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$$\sqrt{z}$$

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square root on the universal cover of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

The inverse, or the square root

$$\sqrt{(z, \theta)} := \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\log(z, \theta)\right)$$

is defined on the $\mathbb{Z}$ -sheeted cover of punctured plane $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$.

square root on the 2-sheeted cover of $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$

Proposition: The holomorphic function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ z &\mapsto z^2 \end{aligned}$$

is a branched covering map with branched point $\{0\}$. Thus it is a covering map if we remove $0 \mapsto 0$

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

It is which is invariant for $\theta \mapsto \theta + 2(2\pi n)$

$$\exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\log((z, \theta) + (1, 2a))\right) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}\log(z, \theta) + \frac{2(2\pi n)i}{2}\right)$$

so it's 2-periodic, thus we may push this map onto the 2-sheeted cover. This is the Riemann surface for $\sqrt{z}$.

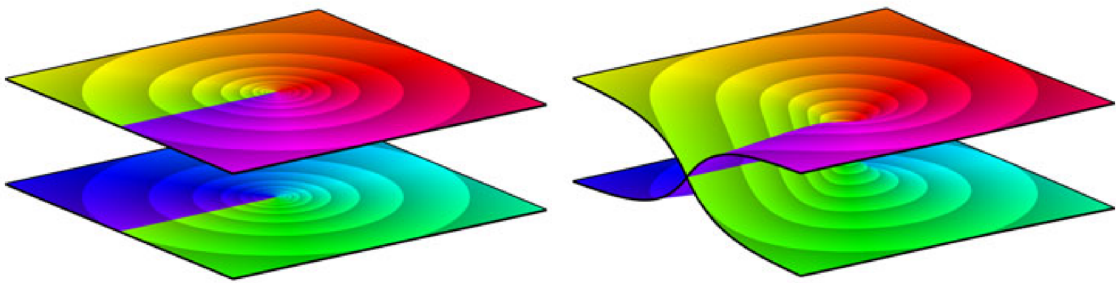
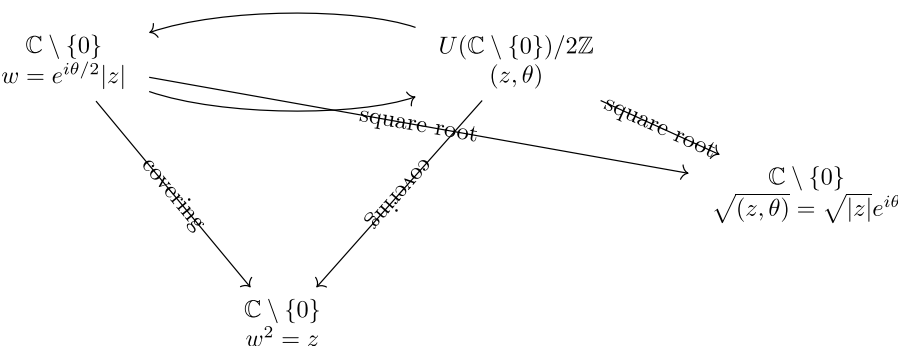


Figure 7.2: Building the concrete Riemann surface of the square root

The covering projection

$$\frac{U(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})}{2\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

is *biholomorphically conjugate* to the z^2 covering map



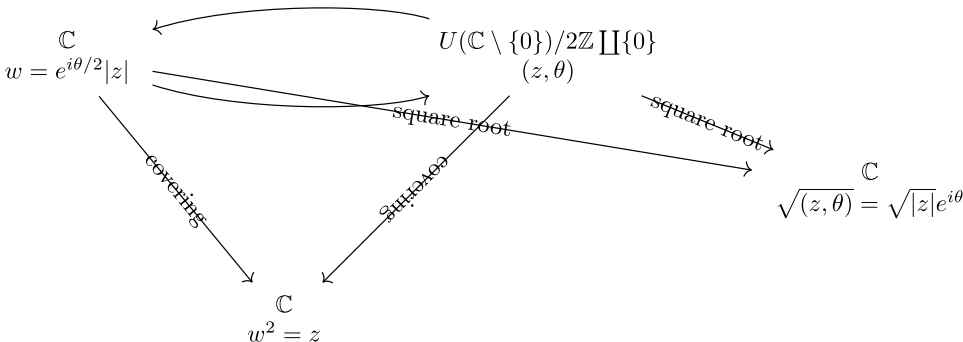
More explicitly, the 2-sheeted cover is constructed by taking two *branches* for $\sqrt{z}$.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow \frac{U(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})}{2\mathbb{Z}} \\ |z|e^{i\theta/2} &\mapsto (z, \theta) \end{aligned}$$

is a **biholomorphism** between the covers.

square root on the 2-sheeted cover of $\mathbb{C}$ branched at $\{0\}$



square root on the 2-sheeted cover of $\mathbb{CP}^1$ branched at $\{0, \infty\}$

The *meromorphic* function

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{CP}^1 &\rightarrow \mathbb{CP}^1 \\ z &\mapsto z^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\infty \mapsto \infty$ as usual is a branched covering with branched points $\{0, \infty\}$.

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 - $z^3 - 3z$
 - $\frac{r_0}{1 + \epsilon \cos b\theta}$
 - $\cos\left(\pi \frac{p}{q}\right)$
 - $\frac{\cos x^k}{x}$
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 - $\exp\left(\frac{z+1}{z-1}\right)$
 - e^{-x^2}
 - [Only sum terms that are multiples of N in $\mathbb{C}[[z]]$](<https://rupadarshiray.github.io/notes/YchnxQ9SF1RsuKjBntMv8a.>
 - $\int \frac{1}{x^2+bx+c}$
 - $\frac{\exp(z)}{1-z}$
 - $\sin x$
 - $\sin(x \sin(x))$
 - $\frac{\sin x}{x}$
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