

Exercises #3

⑥ For $z_1, \dots, z_m \in \mathbb{D}$ and $\gamma \in \mathbb{T}$, let

$$B(z) = \gamma \prod_{k=1}^m \frac{z - z_k}{1 - \bar{z}_k z} \quad (1)$$

be a finite Blaschke product. Show that for $z \in \mathbb{T}$

$$z \frac{B'(z)}{B(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{|z - z_k|^2},$$

and therefore $B'(z) \neq 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{T}$.

Let us define $f_k(z) := \frac{z - z_k}{1 - \bar{z}_k z}$.

Taking logarithms of expression (1), we have that

$$\log(B(z)) = \log(\gamma) + \sum_{k=1}^m \log(f_k(z)).$$

Now, taking derivatives of the last expression, we obtain:

$$\frac{B'(z)}{B(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{f'_k(z)}{f_k(z)}.$$

Notice that,

$$f'_k(z) = \frac{1 - \bar{z}_k z + (z - z_k) \bar{z}_k}{(1 - \bar{z}_k z)^2} = \frac{1 - z_k \bar{z}_k}{(1 - \bar{z}_k z)^2} = \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{(1 - \bar{z}_k z)^2}.$$

Then,

$$\frac{f'_k(z)}{f_k(z)} = \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{(1 - \bar{z}_k z)(z - z_k)} \Rightarrow \frac{B'(z)}{B(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{(1 - \bar{z}_k z)(z - z_k)}.$$

Now, for $z \in \mathbb{T}$, $z = e^{i\alpha}$, $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$, we have that

$$(1 - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha})(e^{i\alpha} - z_k) = e^{i\alpha}(1 - z_k e^{-i\alpha} - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha} + z_k \bar{z}_k) \\ = e^{i\alpha} |e^{i\alpha} - z_k|^2,$$

$$\text{Since } |e^{i\alpha} - z_k|^2 = (e^{i\alpha} - z_k)(e^{-i\alpha} - \bar{z}_k) = 1 - z_k e^{-i\alpha} - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha} + z_k \bar{z}_k.$$

Then, for $z \in \mathbb{T}$,

$$\frac{B'(z)}{B(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{z |z - z_k|^2} \Rightarrow z \frac{B'(z)}{B(z)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{|z - z_k|^2} \quad (*)$$

To finish the exercise, let us prove a lemma:

Lemma If $z \in \mathbb{T} \Rightarrow |B(z)| = 1$.

Proof

observe that, for $z = e^{i\alpha}$, $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |e^{i\alpha} - z_k|^2 &= (e^{i\alpha} - z_k)(e^{-i\alpha} - \bar{z}_k) = 1 - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha} - z_k e^{-i\alpha} + z_k \bar{z}_k \\ |1 - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha}|^2 &= (1 - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha})(1 - z_k e^{-i\alpha}) = 1 - z_k e^{-i\alpha} - \bar{z}_k e^{i\alpha} + z_k \bar{z}_k \end{aligned} \right\} \text{equal}$$

Then,

$$|B(z)| = |z| \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{|z - z_k|}{|1 - \bar{z}_k z|} \underset{z \in \mathbb{T}}{=} 1 \quad \square$$

Therefore, taking modulus in (*)

$$|z| \frac{|B'(z)|}{|B(z)|} \underset{(\text{lemma})}{=} |B'(z)| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 - |z_k|^2}{|z - z_k|^2} \right| > 0 \quad \left(\underset{(z_k \in \mathbb{D})}{\downarrow} \Rightarrow B'(z) \neq 0 \right) \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{T}$$