

A ruler and segment-transporter constructive axiomatization of plane hyperbolic geometry

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Abstract. We formulate a universal axiom system for plane hyperbolic geometry in a first-order language with one sort of individual variables, *points* (lower-case), containing three individual constants, a_0, a_1, a_2 , standing for three non-collinear points, with $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$, one quaternary operation symbol \tilde{I} , with $\tilde{I}(abcd) = p$ to be interpreted as ‘ p is the point of intersection of lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} , provided that lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} are distinct and have a point of intersection, an arbitrary point, otherwise’, and two ternary operation symbols, $\varepsilon_1(abc)$ and $\varepsilon_2(abc)$, with $\varepsilon_i(abc) = d_i$ (for $i = 1, 2$) to be interpreted as ‘ d_1 and d_2 are two distinct points on line \overline{ac} such that $ad_1 \equiv ad_2 \equiv ab$, provided that $a \neq c$, an arbitrary point, otherwise’.

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Introduction

J. Strommer [11] showed that in hyperbolic geometry all constructions, which are possible based on Hilbert’s Axioms I-IV can be carried out with a ruler and a segment transporter, if two limiting parallel lines are given. The segment-transporter is an instrument that lays off on a given ray a segment congruent to a given segment. A hyperbolic plane, i. e. a Hilbert plane satisfying the axiom of limiting parallels, is uniquely characterized by its abstract field constructed by means of Hilbert’s end-calculus. With coordinates from this field one can develop non-Euclidean trigonometry ([4, Ch. 7, §41-43]). Using hyperbolic trigonometry, M. N. Gafurov [1] showed that in a hyperbolic plane two limiting parallel lines can be constructed using a ruler and a gauge, if the opening of the gauge is such that a segment of length x , with $\tanh x = 1/2$, is constructible. (Gafurov’s gauge is an instrument that lays off a segment of fixed length on a given ray). We will show that these results turn out to be relevant for constructive axiomatizations of elementary hyperbolic geometry.

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An axiomatization formulated in a first-order language in which the axioms are universal statements is called a *constructive* axiomatization. Such axiomatizations of hyperbolic geometry are but only ‘fragments’ ([8]), since inside first-order logic the Löwenheim-Skolem theorem does not allow a characterization up to isomorphism of the classical Beltrami-Klein model. Several authors formulated axioms systems for hyperbolic geometry inside first-order logic (see [8] for an overview). In 1938, K. Menger [5] observed that hyperbolic geometry can be axiomatized based on point-line incidence alone. Building on Menger’s and his students’ work H. L. Skala [10] produced a first-order axiom system for hyperbolic geometry formulated in a bi-sorted language, with individual variables for *points* and *lines*, and a single binary relation — as a primitive notion, with $P|l$ to be read as ‘point P is incident with line l ’.

Recently, starting from Skala’s axiom system, V. Pambuccian [7] showed that plane hyperbolic geometry over Euclidean ordered fields can be constructively axiomatized in a first-order language \mathcal{L} with two sorts of individual variables, *points* and *lines*, containing three individual constants standing for three non-collinear points, two binary operation symbols, φ and ι , and two binary operation symbols, $\pi_1(P, l)$ and $\pi_2(P, l)$. In this axiom system, $\varphi(A, B) = l$ is interpreted as ‘ l is the line joining A and B , if $A \neq B$, an arbitrary line, otherwise’; $\iota(g, h) = P$ is interpreted as ‘ P is the point of intersection of g and h , when g and h are distinct lines and have a point of intersection, an arbitrary point, otherwise’; and for $i = 1, 2$, $\pi_i(P, l) = g_i$ is interpreted as ‘ g_1 and g_2 are the two limiting parallel lines from P to l , if P is not on l , otherwise g_i is an arbitrary line’. The operations π_1, π_2 may be interpreted as an instrument that constructs the limiting parallel lines through a point to a line not incident with the point.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a constructive axiomatization of plane hyperbolic geometry over Euclidean ordered fields in a language that corresponds to constructions with a ruler and an instrument that we shall call *segment - transporter*. The ruler constructs new points by intersecting two lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} , while the segment - transporter constructs the points of intersection of a circle with a line passing through the center of the circle, but is *not* capable of selecting one of the two points, such as the point rightmost on the ray \overrightarrow{cd} . Our universal axiom system for hyperbolic geometry is formulated in \mathcal{L}_0 , a first-order language with individual variables for *points* (lower-case), one quaternary operation symbol \tilde{l} and two ternary operation symbols, ε_1 and ε_2 as primitive notions, with $\tilde{l}(abcd) = p$ to be interpreted as ‘ p is the point of intersection of lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} , if the lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} are distinct and have a point of intersection, an arbitrary point, otherwise’, and $\varepsilon_i(abc) = d_i$ (for $i = 1, 2$) to be interpreted as ‘ d_1 and d_2 are two distinct points on line \overline{ac} such that $ad_i \equiv ab$, provided

that $a \neq c$, an arbitrary point, otherwise'. The language \mathcal{L}_0 contains also three individual constants, a_0, a_1, a_2 , to be interpreted as three non-collinear points, with $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$, where $\Pi(a_0a_1)$ is the angle of parallelism of the segment a_0a_1 .

The paper is organized as follows: in section 2, using Gafurov's and Stromer's results, we define inside the language \mathcal{L}_0 the operations $\tilde{\pi}_1(pab), \tilde{\pi}_2(pab)$, where $\tilde{\pi}_i(pab) = p_i, i = 1, 2$, will be interpreted as ' p_i are points on the two limiting parallel rays from point p to line \overline{ab} '; in section 3 we formulate our axiom system in two steps: first, we show how to rephrase most of the Pambuccian axioms in our language \mathcal{L}_0 , and then we state the axioms that will give the desired interpretations for our primitive operations $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$, and \tilde{i} ; finally, in section 4 we prove the adequacy of our system.

1 Definitions of operations and relations

In this section we will define the operations $\tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}_2$ in the language \mathcal{L}_0 . We will also show that these definitions are valid in hyperbolic geometry if the operations $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \tilde{i}$ have the desired interpretations, and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points such that $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$. We start by defining the notions of collinearity and 'two lines coincide', and then translate in \mathcal{L}_0 two simple constructions in neutral geometry.

$$(i) \ C(abc) \leftrightarrow (\bigvee_{i=1}^2 \varepsilon_i(abc) = b) \vee a = c$$

may be read as ' a, b, c are collinear';

$$(ii) \ \overline{C}(abc) \leftrightarrow a \neq b \wedge b \neq c \wedge c \neq a \wedge (\bigvee_{i=1}^2 \varepsilon_i(abc) = b)$$

may be read as ' a, b, c are three different collinear points';

$$(iii) \ \eta(abcd) \leftrightarrow a \neq b \wedge c \neq d \wedge C(acb) \wedge C(adb)$$

may be read as 'lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} coincide';

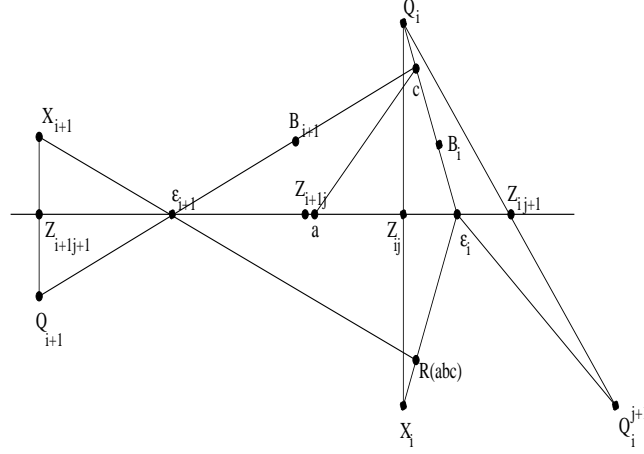
$$(iv) \ \sigma(ab) = p \leftrightarrow (a = b \wedge p = b) \vee (a \neq b \wedge (\bigvee_{i=1}^2 p = \varepsilon_i(abb) \wedge p \neq b))$$

may be interpreted as ' $\sigma(ab)$ is the reflection of b in a ';

$$(v) \ \mu_c(ab) = m \leftrightarrow (a = b \wedge m = a) \vee (\neg C(abc) \wedge m = \tilde{i}(c\tilde{i}(a\sigma(bc)\sigma(ac)b)ab))$$

$$\vee (C(abc) \wedge a \neq b \wedge m = c)$$

$\mu_c(ab)$ will be used only if $c \neq b \wedge (\bigvee_{i=1}^2 \varepsilon_i(cab) = b)$. It may be interpreted as ' $\mu_c(ab)$ is the midpoint of the segment ab , provided $a \neq b$, and $m = a$ if $a = b$ ', and will be used only in the presence of a point c equidistant from a and b .

Figure 1. Definition of $R(abc)$

For the definition of the operation ‘reflection of a point in a line’ we will modify the construction of $F(abc)$ in [6], where $F(abc)$ may be read as the ‘footpoint of the perpendicular line from c to line \overline{ab} ’. To do this we have to take into account that $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ are orientation-blind operations (Figure 1). For $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ let: $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon_i(acb)$, $B_i(abc) = \mu_a(c\varepsilon_i(acb))$, $Q_i(abc) = \varepsilon_1(\varepsilon_i(acb)ac)$, $Z_{ij}(abc) = \varepsilon_j(\varepsilon_i(acb)B_i(abc)a)$, $Q_i^j(abc) = \sigma(Z_{ij}(abc)Q_i(abc))$. We have:

$$(vi) \neg C(abc) \rightarrow [X_i(abc) = d \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq j, k \leq 2} (\varepsilon_k(\varepsilon_i(acb)Q_i^j(abc)a) = a \wedge d = Q_i^j(abc))], \text{ for } i = 1, 2,$$

$$(vii) R(abc) = c' \leftrightarrow (\neg C(abc) \wedge c' = \tilde{i}(X_1(abc)\varepsilon_1(abc)X_2(abc)\varepsilon_2(abc)) \vee (a \neq b \wedge C(abc) \wedge c' = c) \vee (a = b \wedge c' = \sigma(ac)),$$

which may be read as ‘ $R(abc)$ is the reflection of c in line ab ’.

To see that for three non-collinear points a, b, c the definition of $R(abc)$ holds in neutral geometry, we will use the following abbreviations: for $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ let: $\varepsilon_i := \varepsilon_i(acb)$, $B_i := B_i(abc)$, $Q_i := Q_i(abc)$, $Z_{ij} := Z_{ij}(abc)$, $Q_i^j := Q_i^j(abc)$, and $X_i := X_i(abc)$. B_i may be read as the midpoint of segment $c\varepsilon_i$; Q_i is a point on line $\overline{c\varepsilon_i}$ such that $\varepsilon_i Q_i \equiv \varepsilon_i a$; Z_{ij} are points on line \overline{ab} with $B_i \varepsilon_i \equiv Z_{ij} \varepsilon_i$; Q_i^j is the reflection of Q_i in Z_{ij} ; X_i is one of the points Q_i^1, Q_i^2 , which satisfies $X_i \varepsilon_i \equiv \varepsilon_i a$. The points $Q_i, i = 1, 2$, could lie either on ray $\overrightarrow{c\varepsilon_i}$ or on ray $\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_i c}$. We note that the construction of $R(abc)$ is independent of the position of Q_1 and Q_2 . We may assume w. l. o. g. that Q_i is on the ray $\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_i c}$. For a unique $j \in \{1, 2\}$, the triangle $\Delta Q_i^j \varepsilon_i Z_{ij}$ is congruent to the triangle $\Delta a B_i \varepsilon_i$. For that j the line

$\overline{Q_i^j Z_{ij}}$ is perpendicular to \overline{ab} and $Q_i^j \varepsilon_i \equiv a\varepsilon_i$. Thus $X_i = Q_i^j$ and the point of intersection of lines $\overline{X_1 \varepsilon_1}$ and $\overline{X_2 \varepsilon_2}$ is the symmetric point of c with respect to line \overline{ab} .

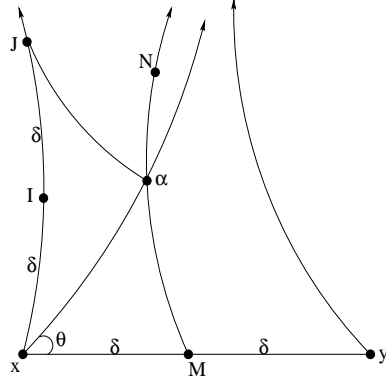
It is not very hard to see that the next five operation definitions hold in absolute geometry if the operations $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \tilde{l}$ have the desired interpretations and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points.

- (viii) $a \neq b \wedge F(abc) = q \leftrightarrow (\neg C(abc) \wedge q = \tilde{l}(abR(abc)c)) \vee (C(abc) \wedge q = c)$
 may be read as ‘ $F(abc)$ is the footpoint of the perpendicular from point c to line \overline{ab} ’;
- (ix) $a \neq b \wedge P(ab) = p \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{k=0}^2 (\neg C(aba_k) \wedge p = \mu_a(R(aba_k)\sigma(aa_k)))$,
 may be read as ‘ $P(ab)$ is a point on the perpendicular from point a to line \overline{ab} ’;
- (x) $M(ab) = m \leftrightarrow (a = b \wedge m = a)$
 $\vee (a \neq b \wedge (\bigvee_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2} m = \tilde{l}(ab\varepsilon_i(abP(ab))\varepsilon_j(baP(ba))))$,
 may be read as ‘ $M(ab)$ is the midpoint of segment ab ’;
- (xi) $x \neq y \wedge T_i(pqxy) = t_i \leftrightarrow (p = q \wedge t_i = x) \vee (p \neq q \wedge x = q \wedge t_i = \varepsilon_i(xpy))$
 $\vee (p \neq q \wedge x \neq q \wedge t_i = \varepsilon_i(x\sigma(M(qx)\varepsilon_1(qpx))y))$, for $i = 1, 2$
 may be read as ‘ $T_1(pqxy), T_2(pqxy)$ are two points on line \overline{xy} such that the segments $xT_1(pqxy)$ and $xT_2(pqxy)$ are congruent to segment pq ’.

The next operation definition rephrases in the language \mathcal{L}_0 of S. Guber’s [3] ruler and gauge construction in absolute geometry of transport of an angle to a half ray. If $b \neq x$, let $H(pbx) := R(M(bx)P(M(bx)b)p)$, to be read as ‘the reflection of p in the perpendicular bisector of segment bx , and $G(abxy) := M(H(abx)T_1(abxy))$, to be read as ‘the midpoint of the segment determined by the reflection of point a in the perpendicular bisector of segment bx and one of the points on line \overline{xy} obtained by laying off at x the segment ab ’.

- (xii) $x \neq y \wedge \neg C(abc) \rightarrow [A(abcxy) = v \leftrightarrow (b = x \wedge v = R(xM(a\varepsilon_1(xay))c)$
 $\vee (b \neq x \wedge v = R(xG(abxy)H(cbx)))]$
 may be read, if a, b, c are not collinear and $x \neq y$, as ‘ $A(abcxy)$ is a point such that $bc \equiv xA(abcxy)$ and $\angle A(abcxy)xT_1(abxy) \equiv \angle cba$ ’.

To see that these definitions hold in absolute geometry let a, b, c be three non-collinear points and x, y two distinct points, with $b \neq x$ (for $b = x$ we

Figure 2. Definition of operation $\alpha(xy)$

reason analogously). The following abbreviations $H_a := H(abx)$, $H_c := H(cbx)$, $G := G(abxy)$, $A := A(abcxy)$, $T := T_1(abxy)$ may then be read as: H_a , H_c are the reflections of points a and c in the perpendicular bisector of segment bx , T is a point on line \overline{xy} such that $ab \equiv xT$, and G is the midpoint of segment H_aT . The line \overline{xG} is the bisector of angle $\angle H_axT$ and the perpendicular bisector of H_aT . Since $\angle cab \equiv \angle H_cxH_a$ it follows that $\angle H_cxH_a \equiv \angle AxT$. Thus the definition of A holds in hyperbolic geometry.

The abbreviations $I(xy)$, $J(xy)$, $N(xy)$, and operation $\alpha(xy)$ below are used to translate in \mathcal{L}_0 Gafurov's [1] construction of a pair of limiting parallel lines:

$$\begin{aligned} x \neq y \wedge I(xy) = p &\leftrightarrow p = \varepsilon_1(xM(xy)P(xy)), \\ x \neq y \wedge J(xy) = q &\leftrightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^2 (\varepsilon_i(I(xy)xx) \neq x \wedge q = \varepsilon_i(I(xy)xx)), \\ x \neq y \wedge N(xy) = n &\leftrightarrow n = P(M(xy)y). \end{aligned}$$

$$(xiii) \quad x \neq y \wedge \alpha(xy) = r \leftrightarrow r = F(M(xy)N(xy)J(xy))$$

may be read as ' $\alpha(xy)$ is the footpoint of the perpendicular from point x to the perpendicular bisector of segment xy '.

The operation $\alpha(xy)$ will be used only when the angle of parallelism of the segment xy is $\pi/3$. In this case, the line $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$ is limiting parallel to the perpendicular line at y to \overline{xy} .

We show that in hyperbolic geometry, if the operations ε_1 , ε_2 , \tilde{l} have the desired interpretations, a_0 , a_1 , a_2 are three non-collinear points, and x , y are two points such that $\Pi(xy) = \pi/3$, then $\alpha(xy)$ has the desired interpretation. We will use the following abbreviations: $M := M(xy)$, $I := I(xy)$, $J := J(xy)$, $N := N(xy)$, $\alpha := \alpha(xy)$, which may be read as: M is the midpoint of segment xy ; I , J are distinct points on the perpendicular line at x to line \overline{xy} and $IJ \equiv$

$Ix \equiv xM$; N is a point on the perpendicular at M to line \overline{xy} ; α is the footpoint of the perpendicular from point J to the perpendicular bisector of segment xy . Let 2δ and γ be the hyperbolic lengths of the segments xy and $M\alpha$, respectively. Let θ denote the radian measure of angle $\angle yx\alpha$. In the Lambert quadrilateral $JxM\alpha$ we have $\tanh \gamma = \tanh 2\delta / \cosh \delta$ ([2] p.415). From the right triangle $\Delta xM\alpha$ we obtain $\tan \theta = \tanh \gamma / \sinh \delta$. It follows that $\tan \theta = 2 / \cosh 2\delta$. Since $\tan \Pi(xy) = 1 / \sinh xy$ and $\Pi(xy) = \pi/3$, we have that $\sinh 2\delta = 1/\sqrt{3}$. Hence $\theta = \pi/3$. It follows that $\angle yx\alpha$ is the angle of parallelism of the segment xy and $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$ is limiting parallel to the perpendicular line at y to \overline{xy} .

We now come to the final step. We will use Strommer's [11] construction of a limiting parallel line through a point to a given line when in the hyperbolic plane there is already given a pair of limiting parallel lines. We will need the following abbreviations to be used only when $\neg C(abc)$ and $x \neq y$:

$$\begin{aligned} D(pabxy) &= T_1(pF(abp)yx), \quad E(pabxy) = T_2(pF(abp)yx), \\ S(pabxy) &= R(y\alpha(xy)D(pabxy)), \quad W(pabxy) = R(yP(yx)S(pabxy)), \\ U(pabxy) &= R(x\alpha(xy)E(pabxy)), \quad \text{and} \\ V(pabxy) &= F(U(pabxy)W(pabxy)D(pabxy)). \quad \text{Then} \end{aligned}$$

$$(xiv) \quad \neg C(abp) \wedge x \neq y \rightarrow \Psi_1(pabxy) := A(V(pabxy)D(pabxy)ypF(abp))$$

$$(xv) \quad \neg C(abp) \wedge x \neq y \rightarrow \Psi_2(pabxy) := R(pF(abp)\Psi_1(pabxy))$$

may be read as ' p, a, b are three distinct non-collinear points, $\Psi_1(pabxy), \Psi_2(pabxy)$ are points on each of the two limiting parallel lines from point p to line \overline{ab} ', and will be used only when the distance between x and y is 2δ .

If the operations $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \tilde{l}$ have the desired interpretations, and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points, x, y are two points such that $\Pi(xy) = \pi/3$, then in hyperbolic geometry the operations $\Psi_1(pabxy), \Psi_2(pabxy)$ construct points on the limiting parallel lines from p to \overline{ab} . Let $F := F(abp), D := D(pabxy), E := E(pabxy), S := S(pabxy), W := W(pabxy), U := U(pabxy), V := V(pabxy)$. These abbreviations may be read as: F is the footpoint of the perpendicular from p to line \overline{ab} ; D and E are points on \overline{xy} such that $Dy \equiv Ey \equiv Fp$; S is the reflection of D in the line $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$; W is the reflection of S in the perpendicular line at y to \overline{xy} ; U is the reflection of E in the line $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$; and V is the footpoint of the perpendicular from D to line \overline{UW} . From the interpretation of $\alpha(xy)$ in (xiii) above, the line $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$ and the perpendicular line at y to \overline{xy} are limiting parallel. Let Σ be their common rimpoint. If $\Upsilon = \sigma_3 \circ \sigma_2 \circ \sigma_1$, where σ_1 is the reflection in the perpendicular line at y to \overline{xy} , σ_2 the reflection in the line $\overline{x\alpha(xy)}$, and σ_3 the reflection in the line $\overline{D\Sigma}$, then $\Upsilon^{-1}(D) = W$. As Υ is also a reflection in a line (by the three-reflection theorem), we have $\Upsilon(D) = \Upsilon^{-1}(D)$.

Hence W and U are symmetric with respect to the line $\overline{D\Sigma}$. Thus D , V and Σ are collinear. It follows that the angle $\angle VDy$ is the angle of parallelism of the segment Dy . Since $Dy \equiv Fp$, when we transport the angle $\angle VDy$ back to pF with vertex at p , the line $p\Psi_1(pabxy)$ is limiting parallel to \overline{ab} . By reflecting the point $\Psi_1(pabxy)$ in \overline{pF} we obtain that $p\Psi_2(pabxy)$ is the other limiting parallel line. Finally, we define:

$$(xvi) \quad \neg C(abp) \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_i(pab) := \Psi_i(paba_0a_1), \text{ for } i = 1, 2,$$

$\tilde{\pi}_i(pab)$ may be read when a , b , p are non-collinear as ‘ $\tilde{\pi}_1(pab)$, $\tilde{\pi}_2(pab)$ are points on the two limiting parallel lines from point p to line \overline{ab} ’.

We have shown above that the definitions of $\tilde{\pi}_i(pab)$ in \mathcal{L}_0 are valid in hyperbolic geometry if the operations ε_1 , ε_2 , $\tilde{\iota}$ have the desired interpretations, and a_0 , a_1 , a_2 are three non-collinear points, with $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$.

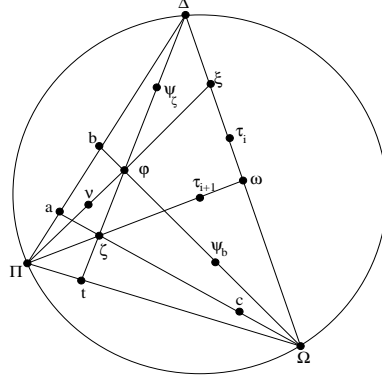
2 The axiom system

To define our axiom system we start with $\Sigma = \{C1, \dots, C25, \mathbf{pas}, \mathbf{pap}, \mathbf{des}\}$ from [7]. Let $\Sigma' = \Sigma \setminus \{C1, C2, C10\}$. We will first rephrase the axioms in Σ' in the language \mathcal{L}_0 . The individual variables that were interpreted as *points* in \mathcal{L} will be interpreted as *points* in \mathcal{L}_0 as well, but will be denoted by lower case letters.

A careful reading of the axioms in Σ and the abbreviations used to state them shows that in each axiom, with the exception of C10, every line occurs as a line determined by two distinct points, i.e. as $\varphi(a, b)$, with $a \neq b$; every limiting parallel line as the parallel from a point to a line determined by two distinct points, i. e. as $\pi_k(a, \varphi(b, c))$, where $b \neq c$; every intersection of two lines occurs only as the intersection of lines determined by two pairs of points, i. e. as $\iota(\varphi(a, b), \varphi(c, d))$. In \mathcal{L}_0 we do not have an analogue of the operation φ , but we do have analogues of π_k and ι . Henceforth, every occurrence in Σ' of the form $\pi_k(a, \varphi(b, c))$ and $\iota(\varphi(a, b), \varphi(c, d))$ will be replaced with $\tilde{\pi}_k(abc)$ and $\tilde{\iota}(abcd)$, respectively.

The axioms in Σ' are expressed in terms of the following notions and their negations: ‘three points are collinear’ and ‘two lines are equal’. To ensure that we have the correct translations in \mathcal{L}_0 , we will replace $\lambda(a, b, c)$ with $C(abc)$ and $\varphi(a, b) = \varphi(c, d)$ with $\eta(abcd)$. For example, every term of the form $\pi_k(a, \varphi(b, c)) = \pi_j(x, \varphi(y, z))$ will be replaced with $\eta(a\tilde{\pi}_k(abc)x\tilde{\pi}_j(xyz))$. Let Σ'' denote the axioms in Σ' rephrased in \mathcal{L}_0 as indicated.

Axiom C21 in [7] states that: if a, b, p are three non-collinear points, denote by Π_a and Π_b the ends which are incident with rays \overrightarrow{pa} and \overrightarrow{pb} respectively, let c, q, u, v, x be the intersection points of $a\Pi_b$ and $b\Pi_a$, ab and pc , $q\Pi_a$ and


Figure 3. Definition of operation $\xi(abc)$

pb , $b\Pi_a$ and $q\Pi_b$, uv and pc , respectively. Then x lies on $\Pi_a\Pi_b$. We denote by $\omega(pab)$ the point x given by axiom C21 rephrased in \mathcal{L}_0 .

To state axiom G8 of our system we will need the abbreviation $\varrho(p_1, q_1; p_2, q_2)$ from [7], which may be read as ‘the rays $\overrightarrow{p_1q_1}$ and $\overrightarrow{p_2q_2}$ have a rimpoint in common’. In addition, we will use the operation $\xi(abc)$ defined below. First, for each $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$ let:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_i(abc) &:= \tilde{\pi}_i(\omega(abc)ab), \quad \zeta_i(abc) := \tilde{l}(ac\omega(abc)\tau_{i+1}(abc)), \\ \psi_j^i(xabc) &:= \tilde{\pi}_j(x\omega(abc)\tau_i(abc)), \\ \varphi_{jk}^i(abc) &:= \tilde{l}(\zeta_i(abc)\psi_j^i(\zeta_i(abc)abc)b\psi_k^i(babc)), \\ \nu_{jkl}^i(abc) &:= \tilde{\pi}_l(\varphi_{jk}^i(abc)ab). \text{ We define:} \end{aligned}$$

$$(xvii) \quad \neg C(abc) \rightarrow [\xi(abc) = y \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq 2} [(\varrho(\omega(abc), \tau_i(abc); a, b)$$

$$\vee \varrho(\tau_i(abc), \omega(abc); a, b))$$

$$\wedge (\bigvee_{1 \leq j, k, l \leq 2} (y = \tilde{l}(\varphi_{jk}^i(abc)\nu_{jkl}^i(abc)\omega(abc)\tau_i(abc)))$$

$$\wedge C(ab\psi_{k+1}^i(babc)) \wedge C(ac\psi_{j+1}^i(\zeta_i(abc)abc))$$

$$\wedge C(\varphi_{jk}^i(abc)\zeta_i(abc)\nu_{jkl}^i(abc))], \text{ which may be read as:}$$

(*) ‘if a, b, c are three distinct non-collinear points and Δ, Ω, Π are the endpoints of rays $\overrightarrow{ab}, \overrightarrow{ac}, \overrightarrow{ba}$; and $\omega(abc)$ is a point on $\overline{\Delta\Omega}$, then $\xi(abc)$ is a point on $\overline{\Delta\Omega}$ such that $\omega(abc)\xi(abc) \equiv ab$ ’.

The definition of operation $\xi(abc)$ and axiom G8 below follow from Menger’s definition of *directed congruence* and [9, Satz 4.62 (p. 305-309)]. Two directed pairs $\langle a, b \rangle$ and $\langle c, d \rangle$ are directed congruent if the segments ab and cd

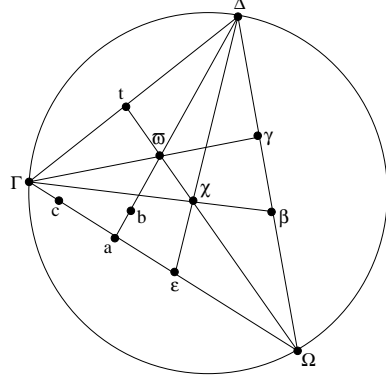


Figure 4. Axiom G8

are congruent, and either the rays \overrightarrow{ab} and \overrightarrow{cd} or the rays \overrightarrow{ba} and \overrightarrow{dc} are limiting parallel. We show that the interpretation (*) of $\xi(abc)$ holds in hyperbolic geometry, if \tilde{l} , $\tilde{\pi}_1$, $\tilde{\pi}_2$ have the desired interpretation and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points. We consider the Beltrami-Klein inner-disc model. For three non-collinear points a, b, c , for some $i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$, $\tau_i := \tau_i(abc)$ is a point on $\overline{\Delta\Omega}$ such that Δ is the rimpoint of either ray $\overrightarrow{\omega\tau_i}$ or ray $\overrightarrow{\tau_i\omega}$; $\zeta := \zeta_i(abc)$ is the point of intersection of line \overline{ac} with the parallel from ω to line \overline{ab} , which is not incident with Δ ; $\psi_b := \psi_k^i(babc)$ is a point on the limiting parallel from b to $\overline{\omega\tau_i}$, which is incident with Ω ; $\psi_\zeta := \psi_j^i(\zeta_i(abc)abc)$ is a point on the limiting parallel from ζ to $\overline{\omega\tau_i}$, which is not incident with Ω ; $\varphi := \varphi_{jk}^i(abc)$ is the point of intersection of lines $\overline{b\psi_b}$ and $\overline{\zeta\psi_\zeta}$; $\nu := \nu_{jkl}^i(abc)$ is a point on the parallel from φ to \overline{ab} , which is incident with Π ; $\xi := \xi(abc)$ is the intersection point of $\overline{\omega\tau_i}$ and $\overline{\varphi\nu}$. Let t be the point of intersection of $\overline{\zeta\varphi}$ with $\overline{\Pi\Omega}$. Using cross ratios we have $(ab, \Delta\Pi) = (\zeta\varphi, \Delta t)$ and $(\zeta\varphi, \Delta t) = (\omega\xi, \Delta\Omega)$. It follows that $(ab, \Delta\Pi) = (\omega\xi, \Delta\Omega)$ and thus $ab \equiv \omega\xi$.

The last abbreviations to be used in the statement of axiom G8 are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_i(abc) &:= \omega(ab\varepsilon_i(abc)), \quad \gamma_i(abc) := \xi(ab\varepsilon_i(abc)), \\ \varpi_j^i(abc) &:= \tilde{l}(ab\gamma_i(abc)\tilde{\pi}_j(\gamma_i(abc)ac)), \\ \chi_{kj}^i(abc) &:= \tilde{l}(\beta_i(abc)\tilde{\pi}_k(\beta_i(abc)ac)\varepsilon_i(abc)\tilde{\pi}_l(\varepsilon_i(abc)\beta_i(abc)\gamma_i(abc))), \end{aligned}$$

which may be read when $\neg C(abc)$ as:

(**) ‘let Δ, Ω, Γ be the endpoints of rays $\overrightarrow{ab}, \overrightarrow{a\varepsilon}, \overrightarrow{\varepsilon a}$; for each $i \in \{1, 2\}$, if we denote $\varepsilon := \varepsilon_i(abc)$, $\beta := \beta_i(abc)$, $\gamma := \gamma_i(abc)$, then ε is a point on \overline{ac} such that $a\varepsilon \equiv ab$, β is a point on $\overline{\Delta\Omega}$, and γ is a point on $\overline{\Delta\Omega}$ such that

$ab \equiv \beta\gamma$; for some $j \in \{1, 2\}$ $\varpi := \varpi_j^i(abc)$ is the point of intersection of line \overline{ab} with the parallel from γ to \overline{ac} , which is not incident with Δ ; for some $k, l \in \{1, 2\}$ $\chi := \chi_{kl}^i(abc)$ is the point of intersection of the parallel from β to \overline{ac} , which is not incident with Ω , with the parallel from ε to $\overline{\beta\gamma}$, not incident with Ω '.

We complete our axiom system by adding the following axioms:¹

- 1 G_{.i}** $\varepsilon_i(aac) = a$
- 2 G_{.i}** $a \neq c \wedge \varepsilon_i(abc) = a \rightarrow a = b$
- 3 G.** $a \neq b \wedge a \neq c \rightarrow \varepsilon_1(abc) \neq \varepsilon_2(abc)$
- 4 G.** $a \neq b \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^2 \varepsilon_i(abb) = b$
- 5 G_{.i}** $a \neq b \wedge a \neq c \rightarrow \bigvee_{j=1}^2 \varepsilon_j(\varepsilon_i(abc)ac) = a$
- 6 G_{.i}** $a \neq b \wedge a \neq c \rightarrow \bigvee_{j=1}^2 \varepsilon_j(c\varepsilon_i(abc)a) = \varepsilon_i(abc)$
- 7 G.** $a \neq b \wedge p \neq q \wedge C(apb) \wedge C(aqb) \rightarrow C(paq)$
- 8 G_{.i}** $\neg C(abc) \rightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq j, k, l \leq 2} \varrho(\varpi_j^i(abc), \chi_{kl}^i(abc); a, \varepsilon_i(acb))$
- 9 G_{.p}** $a \neq b \wedge a \neq c \wedge C(abc) \wedge \neg C(aba_p) \rightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq k, j \leq 2} \varepsilon_k(a\varepsilon_1(abc)a_p) = \varepsilon_j(a\varepsilon_2(abc)a_p)$
- 10 G.** $R(a_0R(a_0a_1\alpha(a_0a_1))R(a_0\alpha(a_0a_1)R(a_0a_1\alpha(a_0a_1)))) = \alpha(a_0a_1)$

Informally, these axioms can be phrased as follows:

G1 states that by laying off the segment aa on line \overline{ac} at a in both directions we get a .

G2 states that: if laying off the segment ab on line \overline{ac} at a one of the new points is a , then $a = b$.

G3 states that: laying off the segment ab on line \overline{ac} at a we get two distinct points.

G4 states that: laying off the segment ab on line \overline{ab} at a one of the new points coincides with b .

G5 states that: if x_1, x_2 are the points obtained by laying off the segment ab on line \overline{ac} at a , then laying off each of the segments $x_i a$ on line $\overline{x_i c}$ at x_i one of the new points obtained is a .

G6 states that: if x_1, x_2 are the two points obtained by laying off the segment ab on line \overline{ac} at a , then laying off each of the segments cx_i on line \overline{ca} at c one of the new points obtained is x_i .

G7 states that: if points a, p, b are collinear and points a, q, b are collinear then p, a, q are collinear.

G8 states (using the abbreviations in (**) above) that: if a, b, c are three distinct non-collinear points, then the rays $\overrightarrow{\varpi\chi}$ and $\overrightarrow{a\varepsilon}$ have a common rimpoint.

¹The index i is in $\{1, 2\}$, while $p \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

G9 states that: if a, b, c are collinear points and a, b, a_p are non-collinear points; $b_i = \varepsilon_i(abc)$, $i = 1, 2$, are the points obtained by laying off the segment ab on the line $\overline{a\bar{c}}$; $x_k = \varepsilon_k(ab_1a_p)$, $k = 1, 2$, are the points obtained by laying off ab_1 on the line $\overline{a\bar{a}_p}$; $y_j = \varepsilon_j(ab_2a_p)$, $j = 1, 2$, are the points obtained by laying off ab_2 on the line $\overline{a\bar{a}_p}$; then for some $k, j \in \{1, 2\}$, $x_k = y_j$.

G10 states that the radian measure of angle $\angle\alpha(a_0a_1)a_0a_1$ is $\pi/3$.

Let $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma'' \cup \{G1, \dots, G10\}$. We note that the actual number of axioms in Σ_0 when expressed in the language \mathcal{L}_0 is in fact much larger. Since the definition of $\pi_i(xab)$ involves operations defined by cases (such as R, M, T_i, A , etc.), each axiom containing $\pi_i(xab)$ and R will be split into several axioms by listing conjunctions of relevant combinations of conditions as the antecedent and then state the consequent (the axiom). Σ_0 is an axiom system for hyperbolic geometry. From [7] it follows that if $\tilde{l}, \tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}_2$ have the desired interpretations, then the axioms in Σ'' hold in hyperbolic geometry. If $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ have the desired interpretation, then G1 - G7 and G9 hold in fact in absolute geometry. To see that axiom G8 holds in hyperbolic geometry, if $\tilde{l}, \tilde{\pi}_1, \tilde{\pi}_2$ have the desired interpretations, we will consider the Beltrami-Klein inner disc model. Let a, b, c be three distinct non-collinear points and $i \in \{1, 2\}$ fixed. Using the abbreviations in (**), let t be the intersection of $\overline{\varpi\Omega}$ with $\overline{\Gamma\Delta}$. We have $ab \equiv a\varepsilon$, and as the interpretation of operation ξ holds as intended in (*), $ab \equiv \beta\gamma$. Hence the (directed) segments $a\varepsilon$ and $\gamma\beta$ are congruent. Let χ_1 be the intersection of $\overline{\varepsilon\Delta}$ with $\overline{t\Omega}$, χ_2 the intersection of $\overline{\beta\Gamma}$ with $\overline{t\Omega}$. Then the following cross-ratios are equal: $(a\varepsilon, \Omega\Gamma) = (\varpi\chi_1, \Omega t)$ and $(\gamma\beta, \Omega\Delta) = (\varpi\chi_2, \Omega t)$. Since $(a\varepsilon, \Omega\Gamma) = (\gamma\beta, \Omega\Delta)$ we must then have $\chi_1 = \chi_2 = \chi$. Thus $\overline{\varpi\chi}$ is incident with Ω . ([9] p. 308-309). Finally, we note that we have shown in Section 2 that in hyperbolic geometry, if $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ have the desired interpretation and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points such that $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$, then $\angle a_1a_0\alpha(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$. If we reflect the point $\alpha(a_0a_1)$ in line $\overline{a_0a_1}$, then reflect $R(a_0a_1\alpha(a_0a_1))$ in $a_0\alpha(a_0a_1)$, and finally reflect this new point in $\overline{a_0R(a_0a_1\alpha(a_0a_1))}$ we get back $\alpha(a_0a_1)$. Thus G10 holds.

3 Adequacy of the axiom system

Pambuccian [7] proved that Σ with the incidence predicate defined by

$$P|g \leftrightarrow (\exists Q) P \neq Q \wedge g = \varphi(P, Q), \quad (1)$$

implies the Skala axioms from [10]. Axiom C10 in [7], a universal axiom containing generic lines as individual variables, is necessary only to prove what we will call statement L : for every line g there exist two distinct points P and Q such that $g = \varphi(P, Q)$. Then Skala's axiom A2: 'each line is on at least one point' is an immediate consequence. Thus, it is in fact shown that the axiom system $\Sigma \setminus$

$\{\text{C10}\} \cup \{(1), L\}$ implies the Skala axioms. Since our axioms are expressed in \mathcal{L}_0 , which contains only one-sort of individual variables, *points*, we first need to define the notion of *line*. A pair of two distinct points a and b , $a \neq b$, will be called a line and be denoted by \overline{ab} . The incidence predicate, denoted by $p|\overline{ab}$, to be read ‘point p is incident with line \overline{ab} ’, is defined by:

$$p|\overline{ab} \leftrightarrow a \neq b \wedge C(apb). \quad (2)$$

We define what it means for two lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} to be equal or coincide by setting:

$$\overline{ab} = \overline{cd} \leftrightarrow a \neq b \wedge c \neq d \wedge (\forall x) C(axb) \leftrightarrow C(cxd) \quad (3)$$

To prove the adequacy of our system we show that $\Sigma \setminus \{\text{C10}\} \cup \{(1), L\}$ follows from $\Sigma_0 \cup \{(2), (3)\}$. Let a, b , and c be three collinear points, i.e. $C(abc)$ holds. We show that C is symmetric. If $a = c$ and $a \neq b$, by G1 we have $C(aab)$, by G4 $C(baa)$, while $C(aba)$ holds by definition. If $a \neq c$ and $a \neq b$, then for some $i \in \{1, 2\}$, $\epsilon_i(abc) = b$. By G5 $C(bac)$, by G6 $C(cba)$ is true. A repeated application of G5 and G6 shows that $C(abc)$ is symmetric.

Let p and q be two distinct points. We show that there exists a unique line incident with both p and q . By G1 we have $C(ppq)$, by G4 $C(pqq)$. Thus p and q are incident with line \overline{pq} . If $a \neq b$, and \overline{ab} is another line incident with p and q , by G7 $C(paq)$. Hence, a is incident with line \overline{pq} . By symmetry of C and G7, $b|\overline{pq}$. If now x is a point incident with \overline{pq} , then $C(pxq)$. Since we also have $C(paq)$ the antecedent of G7 is true, and thus $C(apx)$ holds. By the symmetry of C , $C(xap)$ is true. $C(xbp)$ holds also. Applying again G7 we get $C(axb)$. We have shown that:

$$a \neq b \wedge p \neq q \wedge a|\overline{pq} \wedge b|\overline{pq} \wedge x|\overline{pq} \rightarrow x|\overline{ab}. \quad (4)$$

It follows that the points p and q are incident with the line \overline{ab} . Hence, if x is a point incident with \overline{ab} , by (4) we have $x|\overline{pq}$. Thus the lines \overline{ab} and \overline{pq} coincide. Moreover, if $\eta(abcd)$ holds, then by (4) $a|\overline{cd}$ and $b|\overline{cd}$. Applying (4) again we obtain that the lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} coincide. Conversely, if $\overline{ab} = \overline{cd}$, then $C(acb)$ and $C(adb)$ hold. We obtain that $\eta(abcd)$ is equivalent to $\overline{ab} = \overline{cd}$.

In [7] the operation symbol φ has the desired interpretation, i. e. $\varphi(a, b)$ is the line determined by a and b , when $a \neq b$. This implies that $\lambda(a, b, c)$, where $\lambda(a, b, c) \leftrightarrow a = b \vee a = c \vee \varphi(a, b) = \varphi(a, c)$, may be read as ‘ a, b, c are collinear’. We will use λ for an equivalent definition in \mathcal{L} of ‘point p is incident with the line determined by points a and b , $a \neq b$ ’. More precisely,

$$p|\varphi(a, b) \leftrightarrow a \neq b \wedge \lambda(a, b, p). \quad (5)$$

From this it follows immediately that if we identify our notion of line \overline{ab} with $\varphi(a, b)$, $a \neq b$, and $p|\overline{ab}$ with $p|\varphi(a, b)$, C is equivalent to λ . Since we proved above that the lines \overline{ab} and \overline{ba} coincide, we obtain axiom C1 in [7], which states in \mathcal{L} that $\varphi(a, b) = \varphi(b, a)$. Assume now that line \overline{ab} , $a \neq b$, coincides with line \overline{cd} , $c \neq d$, $b \neq c$, and $d \neq b$. Since b is incident with \overline{cd} , by symmetry of C we have $C(bdc)$. Hence, d is incident with \overline{bc} . As b is incident with \overline{bc} , and every line is uniquely determined by two points, we have $\overline{db} = \overline{bc}$. We have thus proved C2 in [7], which states that: $a \neq b \wedge b \neq c \wedge b \neq d \wedge \varphi(a, b) = \varphi(d, c) \rightarrow \varphi(d, b) = \varphi(b, c)$, i. e. if the line \overline{ab} coincides with line \overline{dc} , then so do lines \overline{db} and \overline{bc} . Since if $a \neq b$ and $c \neq d$, $\eta(abcd)$ may be read as ‘lines \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} coincide’, $\eta(abcd)$ is equivalent to $\varphi(a, b) = \varphi(c, d)$ in \mathcal{L} . Thus our translations of the axioms in Σ' are correct rephrasings in \mathcal{L}_0 and may be read as they were intended to be read in \mathcal{L} . It is straightforward to see that the axioms in Σ' follow from our system. As the statement L follows from our definition of *line*, we are done. We obtain that \overline{ab} and $p|\overline{ab}$ have the desired interpretation whenever $a \neq b$, and thus C has the desired interpretation. Whenever \overline{ab} and \overline{cd} are two intersecting lines the operation \tilde{i} has the desired interpretation. Finally, $x\tilde{\pi}_k(xab)$ has the interpretation of one of the limiting parallel lines from point x to line \overline{ab} , whenever x is not incident with \overline{ab} . Thus $\tilde{\pi}_k(xab)$ has the desired interpretation as a point on one of the limiting parallel lines from x to \overline{ab} . (We note that by C8 in [7] $\tilde{\pi}_1(xab)$ and $\tilde{\pi}_2(xab)$ are not on the same parallel.)

Finally, we want to show that ε_1 and ε_2 have the intended interpretation. If a, b, c are three points with $a \neq c$ and $a \neq b$, by G2 $\varepsilon_i(abc) \neq a$, for $i = 1, 2$, and by G3, $\varepsilon_1(abc)$ and $\varepsilon_2(abc)$ are distinct. Let $i \in \{1, 2\}$ and $\varepsilon := \varepsilon_i(abc)$. By G8, if a, b, c are non-collinear, then ϖ, χ, Ω are collinear. Let t be the intersection of $\overline{\varpi\Omega}$ and $\overline{\Gamma\Delta}$. Since $(\varpi\chi, \Omega t) = (\gamma\beta, \Omega\Delta)$ and $(\varpi\chi, \Omega t) = (a\varepsilon, \Omega\Gamma)$, the segments $\gamma\beta$ and $a\varepsilon_i$ are congruent. As ab and $\gamma\beta$ are congruent, it follows that $a\varepsilon_i \equiv ab$. Thus, if a, b, c are non-collinear points, then $a\varepsilon_i(abc) \equiv ab$, for $i = 1, 2$. Axiom C5 (rephrased in \mathcal{L}_0) states that $\neg C(a_0a_1a_2)$, i.e. the points a_0, a_1, a_2 are non-collinear. Let a, b, c be three points with $a \neq c$, $a \neq b$ and a, b, c collinear. Then, for some $p \in \{0, 1, 2\}$, the points a, b, a_p are non-collinear. Otherwise, by G7 and the symmetry of C we would have $C(aa_0a_1)$ and $C(aa_0a_1)$. Then by G7 $C(a_0a_1a_2)$. Thus for some p the antecedent of axiom G9 $_p$ holds. Let $b_i = \varepsilon_i(abc)$, $x_k = \varepsilon_k(ab_1a_p)$, and $y_j = \varepsilon_j(ab_2a_p)$, for $i, j, k \in \{1, 2\}$. As a consequence of axiom G8, $ab_1 \equiv ax_1 \equiv ax_2$, $ab_2 \equiv ay_1 \equiv ay_2$. By G9 $_p$ for some k and $j \in \{1, 2\}$, $x_k = y_j$. Thus $ab_1 \equiv ab_2$. (As $C(abc)$ holds, for some $i \in \{1, 2\}$ $b_i = \varepsilon_i(abc) = b$.) Now that $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \tilde{i}$ have the desired interpretation and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points, R has the desired interpretation by (vi). Then by axiom G10 $\angle a_0a_1a_2 = \pi/3$. In the notation of Section 2, definition (xiii), $\tan \theta = 2/\cosh 2\delta$. Since $\theta = \pi/3$, we have $\cosh 2\delta = 2/\sqrt{3}$.

Hence $\tan \Pi(2\delta) = \sqrt{3}$ and $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$. Thus a_0, a_1, a_2 are as desired.

We have thus proved the following:

1 Theorem. \mathfrak{M} is a model of Σ_0 if and only if \mathfrak{M} is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{K}_2(F)$, the Beltrami-Klein model of 2-dimensional hyperbolic geometry, where F is a Euclidean ordered field and the operations $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \tilde{\iota}$ have the desired interpretations, and a_0, a_1, a_2 are three non-collinear points such that $\Pi(a_0a_1) = \pi/3$.

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