

**An Important Lemma.**

Suppose that  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{C}$  is open,  $f : \Omega \mapsto \mathbf{C}$  is analytic, and we define  $\phi : \Omega \times \Omega \mapsto \mathbf{C}$  by

$$\phi(z, w) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z)-f(w)}{z-w} & \text{if } z \neq w; \\ f'(z) & \text{if } z = w. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\phi$  is continuous on  $\Omega \times \Omega$  and, for each  $(z_0, w_0) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ , the functions  $\phi(z, w_0) : \Omega \mapsto \mathbf{C}$  and  $\phi(z_0, w) : \Omega \mapsto \mathbf{C}$  are analytic (in  $z$  and  $w$ , respectively).

**Proof.** We show analyticity first. Since  $\phi(z, w) = \phi(w, z)$ , it suffices to show that  $\phi(z, w_0)$  is analytic in  $z$  for all  $w_0$ . Set  $h(z) = f(z) - f(w_0)$ . Note that  $h(w_0) = 0$ . By a theorem from class, we can write  $f(z) - f(w_0) = h(z) = (z - w_0)g(z)$ , where  $g$  is analytic on all of  $\Omega$ . The definition of  $g$  implies that  $g(w_0) = f'(w_0)$ . Therefore  $\phi(z, w_0) = g(z)$ , which is analytic in  $z$ .

Showing continuity amounts to showing that if  $z_n \rightarrow z \in \Omega$  and  $w_n \rightarrow w \in \Omega$  then  $\phi(z_n, w_n) \rightarrow \phi(z, w)$ . This is trivial if  $z \neq w$ . Therefore it is enough to show the following: If  $a \in \Omega$ ,  $z_n \rightarrow a$ , and  $w_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $\phi(z_n, w_n) \rightarrow \phi(a, a) = f'(a)$ . To simplify things (but without loss of generality), we'll assume  $a = 0$ . Let  $r > 0$  be such that  $\Delta(0; r) \subset \Omega$ . Now write  $f$  as a power series around 0,

$$f(z) = \sum_0^{\infty} \alpha_k z^k,$$

which has r.o.c.  $\geq r$ . For  $k \geq 1$  define

$$\psi_k(z, w) = \sum_0^{k-1} z^j w^{k-1-j},$$

where we set  $\psi_1(z, w) = 1$ . The important thing to notice is that  $z^k - w^k = (z - w)\psi_k(z, w)$ , while  $\psi_k(z, z) = kz^{k-1} = (z^k)'$ . Therefore, if  $z \neq w$ , and  $z$  and  $w$  both lie in  $\Delta(0; r)$ ,

$$\phi(z, w) = \frac{f(z) - f(w)}{z - w} = \sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_k \psi_k(z, w);$$

while, if  $z = w \in \Delta(0; r)$ ,

$$\phi(z, w) = f'(z) = \sum_1^{\infty} k\alpha_k z^{k-1} = \sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_k \psi_k(z, w).$$

Upshot:

$$\phi(z, w) = \sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_k \psi_k(z, w)$$

when  $z$  and  $w$  lie in  $\Delta(0; r)$ . Let  $0 < \rho_1 < \rho_2 < r$ . Our earlier work on power series implies that  $k\alpha_k\rho_2^{k-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , and thus there is a  $B$  such that  $|k\alpha_k\rho_2^{k-1}| \leq B$  for all  $k$ . If  $z$  and  $w$  are both in  $\Delta(0; \rho_1)$  then  $|\alpha_k\psi_k(z, w)| \leq |k\alpha_k\rho_1^{k-1}| \leq B(\rho_1/\rho_2)^{k-1} \equiv B\eta^{k-1}$ , where  $0 < \eta < 1$ . This implies that the series  $\sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_k\psi_k(z, w)$  satisfies the hypotheses of the Weierstrass  $M$ -test inside  $\Delta(0; \rho_1)$ . However, it is trivial that each  $\psi_k(z, w)$  is continuous at  $(0, 0)$ . Therefore the infinite series is too, and  $\phi(z_n, w_n) \rightarrow \phi(0, 0)$ . QED.