

On the conjectured extension of Hilbert's theorem

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ABSTRACT

In 1901 Hilbert proved that *there is no isometric immersion from the complete hyperbolic plane \mathbb{H}^2 into three-dimensional Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3* . It is a long-standing problem if the complete hyperbolic space \mathbb{H}^n can be isometrically immersed in the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^{2n-1} , when $n \geq 3$. In fact, the non-existence of such an immersion has been frequently conjectured by several mathematicians, among them Yau (1982), Moore (2002) and Gromov (2017).

The aim of our talk is to show that: *if such an immersion exists then the second fundamental form of that immersion has exponential growth*.

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