

Since $\#(D \cap z_4\text{-axis}) < \infty$, \exists a circle $|z_4| = \epsilon$ with $z_1 = z_2 = z_3 = 0$. \Rightarrow By the tube lemma again, $\exists \delta$ s.t. $\{ (z_1, z_2, z_3) : |z_1| \leq \delta, |z_2| \leq \delta, |z_3| \leq \delta, |z_4| = \epsilon \} \cap D = \emptyset$. For each fixed $|z_4| \leq \delta$, the integral

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} \int_{|z_4|=\epsilon} \frac{dh(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)}{h(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)}.$$

is well-defined, continuous, and integer-valued. It follows that D meets each vertical disc $\{z_4 = c, |(z_1, z_2, z_3)| \leq \epsilon, 0 < c \leq \delta\}$ the same number d of times. Thus, projecting \bar{D} on the z_4 -axis gives a proper mapping $\pi: \bar{D} \xrightarrow{\text{restrict}} \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) : |(z_1, z_2, z_3)| < \delta\}$ that restricts to a d -sheeted covering $\pi: D^* \rightarrow \{(z_1, z_2, z_3) : 0 < |(z_1, z_2, z_3)| < \delta\}$ over the punctured plane. Wrong, since h is not holomorphic and $(h=0) \neq D \cap \Delta^* \times \Delta^3$. \perp

Note: The general principle is this: Let $W \subset \Delta^n$ be a closed subset such that (1) the projection $W \xrightarrow{\pi} \Delta^k$ is proper, and (2) outside an analytic subvariety $Z \subset \Delta^k$ this projection $W^* \xrightarrow{\pi} \Delta^k - Z$ ($W^* = W - \pi^{-1}(Z)$) is an analytic branched covering. Then W is a k -dimensional analytic subvariety of Δ^n .

\mathbb{F} So far we saw that "proper" is needed for "boundedness". \Rightarrow