

Question

Let A be the Euclidean circle in \mathbf{C} with center $2 + i$ and radius 3. Construct two (non-equal and) explicit Möbius transformations m and n satisfying $m(\overline{\mathbf{R}}) = n(\overline{\mathbf{R}}) = A$.

Verify that $m \circ C \circ m^{-1} = n \circ C \circ n^{-1}$, where $C(z) = \bar{z}$ is complex conjugation.

Answer

$m(\overline{\mathbf{R}}) = A$:

Choose 3 points on A : $z_1 = 5 + i$; $z_2 = -1 + i$; $z_3 = 2 + 4i$

$m^{-1}(z_1) = 0, m^{-1}(z_2) = 1, m^{-1}(z_3) = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} m^{-1}(z) &= \frac{z - (5 + i)}{z - (2 + 4i)} \cdot \frac{(-1 + i) - (2 + 4i)}{(-1 + i) - (5 + i)} \\ &= \frac{z - (5 + i)}{z - (2 + 4i)} \cdot \frac{(-3 - 3i)}{-6 + 0} \\ &= \frac{z - (5 + i)}{z - (2 + 4i)} \cdot \frac{(1 + i)}{2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + i)z - 4 - 6i}{2z - 4 - 8i} \\ m(z) &= \frac{(-4 - 8i)z + 4 + 6i}{-2z + 1 + i} \end{aligned}$$

Choose another three points on A : $w_1 = -1 + i$; $w_2 = 2 + 4i$; $w_3 = 2 - 2i$

$n^{-1}(w_1) = 0; n^{-1}(w_2) = 1; n^{-1}(w_3) = \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1}(z) &= \frac{z - (-1 + i)}{z - (2 - 2i)} \cdot \frac{(2 + 4i) - (2 - 2i)}{(2 + 4i) - (-1 + i)} \\ &= \frac{z + 1 - i}{z - 2 + 2i} \cdot \frac{(6i)}{3 + 3i} \\ &= \frac{z + 1 - i}{z - 2 + 2i} \cdot \frac{(2i)}{1 + i} \\ &= \frac{2iz + 2 + 2i}{(1 + i)z - 4} \\ n(z) &= \frac{-4z - 2 - 2i}{-(1 + i)z + 2i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
m \circ C \circ m^{-1}(z) &= m(\overline{m^{-1}(z)}) \\
&= m \left[\frac{(1-i)\bar{z} - 4 + 6i}{2\bar{z} - 4 + 8i} \right] \\
&= \frac{(-4 - 8i)[(1-i)\bar{z} - 4 + 6i] + (4 + 6i)(2\bar{z} - 4 + 8i)}{-2[(1-i)\bar{z} - 4 + 6i] + (1+i)(2\bar{z} - 4 + 8i)} \\
&= \frac{(-4 + 8i)\bar{z} + 16i}{4i\bar{z} - 4 - 8i}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
n \circ C \circ n^{-1}(z) &= n(\overline{n^{-1}(z)}) \\
&= n \left[\frac{-2i\bar{z} + 2 - 2i}{[(1-i)\bar{z} - 4]} \right] \\
&= \frac{-4(-2i\bar{z} + 2 - 2i) - (2 + 2i)[(1-i)\bar{z} - 4]}{-(1+i)(-2i\bar{z} + 2 - 2i) + 2i[(1-i)\bar{z} - 4]} \\
&= \frac{(-4 + 8i)\bar{z} + 16i}{4i\bar{z} - 4 - 8i} = m \circ C \circ m^{-1}(z), \text{ as desired}
\end{aligned}$$