

Math H185 Lecture 28

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- Recall that for a complex number $z = re^{i\theta}$, the *argument* of z is " $\arg(z) = \theta$ ".
- Though it is not defined well when $r = 0$ and in general can be changed by a multiple of 2π , in a small neighborhood we can make a choice and ensure the argument is locally well-defined.
- Also recall " $\log(z) = \log(r) + i\theta$ ". The logarithm isn't well-defined because the argument isn't well defined.
- However, the *difference* between the arguments of two complex numbers is indeed well-defined.

Now, let's spell out the connection with the Argument Principle.

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial U} \underbrace{\frac{f'}{f}}_{\frac{d}{dz} \log(f(z))} dz = \# \text{ zeros in } U - \# \text{ poles in } U$$

So, the integral on the LHS is measuring the range of angles as f goes around the boundary of U because the change in logs is approximately the change in argument or angle.

Listening in class. Write notes from recording. [Fill stuff in]

Lemma: Let $F : U \rightarrow V$ ($U, V \subseteq \mathbb{C}$) be holomorphic and $z_0 \in U$ such that $f'(z_0) \neq 0$. Then f is a biholomorphism to its image (locally) near z_0 .

Ex: $f(z) = z^2$ [Write more later]

Proof:

1st step: f injective on some $U' \ni z_0$. Let $w_0 = f(z_0)$. The zeros of $f(z) - w_0$ are isolated (why?) so on some $\overline{B_r(z_0)}$,

$$|f(z) - w_0| \geq \epsilon > 0$$

and for $w \in B_{\delta/2}(w_0)$,

$$|w - w_0| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$