

► **Theorem 6.14 (Gauss's mean value theorem)** *If  $f$  is analytic in a simply connected domain  $D$  that contains the circle  $C_R(z_0) = \{z : |z - z_0| = R\}$ , then*

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + Re^{i\theta}) d\theta.$$

**Proof** We parametrize the circle  $C_R(z_0)$  by

$$C_R(z_0) : z(\theta) = z_0 + Re^{i\theta} \quad \text{and} \quad dz = iRe^{i\theta} d\theta, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$$

and use this parametrization along with Cauchy's integral formula to obtain

$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(z_0 + Re^{i\theta}) iRe^{i\theta} d\theta}{Re^{i\theta}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(z_0 + Re^{i\theta}) d\theta.$$