

# Exercises 1

## Monday 6/12/17

I encourage you to look particularly at the problems marked \*.

1. For a matrix  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  define

$$g \cdot z = \frac{az + b}{cz + d}$$

- (a) Show that for any two matrices  $g, h \in \text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $(gh) \cdot z = g \cdot (h \cdot z)$ .
- (b) \* Show that  $\text{Im}(g \cdot z) = \frac{\det(g) \text{Im}(z)}{|cz + d|^2}$ .
- (c) \* Deduce that  $g \cdot z$  defines an action of the group  $\text{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})^+$  of positive determinant matrices on the upper half plane  $\mathcal{H} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im } z > 0\}$ .
- (d) \* Using calculus we may define  $g \cdot \infty = \frac{a}{c}$ . Show that the orbit of  $\infty$  under  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  is all of  $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\} = \mathbb{P}^1\mathbb{Q}$ .
2. Show that the group  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) = \{g \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{Z}) \mid \det g = 1\}$  is generated by the matrices  $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . [Hint: Suppose  $g = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ . Compute  $S^2$ ,  $Sg$ ,  $T^{-q}g$  and argue by induction.]
3. Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be the region described by  $-1/2 < \text{Re } z < 1/2$  and  $|z| > 1$  together with its boundary in the first quadrant.
- (a) Show that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fundamental domain for the action of  $\text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$  acting on  $\mathcal{H}$ . [Hint: If  $z \in \mathcal{H}$  show that as  $g \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ , the set  $\{\text{Im}(g \cdot z)\}$  contains a maximum. A translate of this will work.]
- (b) \* Compute the volume of  $\mathcal{F}$  under the hyperbolic measure, i.e., compute

$$\text{vol}(\mathcal{F}) = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{dx dy}{y^2}$$

4. \* Let  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  and define  $f(z) = \frac{z - u}{z - \bar{u}}$ .
- (a) Show that  $|f(z)| < 1$  if and only if  $z \in \mathcal{H}$ . [Hint: Use basic geometry.]
- (b) Show that  $f(z)$  is a biholomorphic function  $f : H \rightarrow D$  where  $D$  is the open unit disc. Biholomorphic means bijective and holomorphic with holomorphic inverse.