

13. (Stein Chapter 3 Thm 6.2) If f is a nowhere vanishing holomorphic function in a simply connected region Ω , then there exists a holomorphic function g on Ω such that $f(z) = e^{g(z)}$.

Let $w \in \Omega$, and write $f(w) = e^w$ for some $w \in \mathbb{C}$ (which we can do because f does not vanish in Ω). For any $z \in \Omega$, let γ be a path in Ω

connecting w to z . Define $g(z) = \int_{\gamma} \frac{f'(\zeta)}{f(\zeta)} d\zeta + w$. Note the choice

of γ doesn't matter because Ω is simply connected. Then $g'(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)}$

and we have:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left(\frac{f(z)}{e^{g(z)}} \right) = \frac{f'(z) e^{g(z)} - f(z) g'(z) e^{g(z)}}{e^{2g(z)}}$$

$$= \frac{f'(z) e^{g(z)} - f(z) \left(\frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) e^{g(z)}}{e^{2g(z)}}$$

$$= \frac{f'(z) e^{g(z)} - f'(z) e^{g(z)}}{e^{2g(z)}}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(z)}{e^{g(z)}} = \lambda \in \mathbb{C}$$

And since $g(w) = w$ (γ becomes trivial), $\frac{f(w)}{e^{g(w)}} = \frac{e^w}{e^w} = 1$, so $f(z) = e^{g(z)}$ for $z \in \Omega$, as desired.

