

1. (Review Final - Chifan) Let f be an analytic function on the open disk \mathbb{D} . Assume that for every $z \in \mathbb{D}$ the power series expansion around z has a vanishing coefficient. Show that f is a polynomial function.

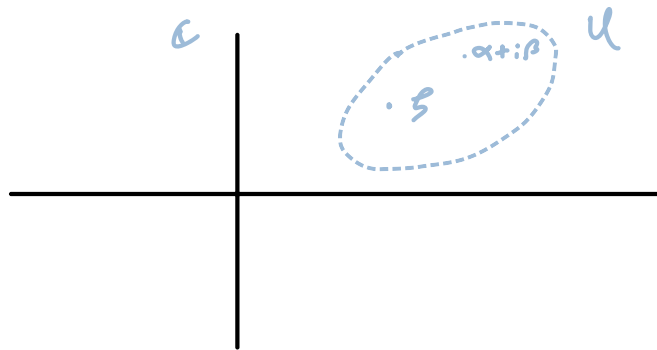
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$$\forall z \in \mathbb{D}, f^{(n)}(z) = 0 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Let $Z_n := \{z \in \mathbb{D} \mid f^{(n)}(z) = 0\}$, the set of points in the disk vanishing at the n th derivative of f . Note $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} Z_n$ is not countable as it contains every point in \mathbb{D} . Thus one of the Z_n must be uncountable; $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} Z_n$ is a countable union of sets, which would be countable if every Z_n were countable.

Let Z_k be this uncountable set; then $f^{(k)} \equiv 0$. Assume not. Note $f^{(k)}$ is analytic, so its zeros are isolated, that is, for each $\xi \in Z_k$, there is a neighborhood U such that $\xi \in U$ and there are no other zeros in U . But for each such U we can associate to it a complex number $\alpha + i\beta$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Q}$. Thus we have a bijection between a subset of $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ and Z_k , \Downarrow as $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$ is countable.



\Rightarrow a derivative of f vanishes everywhere on \mathbb{D}

$\therefore f$ is a polynomial //