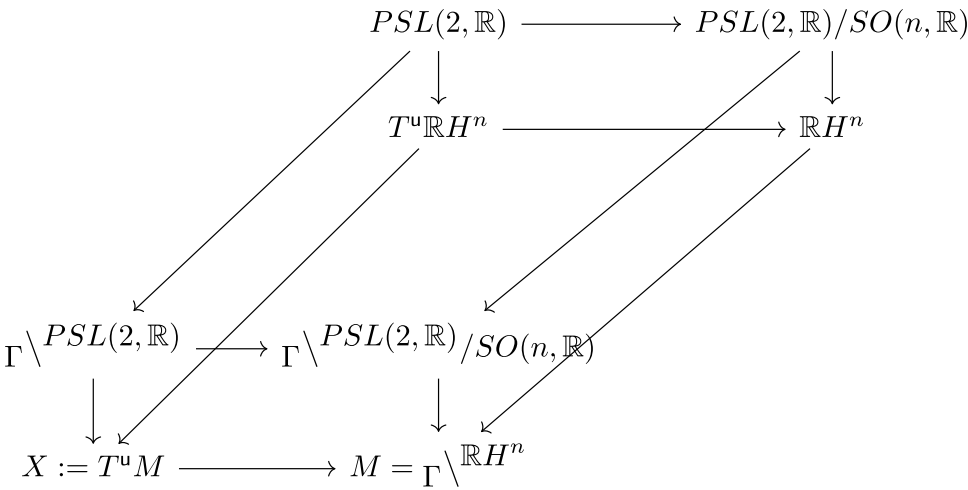


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Geodesic flow of Fuchsian groups and hyperbolic surfaces



Let $\Gamma \leq PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ be a lattice. Then any $g(t) := R_{a_t}$ for some $t \neq 0$ is an ergodic transformation on

$$(X := \Gamma \backslash PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}), \nu_X)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_t &:= \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-\frac{t}{2}) & \\ & \exp(\frac{t}{2}) \end{bmatrix} \\
 u^- &:= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

We fix a $t \neq 0$ and normalize the Haar measure ν_X to ensure $\nu_X(X) = 1$.

- Let

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

be a measurable $R_{a_t} =: R$ -invariant function.

- For any $\epsilon > 0$, by

(Lusin) Let f be measurable function on $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ with $m(E) < \infty$. Then for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a closed set $F_\epsilon \subset E$ such that $m(E - F_\epsilon) \leq \epsilon$ so that

$$f|_{F_\epsilon}$$

is continuous.

choose a compact set $K \subseteq X$ with measure $\nu_X(K) > 1 - \epsilon$ such that

$$f|_K$$

is continuous.

steps	roughly
Proposition: Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Let $K \subseteq X$ be a compact set of measure $\nu_X(K) > 1 - \epsilon$ $B := \left\{ x \left \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \chi_K(R^l x) > \frac{1}{2} \right. \right\}$ has measure $\nu_X(B) \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$	more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of future of $x \in B$ belongs to K
Then because $f(-) = f(R^l(-))$ for x, y and for all $l \geq 1$ we have $ \begin{aligned} d_X(R^l(x), R^l(y)) &= d_X(xa_t^{-l}, xu^-(s)a_t^l) \\ &\leq d_{PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})}(I_2, a_t^l u^-(s) a_t^{-l}) \xrightarrow{l \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned} $	simultaneous times $l \geq 0$ with $R^l x, R^l y \in K$
	$R^n(x) = R^n(x) a_t^n u^- a_t^{-n}, R^n(y)$ are close together for $n \gg 1$ so $f(x) = f(R^n(x)) \approx f(R^n(y)) = f(y)$

Proposition: Fix $\epsilon > 0$. Let $K \subseteq X$ be a compact set of measure $\nu_X(K) > 1 - \epsilon$

$$B := \left\{ x \left| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \chi_K(R^l x) > \frac{1}{2} \right. \right\}$$

has measure $\nu_X(B) \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$

- By

(Pointwise ergodic theorem for measure preserving transformation) Let $(X, \mathcal{M}_X, \mu)$ be a probability space, $T : X \rightarrow X$ be μ -preserving and $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$. Then

$$\langle f \rangle_T = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_T^{(n)}(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ T^k$$

converges pointwise almost everywhere on X to a T -invariant function $\langle f \rangle_T \in L^1(X, \mu)^T$ and

$$\int_X \langle f \rangle_T d\mu = \int_X f d\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_K^* : X &\rightarrow [0, 1] \\ x &\mapsto \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \chi_K(R^l x) \end{aligned}$$

exists almost everywhere, then

$$B = \left\{ \infty > \chi_K^* > \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

and

$$\int_X \chi_K^* d\nu_X = \nu_X(K) \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

- Thus,

$$\nu_X(B) \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$$

- So,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \epsilon &\leq \int_B \chi_K^* d\nu_X + \int_{X \setminus B} \chi_K^* d\nu_X \leq \nu_X(B) + \frac{1}{2} \nu_X(X \setminus B) \\ &= \nu_X(B) + \frac{1}{2} (1 - \nu_X(B)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \nu_X(B) + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- Thus

$$\nu_X(B) \geq 1 - 2\epsilon$$

- Let $x, y := xu^-(s) \in B$ for some $s \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - Then because

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for x, y and for all $l \geq 1$ we have

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we have a common sequence $l_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ such that

$$R^{l_n}(x), R^{l_n}(y) \in K$$

- **Proposition:**

$$x, xu^-(s) \in B \implies f(x) = f(xu^-(s))$$

Proposition:

$$f(x) = f(xg)$$

for all $g \in PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})$ and for all

$$x \in X_g := \dots$$

where X_g as full measure.

- Assume

$$f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is **not** constant ν_X -ae.

- Then there exist disjoint intervals $I_1, I_2 \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$C_j := \{h \in PSL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \mid f(\Gamma h) \in I_j\}$$

for $j = 1, 2$ which are neither $\nu_{PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})}$ -measure zero or of full $\nu_{PSL(2)(\mathbb{R})}$ -measure.

▲ There is a $g \in G$ such that

$$\nu(C_1 \cap C_2 g) > 0$$

- But

$$D_g := \pi_\Gamma^{-1} X_g$$

has full measure, so there is some

$$h \in C_1 \cap C_2 g \cap D_g$$

- But this contradicts f being constant on X_g .
- Thus f is constant ν_X -ae.

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