

Complex Analysis, Spring 2011.

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Assignment VIII.

1. Problem 1.

a) If z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 are points on the circle, show that z_1, z_3, z_4 and z_2, z_3, z_4 determine the same orientation iff $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) > 0$.

b) Prove that every reflection carries circles into circles.

c) Suppose circles C_1, C_2 are both symmetric with respect to a line l , and C_3 is the reflection image of C_1 with respect to C_2 . Then C_3 is also symmetric with respect to the line l , compare with the symmetry principle!

Hint: Let l be the real axis, and let the center of C_2 be on the real axis. What is the relation between z and z^* ?

d) Reflect \aleph) the imaginary axis, \beth) the line $x = y$, and \beth) the circle $|z| = 1$, in the circle $|z - 2| = 1$.

Hint: In \aleph) and \beth) use the real axis as l . In \beth) use $x + y = 2$.

2. Problem 2.

a) Find the linear transformation which carries $|z| = 1$ and $|z - 1/4| = 1/4$ into concentric circles. What is the ratio of the radii?

Hint: Use Problem 3 d) of Assignment VII with $R = 1$. If $0 \rightarrow -\beta, 1/2 \rightarrow \beta$, what is β ?

b) Same problem for $|z| = 1$ and $x = 2$.

Hint: Use $w = 1/z$.

c) Find all circles which are orthogonal to $|z| = 1$ and $|z - 1| = 4$.

Hint: Use the inversion that transforms the given circles into concentric ones.

3. Problem 3.

a) Find the fixed points of the linear transformations

$$\aleph) w = \frac{z}{2z - 1}, \quad \beth) w = \frac{2z}{3z - 1}, \quad \beth) w = \frac{3z - 4}{z - 1}, \quad \beth) w = \frac{z}{2 - z}.$$

Is any of transformations elliptic, hyperbolic, parabolic?

b) Suppose that the coefficients of the transformation $Sz = (az + b)/(cz + d)$ are normalized by $ad - bc = 1$. Show that S is elliptic iff $-2 < a + d < 2$, parabolic if $a + d = \pm 2$, hyperbolic if $a + d < -2$ or > 2 .

4. Problem 4.

a) Show that a linear transformation which satisfies $S^n z = z$ for some integer n is necessarily elliptic.

Hint: Consider the number of fixed points. If there are two distinct finite fixed points a and b , say. Then,

$$\frac{z - a}{z - b} = \frac{S^n z - a}{S^n z - b} = k \frac{S^{n-1} z - a}{S^{n-1} z - b} = k^2 \frac{S^{n-2} z - a}{S^{n-2} z - b} = \dots$$

If S has only one fixed point, consider $Tz = 1/(z - a) + a$ and observe TST^{-1} has only ∞ as a fixed point. Hence, $TST^{-1}z = cz + d$, and $c = 1$.

b) If S is hyperbolic or loxodromic, show that $S^n z$ converges to a fixed point as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the same for all z , except when z coincides with the other fixed point, (the limit is the *attractive*, the other the *repellent* fixed point). What happens when $n \rightarrow -\infty$? What happens in the parabolic case?

Hint: Let at first two fixed points z_1, z_2 be finite. Passing to "new coordinates", we can write $v = L(\xi) = K\xi$, where

$$v = \frac{w - z_1}{w - z_2}, \quad \xi = \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_2}.$$

Hence, $L(L(\dots L(\xi))) = K^n \xi \dots$