

Final examination
December 16 (Wednesday)
1:00-3:00pm
in the usual classroom

Möbius transformations (linear fractional transformations)

Möbius

$\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ via linear transformations

Do these maps induce maps of projective space $(\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \setminus \{(0,0)\}) / \sim$?

Invertible linear transformations preserve $(0,0)$, so have some hope of inducing maps on $\mathbb{C}P^1$.

$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ acts on $[z_1 : z_2]$

$$\text{via } [z_1 : z_2] \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} az_1 + bz_2 \\ cz_1 + dz_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto [az_1 + bz_2 : cz_1 + dz_2]$$

In the coordinate chart

given by $z \in \mathbb{C} \rightarrow [z : 1]$, such a transformation has the form

$$z \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} az + b \\ cz + d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto$$

$$[az + b : cz + d] = \left[\frac{az + b}{cz + d} : 1 \right]$$

$$\mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad (ad - bc \neq 0)$$

Special cases of Möbius transformations

- $z \mapsto z + b$ is a translation.

$$(a=1, c=0, d=1)$$

- $z \mapsto az$ is a dilation when $a > 0$.

$$(b=0, c=0, d=1)$$

- $z \mapsto az$ is a rotation when $|a| = 1$.

- $z \mapsto 1/z$ is inversion.

$$(a=0, b=1, c=1, d=0)$$

These four basic maps generate all Möbius transformations.

$$\frac{az+b}{cz+d} = \frac{a}{c} - \frac{(ad-bc)}{c(cz+d)}$$

These transformations are conformal mappings.

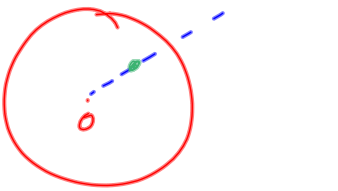
Inversion

$$z \mapsto \frac{1}{z} \quad \text{or} \quad re^{i\theta} \mapsto \frac{1}{r} e^{-i\theta}$$

$$e^{i\theta} \mapsto e^{-i\theta} \quad \text{inversion in the unit circle}$$

Inversion in a circle of radius R is $z \mapsto \frac{R^2}{z}$.

Geometric inversion is analytic inversion composed with complex conjugation: namely $z \mapsto \frac{R^2}{\bar{z}}$.



Geometric inversion sends a point to another point on same ray, and product of distances from the center equals square of radius.

Thales

$$(AO)(aO) = \text{radius}^2$$

$$(BO)(bO) = \text{radius}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(AO)}{(BO)} = \frac{(bO)}{(aO)}$$

Corollary Möbius transformations preserve the set of lines and circles.

Inversion and stereographic projection

