

16. (aTm-F11-04) Suppose  $f$  is a continuous function on  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$  and  $f$  is holomorphic on the open unit disc. Prove that if  $f(z)$  is real when  $|z| = 1$ , then  $f$  is a constant function.

If  $f$  is constant there is nothing to show, so assume  $f$  is nonconstant.

Write  $f = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  (restricting to the disk). Then  $u$  and  $v$  are harmonic, and  $v \equiv 0$  on the boundary of the disk. Then  $v \equiv 0$  on the entire disk as well, as it must achieve its minimum and maximum on the boundary. So  $f = u$  is real-valued.

Now if  $f$  is nonconstant, the open mapping theorem applies and  $f$  maps open sets to open sets. But  $f$  maps the open unit disk to a subset  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , which is not open in the usual topology on  $\mathbb{C}$ .  $\nRightarrow$  Thus we conclude  $f \equiv \lambda$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .