

QUESTION

Let  $f$  be an entire function such that  $|f(z)| \leq A|z|$  for all  $z$ , where  $A$  is a fixed positive number. Show that  $f(z) = az$ , where  $a$  is a complex constant. (Hint: Use the Cauchy inequalities to show that the second derivative of  $f$  is everywhere zero.)

ANSWER

If  $D$  denotes the open unit disc, then if  $f(\mathbf{C}) = D$ , we have  $|f(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in \mathbf{C}$ , so that  $f$  is a bounded analytic function and hence by Liouville's Theorem,  $f$  is constant and hence  $f$  cannot map  $\mathbf{C}$  onto  $D$ .