

Math 220B - Lecture 19

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Homework now due Friday, due to Office Hrs. on Wed.

Last time

Conway VII. 4.

$U \neq \mathbb{C}$ root domain $\Leftarrow U$ simply connected

Let $a \in U$. Wish $U \cong \Delta$ biholomorphically.

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ f: U \rightarrow \Delta, f(a) = 0, f \text{ injective} \}$$

Step 1

$U \neq \mathbb{C}$ root domain $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$.

Step 2

Let $M = \sup \{ |f'(a)|, f \in \mathcal{F} \}$.

Then M is achieved by some function $f \in \mathcal{F}$.

Today

Step 3

For the extremal function f in Step 2

we show f surjective. Then f biholomorphism

If $f: U \rightarrow \Delta$ not surjective then we show $\exists \tilde{f} \in \mathcal{F}$

with $|\tilde{f}'(a)| > |f'(a)|$ contradicting maximality of $|f'(a)|$.

Strategy

We will in fact show that if $f: U \rightarrow \Delta$ not surjective

then $\exists \tilde{f}: U \rightarrow \Delta$, $F: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$, $f = F \circ \tilde{f}$

$\tilde{f} \in \mathcal{F}$, $F(0) = 0$, $F \notin \text{Aut } \Delta$.

Assume this can be done. The proof is then completed.

Indeed, by Schwarz lemma $\Rightarrow |F'(0)| < 1$. (The inequality is strict since F is not a rotation as $F \notin \text{Aut } \Delta$).

Then we indeed contradict maximality since

$$|f'(a)| = |F'(0)| \cdot |\tilde{f}'(a)| < |\tilde{f}'(a)|.$$

How do we execute the above strategy?

Assume $f: U \rightarrow \Delta$ is not surjective.

Let $\alpha \in \Delta \setminus f(U)$.

Construction of the function \tilde{f} "square root trick".

We carry out the following moves:

(1) recenter.

The function $\varphi_\alpha \circ f: U \rightarrow \Delta$ omits the value $\varphi_\alpha(\alpha) = 0$ since f omits α & $\varphi_\alpha \in \text{Aut } \Delta$.

(2) square root. Since U is a root domain & $\varphi_\alpha \circ f$ is nowhere zero, we can find $g: U \rightarrow \Delta$ holomorphic with $g^2(z) = \varphi_\alpha \circ f$.

Claim g injective.

Indeed $g(z) = g(w) \Rightarrow g(z)^2 = g(w)^2 \Rightarrow \varphi_\alpha \circ f(z) = \varphi_\alpha \circ f(w) \Rightarrow f(z) = f(w) \Rightarrow z = w$ since $f \in \mathcal{F}$ injective.

(3) recenter. Let $\beta = g(a)$. We define

$$\tilde{f} = \varphi_\beta \circ g \Rightarrow \tilde{f}(a) = \varphi_\beta(g(a)) = \varphi_\beta(\beta) = 0.$$

& $\tilde{f}: U \rightarrow \Delta$ injective. Then $\tilde{f} \in \mathcal{F}$.

Outcome

$$g^2 = \varphi_\alpha \circ f, \quad \tilde{f} = \varphi_\beta \circ g, \quad \tilde{f} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}.$$

Comparison

$$g^2 = \varphi_\alpha \circ f \Rightarrow f = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ g^2.$$

$$\text{Let } s: \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta, \quad s(w) = w^2 \Rightarrow f = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s \circ g.$$

$$\tilde{f} = \varphi_\beta \circ g \Rightarrow g = \varphi_{-\beta} \circ \tilde{f} \Rightarrow f = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s \circ \varphi_{-\beta} \circ \tilde{f}$$

$$\text{Let } F: \Delta \longrightarrow \Delta, \quad F = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s \circ \varphi_{-\beta}. \Rightarrow f = F \circ \tilde{f}$$

Claim

$$F \notin \text{Aut } \Delta, \quad F(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Indeed, if } F \in \text{Aut } \Delta, \quad F = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s \circ \varphi_{-\beta} \in \text{Aut } \Delta$$

$$\Rightarrow s \in \text{Aut } \Delta. \text{ But } s \text{ is not even injective as } s(2) = s(-2).$$

To see $F(0) = 0$ we compute

$$F(0) = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s \circ \varphi_{-\beta}(0) = \varphi_{-\alpha} \circ s(\beta) = \varphi_{-\alpha}(\beta^2) = \varphi_{-\alpha}(-\alpha) = 0$$

where we used

$$\beta^2 = g(a)^2 = \varphi_\alpha \circ f(a) = \varphi_\alpha(0) = -\alpha.$$

This is exactly what we needed to complete the proof of Step 3 & the proof of Riemann Mapping.

Remarks

① Uniqueness of the biholomorphism. Take two biholom.

$$f, g: U \longrightarrow \Delta, \quad f(a) = g(a) = 0 \text{ then}$$

$$\text{consider } \Delta \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} U \xrightarrow{g} \Delta, \quad g f^{-1}(0) = 0, \quad g f^{-1} \in \text{Aut } \Delta.$$

Then

$$g f^{-1} = \text{Rot} \Rightarrow g = \text{Rot} \circ f.$$

Thus the biholomorphisms we constructed are unique up to rotations.

ii The extremal function f we constructed maximizes the derivatives at a of ALL functions $g: U \rightarrow \Delta$, $g(a) = 0$ not only the INJECTIVE ones.

Indeed if $f: U \rightarrow \Delta$ is the function we constructed, then $\forall g: U \rightarrow \Delta$, $g(a) = 0$,

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{f^{-1}} U \xrightarrow{g} \Delta, \quad F = g \circ f^{-1}: \Delta \rightarrow \Delta.$$

$$F(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Then } g = F \circ f \Rightarrow |g'(a)| = |F'(0)| |f'(a)| \leq |f'(a)|$$

where we used $|F'(0)| \leq 1$ by Schwarz.

iii U, V simply connected, $U, V \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow U, V$ are biholomorphic. ($U \cong \Delta \cong V$ transitive)

Loose ends

TFAE

[i] U simply connected

[ii] U is a "logarithm domain".

[iii] U is a root domain

A "logarithm domain" is a domain where $\forall f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

holomorphic, f nowhere zero, we can define

$\log f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ holomorphic.

Proof

[i] \Rightarrow [ii]. Math 220A, PSet 4

[ii] \Rightarrow [iii]. Define $\sqrt{f} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \log f\right)$ for all $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ no where zero.

[iii] \Rightarrow [i]. If $U = \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow U$ simply connected

Let $u \neq \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow$ let $f: u \rightarrow \Delta, g: \Delta \rightarrow u$ inverse

biholomorphisms. If γ is a loop in u , then

$f \circ \gamma$ loop in $\Delta = \text{simply connected} \Rightarrow f \circ \gamma \stackrel{\Delta}{\sim} 0$

$\Rightarrow g \circ f \circ \gamma \stackrel{u}{\sim} g(0) \Rightarrow \gamma \stackrel{u}{\sim} g(0) \Rightarrow \gamma \text{ null homotopic.}$

Question How do we construct biholomorphism.

$f: u \rightarrow \Delta$ explicitly?

Answer: depends on u .

Some examples worth knowing

[a] Lecture 17:

$$\mathbb{C}^- \longrightarrow \Delta, \quad z \longmapsto \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^2.$$

We will give more examples next time.

Next : More on boundary behaviour &

Schwarz Reflection (Conway IX.1)

After : Runge's Theorem. (Conway VIII.1)