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f analytic on the interior of R (a domain D), and continuous on R , and non-constant. Furthermore, $f(z) \neq 0$ for all z in R .

The function $|f(z)|$ is continuous on R , being the composition of the absolute value function and f , both continuous.

The function $1/|f(z)|$ is continuous as well, since $|f(z)|$ does not vanish in R . So $1/|f(z)|$ has a maximum on R at z_0 if and only if $|f(z)|$ has a minimum at z_0 .

Set $g(z) = 1/f(z)$. Then $g(z)$ is continuous on R , analytic and non-constant in D , and so $|g(z)|$ obtains its maximum on the boundary of R and not in D by the Corollary of Sec 54. Hence, $|f(z)|$ obtains its minimum on the boundary of R and not in its interior D .

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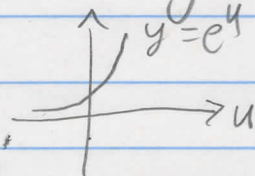
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$f(z) = u(x,y) + i v(x,y)$ is continuous on the closed and bounded region R and not constant throughout its interior (a domain D).

Let $g(z) = e^{f(z)}$. Then $g(z)$ is continuous on R and not constant on D . Furthermore $|g(z)| = e^{u(z)}$ does not vanish on R .

By problem 3 in Sec 54, $g(z)$ has a minimum value in R , which occurs on the boundary of R and NOT in its interior D .

Now $h(u) = e^u$ is a strictly increasing function on \mathbb{R} (reals).



So a minimum of $|e^{f(z)}|$ occurs at $z_0 = x_0 + iy_0$ if and only if z_0 is a minimum of $u(x,y)$. Thus $u(x,y)$ has its minimum at a boundary point of R , and never in its interior D .

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