

Lecture 13

Conformal mappings

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Conformal mappings

Definition

Let Ω_1, Ω_2 and Ω be open subsets of \mathbb{C} .

- A one-to-one holomorphic mapping f from Ω_1 onto Ω_2 such that $f^{-1} \in H(\Omega_2)$ is called an **analytic homeomorphism** of Ω_1 onto Ω_2 . If $\Omega = \Omega_1 = \Omega_2$, then f is called an **analytic automorphism** of Ω .
- A one-to-one holomorphic mapping from Ω_1 onto Ω_2 is called a **conformal mapping** of Ω_1 onto Ω_2 . If $\Omega = \Omega_1 = \Omega_2$, then f is called a **conformal mapping** of Ω .

Recall the inverse mapping theorem:

Theorem

Suppose that $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ is open, $f \in H(\Omega)$, and f is one-to-one in Ω . Then $f'(z) \neq 0$ for every $z \in \Omega$, and the inverse of f is holomorphic.

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Remarks

- By the inverse mapping theorem, we see that a conformal mapping of Ω_1 onto Ω_2 is an analytic homeomorphism of Ω_1 onto Ω_2 , and a conformal mapping of Ω is an automorphism of Ω .
- We say that Ω_1 and Ω_2 are **conformally equivalent** whenever there is a conformal mapping f from Ω_1 onto Ω_2 (or between Ω_1 and Ω_2) and we write $\Omega_1 \sim \Omega_2$, where \sim is an equivalence relation.
- If $\Omega_1 \sim \Omega_2$, then the corresponding conformal mapping $f : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$ satisfies $f'(z) \neq 0$ for $z \in \Omega_1$ by the inverse mapping theorem.
- Some authors take the condition $f'(z) \neq 0$ for $z \in \Omega_1$ as the definition of a conformal mapping.
- The latter condition is less restrictive. For example, $f(z) = z^2$ is not one-to-one but f' vanishes nowhere in $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Conformal mappings

Remarks

- There is a geometric consequence of the condition $f'(z) \neq 0$ and it is at the root of this discrepancy of terminology in the definitions. A holomorphic map that satisfies this condition preserves angles.
- Loosely speaking, if two curves γ and η intersect at z_0 , and α is the oriented angle between the tangent vectors to these curves, then the image curves $f \circ \gamma$ and $f \circ \eta$ intersect at $f(z_0)$, and their tangent vectors form the same angle α .
- We will always mean, as is the general practice in complex analysis, that conformal mapping is one-to-one onto holomorphic function.
- The set of all automorphisms of Ω is a group under composition of mappings and we denote it by $\text{Aut}(\Omega)$.
- For $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|\lambda| = 1$, we observe that $z \mapsto \lambda z$ is an automorphism of $D = D(0, 1)$ and this automorphism is called a **rotation**.

Upper half-plane and the unit disc

Theorem

Let $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} z > 0\}$ and $\Omega_2 = D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$. Then the map $F : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$, given by

$$F(z) = \frac{i - z}{i + z} \quad \text{for } z \in \Omega_1,$$

is a conformal map with the inverse $G : \Omega_2 \rightarrow \Omega_1$ given by

$$G(w) = i \frac{1 - w}{1 + w} \quad \text{for } w \in \Omega_2.$$

In other words, Ω_1 and Ω_2 are conformally equivalent.

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Proof: Recall that $F(z) = \frac{i-z}{i+z}$ for $z \in \Omega_1$.

- F is one-to-one. Indeed, if $F(u) = F(v)$, then

$$\frac{i-u}{i+u} = \frac{i-w}{i+w} \iff 2iu = 2iw.$$

- Further we observe that F is analytic in Ω_1 since $-i \notin \Omega_1$.
- Let $z \in \Omega_1$ and write $z = x + iy$ with $y > 0$. Then

$$F(z) = \frac{-x - i(y-1)}{x + i(y+1)}.$$

- Thus

$$|F(z)|^2 = F(z)\overline{F(z)} = \frac{x^2 + (y-1)^2}{x^2 + (y+1)^2} < 1,$$

and hence $F(z) \in \Omega_2$ since $y > 0$.

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- It remains to show that F is onto. Indeed, let $w \in \Omega_2$ and we write $w = u + iv$ with $u^2 + v^2 < 1$.
- We find $z \in \Omega_1$ such that $F(z) = w$. Thus

$$\frac{i - z}{i + z} = w,$$

and then

$$z = i \left(\frac{1 - w}{1 + w} \right) = i \left(\frac{1 - u - iv}{1 + u + iv} \right) = i \frac{(1 - u - iv)(1 + u - iv)}{(1 + u + iv)(1 + u - iv)}.$$

- Therefore

$$\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{1 - u^2 - v^2}{(1 + u)^2 + v^2} > 0,$$

and hence $z \in \Omega_1$.



Upper half-plane and a sector

Theorem

For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$\Omega_1 = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : 0 < \arg z < \frac{\pi}{n} \right\}$$

and $\Omega_2 = \mathbb{H}$. We show that Ω_1 and Ω_2 are conformally equivalent.

Proof: For this, consider holomorphic function

$$f(z) = z^n \quad \text{for } z \in \Omega_1.$$

- We write $z = re^{i\theta}$ with $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{n}$, then $f(z) = r^n e^{in\theta}$.
- Thus f is a function from Ω_1 into Ω_2 , since

$$\operatorname{Im}(f(z)) = r^n \sin n\theta > 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{n}.$$

- f is one-to-one. Indeed, let $z_1, z_2 \in \Omega_1$ with $f(z_1) = f(z_2)$ and

$$z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}, z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2} \quad \text{with } 0 < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < \frac{\pi}{n}.$$

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- Then

$$r_1^n e^{in\theta_1} = r_2^n e^{in\theta_2},$$

implying

$$\left(\frac{r_1}{r_2}\right)^n = e^{in(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} = \cos(n(\theta_2 - \theta_1)) + i \sin(n(\theta_2 - \theta_1)).$$

- By comparing the imaginary parts on both sides, we obtain that $\sin(n(\theta_2 - \theta_1)) = 0$ implying $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ since $0 \leq n(\theta_2 - \theta_1) < \pi$.
- Hence $r_1 = r_2$ and then $z_1 = z_2$, proving that f is one-to-one.
- Now, we show that f is onto. Let $w = Re^{i\phi} \in \Omega_2$. Then $0 < \phi < \pi$.
- Setting $w^{1/n}$ by taking the principal value of logarithm, we see that

$$w^{1/n} = e^{\frac{1}{n} \log w} = e^{\frac{1}{n} \log R + i \frac{\phi}{n}} \in \Omega_1,$$

and $f(w^{1/n}) = w$.

- Hence Ω_1 and Ω_2 are conformally equivalent. □

Upper half-plane and the positive quadrant of \mathbb{C}

Theorem

Let $\Omega_1 = \{x + iy : y > 0, x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$, be the upper half disc and $\Omega_2 = \{u + iv : u > 0, v > 0\}$ be the positive quadrant of \mathbb{C} . Then the mapping

$$f(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

is a conformal mapping of Ω_1 onto Ω_2 .

Proof: Let $z = x + iy \in \Omega_1$. Then $|x| < 1, y > 0, x^2 + y^2 < 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \frac{1+x+iy}{1-x-iy} = \frac{(1+x+iy)(1-x+iy)}{(1-x-iy)(1-x+iy)} \\ &= \frac{1-(x^2+y^2)}{(1-x)^2+y^2} + i \frac{2y}{(1-x)^2+y^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\operatorname{Re}(f(z)) > 0$ and $\operatorname{Im}(f(z)) > 0$, we see that $f(z) \in \Omega_2$.

Upper half-plane and the positive quadrant of \mathbb{C}

- It is clear that f is analytic in Ω_1 since $1 \notin \Omega_1$.
- f is one-to-one, since $f(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} = \frac{1+w}{1-w} = f(w)$ implies $2z = 2w$.
- It remains to show that f is onto. Let $w = u + iv \in \Omega_2$. Then $u > 0, v > 0$ and we shall find $z \in \Omega_1$ such that $f(z) = w$.
- Thus $\frac{1+z}{1-z} = w$ and then

$$\begin{aligned} z = \frac{w-1}{w+1} &= \frac{(u-1) + iv}{(u+1) + iv} = \frac{((u-1) + iv)((u+1) - iv)}{((u+1) + iv)((u+1) - iv)} \\ &= \frac{u^2 + v^2 - 1}{(u+1)^2 + v^2} + i \frac{2v}{(u+1)^2 + v^2}. \end{aligned}$$

- Thus $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ since $v > 0$. Further $|z| < 1$ since $|w-1| < |w+1|$ whenever w lies in the first quadrant and hence $z \in \Omega_1$. □

Upper half-plane and a strip

Theorem

Let $\Omega_1 = \mathbb{H}$ be the upper half-plane and $\Omega_2 = \{u + iv : 0 < v < \pi\}$ be an open strip. Then Ω_1 and Ω_2 are conformally equivalent.

Proof: Let us consider

$$f(z) = \log z, \quad \text{for } z \in \Omega_1,$$

where the branch of logarithm is principal.

- Then $f \in H(\Omega_1)$ and one-to-one. We show that f is onto.
- Let $w = u + iv \in \Omega_2$. Then $0 < v < \pi$ and we take

$$z = e^w = e^u e^{iv} = e^u (\cos v + i \sin v).$$

- Thus

$$\operatorname{Im}(z) = e^u \sin v > 0$$

since $0 < v < \pi$. Therefore $z \in \Omega_1$ and $f(z) = w$.

- Hence f is a conformal mapping between Ω_1 and Ω_2 . □

Schwarz lemma

Theorem

Let f be holomorphic in the open unit disc D .

- If f satisfies $|f(z)| \leq 1$, and $f(0) = 0$, then $|f(z)| \leq |z|$ for $|z| < 1$ and $|f'(0)| \leq 1$.
- If $|f(z)| = |z|$ for some $z \in D$ or $|f'(0)| = 1$, then $f(z) = cz$ in D for some constant c whose absolute value is 1.

Proof: Let

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(z)}{z}, & \text{if } z \neq 0, \\ f'(0), & \text{if } z = 0. \end{cases}$$

- Then g is analytic in $|z| < 1$ since $f(0) = 0$.
- For $0 \leq r < 1$, we derive from the maximum modulus theorem that

$$\max_{|z| \leq r} |g(z)| = \max_{|z|=r} |g(z)| = \frac{1}{r} \left(\max_{|z|=r} |f(z)| \right) \leq \frac{1}{r}.$$

Schwarz lemma

- Letting r tend to 1, we get

$$|g(z)| \leq 1 \quad \text{in} \quad |z| < 1.$$

- Hence,

$$|f(z)| \leq |z| \quad \text{in} \quad |z| < 1.$$

- Assume that either $|f(z_0)| = |z_0|$ for some $|z_0| < 1$ or $|f'(0)| = 1$.
- Then $g(z) = 1$ for some $|z| < 1$. Therefore g is constant in D of absolute value 1 by the maximum principle.
- Then $f(z) = cz$ in $|z| < 1$, where c is a constant with $|c| = 1$. □

Definition

For $a \in D$, we consider a function $\phi_a : \mathbb{C}_\infty \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_\infty$ given by

$$\phi_a(z) = \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z}. \quad (*)$$

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

- We observe that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_a\left(\frac{1}{\bar{a}}\right) &= \infty, & \phi_{-a}\left(-\frac{1}{\bar{a}}\right) &= \infty, \\ \phi_a(\infty) &= -\frac{1}{\bar{a}}, & \phi_{-a}(\infty) &= \frac{1}{\bar{a}}.\end{aligned}$$

Lemma

Let $a \in D$ and $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ be the torus.

- (i) ϕ_a is one-to-one, onto and the inverse of ϕ_a is ϕ_{-a} and $\phi_a(a) = 0$.
- (ii) ϕ_a is analytic in $D(0, \frac{1}{\bar{a}})$ containing $\overline{D}(0, 1)$.
- (iii) $\phi_a(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{T}$.
- (iv) $\phi_a(D) = D$.
- (v) $\phi'_a(0) = 1 - |a|^2$, and $\phi'_a(a) = \frac{1}{1 - |a|^2}$.

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

Proof (i): We show

$$\phi_{-a} \circ \phi_a(z) = z, \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_a \circ \phi_{-a}(z) = z \quad \text{for} \quad z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

We prove the first and the proof for the latter is similar.

- If $z = \infty$, then

$$\phi_{-a} \circ \phi_a(\infty) = \phi_{-a}\left(-\frac{1}{\bar{a}}\right) = \infty.$$

- If $z = \frac{1}{\bar{a}}$, then

$$\phi_{-a} \circ \phi_a\left(\frac{1}{\bar{a}}\right) = \phi_{-a}(\infty) = \frac{1}{\bar{a}}.$$

- Therefore we may assume that $z \neq \frac{1}{\bar{a}}$ and $z \neq \infty$. Now

$$\phi_{-a} \circ \phi_a(z) = \phi_{-a}\left(\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right) = \frac{\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} + a}{1 + \bar{a}\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}} = \frac{z(1-a\bar{a})}{1-a\bar{a}} = z,$$

since $a\bar{a} = |a|^2 < 1$ for $a \in D$.



Schwarz lemma and its consequences

Proof (ii): Note that $\phi_a(z)$ is analytic in \mathbb{C} except at $z = \frac{1}{\bar{a}}$ with $\frac{1}{|\bar{a}|} > 1$.

- Let $1 < r < \frac{1}{|\bar{a}|}$, then $\phi_a(z)$ is analytic in $D(0, r)$.
- Since $\overline{D} \subseteq D(0, r)$, the assertion follows. □

Proof (iii): For $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\phi_a(e^{it}) = \frac{e^{it} - a}{1 - \bar{a}e^{it}} = \frac{e^{it} - a}{e^{it}(e^{-it} - \bar{a})}.$$

- Therefore

$$|\phi_a(e^{it})| = 1.$$

- Thus $\phi_a(\mathbb{T}) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$. Similarly $\phi_{-a}(\mathbb{T}) \subseteq \mathbb{T}$, implying

$$\mathbb{T} \subseteq \phi_a(\mathbb{T}).$$

Hence $\phi_a(\mathbb{T}) = \mathbb{T}$. □

Proof (iv): It follows from (iii) by the maximum modulus principle. □

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

Proof (v): We have

$$\begin{aligned}\phi'_a(z) &= \frac{(1 - \bar{a}z) - (z - a)(-\bar{a})}{(1 - \bar{a}z)^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - a\bar{a}}{(1 - \bar{a}z)^2} = \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - \bar{a}z)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

- Thus

$$\phi'_a(0) = 1 - |a|^2,$$

and

$$\phi'_a(a) = \frac{1 - |a|^2}{(1 - |a|^2)^2} = \frac{1}{1 - |a|^2}.$$

- This completes the proof the lemma. □

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

Lemma

Let f be non-constant and analytic in D , and satisfy $|f(z)| < 1$ for $z \in D$. Let $w \in D$ with $f(w) = a$. Then

$$|f'(w)| \leq \frac{1 - |a|^2}{1 - |w|^2}.$$

Moreover equality occurs only when

$$f = \phi_{-a} \circ (c\phi_w) \text{ in } D,$$

for some constant c whose absolute value is 1.

Proof: We consider

$$g(z) = \phi_a \circ f \circ \phi_{-w}(z) \quad \text{in} \quad |z| < 1.$$

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

- Then by the previous lemma (i), (ii) and (iv), we see that $g(z)$ is analytic in $|z| < 1$ satisfying $|g(z)| < 1$ for $|z| < 1$ and

$$g(0) = \phi_a \circ f \circ \phi_{-w}(0) = \phi_a \circ f(w) = \phi_a(a) = 0.$$

- Thus the assumptions of Schwarz lemma are satisfied and hence we conclude that

$$|g'(0)| \leq 1.$$

- Now we compute $g'(0)$ by using the previous lemma (v):

$$\begin{aligned} g'(0) &= (\phi_a \circ f)'(\phi_{-w}(0)) \phi'_{-w}(0) \\ &= (1 - |w|^2) (\phi_a \circ f)'(w) \\ &= (1 - |w|^2) \phi'_a(f(w)) f'(w) \\ &= (1 - |w|^2) \phi'_a(a) f'(w) \\ &= \frac{1 - |w|^2}{1 - |a|^2} f'(w). \end{aligned}$$

Schwarz lemma and its consequences

- By $|g'(0)| \leq 1$, we obtain

$$|f'(w)| \leq \frac{1 - |a|^2}{1 - |w|^2}.$$

- Suppose that we have equality above. Then $|g'(0)| = 1$.
- Now we derive from Schwarz lemma that there exists a constant c with $|c| = 1$ such that

$$g(z) = cz \quad \text{for } |z| < 1.$$

- Therefore

$$\phi_a \circ f \circ \phi_{-w}(z) = \chi_c(z) \quad \text{for } |z| < 1,$$

where $\chi_c(z) = cz$. Thus

$$f = \phi_{-a} \circ \chi_c \circ \phi_w = \phi_{-a} \circ (c\phi_w) \text{ in } D.$$



Disc automorphisms

Theorem

Let f be an automorphism of D and $w \in D$ such that $f(w) = 0$. Then

$$f = c\phi_w \text{ in } D$$

where c is a constant of absolute value 1.

Remark

We observe that rotation is an automorphism of D . On the other hand, the theorem with $w = 0$ yields that all the automorphisms of D carrying the centre to centre are given by rotations.

Proof of the theorem: Let h be the inverse of f . Then

$$h(f(z)) = z \quad \text{for } z \in D, \quad \text{and} \quad h(0) = w.$$

Disc automorphisms

- By the inverse mapping theorem, $h \in H(D)$ and $h'(z) \neq 0$ for $z \in D$.
- By differentiating both sides of $h(f(z)) = z$, we obtain

$$h'(f(z))f'(z) = 1 \quad \text{for } z \in D.$$

- Setting $z = w$, we have $h'(f(w))f'(w) = h'(0)f'(w) = 1$.
- Now we derive from the previous lemma with $a = 0$ that

$$|f'(w)| \leq \frac{1}{1 - |w|^2}, \quad |h'(0)| \leq 1 - |w|^2,$$

and hence

$$|f'(w)| = \frac{1}{1 - |w|^2}$$

- By the previous lemma applied again, we conclude that

$$f = \phi_0 \circ c\phi_w = c\phi_w \text{ in } D$$

where c is a constant of absolute value 1.



Automorphisms of the upper half-plane

Definition

Denote by $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ the set of all 2×2 matrices

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

with $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ such that its determinant $ad - bc$ is equal to 1.

- It is clear that G is a group under matrix multiplication.
- For $M \in G$, we denote

$$f_M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}.$$

- For $M \in G$ and $N \in G$, we check by direct computation that

$$f_{MN} = f_M \circ f_N.$$

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Lemma (A)

Let $M \in G$. Then $f_M \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$.

Proof: Fix $M \in G$, then it is clear that f_M is analytic in \mathbb{H} since $-\frac{d}{c} \notin \mathbb{H}$.

- Let $z \in \mathbb{H}$ with $z = x + iy$. Then $y > 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im}(f_M(z)) &= \text{Im}\left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d}\right) = \text{Im}\left(\frac{ax + b + iay}{cx + d + icy}\right) \\ &= \text{Im}\left(\frac{(ax + b + iya)(cx + d - iyc)}{(cx + d)^2 + c^2y^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{(cx + d)ya - (ax + b)yc}{(cx + d)^2 + c^2y^2} \\ &= \frac{y}{(cx + d)^2 + c^2y^2} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

since $ad - bc = 1$. Thus f_M is analytic function of \mathbb{H} into \mathbb{H} .

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- Let $f_M(z_1) = f_M(z_2)$. Then $(ad - bc)z_1 = (ad - bc)z_2$ implying $z_1 = z_2$, since $ad - bc = 1$. Therefore f_M is one-to-one as desired.
- We show that f_M is onto. Let $N \in G$ be the inverse of M . Then

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix},$$

and we check that for $z \in \mathbb{H}$ we have

$$f_M \left(\frac{dz - b}{-cz + a} \right) = f_M(f_N(z)) = \frac{a \frac{dz - b}{-cz + a} + b}{c \frac{dz - b}{-cz + a} + d} = z$$

since $ad - bc = 1$.



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Lemma (B)

Let $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$. Then there exists $M \in G$ such that $f_M(z) = w$.

Proof: Let $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{H}$, then $y > 0$. Let b and $c \neq 0$ be real numbers to be specified later.

- Set $M = M_2 M_1$, where

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c^{-1} \\ c & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- It is clear that $M_1, M_2 \in G$ and thus $M \in G$.
- Then, we have

$$f_M(z) = f_{M_2} \circ f_{M_1}(z) = f_{M_2} \left(-\frac{1}{c^2 z} \right).$$

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- We observe that

$$\operatorname{Im} \left(-\frac{1}{c^2 z} \right) = \frac{y}{c^2 |z|^2} = 1,$$

by choosing c suitably. Further we write

$$-\frac{1}{c^2 z} = \chi + i, \quad \text{where } \chi \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- Then, we also see that

$$f_M(z) = f_{M_2}(\chi + i) = \chi + b + i$$

- Choosing $b = -\chi$ we obtain

$$f_M(z) = i.$$

- Let $w \in \mathbb{H}$. Similarly, as above, there exists $M_3 \in G$ such that $f_{M_3}(w) = i$. Let $M_4 = M_3^{-1}M$. Then $M_4 \in G$ and

$$f_{M_4}(z) = f_{M_3^{-1}}(f_M(z)) = f_{M_3^{-1}}(i) = w. \quad \square$$

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Lemma (C)

For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$M_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$F(z) = \frac{i - z}{i + z} \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{H}.$$

Then

$$F \circ f_{M_\theta} \circ F^{-1}(z) = e^{-2i\theta} z \quad \text{for } z \in D.$$

Proof: We know that F is a conformal mapping of \mathbb{H} onto D .

- For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$\lambda_\theta(z) = e^{-2i\theta} z \quad \text{for } z \in D.$$

- It suffices to show that

$$F \circ f_{M_\theta} = \lambda_\theta \circ F \text{ in } \mathbb{H}.$$

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- Indeed, if $F \circ f_{M_\theta} = \lambda_\theta \circ F$, then for $z \in D$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ f_{M_\theta} \circ F^{-1}(z) &= F \circ f_{M_\theta} (F^{-1}(z)) \\ &= \lambda_\theta \circ F (F^{-1}(z)) = \lambda_\theta(z) = e^{-2i\theta} z. \end{aligned}$$

- Now for $z \in \mathbb{H}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ f_{M_\theta}(z) &= F(f_{M_\theta}(z)) = F\left(\frac{z \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{z \sin \theta + \cos \theta}\right) \\ &= \frac{i - \frac{z \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{z \sin \theta + \cos \theta}}{i + \frac{z \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{z \sin \theta + \cos \theta}} \\ &= \frac{z(i \sin \theta - \cos \theta) + (i \cos \theta + \sin \theta)}{z(i \sin \theta + \cos \theta) + (i \cos \theta - \sin \theta)} \\ &= \frac{-ze^{-i\theta} + ie^{-i\theta}}{ze^{i\theta} + ie^{i\theta}} = e^{-2i\theta} \frac{i - z}{i + z} = e^{-2i\theta} F(z). \end{aligned}$$

□

Automorphisms of the upper half-plane

Theorem

We have

$$\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) = \{f_M : M \in G\}.$$

Proof: By Lemma (A) we have $\{f_M : M \in G\} \subseteq \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$ it suffices to show that $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq \{f_M : M \in G\}$.

- Let $f \in \operatorname{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$. Then there exists $\beta \in \mathbb{H}$ such that $f(\beta) = i$.
- By Lemma (B) there exists $N \in G$ such that $f_N(i) = \beta$. We set

$$g = f \circ f_N.$$

- Then $g(i) = f(f_N(i)) = f(\beta) = i$. Now we consider $F \circ g \circ F^{-1}$, where $F(z) = \frac{i-z}{i+z}$. We observe that $F \circ g \circ F^{-1} \in \operatorname{Aut}(D)$ and

$$F \circ g \circ F^{-1}(0) = F(g(i)) = F(i) = 0.$$

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- Hence we conclude that there exists $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ so that

$$F \circ g \circ F^{-1} = t_\theta \text{ in } D,$$

where

$$t_\theta(z) = e^{-2i\theta}z \quad \text{for } z \in D.$$

- Further, we see from Lemma (C) that

$$F \circ f_{M_\theta} \circ F^{-1} = t_\theta \text{ in } D.$$

- Thus we conclude that

$$f \circ f_N = g = f_{M_\theta}.$$

- Hence

$$f = f_{M_\theta N^{-1}}$$

and $M_\theta N^{-1} \in G$.

