

(10 points) (C-3) Consider the fractional linear map

$$F(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i} \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}),$$

and let  $L$  be the horizontal line in  $\mathbb{C}$  containing the point  $z = i$ . What is the image of  $L$  under  $F$ ? Give a concrete and detailed description.

This is a Möbius transformation because it takes the form  $\frac{az+b}{cz+d}$

(with  $a=1$ ,  $b=-i$ ,  $c=1$ , &  $d=i$ ), and we have  $ad-bc = 2i \neq 0$ .

Thus lines are mapped to lines/circles, & we can plug in three points to see where our line goes.

$$i \mapsto 0$$

$$1+i \mapsto \frac{1}{1+2i} = \frac{1-2i}{5} = \frac{1}{5} - i\frac{2}{5}$$

$$2+i \mapsto \frac{2}{2+2i} = \frac{1}{1+i} = \frac{1-i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - i\frac{1}{2}$$

These aren't collinear, so they go to a circle. Let's torture ourselves and do some high school geometry to find it.

three points on a circle:  $(0,0)$   $(\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{2}{5})$   $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

this circle has a radius  $r$  & a center  $(h,k)$  so these hold:

$$h^2 + k^2 = r^2$$

$$(\frac{1}{2} - h)^2 + (-\frac{1}{2} - k)^2 = r^2$$

$$(\frac{1}{5} - h)^2 + (-\frac{2}{5} - k)^2 = r^2$$