

$$(*) \quad e^{z+w} = e^z e^w, \quad z, w \in \mathbf{C}.$$

Here is a proof of (*) in which we leave out the nontrivial justification of some of the steps. We have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{z+w} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z+w)^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=0}^n \frac{z^m}{m!} \frac{w^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m!} \frac{w^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z^m}{m!} \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} \frac{w^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{z^m}{m!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{m!} e^w \\ &= e^z e^w. \end{aligned}$$