z)$

and  $\{f_n(z) - f(z)\} + f(z) = f_n(z)$

have the same number of zeroes in  $C$ . But  $f(z)$  has a zero at  $z_0$ .

So,  $f_n(z)$  must also have a zero in  $C$ .

This contradicts the hypothesis, hence we conclude that  $f(z)$  can never be zero in  $D$  (in case it is not identically zero).

## Long Answer Questions

**Q 1.** State Rouché's theorem. Prove that all the roots of  $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$  lie between the circles  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z| = 2$ . (2014)

**Or** Prove that all the roots of  $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12 = 0$  lie between circles  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z| = 2$ . (2018)

**Sol. Part I Rouché's Theorem** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be analytic inside and on a simple closed curve  $C$  and let  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on  $C$ . Then,  $f(z)$  and  $f(z) + g(z)$  have the same number of zeroes inside  $C$ .

**Part II** Let  $C_1$  represents the circle  $|z| = 1$  and  $C_2$  represents the circle  $|z| = 2$ .

Suppose that  $f(z) = 12$  and  $g(z) = z^7 - 5z^3$ .

We observe that both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic within and on  $C_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, we have } \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{z^7 - 5z^3}{12} \right| \leq \frac{|z|^7 + |-5z^3|}{12} \\ &= \frac{|z|^7 + 5|z|^3}{12} = \frac{1 + 5}{12} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $|z| = 1$  on  $C$ , therefore

$$\left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| < 1 \Rightarrow |g(z)| < |f(z)| \text{ on } C_1$$

$\therefore$  By Rouché's theorem,  $f(z) + g(z) = z^7 - 5z^3 + 12$  has the same number of zeroes inside  $C_1$  as  $f(z) = 12$ .

Since,  $f(z) = 12$  has no zeroes inside  $C_1$ , therefore  $f(z) + g(z) = z^7 - 5z^3 + 12$  has no zero inside  $C_1$ .

Let  $F(z) = z^7$ ,  $\phi(z) = 12 - 5z^3$ , we observe that both  $F(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  are analytic within and on  $C_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\phi(z)}{F(z)} \right| &= \frac{|12 - 5z^3|}{|z|^7} \leq \frac{12 + |-5z^3|}{|z|^7} \\ &\leq \frac{|12| + 5|z|^3}{|z|^7} = \frac{12 + 5 \cdot 2^3}{2^7} = \frac{52}{128} < 1 \quad [\because |z| = 2] \end{aligned}$$

Thus, on  $C_2$ ,  $|\phi(z)| < |F(z)|$

Now, by Rouché's theorem,  $F(z)$  and  $\phi(z) = z^7 - 5z^3 + 12$  has the same number of zeroes as  $F(z) = z^7$  inside  $C_2$ .

Since,  $F(z) = z^7$  has all the seven zeroes inside the circle  $|z| = 2$ , as they are all located at the origin, therefore all the zeroes of  $z^7 - 5z^3 + 12$  lie inside the circle  $C_2$ .

Hence, all the roots of the equation  $z^7 - 5z^3 - 12 = 0$  lie between the circles  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z| = 2$ .

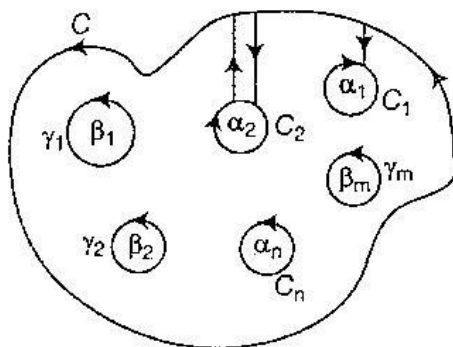


**Q 2.** If  $f(z)$  is analytic within and on a closed contour  $C$  except at a finite number of poles and has no zero on  $C$ , then  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = N - P$ , where  $N$  is the number of zeroes and  $P$  the number of poles of  $f(z)$  inside  $C$ . A pole or zero of order  $n$  must be counted  $n$  times.

(2012, 09, 1993, 91)

**Or State and prove argument principle.**

**Sol.** Let  $f(z)$  be an analytic function within and on a simple closed contour  $C$  except for a finite number of poles inside  $C$ . Suppose that  $f(z) \neq 0$  on  $C$ .



Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$  be the poles of order  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  respectively and  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_m$  be the zeroes of order  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  respectively of  $f(z)$  lying inside  $C$ .

Enclose each pole and zero by non-overlapping circles  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$  and  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_m$  each of radii  $\rho$ . This can always be done, since the poles and zeroes are isolated.

$\therefore$  By extension of Cauchy's theorem to multi-connected region, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_r} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz + \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_i} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz \quad \dots(i)$$

Since,  $\alpha_r$  is a pole of order  $p_r$  of  $f(z)$ , therefore we may write

$$f(z) = \frac{\phi_r(z)}{(z - \alpha_r)^{p_r}}$$

where,  $\phi_r(z)$  is analytic and non-zero at  $\alpha_r$ .

$$\therefore \log f(z) = \log \phi_r(z) - p_r \log (z - \alpha_r)$$

On differentiating both the sides, we have

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\phi'_r(z)}{\phi_r(z)} - \frac{p_r}{z - \alpha_r}$$

Since,  $\phi_r(z)$  is analytic at  $\alpha_r$ , therefore  $\phi'_r(z)$  and  $\frac{\phi'_r(z)}{\phi_r(z)}$  are analytic.

$$\therefore \int_{C_r} \frac{\phi'_r(z)}{\phi_r(z)} dz = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} dz - \frac{p_r}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{dz}{(z - \alpha_r)} \\ &= 0 - \frac{pr}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{pie^{i\theta} d\theta}{pe^{i\theta}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad z - \alpha_r &= \rho e^{i\theta} \text{ on } C_r \\ 0 &\leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = -p_r \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

Also, since  $\beta_s$  is a zero of order  $q_s$  of  $f(z)$ , therefore we may write

$$f(z) = (z - \beta_s)^{q_s} \psi_s(z)$$

where,  $\psi_s(z)$  is analytic and non-zero at  $\beta_s$ .

$$\therefore \quad \log f(z) = q_s \log(z - \beta_s) + \log \psi_s(z)$$

On differentiating both the sides, we get

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{q_s}{z - \beta_s} + \frac{\psi'_s(z)}{\psi_s(z)}$$

Since,  $\psi_s(z)$  is analytic at  $\beta_s$ .

Therefore,  $\psi'_s$  are analytic at  $\beta_s$  and  $\frac{\psi_s(z)}{\psi_s(z)}$  are analytic at  $\beta_s$ .

$$\therefore \quad \int_{\gamma_s} \frac{\psi'_s(z)}{\psi_s(z)} dz = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_s} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_s} \frac{q_s}{(z - \beta_s)} dz + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_s} \frac{\psi'_s(z)}{\psi_s(z)} dz \\ &= \frac{q_s}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\rho i e^{i\theta}}{\rho e^{i\theta}} d\theta + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \quad z - \beta_s &= \rho e^{i\theta} \text{ on } \gamma_s \\ 0 &\leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_s} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = q_s \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

Using Eqs. (ii) and (iii) in Eq. (i), we have

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = - \sum_{r=1}^n p_r + \sum_{s=1}^m q_s = N - P$$

where,  $N = \sum_{s=1}^m q_s =$  Number of zeroes and  $P = \sum_{r=1}^n p_r =$  Number of poles.