

Ch 7 Hyperbolic Geometry

This is the non-Euclidean geometry discovered by Gauss, Bolyai, and Lobatchevsky.

There are 2 models of hyperbolic geometry to be discussed in this course:

disk model and

upper half-plane model.

Remark: • Unit disk $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$
• Upper half-plane $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : z = x + iy, y > 0\}$

Disk model:

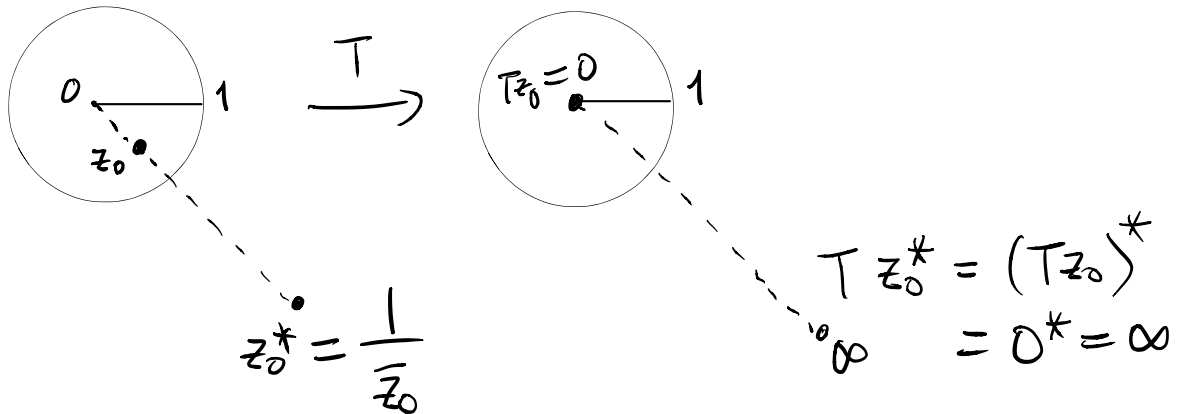
The group of transformations consists of all Möbius transformations that map \mathbb{D} onto itself.

- It is clear that these transformations form a transformation group with underlying space \mathbb{D} . (Ex!)
- To find this group explicitly, we let $T \in \text{Möb}$ mapping \mathbb{D} onto itself.

Then $|z| < 1 \Leftrightarrow |Tz| < 1 \quad (\Rightarrow |z|=1 \Leftrightarrow |Tz|=1)$

And $\exists z_0 \in \mathbb{D}$ such that

$$Tz_0 = 0$$



Therefore, T mapping \mathbb{D} onto itself

$$\Rightarrow T(z_0^*) = \infty$$

ie $T\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}_0}\right) = \infty$

Hence, we have

$$Tz = \alpha \frac{z - z_0}{z - \frac{1}{\bar{z}_0}} \quad \text{for some } \alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$= (-\alpha \bar{z}_0) \cdot \frac{z - z_0}{1 - \bar{z}_0 z}$$

$$= \lambda \frac{z - z_0}{1 - \bar{z}_0 z} \quad \text{where } \lambda = -\alpha \bar{z}_0$$

Suppose now $|z|=1$, then $|Tz|=1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 1 = |Tz| &= \left| \lambda \frac{z-z_0}{1-\bar{z}_0 z} \right| \\ &= |\lambda| \frac{|z-z_0|}{|1-\bar{z}_0 z|} \\ &= |\lambda| \frac{|z-z_0|}{|\bar{z} z - \bar{z}_0 z|} \\ &= \frac{|\lambda|}{|z|} \cdot \frac{|z-z_0|}{|\bar{z} - \bar{z}_0|} = |\lambda|\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = e^{i\theta}$ for some $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence we define

Def: Let \mathbb{D} be the unit disk in the complex plane.

• Let \mathcal{H} be the set of transformations of \mathbb{D} of

the form $Tz = e^{i\theta} \frac{z-z_0}{1-\bar{z}_0 z}$, where $|z_0| < 1$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

• The pair $(\mathbb{D}, \mathcal{H})$ models hyperbolic geometry.

• The set \mathbb{D} will be called the hyperbolic plane.

• The group \mathcal{H} is the hyperbolic group.

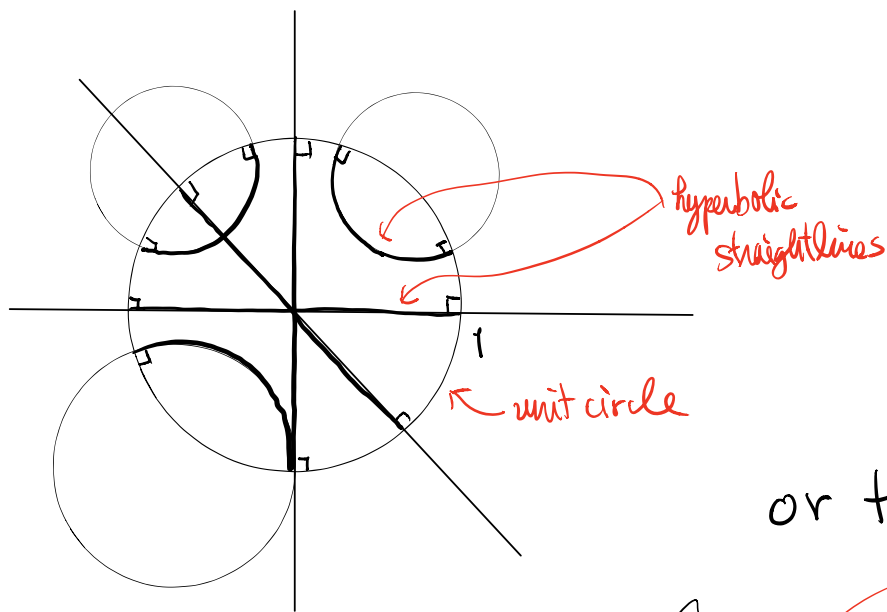
Note: H is a "subgroup" of the Möbius group M
and $\mathbb{D} \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$.

\Rightarrow hyperbolic geometry is a "subgeometry"
of Möbius geometry.

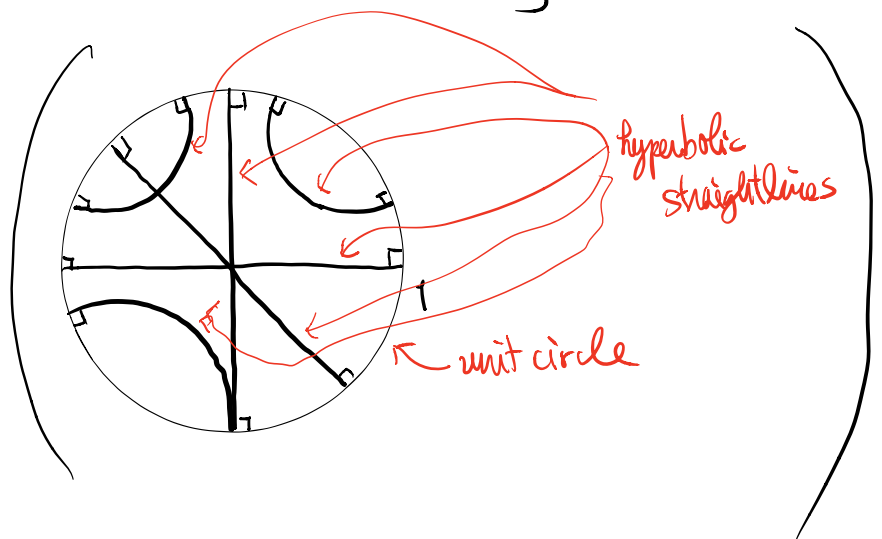
Hence: "Every" statement true in Möb geometry
is also "true" in hyperbolic geometry!

(Hyperbolic) Straight lines

Def A (hyperbolic) straight line is (the part inside
the unit disk) a Euclidean circle or Euclidean
straight line in the complex plane that intersects
the unit circle at a right angle.



or the following figure



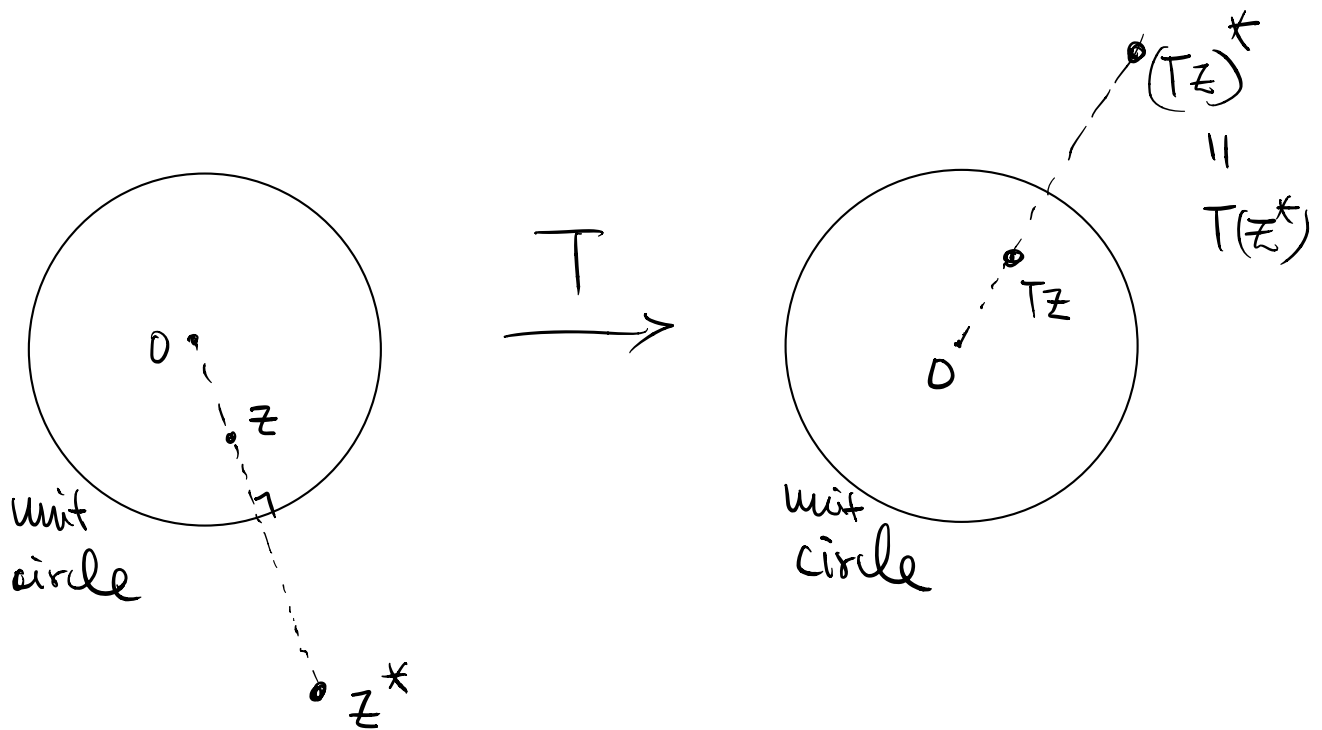
Thm

- (i) In hyperbolic geometry, all hyperbolic straight lines are congruent.
- (ii) Two points in the hyperbolic geometry determine a unique hyperbolic straight line.

Recall: " $T(z_{\uparrow}^*) = (Tz)_{\uparrow}^*$ " in our case of
wrt $\{|z|=1\}$ wrt $\{|z|=1\}$

(T = transformation in hyperbolic group)
of unit circle can be written as

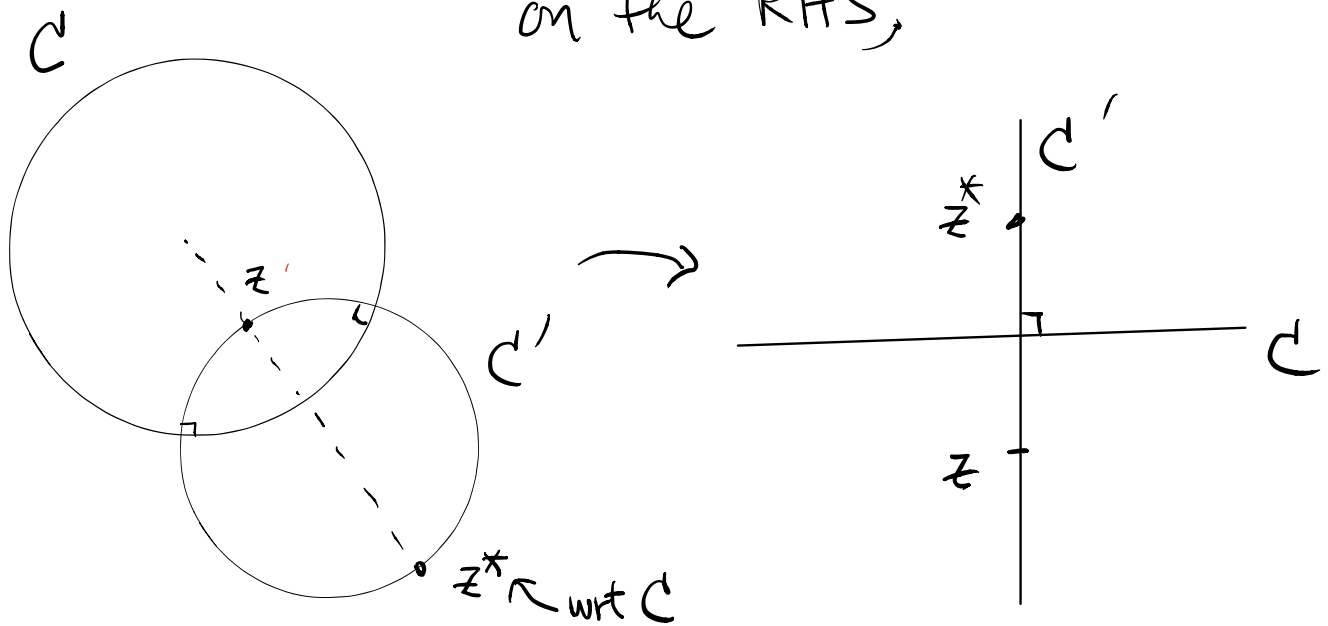
Lemma: Each transformation of hyperbolic geometry maps each pair of points symmetric wrt the unit circle to another pair of points symmetric wrt the unit circle.



We also need the following :

Lemma 2: Let C be a cline. Let z & z^* be distinct symmetric points wrt C . Then any cline C' that is orthogonal to C and passing through z must also pass through z^* .
Conversely, any cline that passes through z & z^* is orthogonal to C .

Pf of Lemma 2: Transforms the figure to the figure on the RHS,

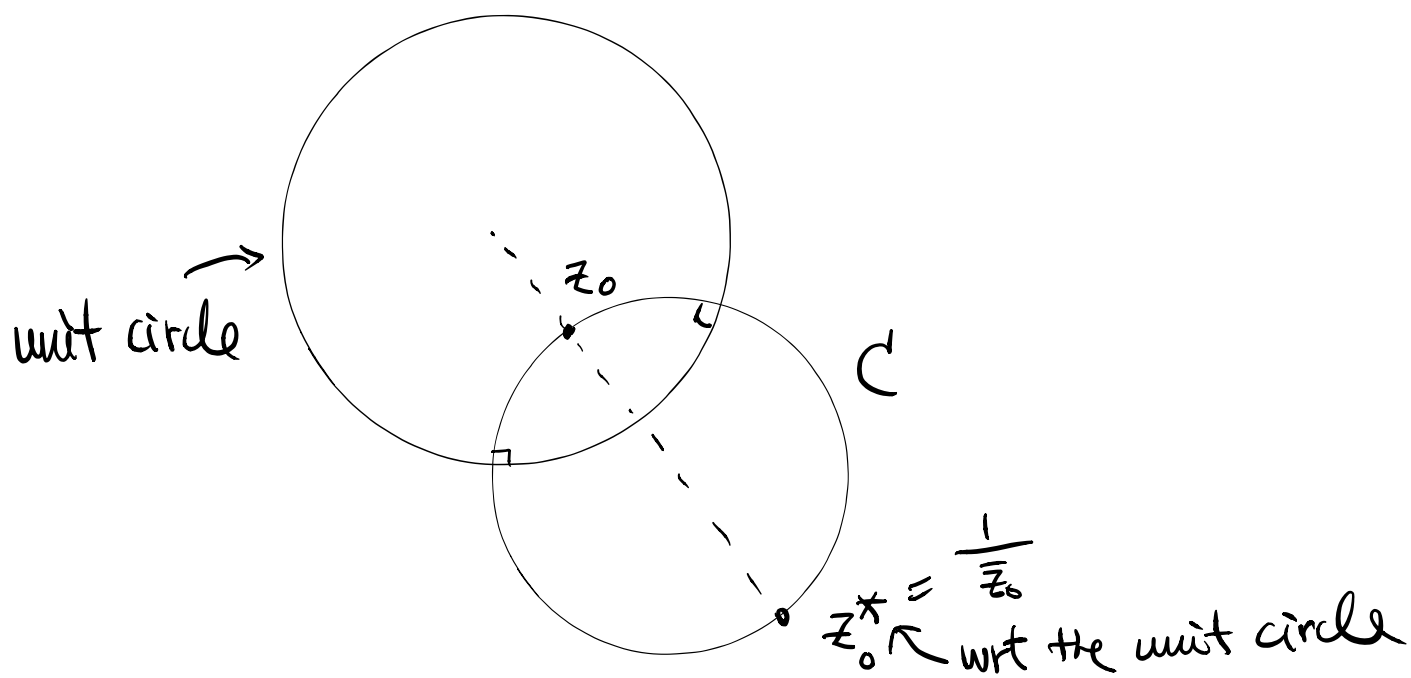


then use Question 5 of HW1. #

Proof of the Thm :

(i) let C be a cline that is orthogonal to the unit circle, i.e. C is a hyperbolic straight line

And let z_0 be a point on C .



By lemma 2, z_0^* also lies on C (outside \mathbb{D}),

where $*$ = sym. wrt the unit circle.

Let $Tz = e^{i\theta} \frac{z - z_0}{1 - \bar{z}_0 z}$ (θ chosen later)

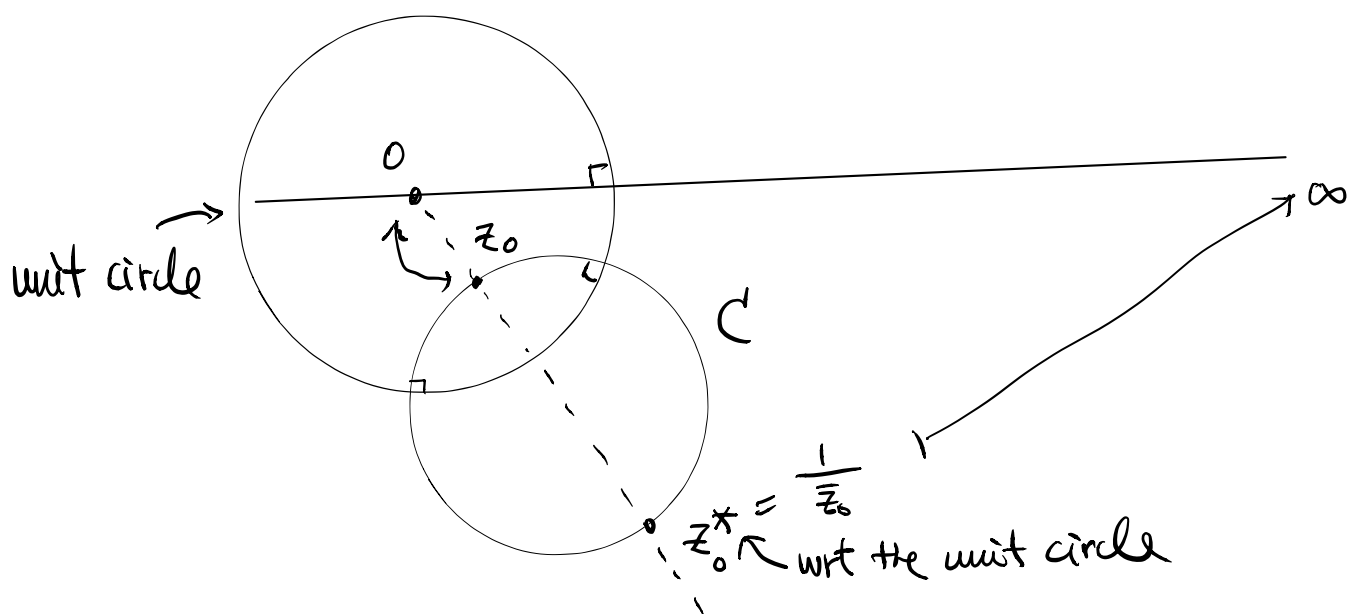
Then T is a transformation of hyperbolic geometry (i.e. $T \in H$ the hyperbolic group) and

$$Tz_0 = 0, \quad T(z_0^*) = T\left(\frac{1}{\bar{z}_0}\right) = \infty$$

$\therefore T(C)$ is a line passing through 0 & ∞ ,
and orthogonal to $\{|z|=1\}$.

$\Rightarrow T(C)$ must be a diameter of the unit circle

Finally, we can choose θ so that $T(C) = x\text{-axis}$.
(Ex!)

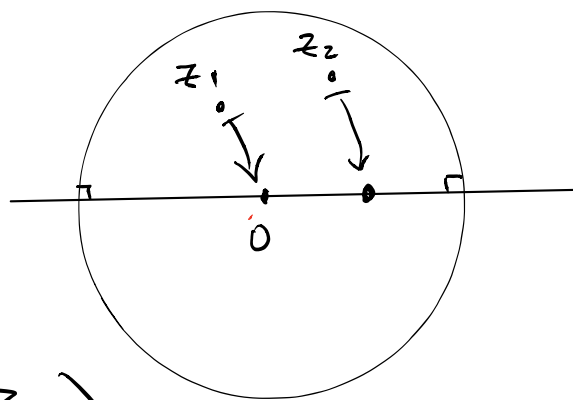


This proves that any hyperbolic straight line C is congruent to the x -axis. And hence all hyperbolic straight lines are congruent. This proves part (i).

For part (ii), let z_1, z_2 be any 2 distinct points in \mathbb{D} . Then

$$Tz = e^{i\theta} \frac{z - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z}$$

takes z_1 to 0.



Choose $\theta = -\arg\left(\frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2}\right)$

Then $Tz_2 = e^{i\theta} \frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2}$

$$= e^{i\theta} \left| \frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2} \right| e^{i \arg\left(\frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2}\right)}$$

$$= \left| \frac{z_2 - z_1}{1 - \bar{z}_1 z_2} \right| > 0 \quad (\text{positive real number, and in fact } < 1.)$$

Note that x-axis is the unique hyperbolic straight line passing through 0 and Tz_2 . This proves

that $T^{-1}(\text{x-axis})$ is the unique hyperbolic straight line passing through z_1 & z_2 .

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Euclid's Postulates

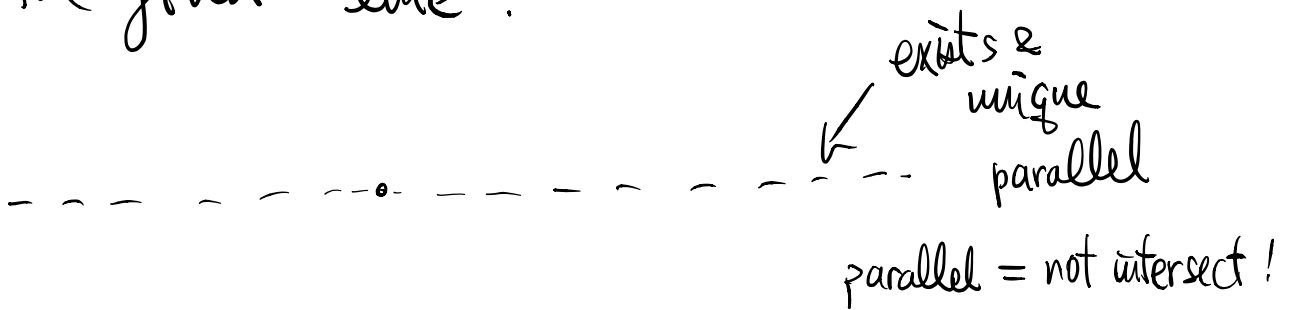
Postulate 1 : Two points determine a straight line.

Postulate 2 : A line can be produced indefinitely in either direction.

Postulate 3 : A circle can be described with any center and radius.

Postulate 4 : All right angles are congruent.

Postulate 5 : Through a point not on a line, there is a unique line parallel to the given line.

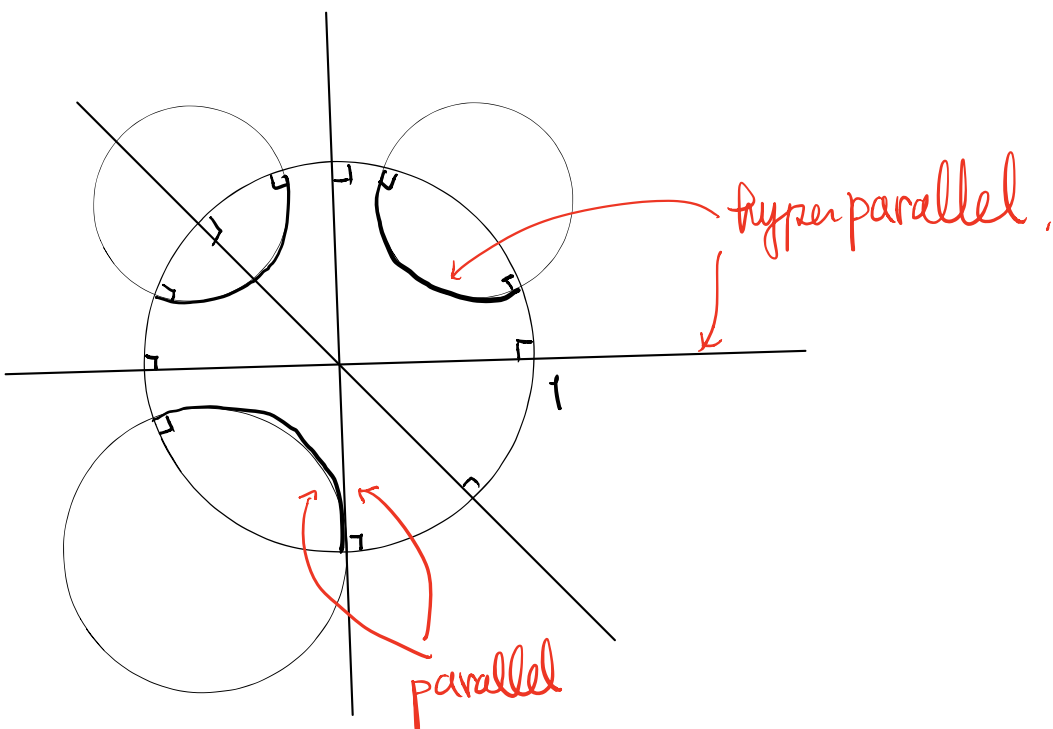


Parallelism in hyperbolic geometry

Def: (i) The points on the unit circle are called ideal points.

(ii) Two hyperbolic lines are called parallel if they do not intersect inside \mathbb{D} but do share one ideal point.

(iii) Two hyperbolic lines are called hyperparallel if they do not intersect inside \mathbb{D} and do not have an ideal point in common.



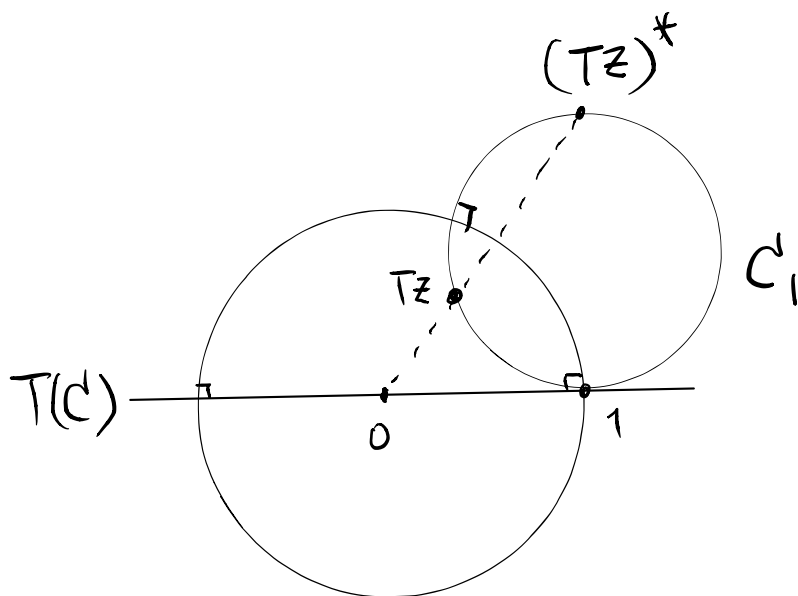
Postulate 5 is false in hyperbolic geometry.

In fact, \forall point p not on a hyperbolic line C , there exists 2 hyperbolic lines parallel to C and passing thro. p .

Pf: For any hyperbolic line C , \exists transformation $T \in H$ such that $T(C) = x$ -axis.

If $z \in D$ is a point not on C , then

Tz is a point not on $T(C) = x$ -axis



Let C_1 be the unique Euclidean circle passing thro.

the points $1, Tz$, and $(Tz)^*$. (since Tz not on $T(C) = x$ -axis,
 $Tz \neq 0$ & hence $(Tz)^* \neq \infty$)

Lemma 2 $\Rightarrow C_1$ is orthogonal to the unit circle.

$\Rightarrow C_1$ & $T(C) = x$ -axis tangent at 1 , and hence they have no other intersection.

$\Rightarrow C_1$ is parallel to $T(C)$ and passing thro. Tz .

$\Rightarrow T^{-1}(C_1)$ is parallel to C and passing thro. z .

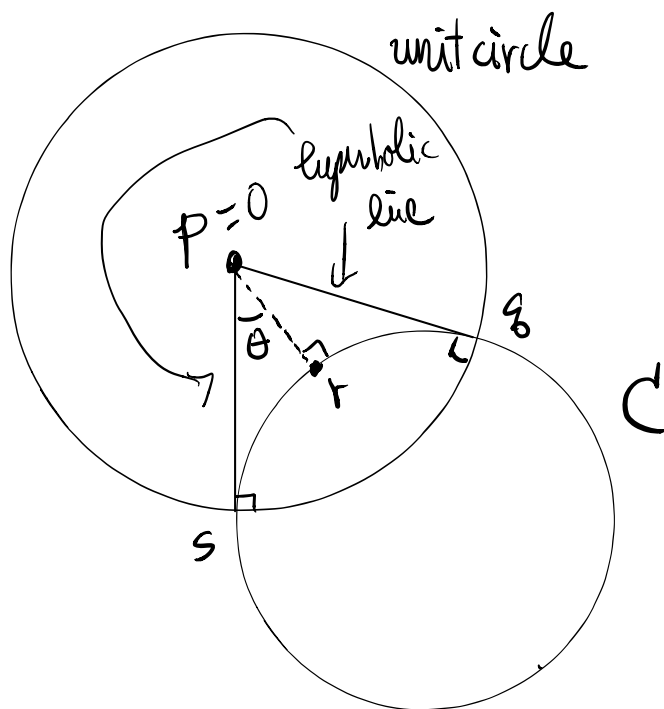
Similarly, we can find C_{-1} passing thro $-1, Tz, (Tz)^*$.

and $T^{-1}(C_{-1})$ is parallel to C and passing thro. z .

Since $C_1 \neq C_{-1}$, Postulate 5 is false. \times

Angle of parallelism

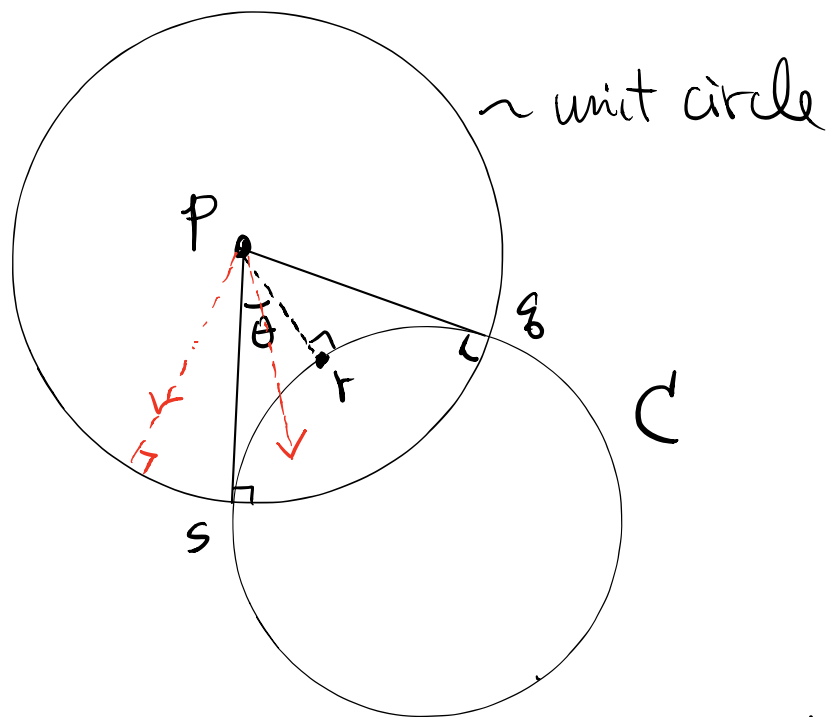
Def. Let $C = \overline{srq}$ be a hyperbolic straight line and $p \in \mathbb{D}$ be a point not on C such that the hyperbolic straight line passing thro $p \perp C$ is perpendicular to C . Then the angle θ between one of the parallels (\overline{ps} or \overline{pq}) and the perpendicular \overline{pr} is called the angle of parallelism.



After a suitable hyperbolic transformation, we may assume $p = \text{origin}$ (ie $z=0$)

Remark (Ex!): A ray passing thro. p makes

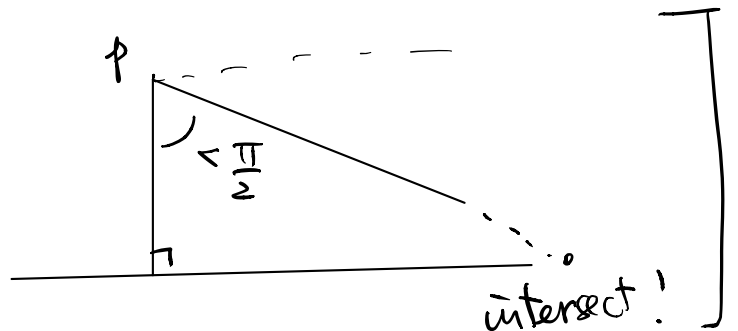
- (i) an angle with $\overline{pr} < \theta$, then it intersects \overline{srq} .
- (ii) an angle with $\overline{pr} = \theta$, then it is parallel to \overline{srq} .
- (iii) an angle with $\overline{pr} > \theta$, then it is hyperparallel to \overline{srq} .



Remark: The angle of parallelism is always acute.

(Easy Ex: transform p to o)

Compare: Euclidean geometry

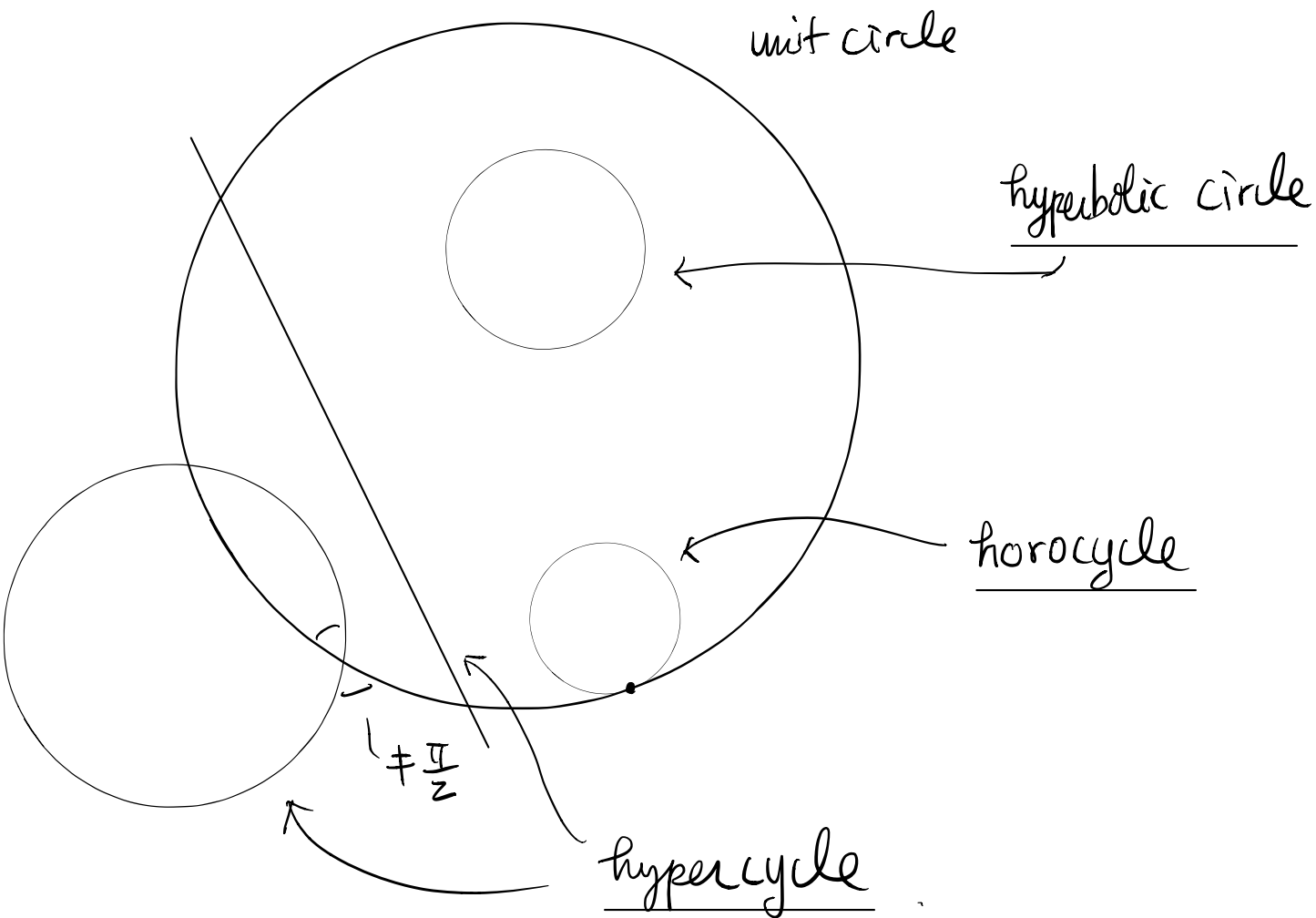


Ch8 Cycles

Def: Let C be a portion of a Euclidean circle or straight line inside the unit disk.

Suppose that C is not perpendicular to the unit circle. Then C is called a cycle.

- If C is entirely contained in \mathbb{D} , then C is a hyperbolic circle.
- If C is tangent to the unit circle, then C is a horocycle.
- If C intersects the unit circle (at an angle $\neq \frac{\pi}{2}$) C is a hypercycle.



By lemma 1, if T is a transformation of the hyperbolic group, then T maps \mathbb{D} onto itself and hence $T(\partial\mathbb{D}) = \partial\mathbb{D}$. If T has a fixed point inside \mathbb{D} , then the symmetric point

(wrt $\partial\mathbb{D}$) outside \mathbb{D} is also a fixed point of T : $T(z^*) = (Tz)^* = (z)^*$.

So we can analyze $T \in \text{IH}$ ($T \neq \text{Id}$) by the

following situations (using cycles)

(A) 1 fixed point inside \mathbb{D} & 1 fixed point outside \mathbb{D}

(B) 2 fixed points on $\{|z|=1\} = \partial\mathbb{D}$.

(C) 1 fixed point only (must be on $\{|z|=1\} = \partial\mathbb{D}$)