

**Exercise 1.** Let  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$  be the upper half-plane in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Recall that the biholomorphisms of  $H$  are the maps

$$z \mapsto \gamma(z) = \frac{az + b}{cz + d},$$

with the real matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  determined up to a scalar factor in  $\mathbb{R}^*$  and  $ad - bc > 0$ . Denote by  $\text{Aut}(H)$  the corresponding group, isomorphic to  $\text{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}) = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})/\{\pm 1\}$  (the above transformations with  $ad - bc = 1$ ).

**a)** If  $\Gamma \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is a discrete subgroup, show that its image  $\bar{\Gamma}$  in  $\text{Aut}(H)$  acts freely on  $H$  (i.e. with trivial stabilizers) if and only if it has no torsion (hint : use that the action is proper).

**b)** Show that if  $A \in \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is of finite order  $n$ , then  $n$  divides 4 or 6, and that  $n = 2$  only for  $A = -I$ .

**c)** The discrete subgroup  $\Gamma(1) = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts properly on  $H$ , with quotient Riemann surface denoted by  $Y(1) = H/\bar{\Gamma}(1)$ , and projection  $p : H \rightarrow Y(1)$ .

Determine the branch points of the map  $p$  in  $Y(1)$  (hint : find the orbits of points of  $H$  with non-trivial stabilizer in  $\bar{\Gamma}(1)$ ).

**d)** For  $N \geq 1$ , let  $\Gamma(N) \subset \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  be kernel of the reduction modulo  $N$  morphism to  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ . Show that its image  $\bar{\Gamma}(N)$  in  $\text{Aut}(H)$  has no torsion for  $N \geq 2$ .

**Exercise 2.** Let  $H = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$  be the upper half-plane in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

- a)** Show that the group  $\text{Aut}(H)$  is generated by the following transformations
- the translations  $z \mapsto z + t, t \in \mathbb{R}$
  - the scalings  $z \mapsto \lambda z, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$
  - the symmetry  $z \mapsto -1/z$ .

**b)** Show that the subgroup  $B \subset \text{Aut}(H)$  of affine transformations  $z \mapsto az + b, a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, b \in \mathbb{R}$  acts transitively on  $H$  with trivial stabilizers (it is "simply transitive" on  $H$ ).

**c)** Determine the stabilizer of the point  $i \in H$  in  $\text{Aut}(H)$ , and its action on the tangent space  $T_i H$ .

**d)** Show that for all points  $z_1, z_2 \in H$ , there exists  $g \in \text{Aut}(H)$  such that  $g(z_1) = i$  and  $g(z_2) = iy$  with  $y \in [1, +\infty[$ .

**e)** Check that the Riemannian metric

$$\eta = \frac{|dz|^2}{\text{Im}(z)^2} = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

is invariant by  $\text{Aut}(H)$ . One calls  $(H, \eta)$  the *Poincaré upper half-plane*.

**f)** Show that the positive vertical axis is a minimizing geodesic in  $(H, \eta)$ , i.e. that intervals in it realize the minimal  $\eta$ -length of  $C^1$  paths between their endpoints. Show that moreover they are the *unique* (non-parametrized) geodesic segments between their endpoints. Compute the Riemannian distance  $d_\eta(iy_1, iy_2)$  for  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ .

**g)** What is the image by  $z \mapsto -1/z$  of the vertical half-line  $1 + i\mathbb{R}_+^*$ ?

**h)** Deduce that the vertical half-lines and the half-circles centered on the real axis are minimizing geodesics in  $(H, \eta)$ , and that they represent all geodesics in  $(H, \eta)$  (you can use, or admit, that a geodesic segment is determined by one of its endpoint and its tangent direction there).

**i)** Consider the "ideal boundary"  $\partial_\infty H = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} = P^1(\mathbb{R})$  of  $H$ , with the topology induced by its embedding in  $P^1(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and note that  $\text{Aut}(H)$  is a subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(P^1(\mathbb{C}))$ .

Show that  $\text{Aut}(H)$  acts transitively on  $\partial_\infty H$ , with stabilizer of the point  $\infty$  equal to the affine subgroup  $B$  (question ??).

**j)** Show that  $\text{Aut}(H)$  acts transitively on the couples of distinct point of  $\partial_\infty H$ , with stabilizer of  $(0, \infty)$  equal to the group of scalings (question ??).

**k)** Show that the oriented bi-infinite geodesics in  $H$  are uniquely determined by the ordered pair of their two "ideal" endpoints in  $\partial_\infty H$ . By the previous question,  $\text{Aut}(H)$  acts transitively on them.

**l)** Show that  $\text{Aut}(H)$  acts sharply 3-transitively on  $\partial_\infty H$ , i.e. transitively on 3-tuples of distinct points, with trivial stabilizers.

**m)** Associated to  $\eta$  is its (oriented) Riemannian area measure  $dA_\eta$ . Show that it equals  $\frac{dx \wedge dy}{y^2}$ . Also express it as a suitable multiple of  $dz \wedge d\bar{z}$  for  $z = x + iy$ .

**n)** Compute the area of the "ideal" (geodesic) triangle  $T = \{z \in H \mid -1 < \text{Re}(z) < 1, |z| > 1\}$ ?

**o)** Deduce that all "ideal triangles" in  $H$  have the same area  $\pi$ .

**p)** Compute the area of the triangle  $T' = \{z \in H \mid -1/2 < \text{Re}(z) < 1/2, |z| > 1\}$ .