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Consider a triangle  $\triangle ABC$  in either <http://planetmath.org/NonEuclideanGeometry> hyperbolic or spherical geometry in which its angle sum in radians is  $\Sigma$ .

In hyperbolic geometry, the *defect* of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\delta(\triangle ABC) = \pi - \Sigma$ .

In spherical geometry, the *defect* of  $\triangle ABC$  is  $\delta(\triangle ABC) = \Sigma - \pi$ .

Note that, in both hyperbolic and spherical geometry, the area of a is equal to its defect.