

# Math CS 122A HW4

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**Question 1** Ahlfors Pg. 96 Problem 2:

Map the region between  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$  on a half plane.

**Pf:**

Consider the following transformation  $g : \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ :

$$f(z) = \frac{z+1}{z-1} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1}, \quad g(z) = e^{\pi f(z)}$$

First, if consider the points  $-i, -1, 1$  respectively on  $|z| = 1$ , linear transformation  $f$  maps the following:

$$f(-i) = \frac{-i+1}{-i-1} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1} = 1, \quad f(-1) = \frac{-1+1}{-1-1} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1} = 0, \quad f(1) = \infty$$

(Note: Since  $f(1)$  is not defined under  $\mathbb{C}$ , it gets map to  $\infty$ ).

Because the orientation of  $|z| = 1$  is  $-i$  to  $-1$  to  $1$ , going clockwise, and the orientation of the image is  $1$  to  $0$  to  $\infty$ , which on the right side is the half plane with positive imaginary parts. Hence, the right of  $|z| = 1$  under this orientation (which is the interior of  $|z| = 1$ ) gets mapped to the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ .

Now, consider the points  $\frac{1}{2}(1-i), 0, 1$  on  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$ , linear transformation  $f$  maps the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}(1-i)\right) &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) + 1}{\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i\right) - 1} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1} = \frac{(1-i) + 2}{(1-i) - 2} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1} = \frac{3-i}{-1-i} \cdot \frac{-1-i}{1-i} \\ &= \frac{3-i}{1-i} = \frac{(3-i)(1+i)}{(1-i)(1+i)} = \frac{3+1-i+3i}{2} = \frac{4+2i}{2} = 2+i \\ f(0) &= \frac{1}{-1} \cdot \frac{-i-1}{-i+1} = -\frac{-(1+i)^2}{(1-i)(1+i)} = \frac{2i}{2} = i, \quad f(1) = \infty \end{aligned}$$

So, since the three points gets mapped to  $(2+i), i, \infty$  respectively, and linear transformation maps circle to circle, hence this is a circle passing through  $\infty$ , or a straight line passing through  $i$  and  $(2+i)$ , which is the line  $\text{Im}(z) = 1$ . Then, with the orientation  $\frac{1}{2}(1-i)$  to  $0$  to  $1$ , the image has orientation  $(2+i)$  to  $i$  to  $\infty$ , which the left side is the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) < 1$ . Hence, the left of  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$  under this orientation (the exterior of  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$ ) gets mapped to the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) < 1$ .

With the above statements, all points in the region between  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$  are in the interior of  $|z| = 1$ , and in the exterior of  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$ . So, they are the intersection of  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z) < 1$ .

Which,  $\pi f(z)$  represents the region  $0 < \text{Im}(z) < \pi$ .

So, for all  $z_0$  in the given open region,  $z_0 = a + bi$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $0 < b < \pi$ . So:

$$e^{z_0} = e^{a+bi} = e^a \cdot e^{ib}, \quad b \in (0, \pi)$$

Hence,  $e^{z_0}$  satisfies  $\arg(e^{z_0}) = b \in (0, \pi)$ , and  $|e^{z_0}| = e^a > 0$ , hence the image of the region  $0 < \text{Im}(z) < \pi$  is in the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$  (in fact, the image is the whole half plane, since the choice of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b \in (0, \pi)$  are arbitrary, hence  $e^a \in (0, \infty)$  could be any value in the given region).

Eventually, since  $\pi f(z)$  maps the region between  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - \frac{1}{2}| = \frac{1}{2}$  onto the region  $0 < \text{Im}(z) < \pi$ , while  $e^z$  maps this new region onto the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ , then the composition  $e^{\pi f(z)}$  maps the desired region to the half plane  $\text{Im}(z) > 0$ .

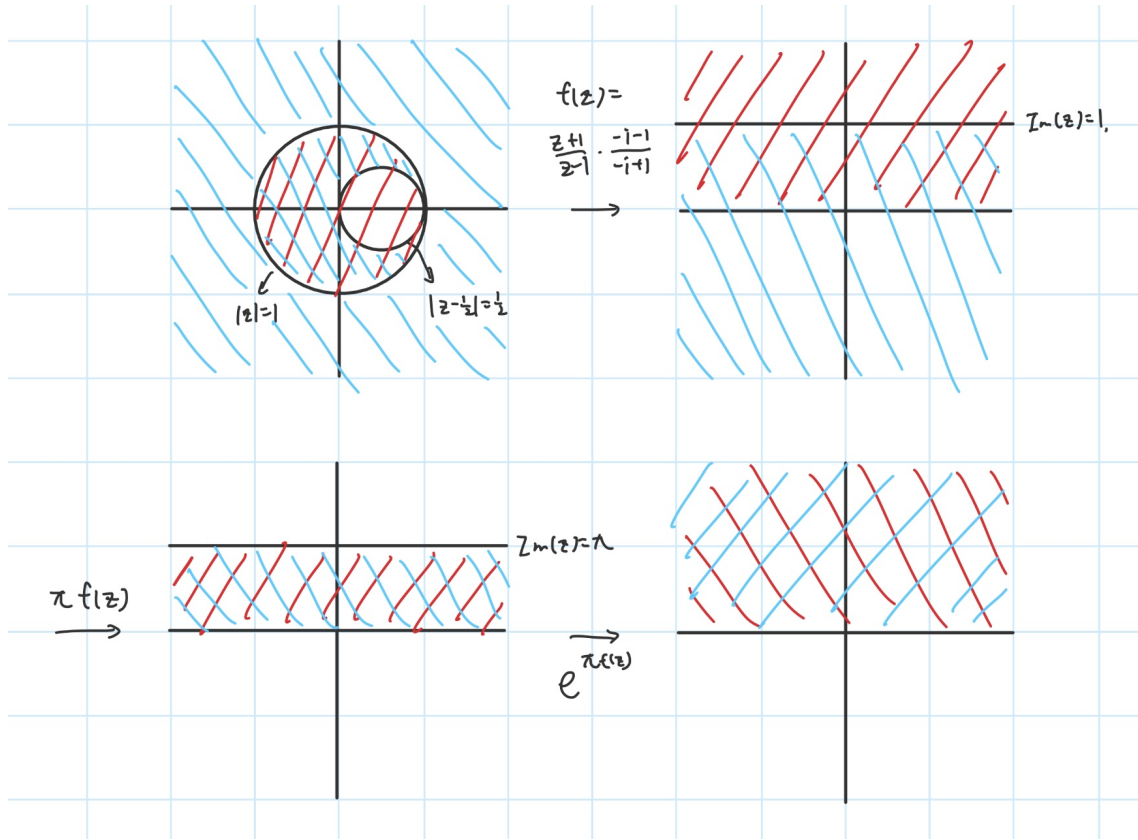


Figure 1: Transformation between regions

**Question 2** Ahlfors Pg. 97 Problem 5:

Map the inside of the right-hand branch of the hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$  on the disk  $|w| < 1$  so that the focus corresponds to  $w = 0$  and the vertex to  $w = -1$ .

**Pf:**

WLOG, assume  $a > 0$  (Note:  $a < 0$  can be replaced with  $(-a)$  instead). Under this configuration, the vertex is when  $y = 0$ , or  $x = a$  for the right hand branch (the vertex is  $z = a$ ). Also, the focus is given by  $(ka, 0)$  with  $k = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b'^2}{a'^2}}$  when given the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a'^2} - \frac{y^2}{b'^2} = 1$ , which under this configuration,  $a' = b' = a$ , hence  $k = \sqrt{2}$  (so the focus is  $z = \sqrt{2}a$ ).

(Note 2: under the requirement, the focus and vertex needs to be two distinct points, hence  $a \neq 0$ ).

**Map of  $z^2$ :**

Notice that for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , since  $z = x + iy$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $z^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + i \cdot 2xy$ .

If take the plane  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$  (where  $x > 0$ ), the map is injective: Suppose  $z^2 = z_1^2$  for  $z, z_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $z^2 - z_1^2 = (z - z_1)(z + z_1) = 0$ , hence  $z = z_1$  or  $z = -z_1$ . However, if restrict onto the plane  $\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0$ , then  $z = -z_1$  is impossible for all values on this plane, hence  $z = z_1$ , showing it's injective.

Now, consider the inside of the right-hand branch of the hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ , which is restricted by the condition  $x^2 - y^2 \geq a^2$ : For all  $z = x + iy$  in the given region,  $x^2 - y^2 \geq a^2$ ; hence,  $z^2 = (x^2 - y^2) + i \cdot 2xy$  is in the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) \geq a^2$ . Also, for all  $w$  in the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) \geq a^2$  ( $a^2 > 0$ ), since it is in the domain of  $\sqrt{z}$  (which is in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq 0\}$ ), then there exists  $z = x + iy$  with  $z^2 = w$ , hence  $\operatorname{Re}(w) = \operatorname{Re}(z^2) = (x^2 - y^2) \geq a^2$ , showing that  $z$  is in the given region.

Hence, we can conclude that the function  $z^2$  restricting onto the inside of the right-hand branch of the given hyperbola (with condition  $x^2 - y^2 \geq a^2$ ), it is an injective function mapping the region onto the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(z) \geq a^2$ .

**Mapping the Half Plane  $\operatorname{Re}(z) \geq a^2$  onto the Unit Disk:**

Consider the following linear transformation:

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

For the points  $w_0$  on the line  $\operatorname{Re}(w) = a^2$ ,  $w_0 = a^2 + iv$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{R}$ , hence the following is true:

$$f(w_0) = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{w_0} = \frac{w_0 - 2a^2}{w_0} = \frac{(a^2 + iv) - 2a^2}{a^2 + iv} = \frac{-a^2 + iv}{a^2 + iv} = \frac{-(a^2 - iv)}{a^2 + iv} = -\frac{\bar{w}_0}{w_0}$$

Hence,  $|f(w_0)| = \left| -\frac{\bar{w}_0}{w_0} \right| = \frac{|\bar{w}_0|}{|w_0|} = 1$ , the boundary of the half plane gets mapped to the boundary of the unit disk  $|w| < 1$ ;

Also, for all points  $w_1$  in the plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) > a^2$  (let  $w = u + iv$  for  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ , hence  $u > a^2$ ), there are two cases to consider. The following is what  $w_1$  gets mapped to:

$$f(w_1) = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{w_1} = \frac{w_1 - 2a^2}{w_1} = \frac{(u - 2a^2) + iv}{u + iv}$$

First, if  $u \leq 2a^2$ , notice that since  $0 \leq |u - 2a^2| = (2a^2 - u) < (2a^2 - a^2) = a^2 < u$ , then,  $|(u - 2a^2) + iv| = \sqrt{(u - 2a^2)^2 + v^2} < \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = |w_1|$ , hence  $|f(w_1)| = \frac{|(u - 2a^2) + iv|}{|u + iv|} < 1$ .

Else, if  $u > 2a^2$ , then since  $0 < (u - 2a^2) < u$ , then again  $|(u - 2a^2) + iv| = \sqrt{(u - 2a^2)^2 + v^2} < \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = |w_1|$ , hence  $|f(w_1)| = \frac{|(u - 2a^2) + iv|}{|u + iv|} < 1$  is still true.

So, we can conclude that the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) \geq a^2$  gets mapped to the unit disk  $|w| = 1$ , and since this is a linear transformation, the map is bijective.

### Mapping Inside of Hyperbola to Unit Disk:

If Compose the two functions above, consider the following transformation  $\bar{f}(z) = f(z^2) = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{z^2}$ : First, for all  $z$  in the inside of the given branch of hyperbola (in the region  $x^2 - y^2 \geq a^2$ ),  $z^2$  appears in the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) \geq a^2$ , and there is a one-to-one correspondence between the two regions under the map; furthermore, since  $f$  maps the half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(w) \geq a^2$  to the unit disk  $|w| \leq 1$ , and is also a one-to-one correspondence, then the composition  $f(z^2)$  maps the interior of the hyperbola to the unit disk.

Also, computing the following, we get:

$$\bar{f}(a) = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{a^2} = 1 - 2 = -1, \quad \bar{f}(\sqrt{2}a) = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{(\sqrt{2}a)^2} = 1 - \frac{2a^2}{2a^2} = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Which, since given the right branch of hyperbola  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ ,  $z_0 = a$  is the vertex and  $z_1 = \sqrt{2}a$  is the focus, then the vertex gets mapped to  $-1$ , and the focus gets mapped to  $0$ , hence this conformal map satisfies the given condition.

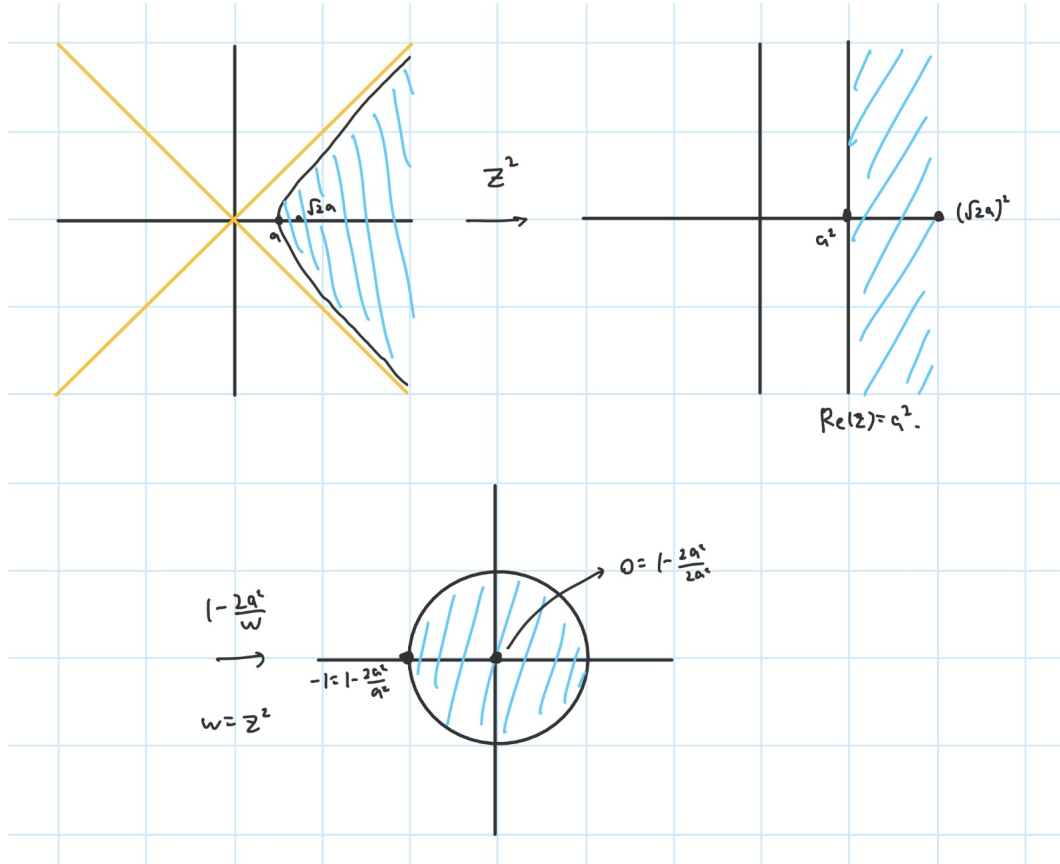


Figure 2: Transformation between Hyperbola and Circle

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**Question 3** Ahlfors Pg. 78 Problem 4:

*Show that any linear transformation which transforms the real axis into itself can be written with real coefficient.*

**Pf:**

Let  $S : \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  be arbitrary linear transformation that transforms the real axis to itself, then if restricted onto  $\mathbb{R}$ , the image of the function is also the real axis.

Notice that since the transformation is bijective, there exists distinct points  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , with  $S(z_1) = 1$ ,  $S(z_2) = 0$ , and  $S(z_3) = \infty$ . Which, this indicates that  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  is in fact on  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ :

Suppose there exists a point not on  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then the circle (or straight line if one of them is  $\infty$ ) determined by  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  is not on  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ; yet, since the image of  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  is on the straight line  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , that means the circle determined by  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  is mapped onto  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , which contradicts the fact that the preimage of the real axis should be the real axis, under the given condition.

Hence,  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Then, based on the formula for cross ratio, the unique transformation  $S$  with  $S(z_1) = 1, S(z_2) = 0$ , and  $S(z_3) = \infty$ , has the following formula:

$$S(z) = \frac{z - z_2}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_1 - z_3}{z_1 - z_2}$$

Hence, since  $z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then the above transformation can be simplified to real coefficients.

**For all three points being real:**

$S(z)$  is in the given form above, where every coefficients are real.

**For one points being  $\infty$ :**

If  $z_1 = \infty$ :

$$S(z) = \lim_{z_1 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z - z_2}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_1 - z_3}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{z - z_2}{z - z_3}$$

If  $z_2 = \infty$ :

$$S(z) = \lim_{z_2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z - z_2}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_1 - z_3}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{z_1 - z_3}{z - z_3}$$

Else if  $z_3 = \infty$ :

$$S(z) = \lim_{z_3 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{z - z_2}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_1 - z_3}{z_1 - z_2} = \frac{z - z_2}{z_1 - z_2}$$

**Question 4** Ahlors Pg. 80 Problem 3:

If the consecutive vertices  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  of a quadrilateral lie on a circle, prove that

$$|z_1 - z_3| \cdot |z_2 - z_4| = |z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4|$$

and interpret the result geometrically.

**Pf:**

First, consider the right hand side of the equation:

$$|z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| = |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot \left( \left| \frac{(z_1 - z_2) \cdot (z_3 - z_4)}{(z_2 - z_3) \cdot (z_1 - z_4)} \right| + 1 \right)$$

Then, recall that the cross ratio of  $(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)$  can be expressed as:

$$(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) = \frac{(z_1 - z_2) \cdot (z_3 - z_4)}{(z_1 - z_4) \cdot (z_3 - z_2)}$$

Hence, the above expression can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot \left( \left| -\frac{(z_1 - z_2) \cdot (z_3 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2) \cdot (z_1 - z_4)} \right| + 1 \right) \\ &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot (|-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)| + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that since  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  is consecutive vertices on a circle, then the cross ratio is real; furthermore, by the statement in **Question 6**, since  $z_1, z_3, z_4$  and  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  have the same orientation, hence the cross ratio  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) > 0$ .

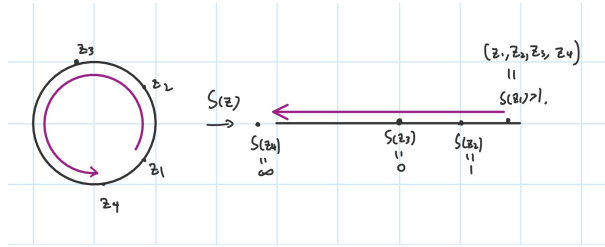


Figure 3: Cross Ratio of  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$

Similarly, when viewing in order of  $z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4$ , the orientation  $z_1, z_3, z_4$  and  $z_3, z_2, z_4$  are different, hence the cross ratio  $(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) < 0$ . (In **Figure 4**)

Then, since  $(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) < 0$ ,  $-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) > 0$ , hence  $|-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)| = -(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)$ . The above identity becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot (|-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)| + 1) \\ &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot (-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) + 1) \end{aligned}$$

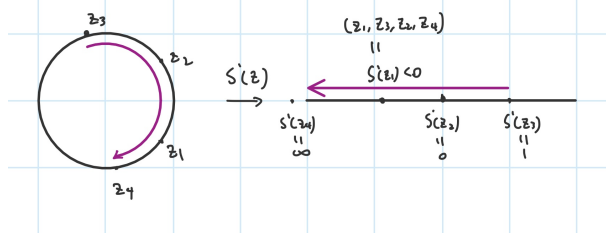


Figure 4: Cross Ratio of  $(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4)$

Compute the third term in the equation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) + 1 &= -\frac{(z_1 - z_2) \cdot (z_3 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2) \cdot (z_1 - z_4)} + 1 \\
 &= \frac{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4) - (z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)} \\
 &= \frac{(z_1 z_3 - z_1 z_2 - z_3 z_4 + z_2 z_4) - (z_1 z_3 - z_1 z_4 - z_2 z_3 + z_2 z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)} \\
 &= \frac{-z_1 z_2 - z_3 z_4 + z_1 z_4 + z_2 z_3}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)} = \frac{z_1(z_4 - z_2) + z_3(z_2 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)} \\
 &= \frac{(z_3 - z_1)(z_2 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, plug back into the original equation, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot |(-(z_1, z_3, z_2, z_4) + 1)| \\
 &= |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4| \cdot \left| \frac{(z_3 - z_1)(z_2 - z_4)}{(z_3 - z_2)(z_1 - z_4)} \right| = |(z_3 - z_1)(z_2 - z_4)|
 \end{aligned}$$

So, the original original formula is true:

$$|z_3 - z_1| \cdot |z_2 - z_4| = |z_1 - z_2| \cdot |z_3 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \cdot |z_1 - z_4|$$

**Question 5** Ahlfors Pg. 83 Problem 4:

Find the linear transformation which carries the circle  $|z| = 2$  into  $|z + 1| = 1$ , the point  $-2$  into the origin, and the origin into  $i$ .

**Pf:**

**Symmetric points:**

First, for circle  $|z| = 2$ , since the origin  $0$  is not on the circle, then to find a precise map, we also need to consider its symmetric point, namely  $\infty$ . (Note: the symmetric point of the center of a circle is always  $\infty$ ).

Now, consider the points they get mapped to: Since any linear transformation should preserve the symmetric points, then as  $0$  gets mapped to  $i$ ,  $\infty$  gets mapped to the symmetric point of  $i$  on the circle  $|z + 1| = 1$ . The following is the computation based on the formula given in the textbook. Let  $z_0 = i$ , radius  $r = 1$ , and the center  $a = -1$ , then its symmetric point  $z_0^*$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} z_0^* &= \frac{r^2}{(\bar{z}_0 - a)} + a = \frac{1}{-i - (-1)} - 1 = \frac{1}{1 - i} - 1 = \frac{(1 + i)}{(1 - i)(1 + i)} - 1 \\ &= \frac{1 + i}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

Hence, under the desired linear transformation,  $\infty$  gets mapped to  $z_0^* = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$ .

**Formula for Linear Transformation:**

Given that  $-2 \mapsto 0$ ,  $0 \mapsto i$ , and  $\infty \mapsto (-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i)$ , consider the following map:

$$f(z) = \frac{-(1 - i)z - 2(1 - i)}{2z + 2(1 + i)}$$

Which, it maps the given point as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-2) &= \frac{-(1 - i)(-2) - 2(1 - i)}{2(-2) + 2(1 + i)} = \frac{0 \cdot (1 - i)}{-4 + 2 + 2i} = 0 \\ f(0) &= \frac{-(1 - i) \cdot 0 - 2(1 - i)}{2 \cdot 0 + 2(1 + i)} = \frac{-2(1 - i)}{2(1 + i)} = -\frac{(1 - i)^2}{(1 - i)(1 + i)} = -\frac{1 - 1 - 2i}{1 + 1} = \frac{2i}{2} = i \\ f(\infty) &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-(1 - i)z - 2(1 - i)}{2z + 2(1 + i)} = \frac{-(1 - i)}{2} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given linear transformation maps the three points to the correct locations.

**Circle Maps to Circle:**

To verify that  $|z| = 2$  gets mapped to  $|z + 1| = 1$ , it suffices to show that three points on  $|z| = 2$  get mapped onto  $|z + 1| = 1$ .

First, we already have  $-2 \mapsto 0$ , which is a point satisfying the condition.

Now, consider the point  $2i, -2i$  on the circle  $|z| = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(2i) &= \frac{-(1 - i)2i - 2(1 - i)}{2 \cdot 2i + 2(1 + i)} = \frac{-2(1 + i)(1 - i)}{2 + 6i} = \frac{-2}{1 + 3i} = \frac{-2(1 - 3i)}{(1 + 3i)(1 - 3i)} = \frac{-2 + 6i}{10} = \frac{-1 + 3i}{5} \\ f(-2i) &= \frac{-(1 - i)(-2i) - 2(1 - i)}{2(-2i) + 2(1 + i)} = \frac{-2(1 - i)(1 - i)}{2 - 2i} = -(1 - i) \end{aligned}$$



Then, consider the distance  $|f(2i) + 1|$  and  $|f(-2i) + 1|$ , we get:

$$|f(2i) + 1| = \left| \frac{-1 + 3i}{5} + 1 \right| = \left| \frac{4 + 3i}{5} \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2} = 1$$

$$|f(-2i) + 1| = |-(1 - i) + 1| = |i| = 1$$

Hence,  $f(2i), f(-2i)$  are two points on the circle  $|z + 1| = 1$ .

Since  $-2, 2i, -2i$  are three points on the circle  $|z| = 2$ , and they get mapped to points on  $|z + 1| = 1$  by the linear transformation  $f$ , hence  $|z| = 2$  is mapped to  $|z + 1| = 1$ , showing that  $f$  is in fact the desired linear transformation.

## 6

**Question 6** Ahlfors Pg. 84 Problem 1:

If  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  are points on a circle, show that  $z_1, z_3, z_4$  and  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  determine the same orientation if and only if  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) > 0$ .

**Pf:**

Given four distinct points  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}$ , to determine the cross ratio  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$ , it is given by the linear transformation that gives  $z_2 \mapsto 1$ ,  $z_3 \mapsto 0$ , and  $z_4 \mapsto \infty$ .

If consider the orientation as  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  respectively:

If  $z_1, z_3, z_4$  has the same orientation as above, then  $z_1, z_2$  needs to be on the same arc when the circle is separated by  $z_3$  and  $z_4$ .

Which, this happens if the linear transformation would transform  $z_1, z_2$  onto the same side of the real line, so  $z_1$  gets mapped to a positive value. Hence,  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) > 0$ .

Conversely, if  $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) > 0$ , then  $z_1$  gets mapped to a positive value on the real axis. Which, since the orientation is given by  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  in order, and  $z_1, z_2$  both get mapped to positive values while  $z_3$  gets mapped to 0, hence  $z_1, z_2$  must be on the same side of the circle when the circle is separated by  $z_3, z_4$ , the orientation  $z_1, z_3, z_4$  must have the same orientation as  $z_2, z_3, z_4$ .

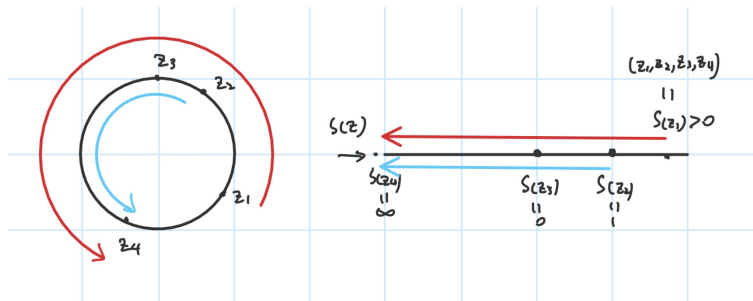


Figure 5: Cross Ratio and Orientation

**Question 7** Ahlfors Pg. 88 Problem 6:

Find all circles which are orthogonal to  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - 1| = 4$ .

**Pf:**

Given the two circles  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - 1| = 4$ , notice that the relationship is similar to the Circle of Apollonius (which there exists a fixed ratio for any circle, such that the distance from any points on the circle to some two points  $k, k_0$  always form that fixed ratio). Then, the two limit points  $k, k_0$  of the given circles, every circle in the system has a center collinear to the two limit points. Hence, with both circles  $|z| = 1$  and  $|z - 1| = 4$  that have center 0 and 1, we can conclude that the limit points both lie on the real axis ( $k, k_0 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ ).

Also, the two limit points are in fact symmetric points under any circle in the given system, so they must satisfy the following relation:

$$r_1 = 1, \quad c_1 = 0, \quad k_0 = \frac{r_1^2}{\bar{k} - \bar{c}_1} + c_1 = \frac{1}{\bar{k}}$$

$$r_2 = 4, \quad c_2 = 1, \quad k_0 = \frac{r_2^2}{\bar{k} - \bar{c}_2} + c_2 = \frac{16}{\bar{k} - 1} + 1$$

(Note: the above equations are based on the relation of symmetric points with respect to each circle, where  $r$  is the radius and  $c$  is the center; and, since  $k \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , can assume  $\bar{k} = k$ ).

Hence, we can deduce the following:

$$\frac{1}{k} = \frac{16}{k - 1} + 1, \quad (k - 1) = 16k + k(k - 1), \quad k^2 + 14k + 1 = 0$$

$$k = -7 \pm 4\sqrt{3}$$

Which, take  $k = -7 + 4\sqrt{3}$ ,  $k_0 = \frac{1}{k} = -7 - 4\sqrt{3}$ , so the two points satisfy the given condition.

Now, if we consider the linear transformation  $\frac{z-k}{z-k_0}$ ,