

MATH 2230 Complex Variables with Applications  
(2014-2015, Term 1)  
Homework 5

1. (SEC.33,No.4)

Show that  $\log(i^2) \neq 2 \log i$  when the branch

$$\log z = \ln r + i\theta \quad (r > 0, \frac{3\pi}{4} < \theta < \frac{11\pi}{4})$$

is used.(Compare this with the example in Sec.33.)

2. (SEC.33,No.5)

(a) Show that the two square roots of  $i$  are

$$e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}} \quad \text{and} \quad e^{\frac{i5\pi}{4}}$$

Then show that

$$\log(e^{\frac{i\pi}{4}}) = (2n + \frac{1}{4})\pi i \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots)$$

and

$$\log(e^{\frac{i5\pi}{4}}) = [(2n + 1) + \frac{1}{4}]\pi i \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

Conclude that

$$\log(i^{\frac{1}{2}}) = (n + \frac{1}{4})\pi i \quad (n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots).$$

(b) Show that

$$\log(i^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2} \log i,$$

as stated in Example 5,Sec.32,by finding the values on the right-hand side of this equation and then comparing them with the final result in part (a).

3. (SEC.33,No.9)

Suppose that the point  $z = x + iy$  lies in the horizontal strip  $\alpha < y < \alpha + 2\pi$ . Show that when the branch  $\log z = \ln r + i\theta (r > 0, \alpha < \theta < \alpha + 2\pi)$  of the logarithmic function is used,  $\log(e^z) = z$ . [Compare with equation(5),Sec.31.]