Triangles in Various Geometries

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Spherical Geometry

Spheres and Great Circles

-Great Circles

-Antipodal Points





Triangle in Spherical Geometry (Area) С 'A' B' β B α Α

Area of a Spherical Triangle

 $\begin{aligned} 2\pi r^2 &= Area(ABA'C) + Area(BAB'C) + Area(CAC'B) - 2Area(\triangle ABC) \\ 2\pi r^2 &= 2\alpha r^2 + 2\beta r^2 + 2\gamma r^2 - 2Area(\triangle ABC) \\ 2Area(\triangle ABC) &= 2\alpha r^2 + 2\beta r^2 + 2\gamma r^2 - 2\pi r^2 \\ Area(\triangle ABC) &= (\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \pi)r^2. \end{aligned}$

Axiomatic Systems

Euclid's Postulates

- 1. We can draw a straight line from any point to any other point.
- 2. We can continue a line segment continuously into a straight line.
- 3. We can construct a circle so that every point along the edge is equidistant from the center.
- 4. The measure of right angles are always equal.
- 5. If we have a line intersecting two other lines at two distinct points, and the sum of the measure of the interior angles formed between them is less than π , then the lines will intersect on that side (depicted in next slide).

The Fifth Postulate



Saccheri's Conclusions





Hyperbolic Geometry

The Characteristic Axiom of Hyperbolic Geometry

Given a line *k* and a point *P* not on *k*, there exists at least two lines *m* and *l* that do not intersect *k*.



Infinitely Many Lines





Sensed Parallels

Since there are infinitely many parallel lines in hyperbolic space, how close can a line get before intersecting?

Angles of Parallelism







Saccheri Quadrilaterals





Summit Angles



Triangle Sum Less Than Pi





Thank you!

Any Questions?