

Metric Space Inversions and Quasihyperbolic Geometry

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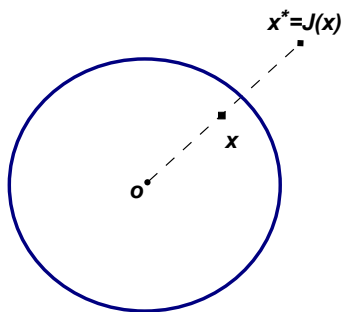
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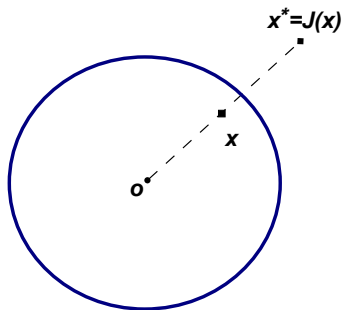
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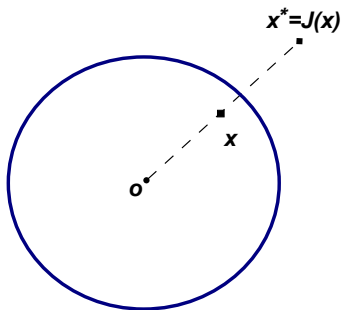
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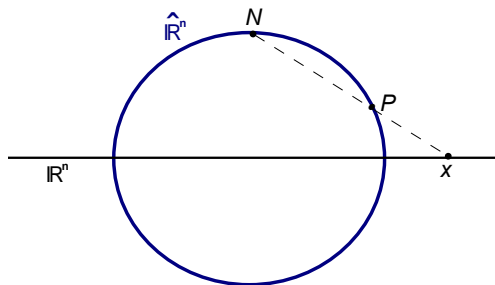
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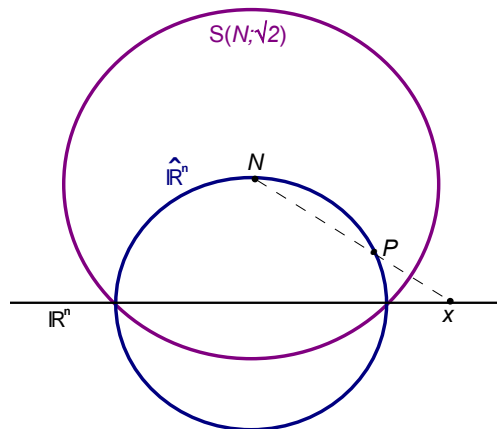
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$$|x, y, z, w| \leq t \implies |f(x), f(y), f(z), f(w)| \leq \vartheta(t)$$

where **absolute cross ratio** of distinct $x, y, z, w \in Z$ is

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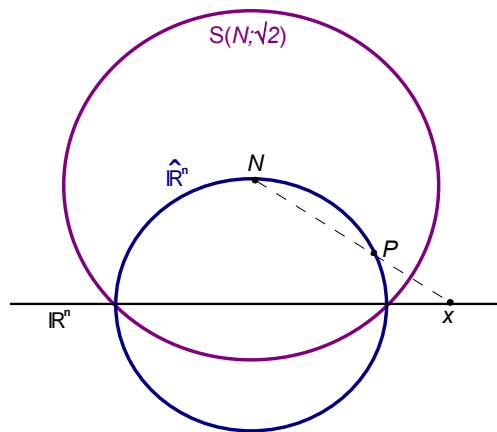
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Recall that in Euclidean setting stereographic projection $\hat{\mathbb{R}}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ can be viewed as inversion about $\mathbb{S}(N; \sqrt{2}) \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$.



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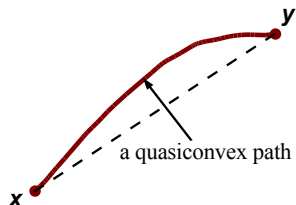
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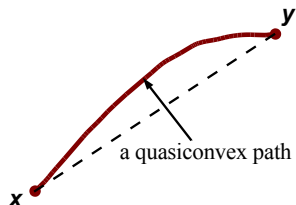


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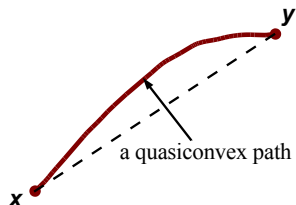


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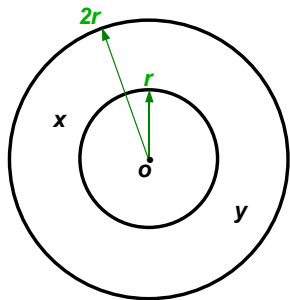
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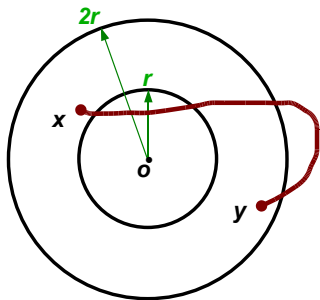
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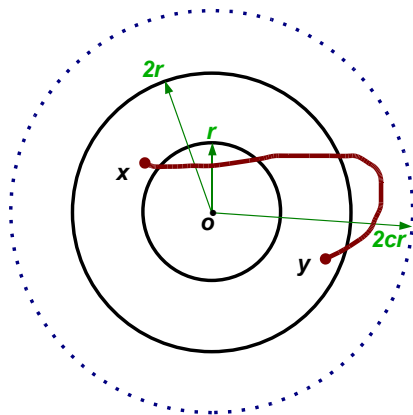
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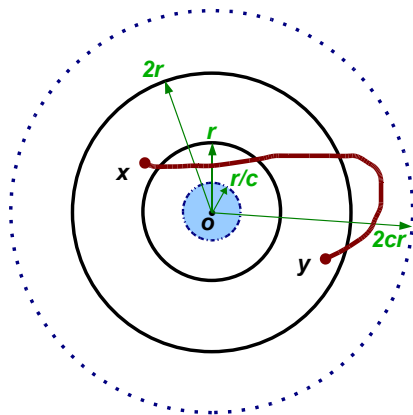
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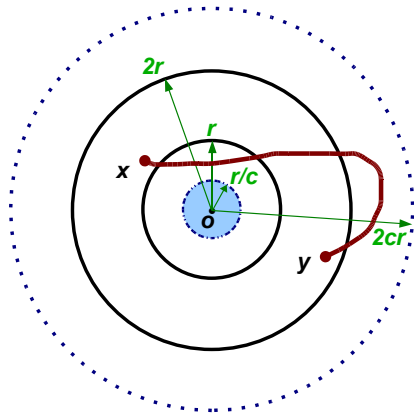
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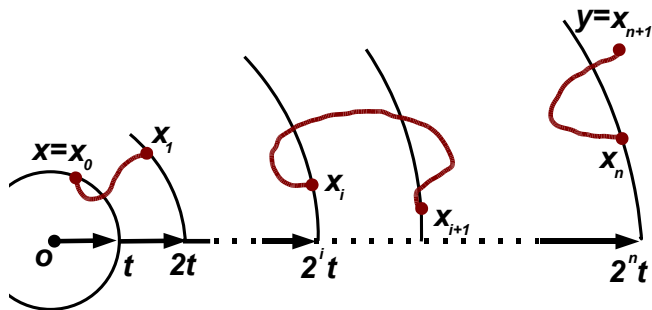
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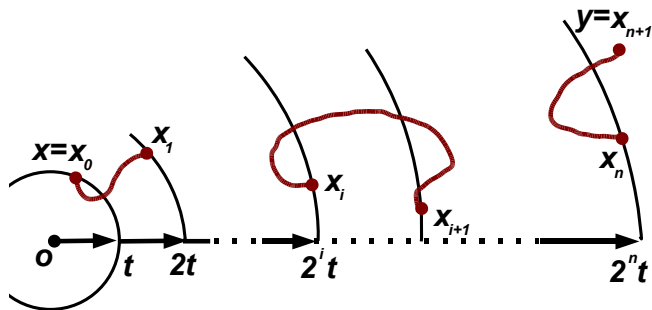
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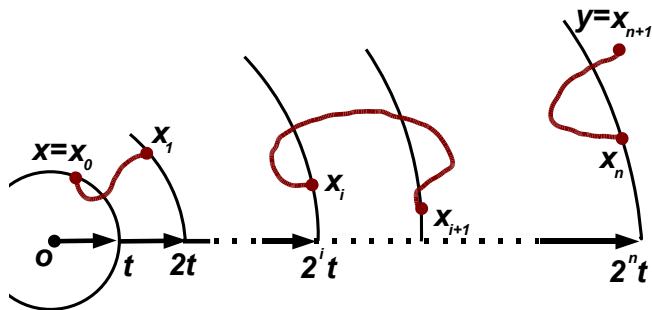
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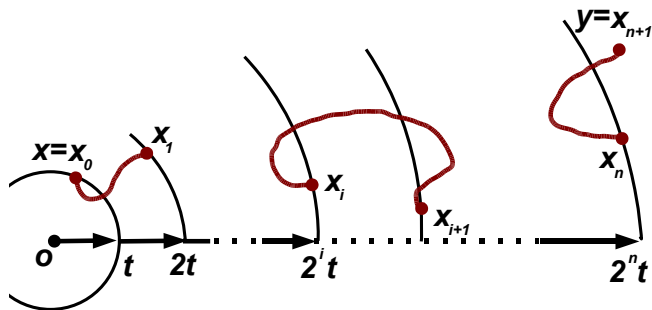


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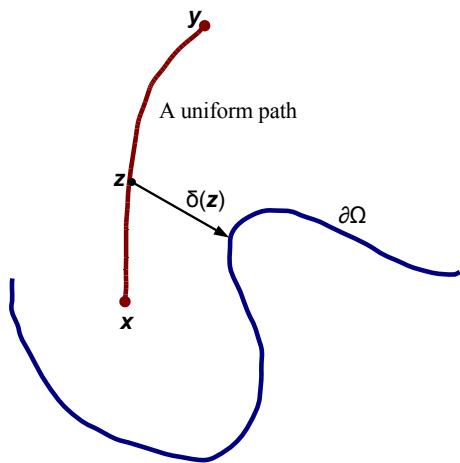
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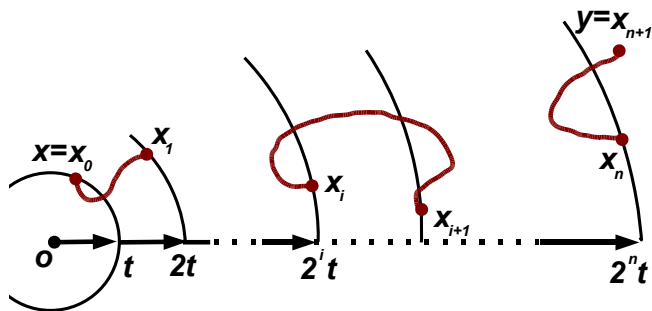
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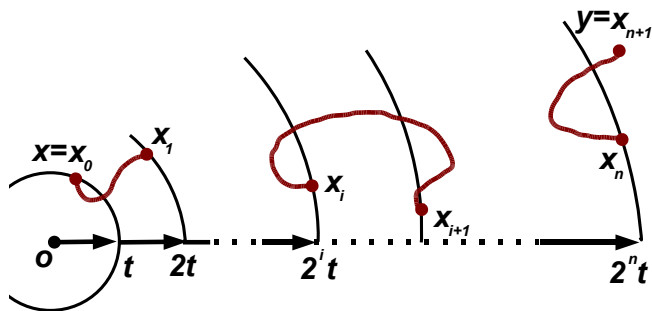
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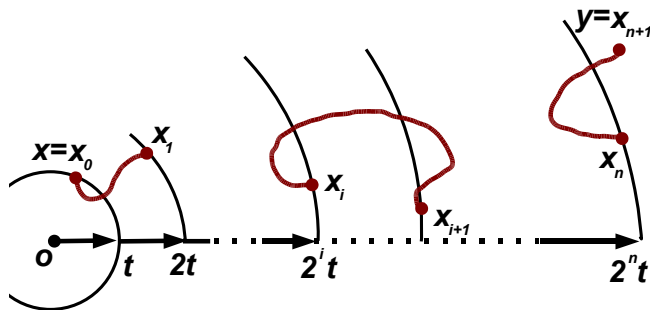
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