

## 5 Zero-points.

### 1. Def.

if  $f(z)$  defined in  $\mathcal{D}$ , and  $f(a) = 0, a \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $a$  is zero point.

if for  $z \in \{z : |z-a| < R\}$  that  $f(z)$  is not always 0, then the power series expanded at  $a$  must not be all zeros.

So, if  $f(a) = f'(a) = \dots = f^{(m-1)}(a) = 0$ , but  $f^{(m)}(a) \neq 0$ , then  $a$  is the  $m$ -th order zero point.

### 2. Theorem

$f(z)$  has a  $m$ -th order zero point and it's not always 0 iff

$$f(z) = (z-a)^m \varphi(z), \quad \varphi(z) \text{ is analytic in } |z-a| < R, \varphi(a) \neq 0$$

This is a very useful theorem to check the order of zero point.

### 3. Zero points are isolated.

If for  $z$  s.t.  $|z-a| < R$ ,  $f(z)$  is not always 0,  $a$  is one zero points. Then, there must be  $\varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $N_\varepsilon(a)$  is a region only has one zero point  $a$ . (zero points are not side-by-side, they are isolated)

Proof:  $a$  is the  $m$ -th zero point of  $f(z)$ , and  $f(z)$  is not all zero. So,  $f(z) = (z-a)^m \varphi(z) \quad \varphi(z) \neq 0$ .

Then  $\forall \varphi(z)$  analytic, so  $\exists$  a region  $N_\varepsilon(a)$  that  $\varphi(z) \neq 0$

which means  $f(z) = \underbrace{(z-a)^m}_{\neq 0} \underbrace{\varphi(z)}_{\neq 0}$  when  $z \neq a$ .

Corollary

if  $f(z)$  analytic in  $|z-a| < R$  and exists  $\{z_n\}$  zero-point sequences s.t.  $\{z_n\} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} a$

Then  $f(z)$  must be all zeros in  $|z-a| < R$

#### 4. Uniqueness

If  $f_1(z)$  &  $f_2(z)$  analytic in  $D$ , and a seq  $\{z_n\}$  in  $D$  and converges to a ( $z_n \neq a$ ) where  $f_1(z_n) = f_2(z_n)$

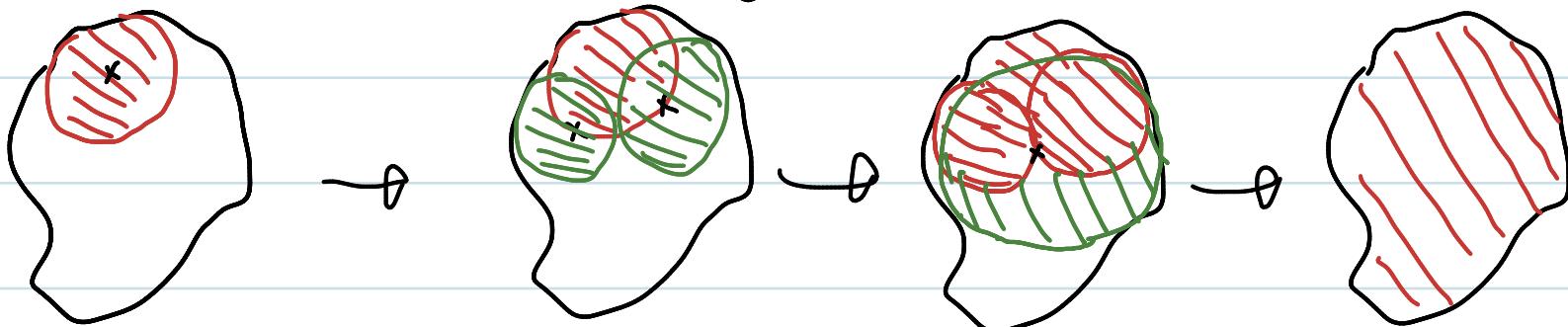
Then  $f_1(z) = f_2(z)$  if  $z$  in  $D$ .

Proof: let  $f(z) = f_1(z) - f_2(z)$

$f(z)$  is analytic as  $f_1(z)$  &  $f_2(z)$  analytic.

If  $D$  is a circle centered at  $a$ , from the corollary above, we know  $f(z)$  is always 0 in  $D$

If  $D$  is not a circle, we can use a series of circles to represent this region. Sequentially, we can prove that "all zero" region becomes larger and larger, until equals to  $D$ .



## 5. Maximum Module Principle..

If  $f(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $|f(z)|$  can not reach maximum unless  $|f(z)|$  is a constant.

Proof. From Mean Value Theorem (topic 3, page 4).

$f(a) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(a + Re^{i\varphi}) d\varphi$   $R$  is selected to make sure  $a + Re^{i\varphi} \in \mathcal{D}$  so it's an average.

If  $|f(a)|$  reach  $|f(z)|$ 's maximum  $M$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}|f(a)| &= \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(a + Re^{i\varphi}) d\varphi \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(a + Re^{i\varphi})| d\varphi \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} M d\varphi \\ &= M\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore |f(a + Re^{i\varphi})| = M$  for  $t \neq \varphi$  and  $R$

$\Rightarrow |f(z)| = M$ .