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$$z^3 - 3z$$

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from script_complexfunccolor import *

ab = (-10,10)
cd = (-5, 5)

width = 10
height = width * (cd[1] - cd[0]) / (ab[1] - ab[0])

plt.figure(figsize=(width, height))
f = lambda z: z**3-3*z
plot_domain(domaincol_m, f, re=ab, im=cd, title='$f(z)=z^3-3z$',
daxis=True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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The map

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{C}P^1 &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^1 \\ z &\mapsto z^3 - 3z \\ \infty &\mapsto \infty\end{aligned}$$

is degree 3, so it is a 3-sheeted branched cover.

The ramification points are at $z = \infty$ and

$$z : f'(z) = 3z^2 - 3 = 0 \iff z = -1, 1$$

and the branch points

$$\begin{aligned}f(\infty) &= \infty \\ f(-1) &= 2 \\ f(1) &= -2\end{aligned}$$

The preimage of the branch points are

$$f^{-1}(\infty) = \{\infty\}$$

and

$$(f')^{-1}(f(-1)) =$$

Up to affine change of coordinates on domain and range, every degree 3 polynomial is equivalent to z^3 or $z^3 - 3z$

A general polynomial degree 3 polynomial in $\mathbb{C}[z]$, when scaled to be monic, is

$$f(z) = z^3 + az^2 + bz + c$$

- By $z \mapsto z + \frac{a}{3}$, f can be turned into

$$f\left(z - \frac{a}{3}\right) = z^3 + pz + q$$

- by subtracting the constant

$$f\left(z - \frac{a}{3}\right) - q = z^3 + pz$$

- for $p = 0$ we have z^3
- for $p \neq 0$, we scale $z \mapsto sz$ such that $p = -3s^2$ we have

$$f\left(sz - \frac{a}{3}\right) - q = s^3(z^3 - 3z)$$

thus

$$\frac{1}{s^3} f\left(sz - \frac{a}{3}\right) = z^3 - 3z$$

Deck transformation group is trivial

[1]

[2]

[3]

[4]

Inverse

Proposition:

$$2w = z^3 - 3z$$

implies

$$z = \sqrt[3]{w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{w + \sqrt{w^2 - 1}}}$$

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The induced map on fundamental groups

The induced field extension of $\mathbb{C}(z)$

Current note has 0 direct children and 0 total descendants.

- [squishy](#)
 - [pow](#)
 - $z^3 - 3z$

And it has 28 siblings.

- [squishy](#)
 - [pow](#)
 - [Angle function](#)
 - [Bessel functions](#)
 - $\cos \sqrt{z}$
 - [The complex logarithm](#)
 - $\sum_{n \geq 0} z^{n!}$
 - $z^3 - 3z$
 - $\frac{r_0}{1 + \epsilon \cos b\theta}$
 - $\cos \left(\pi \frac{p}{q} \right)$
 - $\frac{\cos x^k}{x}$
 - [Elliptic integrals and Jacobi elliptic functions](#)
 - [The complex exponential](#) $\exp(z)$
 - $\exp \left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right)$
 - e^{-x^2}
 - [Only sum terms that are multiples of N in $\mathbb{C}[[z]]$](<https://rupadarshiray.github.io/notes/YchnxQ9SF1RsuKjBntMv8a.>
)]
 - $\int \frac{1}{x^2+bx+c}$
 - $\frac{\exp(z)}{1-z}$
 - $\sin x$
 - $\sin(x \sin(x))$
 - $\frac{\sin x}{x}$
 - [stock.sin x by xk](#)
 - $\sin x^2$
 - $\sqrt{z}$
 - $\sqrt{z^2 - 1}$
 - [Theta functions](#)
 - [Weierstrass elliptic function](#) $\wp$
 - [Weierstrass' primary factors](#)
 - $x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$
 - $x + x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$

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