

Solution (#220) As we are to measure distances in H in such a way as to make g an isometry, and likewise g^{-1} an isometry, then the lines in D will map under g^{-1} to the lines in H . Now

$$g(z) = \frac{z-i}{z+i}$$

and

$$g^{-1}(z) = \frac{i(z+1)}{1-z}.$$

As g^{-1} is a Möbius transformation then it is conformal and maps circlines to circlines. Note also that g^{-1} maps the unit circle (the boundary of D) to the real axis (the boundary of H). Now the lines in D are the (arcs of) circlines which intersect the unit circle at right angles. So the lines in H are the (arcs of) circlines which intersect the real axis – i.e. they are either half-lines perpendicular to the real axis or semi-circles which cut the real axis in right angles.

(ii) If the map g from D to H is to be an isometry then, for p, q in H , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_H(p, q) &= d_D(g^{-1}(p), g^{-1}(q)) \\ &= d_D\left(\frac{i(p+1)}{1-p}, \frac{i(q+1)}{1-q}\right) \\ &= 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{\frac{i(p+1)}{1-p} - \frac{i(q+1)}{1-q}}{1 - \frac{(p+1)(\bar{q}+1)}{(1-p)(1-\bar{q})}} \right| \\ &= 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{(p+1)(1-q) - (q+1)(1-p)}{(1-p)(1-\bar{q}) - (p+1)(\bar{q}+1)} \right| \end{aligned}$$

as $|1-q| = |1-\bar{q}|$. Then, simplifying,

$$d_H(p, q) = 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{2(p-q)}{2(p-\bar{q})} \right| = 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{p-q}{p-\bar{q}} \right|.$$

As

$$\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right|$$

then we also have

$$d_H(p, q) = \ln \left| \frac{1 + \left(\frac{p-q}{p-\bar{q}}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{p-q}{p-\bar{q}}\right)} \right| = \ln \left\{ \frac{|p-q| + |p-\bar{q}|}{|p-q| - |p-\bar{q}|} \right\}$$