

# Lorentzian Geometry II

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# Deformations

- Representations of a group  $G$ .
  - $\phi$  is a *representation*,  $\phi : G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(k)$
  - $\psi$  is an *affine representation*,  
 $\psi : G \rightarrow \mathrm{Isom}(\mathbb{E}^{n,m}) = \mathrm{SO}(n, m) \ltimes \mathbf{R}^{n,m}$
- Linear map
  - Projection:  $\mathbb{L} : \mathrm{Aff}(\mathbb{E}^{n,m}) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(n, m)$
  - $\mathbb{L}(A, a) = A$
  - Set  $\Gamma = \phi(G)$
- Cocycle map (not a homomorphism)
  - $u : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n,m}$
  - $u(A) = a$  where  $A$  and  $a$  are as above.
- *Deformation* of  $\Gamma$  is a continuous  $\Phi_t : I \times G \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(n, m)$  such that  $\Phi_t$  are all representations of  $G$  and  $\Phi_0(G) = \Gamma$ .

# Affine Deformations

- An *affine deformation* of  $\Gamma$  is a map  $\varphi : \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Isom}(E^{n,m})$  such that  $\mathbb{L} \circ \varphi = \mathbb{I}$ 
  - Defined by *cocycle*,  $u : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n,m}$ 
    - $\varphi(A) = (A, u(A))$ .
    - $u(AB) = u(A) + Au(B)$
    - If  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are conjugate by a translation  $v$  then  $\delta_v = u_1(A) - u_2(B) = v - A(v)$  is a *coboundary*
  - Cohomology class of deformations
    - $Z(\Gamma, \mathbf{R}^{n,m})$  is all affine deformations of  $\Gamma$ , that is the set of all cocycles.
    - $B(\Gamma)$  is the set of all coboundaries.
    - $H^1(\Gamma, \mathbf{R}^{n,m})$  describe translationally conjugate affine deformations of  $\Gamma$

## Three dimensions with $\text{rk}(\Gamma) = 2$

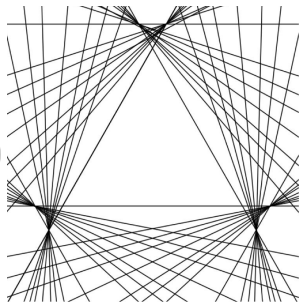
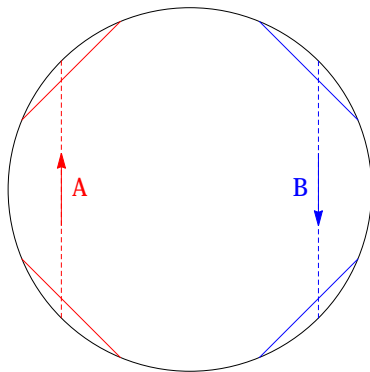
- First: Linear part
  - Suppose  $\Gamma = \langle A, B \rangle = \langle A, B, C \mid ABC = Id \rangle$
  - $\Gamma$  is determined by  $(\text{tr}(A), \text{tr}(B), \text{tr}(C))$ .
    - Up to conjugation.
    - Two of three generators can be multiplied by  $-1$ .
    - Nielsen moves, e.g.  $(A, B, C) \mapsto (A, B^{-1}, BA^{-1})$ .
- Affine deformation  $\varphi$  of a fixed  $\Gamma = \langle A, B, C \mid ABC = Id \rangle$ 
  - $\mathcal{A} = \varphi(A), \mathcal{B} = \varphi(B), \mathcal{C} = \varphi(C)$
  - Affine deformation defined by  $(\alpha(\mathcal{A}), \alpha(\mathcal{B}), \alpha(\mathcal{C}))$ 
    - Up to translational conjugacy.
    - $H^1(\Gamma, \mathbf{R}^{2,1})$  is 3-dimensional.

## Three dimensions with $\text{rk}(\Gamma) = 2$

- Proper deformations of a group  $\Gamma$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$ 
  - Projectiveness
    - $(A, ka) \cdot (B, kb) = (AB, ka + A(kb)) = (AB, k(a + Ab))$
    - $\alpha(A, kz) = k\alpha(A, a)$
    - Affine deformation of  $\Gamma$  defined by cocycle  $u$  is proper if and only if affine deformation of  $\Gamma$  defined by  $ku$  is proper.
  - Opposite sign lemma implies that  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  lie inside  $(+, +, +)$  and the  $(-, -, -)$ .
    - Enough to consider intersection of  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  with  $x + y + z = 1$ .
    - Plane defined by  $\alpha(\mathcal{A}) = 0$  lies outside  $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$ .
    - Enough to consider 0-planse for  $(A, a)$  where  $A \in \Gamma$  is *primitive*.

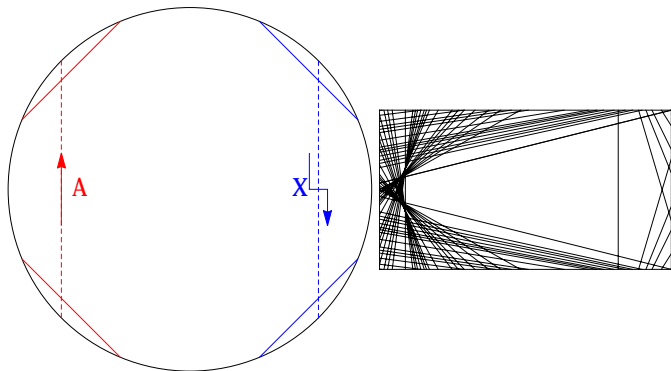
## Proper Deformations of Three-Holed Spheres

- $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$  is a three holed sphere,
- $\Gamma = \langle A, B, C \rangle$ , and  $A, B, C$  correspond to boundary closed geodesics.
- A deformation of  $\Gamma$  is proper if and only if  $\alpha(A), \alpha(B), \alpha(C)$  are all the same sign.



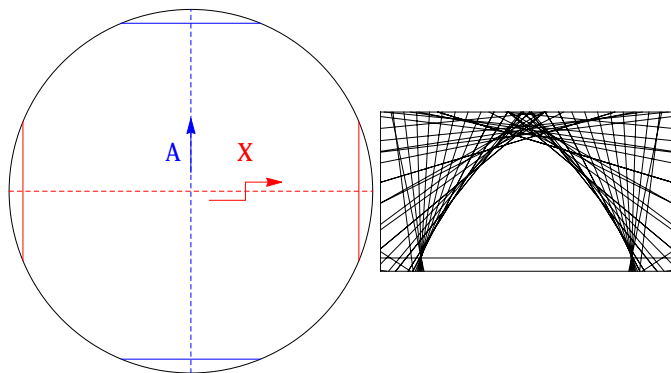
# Proper Deformations of Two-holed Cross Surface

- $H^2/\Gamma$  is a two-holed cross surface (unoriented).
- For proper deformation  $\phi(\Gamma)$ ,  $E/\phi(\Gamma)$  is orientable.
- $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  is four-sided.



# Proper Deformations of One-holed Klein Bottle

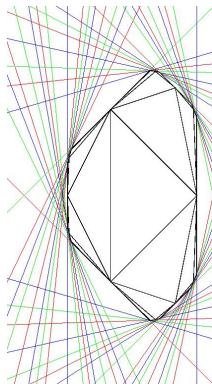
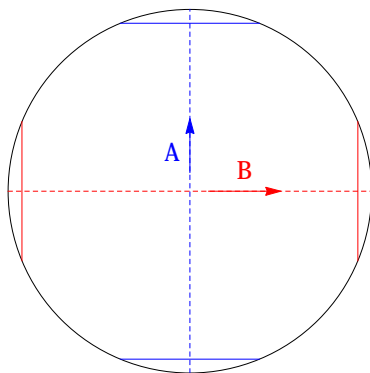
- $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$  is a one-holed Klein bottle.
- $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  has an infinite number of sides.





# Proper Deformations of One-holed Torus

- $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$  is a one-holed torus.
- $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$  has an infinite number of sides.



## A Lie group and its Lie algebra

- $SL(2, \mathbf{R}) \cong SO(2, 1)$ 
  - $2 \times 2$  real matrices with determinant 1.
  - Lie Group
  
- $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ 
  - $2 \times 2$  real matrices with trace 0.
  - Lie algebra, tangent space to  $SL(2, \mathbf{R})$  at  $\mathbb{I}$ .
  - Linear structure.
    - Killing form (multiple):  $\mathbb{B}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2}\text{tr}(uv)$
    - $\mathfrak{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathfrak{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathfrak{e}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
    - $\mathbf{R}^{2,1} \cong \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ , where  $(a, b, c) \mapsto a\mathfrak{e}_1 + b\mathfrak{e}_2 + c\mathfrak{e}_3$

## Another view of the Margulis invariant

- $SL(2, \mathbf{R}) \mapsto \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ 
  - $\mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ 
    - The set of  $2 \times 2$  real matrices.
    - $SL(2, \mathbf{R}) \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ , where  $A \mapsto A$ .
  - $\Pi : \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbf{R})$ , where  $\Pi(A) = A - \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2}\mathbb{I}$ 
    - Calculation for hyperbolic diagonal  $A = \pm \begin{bmatrix} k & \\ & k^{-1} \end{bmatrix}$
    - $\Pi(A) = \pm \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} k - k^{-1} & \\ & k^{-1} - k \end{bmatrix}$
    - $\sqrt{\mathbb{B}(\Pi(A), \Pi(A))} = \sqrt{(\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4)/4}$
    - $\frac{2 \sigma \text{tr}(A)}{\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4}} \Pi(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \\ & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A^0$ , where  $\sigma = \text{tr}(\text{sign}(A))$
- $\alpha(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{\text{tr}(u(A)A) \cdot \sigma}{\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4}}$ 
  - From:  $\mathbb{B}(\mathcal{A}(O), A^0) = \text{tr} \left( u(A) \frac{\sigma \text{tr}(A) (A - \frac{\text{tr}(A)}{2} \mathbb{I})}{\sqrt{\text{tr}(A)^2 - 4}} \right)$

## Translation Length

- Let  $\mu_t : G \rightarrow \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbf{R})$  be a smooth deformation where derivative at  $A \in G$  is  $u(A)$ 
  - $\tau_A := |\mathrm{tr}(A(\mathbb{I} + (tu(A) + O(t^2))))|$
  - $\frac{d\tau_A}{dt}(0) = \sigma \mathrm{tr}(Au(A))$
  - Positive  $\alpha$  corresponds to infinitesimal lengthening of a closed geodesic on the underlying surface.
- Results and Extensions
  - Goldman-Labourie-Margulis “extend  $\alpha$  to a continuous function.”
    - $\mathcal{C}(\Sigma)$  *geodesic currents* on a hyperbolic surface  $\Sigma$ .
    - Define  $\Psi : \mathcal{C} \times H^1(\Gamma, \mathbf{R}^{2,1})$  which is continuous.
    - Result, if  $\Psi$  is positive then  $\Gamma$  acts properly on  $E$ .