

9. generalized power function: $w = f(z) = z^c$ c : complex

(i) $c = n$: positive integer: $z^c = z^n = (e^{\ln z})^n = e^{n \ln z} = e^{n(\ln|z| + i(\theta_p + 2k\pi))}$
 $= e^{n \ln|z| + i n(\theta_p + 2k\pi)}$

$$e^{n \ln|z|} e^{i n \theta_p} e^{i 2k\pi n}$$

\longleftarrow

$$e^{i 2m\pi} = \cos(2m\pi) + i \sin(2m\pi) = 1$$

w is unique. there is no ambiguity.

(ii) $c = 1/n$, n positive integer

$f(z) = z^{1/n}$ "nth root" of z

$f(z) = e^{\frac{1}{n} \ln z} = e^{\frac{1}{n} [\ln|z| + i(\theta_p + 2k\pi)]} = e^{\frac{1}{n} \ln|z|} e^{i \theta_p / n} e^{i 2k\pi / n}$

$e^{\frac{i 2k\pi}{n}} \rightarrow k=0:1 \quad k=1: e^{\frac{i 2\pi}{n}} \neq \dots \quad k=n-1$: different

\therefore there are n different values of $z^{1/n}$

(you can start from any k , just as long as there are n consecutive k values)

(iii) c : complex \neq rational $c = c_1 + i c_2$

$f(z) = z^c = e^{c \ln z} = e^{(c_1 + i c_2) \{\ln|z| + i(\theta_p + 2k\pi)\}}$
 $= e^{c_1 \ln|z| - c_2(\theta_p + 2k\pi)} e^{i \{c_2 \ln|z| + c_1(\theta_p + 2k\pi)\}}$

\uparrow infinitely many values \uparrow

ex Find z^{1+i} , $z = 1+i$.

$|z| = \sqrt{2}$, $\theta_p = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$z^{1+i} = e^{(1+i) \ln z} = e^{(1+i) \{\ln \sqrt{2} + i(\frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi)\}}$ $\ln z = (\frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi) + i \ln \sqrt{2}$
 $= e^{\ln \sqrt{2} - (\frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi)} e^{i \{ \ln \sqrt{2} + (\frac{\pi}{4} + 2k\pi) \}}$

k : all integer values