

Problem set 9

Exercise 1. a) Prove that every Möbius transformation in $PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ has one or two fixed points. The usual formulation of this fact is that there are two fixed points counted with multiplicity.

b) Prove that a square of a transformation $x \rightarrow \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ is the identity if and only if $a+d=0$.

Exercise 2. a) Suppose that for a Möbius transformation $f \in PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ there exists a point a such that $f(a) \neq a$, but $f(f(a)) = a$. Prove that f is an involution.

b) Prove that every Möbius transformation can be presented as a composition of at most three Möbius involutions.

Exercise 3. Let V be a space of polynomials of degree not greater than d . Prove that for every $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_d \in \mathbb{R}$ the set of polynomials

$$\frac{(x-a_1)(x-a_2)\dots(x-a_i)\dots(x-a_n)}{(a_i-a_1)(a_i-a_2)\dots(a_i-a_i)\dots(a_i-a_n)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

forms a basis of V .

Definition. An n -th root of unity is called primitive, if it generates μ_n as a group.

Exercise 4. Prove that primitive n -th roots of unity are numbers $e^{\frac{2\pi k}{n}}$ for $(k, n) = 1$. Conclude that the order of μ_n is given by the Euler function $\varphi(n)$.

Problem 1.

a) Prove that Euler's function is multiplicative, i. e. for coprime numbers n and m

$$\varphi(nm) = \varphi(n)\varphi(m).$$

b) Prove the following identity:

$$\sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) = n.$$

c) Find a new proof of the fact that for $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$

$$\varphi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right).$$

Problem 2. Prove that a Möbius transformation in $PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ can be obtained by first performing stereographic projection from the plane to the unit sphere, rotating and moving the sphere to a new location and orientation in space, and then performing stereographic projection (from the new position of the sphere) to the plane.

Problem 3. Suppose that a regular n -gon with vertices A_1, \dots, A_n is inscribed in a unit circle. Prove that

$$\prod_{i=2}^n |A_1 A_i| = n.$$