

# MATH 220A: Homework #6

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## Problem 1

If  $Tz = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ , find  $z_2, z_3, z_4$  (in terms of  $a, b, c, d$ ) such that  $Tz = (z, z_2, z_3, z_4)$ .

*Proof.* Solving

$$Tz_2 = \frac{az_2 + b}{cz_2 + d} = 1, \quad Tz_3 = \frac{az_3 + b}{cz_3 + d} = 0, \quad Tz_4 = \frac{az_4 + b}{cz_4 + d} = \infty,$$

we get  $z_2 = \frac{d-b}{a-c}$ ,  $z_3 = \frac{-b}{a}$ , and  $z_4 = -\frac{d}{c}$ . □

## Problem 2

If  $Tz = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ , find necessary and sufficient conditions that  $T(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  where  $\Gamma$  is the unit circle  $\{z : |z| = 1\}$ .

*Proof.* Note that  $T(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  if and only if  $T^{-1}(\Gamma) = \Gamma$ , and thus  $T^{-1}$  preserves the symmetry between 0 and  $\infty$ . Let  $k = T^{-1}(0) \notin \Gamma$ . By the calculation in the textbook,  $k$  is symmetric to  $\frac{1}{\bar{k}}$ . That is,  $T(\frac{1}{\bar{k}}) = \infty$ . Solving

$$\begin{cases} \frac{ak+b}{ck+d} = 0, \\ \frac{\frac{a}{\bar{k}}+b}{\frac{c}{\bar{k}}+d} = \infty \end{cases},$$

we have  $b = -ak, d = -\frac{c}{\bar{k}}$ . Put  $m = \frac{a}{c}$  and  $T$  is of the form

$$Tz = \frac{m(z-k)}{z - \frac{1}{\bar{k}}}.$$

If  $k = 0$  or  $\infty$ , then  $Tz = mz$  or  $Tz = \frac{m}{z}$ , so  $T(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  if and only if  $m \in \Gamma$ . Suppose otherwise. Notice

$$\begin{aligned} |Tz|^2 &= |m\bar{k}|^2 \left( \frac{z-k}{\bar{k}z-1} \right) \left( \frac{\bar{z}-\bar{k}}{k\bar{z}-1} \right) \\ &= |m\bar{k}|^2 \left( \frac{|z|^2 + |k|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z\bar{k})}{|k|^2|z|^2 + 1 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z\bar{k})} \right). \end{aligned}$$

But then when  $z \in \Gamma$ ,  $|Tz|^2 = |m\bar{k}|^2$ . Thus in this case,  $T(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  if and only if  $k \notin \Gamma$  and  $m\bar{k} \in \Gamma$ .

Combining the two cases, we have  $T(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  if and only if

$$Tz = \frac{m(z-k)}{z - \frac{1}{\bar{k}}},$$

where  $k \notin \Gamma$ ,  $m \in \Gamma$  if  $k = 0, \infty$  and  $m\bar{k} \in \Gamma$  otherwise. □

### Problem 3

Let  $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and find all Möbius transformations  $T$  such that  $T(D) = D$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $T(D) = D$  if and only if  $T^{-1}(0) \in D$ . Obviously if  $T(D) = D$  we have  $T^{-1}(0) \in D$ . Now suppose  $k = T^{-1}(0) \in D$ . Since  $T$  is continuous,  $T(\partial D) = \partial D$ , where  $\partial D = \Gamma$  is the unit circle. By the previous problem,  $T$  is of the form

$$Tz = \frac{m(z - k)}{z - \frac{1}{\bar{k}}}.$$

Suppose  $z \in D$ . It suffices to show that  $|Tz| < 1$ . If  $k = 0$  then  $Tz = mz$  and  $|Tz| = |mz| < 1$ . Suppose  $k \neq 0$ . By the previous problem,

$$|Tz|^2 = |m\bar{k}|^2 \left( \frac{|z|^2 + |k|^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z\bar{k})}{|k|^2|z|^2 + 1 - 2\operatorname{Re}(z\bar{k})} \right).$$

Since  $|k|^2(1 - |z|^2) < 1 - |z|^2$  for  $k, z \in D$ ,

$$|z|^2 + |k|^2 < |k|^2|z|^2 + 1,$$

and so  $|Tz|^2 < 1$ . □

## Problem 4

Let  $G$  be a region and suppose that  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic such that  $f(G)$  is a subset of a circle. Show that  $f$  is constant.

*Proof.* Let  $z_2, z_3, z_4 \in G$  such that  $f(z_2), f(z_3), f(z_4)$  are distinct. Let  $T$  be a Möbius transformation such that  $Tz = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = (z, f(z_2), f(z_3), f(z_4))$ . Since  $T$  is analytic and  $T(f(z)) \in \mathbb{R}_\infty$  for all  $z \in G$ ,  $T(f(z))$  is constant by exercise 3.2.14. Thus,

$$(T(f(z)))' = T'(f(z))f'(z) = \frac{ad-bc}{(cf(z)+d)^2}f'(z) = 0.$$

Since  $ad-bc \neq 0$ ,  $f'(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in G$  with  $z \neq z_4$ . But then  $G$  is connected and  $f'$  is continuous, so  $\lim_{z \rightarrow z_4} f'(z) = f'(z_4) = 0$ . Hence,  $f' = 0$  and the result now follows.  $\square$

## Problem 5

Show that a Möbius transformation  $T$  satisfies  $T(0) = \infty$  and  $T(\infty) = 0$  iff  $Tz = kz^{-1}$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Tz = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ . The converse is trivial. Suppose  $T(0) = \infty$ , and  $T(\infty) = 0$ . Then  $Tz = (z, z_2, \infty, 0)$  for some  $k$ . By the first problem of this homework,

$$\frac{-b}{a} = \infty, \quad \frac{-d}{c} = 0,$$

which implies  $a = d = 0$ . Hence,  $T = \frac{b}{c}z^{-1}$ . □