

EXERCISE 2.8.1

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Exercise 1. Let the function f be holomorphic in the open disk D . Prove that each of the following conditions forces f to be constant.

- $f' = 0$ through out D .

Proof. Let $f(x + yi) = u + vi$. Then we have

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0$$

through out D . So both u and v will be constant, so f is constant. \square

- f is real valued in D .

Proof. Let $f(x + yi) = u + 0i$, then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0,$$

through out D . So u is a constant. \square

- $|f|$ is a constant in D .

Proof. Let $f(x + yi) = u + vi$. $|f|$ is a constant, so

$$g(x, y) = u(x, y)^2 + v(x, y)^2$$

is a constant c . So

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} u & -v \\ v & u \end{vmatrix} = c,$$

when $c = 0$, then $u = v = 0$, so f is a constant. When $c \neq 0$, then

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

through out D , so u is a constant, so v is also a constant. \square

- $\arg f$ is constant in D .

Proof. Let $f(x + yi) = u + vi$, we have $\lambda_1 v + \lambda_2 u = 0$, where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbf{R}$ are constants, and $\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 > 0$. Differentiating both sides of the equation, we have

$$\lambda_1 \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0,$$

so

$$-\lambda_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0.$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lambda_1 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \lambda_2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0.$$

So

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0,$$

so f is constant. □

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