

 Info

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$$SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$$

#Wiki/group-action/Lie

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for $a,b,c,d\in\mathbb{R}$

 **Definition.** $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$

The group $SL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ acts on the upper-half plane $H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ by *Mobius transformations*

$$z\mapsto\frac{\begin{bmatrix}a&b\\c&d\end{bmatrix}z}{cz+d}$$

for $\begin{bmatrix}a&b\\c&d\end{bmatrix}\in SL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ and $(x,y)\in H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$, where the action by $PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ is faithful.

group of complex 1-manifold automorphisms

- Let $x+iy\in H^2$. Then

$$\begin{bmatrix}\sqrt{y}&x/\sqrt{y}\\0&1/\sqrt{y}\end{bmatrix}$$

maps

$$i\mapsto\frac{\sqrt{y}i+\frac{x}{\sqrt{y}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{y}}}=x+iy$$

- Thus the action $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ is **transitive**.
- Now, the stabilizer of $i\in H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ must have

$$|ci+d|^2=1$$

by

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- That means $(c,d)=(\sin\theta,\cos\theta)$ for some $\theta\in\mathbb{R}$, but

$$\frac{ai+b}{\sin\theta i+\cos\theta}=i\implies a,b=\cos\theta,-\sin\theta$$

- Thus

$$\text{stab}_{SL(2)(\mathbb{R})}(i)=SO(2)(\mathbb{R})$$

 The transitive, faithful action $PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ by *Mobius transformations* is the connected component of isometry group of the hyperbolic metric on upper-half plane

$$\text{AutRiem}(H^2_{\mathbb{U}},g_{\text{Hy}})_0\cong PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$$

Therefore the action is symplectic or area preserving in the hyperbolic area 2-form.

Thus, we have

$$SL(2)(\mathbb{R})\curvearrowright(H^2_{\mathbb{U}},g_{\text{Hy}},\lambda_{\text{Hy}})$$

Lie generators

 For the transitive action $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ by *Mobius transformations*, the stabilizer of $i=(0,1)\in H$ is $SO(2)(\mathbb{R})<SL(2)(\mathbb{R})$. Thus

$$\frac{SL(2)(\mathbb{R})}{SO(2)(\mathbb{R})}\cong_{\text{Man}}H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$$

by orbit-stabilizer theorem.

sub-actions

- how subgroups act
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - Γ torsion-free discrete
 - ...

induced action on $T^{\mathfrak{u}}H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$

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

then

- its *complex* derivative is

$$\begin{aligned} A'(z) &= \frac{a(cz+d) - c(az+b)}{(cz+d)^2} \\ &= \frac{\det A}{(cz+d)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(cz+d)^2} \end{aligned}$$

- which is precisely the multiplier for the linear map $\mathfrak{D}_z A$, making the the derivative

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{D}A : TH_{\mathbb{U}}^2 &\rightarrow TH_{\mathbb{U}}^2 \\ (z, v) &\mapsto \left(\frac{az+b}{cz+d}, \frac{v}{(cz+d)^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where $TH_{\mathbb{U}}^2 \cong H_{\mathbb{U}}^2 \times S^1$ naturally.

- The action preserves the hyperbolic metric because

$$\begin{aligned} \langle D_z A(v), D_z A(w) \rangle_{\text{Hyp}} &= \left(\frac{y}{|cz+d|^2} \right)^{-2} \left(\frac{v}{(cz+d)^2}, \frac{w}{(cz+d)^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{y^2} \langle v, w \rangle_{\text{DOT}} \\ &= \langle v, w \rangle_{\text{Hyp}} \end{aligned}$$

- As the inner product is preserved, hyperbolic unit vectors map to themselves, thus we restrict the action to

$$SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$$

- Now consider the action of the stabilizers

$$A = \frac{i \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{i \sin \theta + \cos \theta}$$

of $i \in H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$

$$(D_i A)(v) = \frac{v}{(i \sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2} = (\cos 2\theta - i \sin 2\theta)v$$

- So varying θ , we can map v to any element of $T_i^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$.
- Thus, the action

$$SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$$

- Now, say A is a stabilizer of (i, v) , then

$$\begin{aligned} 2\theta \bmod 2\pi &= 0 \\ \implies \theta &= \pi\mathbb{Z} \\ \implies A &= \pm I \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, the action

$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$$

is **transitive and free** giving us an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}) &\cong T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2 \\ A &\mapsto A(i, i) \end{aligned}$$

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induced by $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$ where the action by $PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ is free and transitive giving us an isomorphism of left $PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ -manifolds

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geodesic flow

We have the geodesic flow

$$\exp(tG^{H_{\mathbb{U}}^2}) : T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2 \rightarrow T^u H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$$

of the hyperbolic metric on $H_{\mathbb{U}}^2$

- We have

$$\exp(t(i, i)) = (e^t i, e^t i) = \mathfrak{D}_i \begin{bmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{bmatrix} (i)$$

- For the geodesic starting at $(z, v) = A(i, i)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \exp(t(z, v)) &= \mathfrak{D}A(\exp(t(i, i))) \\ &= \mathfrak{D}A \left(\mathfrak{D}_i \begin{bmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{bmatrix} (i) \right) \\ &= \mathfrak{D}_i \left(A \begin{bmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \right) (i) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus, under the identification

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$$PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \cong T^u H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$$
$$A \mapsto A(i,i)$$

the geodesic flow corresponds to right multiplication by $\begin{bmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ that is

$$A \overset{t}{\rightarrow} A \begin{bmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Current note has 1 direct children and 1 total descendants.

- [squishy](#)
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$ is proper
 - SL
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R})$

And it has 30 siblings.

- [squishy](#)
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2$
 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright H^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - $\text{Mat}_{\mathbb{C}}(2)$
 - $A_r, \neg \langle z \mapsto \lambda z \rangle \backslash \mathbb{R} \boldsymbol{H}^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \neg \langle z \mapsto z+1 \rangle \backslash \mathbb{R} \boldsymbol{H}^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0,1\}, \neg PSL(2)(\mathbb{Z})[2] \backslash \mathbb{R} \boldsymbol{H}^2_{\mathbb{U}}$
 - $\mathbb{R} \ltimes_{\theta} \mathbb{C}^2$
 - $\boldsymbol{CI}(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \ , \ \rangle_{0,n})$
 - $\mathbb{C}^n$
 - $U(\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\})$
 - $PSL(2)(\mathbb{C}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{C}P^1 \cong_{\text{Man}} S^2$
 - $\mathbb{C}P^n$
 - [Farey_graph_complex and tree](#)
 - GL
 - [Heisenberg_group](#)
 - [Incomplete hyperbolic polygon mod side-pairing](#)
 - $\mathbb{R} \boldsymbol{H}^2, \neg \mathbb{R} H^2_{\mathbb{U}}, \neg D^2$
 - $\mathbb{R} \boldsymbol{H}^n$
 - [D_n_lattice](#)
 - [Matrices](#)
 - $\text{Mat}_{\mathbb{R}}(2)$
 - [Mobius endomorphisms](#)
 - [Elementary_group with finite and infinite sided Dirichlet polyhedra](#)
 - [Polynomials](#)
 - $T^*S^1 \not\cong_{\text{Sym}} (\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, dx \wedge dy)$
 - $Z\left(\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} z_j^2 - 1\right)(\mathbb{C}) \cong_{\text{Sym}} T^*S^{n-1}$
 - SL
 - SO
 - [Seifert–Weber dodecahedral 3-manifold](#)
 - $U(n, \mathbb{C})$