MA4J2 Exercise sheet 3.

Please let me know if any of the problems are unclear or have typos.

**Exercise 3.1.** Recall that  $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$ . In class we showed that  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes O(2) < \text{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^2)$ . We also showed that straight lines are geodesics. Prove  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rtimes O(2) \cong \text{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^2)$ .

**Exercise 3.2.** Show great circles are geodesics for  $\mathbb{S}^2$ . Prove Isom( $\mathbb{S}^2$ ) = O(3).

**Exercise 3.3.** Let  $ds_S = 2ds/(1+r^2)$ , where  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ . Consider the metric space  $\mathbb{X} = (\mathbb{R}^2, ds_S)$ . Prove  $\mathbb{X}$  is not complete. [Optional challenge: Prove  $\mathbb{X}$  is locally homogeneous.]

**Exercise 3.4.** Let  $ds_L = ds/r$ , with ds and r as above. Consider the metric space  $\mathbb{L} = (\mathbb{R}^2 - \{0\}, ds_L)$ . Prove from the definitions  $\mathbb{L}$  is complete and homegeneous. [Optional challenge: Compute Isom( $\mathbb{L}$ ). Classify geodesics in  $\mathbb{L}$ .]

**Exercise 3.5.** Here is another way to approach Exercise 3.4. With  $\mathbb{L}$  as in that exercise, show the map  $\rho \colon \mathbb{E}^2 \to \mathbb{L}$ , defined by  $\rho(x,y) = (e^x \cos y, e^x \sin y)$ , is an isometric covering map. Deduce  $\mathbb{L}$  is modelled on  $\mathbb{E}^2$  and so is complete and (locally) homogeneous.

**Exercise 3.6.** Let  $ds_D = 2ds/(1-r^2)$ . Consider the metric space  $\mathbb{D} = (\mathbb{D}^2, ds_D)$  where  $\mathbb{D}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is the open unit disk. Prove  $\mathbb{D}$  is complete and homogeneous.

**Exercise 3.7.** Suppose (X, Isom(X)) is a geometry and G < Isom(X) is a subgroup. Prove G is discrete in Isom(X) if and only if G acts properly discontinuously on X.

**Exercise 3.8.** Show every isometry  $f \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^2)$  is either the identity, a reflection in a line, a translation, a rotation about a point, or a glide reflection along a line.

**Exercise 3.9.** Show every  $f \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{S}^2)$  is a product of reflections in great circles. As in Exercise 3.8 give a classification of elements of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{S}^2)$ . [Hint: it may be useful to first review the classification of elements of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ .]

**Exercise 3.10.** Let  $R_a \in \text{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^1)$  be the reflection  $R_a(x) = 2a - x$ . Give the details of the proof that  $\langle R_0, R_1 \rangle < \text{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^1)$  is isomorphic to the infinite dihedral group

$$D_{\infty} = \langle \alpha, \beta \mid \alpha^2, \beta^2 \rangle.$$

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