

Analysis in one complex variable
Lecture 8 – Exercises

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Simplify and force the geometric series:

$$\frac{2}{1+z^2} = \frac{2}{(1+iz)(1-iz)} = \frac{1}{1+iz} + \frac{1}{1-iz}.$$

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