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The complex logarithm

-log(1 - z) = z + 1/2 z^2 + 1/3 z^3 + ...

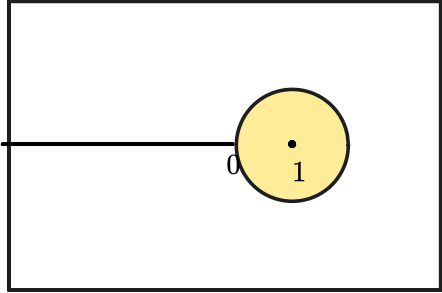
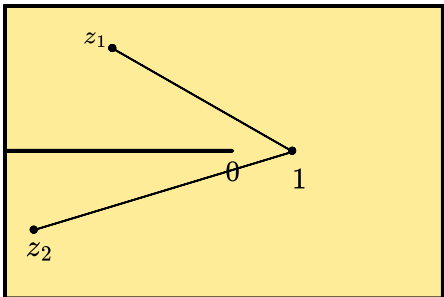
log 1/(1 - z) = sum_{n=1}^inf z^n/n

complex logarithm on the split plane

Definition. The complex logarithm

C \ (-inf, 0] -> C

log(z) := integral_{1 -> z} dw/w



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log(1 - z) = sum_{n=0}^inf z^{n+1}/(n+1) on |z| < 1

log(z) = log(1 - (1 - z)) = sum_{n=0}^inf (1 - z)^{n+1}/(n+1) on |1 - z| < 1

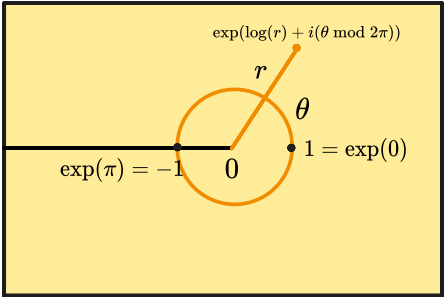
By definition

(d/dz) log(z) = 1/z

Proposition:

log(exp(z)) = z

therefore log(re^{i\theta}) = log(r) + i\theta



and

log(z1 z2) = log(z1) + log(z2)

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(d/dz) log(exp(z)) = 1/exp(z) exp(z) = 1

the Riemann surface of log is U(C^x)

Definition.

Z ~ (U(C^x), +)

pi

(C^x, x)

Consider

C^x := C \ {0}

and take the open subset C \ (-inf, 0] and the open rectangle R := (-inf, 0) x (-1, 1) and take Z many copies

C \ (-inf, 0] x Z

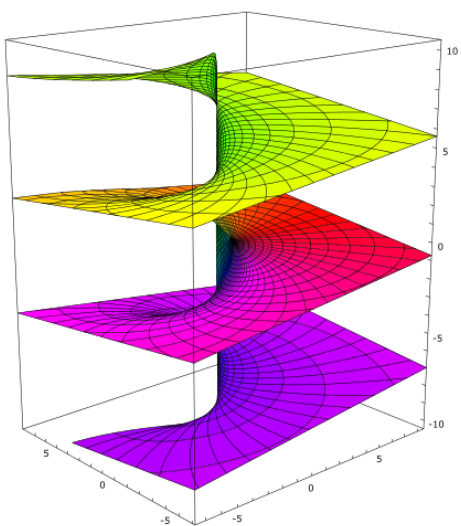
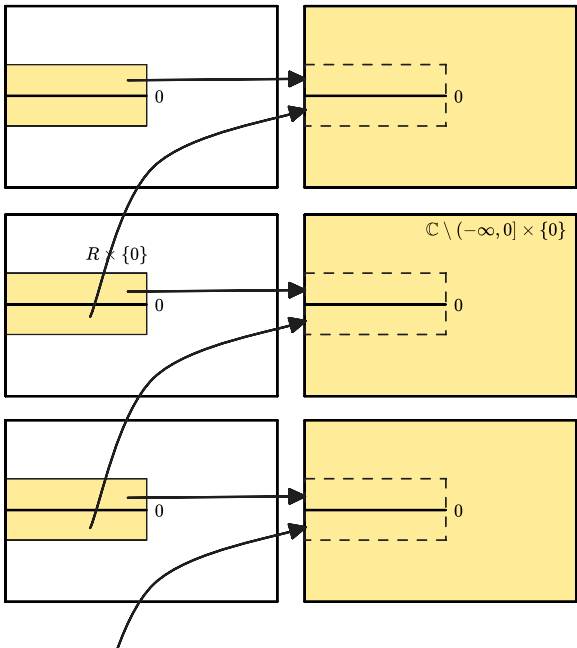
R x Z

and consider the gluing functions

g_k : (R \ (-inf, 0)) x {k} -> C \ (-inf, 0] x Z

(z, k) -> { (z, k) if z > 0, (z, k+1) if z < 0 }

for every k in Z



and glue them together using the gluing functions

$$U(\mathbb{C}^\times) := \frac{\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] \times \mathbb{Z} \amalg R \times \mathbb{Z}}{g_k, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{C}^\times$$

$$[z, k] \mapsto z$$

- We have the branches of the log function on the $\mathbb{Z}$ -many sheets

$$\begin{aligned} & \bullet \quad \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ & \quad (z, k) \mapsto \log(z) + 2\pi i k \end{aligned}$$

where $\log$

Definition. The complex logarithm

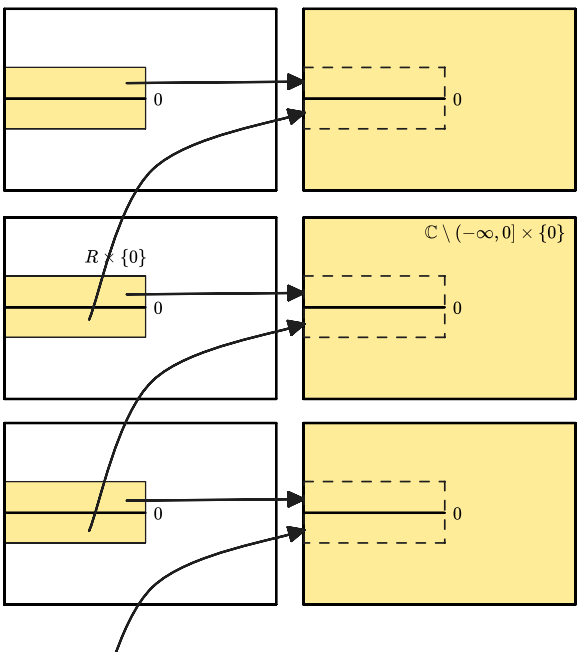
$$\mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\log(z) := \int_{1 \mapsto z} \frac{dw}{w}$$

- and

$$\begin{aligned} & R \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ & (z, k) \mapsto \int_{-1 \mapsto z} \frac{dw}{w} + i\pi + 2\pi i k \end{aligned}$$

- These functions agree with the gluing functions



Thus we have a continuous $\log$ on $U(\mathbb{C}^\times)$ which is actually holomorphic

Proposition: The function

$$\log : U(\mathbb{C}^\times) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

is holomorphic.

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \log : U(\mathbb{C}^\times) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ & \quad \downarrow \pi \\ & \quad \mathbb{C} \end{aligned}$$

[1]

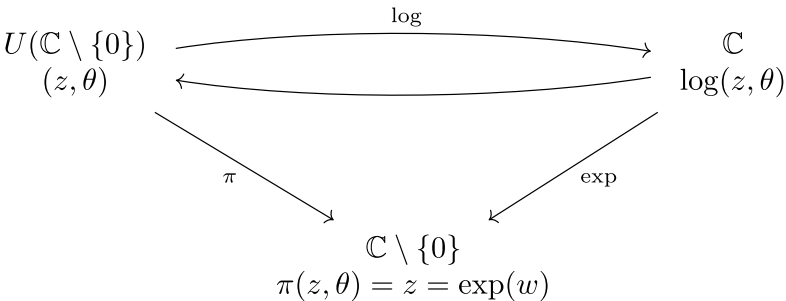
$\log$ on $U(\mathbb{C}^\times)$ is a biholomorphism to $\mathbb{C}$

Proposition: The holomorphic function

$$\begin{aligned}\log : U(\mathbb{C}^\times) &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ (z, \theta) &\mapsto \log(|z|) + i\theta\end{aligned}$$

is a bijection and thus a biholomorphism.

Therefore, we have a commutative diagram



Riemann surface of log through a holomorphic 1-form

The 1-form

$$\frac{1}{z}dz$$

is a closed 1-form on $\mathbb{C}^\times$ but not exact as

$$\int_{S^1} \frac{1}{z}dz = 2\pi i$$

But when pulled back onto $U(\mathbb{C}^\times)$ the 1-form

$$\frac{1}{z}dz \text{ on } U(\mathbb{C}^\times)$$

is exact because $U(\mathbb{C}^\times)$ is simply connected.

The function

Proposition: The function

$$\log : U(\mathbb{C}^\times) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

is holomorphic.

is precisely its anti-derivative.

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- [squishy](#)
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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](#)
 - $x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$
 - $x + x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$

1. [Elias Wegert - Visual Complex Functions - An Introduction with Phase Portraits-Birkhäuser Basel \(2012\), p.317](#) ↩