

MATH 438: Introduction to Complex Variables
Assignment 3

3. Proof $n^n z^n$ converges only for $z = 0$

By De Moivre's formula, we find

$$\begin{aligned} n^n z^n &= n^n |z|^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)) \\ &= (n |z|)^n (\cos(n\theta) + i \sin(n\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Which is periodic with respect to n , which will not converge unless $n^n |z|^n$ approaches 0. Since the sequence is always zero when $z = 0$, the sequence converges. When $z \neq 0$, since n is approaching infinity, there will exist n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$, $(n |z|) > 2$. Since 2^n doesn't converge to 0, the function will not converge, because the function will be greater than 2^n for all $n > n_0$.

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5. Proof $b_n = 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n - \ln n, n \geq 1$ is decreasing

Let $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n - \ln n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) - \ln n \\ b_{n+1} - b_n &= \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) - \ln(n+1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) + \ln(n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} - \ln(n+1) + \ln(n) = \frac{1}{n+1} + \ln \frac{n}{n+1} \\ &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Proof $a_n = 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/(n-1) - \ln n, n \geq 1$ is increasing

Let $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= 1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/(n-1) - \ln n \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) - \ln n \\ a_{n+1} - a_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) - \ln(n+1) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{i} \right) + \ln(n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n+1) + \ln(n) = \frac{1}{n} + \ln \frac{n}{n+1} \\ &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Proof a_n, b_n converge to the same limit

The definition, $a_n = b_n - 1/n \implies b_n - a_n = 1/n$. Since $1/n$ approaches 0 as n approaches infinity, a_n and b_n must approach the same value. Since a_n is increasing while b_n is decreasing we get that the two sequences converge to a finite number via the squeeze theorem.

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Proof $0.5 < \gamma < 0.6$

Since a_n is increasing, and $a_7 \approx 0.5041 > 0.5$, $\gamma > 0.5$, and since b_n is decreasing, and $b_{50} \approx 0.587182 < 0.6$, $\gamma < 0.6$

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19. **Proof**

Since $|p(z)|$ is bounded below by 0, we know that the set of points $kz \in \mathbb{C} : p(z)$ must have an infimum. Since $|p(z)|$ is continuous, k must contain its infimum. Therefore we know that $|p(z)|$ must attain its minimum value at some point $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

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Proof

Let $p(z) = 1 + az^m + \dots$, where $m \geq 1$ and $a \neq 0$. Assume $p(z)$ is at a minimum at $z = 0$, where $p(z) = 1$. We know that $z^m = |z|(\cos(m\theta) + i\sin(m\theta))$. If we let $z_1 = (1/a)e^{i\pi}$ we find $|p(z_1)| = 0$, which contradicts $p(0)$ being a minimum.

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