

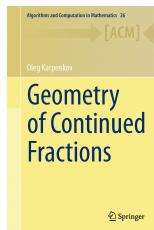
Continued Fraction approach to Gauss-Reduction theory

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In this presentation we show how to explicitly describe these “almost” normal forms.

The case of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$

- ▶ complex case: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.
- ▶ totally real case: Gauss Reduction Theory
- ▶ degenerate case of double roots: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ for $n \geq 0$.

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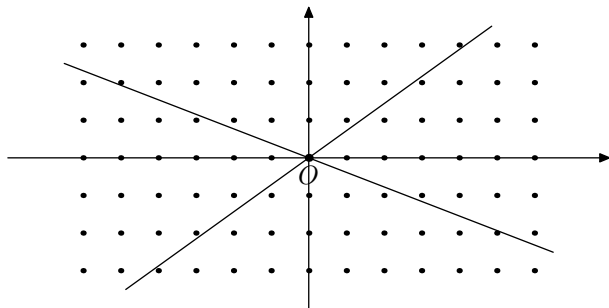
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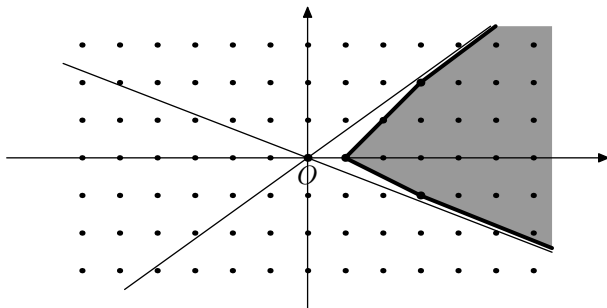
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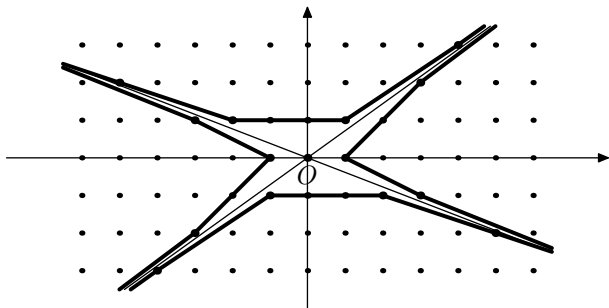
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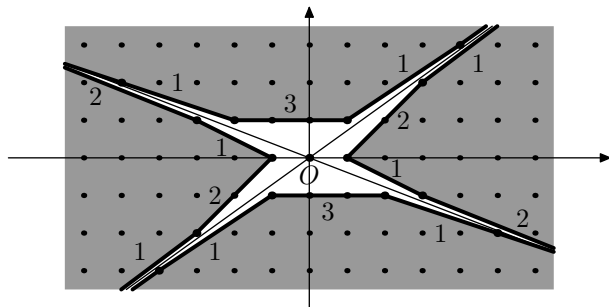
The *sail* for one of the octants, i.e. the boundary of the convex hull of all integer inner points.

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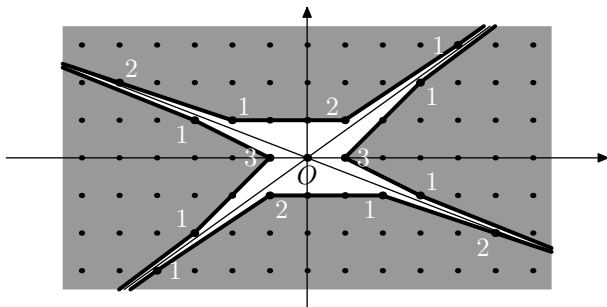
The set of all sails is called *geometric continued fraction* (in the sense of Klein).

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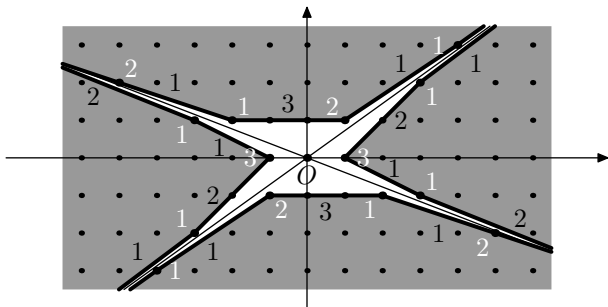
Integer length of a segment is the number of integer inner points in a segment plus one.

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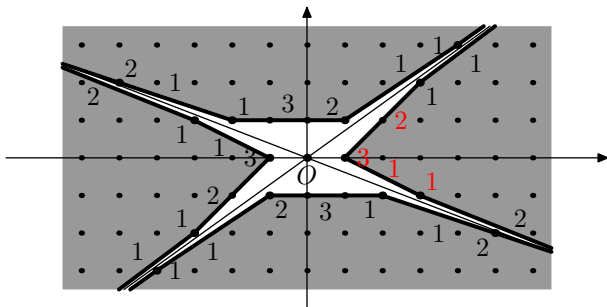
Integer angle is the index of the sublattice generated by points of the edges of the angle in the lattice of integer points.

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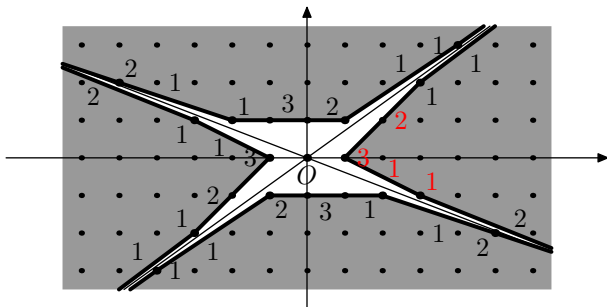
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In the case of $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ operators the sequences for the sails are periodic.

For instance, for $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 18 \\ 5 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$ the period is: $(1, 1, 3, 2)$.

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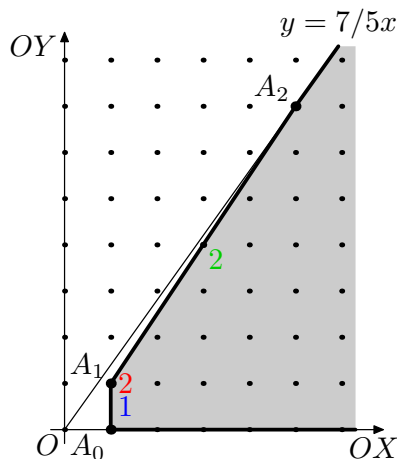
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Question: How to compute a period for $GL(2, \mathbb{Z})$ matrices?

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$$7/5 = [1; 2 : 2].$$

(a_0, \dots, a_{2n}) — lattice length-sine sequence (LLS-sequence).

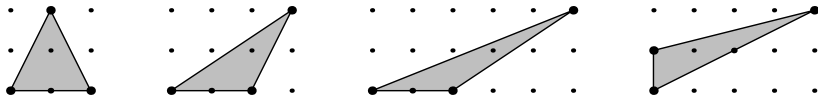
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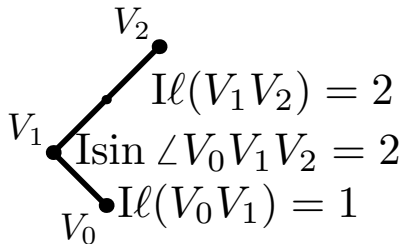
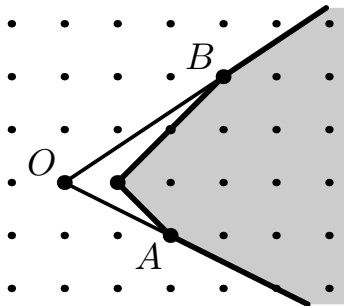
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$$(Aff(2, \mathbb{Z}) = GL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^2).$$

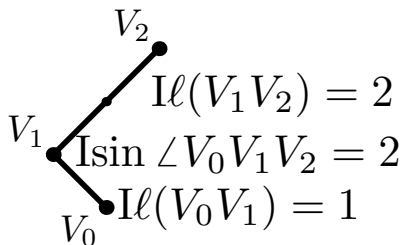
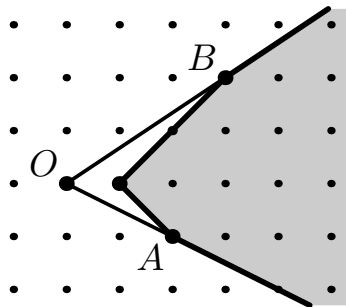


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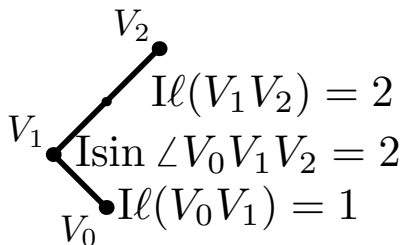
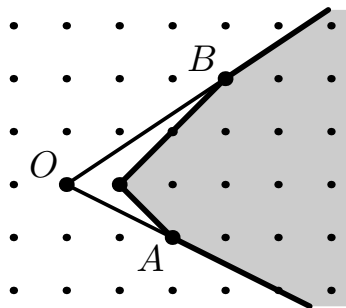
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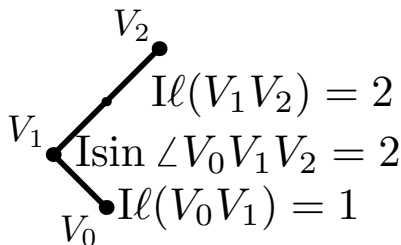
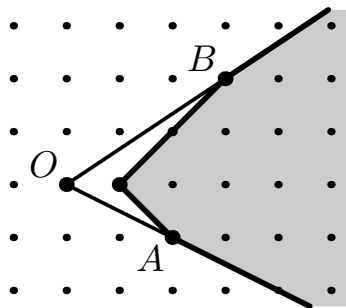


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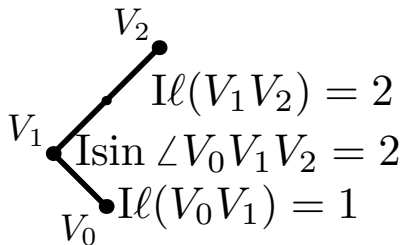
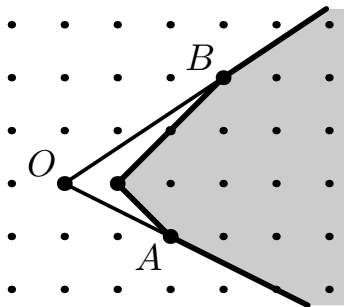
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$$l \tan AOB = [1 : 2; 2] = \frac{7}{5} \implies \begin{cases} l \sin AOB = 7 \\ l \cos AOB = 5 \end{cases}$$

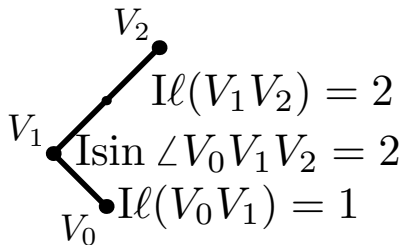
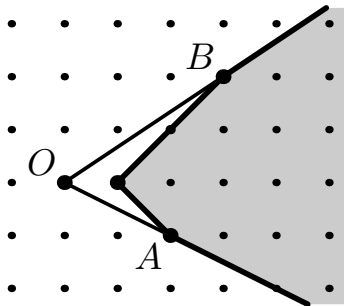
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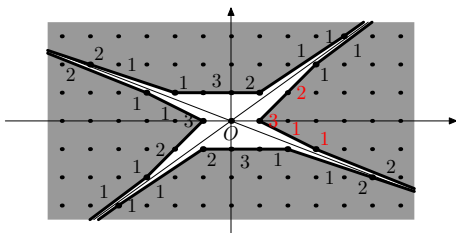
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$$(\mathbf{s}_1, s_2, \mathbf{s}_3) - (\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_3) = (s_2),$$

e.g., $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}, 4, 5, \mathbf{6}, \mathbf{7}, \mathbf{8}) - (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{6}, \mathbf{7}, \mathbf{8}) = (4, 5).$

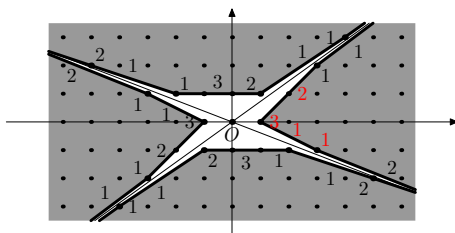
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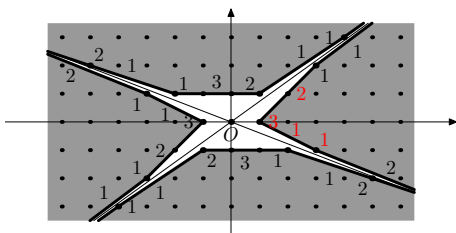


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$$K_{-1}() = 0;$$

$$K_0() = 1;$$

$$K_1(a_1) = a_1;$$

$$K_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = a_n K_{n-1}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}) + K_{n-2}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2}).$$

Remark

$$[a_0; a_1 : \dots : a_n] = \frac{K_{n+1}(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)}{K_n(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)}.$$

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for $k = 1, \dots, m$.

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Step 2. By Proposition

$$LLS(M) = \frac{1}{2} LLS(\angle P_0 O P_2) - LLS(\angle P_0 O P_1) = \frac{1}{2}(4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3) \\ = (4, 1, 2, 3).$$

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Step 3. Write down the reduced matrices (using Claim) for

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$$\begin{pmatrix} K_2(1, 2) & K_3(1, 2, 3) \\ K_3(4, 1, 2) & K_4(4, 1, 2, 3) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 10 \\ 14 & 47 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 30 \\ 10 & 43 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 13 & 16 \\ 30 & 37 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 14 \\ 16 & 45 \end{pmatrix}.$$

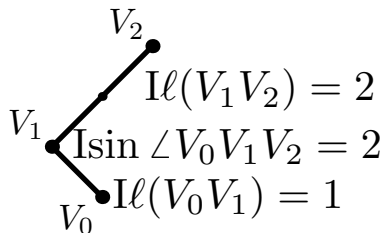
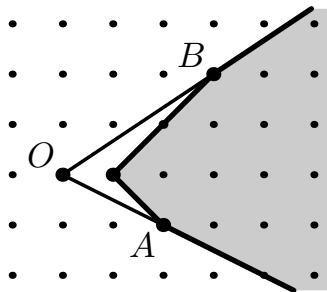
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Extra. Continued fractions for broken lines.

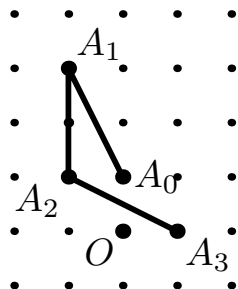
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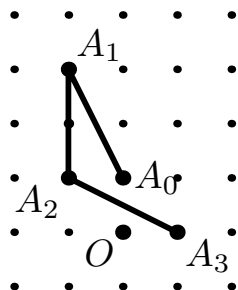
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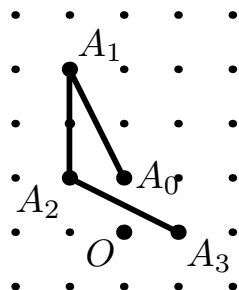
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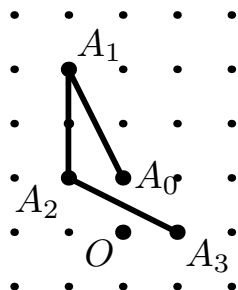
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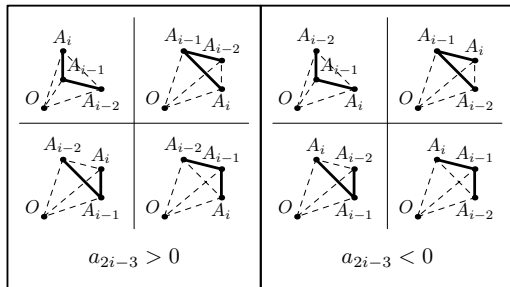
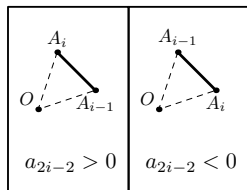
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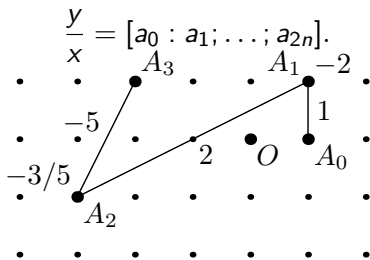
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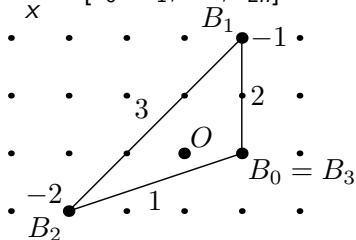
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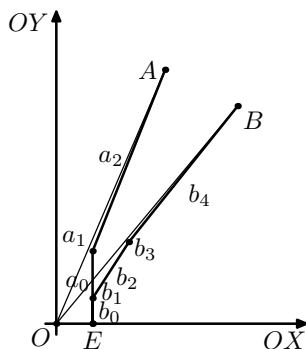
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Illustration to the proof of Theorem



The LLS of the broken line

$$(-a_{2m}, -a_{2m-1}, \dots, -a_1, -a_0, 0, b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{2n}).$$

Then the LLS of $\angle AOB$ is the sequence satisfies