

Solutions to mock exam, 2016-17
Course: M3P16, M4P16, M5P16

Solution to Question 1. [(a) seen 6pts; (b) seen 4pts ; (c) seen 10pts]

Part a) A conformal metric on Ω is a continuously differentiable (C^1) function

$$\rho : \Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty),$$

where $\rho(z) \neq 0$ except on a discrete subset of Ω . [4pts]

The Poincaré metric on \mathbb{D} is defined as

$$\rho(z) = \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2}. \text{ [2pt]}$$

Part b) A one-to-one and onto holomorphic map $f : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is called an *automorphism* of Ω . The set of all automorphisms of U is called the automorphism group of Ω . [2pt]

By a theorem in the lectures, every automorphism of \mathbb{D} is of the form

$$z \mapsto e^{i\theta} \cdot \frac{z - a}{1 - \bar{a}z},$$

for some $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \mathbb{D}$. [2pt]

Part c) Let $h : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be an automorphism of \mathbb{D} . First assume that $h(z) = e^{i\theta} \cdot z$. We have

$$(h^*\rho)(z) = \rho(h(z)) \cdot |h'(z)| = \frac{1}{1 - |h(z)|^2} \cdot |e^{i\theta}| = \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2} = \rho(z).$$

Thus, h is an isometry of (\mathbb{D}, ρ) . [3pt]

Now assume that $h(z) = (z - a)/(1 - \bar{a}z)$. we have

$$\begin{aligned} (h^*\rho)(z) &= \rho(h(z)) \cdot |h'(z)| \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \left|\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right|^2} \cdot \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - |a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}z|^2 - |z - a|^2} \\ &= \frac{1 - |a|^2}{1 - |z|^2 - |a|^2 + |a|^2|z|^2} \\ &= \rho(z). \end{aligned}$$

That is, h is an isometry of (\mathbb{D}, ρ) [5pt]. Since the composition of isometries is an isometry, we conclude that any member of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{D})$ is an isometry of (\mathbb{D}, ρ) [2pt].

Solution to Question 2. [(a) seen 4pts ; (b) seen 4pts ; (c) unseen 6pts ; (d) unseen 6pts]

Part a) Let Ω be an open set in \mathbb{C} and \mathcal{F} be a family (set) of maps that are defined on Ω . We say that the family \mathcal{F} is *normal* if every sequence of maps $f_n, n \geq 1$, in \mathcal{F} has a sub-sequence that converges uniformly on every compact subset of Ω . [4pt]

Part b) Theorem: Let \mathcal{F} be a family of holomorphic maps defined on an open set $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$. If \mathcal{F} is uniformly bounded on every compact subset of Ω , then

(i) \mathcal{F} is equicontinuous on every compact subset of Ω ;

(ii) \mathcal{F} is a normal family.

Part c) By Montel's theorem, it is enough to prove that the family is uniformly bounded on every compact subset of \mathbb{D} . Let $K \subset \mathbb{D}$ be an arbitrary compact set. There is $r < 1$ such that for all $z \in K, |z| < r$. For every $f \in \mathcal{F}$, and every $z \in K$ we have

$$|f(z)| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n z^n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n r^n = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} < +\infty.$$

This shows that the family is uniformly bounded on K . [6pt]

It is not necessary to find the precise value of the above series, but any finite upper bound on the series suffices. However, the above sum have been calculated as follows. Set $S_n = r + 2r^2 + 3r^3 + \dots + nr^n$, for $n \geq 5$. Then,

$$S_n(1-r) = S_n - rS_n = r + r^2 + r^3 + r^n = r(1-r^n)/(1-r).$$

As $n \rightarrow +\infty, r^n \rightarrow 0$, and hence $S_n \rightarrow r/(1-r)^2$.

Part d) Let $k : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus (-\infty, -1/4]$ be the Koebe function. That is, k is a one-to-one and onto holomorphic map. Define the new class of maps

$$\mathcal{G} = \{k^{-1} \circ f \mid f \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

Every element of \mathcal{G} is a holomorphic map defined on \mathbb{D} with vales in \mathbb{D} . In particular, the family \mathcal{G} is uniformly bounded on compact sets. By Montel's theorem, \mathcal{G} forms a normal family.

Let $f_n, n \geq 1$, be an arbitrary sequence in \mathcal{F} . By the above paragraph, the sequence of maps $k^{-1} \circ f_n$, for $n \geq 1$, has a convergence sub-sequence, say, $k^{-1} \circ f_{n_i}$, for $i \geq 1$, which converges uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbb{D} . Since k is a continuous function, it follows that the sequence $f_{n_i} = k \circ (k^{-1} \circ f_{n_i})$ converges uniformly on compact subsets of \mathbb{D} . [6pt]

Solution to Question 3. [(a) seen 4pts ; (b) seen similar 6pts ; (c) unseen 10pts]

Part a) Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be holomorphic with $f(0) = 0$. Then,

- (i) for all $z \in \mathbb{D}$ we have $|f(z)| \leq |z|$;
- (ii) $|f'(0)| \leq 1$;
- (iii) if either $f(z) = z$ for some non-zero $z \in \mathbb{D}$, or $|f'(0)| = 1$, then f is a rotation about 0.

[4pt]

Part b) By the Riemann mapping theorem, there is a one-to-one and onto holomorphic map $\varphi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$. Moreover, by composition the Riemann map with a Möbius transformation, we may assume that $\varphi(z) = 0$. [3pt]

The map $g = \varphi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is holomorphic and sends \mathbb{D} into \mathbb{D} , with $g(0) = 0$. By the Schwarz lemma, we must have $|g'(0)| \leq 1$. Thus,

$$|f'(z)| = |\varphi'(z) \cdot f'(z) \cdot \frac{1}{\varphi'(z)}| = |g'(0)| \leq 1.$$

[3pt]

Part c) Since, f is one-to-one, its inverse is define and holomorphic on $f(\Omega)$. Since $g(\Omega) \subset f(\Omega)$, the map $h = f^{-1} \circ g$ is defined an holomorphic on Ω with values in Ω . Moreover, since $f(z) = g(z)$, we have $h(z) = z$.

By part (b) of the problem, we must have $|h'(z)| \leq 1$. This implies that $|g'(z)| \leq |f'(z)|$.

[10pt for this. There may be other ways to reduce the problem to the Schwarz lemma]

Remark: Part (c) introduces a method known as “subordination”: it allows one to give an upper bound on the derivative of an arbitrary holomorphic function by finding a conformal map which covers the image of that function.

Solution to Question 4. [(a) seen 6pts; (b) unseen and difficult 14pts]

Part a) Theorem: Let $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a one-to-one holomorphic map with $f(0) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$. The set $f(\mathbb{D})$ contains the open ball $B(0, 1/4)$. [6pts]

Part b) The plan is to compose the map f with a suitable Möbius transformation M , and apply the 1/4-theorem to the map $M \circ f$. But, for the 1/4-theorem, we need that $M \circ f(0) = 0$ and $(M \circ f)'(0) = 1$. This is guaranteed by requiring $M(0) = 0$ and $M'(0) = 1$. [3pt, for the idea to post-compose with a suitable Möbius transformation]

The set of Möbius transformations $M(z) = (az + b)/(cz + d)$ satisfying $M(0) = 0$ and $M'(0) = 1$ are of the form $z/(cz + 1)$, for an arbitrary complex constant c . [2pt]

Let us first assume that $|\beta| \geq |\alpha|$. We choose $c = -1/\alpha$ so that $M(\alpha) = \infty$. We have $M(\beta) = \beta/(-\beta/\alpha + 1)$. The map $h = M \circ f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined, holomorphic, one-to-one, $h(0) = 0$, and $h'(0) = 1$. The map h omits $M(\beta)$ since f omits β . By the 1/4-theorem, we must have $|M(\beta)| \geq 1/4$. Hence

$$|\beta| \geq (-\beta/\alpha + 1)/4 \geq 2/4 = 1/2. \text{ [5pt]}$$

By a similar argument (replace α with β), we note that if $|\alpha| \geq |\beta|$, then $|\alpha| \geq 1/2$.

We choose the parameter $c = (-\beta - \alpha)/2\alpha\beta$ so that $M(\alpha) = -M(\beta)$. Apply the Koebe 1/4-theorem to the map $h = M \circ f$, which omits two values $M(\alpha)$ and $M(\beta)$ of the same size. So, we must have $|M(\alpha)| \geq 1/2$, which gives us

$$|\beta - \alpha| \geq 1/4.$$

Finally since for all x and y , $xy \leq (x + y)^2/4$, we conclude that $|\beta - \alpha| \geq 1$. [4pt]

Remark: Note that the biholomorphic map $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus ((-\infty, -1/2] \cup [1/2, +\infty))$,

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{1 + z^2}$$

we studied in the lectures shows that the above inequality is sharp.

Solution to Question 5. [(a) seen 5pts ; (b) unseen 7pts ; (c) unseen and difficult 8pts]

Part a) Theorem: Let $\mu : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ be a continuous map with $\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |\mu(z)| < 1$. Then, there is a quasi-conformal map $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $f_{\bar{z}}(z) = \mu(z)f_z(z)$ holds on \mathbb{C} . [3pts]

Moreover, the solution f is unique if we assume that $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 1$. [2pts]

Part b) By MRMT, we need to verify that μ is continuous and $\sup_{\mathbb{C}} |\mu| < 1$. [2pt]

Continuity: On $\text{Im } z > 0$ and $\text{Im } z < 0$ μ is continuous since it is given by a linear combination of the exponential maps. We need to show that the two formulas match on $\text{Im } z = 0$. The first formula becomes

$$\mu(z) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{iz} + e^{-i\bar{z}}) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{iz} + e^{-iz}).$$

The second one becomes

$$\mu(z) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-iz} + e^{i\bar{z}}) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-iz} + e^{iz}).$$

This shows that μ is continuous on \mathbb{C} . [2pt]

Size of μ : Let $z = x + iy$. When $\text{Im } z = y \geq 0$, we have

$$|\mu(z)| \leq \frac{1}{4}(|e^{iz}| + |e^{-i\bar{z}}|) = \frac{1}{4}(|e^{-y}| + |e^{-y}|) \leq \frac{1}{4}(1 + 1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

When, $\text{Im } z = y \leq 0$,

$$|\mu(z)| \leq \frac{1}{4}(|e^{-iz}| + |e^{i\bar{z}}|) = \frac{1}{4}(|e^y| + |e^y|) \leq \frac{1}{4}(1 + 1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence, $\sup_{\mathbb{C}} |\mu| \leq 1/2 < 1$. [3pt]

Part c) First we show that $\mu(\bar{z}) = \overline{\mu(z)}$. When $\text{Im } z \geq 0$,

$$\overline{\mu(z)} = \frac{1}{4}\overline{(e^{iz} + e^{-i\bar{z}})} = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-i\bar{z}} + e^{iz}),$$

and (as $\text{Im } \bar{z} \leq 0$)

$$\mu(\bar{z}) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-i\bar{z}} + e^{iz}).$$

When $\text{Im } z \leq 0$,

$$\overline{\mu(z)} = \frac{1}{4}\overline{(e^{-iz} + e^{i\bar{z}})} = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-i\bar{z}} + e^{-iz}),$$

and (as $\text{Im } \bar{z} \geq 0$)

$$\mu(\bar{z}) = \frac{1}{4}(e^{-i\bar{z}} + e^{-iz}).$$

These show that $\mu(\bar{z}) = \overline{\mu(z)}$ on \mathbb{C} . [2pt]

For the remaining part we present two solutions.

Solution 1: Define $G(z) = \overline{\varphi(\bar{z})}$. We claim that G is also the solution of the Beltrami equation with coefficient μ . Since, $G(0) = 0$ and $G(1) = 1$, by the uniqueness in the MRMT, we conclude that $G(z) \equiv \varphi(z)$, which gives the desired functional equation.

By MRMT, φ is a diffeomorphism from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{C} . Thus, $G : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a diffeomorphism. So, to prove that G is the solution of the Beltrami equation, it is enough to show that G sends the field of ellipses generated by $\mu(z)$ to the field of circles on \mathbb{C} .

The map $z \rightarrow \bar{z}$ sends the infinitesimal ellipse given by $\mu(z)$ at z to the ellipse $\overline{\mu(z)}$ at \bar{z} . This implies that $z \rightarrow \bar{z}$ sends the infinitesimal ellipse given by $\overline{\mu(\bar{z})}$ at \bar{z} to the ellipse $\mu(z)$ at z . Then, φ sends the infinitesimal ellipse given by $\mu(z)$ at z to the infinitesimal circle at $\varphi(z)$. Combining these together, we conclude that the map $z \mapsto \varphi(\bar{z})$, sends the ellipse given by $\overline{\mu(\bar{z})}$ at \bar{z} to the infinitesimal circle at $\varphi(\bar{z})$. Finally, since $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ preserves the field of circles (this is the second conjugation in G), the map G sends the field of ellipses generated by $\overline{\mu(\bar{z})}$ to the field of circles. However, we already showed that $\overline{\mu(\bar{z})} = \mu(z)$. [6pt]

Solution 2: By MRMT, φ is a diffeomorphism from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{C} . This implies that the map $H(z) = \varphi(\overline{\varphi^{-1}(\bar{z})})$ is a well-defined diffeomorphism of \mathbb{C} . We aim to show that H is biholomorphic from \mathbb{C} to \mathbb{C} . Evidently, being the composition of the diffeomorphisms φ , φ^{-1} , and the complex conjugation, H is one-to-one and onto. It remains to show that H is holomorphic.

To prove that H is holomorphic, by the Weyl's lemma, it is enough to show that $H_{\bar{z}} \equiv 0$. But, since H is a diffeomorphism, this is equivalent to showing that H maps the field of circles to the field of circles.

By MRMT, φ sends the field of ellipses generated by $\mu(z)$ to the field of circles on \mathbb{C} . Thus, φ^{-1} sends the field of circles to the field of ellipses generated by $\mu(z)$. The complex conjugation sends the field of circles to the field of circles. Hence, $\varphi^{-1}(\bar{z})$ sends the field of circles to the field of ellipses generated by $\mu(z)$. This implies that $\overline{\varphi^{-1}(\bar{z})}$ sends the field of circles to the field of ellipses generated by $\overline{\mu(\bar{z})} = \mu(z)$. As φ sends those ellipses to the field of circles, H sends the field of circles to the field of circles.

By a theorem in the lectures, the biholomorphic map $H : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ must be of the form $Az + B$, for some complex constants A and B . On the other hand, as $\varphi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(1) = 1$, we have $H(0) = 0$ and $H(1) = 1$. These imply that $B = 0$ and $A = 1$. That is, $H(z) = \varphi(\overline{\varphi^{-1}(\bar{z})}) \equiv z$. This implies that $\varphi(\bar{w}) = \overline{\varphi(w)}$, for all $w \in \mathbb{C}$. [6pt]