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Foreword

The theory of Kleinian groups was established as far back as the end of the last century, mainly in work of Klein and Poincaré. This theory was created and developed due to the needs of various areas of mathematics: the theory of differential equations, function theory, geometry, topology, number theory, and so on. The theory of Kleinian groups and functions automorphic with respect to them is now one of the most beautiful areas of mathematics and has progressed very far. One of the stimuli promoting the evolution of this theory was the classical problem of uniformization of Riemann surfaces and multivalent analytic functions, solved with different methods by Klein, Poincaré, and Koebe. This has been a source for the development of many fruitful ideas and methods in mathematics.

In the past 20 years the theory of general Kleinian groups and the corresponding theory of uniformization have experienced a rejuvenation. The reawakened interest in these questions was due, in particular, to the development of new powerful methods in topology, the theory of functions of several complex variables, and the theory of quasiconformal mappings.

The number of papers in this area is constantly growing, and it is difficult to imagine a book that could completely reflect the modern state of the theory. Although there are good expositions of its foundations in the well-known monographs by Fricke and Klein, Ford, Appell and Goursat, Lehner, Nevanlinna, and others, none of them is entirely satisfactory for the modern reader.

Our set purpose is to give the reader the main contours of this extensive area of research, with special emphasis on examples and problems (which, as a rule, are passed over in the established forms of exposition). They are of varying degrees of difficulty and, in our view, clear up nicely some subtle points of the theory. Most of the examples are also of independent interest.

We count on an active and critical reader, and as food for reflection we provide a large number of exercises, problems, and even unsolved problems. The exercises bear an academic character on the whole, but the problems present more essential results not mentioned in the general theory, with the original

sources indicated. The large number of examples and problems enable us to quickly introduce the reader, not only to the actual state of the contemporary theory, but also to the problems and methods which the theory uses.

The main part of the material presented is also contained in numerous journal articles. Some of the material, especially the examples, is presented for the first time. The same applies to many of the exercises. The book was conceived from various special courses and seminar discussions at the Institute of Mathematics of the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and at Novosibirsk State University.

We hope that this book will enable beginning mathematicians to rapidly enter the contemporary circle of problems, and at the same time will be useful both to specialists in the area and to mathematicians working in many other areas.

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Editor's Preface to the English Translation

This most unusual book is both a list of basic facts concerning Kleinian groups and uniformization, and a comprehensive compendium of the primary literature in these and related topics. We expect it to be a very valuable resource—as a list of important results, many of which are not elsewhere in print, as a general guide to the literature, and as a specific guide to the Russian literature, which is not as well known here as it deserves to be. The mathematical community owes a debt of gratitude to the three authors.

The book covers an enormous amount of material; while the statements are in general clearly written, almost all of them come without proof. The authors provide references to primary sources for most of the material; however some of their statements are unsupported.

The editor has tried to find the appropriate balance between respecting the flavor of the original, and seeing to it (as best he can) that the book not only is correct, but also does not mislead the unwary. While the editor has tried to make appropriate comments where he found incorrect or misleading statements, he cannot guarantee that he has found them all, especially since some of the errors or gaps may occur in the original literature. Clearly, the specialist should consult the primary sources, with the usual caution.

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