

Defn A complex number is an expression of the form

$$z = x + iy$$

where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$x = \operatorname{Re} z \quad (\text{the real part of } z)$$

$$y = \operatorname{Im} z \quad (\text{the imaginary part of } z)$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \text{the set of complex numbers} = \{ z = x + iy \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

What is  $i$ ? To define  $\mathbb{C}$  properly we should define it via  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \longleftrightarrow & \mathbb{R}^2 \\ z = x + iy & \longleftrightarrow & (x, y) \end{array} \quad \leftarrow \text{we know how to add vectors in } \mathbb{R}^2$$

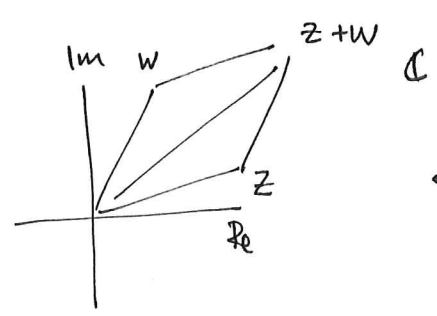
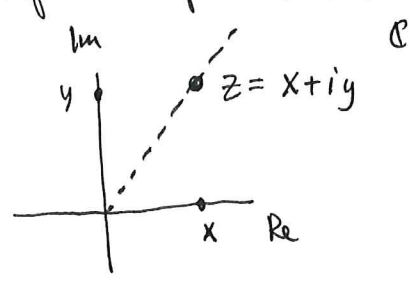
And define a multiplication on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  via the rules

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) + (c, d) &= (a+c, b+d) \\ (a, b) \cdot (c, d) &= (ac-bd, ad+bc) \end{aligned}$$

then  $i$  is simply the element corresponding to  $(0, 1)$  and  $1$  corresponds to  $(1, 0)$ .

↑  
This makes  $\mathbb{C}$  into a field: You can add, subtract, multiply elements and inverses of non-zero elements exist.

Graphical representation:



← the picture is of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  but we identify it with  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (\text{the "modulus" of } z, \text{ or the "absolute value" or "norm"})$$

This satisfies the triangle inequality:

$$|z+w| \leq |z| + |w| \quad \forall z, w \in \mathbb{C}$$

Useful version of this inequality (apply it to  $z' = z$  and  $w' = z - w$ ):

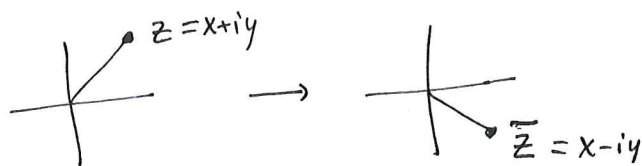
$$|z-w| \geq |z| - |w|$$

Defn If  $z = x + iy$  is a complex number, the complex conjugate of  $z$  is

$$\bar{z} = x - iy$$

$$\overline{(\bar{z})} = z$$

Geometrically :



$\therefore$  reflection in the x-axis

(2)

We have the following properties:

$$\overline{z+w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w}$$

$$\overline{zw} = \overline{z} \overline{w}$$

$$|z| = |\overline{z}|$$

$$|z|^2 = z \overline{z}$$

$$\leadsto \frac{1}{z} = \frac{\overline{z}}{|z|^2} \quad \text{and} \quad |zw| = (zw)(\overline{z}\overline{w})$$

$$= (\overline{z}\overline{z})(\overline{w}\overline{w}) = |z||w|$$

If  $z = x + iy$  then

$$x = \operatorname{Re} z = \frac{z + \overline{z}}{2}$$

$$y = \operatorname{Im} z = \frac{z - \overline{z}}{2i}$$

Defn A complex polynomial of degree  $n \geq 0$  is a function of the form

$$p(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0 \quad a_i \in \mathbb{C}$$

The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra : Every complex polynomial  $p(z)$  has a

factorization  $p(z) = c \cdot (z - z_1)^{m_1} \dots (z - z_k)^{m_k}$

where  $z_i \neq z_j \forall i, j$  and  $m_i \geq 1$ . This factorization is unique up to permutation of the factors.

The hard part is showing that  $p(z)$  has at least one zero (root).

From there the theorem is proved using induction on the degree.

Uniqueness is clear:  $z_i$  are the roots of  $p$ ,  $m_i = \text{integer s.t. } \frac{p(z) - p(z_i)}{z - z_i} = p(z) - (z - z_i)^{m_i} q(z)$  and  $q(z_i) \neq 0$ .

Existence: Given one  $z_1$  s.t.  $p(z_1) = 0 \leadsto p(z) = (z - z_1) \cdot q(z)$  for some polynomial  $q(z)$ . By induction, we can factor  $q(z) \rightarrow$  can factor

# Polar representation

$z = x + iy$ 
 $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = r \cdot \cos \theta \\ y = r \cdot \sin \theta \end{cases}$  for some  $\theta$

$\Rightarrow z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$

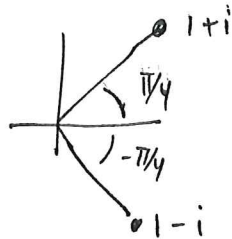
Defn The argument of  $z$  is  $\arg z = \theta$  (multi-valued)  
 The principal value of  $\arg z$  is  $\text{Arg } z = \theta \pmod{[-\pi, \pi]} \in [-\pi, \pi]$ .

$\therefore \arg z = \{ \text{Arg } z + 2\pi k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

ex)

$\text{Arg}(1+i) = \pi/4$

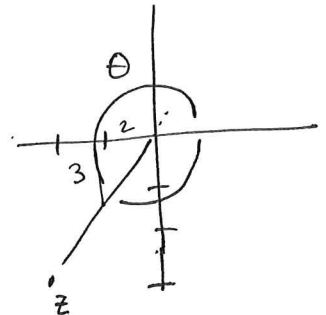
$\text{Arg}(1-i) = -\pi/4$



$z = -2 - 3i$

$\tan^{-1}(\frac{-3}{-2}) \approx 0.9828$

Note:  $\theta \neq \text{Arg}(z)$  since  
 $\theta \approx \cos^{-1}(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{13}}) \approx 4.124$



$\therefore$  More generally  $\arg \bar{z} = -\arg z$ .

$\rightarrow$  subtract  $2\pi$

$\Rightarrow \text{Arg } z \approx 2\pi - 0.9828 \approx -2.1577$

$\therefore \text{Arg } z = \tan^{-1}(\frac{3}{2}) - \pi$

$\arg z = \tan^{-1}(\frac{3}{2}) - \pi + 2\pi k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Defn The <sup>imaginary</sup> exponential is defined by

$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}$

$z \neq 0$ , then  $z = |z| e^{i\theta}$  is called the polar form of  $z$ .  
 or polar representation

Note:

$e^{i(\theta + 2\pi k)} = e^{i\theta}$

$|e^{i\theta}| = 1$

$\frac{1}{e^{i\theta}} = e^{-i\theta}$

$e^{i(\theta + \theta')} = e^{i\theta} \cdot e^{i\theta'}$  (this is equivalent to  $\begin{aligned} \cos(\theta + \theta') + i \sin(\theta + \theta') \\ = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)(\cos \theta' + i \sin \theta') \\ = \dots \end{aligned}$ )

ex)

$z = -1 + i \Rightarrow |z| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$

$\text{Arg}(z) = \frac{3\pi}{4} \Rightarrow -1 + i = \sqrt{2} e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}}$



$z = i \Rightarrow |z| = 1, \text{Arg}(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow i = e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$

Identities for arg: minus!

(1)  $\arg \bar{z} = -\arg z$

(2)  $\arg \left(\frac{1}{z}\right) = -\arg z$

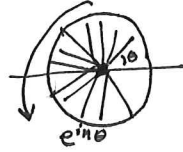
(3)  $\arg(zw) = \arg z + \arg w$

$z = re^{i\theta} \Rightarrow \bar{z} = re^{-i\theta} \Rightarrow \text{OK for } (1) \& (2)$   
 $w = r'e^{i\theta'} \Rightarrow zw = rr'e^{i\theta}e^{i\theta'} = rr'e^{i(\theta+\theta')} \Rightarrow \text{OK.}$

De Moivre's formula:

$(e^{i\theta})^n = e^{in\theta}$

this implies



$\therefore$  power  $\Leftrightarrow$  rotation

$n=2: (e^{i\theta})^2 = e^{2i\theta}$

$\Leftrightarrow (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^2 = \cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta$

$\Leftrightarrow \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta + 2i \cos \theta \sin \theta = \cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta$

$\Leftrightarrow \cos 2\theta = \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta$

$\sin 2\theta = 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$

} usual formulas for  $\sin$  and  $\cos 2\theta$ .

$n=3: (e^{i\theta})^3 = (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^3$

$\Leftrightarrow \dots$

$\Leftrightarrow \cos 3\theta = \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta$

$\sin 3\theta = 3 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta$

Defn  $z$  is an  $n$ -th root of  $w$  if  $z^n = w$ .

{ $n$ -th roots} = {solutions of  $z^n = w$ }  $\leftarrow$  here are  $n$  of them!

$w = p e^{i\phi}$

$z = r \cdot e^{i\theta}$

$\Rightarrow r^n e^{in\theta} = p e^{i\phi}$

$\Leftrightarrow p = r^n$  and  $\theta = \frac{\phi}{n} + \frac{2\pi k}{n}$

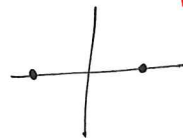
$k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

Ex The square roots of 1 are 1 and  $-1$ :

$e^{i0}$

$e^{i\pi}$

$e^{i\pi}$



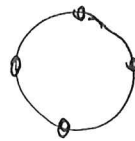
Ex 4-th square roots of 1:

$e^{i\pi/2} = i$

$e^{2i\pi/2} = -1$

$e^{3i\pi/2} = -i$

$e^{4i\pi/2} = 1$



Ex 4-th roots of  $w = 3 + 3i$ :  $|w| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18}$   $\text{Arg}(w) = \pi/4 \Rightarrow w = \sqrt{18} e^{i\pi/4}$

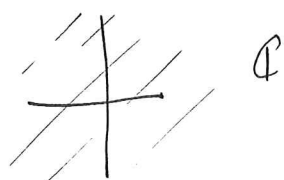
$\Rightarrow (3+3i)$  has 4 4-th roots:

$\sqrt[4]{18} e^{i\pi/16}$   
 $i \sqrt[4]{18} e^{i\pi/16}$   
 $-\sqrt[4]{18} e^{i\pi/16}$

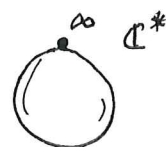
$-i \sqrt[4]{18} e^{i\pi/16}$

# Stereographic projection

Goal: Add  $\infty$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ , so that  $\frac{1}{z}$  is well defined.  
 $z \rightarrow \infty$



add point  
 $\rightarrow$   
 'at infinity'

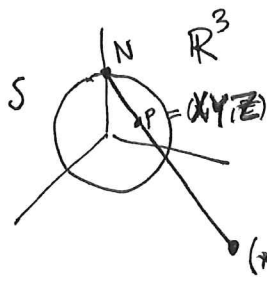


$\leftarrow$  This looks like a sphere..

"one point compactification"

$$\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \quad \text{— the extended complex plane.}$$

How to visualize it: Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be the unit sphere  
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$



$$N = (0, 0, 1)$$

$(X, Y, 0) =$  intersection of the line through P and N with the  $z=0$  plane.

$$N + t(P - N) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + t \left( \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} tX \\ tY \\ 1 + t(Z-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore 1 + t(Z-1) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t = \frac{1}{1-Z}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $z=0$  plane

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{X}{1-Z} \\ y = \frac{Y}{1-Z} \end{cases} \quad tz = t-1$$

We can express  $z$  in terms of  $X$  and  $Y$  via  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ :

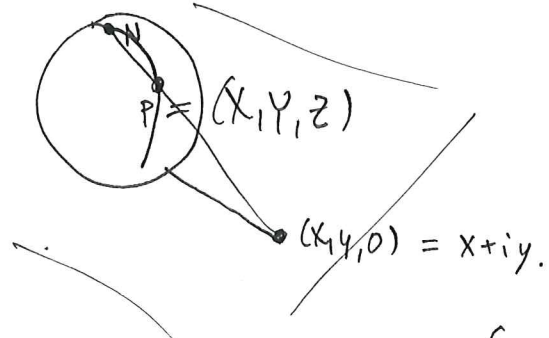
$$\Rightarrow (tX)^2 + (tY)^2 + (tZ)^2 = t^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^2 + y^2 + (t-1)^2 = t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} (|z|^2 + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} X = \frac{2x}{|z|^2 + 1} \\ Y = \frac{2y}{|z|^2 + 1} \\ Z = \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  1-1 correspondence between points on  $S$  and  $\mathbb{C}^*$ .

Geometry: circle on  $S = \text{intersection } S \cap H$  where  $H$  is a plane



$\phi: S \setminus N \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$   
 sends: circles  $\ni N$  to lines in  $\mathbb{C}$   
 circles  $\not\ni N$  to circles in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

This is intuitive, at least geometrically

If the equation of the circle on  $S$  is  $AX + BY + CZ = D$

$$\Rightarrow A \frac{2x}{|z|^2+1} + B \frac{2y}{|z|^2+1} + C \frac{|z|^2-1}{|z|^2+1} = D$$

$$\Rightarrow (A(2x) + B(2y) + C(|z|^2-1)) = D(|z|^2+1) \quad |z|^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow A(2x) + B(2y) + C(x^2+y^2-1) = D(x^2+y^2+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (C-D)(x^2+y^2) + 2Ax + 2By - (C+D) = 0 \quad (*)$$

$\therefore$  If  $C=D$  then  $(*)$  describes a line in  $\mathbb{C}$  (this is iff  $N \ni C$ )  
 $C \neq D$  ———— a circle in  $\mathbb{C}$  (divide by  $C-D$  to see).

Conversely, given a circle in  $\mathbb{C}$ :  $x^2+y^2 + A'x + B'y + D' = 0$

Then define  $A, B, C, D$  by

$$\begin{aligned} 2A &= A' \\ 2B &= B' \\ C-D &= 1 \\ -(C+D) &= D' \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  this gives a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  projecting into the given circle.

Exercise 3.2: If  $P$  corresponds to  $z$ , then  $-P$  (antipodal) corresponds to  $-\frac{1}{z}$ .

# The exponential function

Defn The complex exponential function  $e^z$  is defined by

$$e^z = e^x (\cos y + i \sin y) \quad \text{where } z = x + iy$$

$$= e^x e^{iy}$$

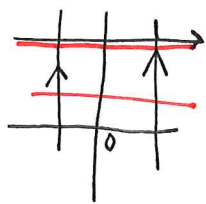
•  $e^{z+w} = e^z \cdot e^w$

•  $e^{-z} = \frac{1}{e^z}$

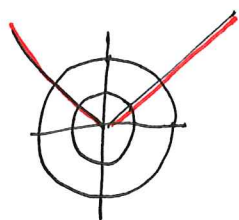
•  $|e^z| = |e^x e^{iy}| = |e^x| = e^x$

•  $e^{\bar{z}} = \overline{e^z}$

← note that  $e^z$  is  $2\pi i$ -periodic:  $e^{2\pi i + z} = e^z$ .



$e$



horizontal lines  $\rightarrow$  rays

vertical lines  $\rightarrow$  circles

on the curve

$y=c \Rightarrow w = e^{x+ic}$  only  $|w|$  changes

on  $x=c \Rightarrow w = e^{c+iy}$  only  $\arg w$  changes

# The complex Logarithm

Defn For  $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  the principal logarithm of  $z$  is defined by

$$\text{Log}(z) = \log|z| + i \text{Arg}(z)$$

Recall:  $\text{Arg } z \in (-\pi, \pi]$

We also write  $\log z = \log|z| + i \arg z = \text{Log}(z) + 2\pi i k \leftarrow$  this is multivalued

This is the inverse of  $e^z$  in the sense that

$$w = \log|z| + i \text{Arg } z + 2\pi i k \implies e^w = e^{\log|z|} (e^{i \text{Arg } z + i 2\pi k}) = |z| e^{i \text{Arg } z} = z.$$

Ex  $z = 1+i$   
 $= \sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}$

$$\text{Log } z = \log \sqrt{2} + i \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $\log|z|$   $i \text{Arg}(z)$

$$\therefore \log z = \log \sqrt{2} + \frac{\pi i}{4} + 2\pi i k \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$



# Power and phase functions

$\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

it is single valued if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  of course.

Defn The power function  $z^\alpha$  is the multivalued function  $z^\alpha = e^{\alpha \log z}$  ( $z \neq 0$ )

Note:  $z^\alpha = e^{\alpha \log |z| + \alpha i \text{Arg} z + 2\pi i k \alpha} = e^{\alpha \log z} e^{2\pi i \alpha k}$   $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

get all values by multiplying with  $e^{2\pi i k \alpha}$   $k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$

Ex1  $3^i = e^{i \log 3} = e^{i(\log 3 + 2\pi i k)} = e^{i \log 3 - 2\pi k}$   $k = 0, \pm 1, \dots$

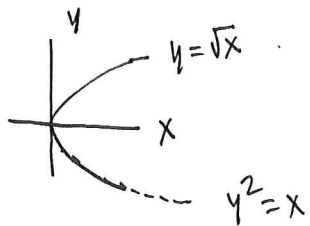
Ex2  $i^i = e^{i \log i} = e^{i(\log |i| + i \text{Arg} i + 2\pi i k)} = e^{-\text{Arg} i - 2\pi k} = e^{-\pi/2} \cdot e^{-2\pi k}$

Caution: these are multivalued functions, so the usual algebraic identities do not apply:  $i^i \cdot (-i)^i = e^{2\pi n} \neq i^0 = 1$   $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . these are real numbers!

# Geometry of $\sqrt{\quad}$

even for  $z$  real, we make a choice of the solution of  $w^2 = z$ .

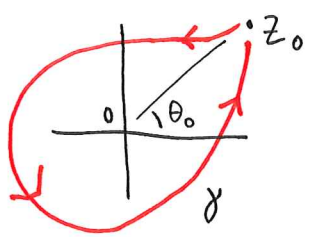
Consider the function  $\sqrt{z}$ . For  $z \geq 0$  real, this is defined as the non-negative root.



For  $z$  complex  $w = \sqrt{z}$  means  $w^2 = z$ ; but we need to specify a choice of which square root to use.

One possibility is  $w = f_1(z) = |z|^{1/2} \cdot e^{i \text{Arg } z / 2}$   
 $w^2 = |z|^{3/2} \cdot e^{2i \text{Arg } z / 2} = |z| e^{i \text{Arg } z} = z$

Fix  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  and consider the following curve in  $\mathbb{C}$ :



As  $z$  traverses  $\gamma$  it is clear that  $\theta_0$  increases from  $\theta_0$  to  $\theta_0 + 2\pi$

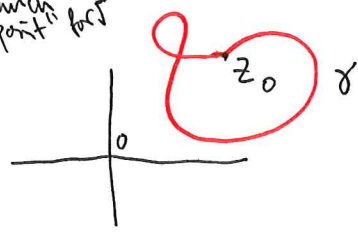
$\rightarrow$  at the end of the loop  $f_1(z_0)$  has become  $|z|^{1/2} \cdot e^{i(\text{Arg } z + 2\pi)/2} = |z|^{1/2} e^{i \text{Arg } z + \pi} = -f_1(z)$

since  $f_1(z) \neq -f_1(z)$

$\rightarrow$  our choice  $f_1$  can not be made consistent throughout the whole  $\mathbb{C}$ .

The problem is  $0 \in \mathbb{C}$ : Consider the following curve:

$0$  is a "branch point" for  $\sqrt{\quad}$

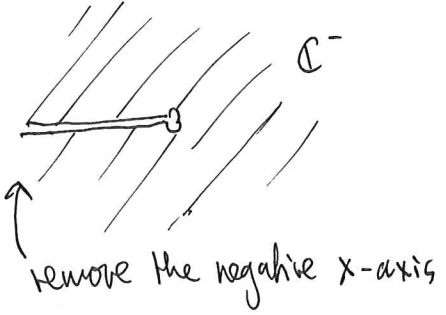


This does not enclose the origin  $\Rightarrow \theta$  returns to its original value,  $\theta_0$ , and  $\sqrt{z}$  can be defined along all of the loop.

$\therefore$  To define a continuous function  $\sqrt{z}$  we need to restrict to domains that do not enclose the origin.

The best way to do this is to remove a curve from the origin:

Defn  $\mathbb{C}^- = \mathbb{C} - \{-\infty, 0\}$  is the slit plane (or branch cut)



this gives a continuous function  $f_1: \mathbb{C}^- \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

Note: on  $\mathbb{C}^-$  we can freely define  $f_1(z) = |z|^{1/2} e^{i \text{Arg } z / 2}$  as the square root

When  $z$  approaches  $-r$  on the negative  $x$ -axis:

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} f_1(-r + i\varepsilon) = i\sqrt{r}$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} f_1(-r - i\varepsilon) = -i\sqrt{r}$$

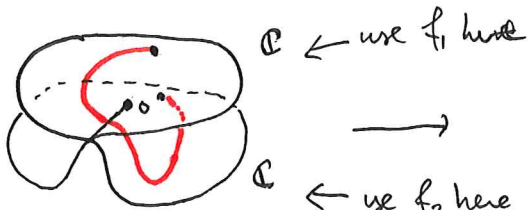
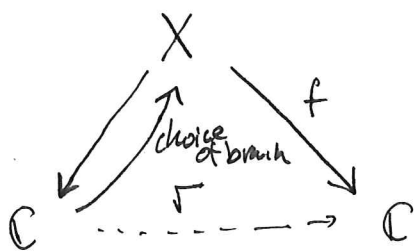
$\therefore$  the signs differ!

$\rightarrow$  how to think of the extension to all of  $\mathbb{C}$ ?

We have a second choice of the  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$ , namely

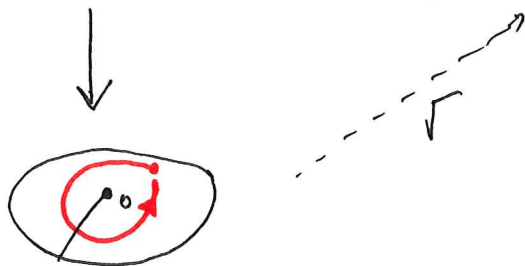
$$f_2(z) = -|z|^{1/2} e^{i \text{Arg } z / 2} = -f_1(z)$$

Main point:  $f_1(z)$  and  $f_2(z)$  can be "patched" together to a well-defined single-valued function. However, it is not a function on  $\mathbb{C}$ , but rather a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  from some other space  $X$ :



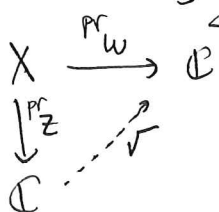
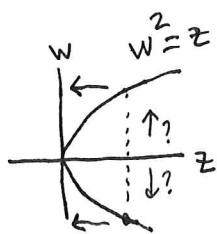
For those who have seen topology:

$$X = \frac{\mathbb{C} \times \{0\} \cup \mathbb{C} \times \{1\}}{(z, 0) \sim (z, 1) \text{ if } z \in (-\infty, 0]}$$



This is analogous to defining

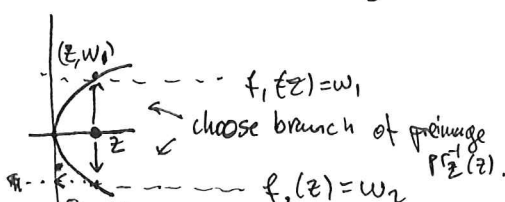
$$X = \{ (z, w) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \mid w^2 = z \}$$



This is certainly a well-defined function  $pr_w(z, w) = w$

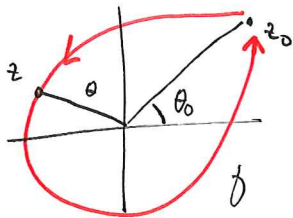
$\therefore$  Get a well-defined "square root"

$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  given by  $pr_w(z, w) = w$



# Geometry of $\log z$

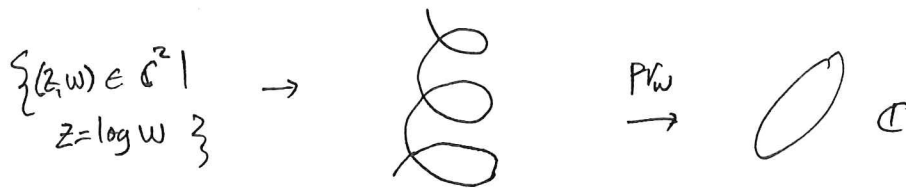
$\text{Log } z = \log|z| + i \text{Arg } z$  (principal logarithm)



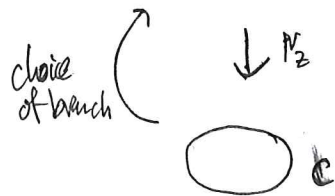
As in the case of  $\sqrt{\quad}$ , we see that  $\text{Log}$  is not well-defined over the whole loop  $\gamma$ :  
 $\theta_0$  increases to  $\theta_0 + 2\pi$

However in  $\leftarrow$  here  $\text{Arg } z$  is single valued  $\Rightarrow$  so is  $\text{Log } z$ .

We can make a branch cut here and form



An infinite set of copies of  $\mathbb{C}$  glued together along  $[-\infty, 0]$ .



$\log$   $\therefore$  On layer  $n$ , use the branch  $\log|z| + i \text{Arg } z + 2\pi i n$

These constructions will not be essential in the course, but are helpful in understanding the behaviour of multivalued functions.

# Trigonometric and Hyperbolic functions

$$\begin{aligned} e^{i\theta} &= \cos \theta + i \sin \theta \\ e^{-i\theta} &= \cos \theta - i \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

}  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \\ \sin \theta &= \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i} \end{aligned}$$

(for  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ )

Defn Define the complex cosine and sine functions by

$$\cos z = \frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2}$$

$$\sin z = \frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i}$$

$$\tan z = \frac{\sin z}{\cos z}$$

- $\cos(-z) = \cos z$        $\sin(-z) = -\sin z$
- $\cos(z + 2\pi) = \cos z$        $\sin(z + 2\pi) = \sin z$
- $\cos(z+w) = \cos z \cos w - \sin z \sin w$        $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$
- $\sin(z+w) = \sin z \cos w + \cos z \sin w$
- $\sin^2 z + \cos^2 z = 1$

← however  $|\cos z| \leq 1$   
 $|\sin z| \leq 1$   
 are not true:  
 $\cos(x+iy) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{ix-y} + e^{-ix+y})$

$\rightarrow \infty$   
 as  $y \rightarrow \pm \infty$

We also define

$$\cosh z = \frac{1}{2}(e^z + e^{-z})$$

$$\sinh z = \frac{1}{2}(e^z - e^{-z})$$

$$\tanh z = \frac{\sinh z}{\cosh z}$$

.. but these are not much used in this course..

The inverse sin and cos are multivalued functions:

$$\sin w = \frac{e^{iw} - e^{-iw}}{2} = z \quad \Rightarrow \quad e^{2iw} - 2iz e^{iw} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad e^{iw} = iz \pm \sqrt{1-z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad w = -i \log(iz \pm \sqrt{1-z^2})$$

↑

to understand this one must again make a branch cut.