Assignment 1 MAT 354

Q1:

We first note that $1 - \overline{z}w$ and $1 - z\overline{w}$ are complex conjugates of each other, hence they have identical modulus. Using properties of the modulus we rewrite the lefthand side of the equality as such.

$$1 - \left| \frac{z - w}{1 - z\overline{w}} \right|^2 = 1 - \frac{|z - w|^2}{|1 - z\overline{w}|^2} = \frac{|1 - z\overline{w}|^2 - |z - w|^2}{|1 - z\overline{w}|^2}$$

Since the denominators are equal and nonzero, it is sufficient to show that the numerators of the given equality are indeed equal to each other. We compute that:

$$\begin{aligned} |1 - z\overline{w}|^2 - |z - w|^2 &= (1 - z\overline{w})(1 - \overline{z}w) - (z - w)(\overline{z} - \overline{w}) \\ &= 1 - \overline{z}w - z\overline{w} + \overline{z}z\overline{w}w - \overline{z}z + z\overline{w} + \overline{z}w - \overline{w}w \\ &= 1 - |z|^2 - |w|^2 - |z|^2|w|^2 \\ &= (1 - |z|^2)(1 - |w|^2) \end{aligned}$$

As desired. This concludes the proof.