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$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}H^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} SL(2, \mathbb{R}) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R}H^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash SL(2, \mathbb{R}) & \longrightarrow & SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{R}H^2 \end{array}$$

The action is not free!

✓ <https://roywilliams.github.io/play/js/sl2z/>

FareySymbol(Gamma(1)).fundamental_domain()

Find $\gamma_0 \in SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$ such that

$$\Im(\gamma(z)) \leq \Im(\gamma_0(z))$$

for all $\gamma \in SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$.

We have

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\langle z \mapsto z + 1, -\frac{1}{z} \right\rangle$$

and therefore

$$SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\langle \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle$$

Let $H = \langle g, h \rangle$.

- Find $\gamma_0 \in H$ such that $\Im(\gamma(z)) \leq \Im(\gamma_0(z))$ for all $\gamma \in H$.

- This implies $HR = H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$

- Let $\gamma \in SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$. Then there exists $\gamma' \in H$ such that

$$\gamma'\gamma(i) \in R$$

- Then

$$\gamma'\gamma(i) = 2i \pm b$$

so $\gamma'\gamma \in \{I, -I\}$

- Thus $\gamma \in H$.

- Let $z \in \text{int}(R)$ and $\gamma \in \Gamma$ such that $\gamma(z) \in R$.

- For $\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ where $c \neq 0$.
- As before

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq \Im(\gamma(z)) = \frac{\Im(z)}{|cz + d|^2} = \frac{y}{|c(x + iy) + d|^2}$$

implying

$$|c| \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \implies c \in \{-1, 1\}$$

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$$z \mapsto z + 1 \mapsto -\frac{1}{z+1} \mapsto z + 1$$

$$SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash \mathbb{R}H^2$$

[1]

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbf{P}^1$$

We have

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q}\mathbf{P}^1 = \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$$

and

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}\mathbf{P}^1 = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$$

Therefore, $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$ acts on the set $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ of all irrational numbers.

Consider the positive and negative irrational numbers

$$(-\infty, 0) \setminus \mathbb{Q}$$

and

$$(0,\infty)\setminus\mathbb{Q}$$

- Under

$$z\mapsto -\frac{1}{z}$$

we have $(-\infty,0)\setminus\mathbb{Q}\mapsto (0,\infty)\setminus\mathbb{Q}$

- Under

$$z\mapsto -\frac{1}{z+1}$$

we have $(-\infty,0)\setminus\mathbb{Q}\mapsto (0,\infty)\setminus\mathbb{Q}$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) &= \left\langle -\frac{1}{z} \right\rangle * \left\langle -\frac{1}{z+1} \right\rangle \\ &\cong \mathbb{Z}_2 * \mathbb{Z}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$ is maximal discrete

[2]

Current note has 0 direct children and 0 total descendants.

- [squishy](#)
 - SL
 - $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$

And it has 15 siblings.

- [squishy](#)
 - SL
 - $\underline{SL}(\underline{\mathbb{Z}})$.
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{C})$
 - $PSL(n,\mathbb{C})$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R})$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) / SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$
 - H_q
 - $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})[2]$
 - $[PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})[2], PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})[2\$]]$
 - $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})[N]$
 - $SL(3,\mathbb{R})$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$
 - $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$
 - Congruent subgroups of $PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$
 - $SL(n,\mathbb{Z})$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}_2)$

1. <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/3087566/what-is-t1-mathbb-h2-psl-2-mathbb-z> ↩
2. [lie groups - Is \$SL_2\(\mathbb{Z}\)\$ a maximal discrete subgroup in \$SL_2\(\mathbb{R}\)\$? - Mathematics Stack Exchange](#) ↩