Assignment 3 MAT 354

Q2: First let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the radii of the concentric circles, and assume that  $\alpha < \beta$ . If

$$f = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$$

is a fractional linear transformation with the supposed properties, we can assume without loss of generality that the circles  $S_{\alpha}, S_{\beta}$  are centered about 0, and  $f(S_{\alpha})$  and  $f(S_{\beta})$  will also be centered around 0, since we can always translate the images to 0 while f will remain a fractional linear transformation. Consider any pair of lines  $l_1(t), l_2(t)$  which intersect at a right angle and pass through the origin. Note that they must also intersect at  $\infty$ . Since f is a conformal mapping and it takes lines to lines, we have that  $f(l_1(t))$  and  $f(l_2(t))$  must also intersect at a right angle at the origin. Therefore one of 2 cases must hold. Either  $f(0) = 0, f(\infty) = \infty$ , or  $f(\infty) = 0$  and  $f(0) = \infty$ . Consider the first case. If we have that f(0) = 0, this implies that b = 0. Furthermore since  $f^{-1}(\infty) = -\frac{d}{c} = \infty$ , this implies that c = 0. Hence f takes the form

$$f(z) = \frac{az}{d} = \lambda z$$

for  $\lambda = \frac{a}{d}$ . We compute that

$$\frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} = \frac{\lambda \beta}{\lambda \alpha} = \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$$

Now consider the second case. If we have that  $f(0) = \infty$ , then it must be that d = 0. Since  $f^{-1}(0) = -\frac{b}{a} = \infty$ , this implies that a = 0. Hence f takes the form

$$f(z) = \frac{b}{cz} = \frac{\lambda}{z}.$$

We can evaluate that

$$\frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{\beta}}{\frac{\lambda}{\alpha}} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

The ratio is conserved. Thus we are done.