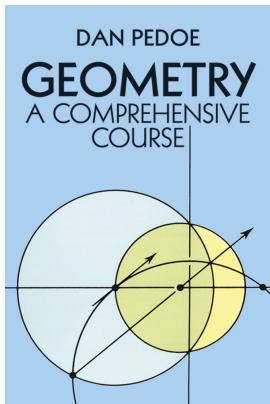


# Real Analysis

## Chapter V. Mappings of the Euclidean Plane

### 47. Similarity Transformations and Results—Proofs of Theorems



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## Theorem 47.8 (continued 3)

**Proof (continued).** We now show that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{S}$ . With  $I_1 : z' = az + b$ ,  $I_3 : z' = a'\bar{z} + b' \in \mathcal{I}$  where  $|a| = |a'| = 1$  and  $S_1 : z' = cz + d$ ,  $S_3 : z' = c'\bar{z} + d' \in \mathcal{S}$  where  $c \neq 0 \neq c'$ , we have  $S_1^{-1} : z' = c^{-1}z - c^{-1}d$  and  $S_3^{-1} : z' = \overline{(c')^{-1}z} - \overline{(c')^{-1}d'}$ . We know  $S_1^{-1} \circ I_1 \circ S_1 \in \mathcal{I}_+ \subset \mathcal{I}$  from above. We also have

$$\begin{aligned} S_1^{-1} \circ I_3 \circ S_1 &= S_1^{-1} \circ I_3(cz + d) = S_1^{-1}(a'\overline{(cz + d)} + b') \\ &= S_1^{-1}((a'\bar{c})\bar{z} + c^{-1}(a'\bar{d} + b') - c^{-1}d) \in \mathcal{I}_- \subset \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

since  $|c^{-1}a'\bar{c}| = |c|^{-1}|a'|\bar{|c|} = |a'| = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S_3^{-1} \circ I_1 \circ S_3 &= S_3^{-1} \circ I_1(c'\bar{z} + d') = S_3(a(c'\bar{z} + d') + b') \\ &= S_3^{-1}((ac')\bar{z} + (ad' + b)) = \overline{(c')^{-1}((ac')\bar{z} + (ad' + b))} - \overline{(c')^{-1}d'} \\ &= \overline{(c')^{-1}ac'}z + \overline{(c')^{-1}(ad' + b)} - \overline{(c')^{-1}d'} \in \mathcal{I}_+ \subset \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

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 &= ((c')^{-1}\overline{a'c'})\bar{z} + \overline{(c')^{-1}(a'd' + b')} - \overline{(c')^{-1}b'} \in \mathcal{I}_- \subset \mathcal{I}
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since  $|\overline{(c')^{-1}a'c'}| = |c|^{-1}|a'||c| = |a| = 1$ . Since this covers all possible type of elements of  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$ , we have  $S^{-1} \circ I \circ S \in \mathcal{I}$  for all  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $I \in \mathcal{I}$  and so by Theorem 45.2,  $\mathcal{I}$  is a normal subgroup of  $\mathcal{S}$ , as claimed. □

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