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$$SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright T^2$$

We consider the sub-action of

Definition. Linear maps on the 2-torus

From the module homomorphism

$$(\text{Mat}(2, \mathbb{Z}), \times) \rightarrow (\text{EndMan}(T^2), \circ)$$

we have

$$GL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright T^2$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{S} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

by $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \triangleleft GL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$.

- There are three types of elements of $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z})$

$\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4$	$ \text{tr}(A) $	type	eigenvalues λ, λ^{-1}
< 0	$0, 1$	elliptic	$\lambda, \lambda^{-1} \in \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \pm i\sqrt{}$ whose norm is 1, so $\lambda \in U(1) \setminus \{-1, 1\}$
0	2	parabolic	$\frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \in \{-1, 1\}$
> 0	≥ 3	hyperbolic	$\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 1\}$

and their respective diffeomorphism on T^2 are thus classified by their *type*.

- Proposition:**

elements, subgroups	eigenvalues λ, λ^{-1}	$SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^2$	$SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright T^2$	$SL(2)(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}H^2$ by isometries
$ \text{tr} = 0, 1 \iff$ finite order	$\lambda \in U(1) \setminus \{-1, 1\}$	periodic?	periodic	elliptic isometry (fixes one point)
$ \text{tr} = 2$	$\lambda \in \{-1, 1\}$		reducible; infinite order but not hyperbolic	parabolic isometry (fixes one point in boundary)
$ \text{tr} \geq 3$	$\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 1\}$	hyperbolic	(pseudo-)Anosov	hyperbolic isometry (fixes two points in boundary)

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 - $SL(2)(\mathbb{Z}) \curvearrowright T^2$

And it has 3 siblings.

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