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HW 8 due now

Last Time • Hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}^2$ ,  $F: \mathbb{H}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$   
 Upper half plane model  $\mathcal{H} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y > 0\}$   
 //  $\mathcal{H}$  // // // \*distances distorted  
 ----- \*angles preserves

$\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ;  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$  parametrized curve  
 hyperbolic length  $(\gamma) = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y} dt$  | compare with  
 Euclidean length

• Shortest paths are given by hyperbolic lines: -



\* semicircles, center on x-axis

\* vertical half lines

(Proof later)

Compare with  $S^2 \setminus \{N\} \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{R}^2$

Shortest path given by great circle

circles or lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , satisfying an additional property

Today • Parallel axiom fails in hyperbolic plane

• Computation, vertical lines give shortest paths

• Hyperbolic isometries

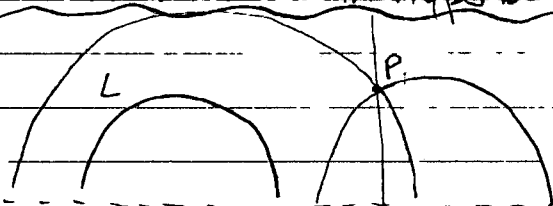
intersection with unit circle is two antipodal points

Equivalent to Euclid's parallel axiom: - Playfair's axiom:

Given a line  $L$  & a point  $P \notin L$ , there is a unique line  $M$  through  $P$  parallel to  $L$

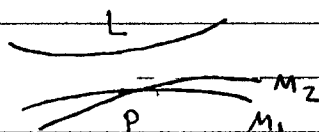
i.e.  $L$  &  $M$  don't intersect.

This axiom fails in hyperbolic plane: -



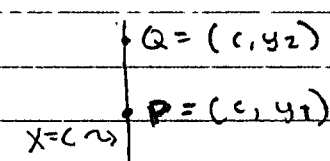
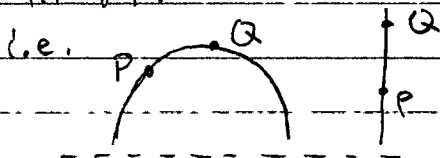
Many choices for  $M$ !

In  $\mathbb{H}^2$ :



~ seemingly parallel lines diverge from each other

Computation: Show a vertical line gives shortest paths in  $\mathbb{H}$ .  $\hookrightarrow$  the easier case.



$$y_1 < y_2$$

$$d_{\mathbb{H}}(P, Q) = ?$$

(= hyperbolic length of shortest path from P to Q)

\*  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$   $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ ,  $\gamma(a) = P$ ,  $\gamma(b) = Q$

$$h\text{-length}(\gamma) = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y} dt \geq \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{y'^2}}{y} dt = \int_a^b \frac{|y'|}{y} dt$$

$$\geq \int_a^b \frac{y'}{y} dt$$

$$\text{equal} \Leftrightarrow x' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = c \text{ (constant)}$$

$$\text{equal} \Leftrightarrow y' \geq 0 \text{ (no back tracking)}$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot dt = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \frac{1}{y} dy = [\ln y]_{y_1}^{y_2} = \ln y_2 - \ln y_1 = \ln(y_2/y_1)$$

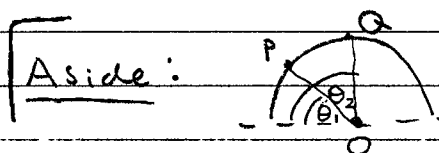
substitution rule

Conclusion: Vertical line segment gives shortest path &  $d_{\mathbb{H}}(P, Q) = \ln(y_2/y_1)$ .

ex:  $\int_{1/4}^{1/2} \frac{1}{y} dy = \ln 2$

Other case: hyperbolic line is a semicircle.

Idea: Find a hyperbolic isometry which sends  $L$  to a vertical line, & so reduce to previous case!



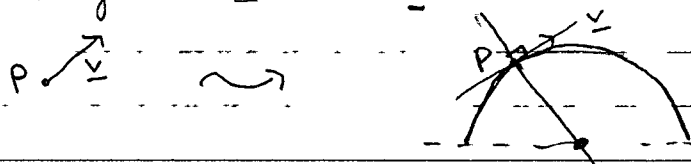
$$\gamma(t) = (R \cos t, R \sin t) \quad t \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$$

$$x' = -R \sin t, \quad y' = R \cos t$$

$$\text{length}(\gamma) = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{R}{R \sin t} dt$$

Alternative approach, but still need to prove that this is the shortest path.

Another Aside: Fact: Given  $P \in \mathcal{H}$  & a tangent vector  $\underline{v}$  at  $P$ , there's a unique hyperbolic line through  $P$  with tangent direction  $\underline{v}$ .



### Hyperbolic Isometries:

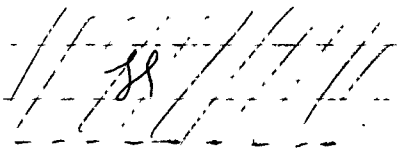
Examples?

$$h\text{-length}(\gamma) = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y} dt$$

$d_{\mathcal{H}}(P, Q) = h\text{-length of shortest path}$

So  $T: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  will be an isometry provided it preserves the quantity  $\frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y}$  ( $\leadsto$  preserve lengths of paths,  $\leadsto$  preserve  $d_{\mathcal{H}}$ )

$T(a(x, y), b(x, y))$



Ex 1: Translation parallel to x-axis  
(Horizontal translation)

$$T(x, y) = (x+a, y)$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{(x+a)' ^2 + y'^2}}{y} = \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y}$$

because  $a$  is a constant  $\checkmark$

Ex 2: Reflection in a vertical line

e.g. y-axis  $\leadsto T(x, y) = (-x, y)$

(more generally: in vertical line  $x=c \leadsto T(x, y) = (2c-x, y)$ )

$$\frac{\sqrt{(-x)' ^2 + y'^2}}{y} = \frac{\sqrt{x'^2 + y'^2}}{y}$$

because  $-x$  is squared

To be continued...