

Question

Repeat question 6A, but now finding the transformation directly from the general form of a Möbius map by choosing any three points on $Re(z) + Im(z) = 1$ and their images on $|w| = 1$. Are the mappings of Q6A and Q6B unique? If we demand that the region $Re(z) = Im(z) < 1$ is mapped to the interior of $|w| = 1$, do your maps satisfy this condition? If they do not, find a simple remedy in the form of an additional transformation which is to be carried out.

Answer

$$w = \frac{\alpha z + \beta}{\gamma z + \delta}$$

Without loss of generality we divide through by

$$w = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \text{ for } a, b, c, d \text{ to be determined.}$$

Pick any three points on $x + y = 1$, say $1, \frac{1}{2}(1 + i), i$.

Now pick any three image points on $|w| = 1$ say $1, i, -1$.

Thus we solve:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{z}{1} \longrightarrow \frac{w}{1} \\ \frac{1}{2}(1+i) \longrightarrow i \\ i \longrightarrow -1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 1 = \frac{a+b}{1+c} \\ i = \frac{\frac{1}{2}a(1+i) + b}{\frac{1}{2}(1+i) + c} \\ -1 = \frac{ai + b}{i + c} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Solve for } a, b, c \text{ to get } \begin{cases} b = 0, & a = \frac{1}{i} \\ c = -1 - i \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus } w = \frac{z}{iz + (1 - i)}$$

This is clearly a different map to Q6A. This is not surprising since we could pick any 3 points and any 3 images for the Möbius map. Thus Möbius maps cannot be unique for this problem: the overall shapes are correct (line \rightarrow circle) but the individual maps of z -points may get mixed up. You probably have a different Möbius map for this reason.

If we require $x + y < 1$ to map to $|w| < 1$ try a test point for

$$w = \frac{\sqrt{2}[(1+i) - z]}{(1+i)z} \text{ and } w = \frac{z}{iz + (1 - i)}$$

say $z = 0$,

$$w = \sqrt{2} \left[\frac{(1+i) - 0}{(1+i)0} \right] \rightarrow \infty; \quad w = 0$$

Thus the solution of Q6A is not sufficient, but the solution of Q6B is. We can remedy the solution of Q6A by making a further transform $w_4 = \frac{1}{w_3}$. Why? Well $|w| = |w_3| = 1 \rightarrow |w_4| = 1$. The boundary is therefore unchanged. But $|w_3| < 1$ is mapped to $|w_4| > 1$ and vice versa. Hence the new mapping $w = \frac{1}{w_3}$ is

$$w = \frac{(1+i)z}{\sqrt{2}[(1+i)-z]}$$

and now the test point $z = 0 \rightarrow w = 0$, i.e., to the interior of the unit circle.