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## Bloch's constant

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Bloch's theorem can be stated in the following way:

**Bloch's Theorem.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all functions f holomorphic on a region containing the closure of the disk  $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and satisfying f(0) = 0 and f'(0) = 1. For each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  let  $\beta(f)$  be the supremum of all numbers r such that there is a disk  $S \subset D$  on which f is injective and f(S) contains a disk of radius r. Let B be the infimum of all  $\beta(f)$ , for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $B \geq 1/72$ .

The constant B is usually referred to as Bloch's constant. Nowadays, better bounds are known and, in fact, it has been conjectured that B has the following tantalizing form

$$B = \frac{\Gamma(1/3) \cdot \Gamma(11/12)}{\left(\sqrt{1+\sqrt{3}}\right) \cdot \Gamma(1/4)}$$

where  $\Gamma(x)$  is the gamma function.

## References

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