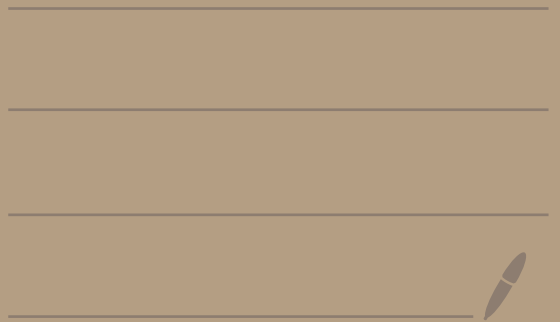


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Lemma: Suppose f is analytic on a region A and $|f(z)|$ is constant on A .

Then $f(z)$ is constant on A .

proof: Suppose that $f(x+iy) = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$.

We are assuming that for all $x+iy \in A$ we have

$$|f(x+iy)|^2 = \left(\sqrt{u(x,y)^2 + v(x,y)^2} \right)^2 = (u(x,y))^2 + (v(x,y))^2 = c$$

for some constant $c \in \mathbb{R}$, $c \geq 0$.

If $c=0$, then $|f(x+iy)|=0$ for all $x+iy \in A$.

Then, $f(x+iy)=0$ for all $x+iy \in A$.

Then f is constant on A .

So we can now assume $c \neq 0$.

We know $(u(x,y))^2 + (v(x,y))^2 = c$ on A .

Differentiating we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ 2u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 2v \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

Since f is analytic on A we know $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$

and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = -\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ on A .

Sub these into $(**)$ and divide by 2 to get

$$\begin{cases} u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - v \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \\ v \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (***)$$

on A ,

Then $(***)$ becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} u & -v \\ v & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (***)$$

For any fixed input (x, y) the above linear system has two equations and two "unknowns."


$$\text{Since } \det \begin{pmatrix} u & -v \\ v & u \end{pmatrix} = u^2 + v^2 = c \neq 0$$

there is only one unique solution to $(***)$

$$\text{which is } \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) = 0.$$

Thus, if $x + iy \in A$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x + iy) &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) + i \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}(x, y) \\ &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, y) - i \frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x, y) \\ &= 0 - i \cdot 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $f' = 0$ on the region A . By a previous thm, f is constant on A . 

Theorem: (Special case of max modulus theorem).

Suppose that f is analytic on $D(z_0; \varepsilon)$

where $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}, \varepsilon > 0$.

If $|f(z)| \leq |f(z_0)|$ for all $z \in D(z_0; \varepsilon)$,

then f is constant on $D(z_0; \varepsilon)$.

proof: Suppose

$$|f(z)| \leq |f(z_0)|$$

for all $z \in D(z_0; \varepsilon)$.

Let $z_1 \in D(z_0; \varepsilon)$ where $z_1 \neq z_0$.

$$\text{Let } \rho = |z_1 - z_0|$$

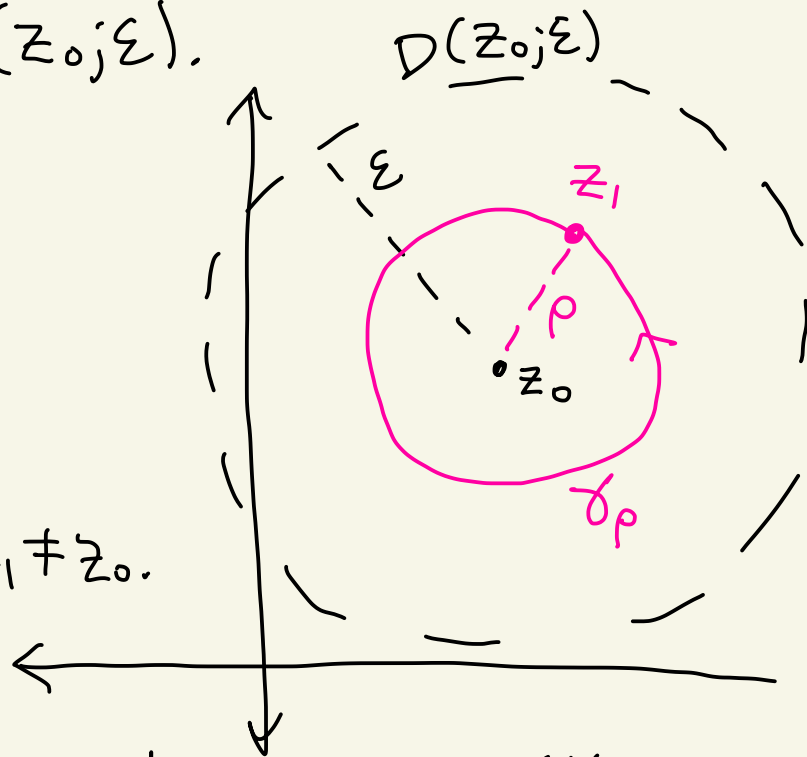
Let γ_ρ be the circle centered at z_0 with radius ρ , oriented counterclockwise.

By the Cauchy-integral theorem

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma_\rho} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz$$

Parameterize γ_ρ as $\gamma_\rho(t) = z_0 + \rho e^{it}$

where $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$. And $\gamma_\rho'(t) = i\rho e^{it}$.



So we get

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})}{(z_0 + \rho e^{it}) - z_0} \cdot i\rho e^{it} dt \quad (*)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \rho e^{it}) dt$$

From (*) we get

$$|f(z_0)| = \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + \rho e^{it}) dt \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| dt$$

I put a proof of this method of bounding in the topic 11 notes on page 30

Since $|f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| \leq |f(z_0)|$ for all t by assumption we get that

$$|f(z_0)| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| dt \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0)| dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} [|f(z_0)| \cdot (2\pi - 0)] = |f(z_0)|$$

from above

$$\text{Thus, } |f(z_0)| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| dt$$

$$\text{So, } \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0)| dt}_{|f(z_0)|} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| dt$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \underbrace{\left[|f(z_0)| - |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| \right]}_{\geq 0} dt = 0$$

We are integrating a continuous function that is ≥ 0 and the integral equals 0.

The only way this can happen is if

$$|f(z_0)| - |f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})| = 0$$


for all t .

$$\text{So, } |f(z_0)| = \underbrace{|f(z_0 + \rho e^{it})|}_{f(\text{pt on } \delta_\rho)} \text{ for all } t.$$

$$\text{In particular, } |f(z_0)| = |f(z_1)|$$

Since z_1 was arbitrary, $|f(z_0)| = |f(z)|$
for all $z \in D(z_0; \varepsilon)$.

So, $|f(z)|$ is constant on $D(z_0; \varepsilon)$.

By the lemma, f is constant
on $D(z_0; \varepsilon)$. 

Theorem: (Max modulus theorem)

Suppose that f is analytic on a region A
and f is not constant on A .

Then f does not have a maximum value on A .

That is, there does not exist $z_0 \in A$

where $|f(z)| \leq |f(z_0)|$ for all $z \in A$.

proof: Churchill / Brown book

maybe in Hoffman / Marsden book. 