Meeting: 1004, Bowling Green, Kentucky, SS 12A, Special Session on Partial Differential Equations and Their Applications

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I will describe a new way to classify conformal metrics on the plane with constant curvature and finite area (the half plane case with suitable boundary condition will also be discussed). The main ingredients are the association of a natural holomorphic function to such equations and some Liouville type results. (Received January 18, 2005)