

Solutions to Quiz 5

Problem 1 Use properties of complex exponentiation to verify the double angle formula

$$\cos(2z) = \cos^2(z) - \sin^2(z).$$

Solution: Recall that we described the complex cosine function in terms of exponentials as

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

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(2z) &= \frac{e^{2iz} + e^{-2iz}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(e^{iz})^2 + (e^{-iz})^2}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(e^{iz})^2 + 2(e^{-iz})^2}{4} \\ &= \left(\frac{(e^{iz})^2 + 2 + (e^{-iz})^2}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{(e^{iz})^2 - 2 + (e^{-iz})^2}{4} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{(e^{iz})^2 + 2 + (e^{-iz})^2}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{(e^{iz})^2 - 2 + (e^{-iz})^2}{4i^2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{e^{iz} + e^{-iz}}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{e^{iz} - e^{-iz}}{2i} \right)^2 \\ &= \cos^2(z) - \sin^2(z). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2 Find an antiderivative of $\text{Log}(z)$. Confirm your answer by differentiation.

Solution: We draw inspiration from Single-Variable Calculus and set $F(z) = z\text{Log}(z) - z$, defined on $\mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0}$. To confirm that this is an antiderivative, we differentiate it,

$$\begin{aligned} (z\text{Log}(z) - z)' &= (z)'\text{Log}(z) + z(\text{Log})'(z) - 1 \\ &= \text{Log}(z) + z \left(\frac{1}{z} \right) - 1 \\ &= \text{Log}(z). \end{aligned}$$