

4. Suppose  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  is open,  $g \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega \setminus \{a\})$  for some  $a \in \Omega$ , and  $\operatorname{Re} g \geq 0$  everywhere. Prove that the singularity of  $g$  at  $a$  is removable.

(Following Anna's solution) Because  $\Omega$  is open, we can, without loss of generality, just consider some  $D_r(a) \subset \Omega$ , and assume  $\Omega$  is this ball. If  $g$  is a constant on  $\dot{D}_r(a)$ , then by the RRST there is nothing to prove, so we assume  $g$  is not constant.  $g$  maps  $\Omega$  to the right half-plane  $\{ \operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 0 \}$ , but *because it is not constant*, the open-mapping theorem tells us that the image of  $\dot{D}_r(a)$  under  $g$  must be an open subset of  $\{ \operatorname{Re}(z) \geq 0 \}$ , and thus this image cannot contain any boundary points, i.e. those with  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0$ . So  $g(z)$  in fact maps to the interior set  $\{ \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0 \}$ .

We map this plane to the unit disk by composing  $z \mapsto iz$  and  $z \mapsto \frac{z-i}{z+i}$ , defining  $L(z)$  to be this composition. We can in fact just write out

$$L(z) = \frac{iz - i}{iz + i} = \frac{z - 1}{z + 1}.$$

As  $L$  is analytic on  $\{ \operatorname{Re}(z) > 0 \}$ , we know  $L(g(z))$  is analytic as a map  $\dot{D}_r(a) \rightarrow D_1(0)$ , and thus  $|L(g(z))|$  must be bounded on  $\dot{D}_r(a)$ , and we apply the RRST again to conclude there exists some  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $L(g(a)) := c$  provides an analytic extension of  $L \circ g$  to all of  $D_r(a)$ . By continuity, certainly  $c \in \overline{D_1(0)}$ .

To conclude  $g(a) = L^{-1}(c)$ , we would like to be sure  $c \neq 1 + 0i$ , as  $L^{-1}(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ . Intuitively,  $c = 1$  would mean  $g(a) = \infty$ , because  $L(\infty) = 1$ , so we know this won't happen.

To be completely rigorous, we can again appeal to the open mapping theorem: If  $c = 1$ , then  $L \circ g$  must map  $D_r(a)$  to an open set about 1, which necessarily contains points  $w : |w| > 1$ . Because  $L, L^{-1}$  are biholomorphic (as maps  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ ), the image of  $D_r(a)$  containing such  $w$  is possible if and only if  $g(z)$  mapped to some points in the half plane  $\{ \operatorname{Re}(z) < 0 \}$ , contradicting our assumption. Thus  $g(a) = L^{-1}(c)$  shows us  $g$  has a removable singularity at  $a$ .

Although we only needed to consider  $c = 1$ , you can see that this argument about  $|w| > 1$  and the open mapping theorem would also prevent  $c$  being *any* point on the boundary  $\{|w| = 1\}$ , as those are the points with  $\operatorname{Re}[L^{-1}(w)] = 0$ .