

More Properties

(a). $z^n = e^{n \log z}$, for $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

(b). $z^{\frac{1}{n}} = e^{\frac{1}{n} \log z}$, for $z \neq 0$, $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ [Multiple-valued]

PROOF (a) Let $z = re^{i\theta}$, then $e^{n \log z} = e^{n[\quad]}$
 $= e^{n \ln r} \cdot e^{in\theta} \cdot e^{i2n\pi}$
 $= e^{\quad} \cdot e^{in\theta} \cdot \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
 $= r^n e^{in\theta}$
 $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \blacksquare$

PROOF (b) Case 1: $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Let $z = re^{i\theta}$, then $\exp\left(\frac{1}{n} \log z\right) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{n}[\ln r + i(\Theta + 2k\pi)]\right) \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $= \exp\left(\frac{1}{n} \ln r + i\left(\frac{\Theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right)\right) \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \cdot e^{i\left(\frac{\Theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right)} \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $= e^{(\ln r^{1/n})} \cdot e^{i\left(\frac{\Theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right)} \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $= \underline{\hspace{2cm}} e^{i\left(\frac{\Theta}{n} + \frac{2k\pi}{n}\right)} \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$
 $= z^{1/n}$ by definition and since
 it yields distinct values only for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ \blacksquare

Case 2: $n \in \mathbb{Z}^-$ [One of the assigned homework problems]

Since the two properties above hold for powers that are integers and their reciprocals, we suspect that it might hold for $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ complex numbers c .

DEF The Complex Power Function ($z \neq 0$) is defined as $z^c = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for any $c \in \mathbb{C}$.

Is this function single-valued or multiple-valued?

3. Evaluate the following and sketch the answer(s) in the complex plane:

(a). i^{3i}

$$i^{3i} = e^{3i \log i} = e^{3i [\quad]}$$

$$= e^{3i [\ln 1 + i(\pi/2 + 2n\pi)]}$$

$$= e^{3i [\quad]}$$

$$= e^{-3\pi/2 - 6n\pi}$$

(b). $(-\sqrt{3} - i)^i$

4. Use properties of the exponential function to show that $z^{-c} = \frac{1}{z^c}$

5. Evaluate $(-\sqrt{3} - i)^{-i}$

DEF P.V. $z^c = e^{c \text{Log } z}$, is the Principle Value of z^c

Using the Principle Branch of $\text{Log } z$ [i.e. $|z| > 0$ and $-\pi < \text{Arg } z < \pi$],
 P.V. z^c defines the Principle Branch of z^c .

6. Find P.V. $(-\sqrt{3} - i)^i$

Recall, that for any branch of $\log z$ ($r > 0, \alpha < \theta < \dots$),

$\log z = \ln r + i\theta$ is \dots -valued.

7. Using such a branch and the definition of z^c , fill in the steps to show that $\frac{d}{dz} [z^c] = cz^{c-1}$

$$\frac{d}{dz} [z^c] = \frac{d}{dz} [e^{c \log z}] \quad \text{by definition of the power function}$$

$$= e^{c \log z} \cdot \frac{d}{dz} [\quad] \quad \text{by the chain rule}$$

$$= e^{c \log z} \cdot c \cdot \quad \text{by the derivative of } \log z$$

$$= ce^{c \log z} \cdot \frac{1}{z}$$

$$= ce^{c \log z} \cdot z^{-1} \quad \text{by properties of } z^c$$

$$= ce^{c \log z} \cdot e \quad \text{by definition of the power function}$$

$$= ce^{c \log z - \log z} \quad \text{by properties of } \log z$$

$$= ce^{(\quad) \log z}$$

$$= cz^{c-1} \quad \text{by definition of the power function}$$