

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Complex Variables} \\ \text{Fall } 2024 \end{array}$ 

Assignment 6.1 Due October 9

**Exercise 1.** Let P and Q be polynomials in z with complex coefficients.

a. Use Exercise 5.3.3 to show that

$$\lim_{z \to \infty} \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)} = \infty$$

if and only if  $\deg P > \deg Q$ .

**b.** Conclude that if P is nonconstant, then

$$\lim_{z \to \infty} P(z) = \infty.$$

**Exercise 2.** Let f and g be complex-valued and defined in a neighborhood of  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Show that if  $\lim_{z \to \alpha} f(z) = a \in \mathbb{C}^{\times}$  and  $\lim_{z \to \alpha} g(z) = \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{z \to \alpha} f(z)g(z) = \infty.$$

[Suggestion. Use Exercise 4.3.3.]

**Exercise 3.** If we represent  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$ , the standard equation for the unit sphere  $S^2$  becomes  $|z|^2 + v^2 = 1$ , where  $(z, v) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The complex plane itself is represented by points of the form (z, 0), or the equation v = 0. Let N = (0, 1) represent the north pole of  $S^2$ 

**a.** Define  $\pi : S^2 \setminus \{N\} \to \mathbb{C}$  as follows. Given a point  $p \in S^2 \setminus \{N\}$ , draw the line through N and p, and define  $\pi(p)$  to be the point where this line meets the complex plane v = 0. Show that if  $p = (z, v) \in S^2$ , then

$$\pi(z,v) = \frac{z}{1-v}.$$

**b.** Conversely, use the same construction to show that

$$\pi^{-1}(z) = \left(\frac{2z}{|z|^2 + 1}, \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1}\right)$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**c.** Show that  $\lim_{z\to\infty} \pi^{-1}(z) = N$ .