

## Quotient spaces $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$

Recall: bijections

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \widehat{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})} \backslash \mathcal{H} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & L = \mathbb{Z}\tau + \mathbb{Z} \\
 \uparrow \downarrow j & \longleftrightarrow & \{L \subset \mathbb{C} \text{ lattice}\} / \mathbb{C}^* \longleftrightarrow \{\mathbb{C}/L\} / \text{Isom} \\
 \mathbb{C} & & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{elliptic curves} \\ E \text{ over } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \right\} / \text{Isom} \\
 & & \begin{array}{l} g_2 = 60G_4(L), \quad g_3 = 140G_6(L), \quad j = (12g_2)^3 / (g_2^3 - 27g_3^2) \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Goals: (1) Define a structure of a Riemann surface on  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}$  and show that  $j: SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

are isomorphisms of Riemann surfaces.

(2) Study  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  for more general discrete subgroups

$\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ , e.g. for congruence subgroups of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ :

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \supset \Gamma \supset \Gamma(N) = \left\{ \alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \alpha \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

principal congruence subgroup modulo  $N$ .

Ex:  $\Gamma = \Gamma(2)$

$$(x, y) \in E : y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3, \quad g_2^3 - 27g_3^2 \neq 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow p$$

$$x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$$

$$4(x-e_1)(x-e_2)(x-e_3)$$

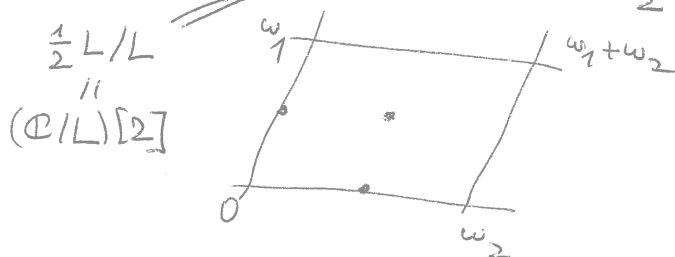
$p = 2$ -fold covering, ramified at  $\{0, (e_1, 0), (e_2, 0), (e_3, 0)\}$

$$\mathbb{C}/L \xrightarrow{\sim} E(\mathbb{C})$$

$$z \mapsto (x, y) = (\wp(z), \wp'(z))$$

$$\text{on } \mathbb{C}/L : \left\{ 0, \frac{\omega_1}{2}, \frac{\omega_2}{2}, \frac{\omega_1 + \omega_2}{2} \right\}$$

$$L = \mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2, \quad \text{Im}(\omega_1/\omega_2) > 0$$



Ordering of the roots  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$



choice of an isomorphism  $(\mathbb{Z}^2)^*/2 \xrightarrow{\sim} E(\mathbb{C})[2]$

(full level 2 structure) on  $\mathbb{C}/L$

$$(1, 0) \longleftrightarrow \frac{\omega_1}{2} \pmod{L}$$

$$(0, 1) \longleftrightarrow \frac{\omega_2}{2} \pmod{L}$$

$\alpha \in GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  preserves orientation and a full level 2 structure



$$\alpha \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ and } \alpha \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{2} \iff \alpha \in \Gamma(2)$$

Having fixed the order of  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ , we define

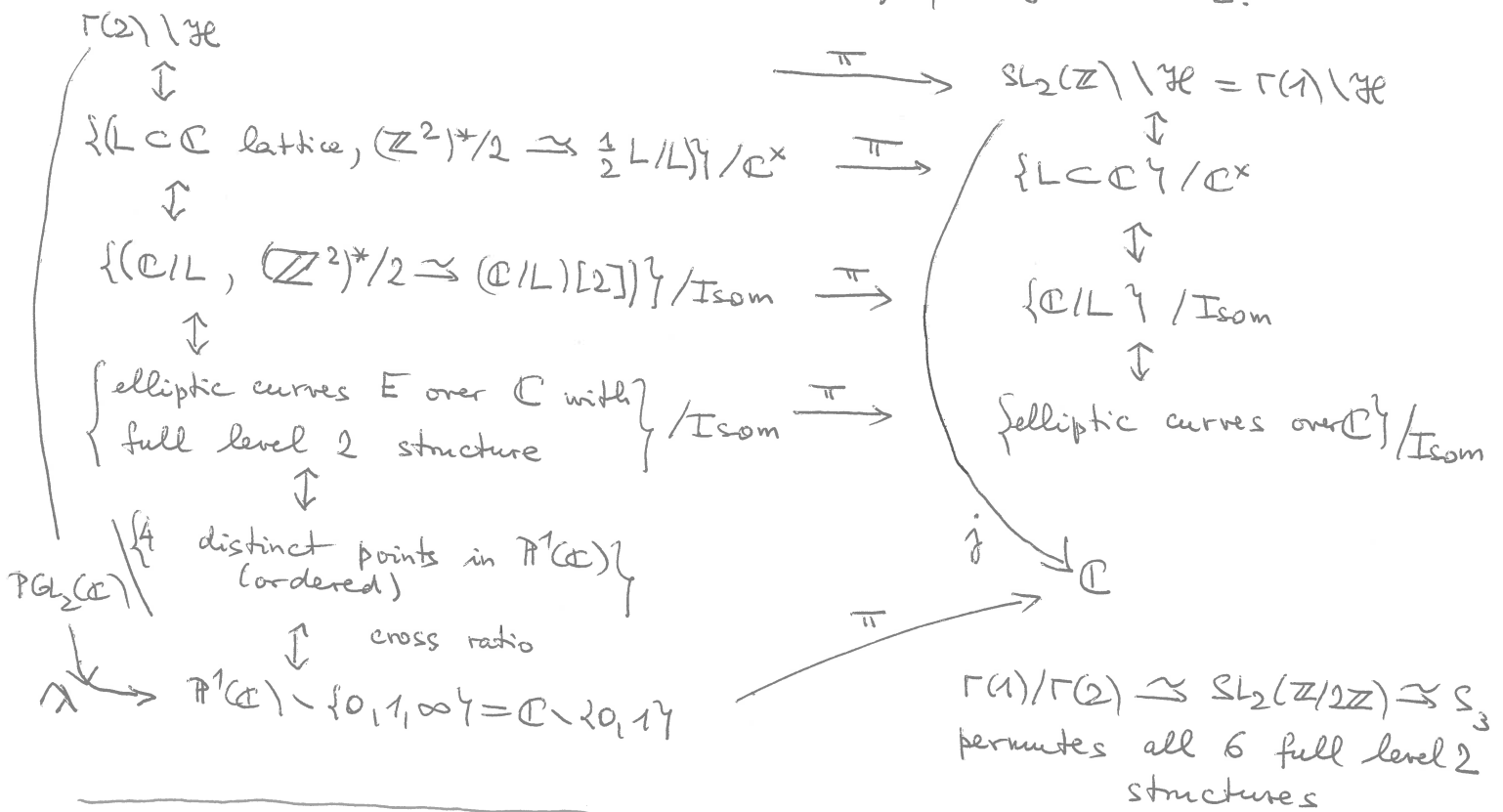
$$\lambda(E, \text{ordering of } \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}) := \frac{e_1 - e_3}{e_1 - e_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda(\tau) &:= \lambda(\mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z}\tau + \mathbb{Z}), \frac{\tau}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\tau+1}{2}) = \frac{\wp(\tau/2) - \wp(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}{\wp(\frac{\tau}{2}) - \wp(\frac{1}{2})} = \left(\frac{\theta_{10}}{\theta_{00}}\right)^4 = \\ &= 2^4 q^{1/2} \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1+q^{2n}}{1+q^{n-1/2}}\right)^8 = 2^4 \left(\frac{\eta(2\tau)}{\eta(\frac{\tau+1}{2})}\right)^8 \\ 1 - \lambda(\tau) &= \left(\frac{\theta_{01}}{\theta_{00}}\right)^4 = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1-q^{n-1/2}}{1+q^{n-1/2}}\right)^8 = \left(\eta(\tau/2)/\eta(\frac{\tau+1}{2})\right)^8 \end{aligned}$$

Remark:  $\lambda$  = cross ratio of the ramification points of  $E \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  (in an order coming from the level 2 structure)

$\Rightarrow \exists!$  Möbius transformation mapping  $(e_1, e_2, e_3, \infty) \mapsto (0, 1, \lambda, \infty)$ , which transforms  $E$  into  $(y/2)^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$  (Legendre's form)

Summary: (vertical maps are bijective),  $\deg(\pi) = 6 = 3!$



Relation between  $\lambda$  and  $j$ :

$$\underline{y^2 = 4x(x-1)(x-\lambda)} \quad : \text{ replace } x \text{ by } x + \frac{\lambda+1}{3}$$

get  $y^2 = 4x^3 - g_2x - g_3$ ,  $g_2 = \frac{4}{3}(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)$ ,  $g_3 = -\frac{4}{27}(\lambda+1)(\lambda-2)(\lambda-\frac{1}{2})$

$$\Delta = 16 \prod_{j < k} (e_j - e_k)^2 = 16\lambda^2(\lambda-1)^2, \quad j = \frac{(12g_2)^3}{\Delta} = 2^9 \frac{(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)^3}{\lambda^2(\lambda-1)^2}$$

We know:  $\lambda$  and  $j$  induce bijections

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma(2) \setminus \mathcal{H} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \Gamma(1) \setminus \mathcal{H} \\ \updownarrow \lambda & & \updownarrow j \\ \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{\infty\} \\ \uparrow \lambda & & \longmapsto 2^9 \frac{(\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1)^3}{\lambda^2(\lambda-1)^2} \end{array}$$

Relation to Gauss's differential equation

$$\left( \lambda(\lambda-1) \left( \frac{d}{d\lambda} \right)^2 + (2\lambda-1) \frac{d}{d\lambda} + \frac{1}{4} \right) w_j = 0, \quad \text{where } \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$$

$E: y^2 = x(x-1)(x-\lambda)$ , periods:  $w_1 = 2 \int_0^1 \omega$ ,  $w_2 = 2 \int_1^\lambda \omega$ ,  $\omega = \frac{dx}{y}$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_1(\lambda)} \\ 0 \quad 1 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}_2(\lambda)} \\ 1 \quad \lambda \end{array} \\ & \text{(multivalued functions of } \lambda) \end{array}$$

Monodromy: if  $\lambda$  goes around  $\begin{array}{c} \circ \text{---} \circ \\ 0 \quad 1 \end{array}$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 + 2\mathcal{F}_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 \end{pmatrix}$

--- through  $\begin{array}{c} \circ \text{---} \circ \\ 0 \quad 1 \end{array}$ :  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 + 2\mathcal{F}_2 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 \end{pmatrix}$

$\tau = \frac{w_1}{w_2} \in \mathcal{H}$  multivalued function of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$

When  $\lambda$  goes around a loop in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\tau$  is replaced by  $\frac{a\tau+b}{c\tau+d}$ , for some  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma(2)$  (and, up to a sign, every element of  $\Gamma(2)$  arises in this way).

Examples of discrete subgroups of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})/\{\pm I\}$

Notation:  $H \subset \underbrace{SL_2(\mathbb{R})}_G$  subgroup  $\Rightarrow \overline{H} := \text{Im}(H \rightarrow \underbrace{SL_2(\mathbb{R})/\{\pm I\}}_{\overline{G}})$

$\text{Aut}_{\text{hol}}(\mathcal{H}) = \overline{G}$

Ex: (1)  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \subset G$  discrete

(2)  $\Gamma \subset G$  discrete  $\Rightarrow \forall g \in GL_2(\mathbb{R}) \quad g\Gamma g^{-1} \subset G$  discrete

(3)  $\Gamma \subset G$  discrete,  $\underbrace{\Gamma' \text{ commensurable with } \Gamma}_{(\Gamma: \Gamma \cap \Gamma'), (\Gamma': \Gamma \cap \Gamma') < \infty} \Rightarrow \Gamma' \subset G$  discrete

(4) Geometry: if  $X$  is a Riemann surface, then its universal covering  $\tilde{X}$  is holomorphically isomorphic either to (A)  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$

(B)  $\mathbb{C}$

(C) (unit disc  $D$ )  $\simeq \mathcal{H}$

( Uniformisation Theorem )

The fundamental group  $\Gamma = \pi_1(X, x_0)$  ( $x_0 \in X$  fixed) acts freely discontinuously on  $\tilde{X}$  by holomorphic isomorphisms and  $\Gamma \backslash \tilde{X} = X$ .

In case (A),  $\text{Aut}_{\text{hol}}(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})) = PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ , but each  $g \in PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$  has a fixed point in  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \Rightarrow \Gamma = \{1\}$ ,  $X \simeq \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$

In case (B),  $\Gamma \simeq \mathbb{Z}^a$  for  $a \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $X \simeq \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}^x, \mathbb{C}/(\mathbb{Z}\omega_1 + \mathbb{Z}\omega_2)$ , respectively.

In case (C),  $\Gamma \subset \text{Aut}_{\text{hol}}(\mathcal{H}) = SL_2(\mathbb{R})/\{\pm I\}$  acts freely discontinuously on  $\mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \Gamma$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\overline{G}$ . (without fixed points in  $\mathcal{H}$ ).

the case when  $X$  is of finite type:  $X = \overline{X} \setminus S$ ,  $\overline{X}$  = compact Riemann surface of genus  $g \geq 0$ ,  $S \subset \overline{X}$  finite set,  $|S| = s \geq 0$ .

Structure of  $\Gamma = \pi_1(X, x_0)$ : generators  $A_1, \dots, A_g, B_1, \dots, B_g, C_1, \dots, C_s$

one relation:  $[A_1, B_1] \dots [A_g, B_g] C_1 \dots C_s = 1$  (come from  $\overline{X}$  loops around pts in  $S$ )  
 $[A, B] = ABA^{-1}B^{-1}$   
Cor:  $\Gamma$  is free on  $2g + s - 1$  generators if  $s > 0$

Ex:  $\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma(2)} = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ ,  $X = \Gamma(2) \backslash \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{P}^1 \setminus \{0, 1, \infty\}$   
 $\overline{\Gamma(2)} = \pi_1(X)$  free on 2 generators  $g=0, s=3$



Def. A left action of a topological group  $G$  on a topological space  $X$  is continuous if  $G \times X \rightarrow X$  is continuous  
 $(g, x) \mapsto gx$

( $\Leftrightarrow$  the action map  $G \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  is continuous)  
 $(g, x) \mapsto (x, gx)$

( $\Rightarrow \forall x \in X$  the orbit map  $\text{orb}_x: G \rightarrow X$  is continuous).  
 $g \mapsto gx$



Exercise. Assume:  $G =$  locally compact top. group  
 $X =$  " " " " space (Hausdorff) } with countable topology  
 $G$  acts continuously and transitively on  $X$ ,  $x \in X$   
 $\Rightarrow \text{orb}_x$  induces a homeomorphism  $G/G_x \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  ( $gG_x \mapsto gx$ )  
 quotient topology

Def. A group  $\Gamma$  acting on a topological space  $X$  by homeomorphisms act freely discontinuously at  $x \in X$  if  $\exists U \ni x$  open such that  
 $\{g \in \Gamma \mid g(U) \cap U \neq \emptyset\} = \{e\}$ .  
 It acts freely discontinuously if this holds  $\forall x \in X$   
 ( $\Rightarrow$  the projection  $p: X \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash X$  is a covering)  
 quotient topology



Prop. If a continuous action of a topological group  $\Gamma$  on a topological space  $X$  is free discontinuous at some  $x \in X$ , then the topology on  $\Gamma$  is discrete.

Pf. For  $U \ni x$  as above, continuity of  $G \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  implies that  
 $(g, x) \mapsto (x, gx)$   
 $\{x \in U \mid \exists g \in \Gamma, g \neq e, gx \in U\}$   
 is open  $\Rightarrow \{e\} \in \Gamma$  open.

Ex. The Bianchi group  $\Gamma = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}[i]) / \{\pm I\} \subset G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) / \{\pm I\}$  is discrete, but its action on  $X = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  is not freely discontinuous at any  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ , since  $\bigcup_{g \in \Gamma, g \neq e} \{ \text{fixed points of } g \}$  is dense in  $X$ .

Explanation:  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) / B$  is too small,  $B = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  is too big  
 (not compact)

Weaker notion of discontinuity (fixed points allowed)

Assume:  $X =$  locally compact Hausdorff topological space

Def. An action of a group  $\Gamma$  on  $X$  (by homeomorphisms) is discontinuous if  $\forall K_1, K_2 \subset X$  compact  $\{g \in \Gamma \mid g(K_1) \cap K_2 \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite.

Key example: If  $G$  is a topological group acting continuously on  $X$  in such a way that  $\forall x \in X$   $\text{orb}_x: G \rightarrow X$  is proper (i.e.,  $\text{orb}_x^{-1}(\text{compact set})$  is compact), then every discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subset G$  acts discontinuously on  $X$ .

[Note: enough to check the assumption on  $\text{orb}_x$  only for one point on each  $G$ -orbit in  $X$ .]

Pf. Fix representatives  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  of the  $G$ -orbits in  $X$ .

Given compact sets  $A, B \subset X$ , then each

$$A_j = \text{orb}_{x_j}^{-1}(A), \quad B_j = \text{orb}_{x_j}^{-1}(B) \subset G \text{ is compact}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{so is } B_j A_j^{-1} = \text{Im}(B_j \times A_j \hookrightarrow G \times G \rightarrow G) \subset G.$$

$$\Rightarrow \{g \in \Gamma \mid g(A) \cap B \neq \emptyset\} = \bigcup_{j=1}^n (\underbrace{\Gamma}_{\text{closed discrete}} \cap \underbrace{B_j A_j^{-1}}_{\text{compact}}) \text{ is finite.}$$

Note: If the action map  $G \times X \rightarrow X \times X$  is proper,

$$\text{so is } \text{orb}_x: G \rightarrow X, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Example:  $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $X = \mathcal{H} \cong G/K$ : the action is transitive

and the orbit map  $\text{orb}_i: G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a locally trivial fibration with compact fibre  $K = G_i = \text{SO}(2)$ .

More precisely, the ~~action~~ orbit map  $\text{orb}_i$  is homeomorphic, via Iwasawa decomposition, to the projection

$$G \cong N \times A \times K \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} N \times A$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\text{nah} \leftarrow (n, a, h) \longmapsto (n, a)$$

$$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix} \mid \gamma > 0 \right\}$$

Ex: this suggests that in the case  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  one should consider the action of  $G$  on  $G/K$ , for a maximal compact subgroup  $K \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ . For  $K = SU(2)$ , the quotient  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})/SU(2)$  can be identified with the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space  $H^3 = \{x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x_3 > 0\}$ , whose boundary is  $\partial H^3 = (\mathbb{R}^2 \cup \{\infty\}) = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  (as in the case of the  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  action on  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\partial\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$ ). The action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{C})/\{\pm I\} \simeq SO(3,1)^+$  has a natural geometric description ("Poincaré extension" on  $H^3$ ).

Exercise: If a continuous action of a topological group  $\Gamma$  on  $X$  is discontinuous, then the topology of  $\Gamma$  is discrete.

Prop. Assume that a group  $\Gamma$  acts discontinuously on  $X$  (by homeomorphisms). Then:

- (1)  $\forall x, y \in X \quad \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(x) = y\}$  is finite ( $\xRightarrow{y=x} \Gamma_x$  is finite).
- (2)  $\forall x, y \in X \quad \exists$  open  $U \ni x, V \ni y \quad \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma U \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$  is finite.
- (3)  $\forall x, y \in X \quad \text{--- " --- } \{ \text{--- " ---} \} = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(x) = y\}$
- (4)  $\Gamma \backslash X$  with quotient topology is Hausdorff.
- (5) If  $\forall x \in X \quad \Gamma_x = \{e\}$ , then  $X \xrightarrow{p} \Gamma \backslash X$  is a covering map (more precisely, if  $\Gamma_x = \{e\}$ , then  $\Gamma$  acts freely discontinuously at  $x$ ).

Pr: (1) By definition:  $\{x, y\}, \{y, y\}$  are compact.

(2)  $X$  locally compact  $\Rightarrow \exists U \ni x, V \ni y$  open with  $\bar{U}, \bar{V}$  compact.

(3)  $\exists U_0 \ni x, V_0 \ni y$  open  $\{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma U_0 \cap V_0 \neq \emptyset\} = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m\} \cup \{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$   
 $\forall i, j \quad \gamma_i(x) = y \quad \delta_j(x) \neq y$

Take  $U = U_0 \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^n \delta_j^{-1}(U_j), V = V_0 \cap \bigcap_{j=1}^n V_j$ . Note: (3)  $\xRightarrow{x=y}$  (5).

(4) Projection  $X \xrightarrow{p} \Gamma \backslash X$ . Given  $x, y \in X$  such that  $p(x) \neq p(y)$ ,  $\exists U \ni x, V \ni y$  open  $\{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma U \cap V \neq \emptyset\} = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(x) = y\} \xRightarrow{\text{---}} \emptyset$ .

Then  $p^{-1}(p(U)) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma U, p^{-1}(p(V)) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma V$  are open in  $X$  and disjoint  
 $\Rightarrow p(U) \ni p(x), p(V) \ni p(y)$  are open and disjoint.



## Discontinuous action of subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{C})$

Notation:  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  subgroup,  $\bar{\Gamma} := \text{Im}(\Gamma \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{C}) / \{\pm I\}) \cong \Gamma / (\Gamma \cap \{\pm I\})$

Old-fashioned terminology (Poincaré):

$\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Fuchsian} \\ \text{Kleinian} \end{array} \right\}$  subgroup if  $\exists x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  at which  $\bar{\Gamma}$  acts freely discontinuously

and  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists \text{ circle } C \text{ such that } \Gamma \text{ preserves the interior of } C \\ \text{no such } C \text{ exists.} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \Gamma \text{ is discrete in } SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma \text{ is discrete in } SL_2(\mathbb{C}) \end{array}$

We are interested only in Fuchsian subgroups,  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ :

(1)  $\exists g \in SL_2(\mathbb{C})$   $g^{-1}(C) = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$  (and  $g^{-1}(\text{interior of } C) = \mathcal{H}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow g^{-1}\Gamma g \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  (discrete subgroup).

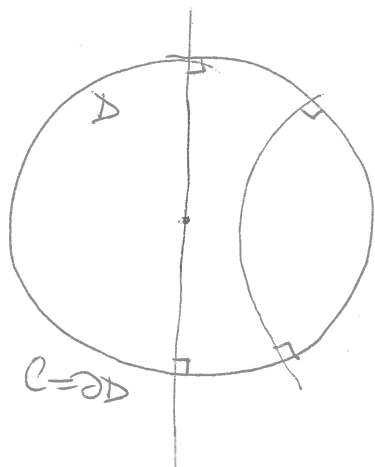
(2) Conversely, a discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts discontinuously on  $\mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \forall \tau \in \mathcal{H}$   $\Gamma_\tau \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})_\tau = g_\tau SO(2) g_\tau^{-1}$  is finite  $\Rightarrow$  finite cyclic  $\Rightarrow$  with fixed points  $\{\tau, \bar{\tau}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow \underbrace{\{\tau \in \mathcal{H} \mid \Gamma_\tau = \{I\}\}}_{\Gamma \text{ acts freely discontinuously at } \tau}$  is dense in  $\mathcal{H} \Rightarrow \Gamma$  is Fuchsian.

Summary: Fuchsian subgroups of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R}) =$  discrete subgroups of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

(3) It is <sup>often</sup> useful to pass from  $(\mathcal{H}, \Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R}))$  to interior of circle  $C$   $(g(\mathcal{H}), g\Gamma g^{-1} \subset g SL_2(\mathbb{R}) g^{-1})$ , for suitable  $g \in SL_2(\mathbb{C})$ .

Ex:  $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -i \\ 1 & i \end{pmatrix}$  gives  $(D = \{ |w| < 1 \}, \Gamma' \subset SU(1,1))$

Geometry:



$\{\text{geodesics in } D\} = \{D \cap (\text{circles } \perp \partial D)\}$   
isometries: generated by symmetries with respect to the geodesics

Recall: given  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  circle,  $\mathcal{D}$  one of the two components of  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) - C$  (e.g.,  $C = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{H}$ ), elements of  $G_C := \{g \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \mid g(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{D}\}$  are of the following type:

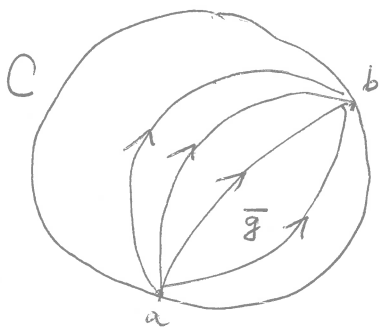
(0)  $g = \pm I$

(1)  $g$  hyperbolic:  $g$  has real eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 = \lambda_1^{-1}$ ,

$$\exists h \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \quad \pm h g h^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad t > 0, \quad t \neq 1$$

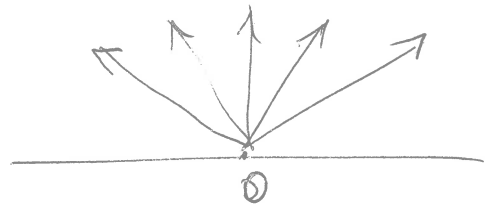
$$\mathrm{Fix}(g) = \{x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \mid g(x) = x\} = \{a, b\}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}, \quad a \neq b$$

orbits of  $\bar{g}^\sigma$  ( $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\bar{g}$  = the image of  $g$  in  $\overline{G_C} = G_C \setminus \{\pm I\}$ ) are (the circles passing through  $\mathrm{Fix}(g) \cap \mathcal{D}$ ):



If  $C = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b = \infty, a = 0$ :

$$\pm g = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad t > 1$$



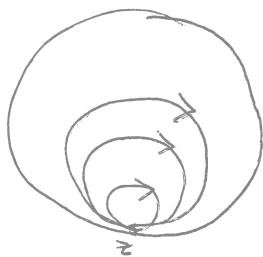
(2)  $g$  parabolic:  $g \neq \pm I$  has double eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_1^{-1}$ :

$$\exists h \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \quad \pm h g h^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}, \quad a \neq 0 \quad (\text{can take } a=1)$$

$$\mathrm{Fix}(g) = \{z\}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

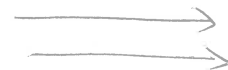
orbits of  $\bar{g}^\sigma$  are the horocycles at  $z$ : circles in  $\mathcal{D}$  tangent to  $\partial\mathcal{D}$  at  $z$

( $\Leftrightarrow$   $\perp$  to geodesics from  $z$ )



If  $C = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $z = \infty$ :

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



(3)  $g$  elliptic:  $g$  has non-real complex conjugate eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 = \bar{\lambda}_2 = \bar{\lambda}_1^{-1} \quad (\Rightarrow |\lambda_1| = 1), \quad \mathrm{Fix}(g) = \{y, \bar{y}\} \quad y \in \mathcal{D}, \quad z = \mathcal{C}(y) \notin \mathcal{D}$$

orbits of  $\bar{g}^\sigma = \mathcal{D} \cap$  (circles  $C'$  such that  $S_{C'}(y) = z$ )

$= \mathcal{D} \cap$  (circles orthogonal to all geodesics through  $y$ )



$\partial\mathcal{D} = C$

Fact: A discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  consisting only of elliptic elements (and  $\pm I$ ) has a common fixed point  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  is equal to the finite cyclic group  $\Gamma_\tau$ .

Prop. If  $g, h \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{\pm I\}$ ,  $g$  hyperbolic,  $h$  shares with  $g$  precisely one fixed point  $\Rightarrow$  the subgroup  $\langle g, h \rangle$  is not discrete.

Pf. Can assume  $g = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha \neq \pm 1$ ,  $\alpha^2 \neq 1$ ,  $\text{Fix}(g) \cap \text{Fix}(h) = \{\infty\}$

$\Rightarrow h = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & b \\ 0 & \beta^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $b \neq 0$  ( $\beta, b \in \mathbb{C}$ ). For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$u_n := g^n h g^{-n} h^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & (\alpha^{2n} - 1)b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \langle g, h \rangle$  are distinct,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (u_n)$  (if  $|\alpha| < 1$ )

resp.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} (u_n)$  (if  $|\alpha| > 1$ ) exists  $\Rightarrow \langle g, h \rangle$  is not discrete.

Def. Let  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  be a discrete subgroup. A point  $z \in \mathcal{H} \cup \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$  is  
 $(\Rightarrow \Gamma$  is countable)

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{an elliptic point} \\ \text{a hyperbolic point} \\ \text{a parabolic point (or a cusp)} \end{array} \right\} \text{ of } \Gamma \text{ if } \exists \gamma \in \Gamma \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \text{ elliptic} \\ \gamma \text{ hyperbolic} \\ \gamma \text{ parabolic} \end{array} \right\} \gamma(z) = z$

The corresponding sets  $\text{Ell}_\Gamma$ ,  $\text{Hyp}_\Gamma$ ,  $\text{Cusps}_\Gamma$  of all such points satisfy: (1)  $\text{Ell}_\Gamma \subset \mathcal{H}$ ; (2)  $\text{Hyp}_\Gamma, \text{Cusps}_\Gamma \subset \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R}) = \partial \mathcal{H}$

(3)  $\text{Hyp}_\Gamma \cap \text{Cusps}_\Gamma = \emptyset$  (by Prop. above)

(4)  $\text{Ell}_\Gamma$  is discrete and (at most) countable.

(5)  $\tau \in \text{Ell}_\Gamma \Rightarrow \Gamma_\tau \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})_\tau = g_\tau \text{SO}(2) g_\tau^{-1}$  is finite cyclic.

(6)  $x \in \text{Hyp}_\Gamma \Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_x$  is infinite cyclic.

Pf. replace  $\Gamma$  by  $g\Gamma g^{-1}$  for suitable  $g \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow$  can assume

$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & t^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}^\times$ ,  $t^2 \neq 1$ ,  $z = \infty$ . By Prop. above,  $\Gamma_\infty = \Gamma_\infty \cap \Gamma_0 =$

$\text{Fix}(\gamma) = \{\infty, 0\}$

$\Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_\infty$  discrete subgroup of  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mid a > 0 \right\} \cong \mathbb{R}^{\times+}$  (non-trivial)

(7)  $x \in \text{Cusps}_\Gamma \Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_x$  is infinite cyclic

Pf. again, can assume  $x = \infty$ ,  $\pm \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h \neq 0$

Prop. above  $\Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_x \subset \pm \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & R \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_x = \pm \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ ,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  non-trivial discrete subgroup.

## Fundamental domains

Datum:  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  discrete subgroup

$\overline{\Gamma} :=$  image of  $\Gamma$  in  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \{\pm I\}$

Def. A Fundamental set of  $\overline{\Gamma}$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ : a subset  $F \subset \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \overline{\Gamma}} \gamma F \quad (\text{disjoint union})$$

Def. A Fundamental domain of  $\overline{\Gamma}$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ : a subset  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$  s.t.

(a)  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$  is open

(b)  $\exists$  fundamental set  $F$  of  $\overline{\Gamma}$  such that  $E \subset F \subset \widetilde{E}$

(c)  $\text{vol}(\partial E) = 0$  (hyperbolic area) closure of  $E$  in  $\mathcal{H}$

Small technical problem:  $E \cup \partial E = \widetilde{E} \xrightarrow{p} \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is surjective

and injective when restricted to  $E$ , but the continuous bijection

$p(\widetilde{E}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is not necessarily a homeomorphism  
quotient topology

Remedy: Def. A fundamental domain  $E$  of  $\overline{\Gamma}$  is locally finite if  $\forall K \subset \mathcal{H}$  compact  $\{\gamma \in \overline{\Gamma} \mid K \cap \gamma(\widetilde{E})\}$  is finite.

Warning:  $\exists$  example when  $E =$  interior of a convex hyperbolic pentagon, but  $E$  is not locally finite (see [Beardon], 9.2.5)

Prop.  $E$  is locally finite  $\iff p(\widetilde{E}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is a homeomorphism.

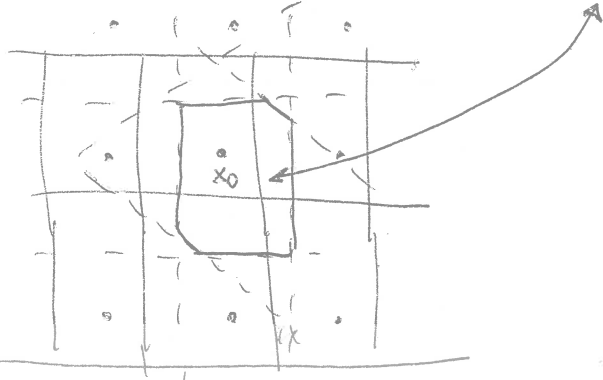
the subset  $\{\gamma \in \overline{\Gamma} \mid \gamma(\widetilde{E}) \cap \widetilde{E} \neq \emptyset\}$  generates  $\overline{\Gamma}$ . (see [Beardon])

## Normal fundamental domain

Euclidean version:

Dirichlet (later revisited by Voronoi): given a lattice  $L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

fix  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and consider  $\mathcal{E}(x_0) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \forall u \in L \setminus \{0\} \ \|x - x_0\| < \|x - (x_0 + u)\|\}$



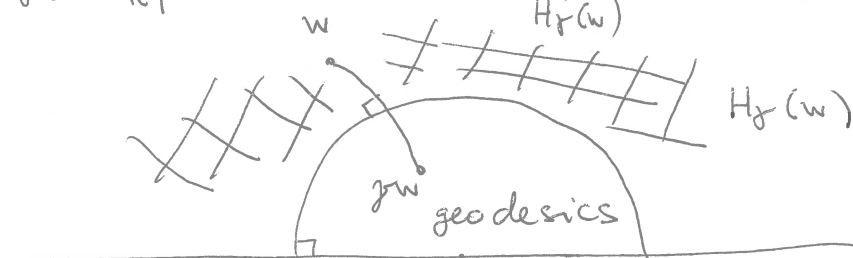
This is a fundamental domain for the action of  $L$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

It is the interior of a polygon with finitely many sides.

Hyperbolic version (Poincaré):  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  discrete subgroup  
 $\text{dist}(x, y) =$  hyperbolic distance (in the Poincaré metric)

Fix  $w \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\overline{\Gamma w} = \{e\}$  and define

$$E(w) := \bigcap_{g \in \overline{\Gamma} \setminus \{e\}} \{z \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{dist}(z, w) < \text{dist}(z, gw)\}$$



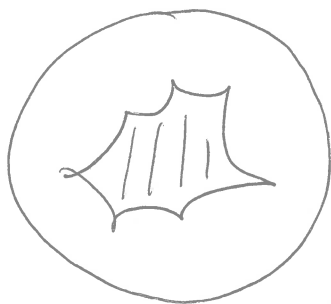
Prop.  $E(w)$  is a locally finite fundamental domain of  $\overline{\Gamma}$ .  
 It is the interior of a convex hyperbolic polygon  
 (possibly with infinitely many sides).

Def.  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  (a discrete subgroup) is a Fuchsian group of the 1st kind if every  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R}) = \partial \mathcal{H}$  is a limit point of  $\Gamma$ :  $\exists z \in \mathcal{H}$  and (distinct)  $\gamma_n \in \Gamma$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \gamma_n(z) = x$ .  
 If not, we say that  $\Gamma$  is of 2nd kind.

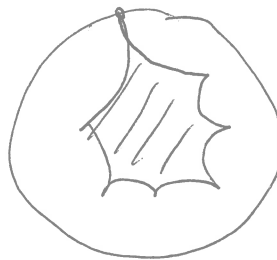
Ex of fundamental domains (transported to  $\mathbb{D}$  by the Cayley map):

1st kind

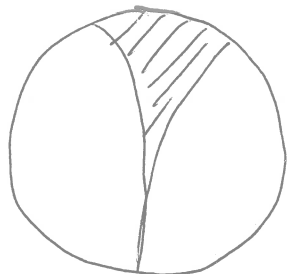
( $\Gamma$  purely hyperbolic)



cusps



2nd kind:



(or more complicated)

## Adding points at infinity to $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$

Notation:  $\Gamma \subset G = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  discrete subgroup,  $\overline{\Gamma} := \Gamma / (\Gamma \cap \{\pm I\})$

Prop. For each  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\Gamma_\tau$  is a finite cyclic group. Put  $e_\tau := |\overline{\Gamma}_\tau|$ .  
If  $-I \notin \Gamma$ , then  $e_\tau$  is odd.

Pf.  $\Gamma_\tau = \Gamma \cap G_\tau$  is closed, discrete and compact  $\Rightarrow$  it is a finite subgroup of  $G_\tau = g SO(2) g^{-1} \simeq SO(2)$  ( $g(i) = \tau$ ), hence cyclic.

If  $-I \notin \Gamma \Rightarrow \underbrace{-I \notin \Gamma_\tau}_{\text{the only element of } G_\tau \text{ of order 2}} \Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_\tau = \Gamma_\tau$  has odd order.

Recall:  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$  is an elliptic point of  $\Gamma \Leftrightarrow e_\tau > 1$ .

Recall:  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$  is a cusp (= a parabolic point) of  $\Gamma$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists \gamma \in \Gamma$  parabolic such that  $\gamma(x) = x$ .

$$\exists g \in G \quad \gamma = \pm g \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} g^{-1}, \quad a \neq 0$$

lemma:  $\{\text{cusps of } SL_2(\mathbb{Z})\} = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Pf.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}(\infty) = \infty \Rightarrow$  every  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}(\infty) = \frac{a}{c}$  is a cusp.  
 $\uparrow$   
 $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

Converse: if  $\gamma(x) = x$  for  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  parabolic  
 $\Rightarrow c+d = (\text{eigen value of } \gamma) = \pm 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pm 1 - d}{c} \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})$ .

Compactification of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}$ :

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H} \hookrightarrow (SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{H}) \cup \{\infty\} = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \left( \mathcal{H} \cup \underbrace{SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \cdot \infty}_{\substack{\text{cusps of } SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \\ \mathcal{H}^*}} \right)$$

Prop. If  $x \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{R})$  is a cusp of  $\Gamma$ , then  $\overline{\Gamma}_x \simeq \mathbb{Z}$  and for any  $\sigma \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\sigma(x) = \infty$   
 $(\sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1}) \cdot \{\pm I\} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \quad h > 0$ .

Pf. Replacing  $x, \Gamma$  by  $\sigma(x), \sigma \Gamma \sigma^{-1}$ , we can assume  $x = \infty$ .

$\exists \gamma = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & l \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma_\infty$  ( $l \neq 0$ ); taking  $\gamma^2$  if necessary we can assume  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\exists \alpha \in \Gamma_\infty$ ,  $\alpha \neq \pm I$ ,  $\alpha \neq$  parabolic

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $a \neq \pm 1$ . Replacing  $a \mapsto a^{-1}$ , we can assume  $|a| < 1 \Rightarrow$   
 $\forall n \geq 1 \quad a^n \gamma \alpha^{-n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a^{2n} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ ,  $a^n \gamma \alpha^{-n} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  - contradicts

the discreteness of  $\Gamma$ . Therefore  $\Gamma_\infty \subseteq \{\pm I\} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbb{R} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \overline{\Gamma}_\infty \subset \mathbb{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \mathbb{R} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbb{R}, +)$   
Non-trivial discrete subgroups of  $\mathbb{R}$  are  $h\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $h > 0$ .

Cor. If  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  is a subgroup of finite index, then  
 $\{\text{cusps of } \Gamma'\} = \{\text{cusps of } \Gamma\}$ .

Pf. (i) trivial.

(ii) let  $x \in \text{cusp}(\Gamma)$ . Again, we can assume  $x = \infty$ . As

$$(\Gamma_x = \underbrace{\Gamma' \cap \Gamma_x}_{\Gamma'_x}) \leq (\Gamma : \Gamma') < \infty \implies \Gamma_x \cdot \mathbb{Z} \pm \mathbb{Z} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \quad \Gamma'_x \cdot \mathbb{Z} \pm \mathbb{Z} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & nh \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

### Regular and irregular cusps

For  $x \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ , fix  $\sigma \in G$ ,  $\sigma(x) = \infty$ . Then

$$(\sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1}) \cdot \{\pm \mathbb{Z}\} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}} \quad (h > 0).$$

3 possibilities for  $\Gamma_x$ :  $-\Gamma \in \Gamma$ :  $\sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$-\Gamma \notin \Gamma: \sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -h \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}$$

"regular cusp"

"irregular cusp"

Exercise: "regularity" of  $x \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$  is well-defined (does not depend on the choice of  $\sigma$ ).

### The space $\mathcal{Y}_\Gamma^*$

Def.  $\mathcal{Y}_\Gamma^* := \mathcal{H} \cup \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$

Topology on  $\mathcal{Y}_\Gamma^*$ : for  $r > 0$ , put  $U_r := \{\sigma \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Im}(\sigma) > r\}$   
 $U_r^* := U_r \cup \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$

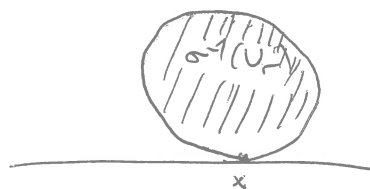
Fundamental system of neighbourhoods in  $\mathcal{Y}_\Gamma^*$ :

(a) for  $\sigma \in \mathcal{H}$  - neighbourhoods in  $\mathcal{H}$

(b) for  $x \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$  -  $\sigma^{-1}(U_r^*)$   $r > 0$ ,  $\sigma \in G$  any such that  $\sigma(x) = \infty$ .



$\mathcal{H}$



$x$





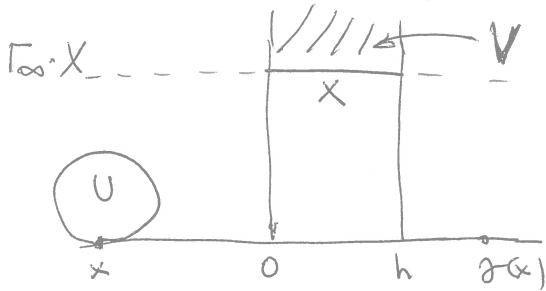
Prop.  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_T^*$  with quotient topology is Hausdorff.

Pf. We know that  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}$  is Hausdorff.

By (2) of lemma above we can separate  $\tau \in \mathcal{H}$  from a cusp.

Let  $x, y \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ ,  $x \neq \gamma(y) \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$ . We can assume  $y = \infty$ .

Fix  $u > 0$  and put  $X = \{\tau \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) = u, 0 \leq \text{Re}(\tau) \leq h\}$   
 $(\Gamma_\infty \backslash \mathbb{H} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z})$   $V = \{\tau \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) \geq u, \dots\}$



We know:  $\exists U \ni x$  open in  $\mathcal{H}_T^*$  such that  $\Gamma \cdot U \cap X = \emptyset$ . Assume  $\exists \gamma \in \Gamma$   $\gamma(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .  
 As  $\gamma(x) \neq \infty$ ,  $\gamma(x) \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \gamma(U) \cap \Gamma_\infty \backslash X \neq \emptyset$   
 $\Rightarrow \Gamma_\infty \cdot \gamma(U) \cap X \neq \emptyset$  - contradiction.

Prop.  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_T^*$  is locally compact.

Pf. let  $x \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ ; we can assume  $x = \infty$ . By (1) of Lemma above,  $\exists r > 0$  such that  $V = \{\tau \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) \geq r\} \cup \{\infty\}$  satisfies  $\{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(V) \cap V \neq \emptyset\} = \Gamma_\infty$ .

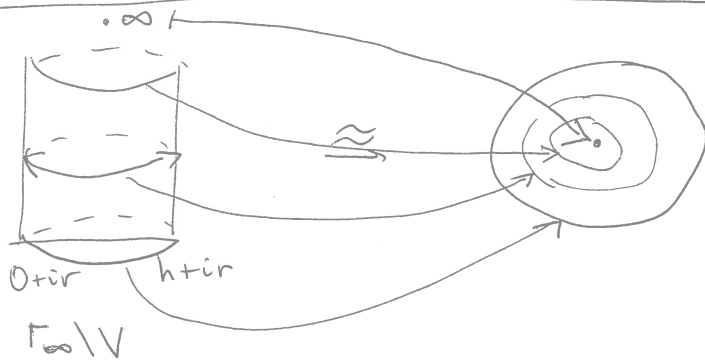
As a result, under  $\pi: \mathcal{H}_T^* \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_T^*$

$$\Gamma_\infty \backslash V = \pi(V) = \pi(\underbrace{\{\infty\} \cup \{\tau \in \mathcal{H} \mid \text{Im}(\tau) \geq r, 0 \leq \text{Re}(\tau) \leq h\}}_{\text{compact}})$$

In fact,  $\tau \mapsto e^{2\pi i \tau / h}$   
 $\infty \mapsto 0$

is a homeomorphism

$\Gamma_\infty \backslash V \cong$  closed disc of radius  $e^{-2\pi r / h}$ .



Def.  $\Gamma$  is a "Fuchsian group of the first kind" if  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_T^*$  is compact.

Facts: assume that  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a discrete subgroup such that  $\overline{\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}}_\Gamma^*$  is compact ( $\Gamma$  is a Fuchsian subgroup of the 1st kind), then:

- (1)  $\text{vol}(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}) < \infty$
- (2)  $\exists$  fundamental domain  $F \subset \mathcal{H}$  of  $\Gamma$  which is the interior of a convex hyperbolic polygon with finitely many sides
- (3)  $\Gamma$  is finitely generated
- (4)  $\Gamma$  has a presentation of the following form:  
generators:  $A_1, \dots, A_g, B_1, \dots, B_g, \underbrace{C_1, \dots, C_r}_{\text{elliptic}}, \underbrace{P_1, \dots, P_t}_{\text{parabolic}}$  ( $g, r, t \geq 0$ )  
relations:  $C_i^{m_i} = 1$  ( $m_i \geq 1$ )  
 $[A_1, B_1] \dots [A_g, B_g] C_1 \dots C_r P_1 \dots P_t = 1$

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Ex:  $\Gamma = \overline{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}$ ,  $C_1 = \overline{S}$ ,  $C_2 = \overline{ST}$ ,  $P_1 = \overline{T^{-1}}$   
 $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $m_1 = 2$ ,  $m_2 = 3$

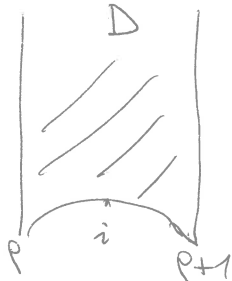
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Prop. (1)  $\frac{SL_2(\mathbb{Z})}{\Gamma} \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^*$  is compact.

(2) Let  $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  be a subgroup of finite index  
 $(\Rightarrow \{\text{cusps of } \Gamma'\} = \{\text{cusps of } \Gamma\})$ . Then:

$[\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \text{ is compact} \iff \Gamma' \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \text{ is compact}]$ .

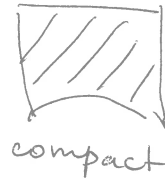
Pr. (1)  
 $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$



$$\mathcal{H}_r^* = \mathcal{H} \cup T \cdot \infty$$

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* = \pi \left( \underbrace{D \setminus U_r}_{\text{disc (closed)}} \cup \underbrace{\pi(U_r^*)}_{\text{compact}} \right) \quad \forall r > 0$$

disc (closed)  $\Rightarrow$  compact



(2)  $\mathcal{H}_r^* = \mathcal{H}_r^*$

$\Leftarrow$   $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \leftarrow \Gamma' \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^*$  is surjective, continuous

$\Rightarrow$   $\forall x \in \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \exists U \subset \mathcal{H}_r^*$  open such that  $\bar{U}$  is compact,  $\pi_\Gamma(U) \ni x$ .

Compactness of  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \Rightarrow \exists U_1, \dots, U_m \subset \mathcal{H}_r^*$  open with  $\bar{U}_j$  compact and

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \pi_\Gamma(U_j) = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \pi_\Gamma(\bar{U}_j). \text{ Write } \Gamma = \bigcup_{k=1}^n \Gamma'_k$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma' \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \bigcup_{k=1}^n \underbrace{\pi_{\Gamma'}(\bar{U}_j)}_{\text{compact}}.$$

Cor. For every  $\Gamma \subset SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  commensurable with  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

(i.e., such that  $\Gamma \cap SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  has finite index in both  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  and  $\Gamma$ )

$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^*$  is compact.

Bmk. Siegel showed that

hyperbolic area of a fundamental domain

$$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^* \text{ is compact} \iff \text{vol}(\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r) < \infty$$

Prop. If  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^*$  is compact, then  $\Gamma \backslash \{\text{cusps of } \Gamma\}$  and  $\Gamma \backslash \{\text{elliptic points of } \Gamma\}$  are finite sets.

Pr.  $\forall x \in \mathcal{H}_r^* \exists U \ni x$  open in  $\mathcal{H}_r^* \{ \gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(U) \cap U \neq \emptyset \} = \Gamma_x$ .

Thus  $\{\text{elliptic points}\}$  and  $\{\text{cusps}\}$  are discrete  $\Gamma$ -invariant (and closed)

subsets of  $\mathcal{H}_r^* \Rightarrow$  their images in the compact set  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_r^*$  (with quotient topology) are discrete and compact  $\Rightarrow$  finite.

$\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_F^*$  as a Riemann surface

$\Gamma \subset G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  discrete subgroup,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \Gamma / (\Gamma \cap \{\pm I\}) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \{\pm I\}$   
 $\mathcal{H}_F^* = \mathcal{H} \cup \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ ,  $\pi: \mathcal{H}_F^* \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_F^*$  locally compact, Hausdorff  
 Goal: define local holomorphic coordinates on  $\Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_F^*$ .

Fix  $x \in \mathcal{H}_F^*$ .  $\exists U \ni x$  open such that  $\Gamma_x = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \gamma(U) \cap U \neq \emptyset\}$   
 $\Gamma_x \cdot U = U$

Then  $\Gamma_x \backslash U \hookrightarrow \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_F^*$  is an open neighbourhood of  $\pi(x)$ .

Holomorphic structure on  $\Gamma_x \backslash U$ : characterised by

$\forall$  Riemann surface  $Y$ ,  $\forall$  continuous map  $\Gamma_x \backslash U \xrightarrow{f} Y$   
 $[f \text{ is holomorphic} \iff U \xrightarrow{\pi} \Gamma_x \backslash U \xrightarrow{f} Y \text{ is holomorphic}]$   
 (and  $\Gamma_x$ -invariant)

Case 1:  $x = \tau_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ :

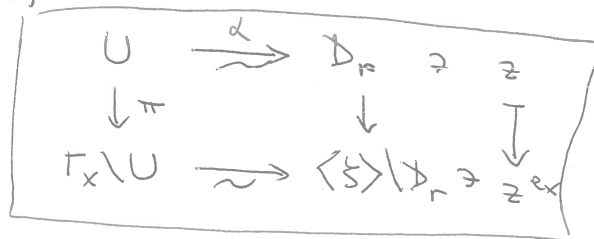
Cayley map  $\alpha = \alpha_{\tau_0}: \tau \mapsto z = \frac{\tau - \tau_0}{\tau - \bar{\tau}_0}$

$\alpha \Gamma_x \alpha^{-1} = \{z \mapsto \xi^k z \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}/e_x \mathbb{Z}\}$

$e_x = |\bar{\Gamma}_x|$ ,  $\xi = \exp(2\pi i/e_x)$

$\mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{D}$  unit disc (open)

For suitable  $U$  as above,



$D_r \subset \mathbb{D}$   
disc of radius  $r < 1$

Local coordinate

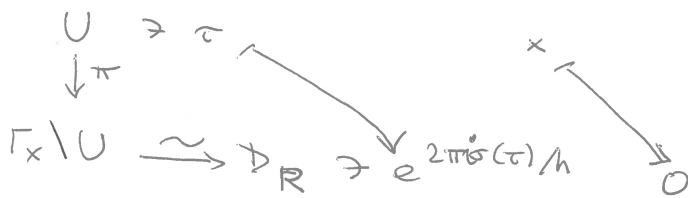
at  $\pi(x) = \pi(\tau_0)$ :

$\pi(\tau) \mapsto (\alpha_{\tau_0}(\tau))^{e_x} = \left(\frac{\tau - \tau_0}{\tau - \bar{\tau}_0}\right)^{e_x}$

Case 2:  $x \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ : fix  $\sigma \in G$   $\sigma(x) = \infty$

$(\sigma \Gamma_x \sigma^{-1}) \cdot \{\pm I\} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathbb{Z}}$

For suitable  $U = \sigma^{-1}(U_r^*)$ ,



$R = e^{-2\pi r/h}$

$D_R$  open disc of radius  $R$  (centre at 0)

Local coordinate at  $\pi(x)$ :

$\pi(\tau) \mapsto e^{2\pi i \sigma(\tau)/h}$

$\pi(x) \mapsto 0$

Ex:  $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ : local coordinates:

at  $x = \infty$ :  $e^{2\pi i \tau}$  | at  $\tau_0 \notin \Gamma \cdot i \cup \Gamma \cdot \rho$ :  $\tau - \tau_0$

at  $\tau_0 = i$ :  $\left(\frac{\tau - i}{\tau + i}\right)^2$  | at  $\tau_0 = \rho$ :  $\left(\frac{\tau - \rho}{\tau - \bar{\rho}}\right)^3$

In general:  $\mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\pi_\Gamma} \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{Y}$  the ramification index of  $\pi_\Gamma$   
 $\tau_0 \mapsto \pi(\tau_0)$  at  $\tau_0 \in \mathcal{Y}$  is  $e_{\tau_0} = |\bar{F}_{\tau_0}|$

Proposition: (1)  $A_0 = M(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^*)$

(2)  $j \in M(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^*)$  has divisor  $\text{div}(j) = (\pi(\rho)) - (\pi(\infty))$ , hence induces an isomorphism of Riemann surfaces

$$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^* \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$$

(3)  $M(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^*) = \mathbb{C}(j)$

(4)  $\forall f \in A_k \quad \sum_{\tau \in (SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}) \cup \{\infty\}} \frac{\text{ord}_\tau(f)}{e_\tau} = \frac{k}{12} \quad (e_\infty = 1)$

Pr. (1) By definition.

(2)  $j(\tau) = \frac{1}{z} + \dots$  has simple pole at  $\pi(\infty)$ , no other pole, and a zero (of order 1, necessarily) at  $\pi(\rho)$ .

(3)  $M(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})) = \mathbb{C}(z)$  ( $z =$  standard coordinate on  $\mathbb{C}$ )

(4)  $g = f^{12} / \Delta^k \in A_0$  satisfies (when viewed as element of  $M(SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^*)$ )

$$0 = \sum_{x \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathcal{Y}^*} \text{ord}_x(g), \quad \text{ord}_{\pi(\infty)}(g) = 12 \text{ord}_\infty(f) - k$$

$$\text{ord}_{\pi(\tau)}(g) = \frac{1}{e_\tau} \text{ord}_\tau(g \circ \pi) = \frac{12}{e_\tau} \text{ord}_\tau(f)$$

Rmk: if  $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-constant holomorphic map between Riemann surfaces and if  $0 \neq f \in M(Y)$ , then

$\forall x \in X \quad \text{ord}_x(f \circ \alpha) = e_x \text{ord}_{\alpha(x)}(f)$ , where  $e_x$  is the ramification index of  $\alpha$  at  $x$ .

Maps  $X_{\Gamma'} \longrightarrow X_{\Gamma}$

Data:  $\Gamma \subset G = SL_2(\mathbb{C})$  discrete subgroup such that  $X_{\Gamma} := \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{Y}_{\Gamma}^*$  is compact.

$\Gamma' \subset \Gamma$  subgroup of finite index

then:  $X_{\Gamma'} = \Gamma' \backslash \mathcal{Y}_{\Gamma'}^* = \Gamma' \backslash \mathcal{Y}_{\Gamma}^*$  is also compact and there are holomorphic projection maps, with  $f$  proper

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Y}_{\Gamma'}^* & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\Gamma'}} & X_{\Gamma'} \\ & \searrow \pi_{\Gamma} & \downarrow f \\ & & X_{\Gamma} \end{array}$$

(4) there is a bijection  $\Gamma' \backslash \overline{\Gamma} / \overline{\Gamma}_x \xrightarrow{\sim} f^{-1}(\pi_{\Gamma}(x))$   
 $\mathcal{Y} \longmapsto \pi_{\Gamma'}(\mathcal{Y}(x))$

lemma. (1)  $\deg(f) = (\overline{\Gamma} : \overline{\Gamma}')$

(2) If  $y = \pi_{\Gamma'}(z)$  ( $z \in \mathcal{Y}_{\Gamma'}^*$ ), then the ramification index of  $f$  at  $y$  is equal to  $e_y = (\overline{\Gamma}_z : \overline{\Gamma}'_z)$ .

(3) If  $\Gamma' \triangleleft \Gamma$ , then  $\overline{\Gamma} / \overline{\Gamma}'$  acts transitively on  $f^{-1}(x)$ , for each  $x \in X_{\Gamma}$ , hence  $e_y$  depends only on  $f(y)$ .

Pf. (1) If  $\overline{\Gamma} = \bigsqcup_j \overline{\Gamma}' \mathcal{Y}_j$  (disjoint union), then

$$f^{-1}(\pi_{\Gamma}(z)) = \{ \pi_{\Gamma'}(\mathcal{Y}_j(z)) \}$$

(2)(a) If  $z \in \mathcal{Y}$ : distinct for generic  $z$

$$e_y = |\overline{\Gamma}'_z| / |\overline{\Gamma}_z|$$

(b) If  $z \in \text{cusps}(\Gamma)$ : can assume  $z = \infty$

$$\overline{\Gamma}_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z}, \quad \overline{\Gamma}'_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & nh \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z}$$

local coord.:  $e^{2\pi i \tau / h}$

at  $\pi_{\Gamma}(z)$

$e^{2\pi i \tau / nh}$

at  $\pi_{\Gamma'}(z) = y$

$$\Rightarrow e_y = n = (\overline{\Gamma}_z : \overline{\Gamma}'_z)$$

(3) If  $\overline{\Gamma} = \bigsqcup_j \overline{\Gamma}' \mathcal{Y}_j$ , then  $f^{-1}(\pi_{\Gamma}(z)) = \{ \pi_{\Gamma'}(\mathcal{Y}_j(z)) \}$

and  $\mathcal{Y}_k \mathcal{Y}_j^{-1} : X_{\Gamma'} \longrightarrow X_{\Gamma'}$  is well-defined,

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sending  $\pi_{\Gamma'}(\mathcal{Y}_j(z))$  to  $\pi_{\Gamma'}(\mathcal{Y}_k(z))$ .

(4) the map is well-defined and surjective. If  $\mathcal{Y}_1, \mathcal{Y}_2 \in \overline{\Gamma}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}_1(x) = \mathcal{Y}' \mathcal{Y}_2(x)$  ( $\mathcal{Y}' \in \overline{\Gamma}'$ ), then  $\mathcal{Y}_1^{-1} \mathcal{Y}' \mathcal{Y}_2 \in \overline{\Gamma}_x$  and  $\mathcal{Y}'^{-1} \mathcal{Y}_1 \mathcal{Y}_2 = \mathcal{Y}_2$

$\Rightarrow$  injectivity.

Theorem. Let  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma(1) = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  be a subgroup of finite index.

Let  $\mu := (\overline{\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})} : \overline{\Gamma})$ ,  $\nu_\infty := |\Gamma \backslash \underbrace{\text{cusps}(\Gamma)}_{\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q})}|$ ,

$\nu_2 := |\Gamma \backslash \{\text{elliptic points of } \Gamma \text{ above } i\}|$

$\nu_3 := |\Gamma \backslash \{\text{elliptic points of } \Gamma \text{ above } \rho\}|$ .

then the compact Riemann surface  $X_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H}_\Gamma^*$  has genus

$$g(X_\Gamma) = 1 + \frac{\mu}{12} - \frac{\nu_2}{4} - \frac{\nu_3}{3} - \frac{\nu_\infty}{2}$$



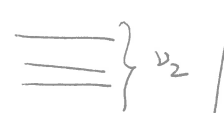

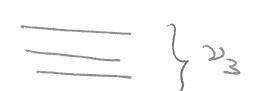
Pr:  $\mathcal{H}_\Gamma^* = \mathcal{H} \cup \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}) \xrightarrow{\pi_\Gamma} X_\Gamma$   
 $\xrightarrow{\pi = \pi_{\Gamma(1)}} X_{\Gamma(1)} \xrightarrow{j} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$

Riemann-Hurwitz formula for  $f$ :

$$2g(X_\Gamma) - 2 = \underbrace{(2g(X_{\Gamma(1)}) - 2)}_0 \underbrace{\deg(f)}_\mu + \sum_{y \in X_\Gamma} (e_y - 1)$$

Ramification of  $f$ :

$X_\Gamma \ni y$   
 $\downarrow f$   
 $X_{\Gamma(1)} \ni x$

	at cusps	at $i$	at $\rho$
		$e=2$  $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \times \\ \times \end{matrix}} \right\} \frac{\mu - \nu_2}{2}$ $e=1$  $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}} \right\} \nu_2$	$e=3$  $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \times \\ \times \\ \times \end{matrix}} \right\} \frac{\mu - \nu_3}{3}$ $e=1$  $\left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{matrix}} \right\} \nu_3$
$x :$	$\pi(\infty)$	$\pi(i)$	$\pi(\rho)$
$\sum (e_y - 1) :$ $f(y) = x$	$\mu - \nu_\infty$	$\frac{\mu - \nu_2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3} (\mu - \nu_3)$

(since  $\sum e_y = \mu$ )  
 $f(y) = x$

So  $2g(X_\Gamma) - 2 = -2\mu + (\mu - \nu_\infty) + \left(\frac{\mu - \nu_2}{2}\right) + \frac{2}{3}(\mu - \nu_3)$   
 $= \frac{\mu}{6} - \nu_\infty - \frac{\nu_2}{2} - \frac{2}{3}\nu_3$

## Principal congruence subgroups $\Gamma(N)$

$$N \geq 1, \quad \Gamma(N) := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$$

Notation:  $Y(N) := \Gamma(N) \backslash \mathcal{H} \subset \Gamma(1) \backslash \mathcal{H}^* = X(N)$

Note: (1)  $-I \in \Gamma(N) \iff N \leq 2$

(2)  $\Gamma(N) = \mathrm{Ker} (\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})) \triangleleft \Gamma(1) = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

Exercise (important)  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  is surjective.

Cor:  $\mu = (\Gamma(1) : \Gamma(N)) = |\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})| \cdot \begin{cases} 1, & N=1, 2 \\ 1/2, & N \geq 3 \end{cases}$

Prop. (1)  $N = \prod p_i^{n_i} \implies |\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})| = \prod |\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{n_i}\mathbb{Z})|$   
 ( $p_i$ -distinct primes)

(2)  $|\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z})| = p^3 |\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})| \quad \forall n \geq 1 \quad \forall \text{ prime } p$

(3)  $|\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})| = p^3 - p \quad \forall \text{ prime } p$

(4)  $|\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})| = N^3 \prod_{p|N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right) \quad (p \text{ prime})$

Pf: (1) Chinese remainder thm.

(2) Hensel's lemma:  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^{n+1}\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$  is surjective,  
 with  $\mathrm{Ker} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + p^n M \pmod{p^{n+1}} \mid M \in \mathrm{Lie}(\mathrm{SL}_2)(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}) \right\}$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix} \quad a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

(3)  $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$  acts transitively on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ , with  
 $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})_\infty = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}, a \neq 0 \right\}$

$$\implies |\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})| = (p+1)(p-1)p.$$

(4) Follows from (1)-(3).

Prop. (1) If  $N \geq 2 \implies \Gamma(N)$  has no elliptic points  $\implies \nu_2 = \nu_3 = 0$ .

(2) Each cusp  $y$  of  $\Gamma(N)$  and the ramification index  $e_y$   
 of  $X(N) \rightarrow X(1)$  at  $y$  is equal to  $N$ .

(3)  $\nu_\infty = \mu/N$ .

Pf. (1) Every elliptic element of  $\Gamma(1)$  is conjugate there to some  
 $\gamma \in (\Gamma(1)_p \cup \Gamma(1)_i) \setminus \{\pm I\} = \left\{ \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \pm \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$  - none of them  
 lie in a conjugate of  $\Gamma(N)$  inside  $\Gamma(1)$ ; but  $\Gamma(N) \triangleleft \Gamma(1)$ .

(2)  $\Gamma(N)_\infty = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & N \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z}$  ( $\cdot 2 \pm 1$  if  $N \leq 2$ )  $\implies e_\infty = N$  and  $\infty$  is regular.

the same is true for all cusps, since  $\Gamma(N) \triangleleft \Gamma(1)$ .

(3)  $\Leftarrow$  (2).



Thm.  $\forall N \geq 1$  the projection  $X(N) \rightarrow X(1) = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  has

$$\text{degree} = \mu = \begin{cases} 6, & N=2 \\ \frac{N^2}{2} \prod_{p|N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right), & N > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$v_\infty = \underbrace{|\text{cusps of } X(N)|}_{X(N) \setminus Y(N)} = \frac{\mu}{N} = \begin{cases} 3, & N=2 \\ \frac{N^2}{2} \prod_{p|N} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right), & N > 2 \end{cases}$$

$$v_2 = v_3 = 0 \quad (\text{no elliptic points})$$

$$\text{genus } g(X(N)) = \begin{cases} 0, & N=2 \\ 1 + \frac{\mu}{12N} (N-6), & N > 2 \end{cases}$$

Cor.  $g(X(N)) = 0 \iff N \leq 5$ .

Exercise. Describe explicitly the set of cusps  $X(N) \setminus Y(N)$

Remarks on  $X(N)$  for  $N \leq 5$ :

$SL_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) / \{\pm I\}$	$\cong$	$S_3 \cong D_6$	$N=2$	$v_\infty$
		$A_4$	$N=3$	3
		$S_4$	$N=4$	4
		$A_5$	$N=5$	6
				12

$\exists$  holomorphic isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(N) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) = S^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_N \\ X(1) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) = S^2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \pi_N \text{ ramified above} \\ 3 \text{ points of } X(1), \\ \text{with ramification indices} \\ e = (2, 3, N) \end{array}$$

the Ramification points of  $X(N)$  with  $e=N$  are the cusps.

Geometrically, they are the vertices of a regular polyhedron:

tetrahedron  $N=3$   
 octahedron  $N=4$   
 icosahedron  $N=5$

(= the centres of faces of the dual polyhedron).

Exercise. Describe the remaining ramification points in terms of this polyhedron (or its dual).

Reference. F. Klein, lectures on the icosahedron.

Example:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(N)$

Def:  $\Gamma_0(N) := \left\{ \gamma \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \gamma \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\} \ni \pm I$

$X_0(N) := \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{H} \subset \Gamma_0(N) \backslash \mathcal{H}^* = X_0(N)$

Ex:  $N=p$ ,  $p$  prime:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0(p) \subset \Gamma(1) = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

coset space  $\Gamma(1)/\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma(1)}/\overline{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{F}_p)/\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & * \end{pmatrix} \right\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)$

Consider  $X_0(p) \rightarrow X(1)$ :  $g \longmapsto g(\infty)$

degree:  $\mu = \deg = |\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)| = p+1$

cusps:  $\overline{\Gamma}_\infty = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ ,  $\overline{\Gamma}_\infty \backslash \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p) = \{\infty, 0\}$

$\frac{2 \text{ cusps}}{v_\infty = 2}$

elliptic points above  $i$ :  $\overline{\Gamma}_i = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$

$$v_2 = \left| \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)^{\overline{\Gamma}_i} \right| = \left| \left\{ a \in \mathbb{F}_p \mid a = -1/a \right\} \right| = 1 + \left( \frac{-1}{p} \right)$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $a^2 + 1$

$\left( \frac{-1}{2} \right) := 0$

elliptic points above  $p$ :  $\overline{\Gamma}_p = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$

$$v_3 = \left| \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_p)^{\overline{\Gamma}_p} \right| = \left| \left\{ b \in \mathbb{F}_p \mid b = -1/(b+1) \right\} \right| = 1 + \left( \frac{-3}{p} \right)$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $b^2 + b + 1 = 0$

$\left( \frac{-3}{2} \right) := -1$

Conclusion:

$p \pmod{12}$	2	3	1	5	7	11
$v_2$	1	0	2	2	0	0
$v_3$	0	1	2	0	2	0
$\frac{v_2}{4} + \frac{v_3}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{7}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0
$g(\Gamma_0(p))$	0	0	$\frac{p-13}{12}$	$\frac{p-5}{12}$	$\frac{p-7}{12}$	$\frac{p+11}{12}$

$$g(X_0(p)) = \left\lfloor \frac{p+4}{12} \right\rfloor + \begin{cases} -1, & 1+p \equiv 2 \pmod{12} \\ 0, & 1+p \not\equiv 2 \pmod{12} \end{cases} = \dim S_{p+1}(\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}))$$

$g(X_0(p)) = 0 \iff p = 2, 3, 5, 7, 13 \iff (p-1) \mid 12$

$g(X_0(p)) = 1 \iff p = 11, 17, 19$

$g(X_0(p)) = 2 \iff p = 23, 29, 31, 37$

Exercise: for  $\Gamma_0(N)$  ( $N \geq 2$ )

$$\mu = N \prod_{p|N} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

$$v_2 = \begin{cases} 0, & 4|N \\ \prod_{p|N} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right)\right), & 4 \nmid N \end{cases}$$

$$v_3 = \begin{cases} 0, & 9|N \\ \prod_{p|N} \left(1 + \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)\right), & 9 \nmid N \end{cases}$$

$$v_\infty = \sum_{d|N} \varphi\left(d, \frac{N}{d}\right) = \prod_{p|N} \sum_{i=0}^{\text{ord}_p(N)} \varphi\left(p^{\min(i, \text{ord}_p(N)-i)}\right)$$

for  $\Gamma_1(N) = \left\{ \alpha \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \alpha \equiv \begin{pmatrix} * & * \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{N} \right\}$ ,  $N \geq 4$ :  
 $(\Gamma_1(N) = \Gamma_0(N) \text{ if } N = 2, 3)$

$$\mu = \frac{\varphi(N)N}{2} \prod_{p|N} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

$$v_2 = v_3 = 0$$

$$v_\infty = \begin{cases} 3, & N=4 \\ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d|N} \varphi(d) \varphi\left(\frac{N}{d}\right), & N > 4 \end{cases}$$

Exercise. (1) Describe explicitly the cusps of  $X_0(N)$ .

(2) Does  $X_1(N)$  have any irregular cusps?

Properties of  $Y_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash \mathcal{H} \subset X_\Gamma = \Gamma \backslash (\mathcal{H} \cup \{\text{cusps of } \Gamma\})$

$\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  discrete subgroup,  $\bar{\Gamma} = \text{Im}(\Gamma \rightarrow \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) / \{\pm I\})$

(1) If  $X_\Gamma$  is compact (" $\Gamma$  is a Fuchsian subgroup of the 1<sup>st</sup> kind")

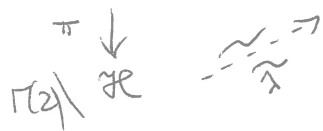
then  $X_\Gamma$  is the set of complex points of a non-singular projective curve over  $\mathbb{C}$ , and  $Y_\Gamma$  is obtained from  $X_\Gamma$  by removing finitely many points (the cusps of  $X_\Gamma$ ).

(2) If  $\bar{\Gamma}$  contains no element of finite order except  $I$ , then it acts freely discontinuously on  $\mathcal{H}$  and the projection  $\mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\pi_\Gamma} Y_\Gamma$  is a covering.

As  $\pi_1(\mathcal{H}) = \{1\}$ , the projection  $\pi_\Gamma$  identifies  $\mathcal{H}$  with the universal covering of  $Y_\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma$  with the fundamental group  $\pi_1(Y_\Gamma)$  (for any base point of  $Y_\Gamma$ ).

(3) Example of (2):  $\Gamma = \Gamma(2)$ ,  $Y_{\Gamma(2)} = Y(2)$

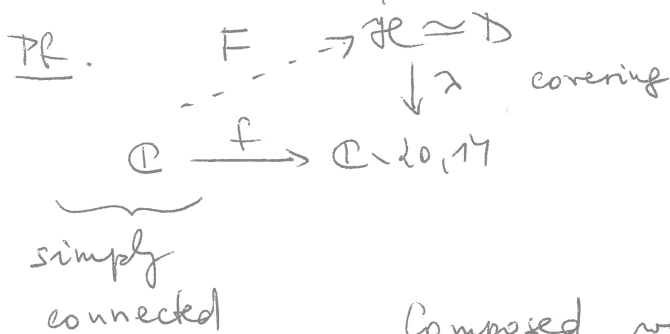
$\lambda: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  defines a holomorphic isomorphism



In particular,  $\lambda$  is a covering map and  $\mathcal{H} \simeq \mathcal{D} = \{ |w| < 1 \}$  is a universal covering of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ .

(4) Application: Picard's small theorem:

Any holomorphic map  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  is constant.



$\exists$  holomorphic map  $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  such that  $\lambda \circ F = f$ , since  $\mathbb{C}$  is simply connected and  $\lambda$  is a covering.

Composed with the Cayley map  $c: \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathcal{D}$ ,  $c \circ F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is constant by Liouville's theorem  $\Rightarrow F$  is constant  $\Rightarrow f$  is constant.

(5) Variant:  $J = 12^{-3}j = \frac{g_2^3}{g_2^3 - 27g_3^2} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is ramified

at elliptic points of  $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ , i.e., at  $T_i \cup T_p$ .  
 However, the restriction of  $J$  to  $\mathcal{H} \setminus (T_i \cup T_p)$  is a covering of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{J(\rho), J(i)\} = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  (but not the universal one), the argument of (4) applies and gives a proof of Picard's small theorem using  $J$  rather than  $\lambda$ .

(6) Abstract version: if  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$  is a discrete subgroup, then any holomorphic map  $\mathbb{C} \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash (\mathcal{H} \setminus \{\text{elliptic points of } \Gamma\})$  is constant.

(7) Picard's big theorem: any holomorphic map  $f: \mathcal{D}^* = \{0 < |w| < 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$  extends to a holomorphic map  $\mathcal{D} = \{|w| < 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$ .

(8) Exercise. If  $\Gamma$  has no elliptic points (i.e., if we are in (2)), then any holomorphic map  $\mathcal{D}^* \rightarrow Y_\Gamma$  extends to a holomorphic map  $\mathcal{D} \rightarrow X_\Gamma$ .

Hint: consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{H} \text{ universal} \\ & & \downarrow \pi_\Gamma = \text{covering} \\ \mathcal{D}^* & \xrightarrow{f} & Y_\Gamma \\ \text{and the quotient of } & & \mathcal{H} \text{ of the image of} \\ \mathbb{Z} = \pi_1(\mathcal{D}^*) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_1(Y_\Gamma) = \Gamma. \end{array}$$

(9) Note: Picard's big theorem = Exercise (8) for  $\Gamma = \Gamma(2)$ .