## 5.7 The Counting Theorem and Rouché's Theorem

and (5.7.15) follows from the formula for the Taylor coefficients.

**33.** Let *a* be an arbitrary complex number. Consider the equation  $z = a + we^{z}$ . Show that a solution of this equation is

$$z = a + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{n-1}e^{na}}{n!} w^n,$$

when  $|w| < e^{-1-\operatorname{Re}a}$ . [Hint: Let  $z_0 = a$ ,  $w = (z-a)e^{-z}$ ,  $\phi(z) = \frac{z-a}{(z-a)e^{-z}} = e^{z}$ , and apply Lagrange's inversion formula (5.7.15).]

**34. Lambert's** *w*-function. This function has been applied in quantum physics, fluid mechanics, biochemistry, and combinatorics. It is named after the German mathematician Johann Heinrich Lambert (1728–1777). The **Lambert function** or **Lambert** *w*-function is defined as the inverse function of  $f(z) = ze^z$ . Using the technique of Exercise 32, based on Lagrange's formula, show that the solution of  $w = ze^z$  is

$$z = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1} n^{n-2}}{(n-1)!} w^n$$
 whenever  $|w| < \frac{1}{e}$ .

**35.** Project Problem: Landau's estimate. In this exercise we present Landau's solution of the following problem: Given an analytic function f in a neighborhood of a closed disk  $\overline{B_R(z_0)}$  with  $f'(z_0) \neq 0$ , find r > 0 such that f is one-to-one on the open disk  $B_r(z_0)$ . Landau's solution: It suffices to take  $r = R^2 |f'(z_0)|/(4M)$ , where M is the maximum value of |f| on  $C_R(z_0)$ .

Fill in the details in the following argument. It suffices to choose r so that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for all z in  $B_r(z_0)$  (why?). Without loss of generality we can take  $z_0 = 0$  and  $w_0 = f(z_0) = 0$  (why?). Then for |z| < R,  $f(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots$ . Write  $r = \lambda R$ , where  $0 < \lambda < 1$  is to be determined so that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for all z in  $B_{\lambda R}(0)$ . For  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in  $B_{\lambda R}(0)$ , we have

$$\left|\frac{f(z_1) - f(z_2)}{z_1 - z_2}\right| = \left|a_1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \left(z_1^{n-1} + z_1^{n-2} z_2 + \dots + z_1 z_2^{n-2} + z_2^{n-1}\right)\right| \ge |a_1| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| \lambda^{n-1} R^{n-1}.$$

If we could choose a number  $\lambda$  such that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n|\lambda^{n-1}R^{n-1} < |a_1|,$$
(5.7.16)

this would make the absolute value of the difference quotient for the derivative positive, independently of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in  $B_{\lambda R}(0)$ , and this would in turn imply that  $f'(z) \neq 0$  for all z in  $B_{\lambda R}(0)$  and complete the proof. So let us show that we can choose  $\lambda$  so that (5.7.16) holds. Let  $M = \max_{|z|=R} |f(z)|$ . Cauchy's estimate yields  $|a_n| \leq \frac{M}{R^n}$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n|\lambda^{n-1}R^{n-1} \leq \frac{M}{R}\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n\lambda^{n-1} = \frac{M}{R}\frac{\lambda(2-\lambda)}{(1-\lambda)^2} < \frac{M}{R}\frac{2\lambda}{(1-\lambda)^2}.$$

(Use  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n\lambda^{n-1} = \frac{d}{d\lambda}(\lambda^2 + \lambda^3 + \cdots) = \frac{d}{d\lambda}\frac{\lambda^2}{1-\lambda} = \frac{2\lambda-\lambda^2}{(1-\lambda)^2}$ .) Consider the choice  $\lambda = \frac{R|a_1|}{4M}$ . This yields  $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n|\lambda^{n-1}R^{n-1} < \frac{|a_1|}{4\lambda}\frac{2\lambda}{(1-\lambda)^2} = \frac{|a_1|}{2}\frac{1}{(1-\lambda)^2} \leq \frac{8}{9}|a_1|$ . (The maximum of  $1/(1-\lambda)^2$  on the interval [0, 1/4] occurs at  $\lambda = 1/4$  and is equal to  $\frac{16}{9}$ .) Hence (5.7.16) holds for this choice of  $\lambda$ , and for this choice, we get  $r = \lambda R = \frac{R^2|a_1|}{4M}$ , which is what Landau's estimate says.