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# Some properties of bicomplex holomorphic functions

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### Abstract

In this paper, we first establish the bicomplex version of Rouche's theorem. Also, a new approach is given to prove the maximum modulus principle for bicomplex holomorphic functions. Our proof is based on the direct method and extends the result proved by Luna-Elizarraras et al. Finally, we generalize the Hurwitz's theorem to bicomplex space.

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## 1 Introduction and Statement of Results

In abstract algebra, a tessarine or bicomplex number is a hypercomplex number in a commutative, associative algebra over real numbers with two imaginary units. In 1892 Corrado Segre introduced [\[11,](#page-6-0) [6\]](#page-6-1) bicomplex numbers in Mathematische Annalen, which form an algebra isomorphic to the tessarines. Also, mathematicians proved a fundamental theorem of tessarine algebra: a polynomial of degree n with tessarine coefficients has  $n^2$  roots, counting multiplicity [\[8\]](#page-6-2). Rouche's theorem in complex analysis states that if the complex-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  are holomorphic inside and on some simple closed contour K, with  $|g(z)| < |f(z)|$  on K, then f and  $f + g$  have the same number of zeros inside  $K$ , where each zero is counted as many times as its multiplicity [\[7\]](#page-6-3).

In this paper, we prove the bicomplex version of Rouche's theorem; also we prove that a bicomplex function  $f$ cannot attain a maximum or minimum of  $|f|$  in a bicomplex domain. In this direction, we state some basic definitions and properties of bicomplex number  $[1, 9]$  $[1, 9]$ . Let  $\mathbb{BC}$  be the bicomplex algebra, i.e.,

$$
\mathbb{BC} = \{x_1 + ix_2 + j(x_3 + ix_4) : x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \mathbb{R}\},\
$$

with  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $j^2 = -1$  and  $ij = ji = 1$ . Assuming  $Z = x_1 + ix_2 + j(x_3 + ix_4) =: z_1 + jz_2$ , we remark that every bicomplex number has the following unique representation:

$$
Z = z_1 + jz_2 = (z_1 - iz_2)e_1 + (z_1 + iz_2)e_2,
$$

where  $e_1 = \frac{1 + ij}{2}$  $\frac{+ij}{2}$  and  $e_2 = \frac{1 - ij}{2}$  $\frac{-y}{2}$ . If  $Z = z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC}$ , the norm of Z is defined as follows:

$$
||Z|| = \sqrt{|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2}.
$$

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It can be easily verify that for  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2$  where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$
\|Z\|=\sqrt{\frac{|\alpha|^2+|\beta|^2}{2}}.
$$

If we define  $d : \mathbb{BC} \times \mathbb{BC} \to \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, (Z_1, Z_2) \mapsto d(Z_1, Z_2)$ , by setting  $d(Z_1, Z_2) = ||Z_1 - Z_2||$  for every  $Z_1, Z_2$  in  $\mathbb{BC}$ , then  $(\mathbb{BC}, d)$  is a metric space.

Suppose that  $Z, W \in \mathbb{BC}$  and  $ZW = 1$ , then each of the elements Z and W is said to be the inverse of each other. An element that has an inverse is said to be invertible (non-singular), and an element that does not have an inverse is said to be non-invertible(singular). For a bicomplex number  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 \in \mathbb{BC}$ , it is easy to verify that Z is invertible if and only if  $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$ ; in this case, if we denote the inverse of Z by  $Z^{-1}$ , then we have

$$
Z^{-1} = \alpha^{-1} e_1 + \beta^{-1} e_2.
$$

Definition 1.1. Suppose that

$$
X_1 = \{ z_1 - iz_2 : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \},
$$
  
\n
$$
X_2 = \{ z_1 + iz_2 : z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \},
$$

we say that  $X = X_1 \times_e X_2 (\subseteq \mathbb{BC})$  is Cartesian set generated by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , if

$$
X = \{z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC} : z_1 - iz_2 \in X_1, z_1 + iz_2 \in X_2\}.
$$

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $a = \alpha + i\beta$  be a fixed point in  $\mathbb{BC}$  and r,  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  denote numbers in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $r > 0$ ,  $r_1 > 0$ and  $r_2 > 0$ . The open ball  $B(a, r)$  and closed ball  $\overline{B}(a, r)$  with center a and radius r are defined as follows:

$$
B(a,r) = \{z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC} : ||(z_1 + jz_2) - (\alpha + j\beta)|| < r\},\
$$
  

$$
\overline{B}(a,r) = \{z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC} : ||(z_1 + jz_2) - (\alpha + j\beta)|| \le r\}.
$$

The open discus  $D(a; r_1, r_2)$  and closed discus  $\overline{D}(a; r_1, r_2)$  with center a and radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are defined as follows:

$$
D(a; r_1, r_2) = \{z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC} : z_1 + jz_2 = w_1e_1 + w_2e_2, |w_1 - (\alpha - i\beta)| < r_1, |w_2 - (\alpha + i\beta)| < r_2\},
$$
\n
$$
\overline{D}(a; r_1, r_2) = \{z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC} : z_1 + jz_2 = w_1e_1 + w_2e_2, |w_1 - (\alpha - i\beta)| \le r_1, |w_2 - (\alpha + i\beta)| \le r_2\}.
$$

It is easy to verify that if  $0 < r_1 \leq r_2$ , then for every bicomplex number a,

<span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
D(a; r_1, r_2) \subsetneqq B\left(a, \sqrt{\frac{r_1^2+r_2^2}{2}}\right).
$$

Now, to prove the bicomplex version of Rouche's theorem, we first prove the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be bounded domains in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let X be the Cartesian domain generated by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Also,

$$
F(z_1+jz_2)=f_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1+f_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,
$$

and

$$
G(z_1+jz_2)=g_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1+g_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,
$$

are bicomplex holomorphic functions in  $X$ . If

- (i)  $|F(z)| < |G(Z)|$  for every  $Z \in \partial X$ ,
- (ii)  $G(Z)$  having at least one zero in X,

<span id="page-1-1"></span>then  $H(Z) = F(Z) + G(Z)$  has the same number of zeros in X as  $G(Z)$  does.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be bounded domains in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let X be the Cartesian domain generated by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Also,

 $F(z_1 + jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1 - iz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1 + iz_2)e_2,$ 

and

 $G(z_1+jz_2)=g_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1+g_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,$ 

are bicomplex holomorphic functions in  $X$ . If

- (i)  $|F(z)| < |G(Z)|$  for every  $Z \in \partial X$ ,
- (ii)  $G(Z)$  having no zero in X,

then  $H(Z) = F(Z) + G(Z)$  has no zero in X as  $G(Z)$  does.

By combining Theorems [1.3](#page-1-0) and [1.4,](#page-1-1) we have the following Theorem [1.5.](#page-2-0)

**Theorem 1.5.** (Analogue of the Rouche's Theorem) Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be bounded domains in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let X be the Cartesian domain generated by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . Also,

<span id="page-2-0"></span>
$$
F(z_1+jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,
$$

and

$$
G(z_1+jz_2)=g_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1+g_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,
$$

are bicomplex holomorphic functions in X. If  $|F(z)| < |G(Z)|$  for every  $Z \in \partial X$ , then  $H(Z) = F(Z) + G(Z)$  has the same number of zeros in X as  $G(Z)$  does.

Example 1.6. Assume that

$$
F(Z) = e_2 Z^{10} - 6e_1 Z^9 + e_2 Z^5 + 6e_2 Z^3 - e_2 Z + 101e_1 = P(Z) + Q(Z),
$$

where

$$
P(Z) = -6e_1Z^9 + e_2Z^5 + 6e_2Z^3 + 2e_2Z + e_1 = (-6\alpha^9 + 1)e_1 + (\beta^5 + 6\beta^3 + 2\beta)e_2 = \phi(\alpha)e_1 + \psi(\beta)e_2,
$$

and

$$
Q(Z) = e_2 Z^{10} - 3e_2 Z + 100e_1 = 100e_1 + (\beta^{10} - 3\beta)e_2 = \eta(\alpha)e_1 + \zeta(\beta)e_2,
$$

then  $Q(Z)$  has no zeros, also

 $|\zeta(\beta)| < |\phi(\alpha)|$ , and  $|\psi(\beta)| < |\eta(\alpha)|$ ,

for  $|\alpha| = |\beta| = 1$  ([\[7\]](#page-6-3), p. 342, 343). For every bicomplex number  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2$ , and every complex number a, we have √ √

$$
|ae_1Z^n| \le \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}|a||\alpha|^n, \quad \text{and} \quad |ae_2Z^n| \le \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}|a||\beta|^n.
$$

Hence, if  $Z \in \partial D(0, 1, 1)$ , since  $|\alpha| \leq 1$ ,  $|\beta| \leq 1$  based on triangle inequality, we have

$$
|P(Z)| \le \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{2}
$$
, and  $|Q(Z)| \ge \frac{96\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .

By Theorem [1.5,](#page-2-0)  $Q(Z)$  and  $F(Z)$  have the same number of zeros inside  $D(0;1,1)$ . Hence,  $F(Z)$  having no zeros inside  $D(0; 1, 1)$ .

#### Example 1.7. Assume that

$$
P(Z) = 9Z^5 + Z^3 - \left(\frac{3+4i}{8} + \frac{11}{24}ij\right)Z^2 + \frac{1}{48}((2-i) + (6i-1)j)Z - \frac{7}{48}(i-j),
$$

and put

$$
F(Z) = Z3 - \left(\frac{3+4i}{8} + \frac{11}{24}ij\right)Z2 + \frac{1}{48}\left((2-i) + (6i-1)j\right)Z - \frac{7}{48}(i-j)
$$
  
=  $\left(\alpha^{3} - \frac{5+3i}{6}\alpha^{2} + \frac{1}{6}\alpha - \frac{i}{3}\right)e_{1} + \left(\beta^{3} + \frac{1-6i}{12}\beta^{2} - \frac{2+i}{24}\beta + \frac{i}{24}\right)e_{2}$   
=:  $\phi(\alpha)e_{1} + \psi(\beta)e_{2},$ 

and  $G(Z) = 9Z^5$ , then for every  $Z \in \partial D(0, 1, 1)$ , we have

$$
|G(Z)| \ge \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2}
$$
, and  $|F(Z)| \le 2\sqrt{2} < |G(Z)|$ .

By Theorem [1.5,](#page-2-0)  $P(Z)$  and  $G(Z)$  have the same number of zeros in  $D(0; 1, 1)$ , but  $G(Z)$  has all its zeros in  $D(0; 1, 1)$ . Therefore,  $P(Z)$  has all its zeros in  $D(0; 1, 1)$ .

<span id="page-3-3"></span>**Proposition 1.8.** Assume  $F(Z) = f_{e_1}(\alpha)e_1 + f_{e_2}(\beta)e_2$  be non-constant and holomorphic in an open set containing  $\overline{D}(0;1,1)$ . If  $|F(Z)| = 1$  for every  $Z \in \partial D(0;1,1)$ , then the image of  $F(Z)$  contains the  $D(0;1,1)$ .

In the following two theorems, we prove that for a bicomplex holomorphic function  $F(Z)$  in a bicomplex domain X,  $|F(Z)|$  cannot attain a maximum (minimum) in D, unless  $F(Z)$  is constant.

Theorem 1.9. (Analogue of the Maximum Modulus Theorem) If

<span id="page-3-0"></span>
$$
F(z_1+jz_2)=f_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1+f_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2,
$$

is a holomorphic function in a domain X, then  $|F(Z)|$  cannot attain a maximum in X unless  $F(Z)$  is constant.

<span id="page-3-1"></span>Theorem 1.10. (Analogue of the Minimum Modulus Theorem) If

<span id="page-3-4"></span>
$$
F(z_1 + jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1 - iz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1 + iz_2)e_2,
$$

is a holomorphic function in a domain X, and  $F(Z)$  is invertible in X. Then  $|F(Z)|$  cannot attain a minimum in X unless  $F(Z)$  is constant.

**Remark 1.11.** If X is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{BC}$ , then  $\overline{X} = X \bigcup \partial X$  is a compact set in  $\mathbb{BC}$  and hence  $|F(Z)|$  attains a maximum and minimum on  $\overline{X}$ , therefore based on Theorems [1.9](#page-3-0) and [1.10,](#page-3-1) maximum and minimum of  $|F(Z)|$  occur on  $\partial X$ .

Finally, we prove the bicomplex version of Hurwitz's theorem.

**Theorem 1.12.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be bounded domains in C such that  $\overline{X_1}$  and  $\overline{X_2}$  compacts, also X be cartesian set determined by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ . If a sequence  $\{F_n\}$  of holomorphic functions in X and continues on  $\partial X$ , is uniformly convergent on every compact subset of X to a function F and F does not vanish in  $\partial X$ , then there exists some positive integer N, such that for every  $n \geq N$ ,  $F_n(Z)$  in X has the same number of zeros as the function  $F(Z)$  does counting every root as many times as its multiplicity indicates.

## 2 Lemma

We will need the following lemmas to prove our results.

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be domains in  $\mathbb{C}$ , and let X be the Cartesian domain generated by  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , then boundary  $X$  is the union of the following three disjoint sets:

$$
T_1 = \{ \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 : \alpha \in X_1, \beta \in \partial X_2 \}, \quad T_2 = \{ \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 : \alpha \in \partial X_1, \beta \in X_2 \}, \quad T_3 = \{ \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 : \alpha \in \partial X_1, \beta \in \partial X_2 \}.
$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be open sets in  $\mathbb{C}$ . If  $f_{e_1}: X_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_{e_2}: X_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are holomorphic functions on  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  respectively, then the function  $f: X_1 \times_e X_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{BC}$  defined as

<span id="page-3-2"></span>
$$
f(z_1+jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1-jz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1+jz_2)e_2, \quad \forall z_1+jz_2 \in X_1 \times_e X_2,
$$

is BC−holomorphic on the open set  $X_1 \times_{\mathcal{E}} X_2$  and

$$
f'(z_1+jz_2) = f'_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1 + f'_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2, \quad \forall \ z_1+jz_2 \in X_1 \times_e X_2.
$$

These lemmas and the next lemma are proved by Charak et al. [\[2,](#page-6-6) [3,](#page-6-7) [10\]](#page-6-8).

**Lemma 2.3.** If X is an open set in  $\mathbb{BC}$ , and let  $f : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{BC}$  be a  $\mathbb{BC}$ -holomorphic function on X, then there exist holomorphic functions  $f_{e_1}: X_1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_{e_2}: X_2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$  with

<span id="page-4-0"></span>
$$
X_1 = \{z_1 - iz_2 : z_1 + jz_2 \in X\}, \quad X_2 = \{z_1 + iz_2 : z_1 + jz_2 \in X\},\
$$

such that

$$
f(z_1 + jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1 - iz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1 + iz_2)e_2, \qquad \forall \ z_1 + jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC}.
$$

<span id="page-4-3"></span>**Lemma 2.4.** (Weierstrass) Let  $\{F_n\}$  be a sequence of bicomplex holomorphic functions on a domain D, which con-verges uniformly on compact subsets of D to a function F. Then F is bicomplex holomorphic in D [\[3,](#page-6-7) [4\]](#page-6-9).

<span id="page-4-2"></span>**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $f(z)$  be an analytic complex function in a domain D and continue on its closure  $\overline{D}$ . If  $|f(z)|$  is constant on the boundary of D, then  $f(z)$  has a zero in D [\[7,](#page-6-3) [5\]](#page-6-10).

## 3 Proofs of the Theorems

### 3.1 Proof of Theorem [1.3](#page-1-0)

Let  $Z_1 = \alpha_1 e_1 + \beta_1 e_2 \in X$  such that  $G(Z_1) = 0$  and  $\alpha \in \partial X_1$ , then by lemma [2.1,](#page-3-2)  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta_1 e_2 \in \partial X$  and based on (i),  $|F(Z)| < |G(Z)|$ , i.e.

$$
\sqrt{\frac{|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2+|f_{e_2}(\beta_1)|^2}{2}}<\sqrt{\frac{|g_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2+|g_{e_2}(\beta_1)|^2}{2}}=\sqrt{\frac{|g_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2}{2}}.
$$

Hence,  $|f_{e_1}(\alpha)| < |g_{e_1}(\alpha)|$ , for every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha \in \partial X_1$ . Since,  $X_1$  is a bounded domain, hence by Lemma [2.3,](#page-4-0)  $f_{e_1}$  and  $g_{e_1}$  are holomorphic functions on  $X_1$  and by applying Rouches's theorem, we find that  $f_{e_1}(\alpha) + g_{e_1}(\alpha)$  has the same number of zeros in  $X_1$  as  $g_{e_1}(\alpha)$  does.

Let  $\beta$  be a complex number with  $\beta \in \partial X_2$ , then  $Z = \alpha_1 e_1 + \beta e_2 \in \partial X$  and based on (i),  $|F(Z)| < |G(Z)|$ , i.e.

$$
\sqrt{\frac{|f_{e_1}(\alpha_1)|^2+|f_{e_2}(\beta)|^2}{2}}<\sqrt{\frac{|g_{e_1}(\alpha_1)|^2+|g_{e_2}(\beta)|^2}{2}}=\sqrt{\frac{|g_{e_2}(\beta)|^2}{2}}.
$$

Hence,  $|f_{e_2}(\beta)| < |g_{e_2}(\beta)|$ , for every complex number  $\beta$  with  $\beta \in \partial X_2$ . Since,  $X_2$  is a bounded domain, then by Lemma [2.3,](#page-4-0)  $f_{e_2}$  and  $g_{e_2}$  are holomorphic functions on  $X_2$  and by applying Rouches's theorem, we find that  $f_{e_2}(\beta) + g_{e_2}(\beta)$  has the same number of zeros in  $X_2$  as  $g_{e_2}(\beta)$  does.

Therefore,  $H(Z) = F(Z) + G(Z) = (f_{e_1}(\alpha) + g_{e_1}(\alpha))e_1 + (f_{e_2}(\beta) + g_{e_2}(\beta))e_2$ , has the same number of zeros in X as does  $G(Z)$  and this completes the proof of Theorem [1.3.](#page-1-0)

#### 3.2 Proof of Theorem [1.4](#page-1-1)

Assume that  $Z^* = \alpha^* e_1 + \beta^* e_2 \in X$  such that  $H(Z^*) = 0$ . Hence,  $(f_{e_1} + g_{e_1})(\alpha^*) = 0$  and  $(f_{e_2} + g_{e_2})(\beta^*) = 0$ , and therefore,

<span id="page-4-1"></span>
$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha^*)| = |g_{e_1}(\alpha^*)| \quad \text{and} \quad |f_{e_2}(\beta^*)| = |g_{e_2}(\beta^*)|.
$$
 (3.1)

For every  $\alpha \in \partial X_1$ , since,  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta^* e_2 \in \partial X$ , then  $|P(Z)| < |Q(Z)|$ . It follows that

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta^*)|^2 < |g_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |g_{e_2}(\beta^*)|^2,
$$

and by (3.[1\)](#page-4-1), we obtain  $|f_{e_1}(\alpha)| < |g_{e_1}(\alpha)|$ , for every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $\alpha \in \partial X_1$ . By Lemma [2.3](#page-4-0) and applying Rouche's theorem for  $f_{e_1}(\alpha)$  and  $g_{e_1}(\alpha)$ , we find that  $g_{e_1}(\alpha)$  has at least one zero in  $X_1$ . Using a similar argument used above, we find that  $g_{e_2}(\beta)$  has at least one zero in  $X_2$ . Hence,  $G(Z)$  has at least one zero in X, which contradicts with this fact that  $G(Z)$  does not vanish in X. Hence,  $(F+G)(z)$  has no zeros in X and this proves the desired result.

## 3.3 Proof of Proposition [1.8](#page-3-3)

For every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha| = 1$ , since,  $\alpha e_1 \in \partial D(0; 1, 1)$ , hence,  $|F(\alpha e_1)| = 1$ , and

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(0)|^2 = 1.
$$

Therefore,  $|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|$  is constant for every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha|=1$  and by Lemma [2.5,](#page-4-2)  $\phi(\alpha)$  has a zero in  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{C} : |\alpha| < 1\}$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $|f_{e_1}(\beta)|$  also has a zero in  $|\beta| < 1$  and hence,  $F(Z)$  has a zero in  $D(0; 1, 1)$ . For every bicomplex number W in  $D(0; 1, 1)$ , we have

$$
|W| < 1 < |F(Z)|
$$

for every  $Z \in \partial D(0; 1, 1)$ . So, Theorem [1.5](#page-2-0) implies that  $F(Z) - W$  and  $F(Z)$  have the same number of zeros in D, therefore  $F(Z) - W$  has at least one zero in D. This proves the desired result.

#### 3.4 Proof of Theorem [1.9](#page-3-0)

Let  $X_1 := \{z_1 - iz_2 : z_1 + jz_2 \in X\}$  and  $X_2 := \{z_1 + iz_2 : z_1 + jz_2 \in X\}$ , then by Lemma [2.3,](#page-4-0) there exist holomorphic functions  $f_{e_1}: X_1 \to X$  and  $f_{e_2}: X_2 \to X$  such that

$$
F(z_1+jz_2) = f_{e_1}(z_1-iz_2)e_1 + f_{e_2}(z_1+iz_2)e_2, \quad \forall \ z_1+jz_2 \in \mathbb{BC}.
$$

Suppose that  $|F(Z)|$  attains maximum at a point  $Z_0 = \alpha_0 e_1 + \beta_0 e_2$  in X. If  $B(Z_0, r) \subset X$ , then  $D(Z_0; r, r) \subsetneq$  $B(Z_0, r)$ , and

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta)|^2 \le |f_{e_1}(\alpha_0)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta_0)|^2, \qquad \forall \ \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2 \in D(Z_0; r, r).
$$

For every  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta_0 e_2$  such that  $|\alpha - \alpha_0| < r$ , since,  $Z \in D(Z_0; r, r)$  and  $\alpha \in X_1$ , we have  $|F(Z)| \leq |F(Z_0)|$ , i.e.

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta_0)|^2 \le |f_{e_1}(\alpha_0)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta_0)|^2.
$$

Therefore,  $|f_{e_1}(\alpha)| \leq |f_{e_1}(\alpha_0)|$ , for every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha - \alpha_0| < r$  ( $\alpha \in X_1$ ). Since,  $f_{e_1}$  is analytic in  $X_1$ , hence, based on the maximum modulus theorem,  $f_{e_1}$  is constant. Using a similar argument as used for  $f_{e_1}$ , we find that  $f_{e_2}$  is also constant. Therefore,  $F(z)$  is constant and this proves the desired result.

#### 3.5 Proof of Theorem [1.10](#page-3-1)

Let  $Z_0 = \alpha_0 e_1 + \beta_0 e_2 \in X$  such that for every  $Z \in X$ , we have  $|F(Z_0)| \leq |F(Z)|$ . Choose a disk  $B(Z_0, r)$  contained in X. For every complex number  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha - \alpha_0| < r$ , since,  $Z = \alpha e_1 + \beta_0 e_2 \in X$ , hence,  $|F(Z_0)| \leq |F(Z)|$ , i.e.

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha_0)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta_0)|^2 \le ||f_{e_1}(\alpha)|^2 + |f_{e_2}(\beta_0)|^2,
$$

or

$$
|f_{e_1}(\alpha_0)| \leq |f_{e_1}(\alpha)|,
$$

for every  $\alpha$  with  $|\alpha - \alpha_0| < r$ . Also, as  $F(Z)$  is invertible in X, then  $f_{e_1}(z_1 - iz_2) \neq 0$  in  $X_1$  and  $f_{e_2}(z_1 + iz_2) \neq 0$ in  $X_2$  ( $X_1, X_2$  is defined in Theorem [1.5\)](#page-2-0). Now, by applying maximum modulus theorem for  $f_{e_1}$ , we find that  $f_{e_1}$  is constant in disk  $|\alpha - \alpha_0| < r$  and therefore (by uniqueness theorem)  $f_{e_1}$  is constant in  $X_1$ .

Similarly, we can get  $f_{e_2}$  is constant in  $X_2$  and therefore,  $F(Z)$  is constant in X. This completes the proof of Theorem [1.10.](#page-3-1)

## 3.6 Proof of Theorem [1.12](#page-3-4)

Assume that  $m = \min_{Z \in \partial X} |F(Z)|$ , based on hypothesis,  $m > 0$  and we can find positive integer  $n_0$  such that for every  $n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$
|F_n(Z) - F(Z)| < m \le |F(Z)|
$$

for all  $Z \in \partial X$ . By Lemma [2.4,](#page-4-3) F is holomorphic, hence, by Theorem [1.5,](#page-2-0)  $F_n(Z) = (F_n(Z) - F(Z)) + F(Z)$  and  $F(Z)$ have the same number of zeros in  $X$ . This completes the proof of Theorem [1.12.](#page-3-4)

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