

Q1i: We write $f(z) = c(z - b_1) \dots (z - b_k)$. It follows that $f'(z) = c \sum_{i=1}^k \prod_{j \neq i}^k (z - b_j)$. When $f(z)$ is nonzero the quotient becomes

$$\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \prod_{j \neq i}^k (z - b_j)}{(z - b_1) \dots (z - b_k)} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{(z - b_i)}.$$

If $f(z) = 0$, and the zero is of degree 1, then the quotient will just be infinity. If z_0 is a zero of degree $k > 1$, then in the summation, the z_0 term will appear $k - 1$ times.

Q1ii: We have that

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{(z - b_i)} = 0 \implies 0 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{(z - b_i)} \cdot \overline{\left(\frac{z - b_i}{z - b_i}\right)} \implies 0 = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\bar{z} - \bar{b}_i}{|z - b_i|^2}$$

Separating the summands we get that

$$\bar{z} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|z - b_i|^2} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\bar{b}_i}{|z - b_i|^2},$$

as desired. If we have that $z = b_l$ for some i , then as we take $z \rightarrow b_l$ then the terms in the summation with index l will both approach the same value and hence they will not be counted.

Suppose that z satisfies $P'(z) = 0$. Then by conjugating the result from Q1ii, we have that z satisfies the expression

$$z \cdot \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|z - b_i|^2} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{b_i}{|z - b_i|^2}.$$

Thus we write

$$z = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{b_i}{|z - b_i|^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|z - b_i|^2}}.$$

The coefficients of the b_i are all positive since it is a sum of norms. Their sum will be

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|z - b_i|^2}}{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{|z - b_i|^2}} = 1.$$

Therefore z is a convex linear combination of the b_i 's and so it belongs to the convex hull they generate.