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When geometric structures on surfaces are determined by the lengths of curves, it is natural to ask *which* curves' lengths do we really need to know? It is a classical result of Fricke that a hyperbolic metric on a surface is determined by its marked simple length spectrum. More recently, Duchin–Leininger–Rafi proved that a flat metric induced by a unit-norm quadratic differential is also determined by its marked simple length spectrum. In this talk, I will describe a generalization of the notion of simple curves to that of  *$q$ -simple curves*, for any positive integer  $q$ , and show that the lengths of  $q$ -simple curves suffice to determine a non-positively curved Euclidean cone metric induced by a  $q$ -differential metric. (Received September 03, 2018)