

Bonus 02 - MATH 722

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Problem

Let f be holomorphic on a neighbourhood of $\overline{D}(0, 1)$. Assume that the restriction of f to $\overline{D}(0, 1)$ is one-to-one and f' is nowhere zero on $\overline{D}(0, 1)$. Prove that in fact f is one-to-one on a neighbourhood of $\overline{D}(0, 1)$.

Sol.

Let $D_n = D(0, 1 + n^{-1})$ and if the conclusion is not correct, then we can always find $x_n, y_n \in D(0, 1 + n^{-1})$ such that $f(x_n) = f(y_n)$, and since x_n, y_n is in $\overline{D}(0, 2)$. Then there exists x, y such that $x_n \rightarrow x, y_n \rightarrow y$ with $|x|, |y| \leq 1$, and $f(x) - f(y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) - f(y_n) = 0$, if $x \neq y$ there will be a contradiction and hence $x = y$, which is also impossible since we know $f'(x) \neq 0$ and we may assume there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $\operatorname{Re} f'(y) > \epsilon > 0$ for some ϵ whenever $|y - x| < \delta$, then for any $p, q \in D(x, \delta)$, we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(f(p) - f(q)) = \operatorname{Re}\left(\int_{\overline{qp}} f'(\xi) d\xi\right) = \int_{\overline{qp}} \operatorname{Re} f'(\xi) d\xi \geq \epsilon |p - q|$$

which means f should be one-to-one around x , the proof is the same when $\operatorname{Im}(f'(x)) \neq 0$. Then we know $x_n, y_n \rightarrow x$ with $f(x_n) = f(y_n)$, which is a contradiction. Therefore, f should be one-to-one on D_n for some integer n .