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**Tutorial 10**  
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1. (Ex.21 Ch.8 in textbook) We consider conformal mappings to triangles.

(a) Show that

$$\int_0^z z^{-\beta_1} (1-z)^{-\beta_2} dz,$$

with  $0 < \beta_1, \beta_2 < 1$ , and  $1 < \beta_1 + \beta_2 < 2$ , maps  $\mathbb{H}$  to a triangle whose vertices are the images of  $0, 1$ , and  $\infty$ , and with angles  $\alpha_1\pi, \alpha_2\pi$ , and  $\alpha_3\pi$ , where  $\alpha_j + \beta_j = 1$  and  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 2$ .

(b) What happens when  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 = 1$  ?

(c) What happens when  $\beta_1 + \beta_2 < 1$  ?

(d) In (a), the length of the side of the triangle opposite angle  $\alpha_j\pi$  is  $\frac{\sin(\alpha_j\pi)}{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2) \Gamma(\alpha_3)$ .

**Solution.** (a) There is a small typo in our textbook, it should be  $(1-z)^{-\beta_2}$  instead of  $(1-z)^{\beta_2}$ . Then we can use the Schwarz-Christoffel integral:

$$S(z) = \int_0^z z^{-\beta_1} (1-z)^{-\beta_2} dz = e^{-\beta_2\pi} \int_0^z z^{-\beta_1} (z-1)^{-\beta_2} dz$$

Then by proposition 4.1, it maps  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  to a triangle  $\mathbb{T}$  which mapping  $0, 1, \infty$  to the vertexes. Because  $\mathbb{H}$  is connected and  $S(z)$  is a continuous map,  $S(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq \mathbb{C} \setminus \overline{T}$  or  $S(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq T$ . Since holomorphic maps preserve the orientation, the only possible case is  $S(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq T$ . Now we want to show it is conformal.

For injectivity, we use argument principle, Let  $\gamma(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} + i\epsilon$  be the curve very close to the real line. Then it is not difficult to see,  $\forall w \in T$  :

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(S(\gamma(t)) - w)'}{S(\gamma(t)) - w} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(S(t) - w)'}{S(t) - w} dt = \log(S(t))|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 1 \cdot 2\pi i$$

This tells us the zeros inside the triangle  $\mathbb{T}$  of  $S(z) - w$  is 1, i.e  $S(z)$  is injective.

For surjectivity, if it is not surjective, then  $Im(S(z))$  cannot be a simply connected region, but on the other hand  $Im(S(z))$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{H}$  which is simply connected.

(b) The image will be the region bounded by two parallel lines and a line segment.

(c) The image will be the region bounded by two non-parallel lines and a line segment.

(d) Recall that the beta function:

$$B(\alpha, \beta) := \int_0^1 (1-t)^{\alpha-1} t^{\beta-1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$$

Thus

$$\int_0^1 (1-t)^{-\beta_2} t^{-\beta_1} dt = \frac{\Gamma(1-\beta_2)\Gamma(1-\beta_1)}{\Gamma(2-\beta_1-\beta_2)} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_1)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha_3)} = \frac{\sin \alpha_3\pi}{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\infty (1-t)^{-\beta_2} t^{-\beta_1} dt &= \int_1^0 \left(1 - \frac{1}{s}\right)^{-\beta_2} \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)^{-\beta_1} \cdot \frac{-1}{s^2} ds = \int_0^1 (s-1)^{-\beta_2} s^{\beta_1+\beta_2-2} ds \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)}{\Gamma(1-\alpha_2)} = \frac{\sin \alpha_1 \pi}{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)\Gamma(\alpha_1) \end{aligned}$$

similarly applying  $t = 1 - \frac{1}{s}$  we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 (1-t)^{-\beta_2} t^{-\beta_1} dt = \frac{\sin \alpha_2 \pi}{\pi} \Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)\Gamma(\alpha_1)$$

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2. (Ex.22 Ch.8 in textbook) If  $P$  is a simply connected region bounded by a polygon with vertices  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and angles  $\alpha_1\pi, \dots, \alpha_n\pi$ , and  $F$  is a conformal map of the disc  $\mathbb{D}$  to  $P$ , then there exist complex numbers  $B_1, \dots, B_n$  on the unit circle, and constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  so that

$$F(z) = c_1 \int_1^z \frac{d\zeta}{(\zeta - B_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (\zeta - B_n)^{\beta_n}} + c_2$$

**Solution.** Recall we have conformal map  $G : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ :

$$G(z) = i \frac{1-z}{1+z} \quad G^{-1}(w) = \frac{i-w}{i+w}$$

then  $\tilde{F} = F \circ G^{-1}$  is a conformal map from  $\mathbb{H}$  to  $P$ . Thus it takes the following form:

$$\tilde{F}(w) = c_1 \int_0^w \frac{d\zeta}{(\zeta - A_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (\zeta - A_n)^{\beta_n}} + c_2$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= c_1 \int_1^z \frac{d\left(\frac{i-\zeta}{i+\zeta}\right)}{\left(\frac{i-\zeta}{i+\zeta} - A_1\right)^{\beta_1} \dots \left(\frac{i-\zeta}{i+\zeta} - A_n\right)^{\beta_n}} + c_2 \\ &= c_1 \int_1^z \frac{\frac{-2i}{(i+\zeta)^2} d\zeta}{\left(\frac{i-\zeta}{i+\zeta} - A_1\right)^{\beta_1} \dots \left(\frac{i-\zeta}{i+\zeta} - A_n\right)^{\beta_n}} + c_2 \\ &= c'_1 \int_1^z \frac{d\zeta}{(\zeta - B_1)^{\beta_1} \dots (\zeta - B_n)^{\beta_n}} + c_2 \end{aligned}$$

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3. (Ex.24(a) Ch.8 in textbook) The elliptic integrals  $K$  and  $K'$  defined for  $0 < k < 1$  by

$$K(k) = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{((1-x^2)(1-k^2x^2))^{1/2}} \quad \text{and} \quad K'(k) = \int_0^{1/k} \frac{dx}{((x^2-1)(1-k^2x^2))^{1/2}}$$

Show that if  $\tilde{k}^2 = 1 - k^2$  and  $\tilde{k} > 0$ , then

$$K'(k) = K(\tilde{k})$$

**Solution.** We follow the hint, by change of variable  $x = \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)^{-1/2}$ , we have  $dx = \tilde{k}^2 y \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)^{-3/2} dy$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 K'(k) &= \int_0^{1/k} \frac{dx}{((x^2 - 1)(1 - k^2 x^2))^{1/2}} \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\tilde{k}^2 y \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)^{-3/2} dy}{\left(\left(\tilde{k}^2 y^2 \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)^{-1}\right) \left(\tilde{k}^2 (1 - y^2) \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)^{-1}\right)\right)^{1/2}} \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{dy}{\left((1 - y^2) \left(1 - \tilde{k}^2 y^2\right)\right)^{-1/2}} \\
 &= K(\tilde{k})
 \end{aligned}$$

