

## EXAMPLE SHEET 2

1. For each map  $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , find the Riemannian metric on  $U$  induced by  $\sigma$ . Sketch the image of  $\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a)  $U = (0, 2\pi) \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma(\theta, z) = (f(z) \cos \theta, f(z) \sin \theta, z)$ , where  $f(z) > 0$ .

(b)  $U = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\sigma(r, z) = (r \cos z, r \sin z, z)$ .

(c)  $U = (0, 2\pi) \times (0, 2\pi)$ ,  $\sigma(\theta, \phi) = ((a + b \cos \phi) \cos \theta, (a + b \cos \phi) \sin \theta, b \sin \phi)$  where  $a > b$ .

2. Let  $S$  be the complement of the points  $(0, 0, \pm 1)$  in  $S^2$ , and let  $C = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$  be a cylinder of radius 1. If  $\phi : S \rightarrow C$  is the map given by radial projection from the  $z$  axis, show that  $\phi$  is area-preserving.

3. Define a Riemannian metric on the unit disk  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  by  $(du^2 + dv^2)/(1 - u^2 - v^2)$ . Prove that the diameters are length-minimizing curves for this metric. Show that distances in this metric are bounded, but areas can be unbounded.

4. Let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be the square  $|u|, |v| < 1$ , and define two Riemannian metrics on  $V$  by

$$\frac{du^2}{(1-u^2)^2} + \frac{dv^2}{(1-v^2)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{du^2}{(1-v^2)^2} + \frac{dv^2}{(1-u^2)^2}.$$

Prove that there is no isometry between the spaces, but that there is an area preserving diffeomorphism between them. (*Hint*: show that in one space there are curves of finite length going out to the boundary, while in the other no such curves exist.)

5. Let  $H$  denote the upper half-plane model of hyperbolic space. If  $L$  is the hyperbolic line in  $H$  given by a Euclidean semicircle with center  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and radius  $r > 0$ , show that reflection in the line  $L$  is given by the formula

$$R_l(z) = a + \frac{r^2}{\bar{z} - a}.$$

6. If  $a$  is a point in the upper half-plane, show that the Möbius transformation  $\phi$  given by  $\phi(z) = (z - a)/(z - \bar{a})$  defines an isometry from  $H$  to the disk model  $D$  of the hyperbolic plane. Deduce that for points  $z_1, z_2 \in H$ , the hyperbolic distance is given by  $\rho(z_1, z_2) = 2 \tanh^{-1} |(z_1 - z_2)/(z_1 - \bar{z}_2)|$ .

7. Let  $z_1, z_2$  be distinct points in  $H$ . Suppose that the hyperbolic line through  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  meets the real axis at points  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , where  $z_1$  lies on the hyperbolic line segment  $w_1 z_2$  and one of  $w_1$  or  $w_2$  might be  $\infty$ . Show that the hyperbolic distance  $\rho(z_1, z_2) = \log r$ , where  $r$  is the cross-ratio of the four points  $z_1, w_1, w_2, z_2$  taken in an appropriate order.

8. Let  $C$  be a hyperbolic circle in  $H$ ; show that  $C$  is also a Euclidean circle. If  $C$  has hyperbolic center  $ic$  ( $c \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ) and hyperbolic radius  $\rho$ , find the radius and center of  $C$  regarded as a Euclidean circle. Find the hyperbolic area and perimeter of  $C$ .

9. Given two points  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  in the hyperbolic plane, show that the set of points equidistant from  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  is a hyperbolic line.

10. Prove that a convex hyperbolic  $n$ -gon with interior angles  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$  has area  $(n-2)\pi - \sum \alpha_i$ . Show that for every  $n \geq 3$  and every  $\alpha$  with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq (1 - \frac{2}{n})\pi$ , there is a regular  $n$ -gon all of whose angles are  $\alpha$ .
11. Fix a point  $\mathbf{p}$  on the boundary of  $D$ , the unit disk model of the hyperbolic plane, and let  $L$  be a hyperbolic line through  $\mathbf{p}$ . Viewing  $L$  as a Euclidean circle, show that the center of  $L$  lies on the (Euclidean) line tangent to the boundary at  $\mathbf{p}$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}$  be a point in  $D$  not on  $L$ , and let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be the two horoparallels to  $L$  passing through  $\mathbf{q}$ . Express the angle between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  in terms of the hyperbolic distance from  $\mathbf{q}$  to  $L$ .
12. Show that two hyperbolic lines have a common perpendicular if and only if they are ultra-parallel, and that in this case the perpendicular is unique. Given two ultraparallel hyperbolic lines, prove that the composition of the corresponding reflections has infinite order. (*Hint*: you may wish to take the common perpendicular as a special line.)

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13. Show that there is a constant  $k$  such that no hyperbolic triangle contains a hyperbolic circle of radius greater than  $k$ . Conclude that there is another constant  $k'$  so that if  $\triangle ABC$  is any hyperbolic triangle, then any point on  $\overline{BC}$  is within hyperbolic distance  $k'$  of either  $\overline{AB}$  or  $\overline{AC}$ .
14. Suppose  $\phi$  is an orientation preserving isometry of the hyperbolic plane, which we will view in the unit disk model. Show that either a)  $\phi$  fixes a point in the interior of  $D$ , b)  $\phi$  fixes two points on  $\partial D$  or c)  $\phi$  fixes one point  $P$  on  $\partial D$ . Show that in case a)  $\phi$  is a rotation, in b) that it fixes a hyperbolic line, and in c) that it fixes any Euclidean circle tangent to  $\partial D$  at  $P$ .
15. Let  $X = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{v}) \mid \mathbf{x} \in S^2, \mathbf{v} \in T_{\mathbf{x}}S^2, |\mathbf{v}| = 1\}$  be the *unit tangent bundle* of  $S^2$ . Show that  $X$  is homeomorphic to  $SO(3)$ . (*Hint*: define an action of  $SO(3)$  on  $X$ .)
16. Let  $\pi : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_{\infty}$  be the stereographic projection, and let  $R_{\theta} \in SO(3)$  be rotation by an angle  $\theta$  about the  $y$  axis. Given that  $\phi_{\theta} = \pi \circ R_{\theta} \circ \pi^{-1}$  is a Möbius transformation, determine the matrix representation of  $\phi_{\theta}$  as an element of  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ . Deduce that  $SO(3) \cong PSU_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

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