

EXAMPLE SHEET 2

1. For each map $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$, find the Riemannian metric on U induced by σ . Sketch the image of σ 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 ϕ 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 ϕ 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 ∞ . 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 ρ , 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 α with $0 \leq \alpha \leq (1 - \frac{2}{n})\pi$, there is a regular n -gon all of whose angles are α .
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.)

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 ϕ is an orientation preserving isometry of the hyperbolic plane, which we will view in the unit disk model. Show that either a) ϕ fixes a point in the interior of D , b) ϕ fixes two points on ∂D or c) ϕ fixes one point P on ∂D . Show that in case a) ϕ is a rotation, in b) that it fixes a hyperbolic line, and in c) that it fixes any Euclidean circle tangent to ∂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 θ about the y axis. Given that $\phi_{\theta} = \pi \circ R_{\theta} \circ \pi^{-1}$ is a Möbius transformation, determine the matrix representation of ϕ_{θ} as an element of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$. Deduce that $SO(3) \cong PSU_2(\mathbb{C})$.

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