

Lemma. Let f be a holomorphic function on an open nbd. U of 0 in \mathbb{C} with $f(0) = 0$ but f not identically 0 . Then there is a unique integer $k \geq 1$ such that on some smaller nbd U' of 0 we can find a holomorphic function g with $g'(0) \neq 0$ and $f(z) = g(z)^k$ on U' .



$k = \nu_f(0)$ is called the branching order of f at 0 .
 $\nu_f(0) \geq 1$ 0 is called a ramification point and z is called a branch point.
 Proof. $f(z) = a_k z^k + a_{k+1} z^{k+1} + \dots$ $a_k \neq 0$

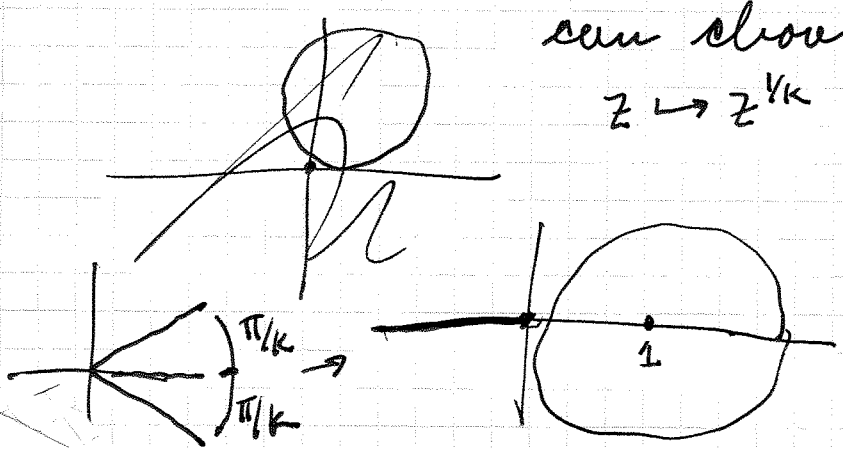
$$f(z) = a_k z^k (1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots) \quad \text{where } b_j = \frac{a_{k+j}}{a_k}$$

Assume U' is small enough that

$\sum |b_j z^j| < 1$ then the image of $z \mapsto g(z) = a_k^{1/k} (1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots)$ is contained in a disk in $\mathbb{C} - \{0\}$. In particular we

can choose a branch of $z \mapsto z^{1/k}$ in this disk and

$$\text{define } h(z) = (1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots)^{1/k}$$



Let $g(z) = a_k^{1/k} z h(z)$ for some choice of k -th root

then $g^k(z) = a_k z^k (1 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots) = f(z)$.

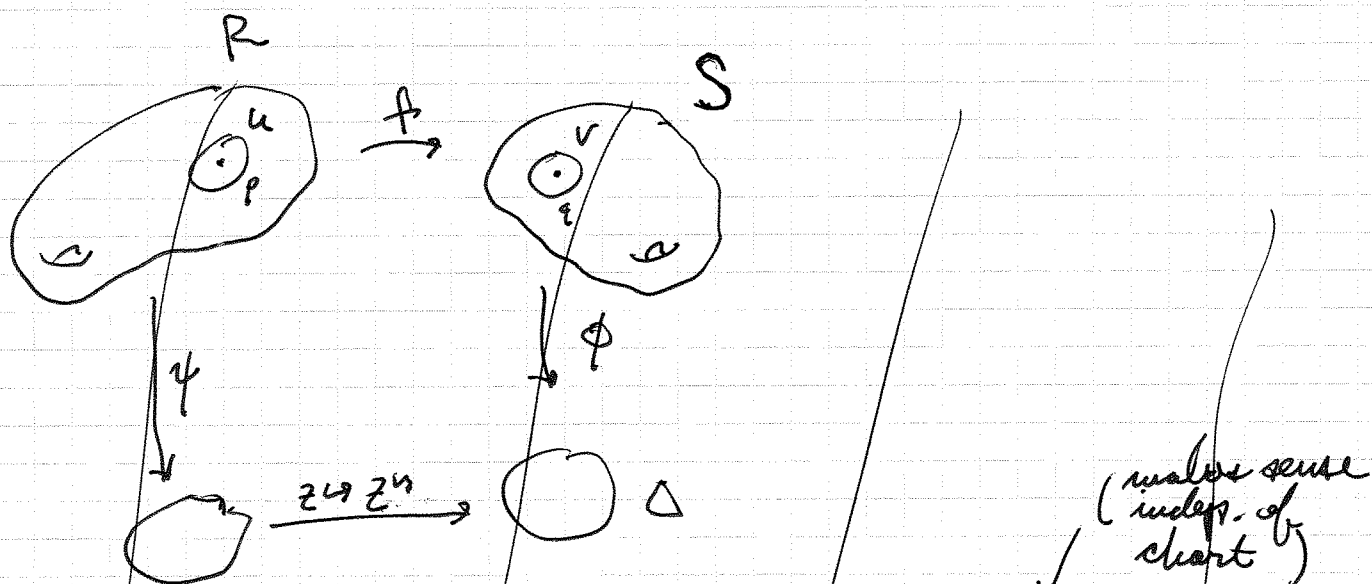
Furthermore ~~g~~ since $g'(0) = a_k^{1/k} z^{k-1}$

we have that g is locally invertible with a holomorphic inverse.

Theorem. (local model for holomorphic maps between Riemann surfaces)

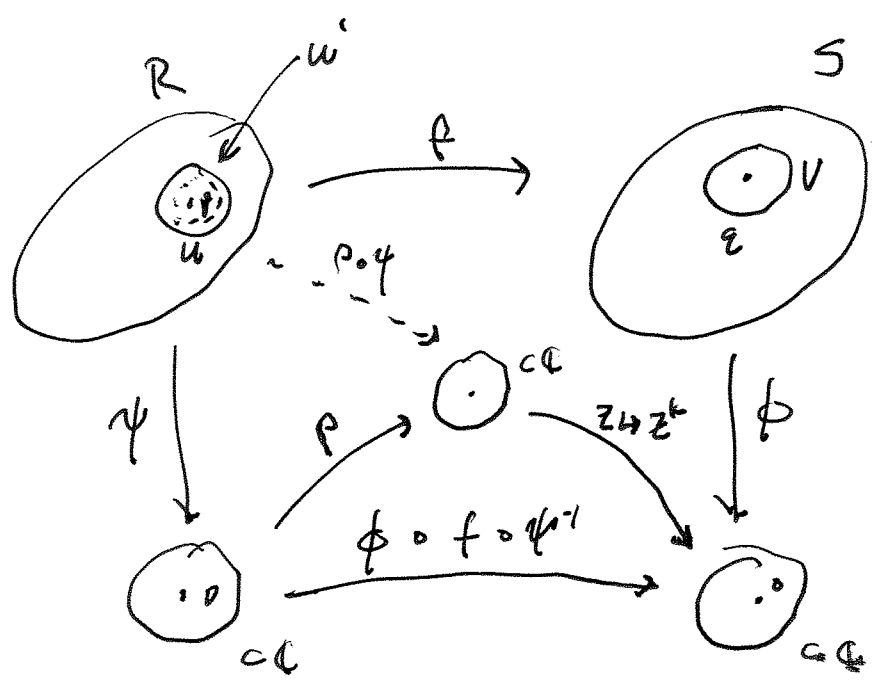
Let $f: R \rightarrow S$ be a holomorphic map with $f(p) = q$ and f not constant near p .

Given any chart $\phi: V \rightarrow \Delta$ with $\phi(q) = 0$ there is a chart $\psi: U \rightarrow \Delta$ with $\psi(p) = 0$ and $(\psi \circ f)(z) = (\phi(z))^n$.



Proof. Let $g(z) = (\phi \circ f)^{1/n}$. $g'(p) \neq 0$
 so g is locally invertible on a smaller chart U' .
 Let $\psi = g \circ U'$. Thus $(\psi \circ f)(z) = g^n(z) = \phi \circ f$.

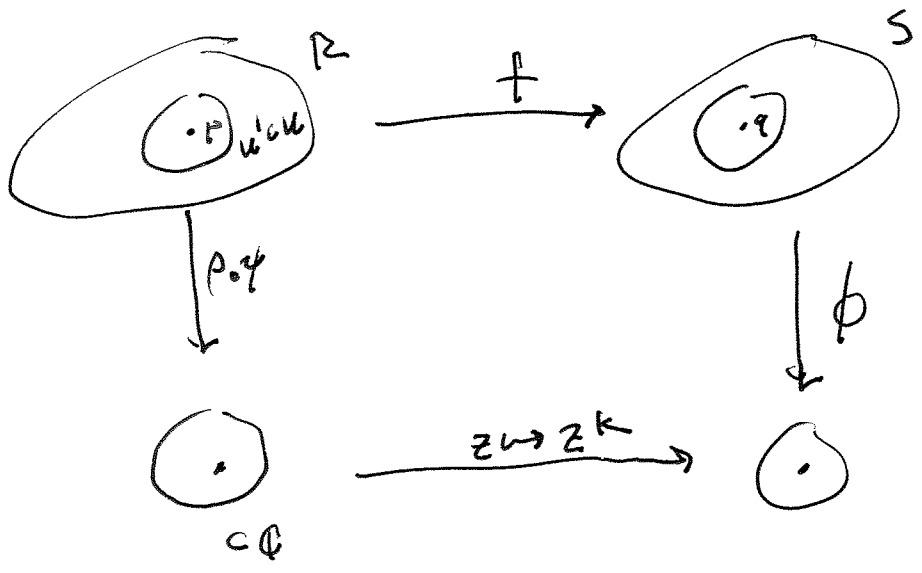
Geometric interpretation of the order of f : it is the n so that $f(w) = z'$ has n solutions for w near p .



Comput. are defined where they make sense.

Let k be the order of the zero of $\phi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1}$.

Let $\rho = (\phi \circ f \circ \psi^{-1})^{1/k}$



We call $k = \nu_f(p)$ the branching order of f at p .
 If $\nu_f(p) > 1$ then p is called a ramification point and q is called a branch point.



geometrically

Note that we can characterize k_p as the # of solutions z of $f(z) = q_0^*$ for q_0^* near q and z near p since this is the behavior of $z \mapsto z^k$.

If f is locally injective (if $k=1$) then f is locally invertible.

Prop. A bijective holomorphic map from R to S has a holomorphic inverse.

Want to move from a local picture to a global picture.

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Example of a local

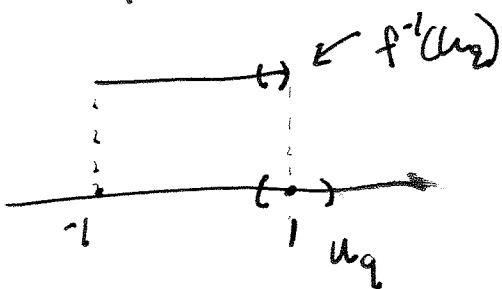
local homeomorphism and covering maps.

Def. $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a local homeomorphism if for each $p \in X$ there is a nbd. $P \ni U_p \subset X$ with $f|_{U_p}$ a homeomorphism from U_p to $f(U_p)$.

Example: $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ $f' \neq 0$. No ramification points.

Def. $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a covering map if for each $q \in Y$ there is a nbd U_q so that $f^{-1}(U_q)$ is a disjoint union of sets \tilde{U}_p with $f: \tilde{U}_p \rightarrow U_q$ a homeomorphism.

Not every local homeomorphism is a covering map. Let Δ be the open unit disk then the inclusion $i: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a local homeomorphism but not a covering map. In particular the point 1 is not evenly covered



The advantage of covering maps is that their study reduces to ~~the~~ the analysis of the fundamental group of the base...

No such algebraic theory for local homeomorphisms.

We can do path lifting for covering spaces.

Proposition. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a local homeomorphism. If X is compact then f is a covering space of finite degree covering degree, $(X, Y \text{ Hausdorff})$

Proof. Let $q \in Y$. $f^{-1}(q)$ if $f(p) = q$ then there is a nbd. U_p so that $f|_{U_p}$ is \cong so the inverse images of q are isolated. In particular $f^{-1}(q)$ is finite. Let p_1, \dots, p_k be these points. Let U_1, \dots, U_k be nbd's of p_1, \dots, p_k on which f is a homeo. Now $X - \cup U_i$ is comp closed so it is compact so $f(X - \cup U_i)$ is a compact. Let U_q be a nbd. of q disjoint from $f(X - \cup U_i)$. So $f^{-1}(U_q) \subset \cup U_i$. Let $\hat{U}_i = U_i \cap f^{-1}(U_q)$. f is a homeo $f|_{\hat{U}_i}$ is a homeo. so U_q is evenly covered.

If ~~a holomorphic~~ a holomorphic function ^{map $f: A$} is locally constant then ~~the multiplicity~~ does not make sense. $V_f(p)$

Prop. If $f: R \rightarrow S$ is holomorphic, and R is connected and f is locally constant at a point then f is constant.

Proof. Let $X = f^{-1}(q)$ for $q \in S$. X is closed since f is continuous.

If $f(p) = q$ but f is not locally constant

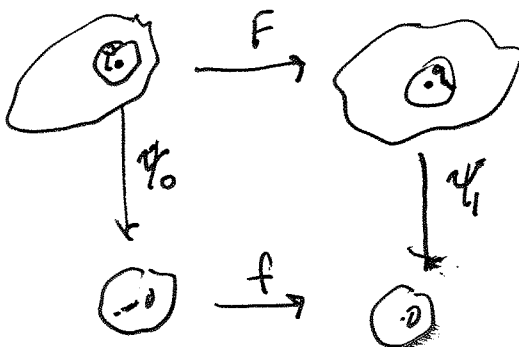
at p then p is an isolated point of X .

(Map looks like $z \mapsto z^2$ with $z=1$ in a nbd. of p). where $p=q=0$.

The union of X (the set of isolated points)

Write X as $I \cup N$. since $I \cap U^c$ open and U disjoint from N , $N = X \cap U^c$ is closed.

On the other hand N is open. If $p \in N$



~~f is zero on~~ 0 is the limit of points where f is 0 so $f(z) = 0$ in a nbd. of 0 so

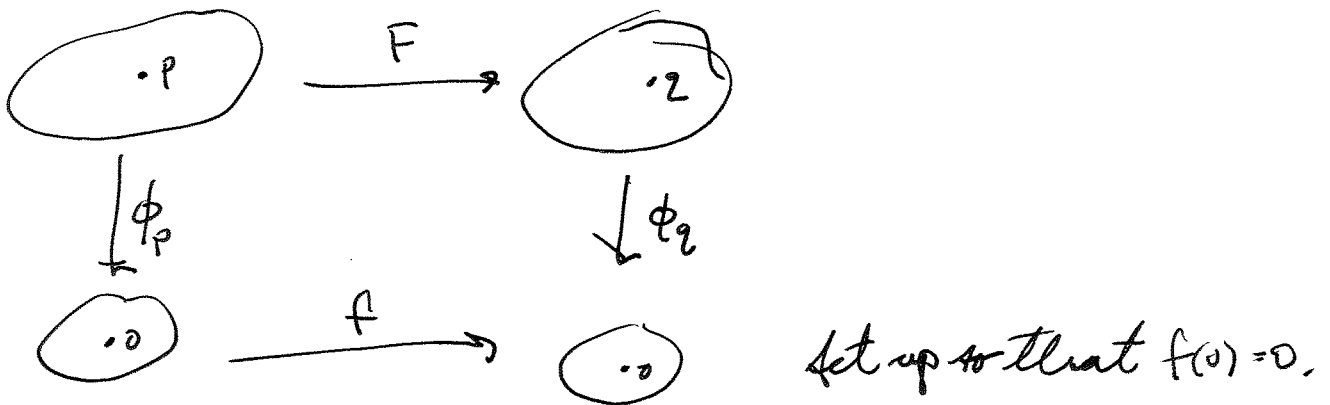
$F(p) = q$ in a nbd. of p . If N is open, closed non-empty and R is connected then $N = R$ and f is constant.

The set of zeros of $z \mapsto z^k$ is a point if $k=1$

Some results follow directly from the local picture of holomorphic maps.

I want to mention these first and then return to the analysis of covering spaces etc.

Focal model:



$$f(z) = a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 \dots$$

If the power series does not vanish then we can change coordinates so

$$\text{so } f(z) = z^k \quad (a_k \text{ first non-zero coef.})$$

If the power series vanished then

$$f(z) \equiv 0, \text{ so } F(p) \equiv q \text{ in a nbd. of } p.$$

Prop. ~~If $f: R \rightarrow S$ is not~~ If R is connected, $f: R \rightarrow S$ is holomorphic and not constant then the image of R is ~~connected~~ open.

Proof. ~~The map~~ This follows from the fact that $z \mapsto z^n$ ~~maps~~ ~~into a subd. of \mathbb{C} if $n \geq 1$.~~ takes any subd. of \mathbb{C} to a subd. of \mathbb{C} .

Cor. If R is compact and connected, f is holomorphic and non-constant then the $f(R)$ is a component of S .

Cor. ~~An affine curve~~ A holomorphic function on a compact Riemann surface is constant.

Proof. ~~Let $f: R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.~~ ~~The image is a component of \mathbb{C} so it is all of \mathbb{C} . But \mathbb{C} is not compact~~ If f is non-constant then the image is a component of \mathbb{C} so it is all of \mathbb{C} . But \mathbb{C} is not compact

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Definition. A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is proper if the inverse image of a compact set is compact.

Proposition. Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a local homeomorphism, Y be locally compact and f proper. Then f is a covering map.

Proof. Given $q \in Y$ we saw find a nbd. U_q with \bar{U}_q compact. Consider the restriction of f to $f^{-1}(\bar{U}_q)$. This set is compact.

Apply previous result.

Proposition. Let $f: R \rightarrow S$ be a holomorphic map of Riemann surfaces which is not locally constant at any point. Assume f is proper. For any $q \in S$ there is a nbd U_q so that $f^{-1}(U_q)$ is a disjoint union of sets U_{p_i} and $f|_{U_{p_i}}$ is conjugate to $z \mapsto z^k$ where k is the $k = v(p_i, f)$.

A proper map

Cor. If $f: R \rightarrow S$ is holomorphic, ~~and~~ not locally constant, ~~and S is connected~~ then the quantity $\# \{ z \mapsto \sum_{p_j \in f^{-1}(z)} V_{p_j}(f) \}$

is locally constant.



Proof. For the map $f: z \mapsto z^k$ this quantity is locally constant.

(at $q=0$ there is 1 inverse image with $V_0(f) = k$. For $q \neq 0$ but q small there are k inverse images with $V(f) = 1$ at each.)

then this # is constant and

Def. If S is connected we call this number the degree of the map, $d(f)$.