

#### 1. INTEGRATION OF COMPLEX VALUED FUNCTIONS

1.1. For each of the following, formulate and prove the analogous statement for complex valued functions:

- (a) Linearity property.
- (b) First and second fundamental theorems of Calculus.
- (c) Integration by parts.
- (d) Substitution principle.

(e)\* *Triangle inequality*:  $\forall$  Riemann integrable  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\left| \int_a^b f \right| \leq \int_a^b |f|$ .

**(Hint:** We may assume  $\int_a^b f \neq 0$ . Write  $\int_a^b f = re^{i\theta}$ , where  $r > 0$  and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Now observe that  $|\int_a^b f| = |e^{-i\theta} \int_a^b f| = |\int_a^b e^{-i\theta} f| = |\int_a^b \operatorname{Re}(e^{-i\theta} f)| \leq \int_a^b |\operatorname{Re}(e^{-i\theta} f)|$ .)

1.2. Let  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be sequence of complex valued functions defined over a closed and bounded interval  $[a, b]$ . Assume that  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly to  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  on  $[a, b]$ . Show that  $f$  is Riemann integrable and furthermore

$$\int_a^b f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f.$$

1.3.\* Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n(z - z_0)^n$  be a power series with radius of convergence  $R \in (0, \infty]$ . Define

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n(z - z_0)^n, \quad \forall z \in B(z_0; R).$$

Pick any  $r \in (0, R)$ . Suppose that  $|f(z)| \leq M$ , whenever  $|z - z_0| = r$ .

(a) Show that, for any  $n \geq 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| s_n(z_0 + re^{it}) \right|^2 dt = \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k|^2 r^{2k}$ , where  $s_n$  denotes the  $n$ -th partial sum of the power series  $\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n(z - z_0)^n$ .

**Solution.** Observe that  $\left| s_n(z_0 + re^{it}) \right|^2 = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{\ell=0}^m a_k \bar{a}_\ell r^{k+\ell} e^{it(k-\ell)}$ . The integrate both sides.

(b) Deduce from 1.3.a that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| f(z_0 + re^{it}) \right|^2 dt = \sum_{k=0}^\infty |a_k|^2 r^{2k}.$$

**(Hint:** Recall that, if  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  and  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  are two uniformly bounded sequences of complex valued functions defined over a set  $X$  and converge uniformly (on  $X$ ) to  $f$  and  $g$  respectively, then  $\{f_n g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  converges to  $fg$  uniformly on  $X$ .)

**Solution.**  $s_n(z_0 + re^{it}) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} f(z_0 + re^{it})$  uniformly in  $t$  and  $|s_n(z_0 + re^{it})| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n |a_k| r^k \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k| r^k$ .

Similar observations hold for the sequence of functions  $\{\overline{s_n(z_0 + re^{it})}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  (in  $t$ ). Now use the hint provided above.

**Note to the student.**  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + re^{it})|^2 dt = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 r^{2k}$  is called the Parseval's identity.

We shall use this several times later.

- (c) Using 1.3.b show that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |a_k|^2 r^{2k} \leq M^2$ .
- (d) Conclude from 1.3.c that if  $R = \infty$  and  $f$  is bounded then  $f$  must be constant.
- (e) Set  $M(r) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{|z-z_0|=r} |f(z)|$ . Conclude from 1.3.b that, for all  $n \geq 0$ ,  $|f^{(n)}(z_0)| \leq n! \frac{M(r)}{r^n}$ .
- (f) Conclude from 1.3.b that, if  $|f(z_0)| = M(r)$ , for some  $0 < r < R$ , then  $f$  is constant.

## 2. INTEGRATION OVER PATHS

In what follows, for  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $r > 0$ , by *positively oriented circle centered at  $z_0$  with radius  $r$*  we mean the following closed path:

$$t \mapsto z_0 + re^{it}, \forall t \in [0, 2\pi].$$

We usually denote this by  $C(z_0; r)$ . When  $z_0 = 0$  and  $r = 1$ , we simply refer to this as the *positively oriented unit circle*.

2.1. Evaluate the following integrals along the specified paths:

- (a)  $z^n$  along the path  $\gamma(t) = e^{ikt}$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, 2\pi]$ , where  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (b)  $e^z$  along positively oriented unit circle.

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{C(0;1)} e^z dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos t + i \sin t} (-\sin t + i \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos t} (\cos(\sin t) + i \sin(\sin t)) (-\sin t + i \cos t) dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos t} (-\sin t \cos(\sin t) - \cos t \sin(\sin t)) dt \\ &\quad + i \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\cos t} (\cos t \cos(\sin t) - \sin t \sin(\sin t)) dt \\ &= e^{\cos t} \cos(\sin t) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} + i e^{\cos t} \sin(\sin t) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= e^{\cos t + i \sin t} \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = e^i - e^1. \end{aligned}$$

- (c)  $\log_\pi z$  along the semicircle joining  $-i$  to  $i$  on the right half place.

2.2. Let  $\alpha \in [0, \pi]$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the  $n$ -th root function  $f(z) = z^{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{\frac{1}{n} \log_\alpha z}$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{R_\alpha}$ . Can it be integrated along the path  $\gamma(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{it}$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, \pi]$ ? If so, then evaluate the integral.

2.3. (a) Evaluate the integral of the function  $z^{i-1}$  (using the principal branch) along the path  $\gamma(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} e^{it}$ ,  $\forall t \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

- (b) What if the path in 2.3.a would have been changed to the positively oriented unit circle? Do you see any change in the value of the integral with that of 2.3.a? Can you explain this?

2.4. Show that, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (2 \cos \theta)^{2n} d\theta = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}.$$

**(Hint:** Consider the integral of the function  $\frac{1}{z} \cdot (z + \frac{1}{z})^{2n}$  along the positively oriented unit circle. Which one among the terms appearing in the binomial expansion of  $\frac{1}{z} \cdot (z + \frac{1}{z})^{2n}$  contribute to the integral?)

### 3. APPLICATIONS OF $ML$ INEQUALITY

- 3.1. (a) Show that  $\left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^z}{z} dz \right| \leq 2\pi e$ , where  $\gamma$  is the positively oriented unit circle.
- (b) Let  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $f : D(z_0; r) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous. Find  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz$ .

**Sketch of the solution.** Observe that  $f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz$ . Hence

$$\left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \right| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \right| \quad (3.1)$$

Let  $\eta > 0$ . From the continuity of  $f$  at  $z_0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(z) - f(z_0)| < \eta$ , whenever  $|z - z_0| < \delta$ . Now from (3.1), in view of  $ML$ -inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz - \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \right| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{C(z_0; \varepsilon)} \frac{f(z) - f(z_0)}{z - z_0} dz \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{\eta}{\varepsilon} \cdot 2\pi\varepsilon = \eta, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $\varepsilon < \delta$ .

- (c) Find  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{C(0; R)} \frac{z}{z^5 + 9} dz$ .
- (d) Find  $\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{[-R, -R+i]} \frac{z^3 e^z}{z + 3} dz$ .

**Sketch of the solution.** This is a straightforward application of  $ML$ -inequality. Observe that, for  $R$  sufficiently large, the integrand is at most  $\frac{(r^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{R - 3} \cdot \frac{1}{e^R}$  in absolute value.

3.2. Let  $\gamma$  be a closed path in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of complex valued functions defined on  $\gamma^*$ .

- (a) Assume that  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges uniformly to  $f : \gamma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  on  $\gamma^*$ . Show that  $\int_{\gamma} f_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\gamma} f$ .

**Solution.** Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  converges uniformly to  $f : \gamma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  on  $\gamma^*$ , there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq N$ , for all  $w \in \gamma^*$ , we have  $|f_n(w) - f(w)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Now using the  $ML$ -inequality, we have

$$\left| \int_{\gamma} f_n - \int_{\gamma} f \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} L_{\gamma} < \varepsilon L_{\gamma}, \quad \forall n \geq N.$$

- (b) Assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$  is uniformly convergent. Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{\gamma} f_n = \int_{\gamma} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n$ .

**Sketch of the solution.** This follows from 3.2.a.

3.3. (a) Using series expansion method, show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; r)} \frac{dw}{w - z} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z \notin \overline{D(z_0, r)} \\ 1 & \text{if } z \in D(z_0, r) \end{cases}. \quad (3.2)$$

**Sketch of the solution.** Let  $|z - z_0| < r$ . Then it is clear that, for all  $|w - z_0| = r$ ,

$$\frac{1}{w - z} = \frac{1}{(w - z_0) - (z - z_0)} = \frac{1}{w - z_0} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \left(\frac{z - z_0}{w - z_0}\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z - z_0)^n}{(w - z_0)^{n+1}}.$$

Similarly one can show that, if  $|z - z_0| > r$ , then

$$\frac{1}{w - z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -\frac{(w - z_0)^n}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}}.$$

In either case, 3.2.b yields the desired conclusion.

(b) Let  $P(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  and  $|\alpha - z_0| \neq r$ . Evaluate  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; r)} \frac{P(z)}{z - \alpha} dz$ .

**Hint:** Write  $P(z) = a_0 + a_1(z - \alpha) + \dots + a_d(z - \alpha)^d$ .

(c) Let  $a \neq b \in \mathbb{C}$ . Evaluate the following for every  $r \neq |a|, |b|$ :  $\int_{C(0; r)} \frac{dz}{(z - a)(z - b)}$ .

**Hint:**  $\frac{1}{(z - a)(z - b)} = \frac{1}{a - b} \left( \frac{1}{z - a} - \frac{1}{z - b} \right)$ .

(d) Consider  $\gamma_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [z_0 - r, z_0 + r]$  and  $\gamma_2 : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma_2(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_0 + re^{it}$ . Let  $z \notin \gamma_1^* \cup \gamma_2^*$ . Evaluate  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1 * \gamma_2} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw$ .

**Solution.** If  $|z| > 1$  then we are done. So assume that  $z$  lies strictly inside the upper-semicircle.

Let  $\gamma_3 : [\pi, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\gamma_3(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} z_0 + re^{it}$ . Then clearly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1 * \gamma_2} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_3 * \tilde{\gamma}_1} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_2} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_3} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(0; 1)} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $z$  lies in the unbounded component of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus (\gamma_3 * \tilde{\gamma}_1)^*$ , so  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_3 * \tilde{\gamma}_1} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw = 0$ . Hence

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_1 * \gamma_2} \frac{dw}{w - z} dw = 1.$$

3.4. Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open and connected, and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be continuous. Show that the following are equivalent:

- (a) Whenever two paths  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  with  $\gamma_1^*, \gamma_2^* \subseteq U$ , have same initial and end points,  $\int_{\gamma_1} f = \int_{\gamma_2} f$ .
- (b)  $\int_{\gamma} f = 0$ , for every closed path  $\gamma$  such that  $\gamma^* \subseteq U$ .
- (c)\* Show that,  $f$  has a primitive. (**Hint:** Fix  $z_0 \in U$ . For any  $z \in U$ , there exists a path  $\gamma$  joining  $z_0$  and  $z$  (why?). Define  $F(z) = \int_{\gamma} f$ . First check that this does not depend on the choice of  $\gamma$ . Show that, the function  $F$  thus obtained is a primitive of  $f$ .)

Can you drop the connectedness assumption from the hypothesis?

**Sketch of the solution.** (i)  $(a) \implies (b)$ : Let  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b) = z_0$  and  $\sigma$  be the constant path  $z_0$ . Then

$$\int_{\gamma} f = \int_{\sigma} f = 0.$$

(ii)  $(b) \implies (a)$ : Take the path  $\gamma_1 * \tilde{\gamma}_2$ . This is a closed path having image  $\gamma_1^* \cup \gamma_2^* \subseteq U$ . Now use (b).

(iii) (c)  $\implies$  (b): This follows from the fundamental theorem.

(iv) (b)  $\implies$  (c): Since  $U$  is open and connected, it is **polygonally path connected**. Fix  $z_0 \in U$ . Then for any  $z \in U$ , there exists a **polygonal path**, say  $\gamma_z : [a, b] \longrightarrow U$  such that  $\gamma_z(a) = z_0$  and  $\gamma_z(b) = z$ . Define

$$F(z) = \int_{\gamma_z} f.$$

Let  $a \in U$ . Then there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $D(a; r) \subseteq U$ . Suppose that  $z \in D(z_0; r)$ . Then one has

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F(z) - F(a)}{z - a} - f(a) &= \frac{\int_{\gamma_z} f - \int_{\gamma_a} f}{z - a} - f(a) \\ &= \frac{\int_{[a, z]} f}{z - a} - \frac{\int_{[a, z]} f(a)}{z - a} \\ &= \frac{1}{z - a} \int_{[a, z]} (f(w) - f(a)) dw \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . As  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , one can choose  $0 < \delta < r$  such that  $\forall w \in D(a; \delta)$ ,  $|f(w) - f(a)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ . Now if  $|z - a| < \delta$ , then it is clear that the line segment joining  $a$  and  $z$  is entirely contained inside  $D(a; \delta)$ . Hence from (3.3), using ML-inequality, we obtain that,

$$\left| \frac{F(z) - F(a)}{z - a} - f(a) \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon,$$

for all  $z \in D(z_0; \delta)$ . Finally, if  $U$  is not assumed to be connected, we consider each of its connected components and proceed like above. This yields a primitive in each of the connected components. So the connectedness assumption can be dropped.

**Note to the student.** We shall use the equivalence of 3.4.b and 3.4.c quite a few times later.

3.5. Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be open and convex and  $f : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ . Assume that, there exists  $z_0 \in U$  such that,  $|f'(z) - f'(z_0)| < |f'(z_0)|$ , for all  $z \in U$ . Show that  $f$  is injective. (**Hint:** Suppose that,  $f(z_1) = f(z_2)$ , for some  $z_1 \neq z_2 \in U$ . Then observe that  $\int_{[z_1, z_2]} f' = 0$ . What is  $\int_{[z_1, z_2]} (f'(z) - f'(z_0)) dz$ ?)

**Sketch of the solution.** Follow the hint. It is easy to see that  $\int_{[z_1, z_2]} (f'(z) - f'(z_0)) dz = -f'(z_0)(z_2 - z_1)$ . From this, using the  $M - L$  inequality, we get that

$$|f'(z_0)(z_2 - z_1)| < \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} (f'(z) - f'(z_0)) dz \right| < |f'(z_0)| |z_2 - z_1|,$$

which is not possible.

#### 4. CONTINUITY OF ZEROS OF POLYNOMIALS

Fix  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ . For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $P_n(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_{n,d}z^d + a_{n,d-1}z^{d-1} + \dots + a_{n,1}z + a_{n,0} \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  have degree  $d$ . Assume that  $P(z) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a_dz^d + a_{d-1}z^{d-1} + \dots + a_1z + a_0 \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  is of degree  $d$  and  $P_n$  converges to  $P$  coefficientwise as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e., for every  $j = 0, \dots, d$ ,  $a_{n,j} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} a_j$ .

4.1. Show that  $P_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} P$  uniformly on every bounded subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Solution.** Let  $S$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ . Choose  $M > 1$  such that  $|z| \leq M$ , for all  $z \in S$ . Observe that, for any  $z \in S$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} |P_n(z) - P(z)| &\leq \left| \sum_{j=0}^d (a_{n,j} - a_j) z^j \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^d |a_{n,j} - a_j| M^j \\ &\leq M^d \left( \sum_{j=0}^d |a_{n,j} - a_j| \right). \end{aligned}$$

4.2.\* Consider a zero  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  of  $P(z)$  with multiplicity  $m$ . Suppose that  $R > 0$  is such that  $P(z)$  does not vanish anywhere on the closed disc  $\overline{D(z_0; R)}$  except the center  $z_0$ . Then show that there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $P_n(z)$  does not have a zero on the boundary of the open disc  $D(z_0; R)$  but has precisely  $m$  zeros inside.

**Solution.** Denote by  $S$  the circle  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - z_0| = R\}$ . Since  $S$  is compact and  $P(z)$  does not vanish anywhere on  $S$ , there exists  $M_1 > 0$  such that  $|P(z)| \geq M_1$ , for all  $z \in S$ . From 4.1., we have  $P_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} P$  uniformly on  $S$ . So there exists  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq N_1$  and  $z \in S$ ,  $|P_n(z) - P(z)| < \frac{M_1}{2}$ . This shows that,  $|P_n(z)| > |P(z)| - \frac{M_1}{2} \geq \frac{M_1}{2}$ , for all  $n \geq N_1$  and  $z \in S$ . Hence  $P_n(z)$  does not have a zero in  $S$ , whenever  $n \geq N_1$ . It now suffices to show that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; R)} \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} dz \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C(z_0; R)} \frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} dz. \quad (4.1)$$

We use 3.2.a to show (4.1). Observe that  $\forall n \geq N_1$  and  $z \in S$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} - \frac{P'(z)}{P(z)} \right| &= \frac{|P(z)P'_n(z) - P_n(z)P'(z)|}{|P_n(z)||P(z)|} \\ &< \frac{2}{M_1^2} (|P(z)P'_n(z) - P(z)P'(z)| + |P(z)P'(z) - P_n(z)P'(z)|) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{M_1^2} \left( \sup_{w \in S} |P(w)||P'_n(z) - P'(z)| + \sup_{w \in S} |P'(w)||P_n(z) - P(z)| \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

As  $P_n$  converges to  $P$  coefficientwise as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so does  $P'_n$  to  $P'$ . Consequently  $P'_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} P'$  uniformly on  $S$ . In view of (4.2), it is immediate that  $\frac{P'_n}{P_n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P'}{P}$  uniformly on  $S$ .

Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$  be all distinct zeros of  $P(z)$  with multiplicities  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  respectively. Thus

$$P(z) = a_d \prod_{i=1}^k (z - \alpha_i)^{n_i}.$$

Pick any  $R > 0$  such that  $D(\alpha_i; R) \cap D(\alpha_j; R) = \emptyset$ , for all  $i \neq j$ . For any  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define

$$\Phi_{i,n,R}(z) = \prod (z - \beta),$$

where  $\beta$  runs over all zeros of  $P_n(z)$ , counting multiplicities, in  $D(\alpha_i; R)$ .

4.3. Show that, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $\deg \Phi_{i,n,R}(z) = n_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Solution.** Let  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . As  $P(z)$  does not vanish anywhere on  $C(\alpha_i; R)$ , it follows from 4.2. that, there exists  $N_i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $P_n(z)$  has precisely  $n_i$  zeros, counting multiplicities, in  $D(\alpha_i; R)$ , whenever  $n \geq N_i$ . Thus for all  $n \geq N_i$ ,  $\deg \Phi_{i,n,R}(z) = n_i$ . Finally, take  $N = \max\{N_1, \dots, N_k\}$ .

4.4. Let  $N$  be as above in 4.3. Show that, for all  $n \geq N$ ,  $P_n(z) = a_{n,d} \prod_{i=1}^k \Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$ .

**Solution.** As  $D(\alpha_i; R) \cap D(\alpha_j; R) = \emptyset$ ,  $\Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$  and  $\Phi_{j,n,R}(z)$  are coprime, for all  $i \neq j$ . Hence  $\prod_{i=1}^k \Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$  divides  $P_n(z)$ . Since  $\deg \prod_{i=1}^k \Phi_{i,n,R}(z) = n_1 + \dots + n_k = d$ , so the conclusion is immediate.

4.5. Let  $0 < \varepsilon < R$ . For any  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $\Phi_{i,n,\varepsilon}(z)$  in the similar way as before. Show that, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for any  $n \geq N$ , one has  $\Phi_{i,n,\varepsilon}(z) = \Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Solution.** Let  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $N$  be as above in 4.3. As  $P(z)$  does not vanish anywhere on  $C(\alpha_i; \varepsilon)$ , it follows from 4.2. that, there exists  $N_0 \geq N$  such that  $P_n(z)$  has precisely  $n_i$  zeros, counting multiplicities, in  $D(\alpha_i; \varepsilon)$ , whenever  $n \geq N_0$ . Let  $n \geq N_0$ . Since  $P_n(z)$  contains precisely  $n_i$  zeros counting multiplicities, in the larger disc  $D(\alpha_i; R)$ , all zeros of  $P_n(z)$ , counting multiplicities, in  $D(\alpha_i; R)$  must lie in  $D(\alpha_i; \varepsilon)$ . Hence  $\Phi_{i,n,\varepsilon}(z) = \Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$ .

4.6.\*\*Show that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , one can arrange the zero of  $P_n(z)$  in an order, say  $\alpha_{n,1}, \dots, \alpha_{n,d}$ , such that  $\alpha_{n,j} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_j$ , for all  $j = 1, \dots, d$ .

**Solution.** Let  $N$  be as above in 4.3. and  $n \geq N$ . For each  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , fix an ordering, say  $\alpha_{i,1}^{(n)}, \dots, \alpha_{i,n_i}^{(n)}$ , for the zeros of  $\Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$ . This provides an ordering of zeros of  $P_n(z)$  for all  $n \geq N$ . When  $n < N$ , put the zeros of  $P_n(z)$  in any order. Let  $0 < \varepsilon < R$ . From 4.5., we obtain  $N_0 \geq N$  such that, for any  $n \geq N_0$ , and  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , one has  $\Phi_{i,n,\varepsilon}(z) = \Phi_{i,n,R}(z)$ . Hence, whenever  $n \geq N_0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ , we have  $|\alpha_{i,j}^{(n)} - \alpha_i| < \varepsilon$ . This shows that, for any  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ ,  $\alpha_{i,j}^{(n)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_i$ .

Use 4.6. to the following:

4.7.\*\*Let  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of  $d \times d$  complex matrices, where  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $A \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$ . Assume that  $A_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} A$ . Denote the eigenvalues of  $A$  by  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d$ . Prove that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists an ordering  $\lambda_{n,1}, \dots, \lambda_{n,d}$  of the eigenvalues of  $A_n$  such that  $\lambda_{n,j} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_j$ , for all  $j = 1, \dots, d$ .

**Sketch of the solution.** Recall that for  $M = (m_{ij})_{1 \leq i,j \leq d}$ ,  $\det M$  is a polynomial in the variable  $m_{i,j}$ 's, consequently  $M \mapsto \det M$  is a continuous function on  $M_d(\mathbb{C})$ . Now if  $A_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} A$ , it follows that the  $\chi_{A_n}$  converges to  $\chi_A$  coefficientwise.

**Note:** The above statement 4.7. can also be proved without using Complex analysis. You may see Section 5.2 of Artin's Algebra book (2nd edition).

4.8.\* Let  $d \geq 2$ . Show that the following subset of  $GL_d(\mathbb{R})$  is not dense in  $GL_d(\mathbb{R})$ :

$$\{A \in GL_d(\mathbb{R}) : \exists P \in GL_d(\mathbb{R}) \text{ s.t. } PAP^{-1} \text{ is diagonal}\}$$

(**Hint:** First try to prove for  $d = 2$ . Can  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  be the limit of a sequence of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries that are diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?)

**Sketch of the solution.** Denote  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  by  $A$ . Consider the block matrix

$$B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} A & \\ & I_{d-2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If possible, let  $\{B_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence in  $\text{GL}_d(\mathbb{R})$  such that each  $B_n$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $B_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} B$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , since  $B_n$  is diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{R}$ , its all eigenvalues are real. Now considering all  $B_n$ 's and  $B$  as complex matrices, and using 4.7., one obtains that a sequence of real numbers is converging to  $i$ , which is absurd.

**Note:** The analogous statement holds over  $\mathbb{C}$ , as every matrix is similar to an upper triangular matrix.