

**Entire and meromorphic functions**  
**Problem set 3 (due Friday, November 17)**

1. Let  $f$  be meromorphic and  $\rho > 0$ . Show that  $N(r, f) \sim r^\rho$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $n(r, f) \sim \rho r^\rho$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .
2. Let  $P(z) = z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0$  be a polynomial, with  $n \geq 1$ . Show that

$$T(r, \exp \circ P) = \frac{r^n}{\pi} + \mathcal{O}(r^{n-1})$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

3. Show that  $m(r, \tan) = \mathcal{O}(1)$ . Actually,  $m(r, \tan) = o(1)$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , and if you are more ambitious you can also show this.

**Hint:** Show first that there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|\tan z| \leq C \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{|\operatorname{Im} z|} \right\}$$

for  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}$ . Actually,

$$|\tan z| \leq 1 + \frac{1}{|\operatorname{Im} z|}$$

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