

7.4.1 Equidistant set of two points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is a plane.

①

$$d(x, P)^2 = (x_1 - p_1)^2 + (x_2 - p_2)^2 + (x_3 - p_3)^2$$

$$d(x, Q)^2 = (x_1 - q_1)^2 + (x_2 - q_2)^2 + (x_3 - q_3)^2$$

$d(x, P)^2 = d(x, Q)^2 \Rightarrow -2x_1p_1 + p_1^2 - 2x_2p_2 + p_2^2 - 2x_3p_3 + p_3^2 = -2x_1q_1 + q_1^2 + \dots$

↑ linear in  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  equation of plane.

②

$d(x, P) = d(x, Q) \Rightarrow$  triangle isosceles  $\Rightarrow$  altitude bisects  $PQ$   
 $\Rightarrow X$  lies on bisecting plane to  $PQ$ .

7.4.2

same Euclidean distance  $\Leftrightarrow$  same angular distance.  
 $\Rightarrow$  same distance on  $S^2 \Rightarrow$  same distance in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

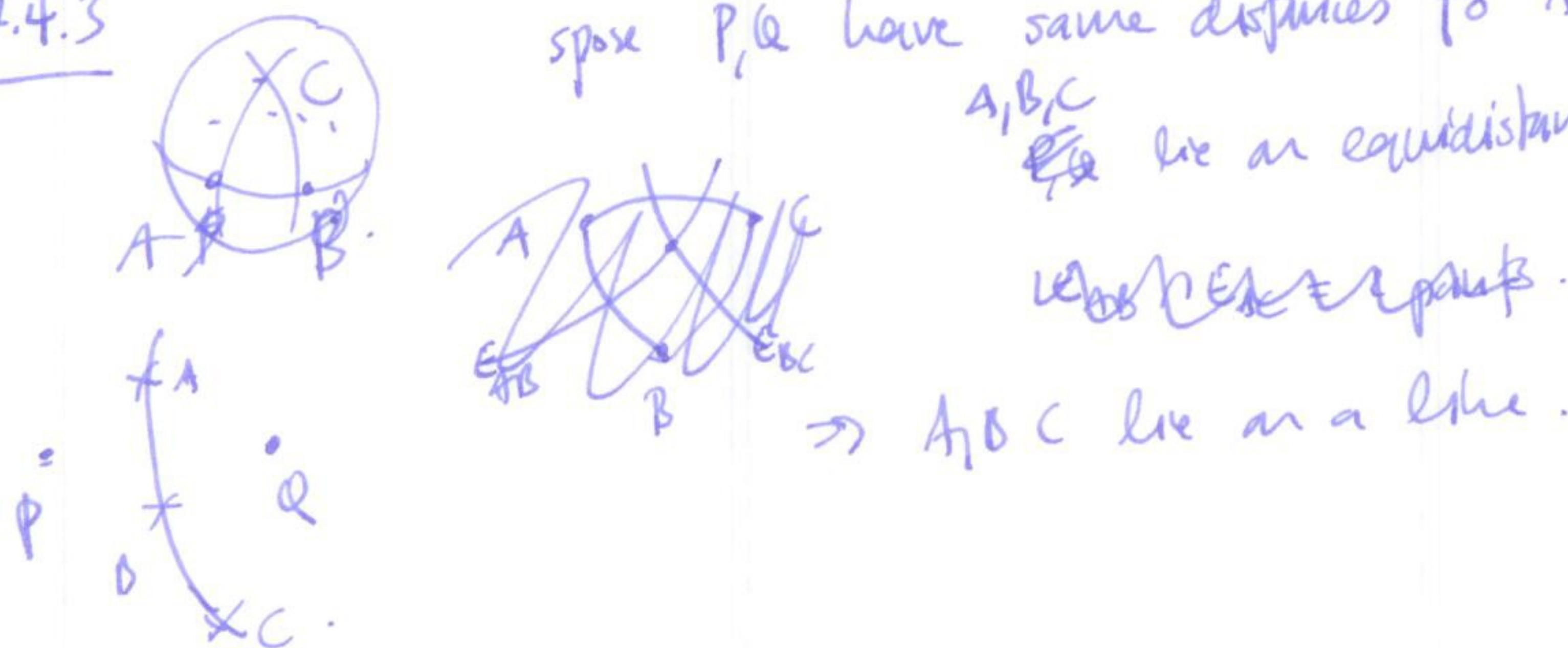
so equidistant set  $\subset$  plane

origin is equidistant from  $P, Q \Rightarrow$  plane goes through origin.

so equidistant set is a great circle.

7.4.3

suppose  $P, Q$  have same distances to  $A, B, C$  not collinear.  
 $A, B, C$  lie on equidistant sets to  $P, Q$



7.4.4 isometry preserves distance so give  $d(P, A), d(P, B), d(P, C)$  know  
 images. not on a line preserved by isometry. so  $f(P)$  unique.

7.4.5 same as 3.7.

## §7.5 The rotation group of the sphere

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$$\text{Isom}^+(S^2) \subset \text{Isom}(S^2)$$

↑ orientation preserving isometries  $\leftrightarrow$  even number of reflections.

product of two reflections is a rotation.

product of two rotations?



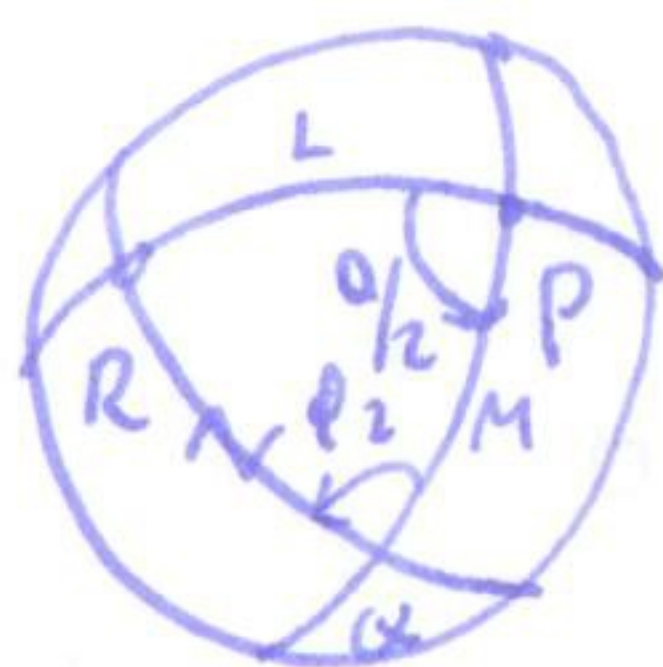
claim: product of two rotations is a rotation.

rotation of  $\theta$  about  $P \leftrightarrow$  product of reflections in two lines  $L$  and  $M$  through  $P$  which meet at angle  $\theta/2$ .



choose  $M$  to go through  $P$  and  $Q$ .

rotation of  $\phi$  about  $Q \leftrightarrow$  product of reflections in two lines  $M$  and  $N$  through  $Q$  meeting at angle  $\phi/2$ .



$$\text{rotation of } \theta \text{ about } P \leftrightarrow = \tau_M \tau_L$$

$$\text{rotation of } \phi \text{ about } Q = \tau_N \tau_M$$

product is

$$\tau_N \tau_M \tau_M \tau_L = \tau_N \tau_L = \text{rotation about } R \\ \text{intersection of } N \text{ and } L.$$