Theorem 3. *Suppose that a function f is analytic inside and on a positively oriented circle C_R, centered at z_0 and with radius R* (Fig. 69). *If M_R denotes the maximum value of $|f(z)|$ on C_R, then*

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!M_R}{R^n} \quad (n = 1, 2, \ldots). \tag{2}$$

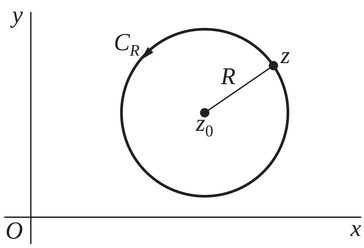

FIGURE 69

Inequality (2) is called *Cauchy's inequality* and is an immediate consequence of the expression

$$f^{(n)}(z_0) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{C_R} \frac{f(z)\,dz}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} \quad (n = 1, 2, \ldots),$$

which is a slightly different form of equation (6), Sec. 51, when n is a positive integer. We need only apply the theorem in Sec. 43, which gives upper bounds for the moduli of the values of contour integrals, to see that

$$|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq \frac{n!}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{M_R}{R^{n+1}} 2\pi R \quad (n = 1, 2, \ldots),$$

where M_R is as in the statement of Theorem 3. This inequality is, of course, the same as inequality (2).

EXERCISES

1. Let C denote the positively oriented boundary of the square whose sides lie along the lines $x = \pm 2$ and $y = \pm 2$. Evaluate each of these integrals:

(a) $\displaystyle\int_C \frac{e^{-z}\,dz}{z - (\pi i/2)}$; *(b)* $\displaystyle\int_C \frac{\cos z}{z(z^2 + 8)}\,dz$; *(c)* $\displaystyle\int_C \frac{z\,dz}{2z + 1}$;

(d) $\displaystyle\int_C \frac{\cosh z}{z^4}\,dz$; *(e)* $\displaystyle\int_C \frac{\tan(z/2)}{(z - x_0)^2}\,dz \quad (-2 < x_0 < 2)$.

Ans. (a) 2π; *(b)* $\pi i/4$; *(c)* $-\pi i/2$; *(d)* 0; *(e)* $i\pi \sec^2(x_0/2)$.

2. Find the value of the integral of $g(z)$ around the circle $|z - i| = 2$ in the positive sense when

(a) $g(z) = \dfrac{1}{z^2 + 4}$; *(b)* $g(z) = \dfrac{1}{(z^2 + 4)^2}$.

Ans. (a) $\pi/2$; *(b)* $\pi/16$.

3. Let C be the circle $|z| = 3$, described in the positive sense. Show that if

$$g(z) = \int_C \frac{2s^2 - s - 2}{s - z}\,ds \qquad (|z| \neq 3),$$

then $g(2) = 8\pi i$. What is the value of $g(z)$ when $|z| > 3$?

4. Let C be any simple closed contour, described in the positive sense in the z plane, and write

$$g(z) = \int_C \frac{s^3 + 2s}{(s - z)^3}\,ds.$$

Show that $g(z) = 6\pi i z$ when z is inside C and that $g(z) = 0$ when z is outside.

5. Show that if f is analytic within and on a simple closed contour C and z_0 is not on C, then

$$\int_C \frac{f'(z)\,dz}{z - z_0} = \int_C \frac{f(z)\,dz}{(z - z_0)^2}.$$

6. Let f denote a function that is *continuous* on a simple closed contour C. Following a procedure used in Sec. 51, prove that the function

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_C \frac{f(s)\,ds}{s - z}$$

is *analytic* at each point z interior to C and that

$$g'(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_C \frac{f(s)\,ds}{(s - z)^2}$$

at such a point.

7. Let C be the unit circle $z = e^{i\theta}\,(-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi)$. First show that for any real constant a,

$$\int_C \frac{e^{az}}{z}\,dz = 2\pi i.$$

Then write this integral in terms of θ to derive the integration formula

$$\int_0^{\pi} e^{a\cos\theta}\cos(a\sin\theta)\,d\theta = \pi.$$

8. *(a)* With the aid of the binomial formula (Sec. 3), show that for each value of n, the function

$$P_n(z) = \frac{1}{n!\,2^n}\frac{d^n}{dz^n}(z^2 - 1)^n \qquad (n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots)$$

is a polynomial of degree n.*

*These are Legendre polynomials, which appear in Exercise 7, Sec. 43, when $z = x$. See the footnote to that exercise.

(b) Let C denote any positively oriented simple closed contour surrounding a fixed point z. With the aid of the integral representation (5), Sec. 51, for the nth derivative of a function, show that the polynomials in part *(a)* can be expressed in the form

$$P_n(z) = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}\pi i}\int_C \frac{(s^2-1)^n}{(s-z)^{n+1}}\,ds \qquad (n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots).$$

(c) Point out how the integrand in the representation for $P_n(z)$ in part *(b)* can be written $(s+1)^n/(s-1)$ if $z = 1$. Then apply the Cauchy integral formula to show that

$$P_n(1) = 1 \qquad (n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots).$$

Similarly, show that

$$P_n(-1) = (-1)^n \qquad (n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots).$$

9. Follow these steps below to verify the expression

$$f''(z) = \frac{1}{\pi i}\int_C \frac{f(s)\,ds}{(s-z)^3}$$

in Sec. 51.

(a) Use expression (2) in Sec. 51 for $f'(z)$ to show that

$$\frac{f'(z+\Delta z) - f'(z)}{\Delta z} - \frac{1}{\pi i}\int_C \frac{f(s)\,ds}{(s-z)^3} = \frac{1}{2\pi i}\int_C \frac{3(s-z)\Delta z - 2(\Delta z)^2}{(s-z-\Delta z)^2(s-z)^3} f(s)\,ds.$$

(b) Let D and d denote the largest and smallest distances, respectively, from z to points on C. Also, let M be the maximum value of $|f(s)|$ on C and L the length of C. With the aid of the triangle inequality and by referring to the derivation of expression (2) in Sec. 51 for $f'(z)$, show that when $0 < |\Delta z| < d$, the value of the integral on the right-hand side in part *(a)* is bounded from above by

$$\frac{(3D|\Delta z| + 2|\Delta z|^2)M}{(d - |\Delta z|)^2 d^3} L.$$

(c) Use the results in parts *(a)* and *(b)* to obtain the desired expression for $f''(z)$.

10. Let f be an entire function such that $|f(z)| \le A|z|$ for all z, where A is a fixed positive number. Show that $f(z) = a_1 z$, where a_1 is a complex constant.

Suggestion: Use Cauchy's inequality (Sec. 52) to show that the second derivative $f''(z)$ is zero everywhere in the plane. Note that the constant M_R in Cauchy's inequality is less than or equal to $A(|z_0| + R)$.

53. LIOUVILLE'S THEOREM AND THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF ALGEBRA

Cauchy's inequality in Theorem 3 of Sec. 52 can be used to show that no entire function except a constant is bounded in the complex plane. Our first theorem here,