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Q6a: Let  $f(z) = \frac{az-b}{cz-d}$  be a fractional linear transformation which maps the upper half plane H to the unit disk. Since f is a homeomorphism, we have that  $f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c} \in S^1$ , since  $\infty \in \mathbb{R}$  when we consider the riemann sphere, and homeomorphisms preserve boundaries. Hence we have that

$$\left|\frac{a}{c}\right| = 1$$

which implies that

$$|a| = |c|$$

Letting  $\frac{a}{c} = \eta$ , we can rewrite f as

$$f(z) = \eta \frac{z - \frac{b}{a}}{z - \frac{d}{a}}$$

Let  $\frac{b}{a} = w$ . We claim that  $w \in H$ . Note that  $f : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  is a bijection, no point below the real line can map to the disk. Therefore the unique z' satisfying 0 = f(z') must belong to H. By inspecting f we see that z' = w. Thus we have that

$$f(z) = \eta \frac{z - w}{z - \frac{d}{z}}$$

. We finally claim that  $\overline{w} = \frac{d}{c}$ . We define  $\frac{d}{c} = u$ . Hence we have that

$$f(z) = \eta \frac{z - w}{z - u}$$

Since f is a homeomorphism between H and D, the boundary of H gets mapped to  $S^1$ . Hence we have that for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , |f(z)| = 1. We get that

$$1 = |f(z)| = |\eta| \left| \frac{z - w}{z - u} \right| = \frac{|z - w|}{|z - u|}$$

Using the properties of the norm, we get that

$$1 = \frac{(z - w)(\overline{z} - \overline{w})}{(z - u)(\overline{z} - \overline{u})} \implies \frac{z\overline{z} - w\overline{z} - \overline{w}z + w\overline{w}}{\overline{z}z - \overline{u}z - u\overline{z} + u\overline{u}} \implies w\overline{w} - u\overline{u} = z(\overline{w} - \overline{u}) + \overline{z}(w - u)$$

Since this is true for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , taking z = 0 implies that |w| = |u|. Next taking z = 1, we get that

$$0 = (\overline{w} - \overline{u} + w - u) \implies w + \overline{w} = u + \overline{u}$$

Hence we have that Re(w) = Re(u). Since their norms are equal, we get that  $Im(w) = \pm Im(u)$  We can not have that Im(w) = Im(u) since this function would be constant, thus we conclude that Im(w) = -Im(u). Therefore,  $u = \overline{w}$ . Hence f can be written as

$$f(z) = \eta \frac{z - w}{z - \overline{w}}$$

Conversely, suppose that  $f(z) = \eta \frac{z-a}{z-\overline{a}}$  with  $|\eta| = 1$ , and Im(a) > 0. We wish to show that on the upper half plane H,  $f(z) \le 1$ . Suppose for the sake of contradiction that for some  $z \in H$ ,  $|f(z)| \ge 1$ . We see that

$$1 \le |f(z)| = |\eta| \left| \frac{z-a}{z-\overline{a}} \right| \implies |z-\overline{a}| \le |z-a|$$

Using the properties of the modulus of a complex number, we get that

$$(z-\overline{a})(\overline{z}-a) < (z-a)(\overline{z}-\overline{a}) \implies z\overline{z}-\overline{z}a-\overline{z}a+\overline{a}a < \overline{z}z-z\overline{a}-\overline{z}a+a\overline{a}$$

Cleaning up this expression, we see that

$$0 < \overline{z}(a-a) + z(a-\overline{a}) \implies 0 < z \cdot 2iIm(a)$$

However, we note that from algebraic proprties of  $\mathbb{C}$ , that this inequality is only met when Re(z) = 0 and  $Im(z) \leq 0$ . We obtain a contradiction.

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Q6b: Note that since f is a bijection on  $\mathbb{C}$ , and it maps the upper half plane onto itself we can deduce that it is a bijection on the upper half plane. Similarly by conjugating, we get the equivalent result on the lower half plane. Therefore f is a bijection on the upper half plane, the lower half plane, and on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Therefore it is a bijection on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Hence we apply our result from Q5