

Schwarz's Lemma

Theorem

Let $f(z)$ be analytic in $|z| < R$, $f(0) = 0$, and $|f(z)| \leq M$:

- 1). $|f(z)| \leq |z| \frac{M}{R}$
- 2). $|f'(0)| \leq \frac{M}{R}$
- 3). Equality holds for $f(z) = cz \frac{M}{R}$ where $|c| = 1$

Proof

$$\text{Let } g(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z)}{z}, & 0 < z < R \\ f'(0), & z = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since $f(z)$ is analytic $|z| < R$, $f'(z)$ exists in $|z| < R$

So, by L'Hospital, $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} g(z) = \frac{f'(z)}{1} = f'(0)$

Thus, $f(z)$ is continuous at $z = 0$

Assume $0 < r < R$

On $|z| = r$, $|g(z)| = \frac{|f(z)|}{|z|} \leq \frac{M}{r}$

Since $g(z)$ analytic in $|z| \leq r$, by the maximum principle: $|g(z)| \leq \frac{M}{r}$

Let $r \rightarrow R$

Therefore, $|f(z)| \leq |z| \frac{M}{R}$

$$|f'(0)| = |g(0)| \leq \frac{M}{R}$$

For equality, $|g(z)|$ reaches its maximum value of $\frac{M}{R}$

Let $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $|c| = 1$

$$|g(z)| = \frac{M}{R} = \left| \frac{f(z)}{z} \right|$$

$$|f(z)| = |z| \frac{M}{R}$$

$$|f(z)| = |c| |z| \frac{M}{R} = |cz| \frac{M}{R}$$

$$\therefore f(z) = cz \frac{M}{R}$$