

Quiz 4
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1. Give a definition of a branch of a complex logarithm.

A continuous function $\text{Log } z$ defined on a region $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ satisfying $\exp(\text{Log } z) = z \quad \forall z \in U$ is called a branch of a logarithm.

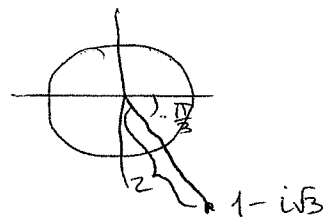
2. (a) Find all solutions of the equation $e^z = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$.

Let $z = x + iy$.

$$e^z = e^x \cdot e^{iy} = 1 - i\sqrt{3} = 2e^{i(-\frac{\pi}{3})}$$

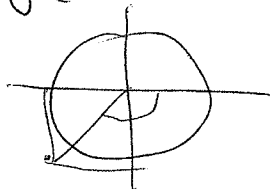
So $x = \ln 2$, $y = -\frac{\pi}{3} + 2\pi k$

$$z = \ln 2 + i(-\frac{\pi}{3} + 2\pi k), \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$



- (b) Find the principal value of $\log(-1 - i)$.

$$\log(-1 - i) = \ln|-1 - i| + i \text{Arg}(-1 - i) = \ln\sqrt{2} + i \cdot (-\frac{3\pi}{4})$$



3. Evaluate principal values of the following expressions in the form $x + iy$.

(a) $2^i = \exp(i \text{Log } 2) = e^{i \ln 2} = \cos(\ln 2) + i \sin(\ln 2)$

(b) $i^i = \exp(i \text{Log } i) = \exp(i \cdot (0 + i \frac{\pi}{2})) = e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}} + 0 \cdot i$