

Definition:

The map  $w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ ,  $ad-bc \neq 0$  —①  
 is called bilinear transformation or linear fractional transformation or sometimes Möbius transformation. This can also be written as

$$awz + wd - az - b = 0, \quad ad-bc \neq 0 \quad \text{---②}$$

As equation ② is linear in both  $w$  and  $z$ , that is why, it is called bilinear transformation.

**# If  $ad-bc = 0$  then  $w$  is constant.**

Proof:- let  $w_1 \neq w_2$  be roots

$$w = \frac{a(z+b/a)}{c(z+d/c)}$$

$$\because ad-bc=0 \Rightarrow b/a = d/c$$

hence

$$w = \frac{a(z+b/a)}{c(z+b/a)} = \frac{a}{c} = \text{constant.}$$

A constant function is not linear and hence  $ad-bc \neq 0$  is the necessary condition for  $w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$  to be a bilinear transformation.

Ex:1. Which of the following is a bilinear transformation.

①

$$w = \frac{2z+1}{4z+2}$$

②  $\frac{(2+3i)z+i}{-13iz+(2-3i)}$

③  $w=z$ .

Sol<sup>n</sup> for ①  $w = \frac{2z+1}{4z+2}$ ,  $a=2, b=1, c=4, d=2 \Rightarrow ad-bc = 4-4=0$

This is not a bilinear transformation

②  $w = \frac{(2+3i)z+i}{-13iz+(2-3i)}$

$a=2+3i, b=i, c=-13i, d=2-3i$

Now  $ad-bc = (2-3i)(2+3i) \div 13 = 13-13=0$

This is not a bilinear transformation

③  $w=z$ ,  $a=1, b=0, c=0, d=1 \Rightarrow ad-bc = 1 \neq 0$

This is a bilinear transformation.

## Fixed Points or Invariant Points A bilinear transformation

Let  $w = f(z)$  has a fixed point  $z_0$  if  
 $z_0 = f(z_0)$ .

# fixed points of  $w = f(z)$  are obtained by the equation

$$z = f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$$

# If  $c=0$  &  $a-d \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  only one fixed point which is ' $\infty$ '  
in this case  $w = z + \frac{b}{d}$

# If  $c=0$  &  $a-d=0 \Rightarrow$  one finite fixed point & other fixed point is ' $\infty$ '.

Ex- find the fixed points of the following transformations:

(i)  $w = \frac{z}{z-2}$

sol<sup>n</sup> fixed points are given by  $w=z \Rightarrow z = \frac{z}{z-2}$   
 $\Rightarrow z^2 - 2z - z = 0 \Rightarrow z(z-3) = 0 \Rightarrow z=0, 3$   
Hence fixed points are 0, 3.

(ii)  $w = \frac{3iz+1}{z+i}$

sol<sup>n</sup> fixed points are given by  $z = \frac{3iz+1}{z+i} \Rightarrow z^2 - 2iz - 1 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (z-i)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow z=i, i$

Hence there is only one distinct fixed point namely ' $i$ '.

(iii)  $w = \frac{(2+i)z-2}{z+i}$

sol<sup>n</sup> fixed point  $\Rightarrow z = \frac{(2+i)z-2}{z+i}$   
 $\Rightarrow z^2 - 2z + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow z = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4-8}}{2} = 1 \pm i$   
 $\Rightarrow$  fixed points are  $1+i, 1-i$ .

(iv)  $w = z + \frac{2i}{2-3i}$

sol<sup>n</sup> Here  $a=(2-3i), b=2i, c=0, d=2-3i$   
 $a-d=0$  &  $c=0 \Rightarrow$  only fixed point is ' $\infty$ '

$$(v) \quad w = \frac{2iz + 3}{3i}$$

(3)

fixed points.

$$a = 2i, \quad b = 3, \quad c = 0, \quad d = 3i.$$

here  $a - d = 2i - 3i = -i \neq 0$  &  $c = 0 \Rightarrow$  one finite fixed point & other fixed point is  $\infty$ .

The finite fixed point is given by

$$z = \frac{2iz + 3}{3i}$$

$$3iz = 2iz + 3$$

$$iz = 3$$

$$z = 3/i = -3i$$

So the fixed points are  $-3i, \infty$ .

CROSS RATIO : of  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  are distinct points, then the ratio.

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

is called the cross ratio of  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$ .

# This ratio is invariant under the bilinear transformation.

i.e.

$$\frac{(w - w_1)(w_2 - w_3)}{(w_1 - w_2)(w_3 - w)} = \frac{(z - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z)}$$

# The bilinear transformation which maps three distinct points  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  in  $z$ -plane onto three distinct points  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  is given by

$$\frac{(w - w_1)(w_2 - w_3)}{(w_1 - w_2)(w_3 - w)} = \frac{(z - z_1)(z_2 - z_3)}{(z_1 - z_2)(z_3 - z)}$$

# If one of the numbers  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  is infinite (say  $z_3 = \infty$ ) then in the cross ratio, the factors involving  $z_3$  will be replaced by  $-1$ , i.e.  $(z_2 - z_3) = -1, (z_3 - z) = -1$

Similarly, if any of the numbers  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  is infinite, then we will replace the factor involving that number by  $-1$ .



Ex-1. Find the bilinear transformation which maps points  $-1, 0, 1$  onto  $0, i, 3i$ . (4)

Sol<sup>n</sup>

$$z_1 = -1, z_2 = 0, z_3 = 1, \text{ \& } w_1 = 0, w_2 = i, w_3 = 3i.$$

the bilinear transformation is given by

$$\frac{(w-0)(i-3i)}{(0-i)(3i-w)} = \frac{(z+1)(0-1)}{(-1-0)(1-z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w(-2i)}{-i(3i-w)} = \frac{-(z+1)}{-1(1-z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2w}{3i-w} = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2w - 2wz = 3i - w + 3iz - zw$$

$$2w(1-z) = 3i + 3iz - w(1+z)$$

$$2w(1-z) + w(1+z) = 3i(1+z)$$

$$w[2(1-z) + 1+z] = 3i(1+z)$$

$$w(3-z) = 3i(1+z)$$

$$w = \frac{3i(1+z)}{3-z}$$

# we have to find  $w$  in terms of  $z$

$$w = \frac{3i(1+z)}{3-z} \rightarrow \text{This is required bilinear transformation}$$

Ex-2. Find the bilinear transformation which maps point  $i, 1, -1$  onto  $1, 0, \infty$  respectively

Sol<sup>n</sup>

$$z_1 = i, z_2 = 1, z_3 = -1; w_1 = 1, w_2 = 0, w_3 = \infty$$

the desired bilinear trans is given by

$$\frac{(w-w_1)(w_2-w_3)}{(w_1-w_2)(w_3-w)} = \frac{(z-z_1)(z_2-z_3)}{(z_1-z_2)(z_3-z)}$$

Since  $w_3 = \infty$  so we will replace factors  $(w_2-w_3) = -1$  &  $(w_3-w) = -1$

So

$$\frac{(w-1)(-1)}{(1-0)(-1)} = \frac{(z-i)(1-i)}{(i-1)(-1-z)}$$

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

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

$$w = \frac{1-i+z-iz+2z-2i}{(1+z)(1-i)} = \frac{1-3i+3z-iz}{(1+z)(1-i)}$$

$$w = \frac{1-3i+3z-iz}{(1+z)(1-i)}$$

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

which is required bilinear transformation.

Ex: 3 Find the bilinear transformation that maps the points  $z_1 = \infty, z_2 = i, z_3 = 0$  into the points  $w_1 = 0, w_2 = i, w_3 = \infty$ .

Soln. The required transformation is given by.

$$\frac{(w-w_1)(w_2-w_3)}{(w_1-w_2)(w_3-w)} = \frac{(z-z_1)(z_2-z_3)}{(z_1-z_2)(z_3-z)}$$

Soln. Now

$$\frac{(w-0)(-1)}{(0-i)(-1)} = \frac{(-1) \cdot (i-0)}{(-1) \cdot (0-z)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{w}{-i} = \frac{i}{-z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{w = -\frac{1}{z}} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Exercise 1 ① find the fixed points of the following bilinear transformations ⑥

①

$$w = \frac{z-1}{z+1}$$

②

$$w = \frac{z}{2-z}$$

③  $w = z + \frac{1}{i}$

④

$$w = \frac{8z + 3i}{7i}$$

② find the bilinear transformation which maps

①

$$\{\infty, i, 0\} \text{ onto } \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

②

$$\{-1, 0, 1\} \text{ onto } \{-i, 1, i\}$$

③

$$\{0, 1, \infty\} \text{ onto } \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$$

④

$$\{1, i, -1\} \text{ onto } \{i, 0, -i\}$$

Q.3 find all the bilinear transformations which have fixed points as  $-i$  and  $i$ .

More examples on fixed points.

Ex: find all the bilinear transformations which have fixed points as  $-1$  and  $1$ .

Soln

by definition of fixed points.

$$w = z \Rightarrow w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$$

$$\text{for fixed point } w=z=1 \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{a+b}{c+d} \quad (\because w=z=1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{a+b=c+d} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now for fixed point } w=z=-1 \Rightarrow -1 = \frac{-a+b}{-c+d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{c-d=-a+b} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now solving equation (1) & (2) we get

$$a=d \text{ \& } b=c.$$

Hence required transformation is given by

$$w = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{az+b}{bz+a}, \quad ad-bc \neq 0 \text{ i.e. } a^2-b^2 \neq 0$$

$$\boxed{w = \frac{az+b}{bz+a}, \quad a^2-b^2 \neq 0} \quad \text{Ans}$$