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## Preface to the Second English Edition

Meanwhile the fourth edition of the German version appeared. In this second English edition we adapt the content closely to this German edition. We also followed several suggestions and tried to improve the language and typography. We thank Shari Scott for her support.

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This book is a translation of the forthcoming fourth edition of our German book “Funktionentheorie I” (Springer 2005). The translation and the  $\text{\LaTeX}$  files have been produced by Dan Fulea. He also made a lot of suggestions for improvement which influenced the English version of the book. It is a pleasure for us to express to him our thanks. We also want to thank our colleagues Diarmuid Crowley, Winfried Kohnen and Jörg Sixt for useful suggestions concerning the translation.

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The many new applications and exercises were completed in the last decade to also allow a partial parallel approach using computer algebra systems and graphic tools, which may have a fruitful, powerful impact especially in complex analysis.

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