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## **proof of conformal Möbius circle map theorem**

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Let  $f$  be a conformal map from the unit disk  $\Delta$  onto itself. Let  $a = f(0)$ . Let  $g_a(z) = \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$ . Then  $g_a \circ f$  is a conformal map from  $\Delta$  onto itself, with  $g_a \circ f(0) = 0$ . Therefore, by Schwarz's Lemma for all  $z \in \Delta$   $|g_a \circ f(z)| \leq |z|$ .

Because  $f$  is a conformal map onto  $\Delta$ ,  $f^{-1}$  is also a conformal map of  $\Delta$  onto itself.  $(g_a \circ f)^{-1}(0) = 0$  so that by Schwarz's Lemma  $|(g_a \circ f)^{-1}(w)| \leq |w|$  for all  $w \in \Delta$ . Writing  $w = g_a \circ f(z)$  this becomes  $|z| \leq |g_a \circ f(z)|$ .

Therefore, for all  $z \in \Delta$   $|g_a \circ f(z)| = |z|$ . By Schwarz's Lemma,  $g_a \circ f$  is a rotation. Write  $g_a \circ f(z) = e^{i\theta}z$ , or  $f(z) = e^{i\theta}g_a^{-1}$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is a Möbius Transformation.