MAT 402: Classical Geometry





Platonic Solids



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What tiling is this? What can we notice?

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Learning Objectives:

- Poincaré's argument about the un-knowability of the intrinsic metric of space
- Discuss the distinction between a model of a geometry and a geometry
- Show that the sum of angles in the disk model is less than π .

Poincaré's Thought Experiment (§7.8)

In his famous book Science et Hypothèse, Henri Poincaré describes the physics of a small "universe" and the physical theories that its inhabitants would create. The universe considered by Poincaré is Euclidean, plane (two-dimensional), and has the form of an open unit disk. Its temperature is 100° Farenheit at the center of the disk and decreases linearly to absolute zero at its boundary. The lengths of objects (including living creatures) are proportional to temperature.

- Sossinsky, Geometries.

Task

What conclusions would scientists in this world come to?

Hilbert's Theorem

Theorem (Hilbert (1901))

There is no complete isometric embedding $F : \mathbb{H}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$.

Real World Applications of Hyperbolic Geometry

Task (15 min)

Find some real world applications of hyperbolic geometry. Feel free to Google and use Wikipedia, look around a bit.

Sum of Angles

Task

Show that the sum of angles in the disk model is less than π

Exam Discussion

Task

What would you like on the exam? Suggestions for the structure? How many questions? What length?

(Parker will try to accomodate these are far as possible.)