

Indefinite Quadratic Forms, Closed Geodesics and Spectral Geometry

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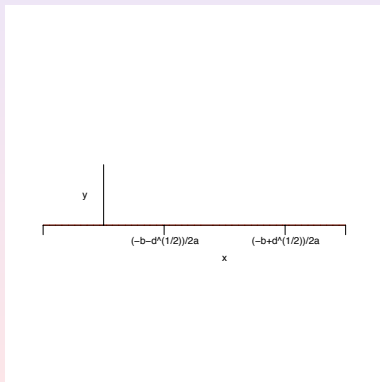
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From Quadratic Forms to Hyperbolic Geometry

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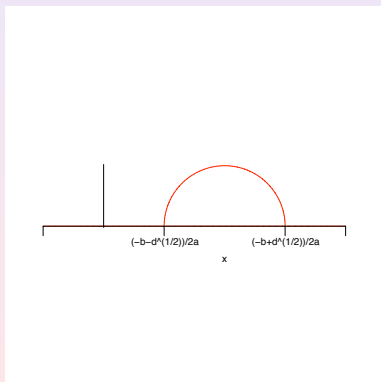
$$az^2 + bz + c = 0 \Leftrightarrow z_1 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{d}}{2a}, \quad z_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{d}}{2a}$$



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Linear Fractional Transformations and

$SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$T(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, \quad ad - bc \neq 0$$

maps circles to circles

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow T(z)$$

$$SL_2(\mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}, ad - bc = 1 \right\}$$

acts on

Upper-half space

$$\mathbb{H} = \{z = x + iy, y > 0\}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

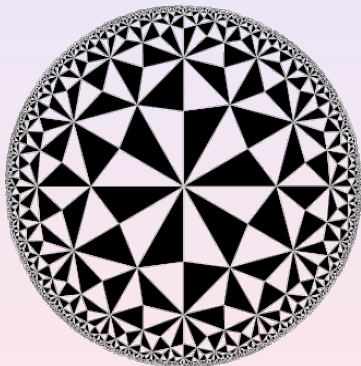
$$z(t) = x(t) + iy(t), \quad t \in [a, b], \quad L = \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{x'(t)^2 + y'(t)^2}}{y(t)} dt$$

▶ $z \rightarrow z + 1$

▶ $z \rightarrow -\frac{1}{z}$

$$\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \{\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{R}), a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

The Hyperbolic Disc



- ▶ Model of hyperbolic geometry

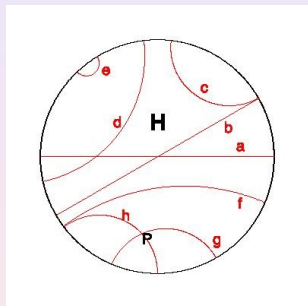
$$\mathbb{H} = \{z = x + iy, |z| < 1\}$$

- ▶ Hyperbolic metric

$$ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{(1 - (x^2 + y^2))^2}$$

$$d(0, z) = \ln \frac{1 + |z|}{1 - |z|},$$

Geodesics in Hyperbolic Disc



- ▶ Semicircles perpendicular to boundary
- ▶ Diameters

Geodesics in the Upper Half Plane

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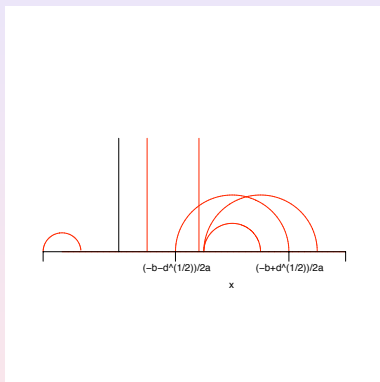
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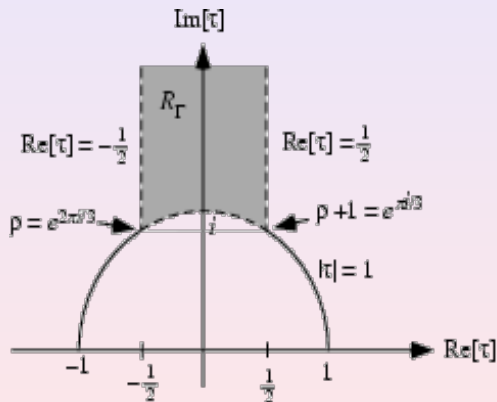
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Fundamental Domains

$$z \sim w \Leftrightarrow w = T(z), \quad T \in \Gamma$$

\mathbb{H}/Γ the modular surface



Arithmetic subgroups of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$

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Example

Fundamental Domain for $\Gamma_0(6)$

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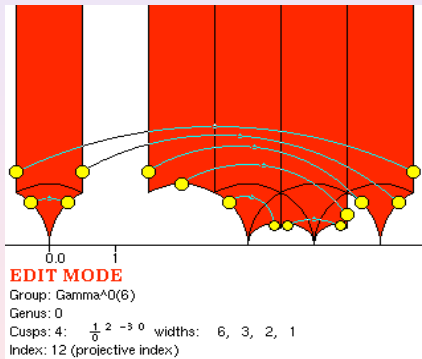
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Hecke subgroups $\Gamma_0(N)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} az + b \\ cz + d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}), N|c$$



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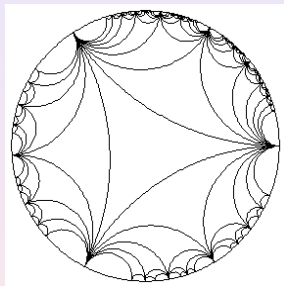
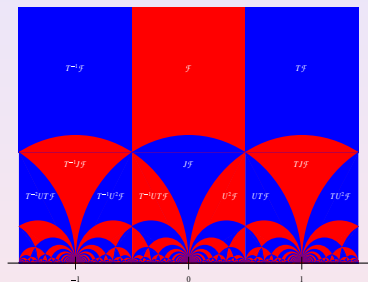


Figure: Translates of the
fundamental domain of
 $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$

Figure: Triangles in the
disc

Equivalence of Quadratic forms and $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

$$Q' \sim Q \Leftrightarrow M' = \gamma^t M \gamma, \quad \gamma \in \Gamma.$$

$$Q \rightarrow g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{t-bu}{2} & -cu \\ au & \frac{t+bu}{2} \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$$

where $t^2 - du^2 = 4$ and (t, u) is the fundamental (smallest solution).

Remarks: 1. g has eigenvalue $\epsilon_d = \frac{t + u\sqrt{d}}{2}$

2. Most $g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ can be diagonalised

$$g \sim \begin{pmatrix} N(g)^{1/2} & 0 \\ 0 & N(g)^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Pell's Equation and Lengths of Closed Geodesics

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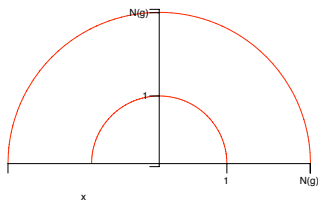
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$$\int_1^{N(g)} \frac{1}{y} dy = \ln N(g) = \ln(\epsilon_d^2)$$

Theorem

The lengths of the closed geodesics for the hyperbolic surface $\mathbb{H}/\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ are $2 \log \epsilon_d$ with multiplicity $h(d)$, $d \in \mathcal{D}$.

Distribution Closed geodesics of \mathbb{H}/Γ

Closed geodesics γ .

Prime Geodesic Theorem

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The Laplace Operator

$$\Delta = -y^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

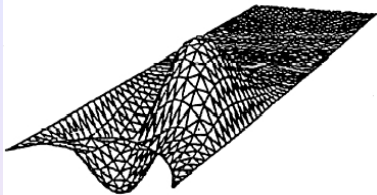
$$\Delta f = 0 \Leftrightarrow f \text{ is harmonic}$$

Eigenvalue problem: Solve

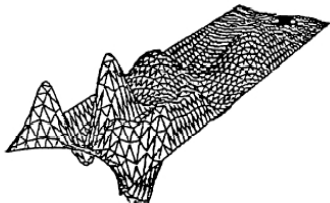
$$\Delta f = \lambda f$$

Infinite Matrix, no determinant to compute eigenvalues.

I require $f(\gamma z) = f(z)$, $\gamma \in \Gamma$ (automorphic form)



$$\lambda_1 = 91.12\dots$$



$$\lambda_{10} = 379.90\dots$$



$$\lambda_{17} = 541.27\dots$$



$$\lambda_{33} = 916.52\dots$$

Contour plots of eigenfunctions of $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma_0(7)$

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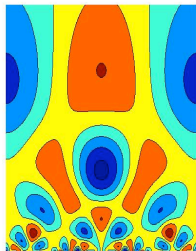
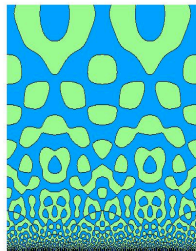


Figure: $\lambda = 37.08033$



$\lambda = 692.7292$

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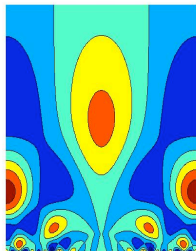
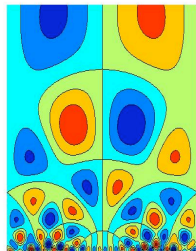


Figure: $\lambda = 26.3467$



$\lambda = 60.4397$

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Extend to $1/2 \leq \Re(s)$, then to \mathbb{C} using functional equation

$$\zeta(s) = \pi^{-1+s} \frac{\Gamma((1-s)/2)}{\Gamma(s/2)} \zeta(1-s).$$

Zeros: ρ , $1 - \rho$ symmetric around $\Re(s) = 1/2$.

Riemann Hypothesis

$\Re(\rho) = 1/2$ ALWAYS

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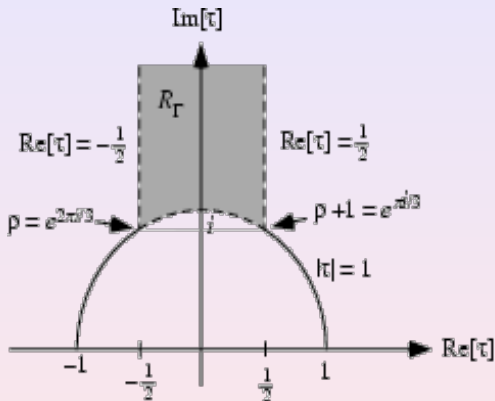
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Scattering of waves on \mathbb{H}/Γ



$$\phi(s) = \sqrt{\pi} \frac{\Gamma(s - 1/2)\zeta(2s - 1)}{\Gamma(s)\zeta(2s)}$$

Poles of $\phi(s)$ at $\rho/2$.

RH \Leftrightarrow Poles of $\phi(s)$, have real part $1/4$.

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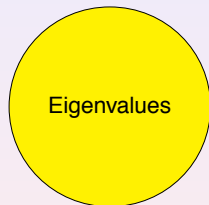
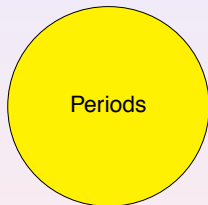
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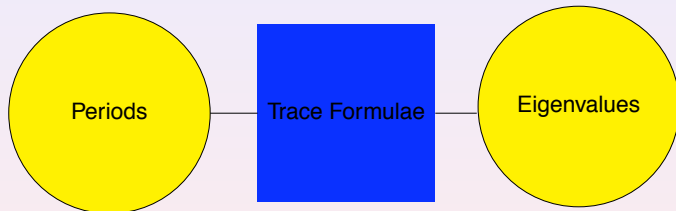
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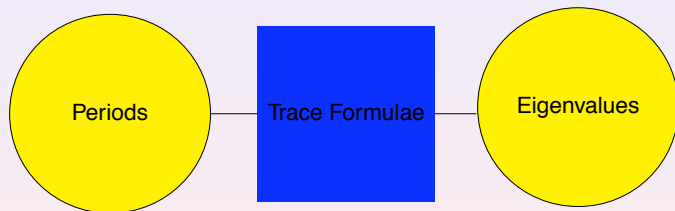
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Lengths of closed geodesics — Selberg Trace formula — Laplace eigenvalues

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Simple trace formula

$$\text{Tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j$$

What is and how do I compute the trace of an operator?

Credits for the pictures

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2. D. Hejhal, B. Rackner: On the topography of Maass waveforms for $PSL(2, Z)$. Experiment. Math. 1 (1992), no. 4, 275–305.
3. A. Krieg: <http://www.matha.rwth-aachen.de/forschung/fundamentalbereich.html>
4. <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/>
5. F. Stromberg: <http://www.math.uu.se/fredrik/research/gallery/>
6. H. Verrill: <http://www.math.lsu.edu/verrill/>

Where can you study my research interests? (apart from UCL)

Analytic Aspects of Automorphic Forms, Analytic Number Theory, Spectral Theory of hyperbolic manifolds, Quantum Chaos

- ▶ Bristol
A. Booker, T. Browning, B. Conrey, R. Dietmann, A. Gorodnik, H. Helfgott, J. Keating, J. Marklof, J. Pila, N. Snaith, L. Walling, T. Wooley
- ▶ Cardiff
Martin Huxley, N. Watt
- ▶ Durham
N. Peyerimhoff
- ▶ Nottingham
N. Diamantis
- ▶ Oxford
Roger Heath-Brown
- ▶ Royal Holloway
Glen Harman

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Research Interests of UCL Staff in Pure Mathematics

- ▶ Analysis: Keith Ball
Marianna Csörnyei (Leverhume Prize)
Rod Halburd
Ya. Kurylev (Inverse Problems)
Miklos Laczkovich
David Larman
Leonid Parnovski (Spectral Theory)
Y. Petridis (Spectral Theory, Number Theory)
Nadia Sidorova (Probability)
Alex Sobolev (Spectral Theory)
Alan Sokal
Dima Vassiliev (Spectral Theory)
- ▶ Number Theory, Algebraic Geometry:
Keith Ball (Irrationality of zeta values)
Richard Hill (Automorphic Forms)
Minhyong Kim (Arithmetic Algebraic Geometry)
Y. Petridis
Andrei Yafaev (Leverhume Prize, Algebraic Geom.)

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- ▶ Algebra, Topology: Frank Johnson
- ▶ Combinatorics, Geometry:
Imre Bárány
David Larman
Miklos Laczkovich
Alan Sokal
John Talbot
Keith Ball

Analysis Seminar (joint with Imperial College, King's College and QMW) organised by
Crisan (Imperial), B. Davies (King's), Goldshein (QMW),
Ya. Kurylev (UCL), A. Laptev (Imperial),
L. Parnowski (UCL), Pushnitski (King's),
Ruzhansky (Imperial), Yu. Safarov (King's),
Eu. Shargorodsky (King's), A. Sobolev (UCL),
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London-Paris Analysis Seminar

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Number Theory:

- ▶ Activities: Basic Notions Seminar, Study group and Seminar (joint with Imperial College and King's College), London-Paris Number Theory Seminar
- ▶ Members:
King's: M. Breuning, D. Burns, C. Bushnell, F. Diamond, P. Kassaei, D. Solomon.
Imperial: K. Buzzard, A. Pal
UCL: R. Hill, M. Kim, Y. Petridis, A. Yafaev.

Pure Colloquium, Applied Colloquium

Lighthill Institute for Mathematical Sciences

EU research training network (Marie-Curie): 'Phenomena in High-Dimensions'.

Origins: Interdisciplinary (Physics, Astronomy etc.)

London Taught Course Center

Participants: UCL, King's, QMW, Brunel, Kent, Imperial
(statistics)

Pure Mathematics Courses

Finite Simple Groups

Measure and Category

Graph Theory

C^* -algebras

Algebraic number theory

Measure-theoretic Probability

Cryptography and Mathematics

Introduction to Random Matrix Theory

Modular Group and Automorphic Forms

Non-Commutative Geometry

Representation Theory

Applications of Differential Geom. to Math. Physics

Mathematical Physics Topics

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Rob Bowles
Rod Halburd
Sergei Timoshin
Jean-Marc Vanden-Broeck
Helen Wilson
- ▶ Industry Oriented
Steven Bishop
J Curtis
A Ellis
N Ovenden
- ▶ Environmental Flows
M Davey
Gavin Esler
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Rob McDonald
Frank Smith

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R Ahmad

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Karen Page

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RM Seymour

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