

1 Klein geodesics (constant speed parameterized by arclengths)

The Klein pregeodesics are straight line segments clipped to the disk domain and can thus be easily parameterized by linear interpolation:

$$\Gamma(p, q) = \{(1 - \alpha)p + \alpha q : \alpha \in [0, 1]\}.$$

The Klein metric distance $d_K(p, q)$ between point p and q in the unit disk centered at the origin with curvature -1 is

$$d_K(p, q) = \sqrt{-\kappa} \operatorname{arccosh} \left(\frac{1 - p^\top q}{\sqrt{(1 - p^\top p)} \sqrt{(1 - q^\top q)}} \right).$$

To get the matching between $(1 - \alpha)p + \alpha q$ and $(1 - c(\alpha))p + c(\alpha)q$, we need to solve for α in the equation:

$$\frac{a - b\alpha}{\sqrt{a(a - 2b\alpha + c\alpha^2)}} - d(\alpha) = 0,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 1 - p^\top p, \\ b &= p^\top (q - p), \\ c &= (q - p)^\top (q - p), \\ d(\alpha) &= \cosh(\alpha d_K(p, q)) \end{aligned}$$

Using symbolic calculations, we find the following solution:

$$c(\alpha) = \frac{ad(\alpha)\sqrt{(ac + b^2)(d(\alpha)^2 - 1)} + ab(1 - d(\alpha)^2)}{acd(\alpha)^2 + b^2}.$$

Thus we get in closed-form the Klein geodesics (albeit a large formula). We check that we have

$$d_K(\gamma(p, q; s), \gamma(p, q; t)) = |s - t| d_K(p, q), \quad \forall s, t \in [0, 1].$$

Extend to Cayley-Klein geometries.

Program: `KleinGeodesic.java`