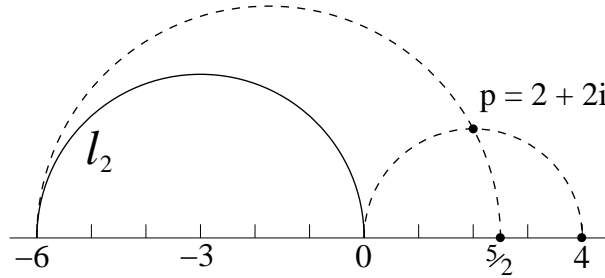


Question

Let ℓ_1 be the hyperbolic line contained in the Euclidean line $\{z \in \mathbf{C} \mid \operatorname{Re}(z) = 4\}$, let ℓ_2 be the hyperbolic line contained in the Euclidean circle with center -3 and radius 3 , and let p be the point $p = 2 + 2i$. Determine explicitly all the hyperbolic lines through p which are parallel to both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 .

Answer

Let's take it one line at a time:



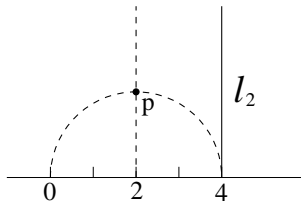
Consider the two lines through p and the two endpoints at infinity of ℓ_2 :
 The line through p and 0 has endpoints at infinity $0, 4$.
 The line through p and -6 has endpoints at infinity $-6, \frac{5}{2}$ (of center and radius of the euclidean circle containing the hyperbolic line through $p, -6$).
 These 4 points $-6, 0, \frac{5}{2}, 4$ break $\mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ into 4 intervals:

$$(-6, 0), \left[0, \frac{5}{2}\right], \left(\frac{5}{2}, 4\right), [4, -6]$$

(where $[4, -6] = [4, \infty] \cup \{\infty\} \cup (-\infty, -6]$ is an interval through ∞).
 A hyperbolic circle through p intersects ℓ_2 if and only if it has an end point at infinity in $(-6, 0)$ or $\left(\frac{5}{2}, 4\right)$. So, the hyperbolic lines through p and parallel to ℓ_2 correspond to points in $[4, -6] \cup \left[0, \frac{5}{2}\right]$.
 Similarly, the two hyperbolic lines through p and the endpoints at infinity of ℓ_1 determine 4 intervals on $\mathbf{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ namely

$$(0, 2), [2, 4], (4, \infty), \text{ and } [-\infty, 0]$$

The lines parallel to ℓ_1 correspond to the points in $[2, 4] \cup [-\infty, 0]$.



So, the lines through p parallel to both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 correspond to the points in the intersection

$$([2, 4] \cup [-\infty, 0]) \cap ([4, -6] \cup [0, \frac{5}{2}]) = [2, \frac{5}{2}] \cup [-\infty, -6] \cup \{0, 4\}$$

(where $[-\infty, -6] = (-\infty, -6] \cup \{\infty\}$).