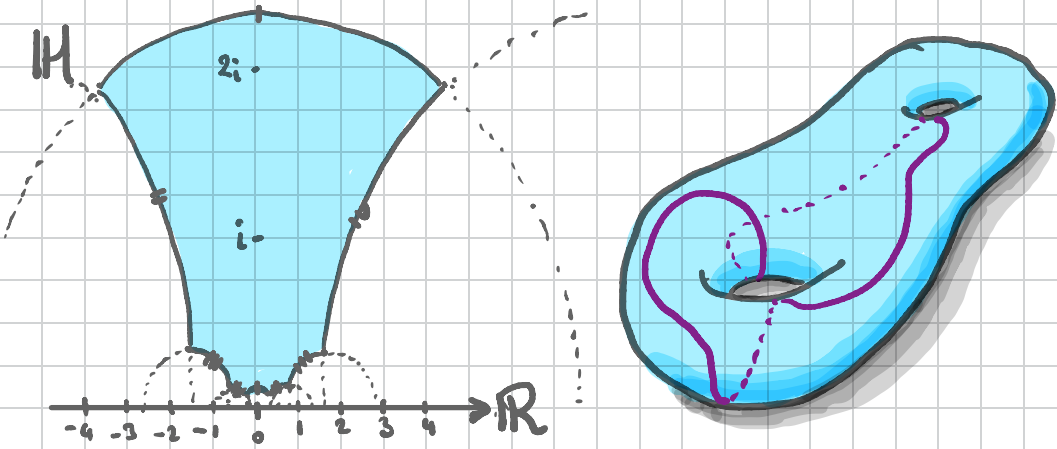


TCC: Hyperbolic surfaces, their length spectra and connections to Markoff triples



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Plan for the course:

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Lecture 1: The hyperbolic plane

We will focus on the upper half-plane model.

$$\text{Let } \mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}^2 := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}.$$

We call this the upper half-plane.

As a subset of \mathbb{C} , \mathbb{H} inherits

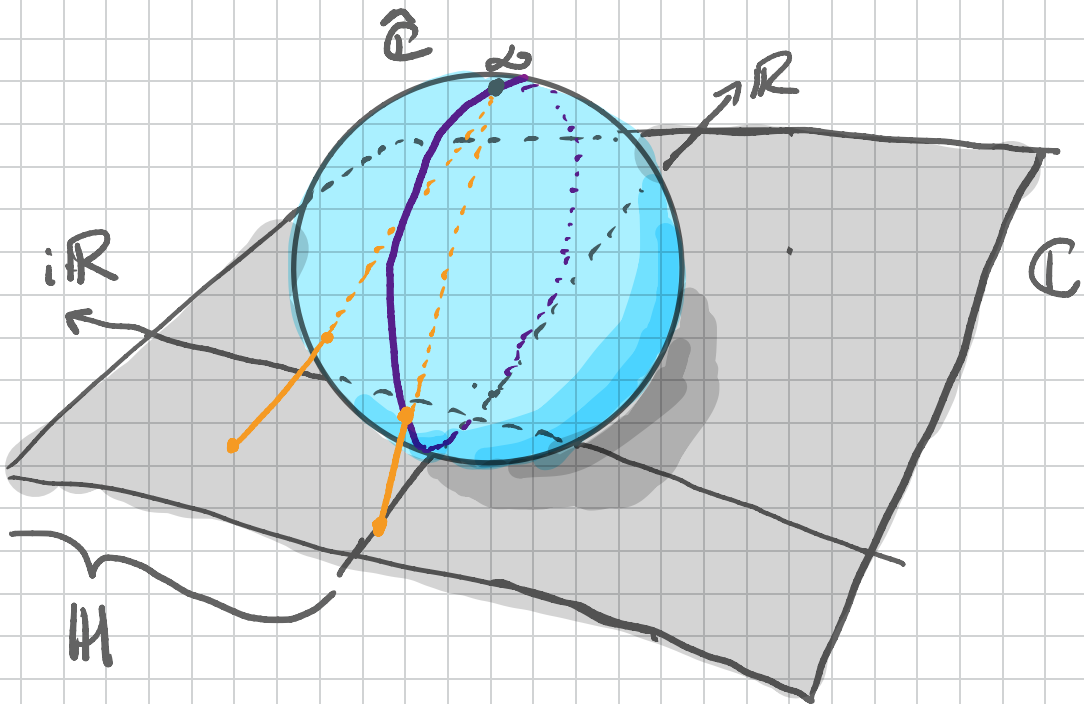
1. A smooth structure.
2. A complex structure.

We will consider the automorphisms of these structures of \mathbb{H} and determine the Riemannian metrics on \mathbb{H} (conformal to the Euclidean metric) that are preserved by these automorphisms.

The metric of constant curvature -1 in this family will be the hyperbolic metric on \mathbb{H} .

To simplify the proofs, we consider \mathbb{H} as a subset of the Riemann sphere

$$\hat{\mathbb{C}} := \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}.$$



A Möbius transformation is a map $f: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ which, for $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$, $ad - bc \neq 0$, is defined by

$$f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(w) = \frac{a + bw}{c + dw}, \quad w = \frac{1}{z} \text{ in a neighborhood of } z = \infty.$$

Exercise

Prove that Möbius transformations form a group under composition generated by

i. $z \mapsto az + b$, $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$, $a \neq 0$, $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$

ii. $z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}$.

Note By simultaneously scaling a, b, c and d , we can assume that $ad - bc = 1$.

Prop The group of Möbius transformations of $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$, $\text{Möb}(\mathbb{C})$, is isomorphic to

$$\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}) \cong \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{C}) / \langle \pm I \rangle$$

Proof: The map

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

is a surjective homomorphism with kernel $\{\pm I\}$. □

Exercise

Prove that $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ acts transitively but not freely on $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ and on pairs of distinct points.

transitive $\Leftrightarrow \forall x, y \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}, \exists A \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ st. $A \cdot x = y$.

free $\Leftrightarrow \forall A \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}), A \neq I \Rightarrow A \cdot x \neq x \forall x$.

Prop $\text{Möb}(\hat{\mathbb{C}})$ acts transitively and freely on triples of points in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$.

Proof It suffices to send any triple of pts to $(0, 1, \infty)$ and to prove that any map fixing $(0, 1, \infty)$ is the identity.

i. Consider (z_1, z_2, z_3) . Then

$$f(z) = \frac{(z_2 - z_3)z - z_1(z_2 - z_3)}{(z_2 - z_1)z - z_3(z_2 - z_1)}$$

sends (z_1, z_2, z_3) to $(0, 1, \infty)$.

ii. Now, if $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ fixes $(0, 1, \infty)$ we see that $c=0=b$ and $\frac{a}{d}=1$. So $f(z) = z$. \square

Recall that $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ inherits an inner product on tangent spaces from the Euclidean inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^2}$ on $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$. Hence, we can measure angles between tangent vectors at a point $z \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$.

(We can only measure angles! We do not get a global metric.)

A smooth map $f: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is **conformal** if it preserves angles between tangent vectors. That is, $\forall z \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}, u, v \in T_z \hat{\mathbb{C}},$

$$\langle Df_z(u), Df_z(v) \rangle_{T_{f(z)} \hat{\mathbb{C}}} = \lambda^2(z) \langle u, v \rangle_{T_z \hat{\mathbb{C}}}$$

for some smooth $\lambda(z) > 0$.

Let

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) := \{ \text{conformal bijections of } \hat{\mathbb{C}} \}.$$

as a group.

Prop

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) \cong \text{Möb}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) \cong \text{PSH}(2, \mathbb{C})$$

Proof:

⊇: Let $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d} = u(x,y) + iv(x,y)$. Then we have

$$Df_z = \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy-Riemann}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} u_x & -v_x \\ v_x & u_x \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Re}(f'(z)) & -\text{Im}(f'(z)) \\ \text{Im}(f'(z)) & \text{Re}(f'(z)) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= |f'(z)| \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

for $\theta = \text{Arg}(f'(z))$.

Hence, since $\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SO}(2, \mathbb{R})$,

$$\langle Df_z(u), Df_z(v) \rangle = |f'(z)|^2 \langle u, v \rangle$$

$$\text{and } |f'(z)|^2 = \frac{|ad-bc|^2}{|cz+d|^4} > 0.$$

⊆: let $f: \hat{\mathbb{C}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ be a conformal automorphism.

By composing with Möbius transformations

we can assume that $f(0) = 0$ and

$f(\infty) = \infty$.

We can then show that $g(z) = \frac{f(z)}{z}$ is entire and bounded on \mathbb{C} . Hence, by

Liouville's theorem, $g(z) = c$ for some $c \in \mathbb{C}^*$.

Therefore, $f(z) = z \cdot g(z)$ is linear and hence Möbius. □

A circle in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is the locus given by $|z-a|=r$ for some $r \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$.

Now

$$|z-a|=r \Leftrightarrow |z-a|^2=r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (z-a)(\bar{z}-\bar{a})=r^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |z|^2 - \bar{a}z - a\bar{z} + (|a|^2 - r^2) = 0.$$

So a circle has the form

$$A|z|^2 + Bz + \bar{B}\bar{z} + C = 0, \quad A, C \in \mathbb{R}, B \in \mathbb{C},$$

with $A \neq 0$ and $|B|^2 - AC > 0$.

A line in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ has the form $\text{Im}(z) = \lambda \cdot \text{Re}(z) + d$

So,

$$\frac{z-\bar{z}}{2i} = \lambda \frac{z+\bar{z}}{2} + d \Leftrightarrow (\lambda i - 1)z + (\lambda i + 1)\bar{z} + 2id = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\lambda + i)z + (\lambda - i)\bar{z} + 2d = 0.$$

So a line has the form

$$Bz + \bar{B}\bar{z} + C = 0, \quad B \in \mathbb{C}, C \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prop $\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbb{C}})$ sends circles and lines to circles and lines.

Proof We have seen that $\text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbb{C}})$ is generated by $z \mapsto az+b$ and $z \mapsto \frac{1}{z}$.

It can then be checked that the form $A|z|^2 + Bz + \bar{B}\bar{z} + C = 0$ maps to $A'|z|^2 + B'z + \bar{B}'\bar{z} + C' = 0$ for some other $A', C' \in \mathbb{R}$, $B' \in \mathbb{C}$. So we are done. \square

Now, we restrict to \mathbb{H} .

let $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) := \{f \in \text{Aut}(\hat{\mathbb{C}}) : f(\mathbb{H}) = \mathbb{H}\}$.

Prop $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \cong \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) / \langle \pm I \rangle$.

Proof let $\partial\mathbb{H} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \subseteq \hat{\mathbb{C}}$. Then an $f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$ must satisfy $f(\partial\mathbb{H}) = \partial\mathbb{H}$.

So, if $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$, then

$f(0) = \frac{b}{d} \in \partial\mathbb{H}$, $f(1) = \frac{a+b}{c+d} \in \partial\mathbb{H}$, $f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c} \in \partial\mathbb{H}$.

This implies that $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $a' = \lambda a$, $b' = \lambda b$, $c' = \lambda c$ and $d' = \lambda d$ are all real and $f(z) = \frac{a'z + b'}{c'z + d'}$, with

$$\begin{pmatrix} a' & b' \\ c' & d' \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSH}(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

Conversely, note that if $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSH}(2, \mathbb{R})$, then

$$\text{Im} \left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d} \right) = \frac{|ad - bc|}{|cz + d|^2} \cdot \text{Im}(z).$$

So $\text{Im}(z) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Im} \left(\frac{az + b}{cz + d} \right) > 0$. So \mathbb{H} is preserved bijectively. Hence, $\frac{az + b}{cz + d} \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$. \square

We now focus on finding metrics on \mathbb{H} invariant by $\text{PSH}(2, \mathbb{R})$.

Recall that the Euclidean metric on $\mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$ is given by

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 = |dz|^2.$$

This gives the standard inner product on tangent spaces.

A Riemannian metric on \mathbb{H} is conformal to the Euclidean metric if

$$ds = \lambda(z) |dz|$$

for some smooth $\lambda(z) > 0$.

Prop Up to scale, there is a unique conformal metric on \mathbb{H} invariant by

$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. Namely,

Proof:
$$ds^2 = \frac{|dz|^2}{\text{Im}(z)^2} = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}.$$

For $f \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{H})$ we require

$$\lambda(f(z)) \cdot |f'(z)| \cdot |dz| = \lambda(z) |dz|.$$

Consider $f(z) = vz + u$. At $z = i$, we require

$$\lambda(u + vi) \cdot v = \lambda(i).$$

Scaling λ so that $\lambda(i) = 1$, we get the

functional equation

$$\lambda(z) = \frac{1}{\text{Im}(z)}.$$

We can check that this is also invariant under $z \mapsto -1/\bar{z}$, and so we are done. \square

Recall that a Riemannian metric of the form $ds^2 = g_1 dx^2 + g_2 dy^2$ has Gaussian curvature given by

$$K = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{g_1 g_2}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sqrt{g_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g_2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \sqrt{g_1} \right) \right].$$

Since

$$ds^2 = \frac{|dz|^2}{\operatorname{Im}(z)^2} = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2},$$

we have $g_1 = g_2 = \frac{1}{y^2}$, so all $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ are 0 and

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{y^2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(y \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{1}{y} \right) \right) \\ &= -y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(-\frac{1}{y} \right) \\ &= -y^2 \cdot \frac{1}{y^2} = -1. \end{aligned}$$

So the metric has constant curvature -1 .

Prop In fact, any Riemannian metric on \mathbb{H} invariant by $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ must already be conformal.

Proof

The stabiliser in $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ of i can be checked to be $\mathrm{SO}(2, \mathbb{R})$. In particular,

$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ stabilises i . We have

$Df_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. So $g = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} \\ g_{12} & g_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ is invariant at i

if and only if $Df_i^T g Df_i = g \Leftrightarrow g = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{11} \end{pmatrix}$.

That is, $ds^2 = g_{11} (dx^2 + dy^2)$.

Transitivity of the action of $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ then implies the same globally.

So $ds^2 = \lambda^2(z) |dz|^2$ and so is indeed conformal. \square

The Riemannian metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{|dz|^2}{\operatorname{Im}(z)^2} = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

gives a length metric on \mathbb{H} defined by

$$d_{\mathbb{H}}(z, w) = \inf \left\{ l(\gamma) \mid \begin{array}{l} \gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{H} \text{ piecewise } C^1 \\ \gamma(a) = z, \gamma(b) = w \end{array} \right\}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} l(\gamma) &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{\operatorname{Im}(\gamma(t))} |\gamma'(t)| dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{y(t)} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

if $\gamma(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$.

Let $f: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ be a smooth bijection. Then

f is an orientation preserving isometry if

$$\det(Df_z) > 0 \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{H}, \quad d_{\mathbb{H}}(f(z), f(w)) = d_{\mathbb{H}}(z, w)$$

$\forall z, w \in \mathbb{H}$.

Let $\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H})$ be the group of orientation preserving isometries.

By construction, $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H})$.

We shall prove the reverse inclusion.

We first consider geodesics.

Recall that **geodesics** are paths that locally minimize distance.

Prop

Vertical lines in \mathbb{H} are geodesics. Moreover, if $b > a$, then $d_{\mathbb{H}}(a_i, b_i) = \log \frac{b}{a}$.

Proof: Consider any path $\gamma(t) = x(t) + iy(t)$, $t \in [t_0, t_1]$, joining a_i to b_i . Then

$$\begin{aligned} l(\gamma) &= \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{1}{y(t)} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt \\ &\geq \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{1}{y(t)} \frac{dy}{dt} dt \\ &= \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} dy = \log \frac{b}{a} \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$; i.e. $\gamma(t)$ is the vertical line. So the vertical line minimises distance locally (and globally) and we are done. \square

Prop Let $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$. If $\operatorname{Re}(z) = \operatorname{Re}(w)$, then the geodesic from z to w is the vertical line from z to w , otherwise it is the arc of the circle with centre on $\partial\mathbb{H}$ joining z to w .

Proof

In the first case, applying the isometry $f(u) = u - \operatorname{Re}(z)$ moves z and w to $i\mathbb{R}$ and the result follows from the previous proposition.

Otherwise, let $\mu < \eta$ be the endpoints of the semi-circle with centre on $\partial\mathbb{H}$ joining z to w . Applying the isometry

$$f(u) = \frac{u - \eta}{u - \mu} \quad (\text{note } |i \frac{-\eta}{-\mu}| = \eta - \mu > 0)$$

sends η to 0 and μ to ∞ . Hence, since $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \subseteq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ sends circles and lines to circles and lines and preserves angles, the semicircle is sent to $i\mathbb{R}$, the unique geodesic between $f(z)$ and $f(w)$. So the original semicircle was the unique geodesic between z and w . \square

Prop

Given $z, w \in \mathbb{H}$,

$$\cosh(d_{\mathbb{H}}(z, w)) = 1 + \frac{|z - w|^2}{2 \operatorname{Im}(z) \operatorname{Im}(w)}.$$

Proof

Both sides are invariant under $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ and the formula holds for $z = ai$ and $w = bi$. \square

Exercise: Use this formula to show that hyperbolic circles in \mathbb{H} are also Euclidean circles (with different centres).

Hint First consider circles around i .

Prop $\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}) \subseteq \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$

Proof

Let $T \in \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H})$. Suppose $T(i) = z$ and $T(2i) = w$. Consider the map $f_1 \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ sending the geodesic between z and w to $i\mathbb{R}$. Now, if $f_1(z) = ai$ apply $f_2(w) = \frac{w}{a}$.

So $f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T(i) = i$ and, by isometries,

$$d_{\mathbb{H}}(f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T(i), f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T(2i)) = \log 2$$

So $f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T(2i) \in \{2i, \frac{i}{2}\}$.

So, if needed apply $f_3(w) = \frac{1}{w}$, so that one of $f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T$ and $f_3 \circ f_2 \circ f_1 \circ T$ fixes both i and $2i$. Call this map S .

Now consider some $v \in \mathbb{H}$. We have

$$r_i := d_{\mathbb{H}}(i, v) = d_{\mathbb{H}}(i, S(v))$$

and

$$r_2 := d_{\mathbb{H}}(2i, v) = d_{\mathbb{H}}(2i, S(v)).$$

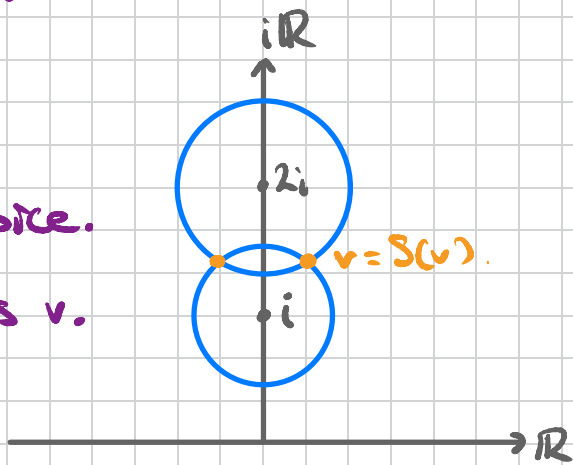
So v and $S(v)$ both lie on the hyperbolic circles of radius r_1 about i and r_2 about $2i$.

These are Euclidean circle intersecting twice.

One of these points is v .

But, since S is orientation preserving

v and $S(v)$ must lie on the same side of $i\mathbb{R}$. So we have $S(v) = v$ and so $S = I \Rightarrow T \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$.



So, we have achieved the following: □

Thm

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}) \cong \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$$

We will now classify elements of $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ by their fixed points. The key information

will be the trace $\text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = a + d$.

Suppose, $T = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ and

$$z = f(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}.$$

Then

$$cz^2 + (d - a)z - b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z = \frac{a - d \pm \sqrt{(a - d)^2 + 4bc}}{2c}$$

$$= \frac{a - d \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 2ad + d^2 + 4bc}}{2c}$$

$$= \frac{a - d \pm \sqrt{(a + d)^2 - 4(ad - bc)}}{2c}$$

$$= \frac{a - d \pm \sqrt{\text{tr}(T)^2 - 4}}{2c}.$$

So we see the following.

Classification

(1) If $\text{tr}(T) = \pm 2$, then $T = \text{id}$ or T has a single fixed point in $\partial\mathbb{H}$. We call T **parabolic**.

(2) If $|\text{tr}(T)| > 2$, then T has two fixed points in $\partial\mathbb{H}$. We call T **hyperbolic**.

(3) If $|\text{tr}(T)| < 2$, then T has two complex conjugate fixed pts in $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ and so a single fixed point in \mathbb{H} . We call T **elliptic**.

Each type has a canonical element in its conjugacy class.

We do this by moving the fixed points to ∞ , $(0, \infty)$, or i , in each case.

Parabolics:

Let η be the fixed point in $\partial\mathbb{H}$. We conjugate by $f(z) = \frac{-1}{z - \eta}$ to obtain a map T fixing ∞ . Hence, $T(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$ has $c = 0$ and $ad - bc = ad = 1$. So $T(z) = z + \frac{b}{a}$.

Hyperbolics:

Conjugate by $f(z) = \frac{z - \eta^i}{z - \eta^r}$, η^i fixed in $\partial\mathbb{H}$ to get a map T fixing 0 and ∞ . Then $T(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$ has the form $T(z) = \lambda z$ for some $\lambda > 0$. So $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}$.

T sends $z = ai$ to $\lambda z = \lambda ai$ hence translates along $i\mathbb{R}$ by $d_{\mathbb{H}^1}(z, \lambda z) = \log \lambda$.

Observe that

$$2 \cosh\left(\frac{\log \lambda}{2}\right) = \text{tr } T.$$

Elliptic:

Let $\eta \in \mathbb{H}$ and $\bar{\eta} \in \hat{\mathbb{C}} \setminus \mathbb{H}$ be the fixed points.

Conjugate by $f(z) = \frac{z - \operatorname{Re}(\eta)}{\operatorname{Im}(\eta)}$ to obtain

a map with fixed points at $\pm i$. We

saw earlier that the stabiliser of i is

$\operatorname{SO}(2, \mathbb{R})$. So

$$T(z) = \frac{\cos \theta \cdot z + \sin \theta}{-\sin \theta \cdot z + \cos \theta}$$

for some θ .

$$\text{Then } T'(i) = \frac{1}{(-\sin \theta i + \cos \theta)^2} = e^{2i\theta}.$$

So T rotates about i by an angle of 2θ .

Notice, this angle of rotation ψ satisfies

$$2 \cos(\psi/2) = \operatorname{tr} T.$$