

1. If $f \neq 0$, then $|f|$ attains the maximum and the minimum in ∂D by the Maximum and the Minimum modulus principles. Hence if $|f(z)| = c$ for all $z \in \partial D$, then $|f|$ is a constant. Thus f is a constant by the Maximum modulus principle.

2. Let $A = \{z : |f(z)| < c\}$. By continuity of $|f|$, $A = \text{Int}(A)$. Secondly $\{z : |f(z)| = c\} = \partial A$ by the Maximum modulus principle and continuity of $|f|$. Hence the assertion follows.

3. Let p be non-constant and $A = \{z : |p(z)| < c\}$. By the fact that $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow \infty} |p(z)| = \infty$ it is clear that A is bounded. A may be disconnected. In that case, $A = \cup \{A_j\}$, where the sets A_j are disjoint domains and $\partial A_j \subset \{z : |p(z)| = c\}$ for each j by the Exercise 2. (The sets A_j are called the *components* of A .) Let A_j be arbitrary. If A_j does not contain a zero of p , then p is a constant in A_j by the Exercise 1. Then, as a polynomial, p is a constant everywhere. This is a contradiction and the assertion follows.

4. Let $A = \{z : |p(z)| < c\}$. By the solution of the Exercises 2 and 3, it is clear that A is a union of disjoint bounded domains, the components of A , and $\partial A = \{z : |p(z)| = c\}$. Thus ∂A is a union of closed paths. By the Exercise 3 all components of A contain a zero of p . Polynomial p has finitely many zeros, thus the assertion follows. When c increases, the paths unite and finally we have only one large path, whose size increases all the time.

5. Function f/g is analytic in $\overline{D(0, r)}$. Hence by the Exercise 1 and the assumption $|f(z)/g(z)| = 1$ for all $z \in \partial D(0, r)$, $f/g \equiv \lambda$, where λ is a constant and $|\lambda| = 1$. Thus the assertion follows.

1. Simple calculations give the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} M(r, f) &\leq \frac{2r}{r-R} \min_{z=R} \Re f(z) + \frac{R+r}{R-r} |f(0)|, \\ M(r, f) &\leq \frac{2r}{r-R} \min_{z=R} \Im f(z) + \frac{R+r}{R-r} |f(0)|, \\ M(r, f) &\leq \frac{2r}{R-r} \max_{z=R} \Im f(z) + \frac{R+r}{R-r} |f(0)|. \end{aligned}$$

2. By using

$$g_2(z) = \frac{f^2(z)}{2A^2(R, f) - f^2(z)}$$

instead of g in the proof of the BC-inequality, we obtain

$$M(r, f) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2r}{R-r}} \left(A(R, f) + |f(0)| \right) + |f(0)|.$$

3. Let $f(z) = -i \log(1 - z)$ and $0 < r < R < 1$. Then $|f(0)| = 0$, $A(R, f) = \max_{|z|=R} \operatorname{Arg}(1 - z) = C$, where $C \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$. Thus

$$M(r, f) \geq \log \frac{1}{1 - r} = \frac{A(R, f)}{C} \log \frac{1}{1 - r}.$$

Hence on the right hand side of a BC-type-inequality we have at least the factor $-\log(1 - r)$. In the lectures and the solution of the Exercise 2 we had factors $1/(R - r)$ and $\sqrt{1/(R - r)}$ respectively. These factors increase faster than $-\log(1 - r)$ as r grows.