

EXERCISE SHEET #2

Exercise 0.1 (B. Ex. 4.1.1). Let $\phi(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} \in PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ where $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$, $ad - bc = 1$. Define $\phi(-\frac{d}{c}) := \infty$, $\phi(\infty) := \frac{a}{c}$ if $c \neq 0$, otherwise $\phi(\infty) := \infty$. Equip $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ with chordal metric. Prove $\phi : \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is a homeomorphism.

Exercise 0.2. Let $\{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ be an affinely independent set of $(n+1)$ unit vectors in \mathbb{R}^n . Prove that if a Möbius transformation $\phi \in M(\mathbb{B}^n)$ fixes each u_i for $0 \leq i \leq n$ then ϕ is the identity.

Let γ be a geodesic in (\mathbb{H}^n, ρ) for $n \geq 2$. Let $\pi_\gamma : \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \gamma$ be the nearest point projection map: for any $x \in \mathbb{H}^n$,

$$\rho(x, \pi_\gamma(x)) = \inf_{y \in \gamma} \rho(x, y).$$

Exercise 0.3 (Strong contraction). Show that for any hyperbolic ball B in (\mathbb{H}^n, ρ) with $B \cap \gamma = \emptyset$, we have

$$\text{diam}(\pi_\gamma(B)) \leq 2 \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

where diam is taken with respect to ρ .

Let (\mathbb{B}^n, ρ) be the ball model of n -dimensional hyperbolic space, and \mathbb{S}^{n-1} be the $(n-1)$ -sphere equipped with Euclidean metric $|x - y|$. As a set, \mathbb{S}^{n-1} can be identified with the set of geodesic rays from the origin o .

For any three points $o, x, y \in \mathbb{B}^n$, we define the Gromov product

$$\langle x, y \rangle_o := \frac{\rho(x, o) + \rho(y, o) - \rho(x, y)}{2}$$

The metric $|\cdot|$ on \mathbb{S}^{n-1} can be recovered from the hyperbolic geometry.

Exercise 0.4 (Visual metric). Let $\alpha, \beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (\mathbb{B}^n, \rho)$ be two distinct geodesic rays (i.e.: isometric embedding) from o ending at two points $p, q \in \mathbb{S}^{n-1}$ respectively. Define

$$\delta(\alpha, \beta) := \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\langle \alpha(t), \beta(t) \rangle_o}.$$

Prove that $2\delta(\alpha, \beta) = |p - q|$. The so-defined function δ is called visual metric.

(Tips: use Hyperbolic Cosine Rule (in Beardon's book))