Assignment 5 MAT 354

Q2: Let  $f(x) = e^x - e^2x$ . We have that  $f(-1) = \frac{1}{e} + e^2 > 0$  and  $f(1) = e - e^2 < 0$ . Thus by the intermediate value theorem, there is some  $x_0$  with  $f(x_0) = 0$ . Thus  $f(z) = e^z - e^2z$  has a real solution on [-1, 1]. We claim that it has only one complex root on the closed unit disk. Note that we have that

$$|e^z| < |-e^2z|$$

on  $S^1$ , since  $|e^2z|=e^2$  and  $|e^z|=1$ , and  $1< e^2$ . Thus  $e^z-ze^2$  has only 1 zero on the closed disk by Rouchi's theorem.