

# Lecture 16: Proof of the fund. thm. of algebra.

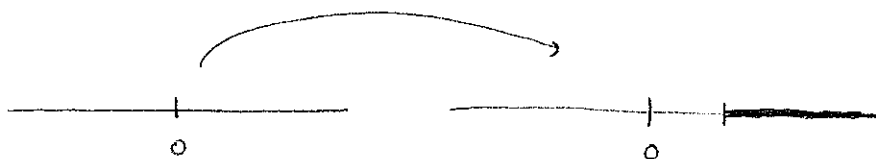
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Thm: Every non-const  $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$  has a root in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Cor:  $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  non-constant, Then  $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is onto.

Pf: Given  $w \in \mathbb{C}$ , the poly  $f(z) = p(z) - w$  has a root.  $\square$

Notes: ① Plenty of  $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  don't have roots in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  
e.g.  $x^2 + 2$ .



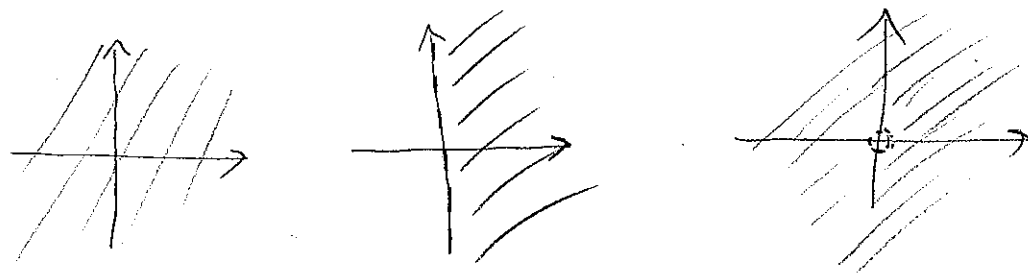
②  $p: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a very nice fn from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but

many such aren't onto, e.g.  $(x, y) \mapsto (x^2 + y^2, xy - 1)$   
misses  $(0, 0)$

Q: What's so special about poly maps from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ ??

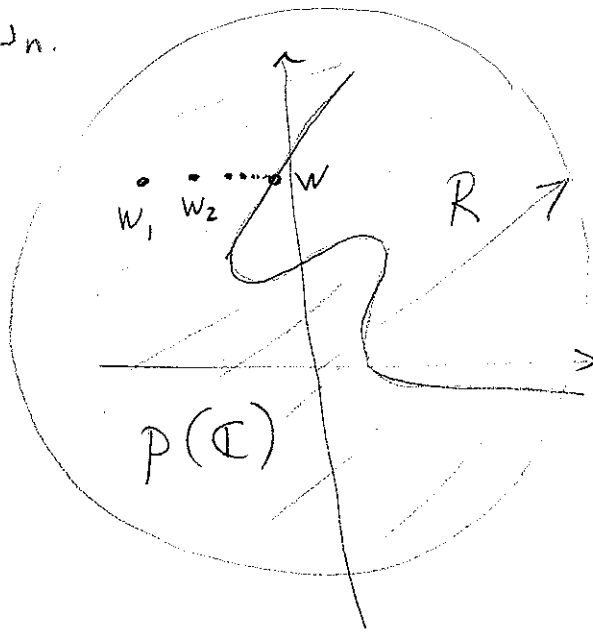
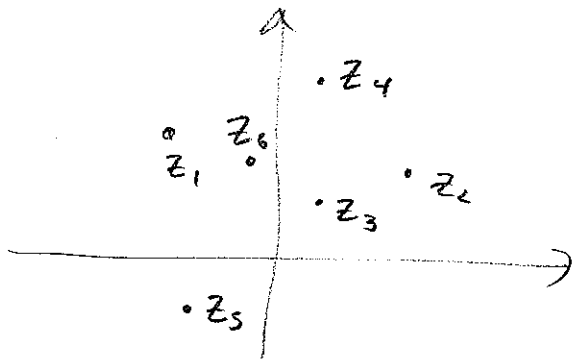
①  $p(\mathbb{C})$  is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ , in contrast to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 & \text{or} & \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ (x, y) \rightarrow (e^x, y) & & z \rightarrow e^z \end{array}$$



Proof: Suppose  $\{w_n\} \subseteq p(\mathbb{C})$  converge to  $w$ .

Let  $z_n$  be such that  $p(z_n) = w_n$ .



Now

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$$

and so when  $z$  is large,  $|p(z)| > R$ . So

all  $z_i \in B_0(R')$ . So some subseq  $z_{n_k} \rightarrow z_0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Then

$$p(z_0) = p\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} z_{n_k}\right) \stackrel{\text{cont of } p}{=} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} p(z_{n_k}) = w.$$

$w_{n_k}$

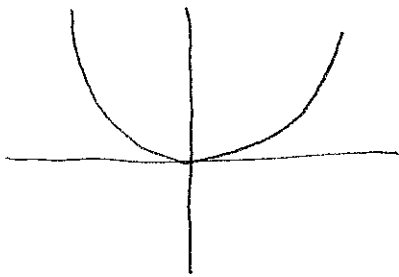


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[ Note that ① holds for  $\mathbb{R}$  too, so this is only part of the story. ]

$p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  not onto because it folds.

$$x \rightarrow x^2$$



Could have a similar problem for  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

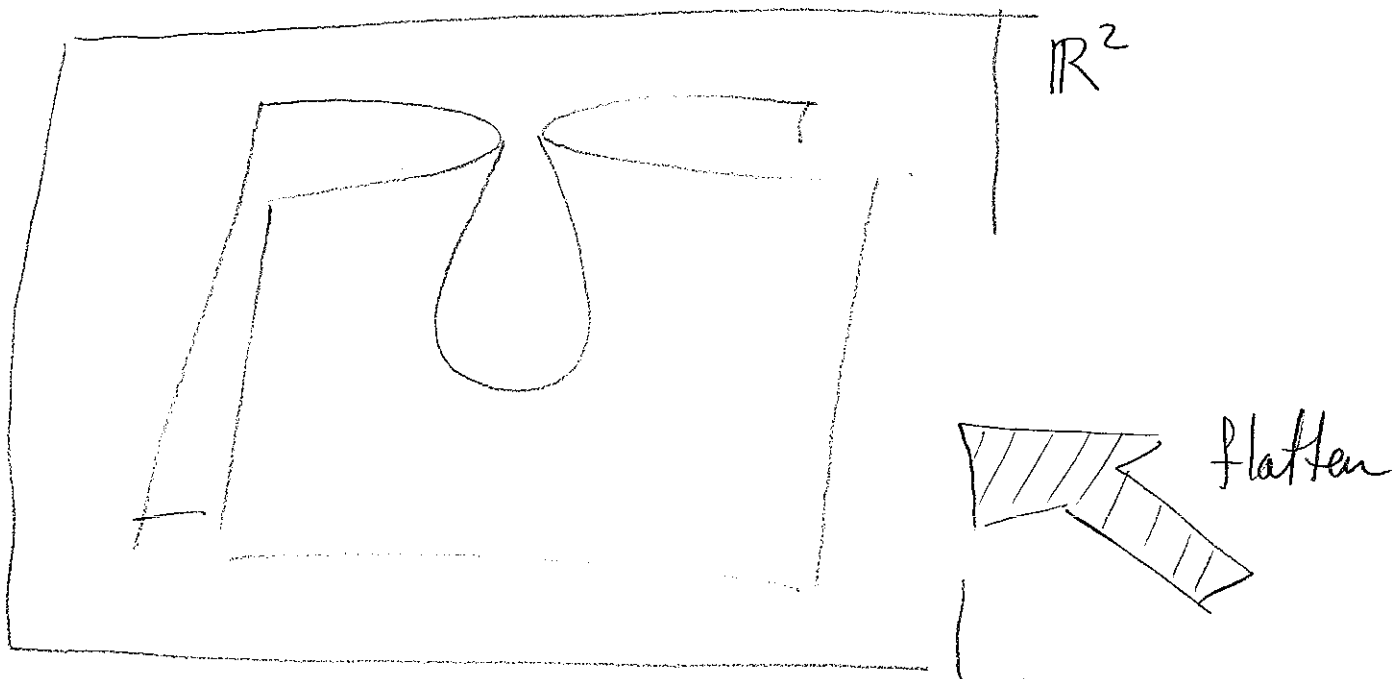
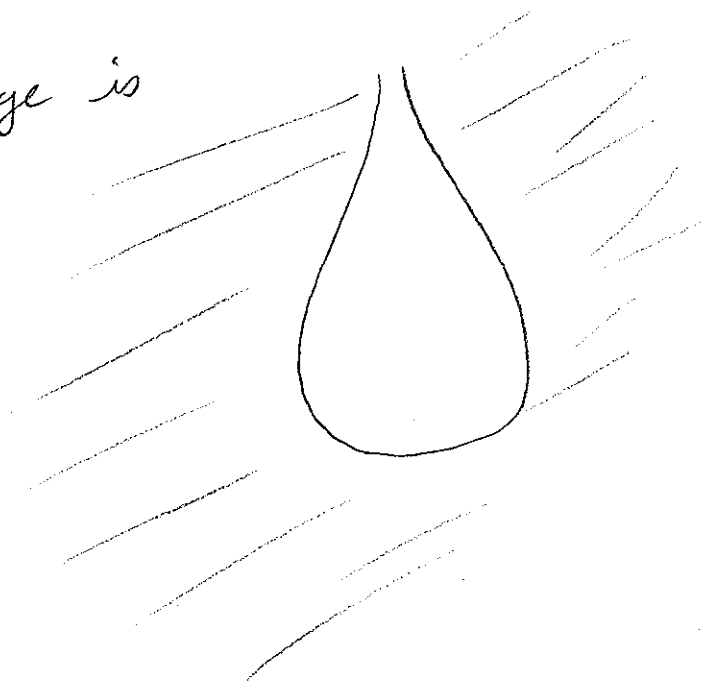


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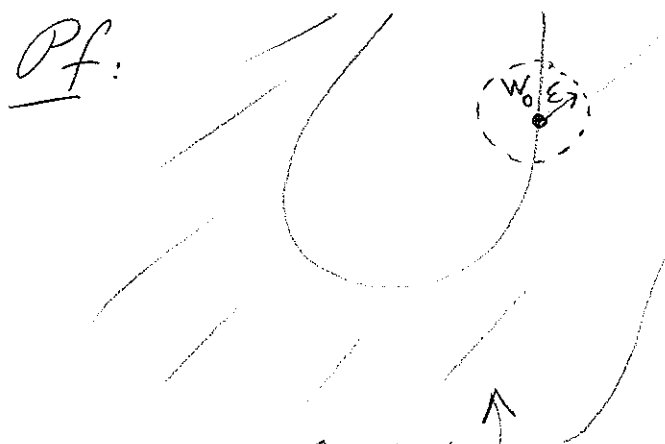
Key: complex  $p(z)$   
can't "fold".

Claim: Suppose  $p(z)$  is not onto as a map from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Then  $\exists w_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  s.t. no  $\underline{B_\epsilon(w_0)} \subseteq p(\mathbb{C})$ .

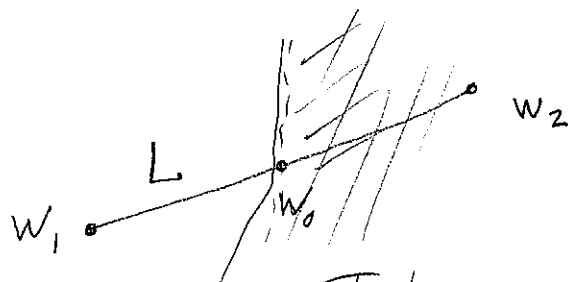
$$= \{z \mid |z - w_0| < \epsilon\}$$

Pf:



Looking for this  $\uparrow$

Take  $w_1 \notin p(\mathbb{C})$  and  $w_2 \in p(\mathbb{C})$ , and



consider the line segment between them. Take  $w$  to be the closed pt in  $p(\mathbb{C}) \cap L$  to  $w_0$ .

(exists since  $p(\mathbb{C})$  is closed).



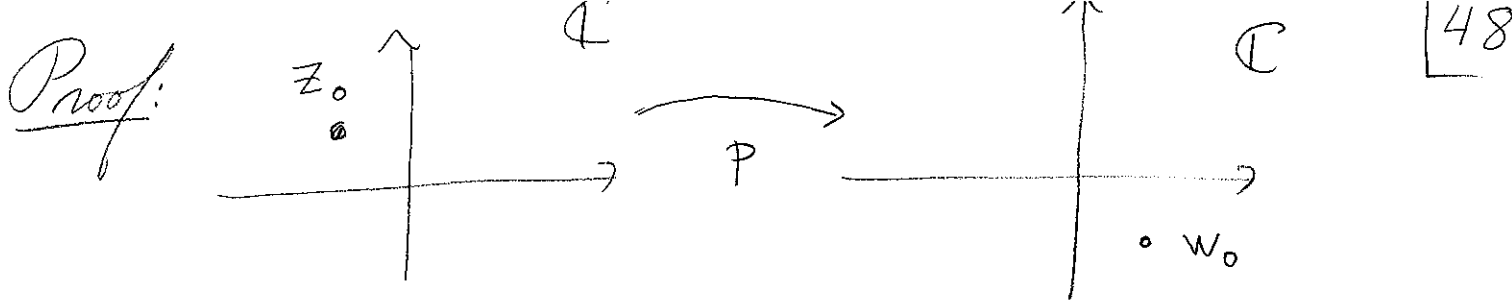
Addendum: Can choose  $w$  so that  $p(z_0) = w$  and

$p'(z_0)$  is non-zero. [ only finitely many pts where  $p'(z_0) = 0$ . ]

The FTA now follows from.

Lemma:  $p(z) \in \mathbb{C}[z]$ . Suppose  $p'(z_0) \neq 0$ .

Then  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  so that  $p(\mathbb{C}) \supseteq B_\epsilon(p(z_0))$ .

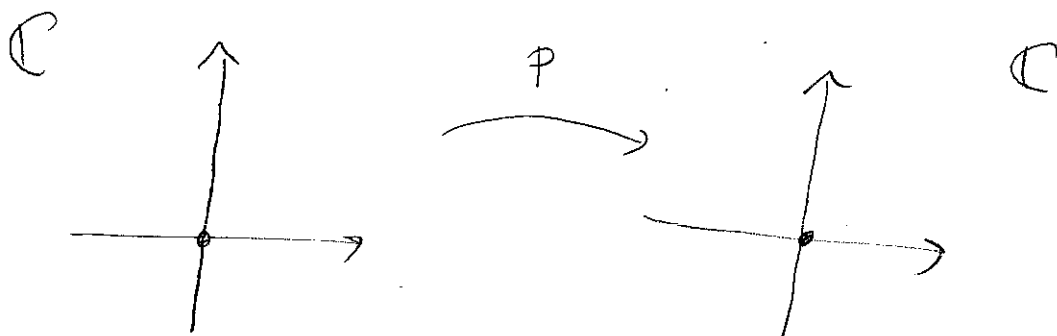


Change coordinates so  $z_0 = w_0 = 0$ .

(i.e. replace  $p$  by  $p(z+z_0) - w_0$ )

Now, consider

$$p(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n \quad a_i \in \mathbb{C}$$



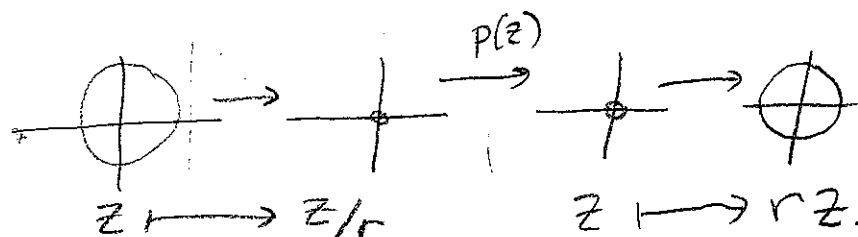
change coord. on image  $\mathbb{C}$  by mult. by  $\frac{1}{a_1} = r e^{i\theta}$

So now

$$p(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_n z^n$$

Recall the point of the derivative: fms look

linear on small scales.



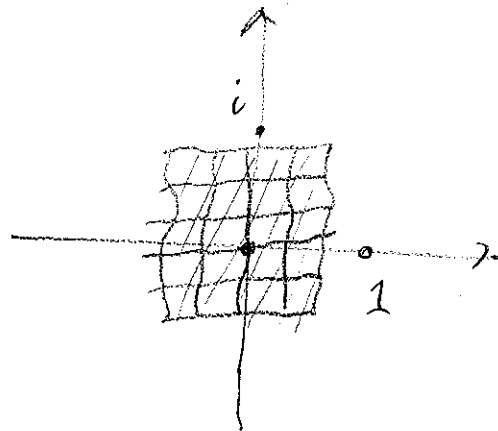
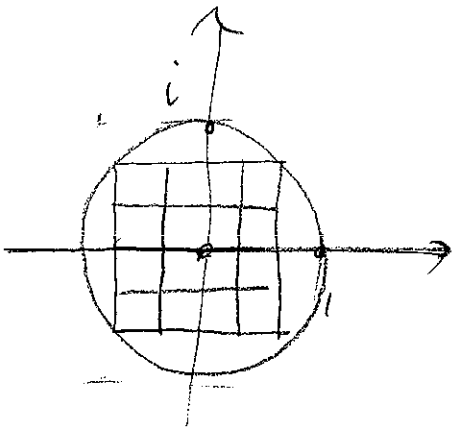
So change coord on domain by  $z' = \frac{z}{r}$   
 and range by  $z' = rz$ . Then  $r \leftarrow \text{large}$

$$P_{\text{new}} = r \cdot P\left(\frac{z}{r}\right) = z + \frac{a_2}{r} z^2 + \frac{a_3}{r^2} z^3 + \dots + \frac{a_n}{r^{n-1}} z^n$$

Thus, assume

$$p(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + b_3 z^3 + \dots + b_n z^n$$

where  $b_i$  are tiny. Now, what does  $p$  look like on  $B_1(0)$



Say  $|b_i| < \frac{1}{n 10^{10}}$ . Then on the disc shown

$$p(z) = z + E(z) \quad \text{where } |E(z)| < 10^{-10}$$

Intuition: Map must be onto near 0,  
 as needed.

This is the content of the Inverse Fn. Thm.

Direct proof: Fix  $w$  in  $B_{1/8}(0)$ . Will find  $z_0$  with  $p(z_0) = w$ . Will use Newton's Method; fix  $|b_i| < \delta$

Lemma 2: Suppose  $z \in B_1(0)$ . If  $|p(z) - w| < \epsilon$

then 
$$z' = z - \frac{p(z) - w}{p'(z)} \quad \leftarrow \text{Newton for } f(x) = p(z) - w$$

Sat  $|p(z') - w| < \epsilon^2$

and  $|z - z'| < 10\epsilon$

Pf of Lemma 1 assuming Lemma 2.

Take  $z_1 = w$ . Then  $|p(z_1) - w| < 10^{-10}$

So get  $z_2$  with  $|p(z_2) - w| < 10^{-20}$

and  $|z_2 - z_1| < 10^{-9}$ . Repeating, get

$z_3$  with  $|p(z_3) - w| < 10^{-40}$  and  $|z_3 - z_2| < 10^{-19}$ .

As  $|z_n - z_{n+1}|$  goes like a geom series,

have  $z_n \rightarrow z_0$  and by cont  $p(z_0) = \lim p(z_n) = w$ .

Proof of Lemma 2: Assume  $\delta < \frac{1}{n^2 10^{-10}}$

First, observe  $|p'(z)| = |1 + 2b_2 z + \dots + n b_n z^{n-1}|$   
 $\geq 1 - 10^{-10} > \frac{1}{10}$ .

So  $|z' - z| = \frac{|p(z) - w|}{|p'(z)|} < 10\epsilon$

Second, suppose  $\delta < \frac{1}{n! (n^2) 10^{-10}}$

$$p(z') = p\left(z - \overbrace{\frac{p(z) - w}{p'(z)}}^{-a}\right) = p(z + a)$$

$$= p(z) + p'(z)a + \underbrace{\frac{p''(z)}{2} a^2}_{< \frac{1}{n 10^{-10}}} + \dots + \underbrace{\frac{p^{(n)}(z)}{n!} a^n}_{< \frac{1}{n 10^{-10}}}$$

$$= p(z) + p'(z) \left( \frac{w - p(z)}{p'(z)} \right) + E$$

$$= w + E$$

where

$$|E| < \frac{1}{10^{-18}} \epsilon^2$$

as needed.