

Question

For each point p in \mathbf{H} , $p \neq i$, determine the equation of the Euclidean circle or line containing the hyperbolic line through p and i , in terms of $\operatorname{Re}(p)$ and $\operatorname{Im}(p)$.

Answer

If $\operatorname{Re}(p)=0$, then the hyperbolic line through p and i has the equation $\{\operatorname{Re}(z) = 0\}$. (So a vertical euclidean line.)

If $\operatorname{Re}(p) \neq 0$, the slope of the euclidean line segment through p and i is $m = \frac{\operatorname{Im}(p) - 1}{\operatorname{Re}(p)}$ and the midpoint is $\frac{1}{2}(p + i)$. So, the perpendicular bisector has the equation

$$y - \frac{1}{2}(\operatorname{Im}(p) + 1) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(p)}{1 - \operatorname{Im}(p)} \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Re}(p) \right).$$

Setting $y = 0$ and solving for x we see that the euclidean circle containing the hyperbolic line through i and p has center a

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -\frac{1}{2}(\operatorname{Im}(p) + 1) \frac{(1 - \operatorname{Im}(p))}{\operatorname{Re}(p)} + \frac{1}{2}\operatorname{Re}(p) \\ &= \frac{-1 + \operatorname{Im}(p)^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(p)} + \frac{\operatorname{Re}(p)^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(p)} = \frac{|p|^2 - 1}{2\operatorname{Re}(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

The radius of the circle is:

$$r = \left| \frac{\operatorname{Im}(p)^2}{2\operatorname{Re}(p)} - i \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{|p|^2 - 1}{2\operatorname{Re}(p)} \right)^2 + 1}$$