

Möbius numeration systems with discrete groups

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Motivation – Möbius number systems

- **Möbius transformation:** $M_{\mathbf{A}} : z \mapsto \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$
with $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ and $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} > 0$
 - Möbius transformations form a group isometric to $\mathrm{PGL}^+(2, \mathbb{R})$
- **Möbius number system:** given by $F_a, a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$
 - $u = u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n \rightarrow F_u := F_{u_1} F_{u_2} \cdots F_{u_n}$.
 - infinite word \mathbf{u} **represents** $x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{u_1 u_2 \cdots u_n}(i) = x$$

- condition 1: every $\mathbf{u} \in \Sigma$ is a representation
- condition 2: every $x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ has a representation
- F_{Σ} is a subset of the group $\langle F_a, a \in \mathcal{A} \rangle$

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Example (Binary representations)

Let

$$F_{\#} : z \mapsto 2z, \quad F_0 : z \mapsto z/2, \quad F_1 : z \mapsto (z+1)/2, \quad F_{\bar{1}} : z \mapsto (z-1)/2.$$

Let Σ be set of words of the form

$$\{1, 0, \bar{1}\}^\omega, \quad \#^n \{1, \bar{1}\} \{1, 0, \bar{1}\}^\omega, \quad \#^\omega.$$

Then

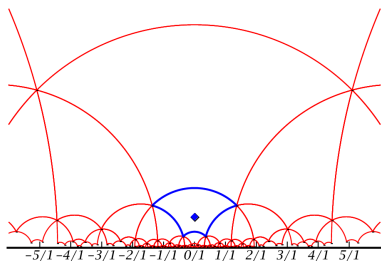
$$\#^n a_1 a_2 a_3 \cdots \text{ represents } 2^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{2^k}, \quad \#^\omega \text{ represents } \infty.$$

All $x \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ have a representation $\implies (F, \Sigma)$ is a Möbius number system.

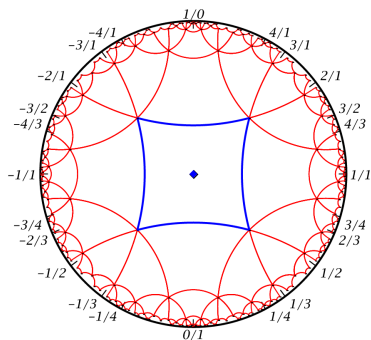
Hyperbolic plane

- Möbius transformations are isometries of the hyperbolic plane

upper half-plane \mathbb{U}

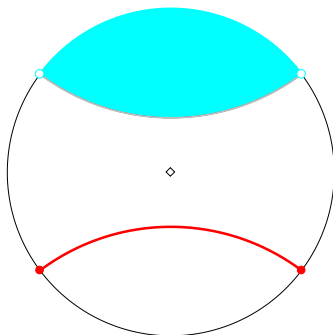


unit disc \mathbb{D}



Transformation properties

- Isometric circle $I(M) := \{z \mid M^\bullet(z) = 1\}$
- Expansion area $V(M) := \{z \mid (M^{-1})^\bullet(z) > 1\}$



- Example: $T : z \mapsto 4z$
- $I(M)$ $V(M)$

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- A **fundamental domain** of G :
such $P \subset \mathbb{U}$ that its G -images tessellate \mathbb{U}

Example

Group generators

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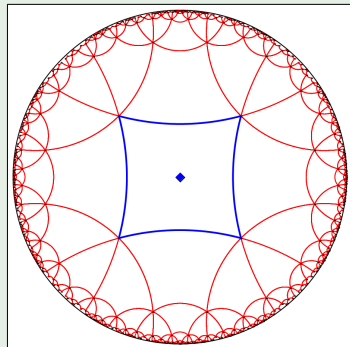
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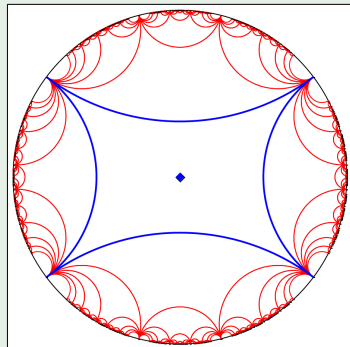
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$$M_0(z) = z/4,$$

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- unbounded fundamental domain
- only trivial group identities
- + rational



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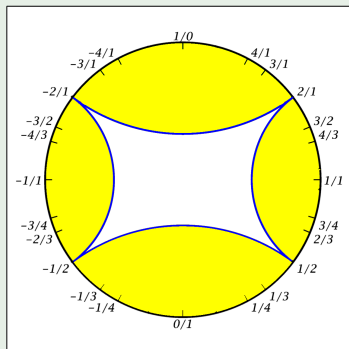
$$V(M_1), \dots, V(M_k), \\ V(M_1^{-1}), \dots, V(M_k^{-1})$$

are pairwise disjoint. Then G is a Fuchsian group.

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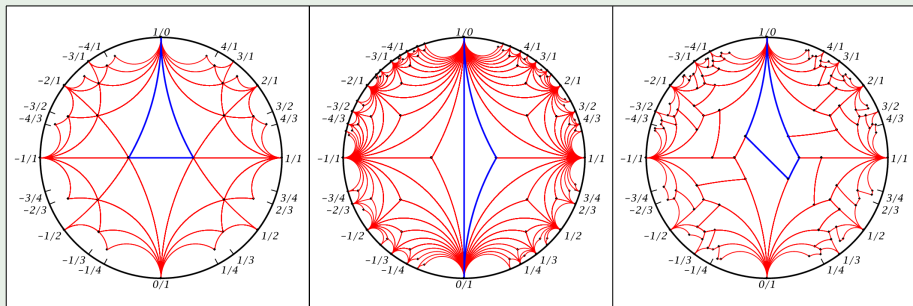
Example (Modular group)

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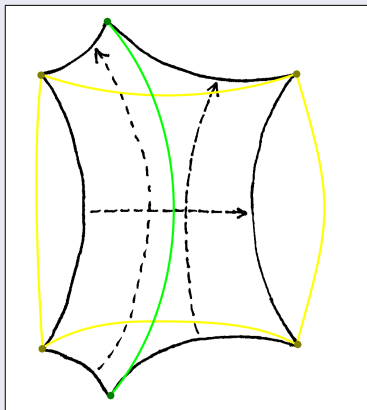


More results — Angles of rotation

- Let $M \neq \text{Id}$ have a fixed point s inside \mathbb{U}
- Then M is a hyperbolic rotation around the point s by angle φ_M
- These M are called **elliptic transformations**

Theorem (4.18., explained by example)

- *The theorem discuss the existence of elliptic transformations in G .*
- *The angle of rotation φ_M is sum of the angles at (some) vertices of the domain.*
- M is identity $\iff \varphi_M \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$.



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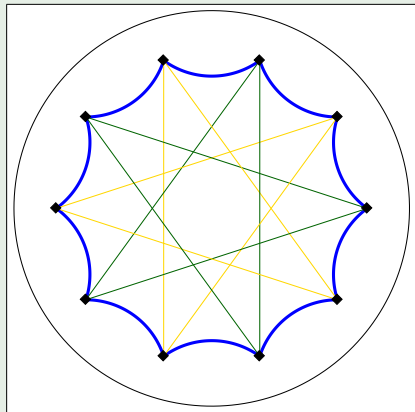
- Transformations

$$M_0 : z \mapsto \frac{(1 + \sqrt[4]{5})^2}{(1 - \sqrt[4]{5})^2} z, \dots$$

- The angles at vertices are $2\pi/5$
- Therefore:

$$F_0 F_1^{-1} F_2 F_3^{-1} F_4 = \text{Id (green)}$$

$$F_0 F_4^{-1} F_3 F_2^{-1} F_1 = \text{Id (yellow)}$$



Conclusions

- ① We conjecture that no rational Fuchsian group with bounded fundamental domain exist.
- ② We prove several statements concerning Fuchsian groups:
 - discreteness of a large family of groups;
 - shape of a fundamental domain of a special kind;
 - existence of elliptic transformations in a group.

Most notable references

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*U jiných klíčových tvrzení pak čtenáři nezbyde, aby si je zformuloval sám — například, že **kompaktnost fundamentální domény je vlastností grupy a nezávisí na volbě fundamentální domény***

- We do not claim or discuss such proposition, because it is not necessary
- We discuss *existence* of a compact fundamental domain
- Existence of non-compact f.d. is not necessarily relevant.

Theorem 4.12.

Theorem

Let $G = \langle M_1, \dots, M_k \rangle$ be a *Fuchsian* group such that none of M_j fixes i and the regions $V(M_1), \dots, V(M_k), V(M_1^{-1}), \dots, V(M_k^{-1})$ are pairwise disjoint. Then G is a Fuchsian group.

Proof.

- [Beardon, Theorem 8.4.1]: G is Fuchsian \iff the fixed points of elliptic elements do not accumulate at identity.
- This is true since if they accumulated at identity, P and $M(P)$ would overlap for some elliptic M (and we know that $P \cap M(P) = \emptyset$ for all $M \neq \text{Id}$).



Example 2.4

Example (In thesis)

- Subshift: $\Sigma = \{\#^{\mathbb{N}}, 0^{\mathbb{N}}\} \cup (\#^* \cup 0^*)(\{-b, \dots, -1\}\{-b, \dots, 0\})^{\mathbb{N}} \cup \{1, \dots, b\}\{0, \dots, b\}^{\mathbb{N}}$
- Forbidden strings: $X = \{\#0\} \cup \{a\# \mid a \in \{-b, \dots, b\}\} \cup \{aa' \mid a, a' \in \{-b, \dots, b\}, a \cdot a' < 0\}$
- X allows $a0^+(-a)$, Σ does not (it is not SFT)

Example (Correct)

- Subshift: distinguish $0 \in \{0, \dots, b\}$ and $-0 \in \{-b, \dots, -0\}$
- Forbidden strings: $X = \{\#0, \#(-0)\} \cup \{a\# \mid a \in \{-b, \dots, b\}\} \cup \{aa', a'a \mid a \in \{0, \dots, b\}, a' \in \{-b, \dots, -0\}\}$
- X is finite and Σ is SFT.