

Lecture 6: fundamental domain and $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

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Let's go back to \mathcal{H} . We said that on an orientable surface Σ we can put a hyperbolic structure if and only if $\pi_1(\Sigma)$ has a discrete faithful rep'n into $PSL_2(\mathbb{R})$.

Def. A discrete subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ is called a Fuchsian group.

Def. $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ is called a fundamental domain of Γ if

① $\mathcal{F} = \overline{\mathcal{F}^\circ}$: closure of its interior.

$$\text{② } \mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma \mathcal{F}$$

$$\text{③ } \mathcal{F} \cap \gamma \mathcal{F} = \emptyset \text{ for } \gamma \neq \text{id}.$$

$$\text{④ } |\{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \mathcal{F} \cap \gamma \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset\}| < \infty.$$

Lemma If \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 are two fundamental domains of Γ and $\text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\partial \mathcal{F}_1) = 0$,

then $\text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_1) = \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_2)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf. } \mathcal{F}_1^\circ &= \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} (\mathcal{F}_1^\circ \cap \gamma \mathcal{F}_2) \Rightarrow \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_1^\circ) \leq \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_1^\circ \cap \gamma \mathcal{F}_2) \\ &= \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma^{-1} \mathcal{F}_1^\circ \cap \mathcal{F}_2) \\ &= \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\left(\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma \mathcal{F}_1^\circ\right) \cap \mathcal{F}_2\right) \\ &\leq \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_2). \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_1) \leq \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}_2). \quad \blacksquare$$

Lemma. Γ : Fuchsian $\Rightarrow \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Stab}_{\Gamma} x \neq \{1\}\}$ is discrete.

Pf. If not, $\exists x_n \in \mathcal{H}, \gamma_n \in \Gamma \setminus \{1\}$ st.

$$\textcircled{1} x_n \rightarrow x$$

$$\textcircled{2} \gamma_n \cdot x_n = x_n$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leftarrow d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_n, x) = d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma_n \cdot x_n, \gamma_n \cdot x) = d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_n, \gamma_n \cdot x)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma_n \cdot x, x) \leq 2 d_{\mathcal{H}}(x, x_n) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since $\Gamma \cdot x$ is discrete, for $n \geq n_0$ $\gamma_n \cdot x = \gamma_{n_0} \cdot x$

Since Γ is discrete and $\text{Stab}_{\mathbb{G}} x$ is compact, $\gamma_n = \gamma_{n_0}$ for $n \geq n_0$.

Since $\gamma_{n_0} \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ and it fixes infinitely many points, it is 1,

which is a contradiction. ■

Proposition (Dirichlet domain)

Suppose Γ is a Fuchsian group, $x_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ st. $\text{Stab}_{\Gamma}(x_0) = \{1\}$.

Let $\mathcal{D}(x_0; \Gamma) := \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall \gamma \in \Gamma, \gamma \neq 1, d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma \cdot x_0, x) \geq d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0, x)\}$.

Then $\mathcal{D}(x_0; \Gamma)$ is a fundamental domain of Γ .

Pf. Let $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{D}(x_0; \Gamma)$.

Step 0. \mathcal{F} is intersection of half-planes (why?). So it is convex, closed, and path connected.

$$\mathcal{F}^\circ = \{x \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall \gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \{1\}, d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma \cdot x_0, x) > d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0, x)\}$$

(\subseteq) (easy)

$$(\supseteq) \mathcal{B}(d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0, x_0/2) \subset \mathcal{F}^\circ$$

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$$(\supseteq) \mathcal{B}_x(d_{\mathcal{H}}(\Gamma \cdot x_0, x)/2) \subseteq \mathcal{F}^\circ$$

$\overline{\mathcal{F}^\circ} = \mathcal{F}$ (nbhd of a point intersects only finitely many of the above planes.)

Step 1. $\mathcal{H} = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma \mathcal{F}$.

$\forall x \in \mathcal{H}$, since $\Gamma \cdot x_0$ is discrete, $\exists \gamma_0 \in \Gamma$ s.t.

$$d_{\mathcal{H}}(\gamma_0 \cdot x_0, x) = d_{\mathcal{H}}(\Gamma \cdot x_0, x)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{\mathcal{H}}(x_0, \gamma_0^{-1} \cdot x) = d_{\mathcal{H}}(\Gamma \cdot x_0, \gamma_0^{-1} \cdot x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_0^{-1} \cdot x \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow x \in \gamma_0 \cdot \mathcal{F}.$$

Step 2. $\gamma \mathcal{F}^\circ \cap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ if $\gamma \neq 1$.

Suppose $\exists x \in \mathcal{F}^\circ$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma \setminus 1$ s.t. $\gamma \cdot x \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} d(x_0, x) < d(\gamma^{-1} \cdot x_0, x) = d(x_0, \gamma \cdot x) \\ \downarrow \\ x \in \mathcal{F}^\circ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow *$$

and $\left. \begin{array}{l} d(x_0, \gamma \cdot x) \leq d(\gamma \cdot x_0, \gamma \cdot x) = d(x_0, x) \\ \downarrow \\ \gamma \cdot x \in \mathcal{F} \end{array} \right\}$ ■

Proposition $\mathcal{F} := \{z \in \mathcal{H} \mid |z| \geq 1, |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ is a fundamental domain of $\operatorname{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$.

Pf. • $\operatorname{Stab}_G(\alpha i) \cap \operatorname{PSL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \ni \{\pm g\}$.
 $\alpha > 1$

$$\frac{a(\alpha i) + b}{c(\alpha i) + d} = \alpha i \Rightarrow \alpha a i + b = -\alpha^2 c + \alpha d i$$

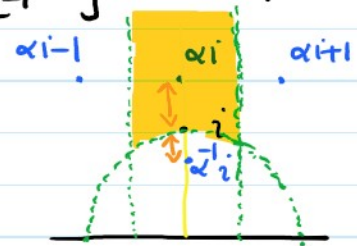
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha a = \alpha d \\ b = -\alpha^2 c \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = d \\ b = -\alpha^2 c \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = ad - bc \\ = a^2 + \alpha^2 b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0 \text{ and } a = \pm 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Stab}_{\Gamma}(\alpha i) = I.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \mathcal{D}(\alpha i; \Gamma) \ni z &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} d_{\mathcal{H}}(\alpha i, z) \leq d_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \pm 1 \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}(\alpha i), z\right) \\ \Rightarrow |\text{Im}(z)| \leq 1/2 \\ d_{\mathcal{H}}(\alpha i, z) \leq d_{\mathcal{H}}\left(\begin{bmatrix} & \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}(\alpha i), z\right) \\ \Rightarrow |z| \geq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$



• In order to show the equality it is enough to show there are no $z \in \mathcal{F}^\circ$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \{1\}$ s.t. $\gamma \cdot z \in \mathcal{F}$.

$$\text{Im}(\gamma \cdot z) = \frac{\text{Im}(z)}{|cz + d|^2}$$

$$|cz + d|^2 = c^2 |z|^2 + 2 \text{Re}(z) cd + d^2 > c^2 + d^2 - |cd| \\ = (|c| - |d|)^2 + |cd|.$$

$$(|c| - |d|)^2 + |cd| = 0 \Rightarrow c = d = 0 \quad \text{✗} \quad \Rightarrow |cz + d|^2 > 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Im}(\gamma \cdot z) < \operatorname{Im}(z)$$

Similarly we have $\operatorname{Im}(z) = \operatorname{Im}(\gamma^{-1} \cdot \gamma \cdot z) \leq \operatorname{Im}(\gamma \cdot z)$

which is a contradiction. ■.

$$\bullet \operatorname{vol}\left(\frac{SL_2(\mathbb{R})}{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}\right) = ?$$

• What volume form are we using?

$$\bullet f: SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \rightsquigarrow \bar{F}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C},$$

$$\bar{F}(x+iy) = \int_K f(n(x) a(\sqrt{y}) k) dk$$

$$x+iy = \begin{bmatrix} y & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot i = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{y} & x/\sqrt{y} \\ 0 & \sqrt{y}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot i = n(x) a(\sqrt{y}) \cdot i \quad \text{where } n(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } a(y) = \begin{bmatrix} y & \\ & y^{-1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\text{Then } f \mapsto \int_{\mathcal{H}} \bar{F}(z) d_{\mathcal{H}} z \text{ defines}$$

a left G -invariant measure (why?) (look at my note for the next lecture.)

Let $\mathcal{F} := \{g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R}) \mid g_{22} \geq 1, g \cdot i \in \mathcal{F}\}$, where

$$\mathcal{F} := \{z \in \mathcal{H} \mid |\operatorname{Re}(z)| \leq 1/2, |z| \geq 1\}.$$

Lemma. \mathcal{F} is a fundamental domain of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ in $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$, i.e.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad SL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} \gamma \mathcal{F}.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \forall \gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus I, \quad \gamma \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{F} = \emptyset.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \mu_1(\mathbb{Z}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) = 0.$$

Pf. ① $\forall g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R}), \exists \gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ st. $\gamma \cdot g \cdot i \in \mathcal{F}$

\Rightarrow either $\gamma g \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ or $-\gamma g \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$.

$\Rightarrow g \in \gamma^{-1}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ or $(-\gamma)^{-1}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$.

② Suppose $g \in \mathcal{F}^\circ$ and $\gamma g \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$. So $\gamma g \cdot i \in \mathcal{F}^\circ$ and $g \cdot i \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \gamma = \pm I \\ g_{22} > 0 \text{ and } (\gamma g)_{22} \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \gamma = I.$$

③ Clear. ■

Corollary $\mu_1\left(\frac{SL_2(\mathbb{R})}{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}\right) = \mu_1(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}).$

Prop. $\mu_1\left(\frac{SL_2(\mathbb{R})}{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} = 2 \zeta(2).$

Pf. $\mu_1(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) = \int_{\mathcal{H}} \mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(z) d_{\mathcal{H}}z$

$$\mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(x+iy) = \int_0^{2\pi} \mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(n(x) a(\sqrt{y}) k(\theta)) d\theta$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(x+iy) \int_0^{2\pi} [\mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(n(x) a(\sqrt{y}) k(\theta))_{22} \geq 0] d\theta$$

$$n(x) a(\sqrt{y}) k(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} y & xy^{-1} \\ & y^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * \\ * & y^{-1} \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}(x+iy) \cdot \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}) = \pi \cdot \text{vol}_{\mathcal{H}}(\mathcal{F}) = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{vol}_{\pi}(\overline{F}) &= \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$