

## Re: Continuity of complex function question,

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James wrote:

I am trying to show that

$$H(z) = \int_{[0,1]} h(t)/(t-z) dt$$

(where  $h(t)$  is a continuous function on  $[0,1]$ )

is continuous.

It is even analytic.

I am stuck at one little place :

First of all,  $h$  continuous on  $[0,1]$  means  $|h(t)| \leq M$  for some  $M$ .

No it doesn't mean that. It just implies it.

Let  $|z-z'| < D$ .

$$\text{So, } |H(z) - H(z')| \leq M \int_{[0,1]} (z-z')/[(t-z)(t-z')] dt \leq D \cdot M \int_{[0,1]} 1/[(t-z)(t-z')] dt$$

since  $1/(t-z) - 1/(t-z') = (z-z')/[(t-z)(t-z')]$ .

But what do I do with  $\int_{[0,1]} 1/[(t-z)(t-z')] dt$ ?

Well, you failed to mention what is the domain of  $H$ , but I'll assume that it is  $\mathbb{C} \setminus [0,1]$ . Let  $d$  be the distance from  $z$  to  $[0,1]$ . Suppose now that  $D$  was chosen such that the distance from each element of the open disk centered at  $z$  with radius  $D$  to  $[0,1]$  is greater than  $d/2$ . Then, in particular, the distance from  $z'$  to  $[0,1]$  is greater than  $d/2$ . So, for each  $t$  in  $[0,1]$ ,  $|(t-z)(t-z')| \geq d^2/2$  and therefore  $\int_{[0,1]} |1/(t-z)(t-z')| dt \leq 2/d^2$ .

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Best regards,

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in particular,

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