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1. (4 points) Determine whether each of the following statements is TRUE or FALSE.
[No explanation is needed.]

(a) $\text{Log}(z_1 z_2) = \text{Log } z_1 + \text{Log } z_2$ for every $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Answer: FALSE

Solution: The imaginary part of $\text{Log } z$ (i.e., $\text{Arg } z$) always lies in the interval $(-\pi, \pi]$, but the sum of two numbers in $(-\pi, \pi]$ may fall off the interval. For example, if $z_1 = z_2 = -1$, then $\text{Log } z_1 = \text{Log } z_2 = \pi i$, but $\text{Log } z_1 z_2 = \text{Log } 1 = 0$.

(b) $e^{\text{Log } z} = z$ for every $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, and $\text{Log } e^z = z$ for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$.

Answer: FALSE

Solution: The first part is true by the definition of the logarithm, but the identity $\text{Log } e^z = z$ holds only for $z \in \{x + iy : y \in (-\pi, \pi]\}$. Note that the exponential function is not one-to-one on the entire plane, and the imaginary part of Log is (by definition) always in $(-\pi, \pi]$. However, for every $z \in \mathbb{C}$, we can find $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\text{Log } e^z = z + i2k\pi$.

(c) The coefficient of $1/z$ in the partial fraction decomposition of $R(z) := \frac{z-1}{z^2(z+1)}$ is 2.

Answer: TRUE

Solution: The partial fraction decomposition of $R(z)$ has the form

$$\frac{z-1}{z^2(z+1)} = \frac{A}{z} + \frac{B}{z^2} + \frac{C}{z+1}$$

In order to find A , we first multiply both sides by z^2 (and cancel), differentiate both sides with respect to z and set $z = 0$. This gives $A = 2$.

- (d) If $z \neq 0$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, then all the values of z^α are on a circle centered at the origin, and all the values of $z^{i\alpha}$ are on a ray emitting from the origin.

Answer: TRUE

Solution: By definition,

$$z^\alpha = e^{\alpha \log z} = e^{\alpha(\ln |z| + i \arg z)} = [e^{\alpha \ln |z|}] e^{i(\alpha \arg z)}.$$

Since $\alpha \ln |z|$ and all the values of $\alpha \arg z$ are real, it follows that all the values of z^α are on the circle with radius $e^{\alpha \ln |z|}$ centered at the origin.

Similarly,

$$z^{i\alpha} = e^{i\alpha \log z} = e^{i\alpha(\ln|z| + i\arg z)} = [e^{-\alpha \arg z}] e^{i(\alpha \ln|z|)}.$$

from which it can be seen that all the values of $z^{i\alpha}$ are on the ray with angle $\alpha \ln|z|$ emitting from the origin.

2. (2 points) Argue that $u(x, y) := (\ln |z|)^2 - (\operatorname{Arg} z)^2$ (where $z = x + iy$) is harmonic in the domain $D^* := \mathbb{C} \setminus \{x + iy : x \leq 0 \text{ and } y = 0\}$.

[HINT: Recall that the real and imaginary parts of an analytic function are harmonic.]

Solution: Observe that u is the real part of

$$(\operatorname{Log} z)^2 = (\ln |z| + i \operatorname{Arg} z)^2 = ((\ln |z|)^2 - (\operatorname{Arg} z)^2) + i(2(\ln |z|)(\operatorname{Arg} z)) .$$

Since $f(z) := \operatorname{Log} z$ is analytic in D^* and $g(w) := w^2$ is analytic everywhere, $(\operatorname{Log} z)^2 = g(f(z))$ is analytic in D (by the chain rule). Therefore, its real part (which is u) is harmonic in D^* .

3. (4 points) Determine the domain of analyticity for $f(z) := \text{Log}(e^{iz} + 1)$. Sketch the set of points at which f is not analytic and compute $f'(0)$.

Solution: The function $g(z) := e^{iz} + 1$ is analytic everywhere and the function $h(w) := \text{Log } w$ is analytic everywhere except on the non-positive real axis

$$N^* := \{a + ib : a \leq 0 \text{ and } b = 0\} .$$

By the chain rule, $f(z) = h(g(z))$ is analytic everywhere except where $g(z) \in N^*$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \text{ analytic} &\iff e^{iz} + 1 \notin N^* \\ &\iff e^{iz} \notin -1 + N^* \\ &\iff e^{i(x+iy)} \notin -1 + N^* \\ &\iff e^{-y+ix} \notin -1 + N^* \end{aligned}$$

with $z = x + iy$. Note that $-1 + N^*$ is the set of real numbers ≤ -1 . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) \text{ not analytic} &\iff e^{-y+ix} \text{ is a real } \leq -1 \\ &\iff \boxed{y \leq 0 \text{ and } x = (2k+1)\pi \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}} . \end{aligned}$$

In words, the domain of analyticity of f is the entire plane excluding the vertical rays emitting downwards from points $(2k+1)\pi$ (for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$) on the real axis.

In particular, f is analytic at $z = 0$. By the chain rule,

$$f'(z) = \frac{ie^{iz}}{e^{iz} + 1} .$$

Therefore, $\boxed{f'(0) = i/2}$.