

85. (Rudin Chapter 10 #3) Suppose f and g are entire functions, and $|f(z)| \leq |g(z)|$ for every z . What conclusion can we draw?

Let Z_g denote the set of zeros of g , and let $h(z) = \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}$. Then

$|h(z)| \leq 1$ for all $z \notin Z_g$. Note h is bounded in punctured neighborhoods about each $\xi \in Z_g$, so each such ξ is a removable singularity of h .

Then the function \tilde{h} defined by

$$\tilde{h}(\xi) = \begin{cases} h(\xi) & \xi \notin Z_g \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow \xi} h(z) & \xi \in Z_g \end{cases} \quad \text{is bounded and entire.}$$

Thus by Liouville's theorem $\tilde{h}(z) = w$ for some $w \in \mathbb{C}$.

$\Rightarrow f(z) = wg(z)$, so we conclude f & g are scalar multiples of each other.