

PROBLEMS for Lecture 7

7.1. Prove that inversion maps circles and straight lines to circles or straight lines.

7.2. Prove that inversion maps any circle orthogonal to the circle of inversion into itself.

7.3. Prove that inversion is conformal (i.e., it preserves the measure of angles).

7.4. Prove that if P is point lying outside a circle γ and A, B are the intersection points with the circle of a line l passing through P , then the product $|PA| \cdot |PB|$ (often called the *power of P with respect to γ*) does not depend on the choice of l .

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7.6. Prove that inversion with respect to a circle orthogonal to a given circle \mathcal{C} maps the disk bounded by \mathcal{C} bijectively onto itself.

7.7. Prove that any Euclidean circle inside the disk model is also a hyperbolic circle. Does the ordinary (Euclidean) center coincide with its “hyperbolic center”?

7.8. Study Figure 7.11. Does it demonstrate any tilings of \mathbb{H}^2 by regular polygons? Of how many sides? Do you discern a Coxeter geometry in this picture with “hyperbolic Coxeter triangles” as fundamental domains? What are their angles?

7.9. Prove that any inversion of $\overline{\mathbb{C}}$ preserves the cross ratio of four points:

$$\langle z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \rangle := \frac{z_3 - z_1}{z_3 - z_2} : \frac{z_4 - z_1}{z_4 - z_2}.$$

7.10*. Using complex numbers, invent a formula for the distance between points on the Poincaré disk model and prove that “symmetry with respect to straight lines” (i.e., inversion) preserves this distance.

7.11. Prove that hyperbolic geometry is homogeneous in the sense that for any two flags (i.e., half planes with a marked point on the boundary) there exists an isometry taking one flag to the other.

7.12. Prove that the hyperbolic plane (as defined via the Poincaré disk model) can be tiled by regular pentagons.

7.13. Define inversion (together with the center and the sphere of inversion) in Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3 , state and prove its main properties: inversion takes planes and spheres to planes or spheres, any sphere orthogonal to the sphere of inversion to itself, any plane passing through the center of inversion to itself.

7.14. Using the previous exercise, prove that any inversion in \mathbb{R}^3 takes circles and straight lines to circles or straight lines.

7.15. Prove that any inversion in \mathbb{R}^3 is conformal (preserves the measure of angles).

7.16. Construct a model of hyperbolic space geometry on the open unit ball (use Exercise 7.13).

7.17. Prove that there is a unique common perpendicular joining any two nonintersecting lines.

7.18. Let $A_\infty P$ and $A_\infty P'$ be two parallel lines (with A_∞ a point on the absolute). Given a point M on $A_\infty P$, we say that $M' \in A_\infty P'$ is the *corresponding point* to M if the angles $A_\infty M M'$ and $A_\infty M' M$ are equal. Prove that any point $M \in A_\infty P$ has a unique corresponding point on the line $A_\infty P'$.

7.19. The locus of all points corresponding to a point M on $A_\infty P$ and lying on all the parallels to $A_\infty P$ is known as a *horocycle*. What do horocycles look like in the Poincaré disk model?