

**Problem 10)**

$$\begin{aligned}
z_1^{z_2} &= [\exp(\ln z_1)]^{z_2} \\
&= \exp(z_2 \ln z_1) \\
&= \exp[z_2 \ln(|z_1| e^{i\varphi_1})] \\
&= \exp\{z_2 \ln[|z_1| e^{i(\varphi_1 + 2n\pi)}]\} \quad \leftarrow n \text{ an arbitrary integer} \\
&= \exp\{z_2 [\ln|z_1| + i(\varphi_1 + 2n\pi)]\} \\
&= \exp(z_2 \ln|z_1|) \times \exp(iz_2\varphi_1) \times \exp(i2n\pi z_2)
\end{aligned}$$

In general, there exist an infinite number of values for  $z_1^{z_2}$ , each corresponding to a different value of the integer  $n$ . However, if  $z_2$  happens to be an integer, the last exponential factor,  $\exp(i2n\pi z_2)$ , will be equal to 1.0 for all values of  $n$ , in which case  $z_1^{z_2}$  will be uniquely specified. If  $z_2$  happens to be an irreducible rational  $m_1/m_2$ , there will be  $m_2$  distinct values of  $z_1^{z_2}$ , corresponding to  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (m_2 - 1)$ .

Defining a function  $f(z) = z^{z_2}$  for a non-integer  $z_2$  requires the identification of a branch-cut, so that the function has a unique value for each  $z$ . Similar considerations apply to the function  $g(z) = z^z$ .