

- Prove that, for  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ ,  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $ad - bc = 1$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\Im z} = \frac{|f'(z)|}{\Im f(z)} \quad \text{where} \quad \Im(x + yi) = y$$

Therefore,  $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  acts by isometries on the upper-half plane  $\mathbb{H}^2$ .

- Show that  $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$  is exactly the group of orientation preserving isometries of  $\mathbb{H}^2$ . Hint: Show that, for every  $d > 0$  and every two points  $x, y \in \mathbb{H}^2$  whose distance is  $d$  there is a linear fractional transformation that sends  $x$  to  $i$  and  $y$  to  $e^d i$ . Then show that every orientation preserving isometry that fixes two points in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  is the identity.
- Prove that the universal cover of every complete hyperbolic surface  $X$  is isometric to  $\mathbb{H}^2$ . Here are some steps:
  - Fix a point  $x \in X$  and a chart  $(U_0, \phi_0)$  around  $x$ . Every path in  $X$  connecting  $x$  to  $y$  can be covered by local charts  $(U_0, \phi_0), \dots, (U_k, \phi_k)$ . To this path we associate the point

$$\left( \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (\phi_i \phi_{i+1}^{-1}) \right) \phi_k(y)$$

Note that  $(\phi_i \phi_{i+1}^{-1})$  is a global isometry of  $\mathbb{H}^2$ .

- This association does not depend on the charts used to cover the path or on the homotopy class of the path. Hence it defines a map from  $\tilde{X}$  to  $\mathbb{H}^2$ .
- The map is 1-1 since homotopy between arcs in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  can be pulled back to homotopy between arcs in  $X$ .
- The map is onto since the universal cover is complete.
- Prove that the lift of an essential curve on  $X$  to  $\mathbb{H}^2$  has two end points that are the fixed points of a loxodromic element in  $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Therefore, every curve on  $X$  has a unique geodesic representative.
- Prove that for every 3 positive real number  $a, b, c > 0$ , there exists a unique right-angled hyperbolic hexagon where the length of alternative edges are given by  $a, b$  and  $c$ . Use this to show that every pair of pants has a reflection symmetry and is a union of 2 identical hexagons.
- Let  $S$  be a surface of genus  $g$  with  $b$  boundary components. Then the number of curves in any pants decomposition is  $3g - 3 + b$ . Therefore, the Teichmüller space of complete hyperbolic metrics of finite area on the interior of  $S$  has dimension  $6g - 6 + 2b$ .