

# Hyperbolic Solid Geometry

## The Half-space Model

Def: Let  $\mathbb{U} = \{g = t + xi + yj : t, x, y \in \mathbb{R}, y > 0\}$

be the upper half-space.

Let  $M$  be the full Möbius group

$$Tg = (ag + b)(cg + d)^{-1}$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are complex numbers s.t.

$$ad - bc = 1$$

(complex  $u + vi$ , complex  $i \leftrightarrow$  quaternion  $i$ )

The pair  $(\mathbb{U}, M)$  models 3-dim'l hyperbolic geometry.

Note: One needs to show that for  $g \in \mathbb{U}$ ,

then  $Tg \in \mathbb{U}$

(Pf: Omitted, in fact, if  $g = z + yj$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}, y > 0$   
then  $Tg = (|z|^2 a \bar{c} + b \bar{d} + b \bar{z} \bar{c} + a z d) + yj \in \mathbb{U}$ )

## Comparison:

hyperbolic  
plane geometry

hyperbolic  
solid geometry

points

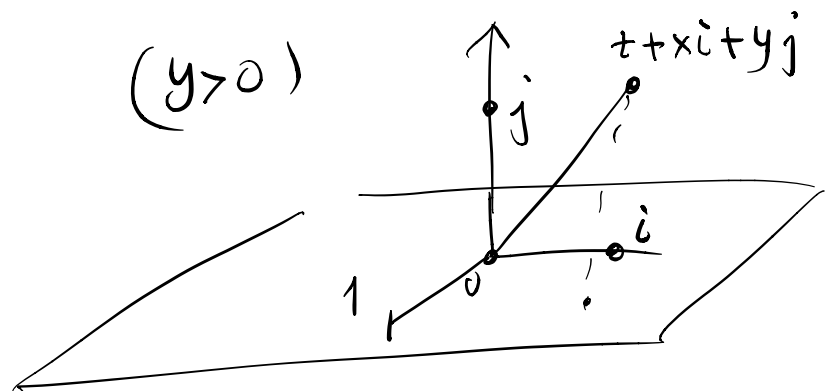
$x+yi, y > 0$   
upper half plane

$(x+xi) + yj, y > 0$   
 $= z + yj \quad (z = x+xi \in \mathbb{C})$   
upper half-space

group

Möbius transformation  
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## Ideals Elements:

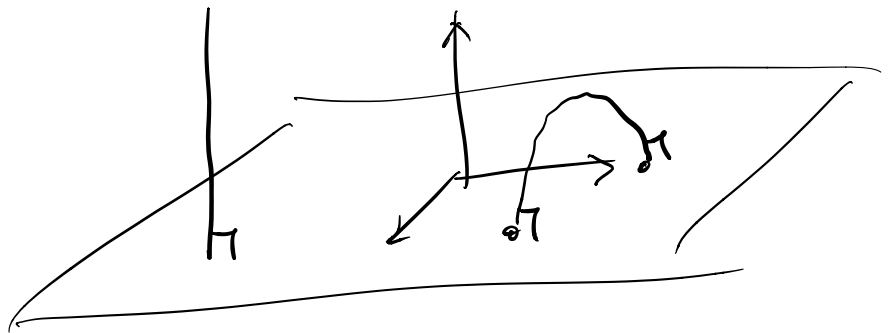
$z = x+xi \in \mathbb{C}$   
( $\infty \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ )

ideal points (points at infinity)

# Planes and Lines

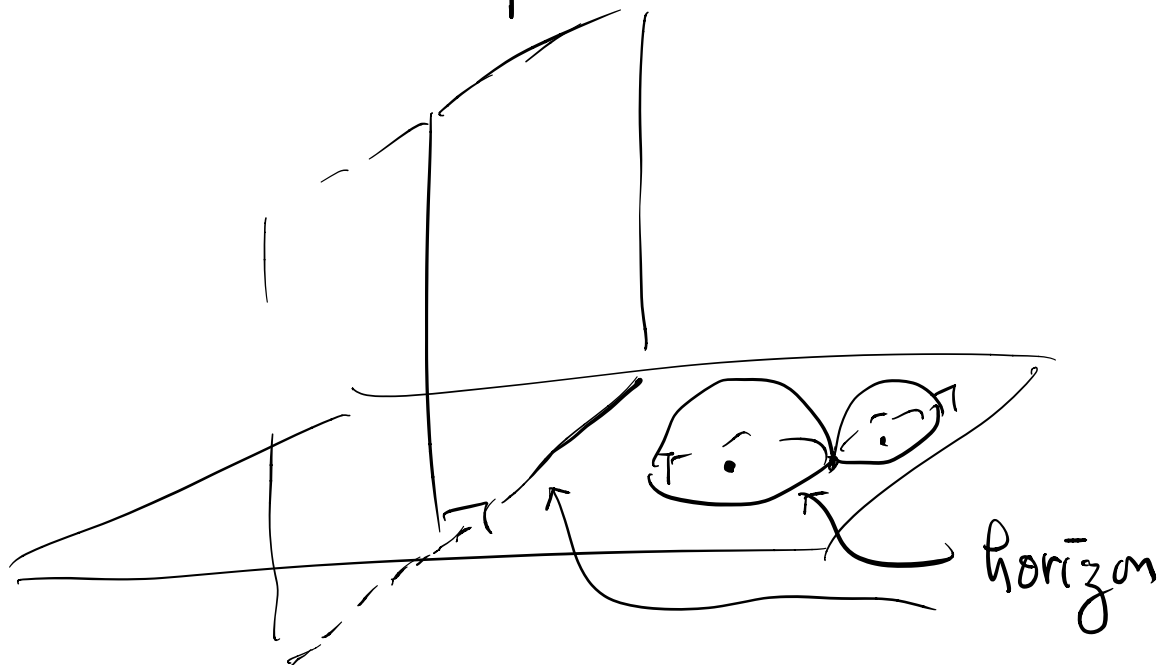
Hyperbolic straight lines

= half circle or Euclidean straight line in  $\mathbb{U}$   
perpendicular to the "plane at infinity" (xx-plane)



Hyperbolic plane

= Euclidean hemisphere or half-plane  
perpendicular to the plane at infinity



The intersection of a hyperbolic plane with the plane at infinity is called the horizon of the plane.

## Parallelism

- hyperbolic planes intersect  
 $\Rightarrow$  intersection = hyperbolic line
- hyperbolic planes do not intersect
  - (i) parallel: horizons are tangent
  - (ii) hyperparallel: otherwise

## Cycles and Spheres

Cycle = Euclidean circle or straight line in  $\mathbb{U}$  that is not perpendicular to the plane at infinity

(hyperbolic circles, horocycles, and  
apercycles as in 2-dim.)

Similarly, sphere, torosphere & hyperspheres.  
= Euclidean spheres and planes that  
are not perpendicular to the plane  
at infinity.

Arc-length =  $\gamma = \mathbf{r}(s) = x(s)\mathbf{i} + y(s)\mathbf{j}$   
( $s = \text{parameter}$ )  
 $a \leq s \leq b$

$$L(\gamma) = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{(x'(s))^2 + (y'(s))^2}}{y(s)} ds$$

$$\text{Volume of a solid } R = \iiint_R \frac{dx dy dz}{y^3}$$

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# Brief introduction to Elliptic Geometry

Elliptic geometry " = " spherical geometry.  
(i.e. the natural geometry of the sphere)

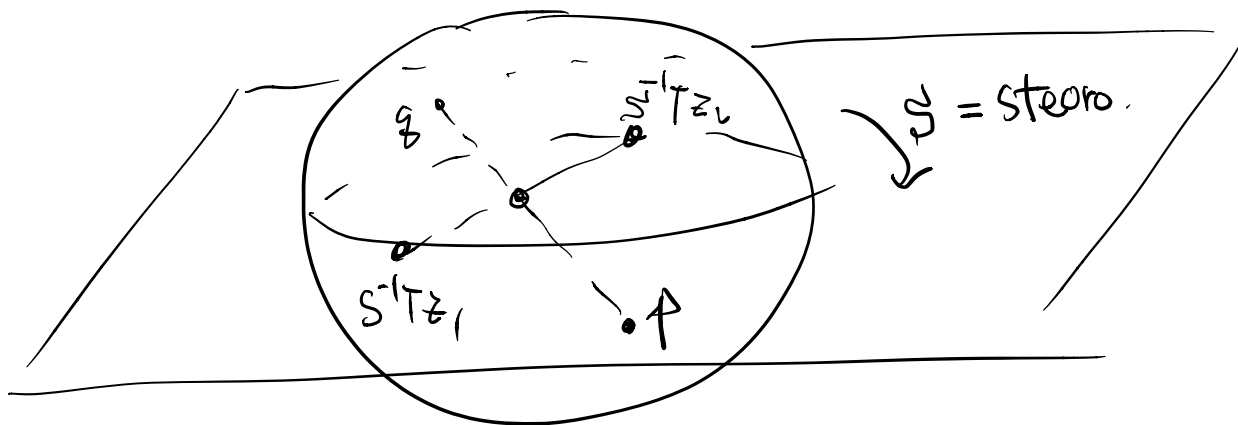
Def: The set

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ T \in \text{Möb} : Tz = e^{i\theta} \frac{z - z_0}{1 + \bar{z}_0 z}, \begin{array}{l} \text{for some} \\ \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \\ z_0 \in \hat{\mathbb{C}} \end{array} \right\}$$

is called the elliptic group.

The pair  $(\hat{\mathbb{C}}, \mathcal{D})$  models "elliptic geometry".

The defining properties of  $T$  is



$p, q$  are end points of a diameter,

then  $z_1 = S^1 p$ ,  $z_2 = S^1 q$  are complex number.

$\Rightarrow Tz_1, Tz_2$  are also complex. sphere  
 $\downarrow$

$S^{-1}Tz_1$  &  $S^{-1}Tz_2$  are points on  $S^2$

then "if  $T \in \mathcal{D}$ , then  $S^{-1}Tz_1$  &  $S^{-1}Tz_2$   
are also end points of some diameter.

i.e.  $p, q$  end points of a diameter

$\Rightarrow S^{-1}TSp$  &  $S^{-1}Tsq$  are ends points of  
some diameter.

Def: In the model  $(\hat{\mathbb{C}}, \mathcal{D})$  of elliptic geometry,

a great circle is a circle  $C$  in the

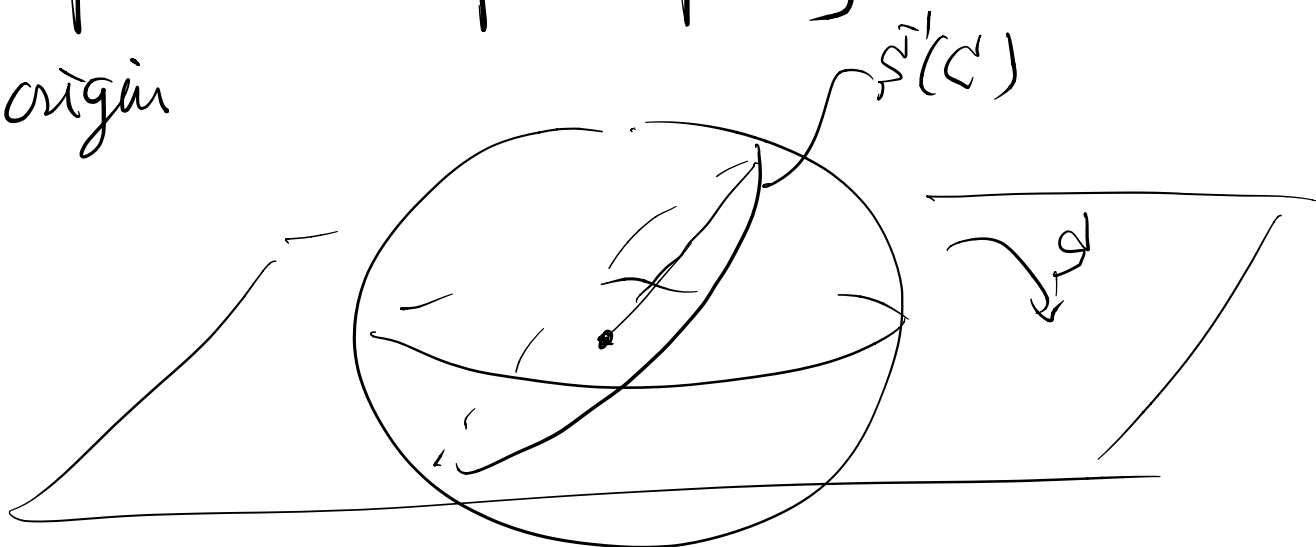
complex plane such that if  $z \in C$ ,

then  $-\frac{1}{z} \in C$ .

(i.e.  $S^{-1}z \in C \Rightarrow$  diametrical opposite point

$$S^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{z}\right) \in \mathbb{C}$$

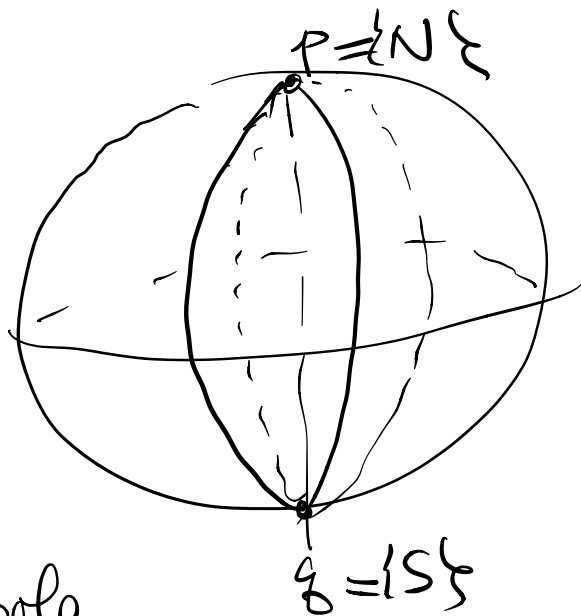
$\Rightarrow S^{-1}(c)$  is the intersection of the unit sphere with a plane passing thro the origin



An elliptic straight line is an arc of great circle.

Then infinitely many great circles passing through the

North pole and South pole.

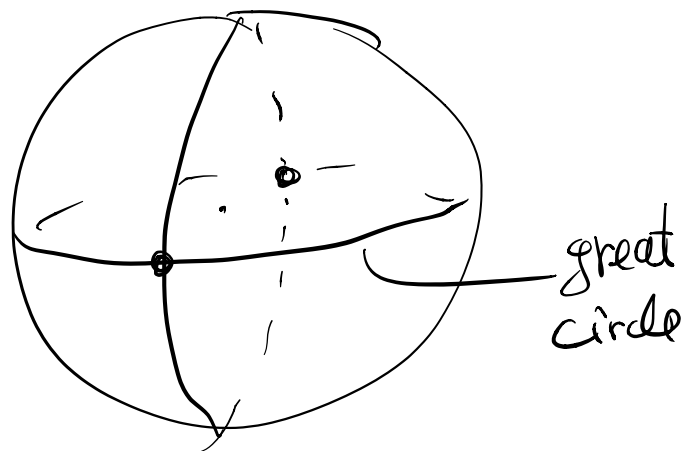


So postulate 1 (of Euclidean geometry) fails in elliptic geometry.



Good news is "there is no "parallel" lines"  
 in elliptic geometry since any two great  
 circles intersect.

Postulate 5 fails too.



To make it a

non-Euclidean geometry, we need to do "quotient",

"Single" Elliptic Geometry:

identify 2 diametrically opposite points  
 at one single "point" in an abstract space.

Mathematically: if  $z, z^d \leftrightarrow$  diametrical  
 opposite points on  
 the sphere.

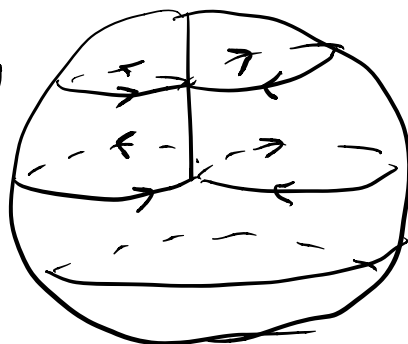
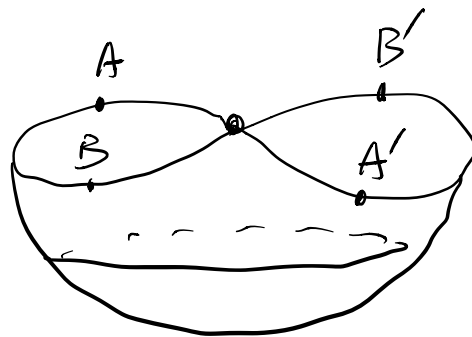
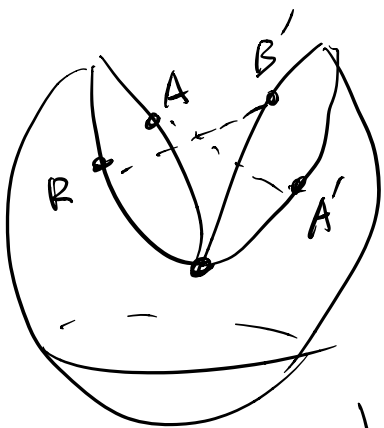
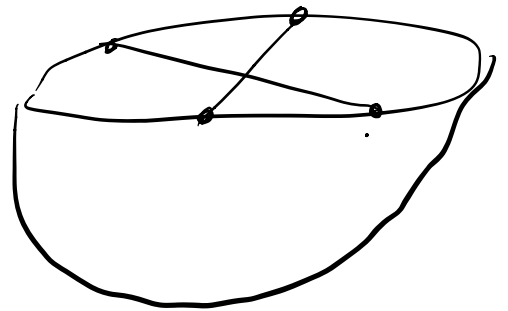
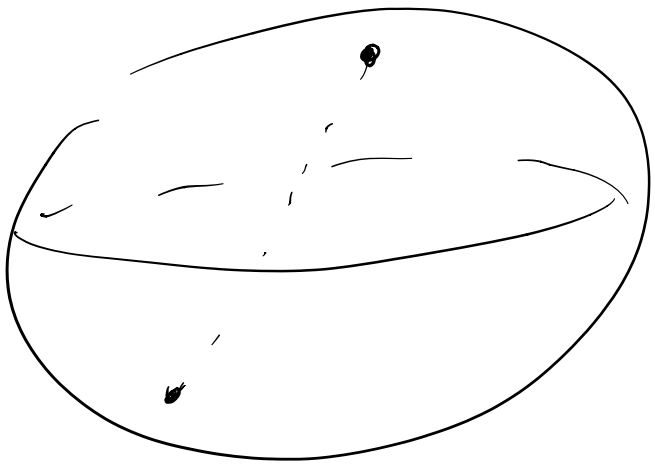
$$\text{then } \mathbb{C}/d = \{ [z] = \{z, z^d\} : z \in \mathbb{C} \}$$

= set of diameters of  $S^2$ .

One can check that

$(\mathbb{R}/d, \mathcal{D})$  forms a geometry (called single elliptic geometry).

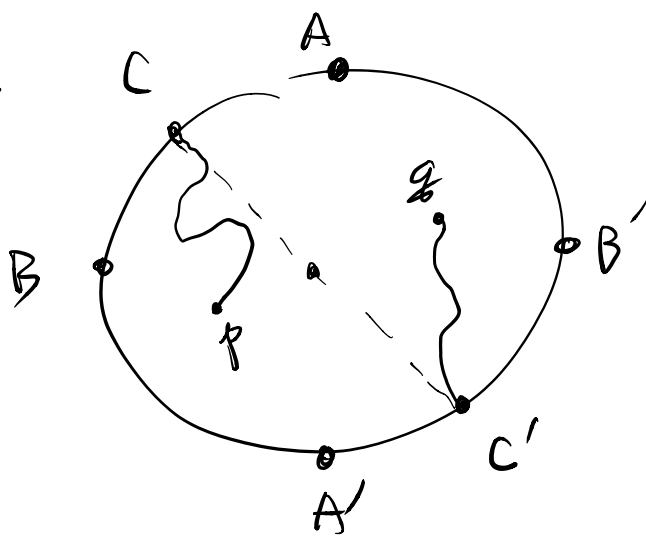
can be represented by



Cross-cap  
( $\mathbb{R}P^2$  real projective plane.)

Another model:

Disk model



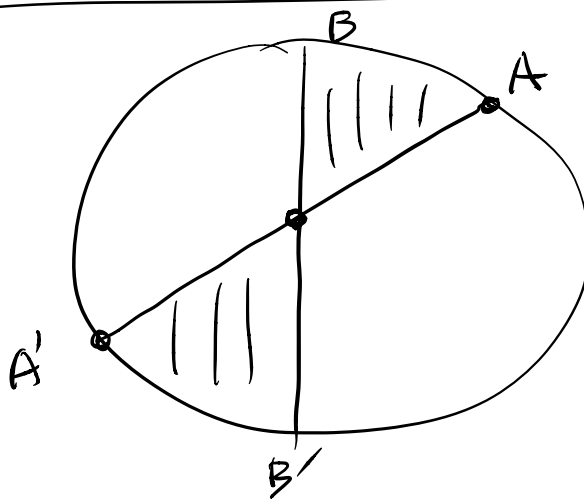
Distance and Area in Elliptic Geometry

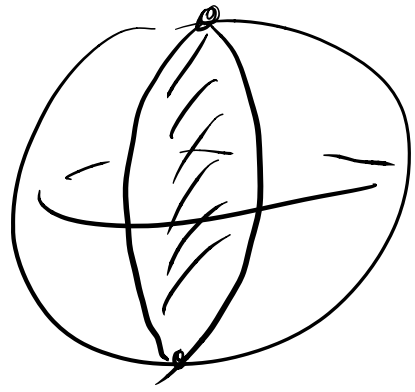
$$\text{Arc-length } l(x) = \int_a^b \frac{2|z'(x)|}{1+|z(x)|^2} dx$$

$$\text{Area}(R) = \iint_R \frac{4rdrd\theta}{(1+r^2)^2} \quad (\text{in polar coordinates})$$

$$= \iint_R \frac{4dxdy}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2}$$

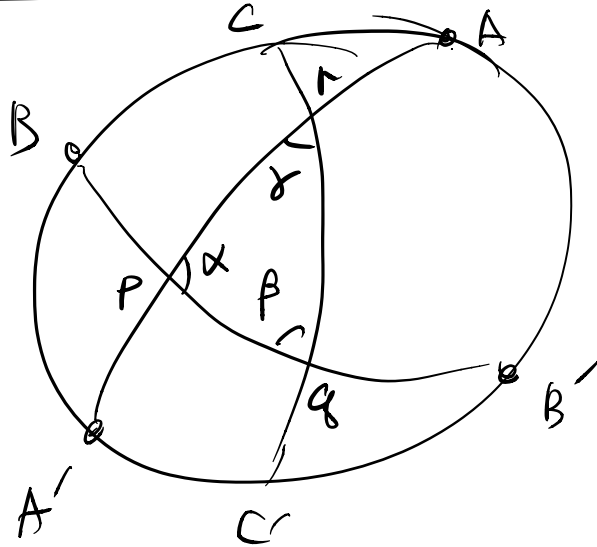
2-gons  
in elliptic  
geometry





Triangles :

We have



$$\text{Area of } \triangle pqr = \alpha + \beta + \gamma - \pi$$

↑  
angular excess

Sum of interior angles of a triangle in elliptic geometry  $> \pi$