

Recall: last time we proved the following results for a holomorphic function  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  ( $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  an open connected set).

(1) If  $z_0 \in \Omega$  is such that  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ , then

(a)  $f$  preserves angles incident at  $z_0$ .

(b)  $f$  is locally (near  $z_0$ ) a biholomorphism - i.e.  $\exists \rho_1, \rho_2 \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$   
s.t.  $f: D(z_0; \rho_1) \cong D(f(z_0), \rho_2)$ .

(2) If  $f'(z_0) = \dots = f^{(N-1)}(z_0) = 0$  and  $f^{(N)}(z_0) \neq 0$ , then

(a)  $f$  scales by  $N$ , the angles incident at  $z_0$ .

(b)  $f$  is locally an  $N$ -to-1 covering map - i.e.

$\exists \rho_1, \rho_2 > 0$  so that  
and  $\psi: D(z_0, \rho_1) \xrightarrow{\sim} D(w_0, \rho_2) \xrightarrow{\alpha \mapsto \alpha^N} D(w_0^N, \rho_2^N)$ .  
 $w_0^N = f(z_0)$

$f$

(3) Cor: (open mapping theorem)

$f(\Omega) \subset \mathbb{C}$  is open.

Today, we will review Max. Modulus and Argument principles

based on Cauchy's integral formula:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz = \frac{f^{(n)}(z_0)}{n!} \quad \forall n \geq 0.$$

$\circlearrowleft z_0$

§1. Prop. - If  $z_0 \in \Omega$  is such that  $|f(z)|$  has

local maximum at  $z_0$  (i.e.,  $\exists r > 0$  s.t.  $|f(z_0)| \geq |f(z)|$  for every  $z \in D(z_0; r)$ ), then  $f$  is constant.

Proof. - We will prove that  $f$  is locally constant - which by identity theorem ( $\Omega$  is connected) implies that  $f$  is constant. We base our proof on the following variant of Cauchy's integral formula obtained by setting  $z = z_0 + re^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ )

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta$$

(mean value  
property of  
hol. fns.)

Notation - for  $p > 0$  small enough so  $\overline{D(z_0; p)} \subset \Omega$ , set

$$M(p) := \sup \{|f(z_0 + re^{i\theta})| : 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$$

Note : if  $f(z_0) = 0$ , there is nothing to prove; since by assumption  $|f(z)| \leq |f(z_0)| = 0 \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r)$ , we get  $f(z) = 0 \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r)$ .

Upon mult. by  $e^{-i\arg(f(z_0))}$ , we can assume  $f(z_0) \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .

Let  $r > 0$  be as in our local max. assumption. Then  $\forall 0 < p < r$ ,

we have:  $M(p) \leq f(z_0)$ . By triangle inequality and

the MVP for  $f$  :  $M(p) \leq f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta}) d\theta$   
(mean value property)

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$$M(p) \leq f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta}) d\theta$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta})| d\theta \leq M(p)$$

$\Rightarrow f(z_0) = M(p) \quad \forall p \in (0, r)$ . Combine with the following:

$$f(z_0) = \operatorname{Re} f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta}) d\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{2\pi} (f(z_0) - \operatorname{Re} f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta})) d\theta = 0. \text{ Note: } \forall z = z_0 + pe^{i\theta},$$

$\operatorname{Re} f(z) \leq |f(z)| \leq M(p) = f(z_0)$ . So,  $z \mapsto f(z) - \operatorname{Re} f(z)$  is a non-negative, continuous fn. on the circle  $C(z_0; p)$  whose total integral is 0. Hence, this function is identically zero,

$$\text{proving } f(z_0) = \operatorname{Re} f(z) \quad \forall z \in D(z_0; r)$$

$$\text{which implies } (f(z_0) = \operatorname{Re} f(z) \leq |f(z)| \leq M(p) = f(z_0))$$

that  $f(z) = f(z_0)$  as claimed.  $\square$

§2. Remarks (a) MVP for  $f \Rightarrow$  MVP for  $u = \operatorname{Re} f$ :

$$u(x_0, y_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} u(x_0 + p \cos(\theta), y_0 + p \sin(\theta)) d\theta$$

For harmonic functions, this formula is called Gauss'

mean value theorem. With the same proof as above, we

obtain :

harmonic functions do not have local max. or local min.  
(so, all critical points must be saddle points).

(b) Another version of Max. Modulus principle:

$f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  hol.  $\Rightarrow$  If  $|f|$  takes its max. value at  
 $\bar{\Omega} \subset \mathbb{C}$  cpt  $\partial\Omega = \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ .

assume  $f$  extends to a

cnts  $\bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .  
(similarly, if  $u \in C^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$  is harmonic, then max/min values  
(and  $u$  extends to a cnts.  $\bar{\Omega} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )  
of  $u$  occur at  $\partial\Omega$ .)

(c) Estimates on the coefficients of Taylor Series.

Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (z - z_0)^n$  be the Taylor series of  $f$  near  $z_0$   
(say,  $\forall z \in D(z_0; r)$ ).

Then

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int \frac{f(z)}{(z - z_0)^{n+1}} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta})}{p^{n+1} e^{i\theta(n+1)}} p \cdot i \cdot e^{i\theta} d\theta$$

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$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi p^n} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta}) e^{-n\theta i} d\theta ; \quad \forall p < r.$$

$$\Rightarrow |c_n| \leq \frac{M(p)}{p^n} \quad (\text{Cauchy estimates}).$$

Cauchy estimates are strict - i.e., if  $\exists p < r$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$|c_n| = \frac{M(p)}{p^n}, \text{ then } f(z) = c_n z^n.$$

Proof. - For  $z = z_0 + pe^{i\theta}$ , we get

$$|f(z)|^2 = f(z) \cdot \overline{f(z)} = \sum_{n,m} c_n \overline{c_m} p^{n+m} e^{i\theta(n-m)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (-) d\theta \text{ on both sides to get } \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i\theta l} d\theta \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } l \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } l = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + pe^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 p^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |c_n|^2 p^{2n} \leq M(p)^2. \text{ The claim follows.} \quad \square$$

§3. Area formula. - Assume  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is one-to-one,

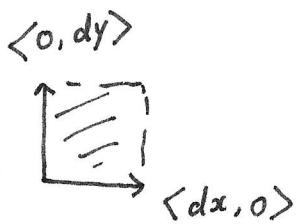
holomorphic function (also called univalent in conformal geometry literature)

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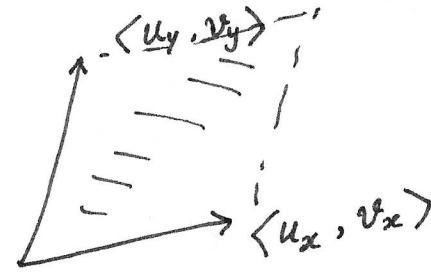
Then

$$\boxed{\text{Area } f(\Omega) = \iint_{\Omega} |f'(z)|^2 dx dy}$$

Proof -  $f = u + iv$  scales a small area element by



$$(u, v)$$



$$\text{area} = |\text{Cross product}|$$

$$|u_x v_y - v_x u_y|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Jacobian of } (u, v) &= u_x v_y - u_y v_x \\ &= u_x^2 + u_y^2 \quad \text{by Cauchy-Riemann eq's} \\ &= |f'(z)|^2 \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Cor. Assume  $\Omega = D(0; R)$  and  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  on  $\Omega$ .

$$\text{Then Area } f(\Omega) = \pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n |c_n|^2 R^{2n}$$

$$\text{Pf: } f'(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n c_n z^{n-1}, \quad |f'(z)|^2 = \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} n m \bar{c}_n \bar{c}_m z^{n-1} \bar{z}^{m-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } \text{Area}(f(\Omega)) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \sum_{n,m=1}^{\infty} n m c_n \bar{c}_m p^{n+m-2} e^{i\theta(n-m)} \cdot p dp d\theta \quad (7) \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 |c_n|^2 \cdot 2\pi \cdot \frac{R}{2n} \\
 &= \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot |c_n|^2 R^{2n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

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#### §4. Argument principle.-

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \text{Number of zeroes of } f - \text{Number of poles of } f \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

(within C).

here,  $C$  is a contour (piecewise  $C^1$ , simple, closed, counterclockwise oriented path - reminder!)

$f$  is a meromorphic fn. on a domain  $\Omega$  containing  $C$  & interior( $C$ ).  
 $f$  has no zeroes or poles on  $C$ .

Proof. - If  $\alpha \in \text{interior}(C)$  and  $f(z)$  has the following form near  $\alpha$  :  $f(z) = (z-\alpha)^N \cdot \phi(z)$ , ( $\phi(\alpha) \neq 0$ )

$(N \in \mathbb{Z}; N > 0 : \text{zero})$  then  
 $N < 0 : \text{pole}$

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$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \left( \frac{N}{z-\alpha} + \frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} \right) dz$$

(at  $\alpha$ )      (at  $\alpha$ )      0 ( $\phi$  is hol. at  $\alpha$ )

$$= N.$$

The proof follows from deforming  $C$  to a disjoint union of small circles around poles of  $\frac{f'}{f}$  (same as zeroes/poles of  $f$ ) in  $\text{interior}(C)$ .  $\square$

Remarks. - (a) The formula  $\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)-\alpha} dz$  counts number of solns. to  $f(z) = \alpha$  within  $C$  (assume  $f$  is hol. on  $\text{interior}(C)$ ).

$$(b) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma=f(C)} \frac{dw}{w} \quad (w=f(z))$$

$\boxed{\gamma=f(C)}$

called winding number of  $\gamma$  around 0.

## §5. Regularity of harmonic functions

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If  $u \in C^2(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$  is a harmonic fn. on a simply connected domain  $\Omega$ , then  $u = \operatorname{Re} f$  for some  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  hol.

Hence  $u \in C^\infty(\Omega; \mathbb{R})$ , or even more -  $u$  is analytic.

( the last assertion is local - so the simply-connected hypothesis can be dropped )

Proof.- Set  $g(z) = u_x(x,y) - i u_y(x,y)$  ( $z = x + iy$ ).

$g \in C^1(\Omega; \mathbb{C})$  and Cauchy-Riemann eq's hold

$$\left( \begin{aligned} (\operatorname{Re} g)_x &= u_{xx} = -u_{yy} = (\operatorname{Im} g)_y ; \\ (\operatorname{Re} g)_y &= u_{xy} = +u_{yx} \\ (\operatorname{Im} g)_x &= -(\operatorname{Im} g)_y . \end{aligned} \right)$$

(u is harmonic)

So,  $g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic. ~~Set~~

Choose  $z_0 \in \Omega$  and define  $f(z) = \int g(s) ds + u(x_0, y_0)$

$$\operatorname{Re} f(z) = \int_{z_0}^z u_x(s) ds + u(x_0, y_0)$$

=  $u(z)$  by fund. thm. of calculus.

independent of path  $z_0 \rightarrow z$   
(in  $\Omega$ )

since  $g$  is hol. &  $\Omega$  is simply-connected.

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