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Fuchsian groups of finite coarea

Let Γ be a Fuchsian group. Then Γ is geometrically finite and $\Lambda(\Gamma) = \partial_\infty \mathbb{R}H^2$

$$\iff$$

$$\mu\left(\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{R}H^2\right) < \infty.$$

- $(\implies)$ Let D be a fundamental polygon for Γ with finitely many sides and $\Lambda(\Gamma) = \partial_\infty \mathbb{R}H^2$
 - If F has a free side then this side is not in $\Lambda(\Gamma)$. Thus F has no free sides.
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- $(\impliedby)$

conjugacy classes of maximal cyclic subgroups

Let Γ be a non-cocompact Fuchsian group of finite coarea. Then for any $\xi \in \partial_\infty D(\Gamma)$ there is a parabolic $\gamma \in \Gamma$ such that $\Gamma_\xi = \langle \gamma \rangle$ and for each $f \in \Gamma$ parabolic there exists $\xi \in \Gamma, g \in \Gamma$ such that $gfg^{-1} \in \Gamma_\xi$. Thus

$$\frac{\overbrace{\partial_\infty D(\Gamma)}^{\text{finite}}}{\Gamma} \xleftrightarrow[\xi \mapsto \Gamma_\xi]{\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{maximal cyclic } \left\langle \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{parabolic}} \right\rangle \leq \Gamma \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{conjugacy}}} \Gamma$$

In particular, as $|\partial_\infty D(\Gamma)| < \infty$, we conclude that a Fuchsian group of finite coarea has finitely many conjugacy classes of maximal cyclic subgroups that is generated by a hyperbolic element.

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Let Γ be a Fuchsian group of finite coarea. Then there exists infinity many conjugacy classes of maximal cyclic subgroups of Γ that is generated by a hyperbolic element.

$$\left| \frac{\left\{ \text{maximal cyclic } \left\langle \underbrace{\gamma}_{\text{hyperbolic}} \right\rangle \leq \Gamma \right\}}{\text{conjugacy}} \right| = \infty$$

- As $\Gamma \leq PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is finitely generated by [Selberg's lemma](#) there exists a finite index, torsion-free subgroup $\Gamma_1 \leq \Gamma$.
 - Thus

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow[\text{free}]{\curvearrowright} H^2 \xrightarrow[\text{covering}]{\downarrow} \Gamma \backslash H^2$$

- Let Γ is non-cocompact. Then $\Gamma_1 \cong F_n$ for some $n \geq 1$.
- Let Γ is cocompact. Then $\Gamma_1 \cong \pi_1(T_g^2, x_0)$ for some $g \geq 2$.

Theorem 10.3.5. Any non-elementary Fuchsian group contains infinitely many conjugacy classes of maximal hyperbolic cyclic subgroups.

PROOF. Suppose not, then there are hyperbolic elements $h_1, \dots, h_t$ in G such that each hyperbolic element in G is conjugate to some power of some h_j . Let u and v be distinct limit points of G . By Theorem 5.3.8, there are

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hyperbolic elements $f_1, f_2, \dots$ with distinct axes $A_1, A_2, \dots$ such that A_n has end-points u_n and v_n where $u_n \rightarrow u$ and $v_n \rightarrow v$.

As each f_n is conjugate to some power of one of a finite number of the h_j , we may relabel and assume that $h_j = h_1$ for every n . Then

$$f_n = g_n(h_1)^{n_1}(g_n)^{-1},$$

say, and so the elements

$$q_n = g_n h_1 (g_n)^{-1}$$

have distinct axes A_n and the same translation length T as h_1 . As A_n converges to the geodesic (u, v) , this violates discreteness: explicitly, if $z \in (u, v)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sinh \frac{1}{2} \rho(z, q_n z) &= \sinh(\frac{1}{2} T) \cosh \rho(z, A_n) \\ &\rightarrow \sinh(\frac{1}{2} T) \end{aligned}$$

as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ yet the q_n are distinct. □

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THEOREM 4.2.5. *Suppose Γ has a non-compact Dirichlet region $F=D_{\mathfrak{p}}(\Gamma)$ with $\mu(F)<\infty$. Then*

(i) each vertex of F at infinity is a parabolic fixed point for some $T\in\Gamma$.

(ii) If ξ is a fixed point of some parabolic element in Γ , then there exists $T\in\Gamma$ s.t. $T(\xi)\in\partial_0(F)$.

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