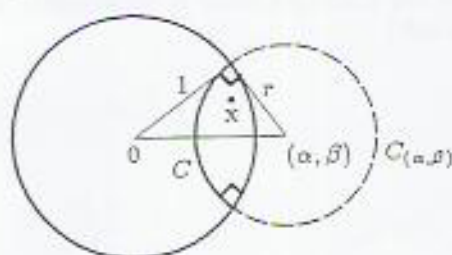


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This question concerns a general reflection in the non-Euclidean disc  $\mathcal{D}$ . Such a reflection is obtained by inversion in a given  $d$ -line. We assume here that this  $d$ -line is part of a circle  $C_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  with centre  $(\alpha, \beta)$  which meets  $\mathcal{D}$  at right angles, as illustrated in the following diagram.



- (a) Show that if the radius of the circle  $C_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is  $r$ , then

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = r^2 + 1.$$

[1]

- (b) The image,  $\phi(x)$ , of a point  $x$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  under inversion in  $C_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  lies on the Euclidean line joining  $x$  to  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , and so has vector representation of the form

$$\phi(x) = \lambda x + (1 - \lambda)(\alpha, \beta), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Determine the value of  $\lambda$ , and deduce that

$$\phi(x) = (\alpha, \beta) + \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 1}{\|x - (\alpha, \beta)\|^2} (x - (\alpha, \beta)).$$

[5]

- (c) The point  $x_1$  that maps to the origin  $(0, 0)$  under inversion in  $C_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  must lie on the Euclidean line joining  $(0, 0)$  to  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

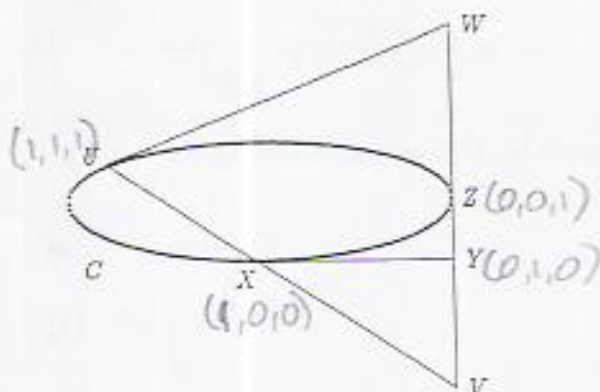
Using this observation and the result of part (b), or otherwise, prove that

$$x_1 = \frac{(\alpha, \beta)}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}.$$

[4]

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This question concerns a general conic  $C$  in the projective plane.



The tangents to  $C$  at  $X$  and  $Z$  meet at  $Y$ , and the tangent through the Point  $W$  of  $YZ$  meets  $C$  at  $U$ . The Line  $UX$  meets  $YZ$  at  $V$ .

- (a) Taking  $XYZ$  as triangle of reference, write down the equation of the conic.

[1]

- (b) By making a suitable choice of coordinates for the Point  $U$ , find the equation of the tangent through  $U$ . Hence find the coordinates of the Point  $W$ .

[4]

- (c) Find the equation of the Line  $UX$  and hence the coordinates of the Point  $V$ .

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- (d) Find the cross-ratio  $(YZ VW)$ .

[3]