

Definition: A linear fractional transformation is a degree 1 rational complex function of the form

$$T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \quad \text{with } ad-bc \neq 0$$

(why is this excluded?)

LFT: $T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ has a pole of order 1 at $z = -\frac{d}{c}$

zero of order 1 at $z = -\frac{b}{a}$

prop: let $T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ be a LFT, then T is bijective, conformal

from $A = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{z = -\frac{d}{c}\}$ to $B = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{a}{c}\}$

$$T^{-1}(w) = -\frac{dw+b}{cw-a}$$

note: T^{-1} is also conformal and bijective

let $T = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ $S = \frac{-dw+b}{cw-a}$

T analytic on A , S analytic on B , now show $T \circ S = S \circ T = z$

conclusion: S, T analytic, $S = T^{-1}$

To show that $T'(z) \neq 0$

observe, $1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} z = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (S(T(z))) = S'(T(z)) T'(z) \neq 0$

so $T'(z) \neq 0$ and $T^{-1} = S$ is conformal along with T

Well, actually

$$T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} : A = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{-\frac{d}{c}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{\frac{a}{c}\}$$

lets just say $T(-\frac{d}{c}) = \infty$

define extended complex plane

$$\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

with this patch, T is conformal on \mathbb{C}

Geometrically:

$$f(z) = az+b$$

if $f(z) = az$ then $f(z) = re^{i\theta}(z)$

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

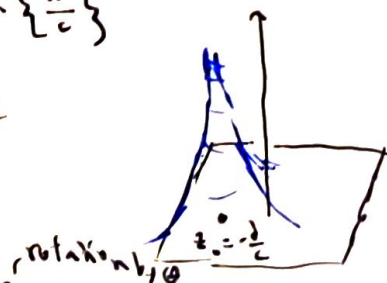
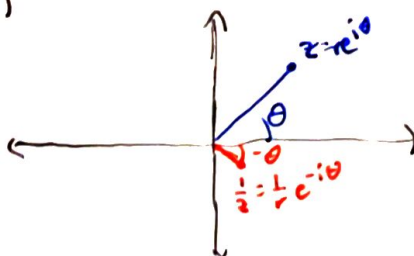
if $d=1, b=0, c=0$

$a \neq 0$ you get rotation and scaling

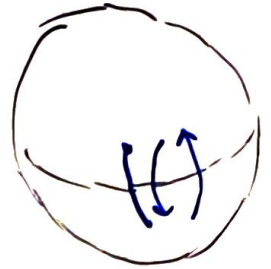
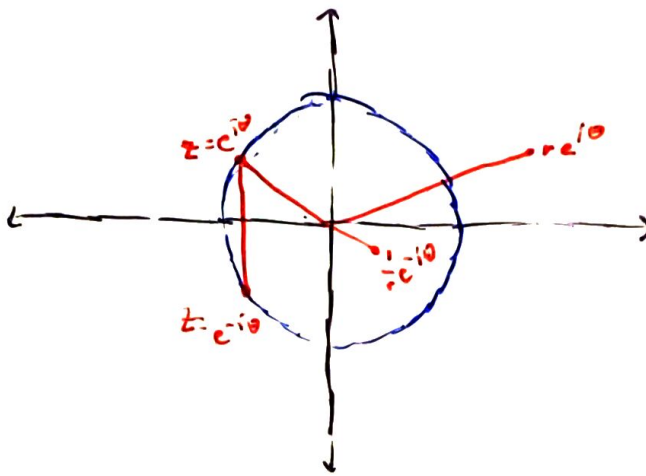
magnification by r

$$T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = (az+d)(cz+d)^{-1}$$

$$T(z) = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{r} e^{-i\theta}$$



on the Riemann sphere



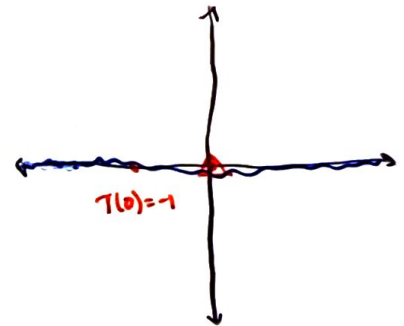
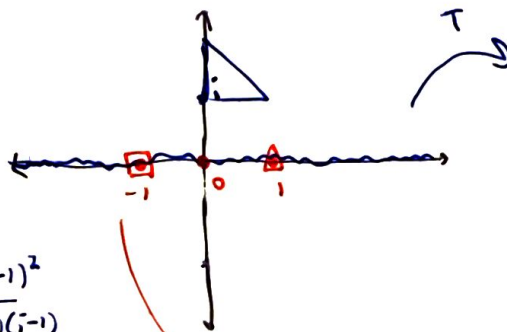
Flip the top and bottom of the sphere

(Theorem: LFT; map circles/lines \rightarrow circles/line)

Any set of 3 distinct points determines a unique circle

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

what does T do to the real line?

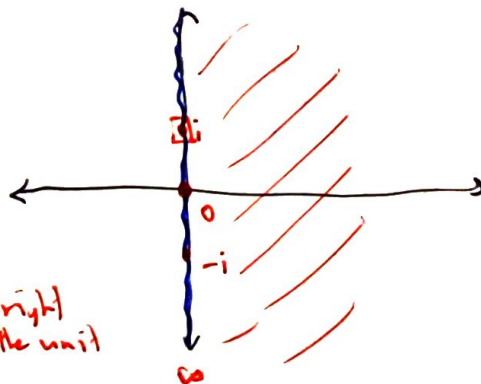


$$T(i) = \frac{i-1}{i+1} = \frac{(i-1)^2}{(i+1)(i-1)}$$

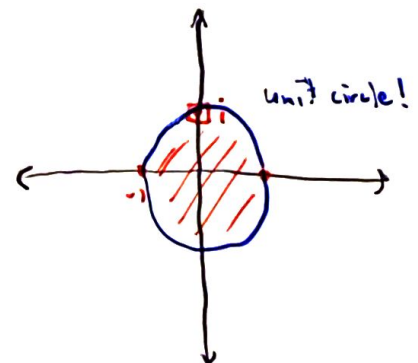
$$= \frac{i^2 - 2i + 1}{i^2 - 1} = \frac{-1 - 2i + 1}{-1 - 1} = \frac{-2i}{-2} = i$$

∞ goes to $T(-1) = \infty$

$$T(\infty) = 1$$

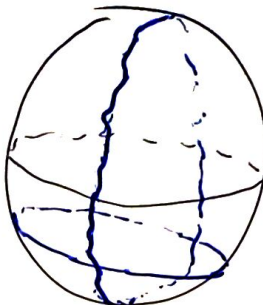
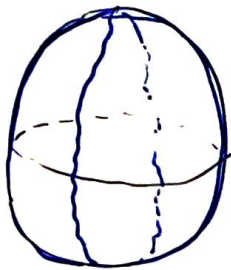
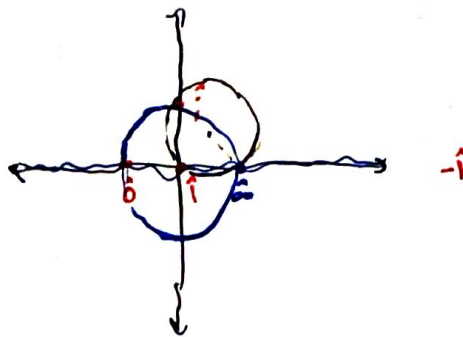
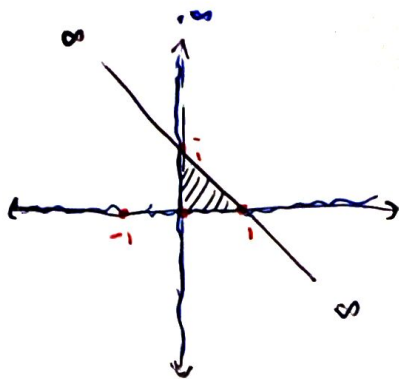


this takes the right half plane to the unit disk



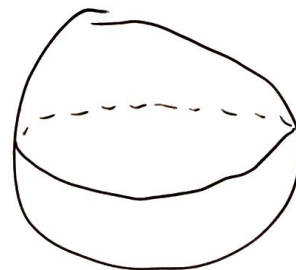
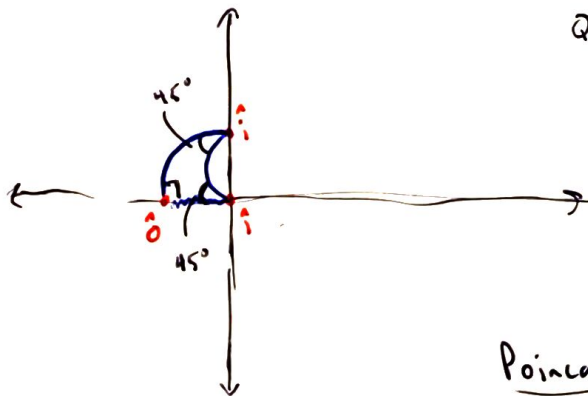
unit circle!

$$T(z) = \frac{z-1}{z+1} \quad \infty \rightarrow 1$$



the triangle

Question: is this a legit triangle on the Riemann sphere



Poincaré disk model

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

shift, magnification, rotation, inversion

for just mag, rot. and shift

$$T(z) = re^{i\theta} z + b$$

a line will get magnified and rotated (still lines)

a circle will get magnified and rotated (still circle)

focus: what about $\frac{1}{z}$?

$$\text{Circle: } Ax + By + C(x^2 + y^2) = D$$

$$\frac{1}{z} = u + iv$$

$$z = x + iy \quad u = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad v = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$Au - Bv - D(u^2 + v^2) = -C$$

