

Question

Write down an explicit Möbius transformation taking the circle $\{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid |z - 2| = 3\}$ to the circle $\{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z) = 1\}$.

Answer

Take 3 points on $A = \{|z - 2| = 3\}$, say $z_1 = 2 + 3i$, $z_2 = -1$, $z_3 = 5$, and 3 points on $B = \{\operatorname{Re}(z) + \operatorname{Im}(z) = 1\}$, say $w_1 = 1$, $w_2 = i$, and $w_3 = -2 + 3i$. Now find $m \in \text{Möb}^+$ with $m(z_k) = w_k$, $k = 1, 2, 3$. Start by finding $n(z)$ with $n(2 + 3i) = 0$, $n(-1) = \infty$ and $n(5) = 1$, and $p(z)$ with $P(1) = 0$, $p(i) = \infty$ and $p(-2 + 3i) = 1$ and then set $m = p^{-1} \cdot n$.

$$\begin{aligned}n(z) &= \frac{z - (2 + 3i)}{z + 1} \cdot \frac{6}{5 - (2 + 3i)} \\&= \frac{6}{3 - 3i} \cdot \frac{z - (2 + 3i)}{z + 1} \\&= \frac{6z - 6(2 + 3i)}{(3 - 3i)z + (3 - 3i)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p(z) &= \frac{z - 1}{z - i} \cdot \frac{-2 + 3i - i}{-2 + 3i - 1} \\&= \frac{z - 1}{z - i} \cdot \frac{-2 + 2i}{-3 + 3i} \\&= \frac{2(z - 1)}{3(z - i)} = \frac{2z - 2}{3z - 3i}\end{aligned}$$

$$p^{-1}(z) = \frac{-3iz + 2}{-3z + 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}m(z) &= p^{-1}(n(z)) \\&= \frac{-3in(z) + 2}{-3n(z) + 2} \\&= \frac{-3i(6z - 6(2 + 3i)) + 2((3 - 3i)z + (3 - 3i))}{-3(6z - 6(2 + 3i)) + 2((3 - 3i)z + (3 - 3i))} \\&= \frac{(6 - 24i)z - 48 + 30i}{(-12 - 6i)z + 42 + 48i}\end{aligned}$$

(There are many others.)