

Enigmas, etc.

Elevation Angle

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Let us continue sailing on the same Cartesian impedance plane. Recalling the origin-centered circular arc presented last month, we now slide it 50Ω rightward as shown in Figure 1. Find the Poincaré length Λ of this arc and express it in terms of the elevation angle θ observed from the origin. Which of the following is equal to Λ ?

- (a) θ
- (b) $\sin \theta$
- (c) $\cos \theta$
- (d) $\tan \theta$

The solution will be revealed next month. Until then, enjoy this puzzle and expect the arc length Λ to exhibit

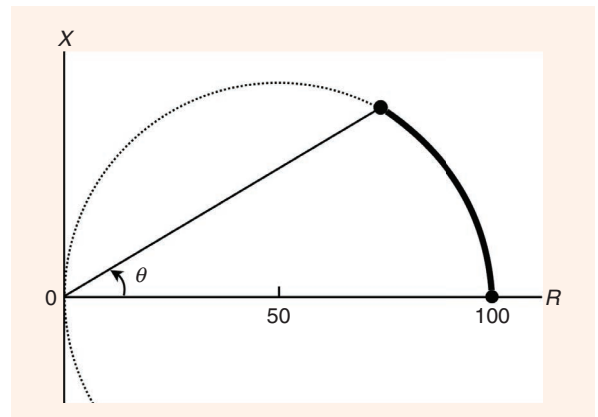


Figure 1. The circular arc standing upon the horizon with elevation angle θ .

a physical meaning different from that presented last month, although the two arcs are of the same shape and dimensions.

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