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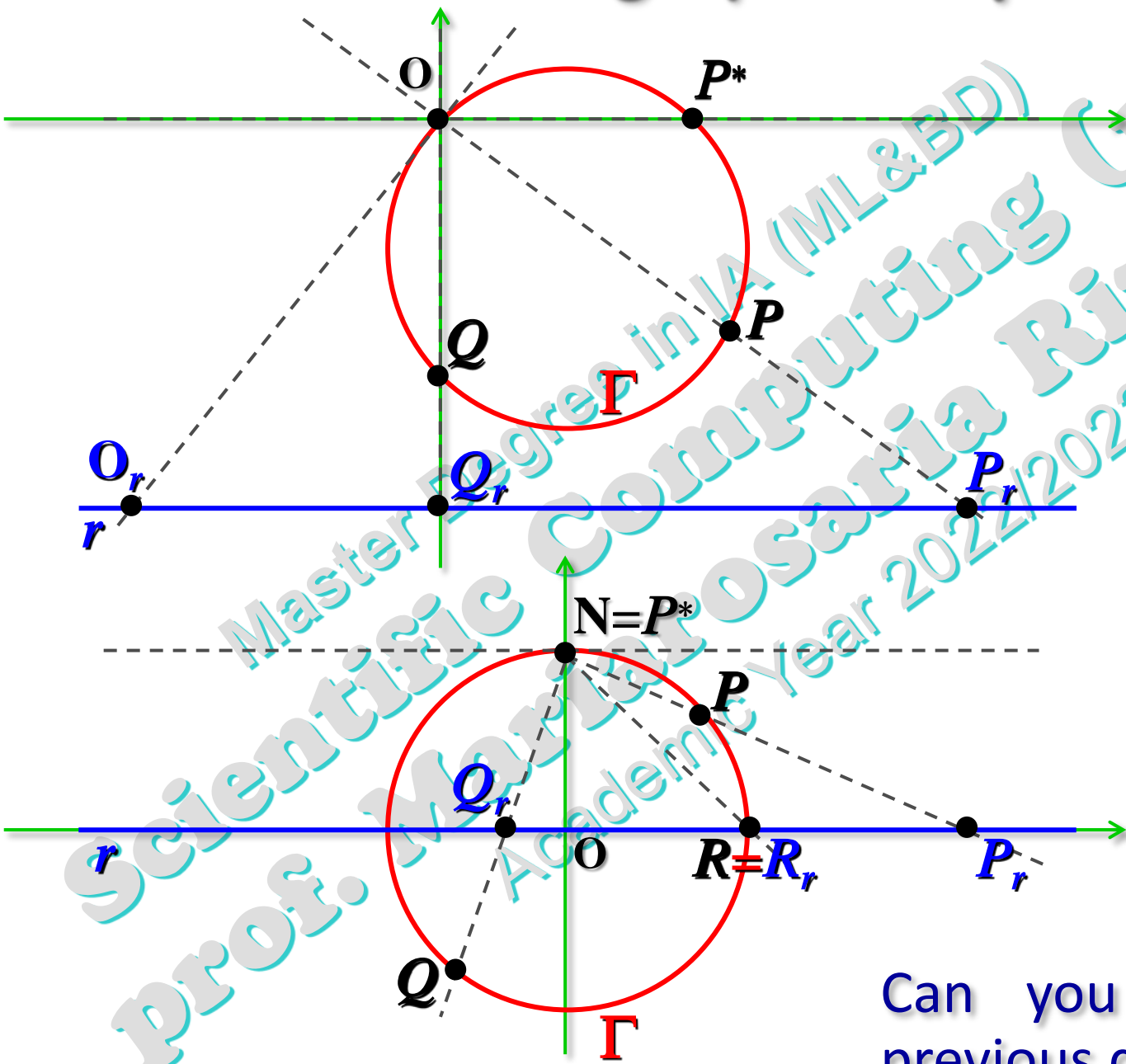
# Quiz

Let us consider the following plane curves: a circle  $\Gamma$  and a straight line  $r$ .



Are there more points on the circle  $\Gamma$  or on the line  $r$ ?

# 2D Stereographic Projection



- $P \longleftrightarrow P_r$
- $Q \longleftrightarrow Q_r$
- $P^* \longleftrightarrow \infty$
- ...

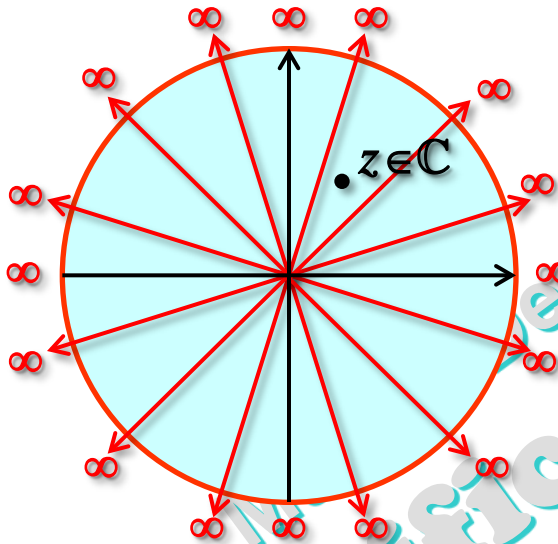
Can you answer the previous question now?

# Extended complex plane $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$

$\mathbb{C}^*$  or  $\mathbb{C}_\infty$  denotes the **extended complex plane**, that contains all the complex numbers and also the point at  $\infty$

$$\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$$

There is a **single point at  $\infty$** , which lies on the boundary of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . It can be imagined as a point where  $|z| \rightarrow \infty$  in all directions (its argument is undefined).



In the extended complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^*$  the following operations are **defined** (as limits):

$$z + \infty = \infty,$$

$$z \times \infty = \infty \quad (z \neq 0),$$

$$z / \infty = 0,$$

$$z / 0 = \infty,$$

$$\infty + \infty = \infty,$$

$$\infty \times \infty = \infty,$$

$$0 / \infty = 0,$$

$$\infty / 0 = \infty.$$

But the following operations are **undefined**:

$$+\infty - \infty,$$

$$0 \times \infty,$$

$$0 / 0,$$

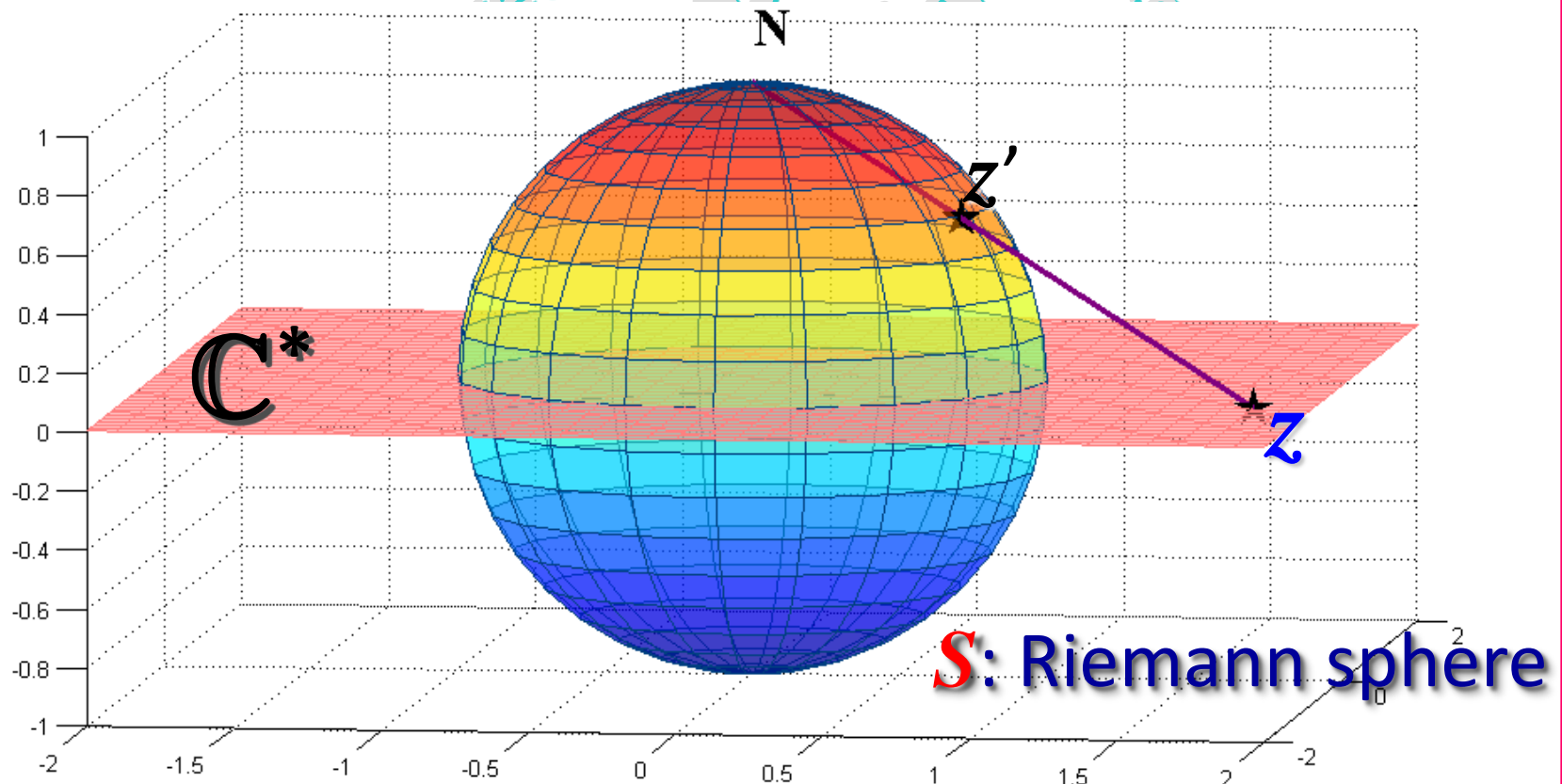
$$\infty / \infty$$



# 3D Stereographic projection (1/6)

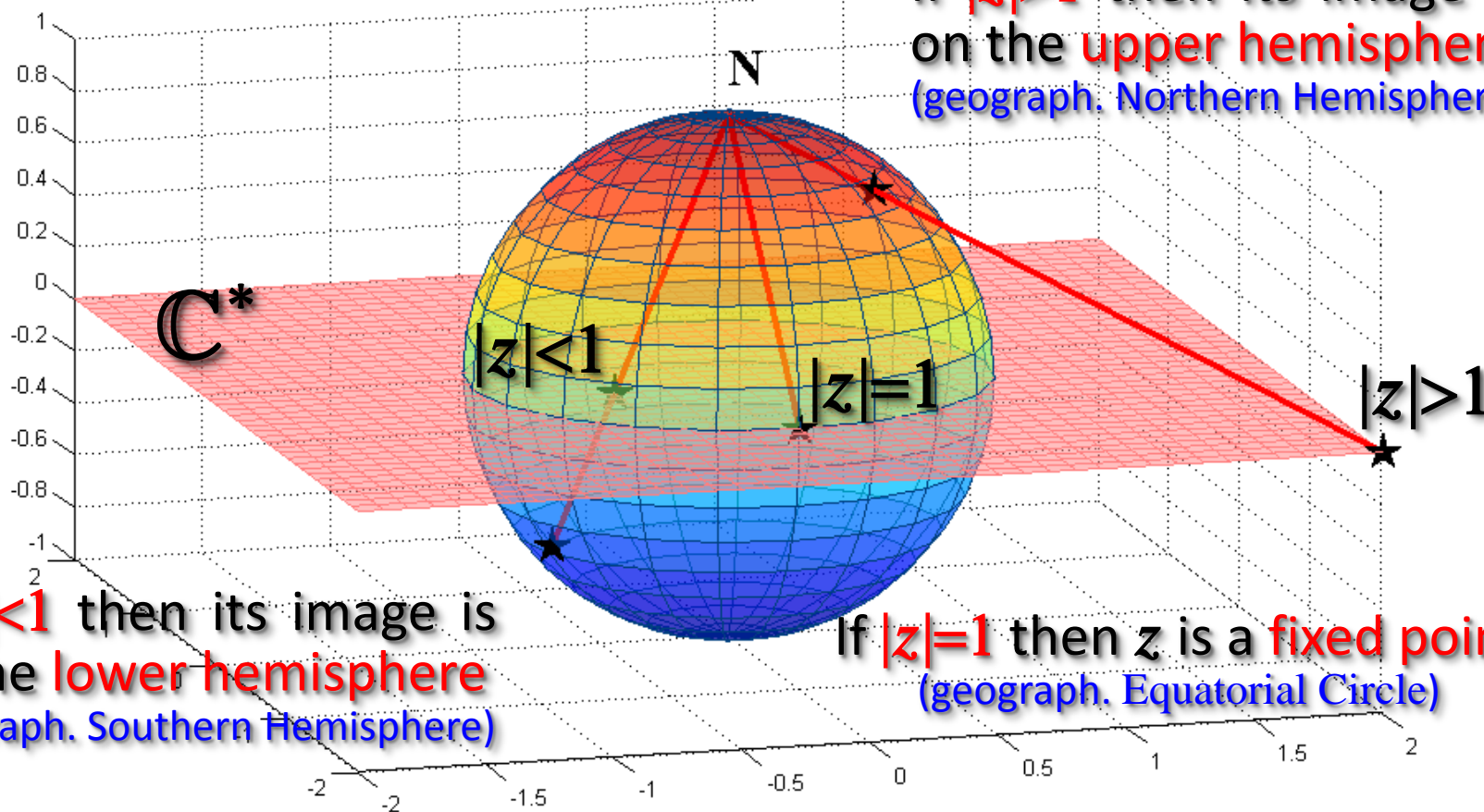
It is a one-to-one mapping between the extended complex plane  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and all the points on the unit sphere  $S(0,1)$ . Each complex number  $z$  is mapped to  $z'$ , that is the intersection between the sphere and the half-line passing through the north pole  $N$  and  $z$ .

$$S(0,1) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$



# Stereographic projection (2/6)

If  $|z| > 1$  then its image is on the **upper hemisphere** (geograph. Northern Hemisphere)



If  $|z| < 1$  then its image is on the **lower hemisphere** (geograph. Southern Hemisphere)

If  $|z| = 1$  then  $z$  is a **fixed point** (geograph. Equatorial Circle)

There is no complex number  $z$  corresponding to the **North Pole  $N(0,0,1)$** .

The map between  $\mathbb{C}^*$  and  $S$  is completed by setting:

$$N(0,0,1) \longleftrightarrow \infty$$

and now, on  $S$ , the point at  $\infty$  is as visible as any other point.

# Stereographic projection (3/6)

The (one-to-one) map is defined as:

$$z \in \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow z' \in \mathcal{S}_{(0,1)} - \{N\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

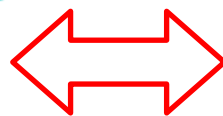
but it can be completed to the **extended complex plane**  $\mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  if the north pole  $N(0,0,1)$  is mapped to  $\infty$ .

$\mathcal{S}_{(0,1)}$ : Riemann sphere

$$z \in \mathbb{C}^* \longleftrightarrow z' \in \mathcal{S}_{(0,1)} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

from  $\mathbb{C}^*$   
to  $\mathcal{S}$

$$z' = \begin{cases} z'_1 = 2 \frac{\operatorname{Re} z}{|z|^2 + 1} \\ z'_2 = 2 \frac{\operatorname{Im} z}{|z|^2 + 1} \\ z'_3 = \frac{|z|^2 - 1}{|z|^2 + 1} \end{cases}$$



$$z = \frac{z'_1 + iz'_2}{1 - z'_3}$$

from  $\mathcal{S}$   
to  $\mathbb{C}^*$



# Stereographic Projection (4/6)

It makes visible the point  $\infty$  as any other point.

## Property

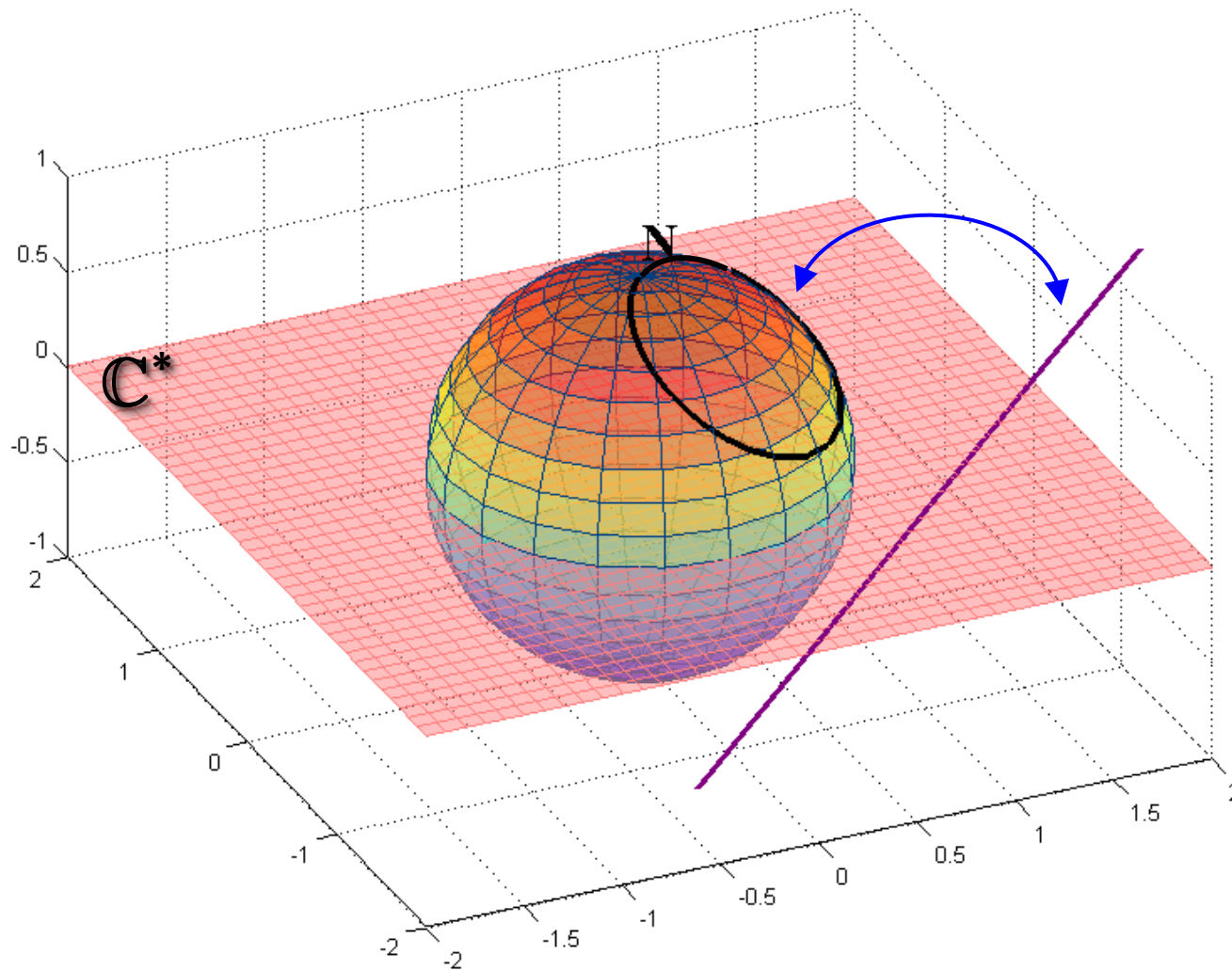
The **Stereographic Projection** maps all the lines and circles, in the complex plane, onto all the circles on the sphere.

The **images of the lines** in the complex plane are just the circles on the sphere passing through the North Pole  $N$ .

**DEF**

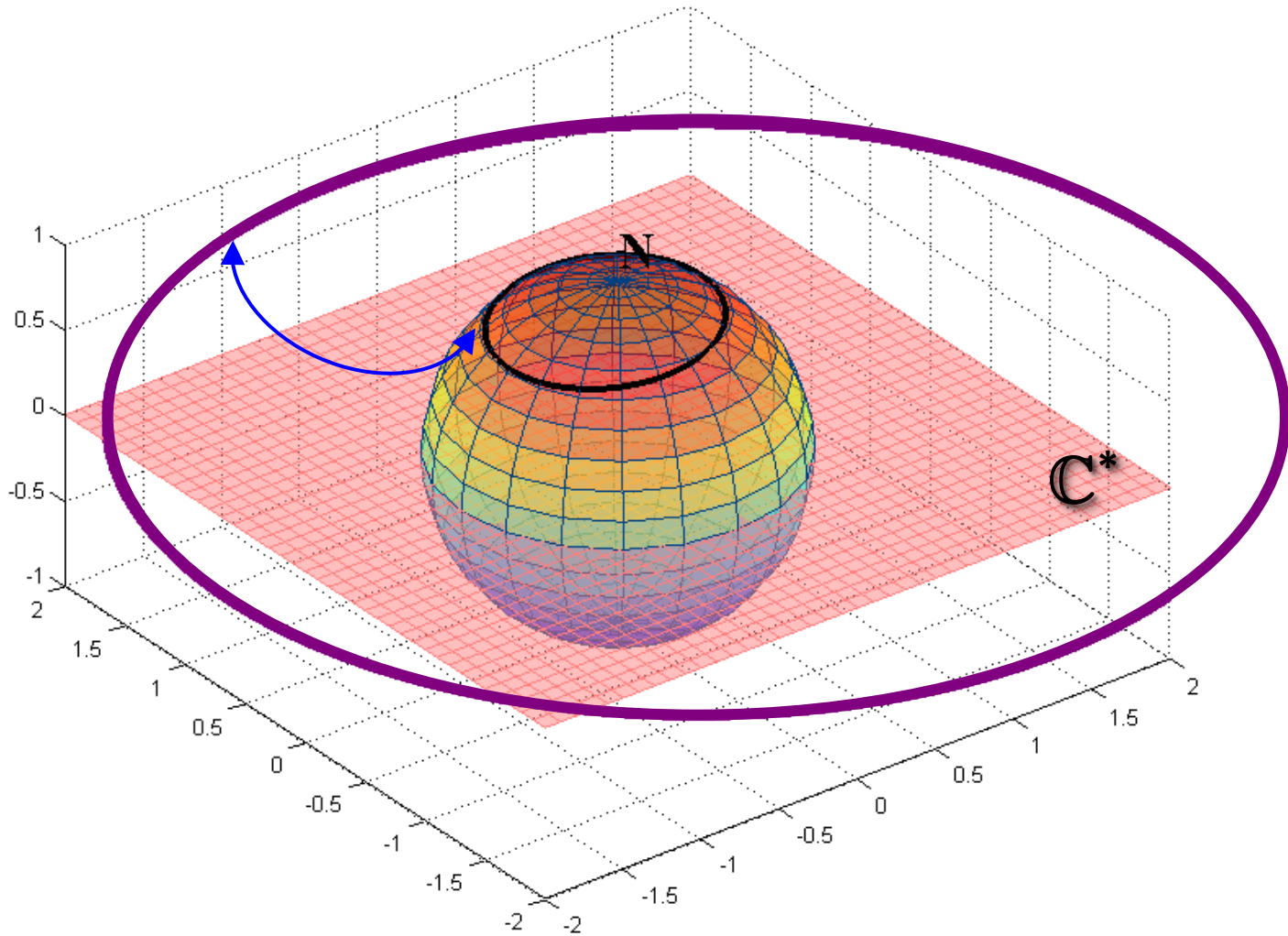
A **generalized circle** (also named as **cline** or **circline**) is a **straight line**  $\cup \{\infty\}$  or a **circle**

# Stereographic projection of a line (5/6)



A line in the complex plane is mapped to a circle on  $S$  passing through  $N$

# Stereographic projection of a circle (6/6)



A circle in the complex plane is mapped to a circle on  $S$  not passing through  $N$

# Moebius mappings

$$T_M : z \in \mathbb{C}^* \longrightarrow w \in \mathbb{C}^* \quad w = T_M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$$

$\mathbb{C}^*$  is the extended complex plane

main correspondences

$$z \neq -\frac{d}{c} \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

$$z = -\frac{d}{c} \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \infty$$

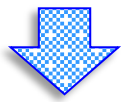
$$z = \infty \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \frac{a}{c}$$

We can also use the homogeneous coordinates for complex numbers

$$z \equiv \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad w \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} w \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\infty = (\zeta, 0)^T, \zeta \in \mathbb{C}^* : \zeta \neq 0$$

$M$ : transformation matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$



$$\begin{pmatrix} w \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} az + b \\ cz + d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} az + b \\ cz + d \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$T_M$  conformal if  $\det M \neq 0$ , non-conformal at  $\infty$ .

```
syms a b c d z
M=[a b;c d]; Z=[z;1];
w=M*Z; T=w(1)/w(2);
dT=simplify(diff(T,z))
dT =
(a*d - b*c)/(d + c*z)^2
```

$$T_M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

$\det M$

$$T'_M(z) = \frac{ad - bc}{(cz + d)^2}$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} T'_M(z) = 0$$

If  $\det M = 0$ , what does it mean for  $T_M$ ?

# Moebius mappings

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \det(M) \neq 0$$

invertible

inverse mapping

$$z = T_M^{-1}(w) = \frac{dw - b}{-cw + a}$$

its inverse is of the same kind as  $T_M$

inverse transformation matrix  $M^* = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} = \text{adj } M : M \cdot M^* = \det M \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The matrix  $M^*$  of the inverse mapping is the **adjoint of  $M$** , defined as:  $M^* = \det M \cdot M^{-1}$

i.e.,  $M^*$  is the same as the inverse, with the addition of the scale factor  $\det(M)$



# Properties of a Moebius map (1/2)

✓ The inverse map of a  $T_M$  is a Moebius map too.

✓ A  $T_M$  ( $\neq$  identity) has **2 fixed points at most**. If a  $T_M$  has 3 fixed points, then it is the identity map.

✓ Every  $T_M$  consists of at most two translations, a homothety, a rotation and an inversion:

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d} = f_4 \circ f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1$$

$$f_1(z) = z + d/c, \quad f_2(z) = 1/z, \quad f_3(z) = \frac{bc - ad}{c^2} z, \quad f_4(z) = z + a/c$$

translation
inversion
homothety + rotation
translation

✓ A  $T_M$  maps “generalized circles” to “generalized circles”.

**A generalized circle is a straight line or a circle.**

# Fixed points of a Moebius map

How many and what are the fixed points of a  $T_M$ ?

$z$  fixed point of  $T_M(z)$



$$T_M(z) = z$$

✓ If  $z = \alpha/\beta$  is a fixed point of  $T_M$ , then  $(\alpha, \beta)^T$  is an eigenvector of  $M$

But the eigenvalues of  $M$  have no connection with the fixed points of  $T_M$

**Example 1: inversion**  
(or reciprocal map)

$$T_M(z) = \frac{1}{z} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
syms z; fz=1/z;
zu=solve(fz == z)
zu =
-1      2 fixed points
1
```

```
M=sym([0 1;1 0]); [V,D]=eig(sym(M))
V =
[1, -1]
[1, 1]
D =
[1, 0]
[0, -1]
```

**Example 2:**

$$T_M(z) = 4z + 8i = \frac{4z + 8i}{1} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 8i \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
syms z; fz=4*z+8i;
zu=solve(fz == z)
zu =
-8i/3      1 fixed point
```

```
M=sym([4 8i;0 1]); [V,D]=eig(sym(M))
V =
[-8i/3, 1]
[1, 0]
D =
[1, 0]
[0, 4]
```

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## Example 3:

$$T_M(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix}$$

```
syms z; fz=(z-1i)/(z+1i);
zu=solve(fz == z)
```

```
zu =
-(-6i)^(1/2)/2 + (1/2 - 1i/2)
(-6i)^(1/2)/2 + (1/2 - 1i/2)
```

2 fixed points

```
M=sym([1 -i;1 i]); [V,D]=eig(sym(M)); V
V =
[-(-6i)^(1/2)/2+(1/2-1i/2), (-6i)^(1/2)/2+(1/2-1i/2)]
[ 1, 1]
```

## Example 4:

$$T_M(z) = \frac{z-2}{z-1}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

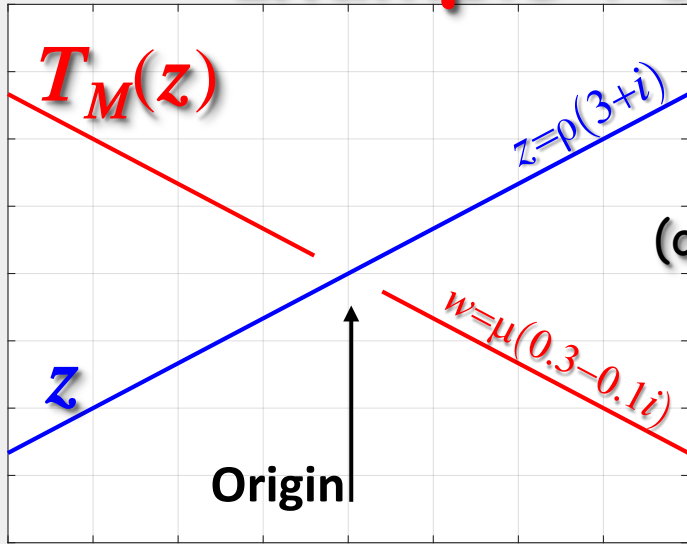
```
syms z; fz=(z-2)/(z-1);
zu=solve(fz == z)
```

```
zu =
1 - 1i
1 + 1i
```

2 fixed points

```
M=sym([1 -2;1 -1]); [V,D]=eig(sym(M))
V =
[1 - 1i, 1 + 1i]
[ 1, 1]
D =
[-1i, 0]
[ 0, 1i]
```

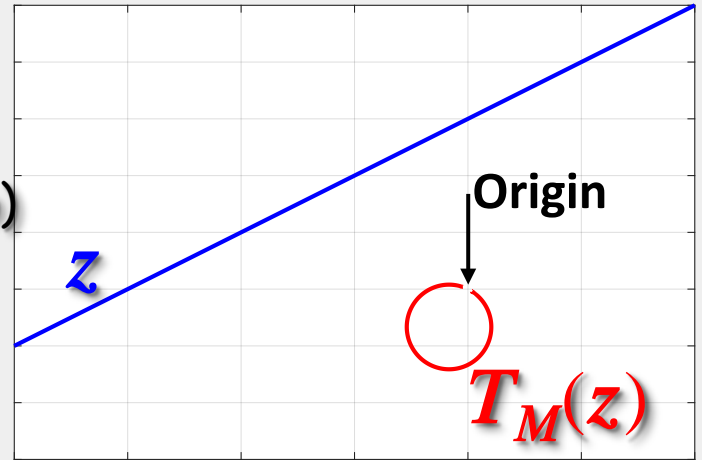
# Example 1 of a Moebius mapping



Study the inversion  
(or reciprocal map)

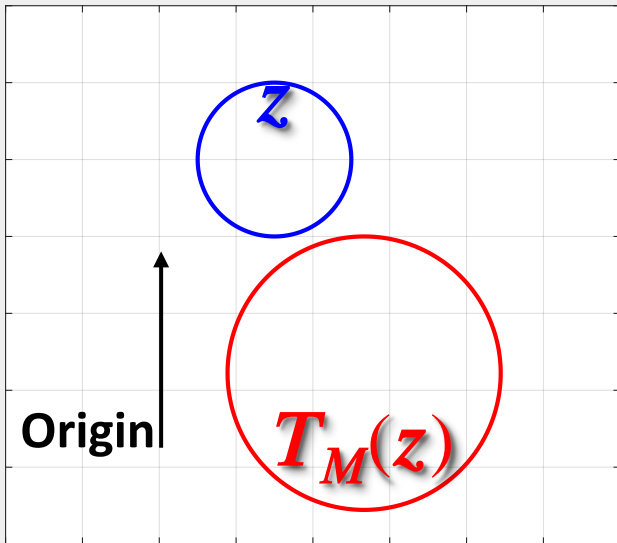
$$T_M(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$T_M(z) = \frac{\bar{z}}{|z|^2}$$



a line passing through the origin is mapped to a line passing through the origin

a line not passing through the origin is mapped to a circle passing through the origin

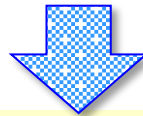


origin curve ———  
image curve ———

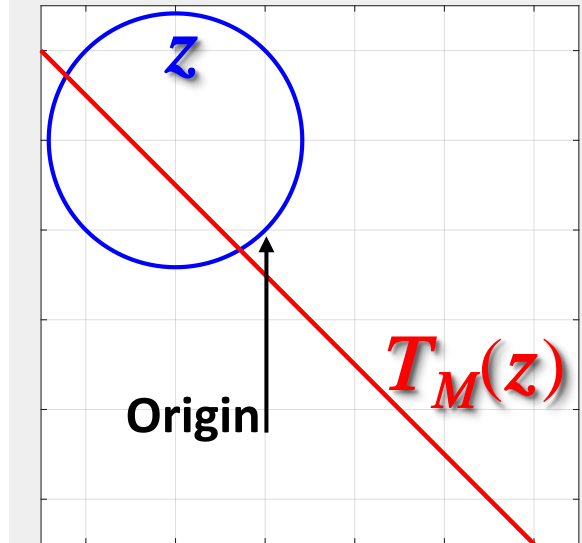
$$z \neq 0 \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$z = 0 \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \infty$$

$$z = \infty \xrightarrow{T_M} w = 0$$



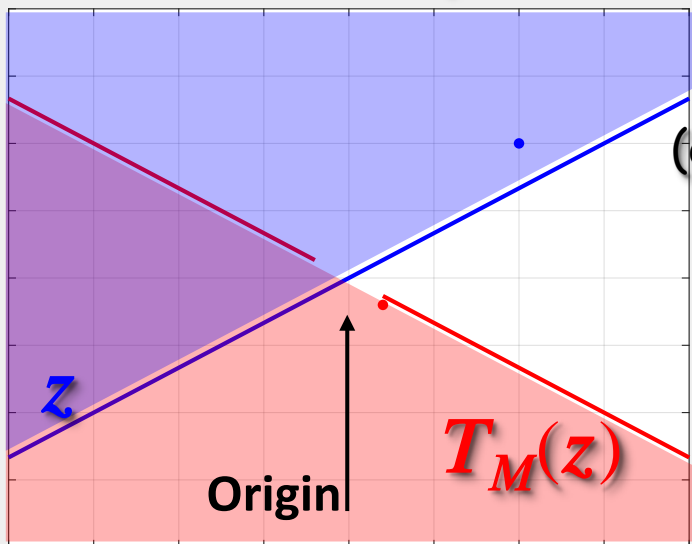
$$0 \longleftrightarrow \infty$$



a circle not passing through the origin is mapped to a circle not passing through the origin

a circle passing through the origin is mapped to a line

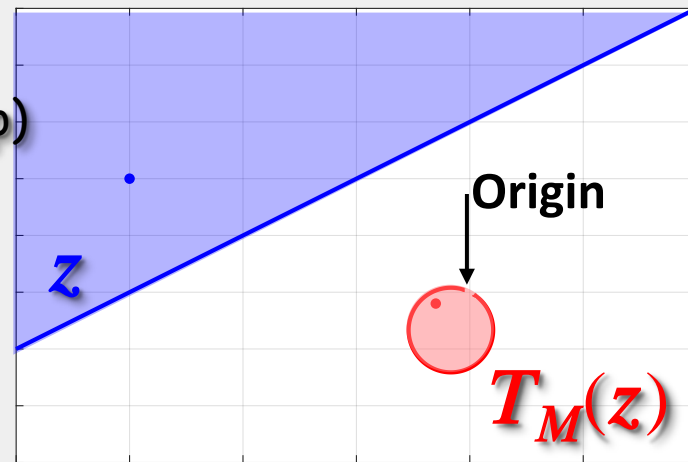
# Example 1 of a Moebius mapping



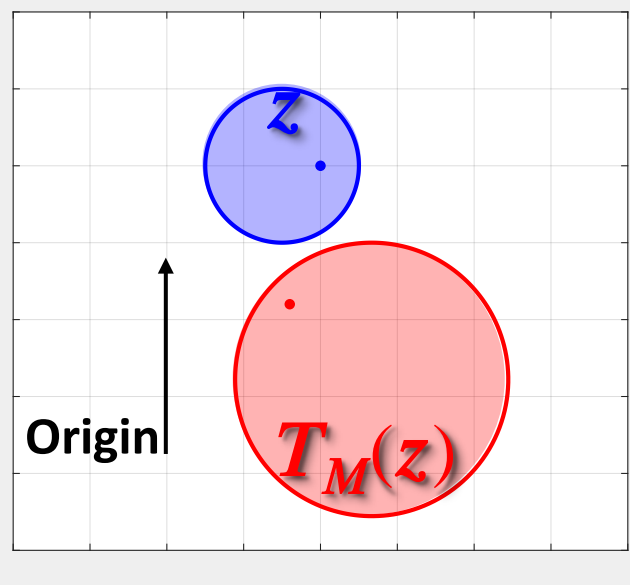
a line passing through the origin

**inversion**  
(or reciprocal map)

$$T_M(z) = \frac{1}{z}$$



a line not passing through the origin



a circle not passing through the origin

origin domain ————  
image domain ————

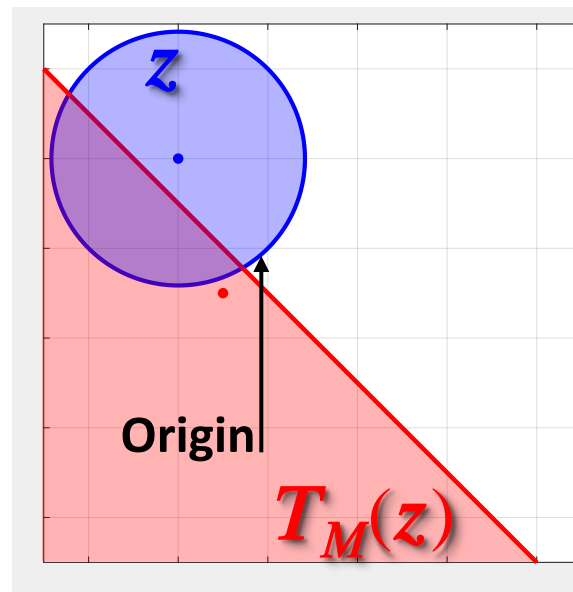
main correspondences

$$z \neq 0 \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$z = 0 \xrightarrow{T_M} w = \infty$$

$$z = \infty \xrightarrow{T_M} w = 0$$

$$0 \longleftrightarrow \infty$$



a circle passing through the origin



# Example 2 of a Moebius mapping

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{z - i}{z + i}$$

$$z = -i$$

$$z \neq -i$$

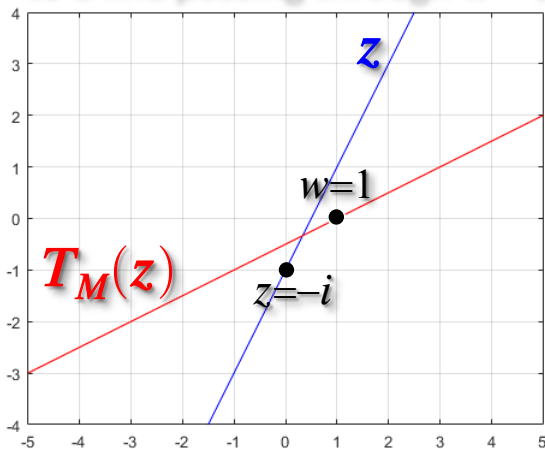
$$z = \infty$$

$$w = \infty$$

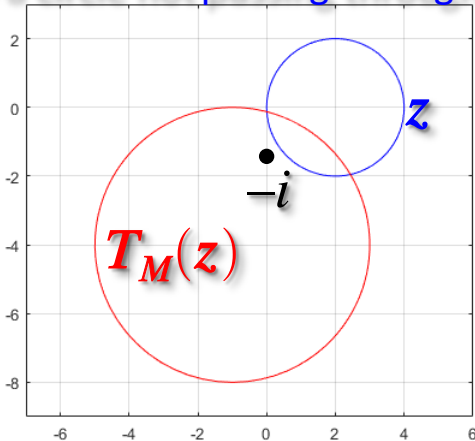
$$w = T_M(z)$$

$$w = 1$$

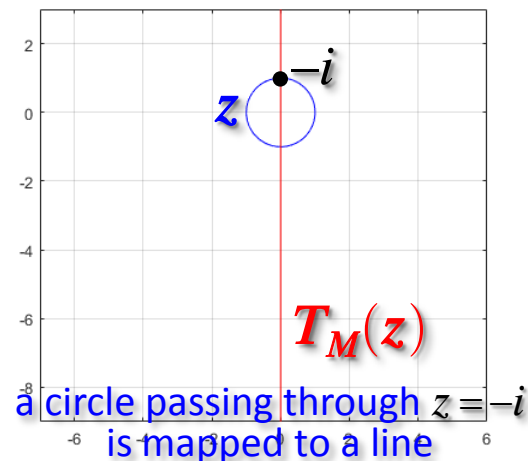
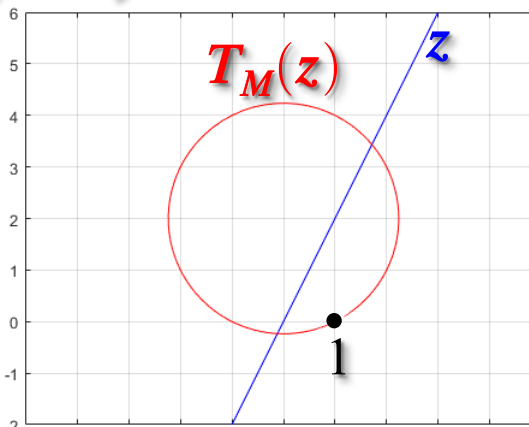
a line passing through  $z = -i$  is mapped to a line passing through  $w = 1$



a circle not passing through  $z = -i$  is mapped to a circle not passing through  $w = 1$

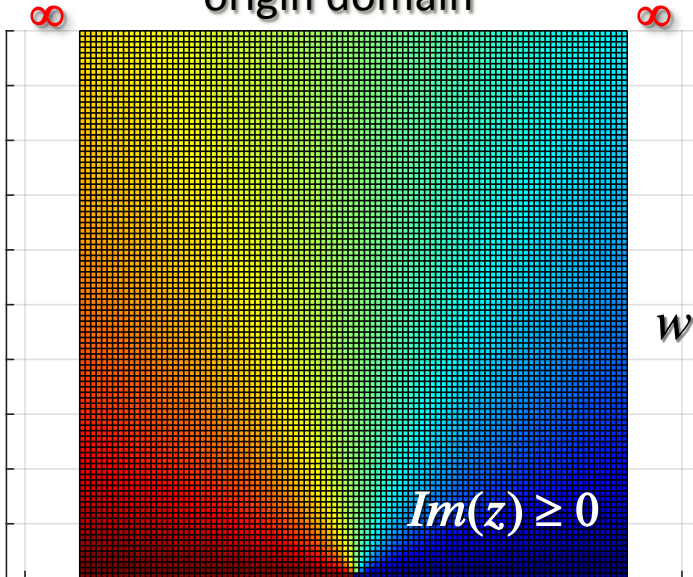


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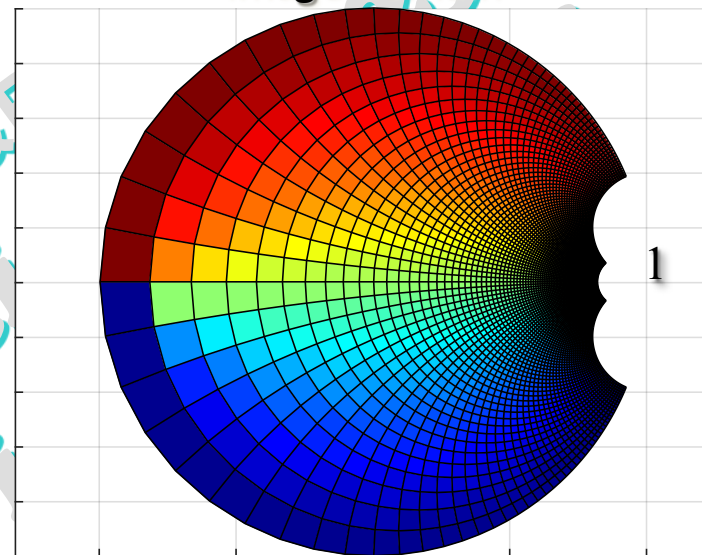
# Example 2 of a Moebius mapping

origin domain



$$\text{Im}(z) \geq 0$$

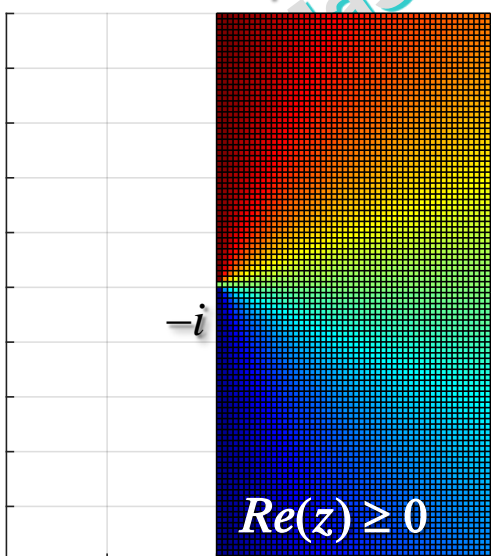
image domain



1

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$$

z-plane



$$\text{Re}(z) \geq 0$$

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

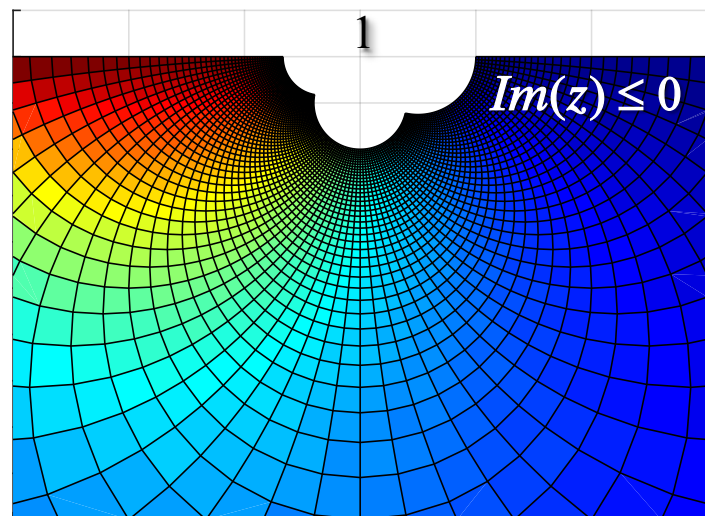
main correspondences

$$\begin{aligned} z = -i &\longleftrightarrow w = \infty \\ z = \infty &\longleftrightarrow w = 1 \end{aligned}$$

other correspondences

$$\begin{aligned} z = 0 &\longleftrightarrow w = -1 \\ z = i &\longleftrightarrow w = 0 \end{aligned}$$

w-plane



$$\text{Im}(z) \leq 0$$

# Properties of a Moebius map (2/2)

✓ There exists a single  $T_M$  that maps 3 different points  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  to 3 different points  $w_1, w_2, w_3$ . This  $T_M$  is implicitly defined by the following equation

$$\frac{w - w_1}{w - w_3} \cdot \frac{w_2 - w_3}{w_2 - w_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z_2 - z_1}$$

If one of the points is  $\infty$ , then the ratio containing  $\infty$  must be replaced by 1.

## Examples: how to find a $T_M$

A point at  $\infty$

$$z_1 = 0 \longleftrightarrow w_1 = -1$$

$$z_2 = i \longleftrightarrow w_2 = 0$$

$$z_3 = \infty \longleftrightarrow w_3 = 1$$

$$\frac{w+1}{w-1} \cdot \frac{-1}{+1} = \frac{z}{i} \cdot \frac{\cancel{z_2 - z_3}}{\cancel{z - z_3}} = \frac{z}{i} \implies w = T_M(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$$

No point at  $\infty$

$$\text{Let: } W_k = (w_2 - w_3)/(w_2 - w_1), \quad Z_k = (z_2 - z_3)/(z_2 - z_1)$$

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{z(w_1 W_k - w_3 Z_k) + z_1 w_3 Z_k - z_3 w_1 W_k}{z(W_k - Z_k) + z_1 Z_k - z_3 W_k}$$

# Example MATLAB

Find, with the Symbolic Math Toolbox,  $T_M$  and  $T_M^{-1}$  by the 3-point property

No point at  $\infty$

$$\frac{w - w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \cdot \frac{w_2 - w_3}{w - w_3} = \frac{z - z_1}{z - z_3} \cdot \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z_2 - z_1}$$

```
zk=[1;1i;-1]; wk=[1;-1i;-1];  
syms W Z
```

```
Eqn=(W-wk(1))*(wk(2)-wk(3))/((W-wk(3))*(wk(2)-wk(1))) == ...  
      (Z-zk(1))*(zk(2)-zk(3))/((Z-zk(3))*(zk(2)-zk(1)));
```

```
S=solve(Eqn,W,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

```
S = struct with fields:
```

```
W: 1/Z
```

```
parameters: [1x0 sym]
```

```
conditions: Z ~= 0 & Z ~= -1
```

```
TM=matlabFunction(simplify(S.W)) % TM: Moebius mapping
```

```
TM = function_handle with value:
```

```
@(Z)1.0./Z
```

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parameters: [1x0 sym]
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```
TM1=matlabFunction(simplify(S.Z)) % TM1: inverse TM
```

```
TM1 = function_handle with value:
```

```
@(W)1.0./W
```

# Example MATLAB (cont.)

Find, with the Symbolic Math Toolbox,  $T_M$  and  $T_M^{-1}$  by the 3-point property

$z_3$  is the point at  $\infty$

$$\frac{w - w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \cdot \frac{w_2 - w_3}{w - w_3} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{z_2 - z_3}}{\cancel{z - z_3}}$$

```
zk=[0;1i;Inf]; wk=[-1;0;1];
```

```
syms W Z
```

```
Eqn=(W-wk(1))*(wk(2)-wk(3))/((W-wk(3))*(wk(2)-wk(1))) == ...  
(Z-zk(1))/(zk(2)-zk(1));
```

```
S=solve(Eqn,W,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

S = struct with fields:

W:  $(1 + Z*1i)/(-1 + Z*1i)$

parameters: [1x0 sym]

conditions: Z ~= -1i

$$w = T_M(z) = \frac{z - i}{z + i}$$

```
TM=matlabFunction(simplify(S.W)) % TM: Moebius mapping
```

TM = function\_handle with value:

@(Z)(Z.\*1i+1.0)./(Z.\*1i-1.0)

```
S=solve(Eqn,Z,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

S = struct with fields:

Z:  $-((W + 1)*1i)/(W - 1)$

parameters: [1x0 sym]

conditions: symtrue

```
TM1=matlabFunction(simplify(S.Z)) % TM1: inverse TM
```

TM1 = function\_handle with value:

@(W)((W+1.0).\*-1i)./(W-1.0)



# Example MATLAB (cont.)

Find, with the Symbolic Math Toolbox,  $T_M$  and  $T_M^{-1}$  by the 3-point property

$w_3$  is the point at  $\infty$

$$\frac{w - w_1}{w_2 - w_1} \cdot \frac{\cancel{w_2 - w_3}}{\cancel{w - w_3}} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} \cdot \frac{z_2 - z_3}{z - z_3}$$

```
zk=[.75;.55;.25]; wk=[3;2;Inf];
```

```
syms W Z
```

```
Eqn=(W-wk(1))/(wk(2)-wk(1)) == ...  
      (Z-zk(1))*(zk(2)-zk(3))/((Z-zk(3))*(zk(2)-zk(1)));
```

```
S=solve(Eqn,W,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

```
S = struct with fields:
```

```
W: 1/Z
```

```
parameters: [1x0 sym]
```

```
conditions: symtrue
```

```
TM=matlabFunction(simplify(S.W)); % TM: Moebius mapping
```

```
S=solve(Eqn,Z,'ReturnConditions',true)
```

```
S = struct with fields:
```

```
Z: 1/W
```

```
parameters: [1x0 sym]
```

```
conditions: W ~= 0
```

```
TM1=matlabFunction(simplify(S.Z)); % TM1: inverse TM
```

## Exercise

Write a single MATLAB function

$W = TM(zk, wk)$

that includes the 3 cases [hint: `isinf`].

Also write a `TM1()` function for the inverse transformation.