

Question

Set $G = \text{stab}_{\text{Möb}}(\infty) = \{m \in \text{Möb} \mid m(\infty) = \infty\}$. Write down a set of generating elements for G .

Let $\eta(z) |dz|$ be an element of arc-length on \mathbf{C} which is invariant under G . Prove that η is constant.

Answer

If $m(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \in \text{Möb}^+$ and $m(\infty) = \infty$, then $c = 0$, and so $m(z) = \alpha z + \beta$.

Generators of this are $\{P_\beta(z) = z + \beta \mid \beta \in \mathbf{C} \text{ and } L_\alpha(z) = \alpha z \mid \alpha \in \mathbf{C} - \{0\}\}$.

Note that $C(z) = \bar{z}$ also fixes ∞ , and so if $n(z) = \frac{a\bar{z} + b}{c\bar{z} + d}$ fixes ∞ , then

$C \circ n(z)$ fixes ∞ , and so is as above.

So, generators for G are:

$$P_\beta(z) = z + \beta; \beta \in \mathbf{C}$$

$$L_\alpha(z) = \alpha z; \alpha \in \mathbf{C} - \{0\}$$

$$C(z) = \bar{z}$$

$\eta(z) |dz|$ invariant under G , $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ a path

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}(f) &= \int_f \eta(z) |dz| \\ &= \int_{P_\beta \circ f} \eta(z) |dz| \\ &= \int_a^b \eta(P_\beta \circ f(t)) |(P_\beta \circ f)'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \eta(f(t) + \beta) |f'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \eta(P_\beta \circ f(t)) |f'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_f \eta \circ P_\beta(z) |dz|. \end{aligned}$$

and so $\eta(z) = \eta \circ P_\beta(z) = \eta(z + \beta)$ all $\beta \in \mathbf{C}$. So, given $\omega, z \in \mathbf{C}$, set $\beta = \omega - z$ and note that $\eta(z) = \eta(z + \beta) = \eta(\omega)$ and to η is constant.