

SOLUTIONS FOR “MORE WEEK 08 EXERCISES”

11. (a) The midpoint conditions imply the following equations:

$$|AE| = |EC| = |AC|/2 = |A'C'|/2 = |E'C'| = |A'E'|$$

$$|AF| = |FC| = |AB|/2 = |A'B'|/2 = |F'B'| = |A'F'|$$

$$|BD| = |DC| = |BC|/2 = |B'C'|/2 = |D'C'| = |B'D'|$$

Furthermore, we are given that $|\angle CAB = \angle EAF| = |\angle C'A'B' = \angle E'A'F'|$, $|\angle ABC = \angle FBD| = |\angle A'B'C' = \angle F'B'D'|$, and $|\angle ACB = \angle ECD| = |\angle A'C'B' = \angle E'C'D'|$. so by SAS we have the congruences $\triangle EAF \cong \triangle E'A'F'$, $\triangle FBD \cong \triangle F'B'D'$, and $\triangle ECD \cong \triangle E'C'D'$. ■

(a) The triangle congruences in (a) imply that $|EF| = |E'F'|$, $|DF| = |D'F'|$ and $|DE| = |D'E'|$. Therefore we also have $\triangle DEF \cong \triangle D'E'F'$ by SSS. ■

(c) Consider $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle AFE$ first. By SAS similarity we have $\triangle AFE \sim \triangle ABC$ with ratio of similitude equal to $\frac{1}{2}$. Therefore $|EF| = |BC|/2$. Similarly $|E'F'| = |B'C'|/2$. Interchanging the roles of A, B, C and D, E, F (and the corresponding primed vertices) in a compatible manner consistent with the midpoint notation, we likewise conclude that $|DF| = |AC|/2$, $|D'F'| = |A'C'|/2$, $|DE| = |AB|/2$ and $|D'E'| = |A'B'|/2$. Combining this with $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle A'B'C'$, by SSS congruence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \triangle AEF &\cong \triangle FDB \cong \triangle CED \cong \triangle DFE \cong \\ \triangle A'E'F' &\cong \triangle F'D'B' \cong \triangle C'E'D' \cong \triangle D'F'E' \end{aligned}$$

which is what we wanted to prove; in subsequent exercises we shall see that the analogous result in hyperbolic geometry is false. ■

12. (a) Suppose first that we have a Saccheri quadrilateral $\diamond ABCD$ in a hyperbolic plane with base $[AB]$. By a theorem in Section 16.3 of Moise, we know that $|AB| \leq |CD|$, and furthermore by a previous exercise we know that if the Saccheri quadrilateral is a rectangle if equality holds. Since rectangles do not exist in a hyperbolic plane, we must have the strict inequality $|AB| < |CD|$.

Now suppose that that we have a Lambert quadrilateral $\diamond ABCD$ in a hyperbolic plane with right angles at A, B, C . By Exercise V.3.9 and V.3.10 we know that $d(A, B) \leq d(C, D)$ and $d(A, D) \leq d(B, C)$, and if either $d(A, B) = d(C, D)$ or $d(A, D) = d(B, C)$ then the Lambert quadrilateral is a rectangle. As above, since rectangles do not exist in a hyperbolic plane, we must have the strict inequalities $d(A, B) < d(C, D)$ and $d(A, D) < d(B, C)$. ■

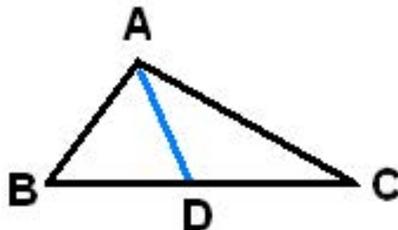
(b) This follows fairly directly from results in Section 4 of the notes. By an exercise from the preceding section, we know that the lines containing the summit and base of the Saccheri quadrilateral have a common perpendicular, and the theorem from the notes says that the shortest distance from a point on one line to the other is realized at the points where the two parallel lines meet this common perpendicular. Since the lines containing the lateral sides of a Saccheri quadrilateral are perpendicular to the line containing the base, it follows that the length of a lateral side must be greater than the length of the segment joining the midpoints of the summit and base, for the line joining these two points is the common perpendicular. ■

(c) In a Saccheri quadrilateral both summit angles are acute and have the same angular measure. The first assertion follows because the angle sum of a convex quadrilateral in hyperbolic geometry is always less than 360° . In contrast, a Lambert quadrilateral has three right angles at the vertices, and only the remaining vertex angle can be acute.■

13. If we split a triangle $\triangle ABC$ into two triangles by a segment $[BD]$ where $D \in (AC)$, then we have

$$\delta(\triangle ABC) = \delta(\triangle ABD) + \delta(\triangle ADC)$$

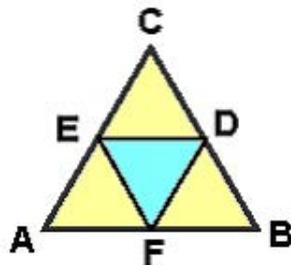
and since all numbers in sight are positive it follows that at least one of the numbers on the right hand side is less than or equal to $\frac{1}{2}\delta(\triangle ABC)$.



The preceding argument shows that if we are given $\triangle ABC$ then there is some triangle $\triangle X_1Y_1Z_1$ such that $\delta(\triangle X_1Y_1Z_1) \leq \frac{1}{2}\delta(\triangle ABC)$. Repeating this process, for each n we can construct a triangle $\triangle X_nY_nZ_n$ such that $\delta(\triangle X_nY_nZ_n) \leq \delta(\triangle ABC)/2^n$. One can now use the Archimedian Property to show there is some n for which the right hand side is less than h .■

14. (a) As in the proof of the Hyperbolic AAA Congruence Theorem we know that the defects satisfy $\delta(\triangle ADE) < \delta(\triangle ABC)$. If we apply the Isosceles Triangle Theorem and the definition of defect to both triangles we find that $180 - |\angle BAC| - 2|\angle ADE| = \delta(\triangle ADE) < \delta(\triangle ABC) = 180 - |\angle BAC| - 2|\angle ABC|$ and from this point one can use standard manipulations with inequalities to prove that $|\angle ADE| > |\angle ABC|$.■

(b) Since equilateral triangles are equiangular, we know that $|\angle BAC| = |\angle ABC| = |\angle BCA|$; let us denote this common value by ξ . Since D, E and F are midpoints of the sides of an equilateral triangle, we know that $|AF| = |FB| = |BD| = |DC| = |CE| = |EA|$ and therefore we have $\triangle AEF \cong \triangle BFD \cong \triangle CDE$ by SAS.



.All three of these smaller triangles are isosceles, so that we also have

$$|\angle AEF| = |\angle AFE| = |\angle BFD| = |\angle BDF| = |\angle CDE| = |\angle CED|$$

and we shall denote the common value by η .

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The triangle congruences also imply

$$|EF| = |FD| = |DE|$$

and hence $\triangle DEF$ is also an equilateral triangle. Thus it is also equiangular, so let φ be the measure of the three vertex angles. The second relationship to be proved in the exercise then translates to showing that $\varphi > \xi$.

Since we are working in hyperbolic geometry we know that the angle sum of, say, $\triangle AEF$ is less than 180 degrees, and if we substitute the values ξ and η into this inequality we find that $\xi + 2\eta < 180$.

A picture suggests that we should also have $\varphi + 2\eta = 180$, but we need to prove this. A key step in doing this is to show that E lies in the interior of $\angle DFA$. To prove this, first observe that the betweenness relations $C * E * A$ and $C * D * B$ imply that C , D and E all lie on the same side of AB . Next, the betweenness relations $A * F * B$ and $C * D * B$ imply that B lies on the side of FD opposite both C and A , so that A and C lie on the same side of DF . Finally, $E \in (AC)$ now implies that A and E must lie on the same side of DF , completing the requirements for E to lie in the interior of $\angle DFA$.

The preceding paragraph implies that $|\angle DFA| = |\angle DFE| + |\angle EFA| = \varphi + \eta$. Since $A * F * B$ holds, we also have

$$180 = |\angle DFA| + |\angle DFB| = \varphi + \eta + \eta = \varphi + 2 \cdot \eta$$

which was the claim at the beginning of the preceding paragraph. It now follows that

$$\xi + 2 \cdot \eta < 180 = \varphi + 2 \cdot \eta$$

which implies $\xi < \eta$, proving the inequality stated in the second assertion of the exercise.

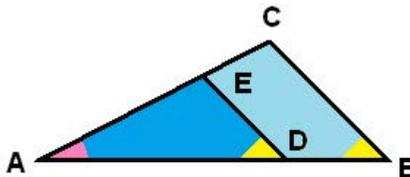
Finally, we need to show that the isosceles triangle $\triangle AEF$ is not an equilateral triangle. However, the preceding exercise implies that

$$|\angle EFA| > |\angle ABC|$$

and since the right hand side is equal to $|\angle CAB = \angle EAF|$, we can use “the larger angle is opposite the longer side” to conclude that $|AE| < |FA|$. ■

15. We know that there is a ray $[DX$ such that $(DX$ lies on the same side of AB as C and $|\angle EDA| = |\angle CBA|$. The rays $[DX$ and $[BC$ cannot have a point in common, for if they met at some point Y then the Exterior Angle Theorem would imply $|\angle EDA| > |\angle CBA|$ and by construction these two numbers are equal.

By Pasch’s Theorem the line DX must have a point in common with either $[BC]$ or (AC) . Since $[DX$ and $[BC$ have no points in common by the preceding paragraph, it follows that there must be a point $E \in (AC) \cap DX$. Since $A * E * C$ is true, it follows that E and C lie on the same side of AB , so that $[DE = [DX$.



Since $A * E * C$ is true, it follows that E and C lie on the same side of AB , so that $[DE = [DX$. Furthermore, since $E \in (AC)$ and $D \in (AB)$, the angle defects of $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle ADE$ satisfy

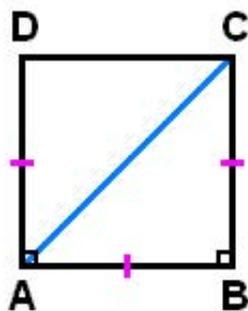
$$\delta(\triangle ABC) = \delta(\triangle ADE) + \delta(\triangle EDC) + \delta(\triangle DBC)$$

so that $\delta(\triangle ADE) < \delta(\triangle ABC)$. On the other hand, by construction we have

$$\delta(\triangle ABC) - \delta(\triangle ADE) = |\angle AED| - |\angle ACB|$$

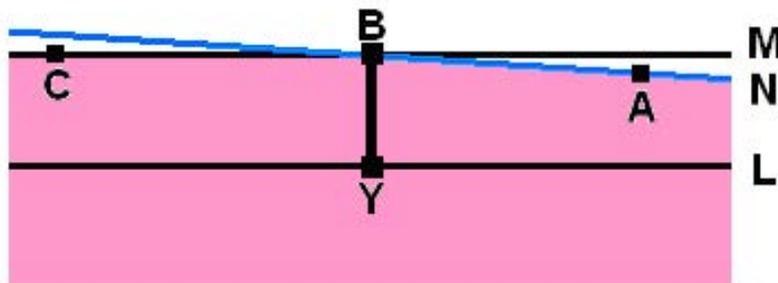
and since the left hand side is positive it follows that $|\angle AED| > |\angle ACB|$, which is what we wanted to prove. ■

16. Suppose that the ray $[AC$ bisects $\angle DAB$. Then we have $|\angle CAD| = |\angle DAB| = 45^\circ$.



On the other hand, since $\triangle ABC$ is an isosceles triangle with a right angle at B , it will follow that $|\angle ACB| = 45^\circ$. In particular, this means that the angle defect of $\triangle ABC$ is zero. This cannot happen in a hyperbolic plane, and therefore the ray $[AC$ cannot bisect $\angle DAB$. ■

17. Follow the hint, so that B is a point not on a line L such that there are at least two parallel lines to L through B . One of the lines can be constructed by dropping a perpendicular from B to L whose foot we shall call Y , and then taking a line M which is perpendicular to BY and passes through B . Let N be a second line through B which is parallel to L .



Since L and M are parallel, all points of L lie on the same side of M . Since N contains points on both sides of M , it follows that there is some point A which lie on N and also on the same side of M as L . Note that $A \notin BY$, because $N \cap BY = \{B\}$ and $B \in M$. Since M contains points on both sides of BY , there is also a point $C \in M$ which lies on the side of BY which does not contain A (hence A and C lie on opposite sides of BY).

We claim that L is contained in the interior of $\angle ABC$. The first step is to show that Y lies in the interior of this angle. By construction we know that $Y \in L$ and since L and A lie on the same

side of M , it follows that Y and A lie on the same side of $M = BC$. On the other hand, since A and C lie on opposite sides of BY we know there is a point $Z \in (AC) \cap BY$. It follows that A and Z lie on the same side of $BC = M$, and since A and Y also lie on the same side of M it follows that $(BY = (BZ$. But this means that C, Z and Y must all lie on the same side of $N = AB$. Thus we have shown that Y lies in the interior of $\angle ABC$.

Since L does not have any points in common with either M or N , it follows that all points of L lie on the same side of each line. We have seen that $Y \in L$ lies on the same side of $M = BC$ as A and on the same side of $N = AB$ as C , and therefore the same must be true for every point of L . But this means that L is contained in the interior of $\angle ABC$.■

(b) The location of the line L is arbitrary, so it is useful to begin by disposing of a special case first. If L contains the vertex B , then $B \notin \text{Int } \angle ABC$ and we are done. Assume henceforth that $B \notin L$.

We know that the lines AB and BC are distinct, so at most one of them is parallel to L ; let M be a line in $\{AB, AC\}$ which is not parallel to L . Then L must contain a point of AB or AC . Since both of these lines are disjoint from $\text{Int } \angle ABC$ it follows that L must contain a point which is not in the interior of the angle.■

