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Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a simply connected domain, and let f be analytic on Ω . Then for any piecewise smooth, closed curve $C \subset \Omega$:

$$\oint_C f(z)dz = 0$$

Proof. Let u and v be real part of f and imaginary part of f , respectively. Additionally, let x and y be the real part and imaginary part of $z \in \mathbb{C}$. This means

$$f(z) = f(x + iy) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z)\Delta z &= (u(x, y) + iv(x, y))(\Delta x + i\Delta y) \\ &= u(x, y)\Delta x - v(x, y)\Delta y + i(v(x, y)\Delta x + u(x, y)\Delta y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_C f(z)dz &= \oint_C (u dx - v dy) + i \oint_C (v dx - u dy) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left(-\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) dxdy + i \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) dxdy \quad (\text{Green's Theorem}) \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{Cauchy-Riemann Equations}) \end{aligned}$$

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