

Cultivating Complex Analysis: Cauchy estimates, Liouville, and the fundamental theorem of algebra (3.3.4)

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Liouville says that $R(z)$ and hence $P(z)$ must be constant, a contradiction.

