

# BILINEAR, OR MOBIUS MAPPINGS

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A BILINEAR, OR MOBIUS, TRANSFORMATION HAS THE FORM

$$W = f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad \text{FOR SOME COMPLEX } a, b, c, d. \quad \frac{a}{b} \neq \frac{c}{d}$$

NOW THIS MAP HAS SOME KEY PROPERTIES

(i) IT IS THE COMPOSITION OF SEVERAL SIMPLE TRANSFORMATIONS:  
TRANSLATION, LINEAR, INVERSION.

WE CAN WRITE  $f(z)$  AS

$$W = f(z) = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{(b - ad/c)}{cz + d}$$

HENCE THE COMPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

$$\begin{array}{l} * \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z_1 = cz + d \quad \text{LINEAR} \\ z_2 = 1/z_1 \quad \text{INVERSION} \\ W = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{(bc - ad)}{c} z_2 \quad \text{LINEAR} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

(ii) THE POLE OF THE MAP IS AT  $z = -d/c$ . WE

CALCULATE  $f'(z) = \frac{ad - bc}{(cz + d)^2} \neq 0$  SINCE  $ad \neq bc$ .

THUS THE MAP IS CONFORMAL EVERYWHERE EXCEPT  
AT THE POLE

(iii) THE INVERSE MAP IS FOUND BY SOLVING  $z = f^{-1}(w)$ .

$$\text{WE OBTAIN } w(cz + d) = az + b \quad z(cw - a) = b - dw$$

$$\text{OR } z = f^{-1}(w) = \frac{-dw + b}{cw - a} \quad f(\infty) = a/c$$

$$f(-d/c) = \infty$$

THUS A BILINEAR MAP IS A 1-1 MAPPING OF EXTENDED PLANE TO ITSELF

(iv) KEY POINT A BILINEAR TRANSFORMATION MAPS THE

CLASS OF CIRCLES AND LINES TO CIRCLES AND LINES

z-plane                      w-plane

line through pole of map  $\rightarrow$  line through pole of map

line not through pole  $\rightarrow$  circle  $\neq$

circle through pole of map  $\rightarrow$  line

PROOF A BILINEAR MAP IS COMPOSED OF THE BASIC STEPS (\*)

EACH LINEAR MAP  $z_1 = cz + d$ ,  $w = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{(bc - ad)}{c} z$ , MAPS

CLASS OF CIRCLES AND LINES TO ITSELF, THUS WE NEED ONLY LOOK AT PROPERTIES OF INVERSION MAP.

CONSIDER  $w = \frac{1}{z}$  (WITH POLE AT  $z = 0$ ).

WE LET  $\bar{w} = u + iv$ ,  $z = x + iy$

$$u + iv = \frac{1}{x + iy} = \frac{x - iy}{x^2 + y^2} \Rightarrow u = \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \quad v = \frac{-y}{x^2 + y^2}$$

SO IN ADDITION WE CAN WRITE  $z = 1/\bar{w}$

$$x + iy = \frac{1}{u + iv} = \frac{u - iv}{u^2 + v^2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2} \quad y = \frac{-v}{u^2 + v^2}$$

(i) CONSIDER THE LINE  $Ax + By = C$

$$\rightarrow \frac{Au}{u^2 + v^2} - \frac{Bv}{u^2 + v^2} = C$$

IF  $C \neq 0$  (NOT THROUGH POLE OF MAP)  $\Rightarrow u^2 + v^2 = \frac{Au}{C} - \frac{Bv}{C} \Rightarrow$  CIRCLE THROUGH ORIGIN

IF  $C = 0$  (LINE THROUGH POLE)  $\Rightarrow Au = Bv \Rightarrow$  LINE THROUGH ORIGIN

(ii) NOW CONSIDER THE CIRCLE

$$x^2 + y^2 + Ax + By = C$$

THEN 
$$\frac{u^2}{(u^2+v^2)^2} + \frac{v^2}{(u^2+v^2)^2} + \frac{Au}{u^2+v^2} + \frac{Bv}{u^2+v^2} = C$$

SO THAT 
$$1 + Au - Bv = C(u^2 + v^2)$$

IF  $C \neq 0$  (CIRCLE NOT THROUGH POLE)  $\Rightarrow$  CIRCLE NOT THROUGH POLE

IF  $C = 0$  (CIRCLE THROUGH POLE)  $\Rightarrow$  LINE THROUGH POLE.

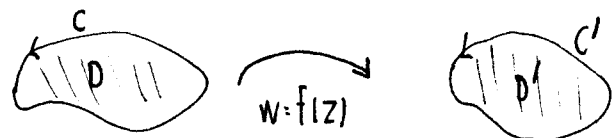
THEREFORE, SINCE INVERSION MAP  $W = 1/z$  MAPS CIRCLES AND LINES TO CIRCLES AND LINES, AND SINCE A BILINEAR MAP IS A COMPOSITION OF ELEMENTARY MAPS OF THE SAME PROPERTY IN (X), THEN WE ARE DONE: BILINEAR MAPS LEAVE CLASS OF CIRCLES AND LINES INVARIANT.

REMARK

- (i) IF A CIRCLE OR LINE PASSES THROUGH THE POLE OF THE MAP  $W = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ , THEN THE IMAGE MUST BE UNBOUNDED, AND HENCE A LINE.
- (ii) CAN THINK OF A LINE AS BEING CIRCLE OF INFINITE RADIUS.

THEOREM 1

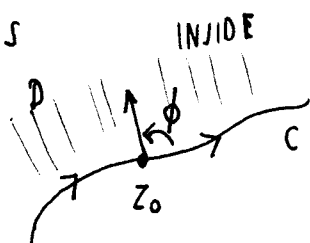
LET  $C$  BE A SIMPLE CLOSED CONTOUR ENCLOSED BY A DOMAIN  $D$  AND LET  $f(z)$  BE ANALYTIC ON  $C$  AND IN  $D$ . THEN  $w = f(z)$  TAKES  $C$  ENCLOSED BY  $D$  TO A SIMPLE CLOSED CONTOUR  $C'$  ENCLOSED BY A REGION  $D'$



AN IMPORTANT PROPERTY IS THE PRESERVATION OF ORIENTATION

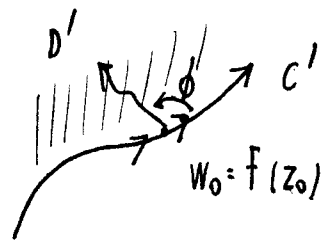
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EXPRESSED AS



z-plane

$w = f(z)$   
ASSUMED CONFORMAL

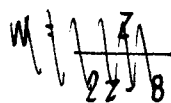


w-plane

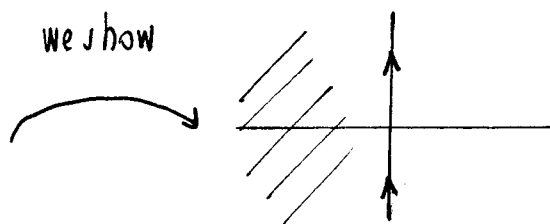
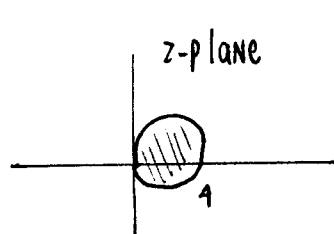
THU IF IN z-plane, D IS TO MY LEFT AS WE TRAVERSE A CURVE C ORIENTED AS SHOWN, THE IMAGE DOMAIN IS ALSO ON MY LEFT ALONG THE IMAGE C' UNDER THE CONFORMAL MAP  $w = f(z)$ .

EXAMPLE 1

FIND THE IMAGE OF



$C: |z-2| \leq 2$  UNDER THE MAP  $w = \frac{z}{2z-8}$



SINCE  $z=4$  IS A POLE OF THE MAP AND IT IS ON C THEN THE IMAGE OF C MUST BE A LINE. THAT LINE MUST GO THROUGH THE ORIGIN SINCE  $z=0$  MAPS TO  $w=0$ . HENCE IMAGE MUST BE LINE THROUGH ORIGIN.

NOW TAKE ANY POINT ON C SUCH AS  $z = 2 + 2i$ .  
WE CALCULATE  $w = \frac{2+2i}{-4+4i} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} e^{i\pi/4}}{4\sqrt{2} e^{3\pi/4}} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-i\pi/2} = -\frac{i}{2}$ .

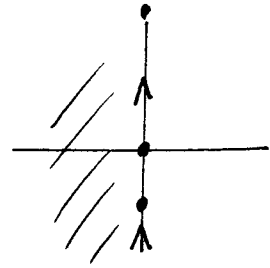
HENCE WE MUST HAVE THAT IMAGE OF C IS IMAGINARY AXIS

ORIENTATION

THE POINTS GENERATE AN ORIENTATION



- $z = 4 \rightarrow w = \infty$  (pole)
- $z = 2 + 2i \rightarrow w = -\frac{i}{2}$
- $z = 0 \rightarrow w = 0$

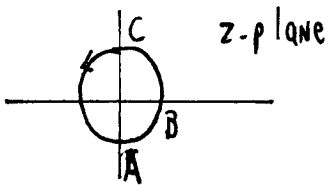


PRESERVING ORIENTATION IMPLIES  $|z-2| \leq 2 \Rightarrow \text{RE } w \leq 0$

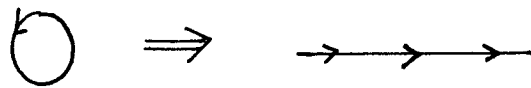
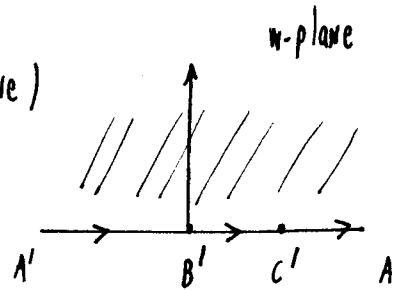
CHECK:  $z = 2 \rightarrow w = \frac{2}{-4} = -\frac{1}{2}$  IN  $\text{RE } w < 0$ :

EXAMPLE 2 MAP THE UNIT CIRCLE  $|z| \leq 1$  TO UPPER HALF PLANE

WITH A BILINEAR MAP



- TRY  $z = -1 \rightarrow$  (this gives a line) POLE OF MAP
- $z = 1 \rightarrow w = 0$
- $z = i \rightarrow w = 1$



PUTTING IN THE ZERO AND POLE WE GET

$$w = B \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) \text{ FOR SOME } B.$$

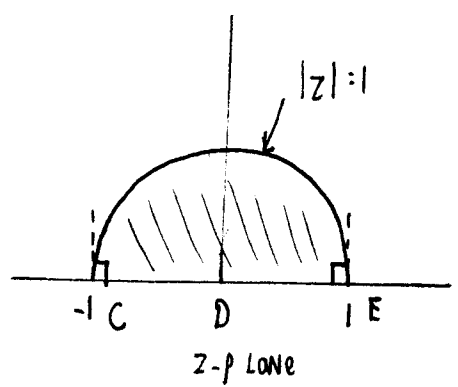
WE THEN SET  $z = i$  TO  $w = 1$   $1 = B \left( \frac{-1+i}{1+i} \right) = \frac{B e^{3\pi i/4}}{e^{\pi i/4}} = B i \rightarrow B = -i$

OR EQUIVALENTLY  $w = -i \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right)$  IS SUCH A MAP

IT PRESERVES ORIENTATION SO THAT  $|z| \leq 1$  MAPPED TO  $\text{IM } w \geq 0$ .

WE CHECK THAT  $z = 0 \rightarrow w = i$  IN  $\text{IM } w > 0$ .

EXAMPLE MAP THE SEMI-CIRCLE TO SOME PORTION OF THE UPPER  $1/2$  PLANE USING A BILINEAR MAP

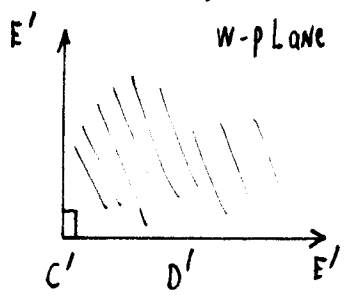


WE CHOOSE  
 $z = -1 \rightarrow w = 0$   
 $z = 1 \rightarrow w = \infty$   
 $\Rightarrow$  BOTH THE SEMI-CIRCLE AND ITS DIAMETER ARE MAPPED TO LINE PASSING THROUGH ORIGIN

THE MAP THEN HAS THE FORM

$$W = \frac{B(z+1)}{z-1} \text{ FOR SOME } B.$$

IF WE TAKE  $B < 0$  REAL THEN DIAMETER MAPS TO SOME PORTION OF REAL AXIS  $IMW = 0, REW \geq 0$ .



MAP  $z = 0$  TO  $w = 1 \rightarrow B = -1.$   $W = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$

IT PRESERVES ORIENTATION AND SINCE MAP IS CONFORMAL AT  $z = -1$  WE MUST HAVE ANGLE PRESERVATION

$\Rightarrow$  SEMI-CIRCLE  $|z|=1, IMZ \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  POSITIVE IMAGINARY AXIS

THE MAP IS  $W = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$