

Question

Let ℓ_1 be the hyperbolic line contained in the Euclidean line $\{z \in \mathbf{H} \mid \operatorname{Re}(z) = 2\}$, and let ℓ_2 be the hyperbolic line contained in the Euclidean circle with center -3 and radius 8 . Determine all the elements of $\operatorname{Möb}(\mathbf{H})$ taking ℓ_1 to ℓ_2 .

Answer

ℓ_1 has endpoints at infinity $x_1 = 2, y_1 = \infty$

ℓ_2 has endpoints at infinity $x_2 = -11, y_2 = 5$

Consider $p(z) \in \operatorname{Möb}^+(\mathbf{H})$. $p(z) = \frac{11(z-2)+5}{-(z-2)+1} = \frac{11z-17}{-z+3}$

Then, $p(2) = 5, p(\infty) = -11$, and $\det(p) = 16 > 0$, and so $p(z) \in \operatorname{Möb}^+(\mathbf{H})$ and $p(\ell_1) = \ell_2$.

If $m \in \operatorname{Möb}(\mathbf{H})$, $m(\ell_1) = \ell_2$, then $p^{-1} \circ m(\ell_1) = \ell_1$, and so $m = p \circ n, n(\ell_1) = \ell_1$.

$\operatorname{stab}_{\operatorname{Möb}(\mathbf{H})}(\ell_1)$ is generated by:

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(z) &= -\bar{z} + 4 \\ \nu(z) &= 2 + \frac{1}{(z-2)} \\ \lambda(z) &= az + 2(1-a) \quad (a > 0)\end{aligned}$$

(no parabolics)

(conjugate the generators of $\operatorname{stab}_{\operatorname{Möb}(\mathbf{H})}(I)$ by $z \mapsto z + 2$, where I is the positive imaginary axis).

So, the set of all $\operatorname{Möb}(\mathbf{H})$ taking ℓ_1 to ℓ_2 is generated by

$$p \circ \mu(z) = \frac{11(-\bar{z} + 4) - 17}{\bar{z} - 4 + 3} = \frac{-11\bar{z} + 27}{\bar{z} - 1}$$

$$p \circ \nu(z) = \frac{11\nu(z) - 17}{-\nu(z) + 3} = \frac{-6z + 23}{2z - 5}$$

$$p \circ \lambda(z) = \frac{11az + 22(1-a) - 17}{-az - 2(1-a) + 3} \quad (a > 0)$$