

109. (Practice Midterm 2 - Chifan) Let $f_n \in H(\Omega)$ where Ω is a region. Assume f_n has no zeros in Ω and f_n converges uniformly to f on compact subsets of Ω . Prove that either f has no zeros or $f(z) = 0$ for all $z \in \Omega$.

Assume $f \neq 0$. As f is holomorphic, its zeros are isolated. So let γ be a closed contour about a zero z_0 of f such that no other zeros of f lie on $\partial\gamma$. By the argument principle,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = 1 \quad (f \text{ is holomorphic and has no poles})$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'_n(z)}{f_n(z)} dz = 0 \quad (f_n \text{ has no zeros or poles})$$

Because we have uniform convergence, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'_n(z)}{f_n(z)} dz = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$

and we have a contradiction. Thus either $f \equiv 0$ (to avoid a \neq in the first place) or f has no zeros (to avoid a \neq in the second place), as desired.