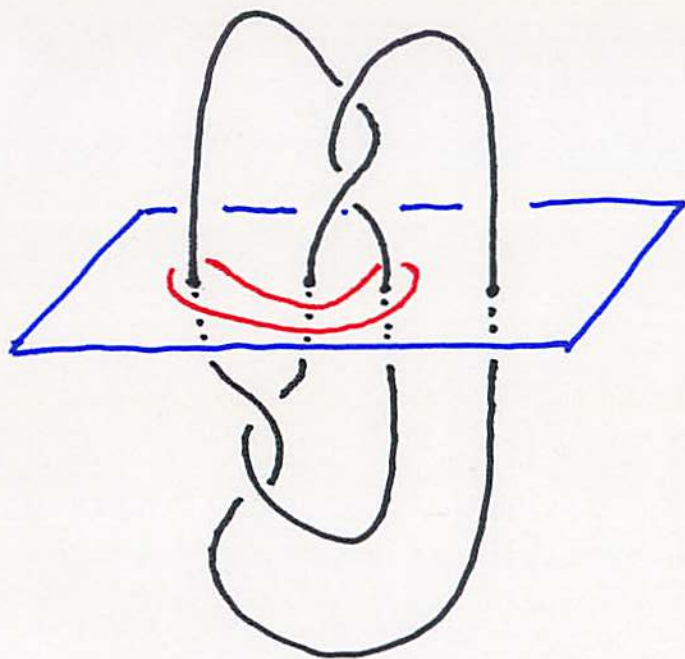


# Essential Simple Loops on 2-bridge Spheres in 2-bridge Link Complements

- Dedicated to Professor Caroline Series

on the occasion of her 60th birthday -



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## My personal encounter with Prof. Caroline Series

- Iain Aitchison's talk in Kobe (1992)

The geometries of Markoff Numbers by C. Series

- Study of punctured torus groups (1996 ~ )

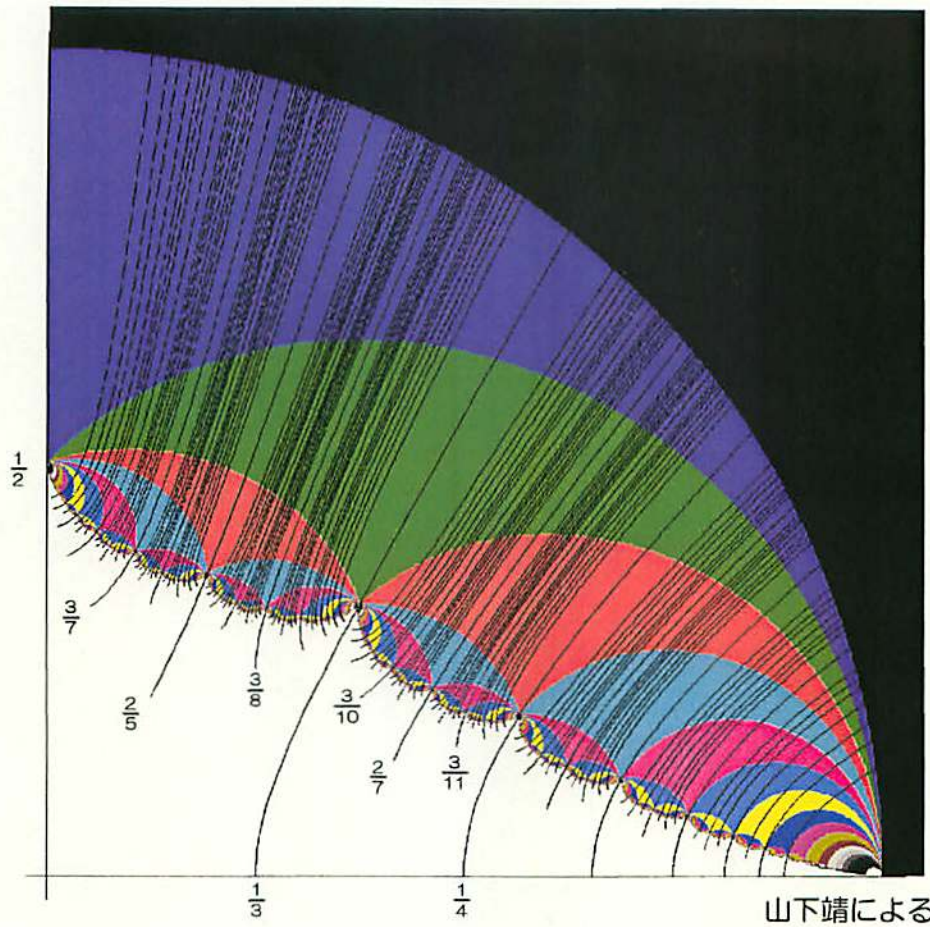
Keen - Series theory of pleating coordinates

[Akiyoshi - S. Wada - Yamashita] Jorgensen's theory  
and its extension

Gueritaud proved the EPH-conjecture  
relating the two theories.

- Cone manifold conference in Tokyo organized by Kojima  
(1998)

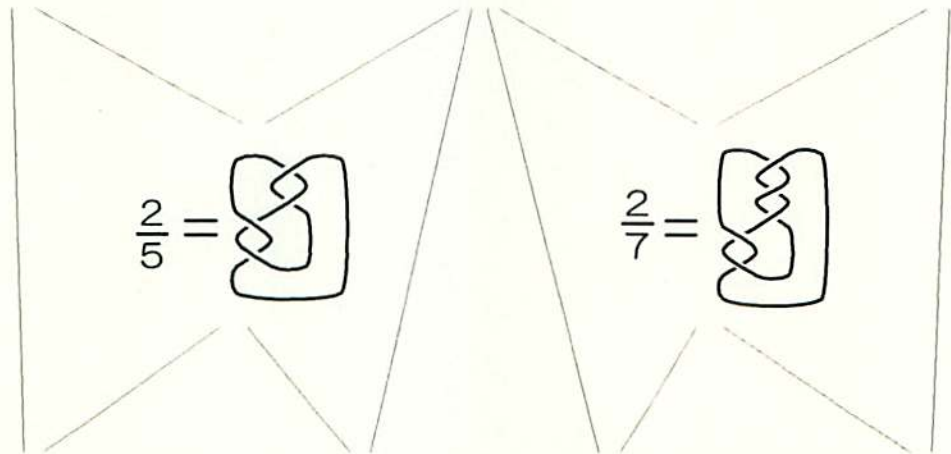
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$$\frac{1}{2} = \text{Diagram 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{3} = \text{Diagram 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = \text{Diagram 3}$$



$$\frac{2}{5} = \text{Diagram 4}$$

$$\frac{2}{7} = \text{Diagram 5}$$

$$\frac{3}{7} = \text{Diagram 6}$$

$$\frac{3}{8} = \text{Diagram 7}$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = \text{Diagram 8}$$

$$\frac{3}{11} = \text{Diagram 9}$$

$K$  : knot or link in  $S^3$

$S$  : punctured sphere in  $S^3 - K$  obtained from a bridge sphere

### Question

(1) For an essential simple loop in  $S$ ,  
when is it **null-homotopic** in  $S^3 - K$  ?

: : **peripheral** : :

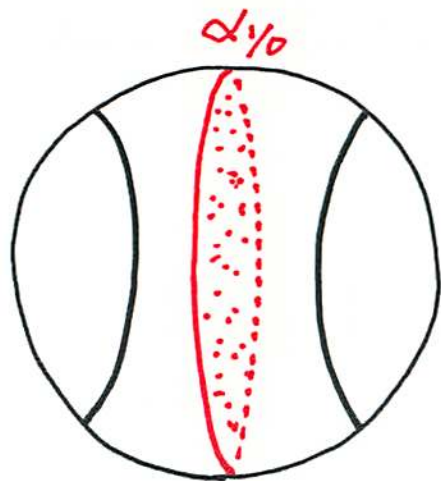
: : **imprimitive** : :

(2) For two essential simple loops in  $S$ ,  
when are they **homotopic** in  $S^3 - K$  ?

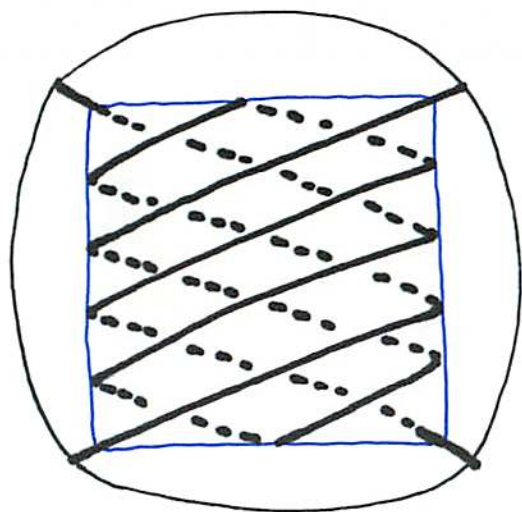
[Lee-S] Complete answers to the above questions  
for 2-bridge knots and links

See arXiv 1004.2571, 1010.2232, 1103.0856  
+ preliminary note, for exposition 1104.3462

Rational tangle  $(B^3, t(r))$  of slope  $r$  :



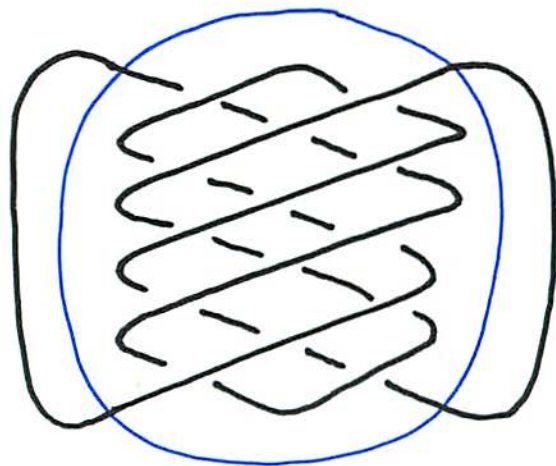
$(B^3, t(1/6))$



$(B^3, t(2/5))$

$$\pi_1(B^3 - t(r)) \cong \pi_1(S) / \langle\langle \alpha_r \rangle\rangle$$

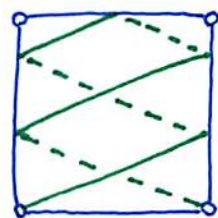
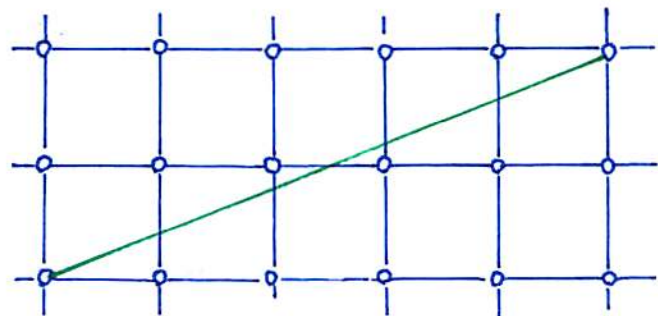
$(S^3, K(r)) = (B^3, t(\infty)) \cup (B^3, t(r))$  : 2-bridge link of slope  $r$



$$\pi_1(K(r)) := \pi_1(S^3 - K(r))$$

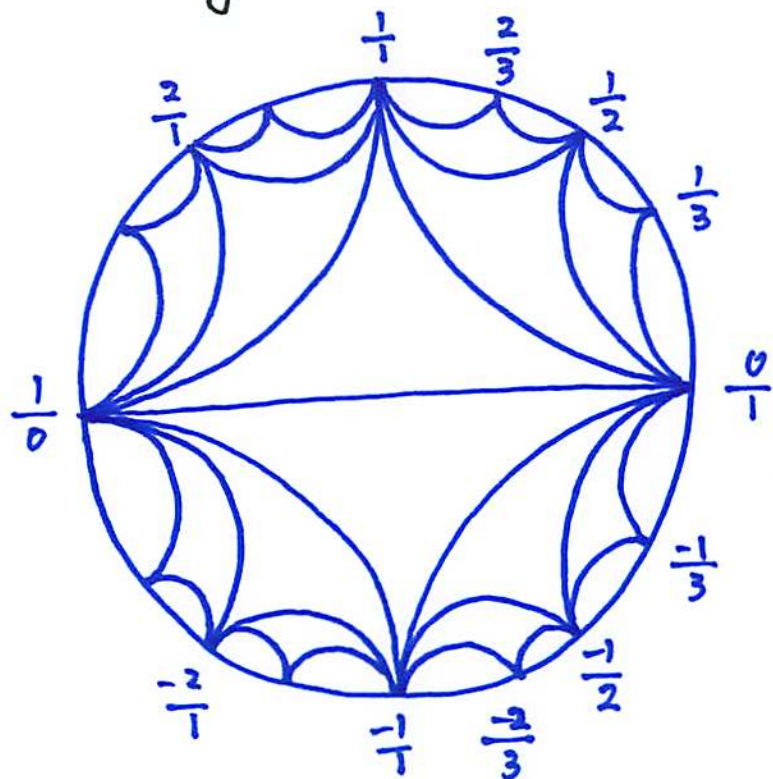
$$\cong \pi_1(S) / \langle\langle \alpha_{\infty}, \alpha_r \rangle\rangle$$

$S := \mathbb{R}^2 - \mathbb{Z}^2 / \langle \pi\text{-rotations around punctures} \rangle$  : 4-punctured sphere  
(Conway sphere)



$\delta_{2/5}$

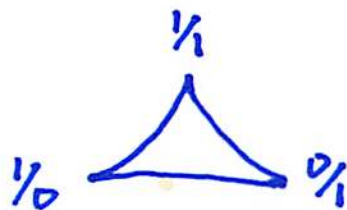
$D$  : Farey tessellation



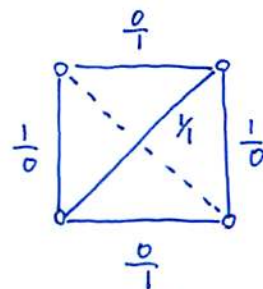
Vertex set of  $D = \hat{\mathbb{Q}} := \mathbb{Q} \cup \{0\} \ni r$

$\leftrightarrow \{ \text{essential simple loops on } S \} \ni \alpha_r$   
1-1

$\leftrightarrow \{ \text{essential simple arcs on } S \} \ni \delta_r$   
1-2



Farey triangle

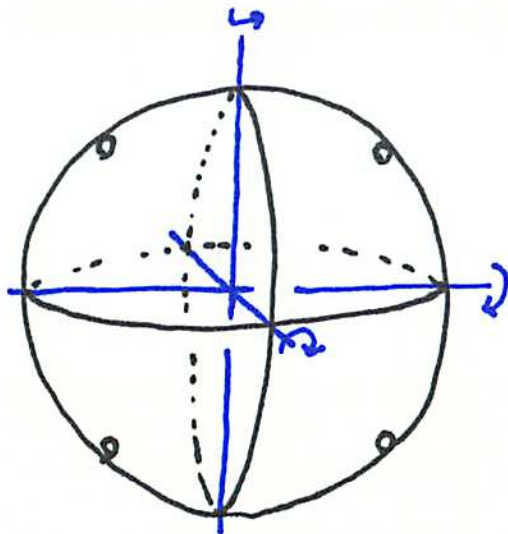


ideal triangulation of  $S$

Mapping class group  $\mathcal{M}(S) := \pi_0 \text{Diff}(S)$

$$1 \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(S) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \underset{\substack{\cong \\ \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Z})}}{\text{Aut}(\mathcal{D})} \rightarrow 1$$

$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$ -action on  $S$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{D}$ .



$$\mathcal{M}(S) \xrightarrow{\bar{\Phi}} \text{Aut}(D)$$

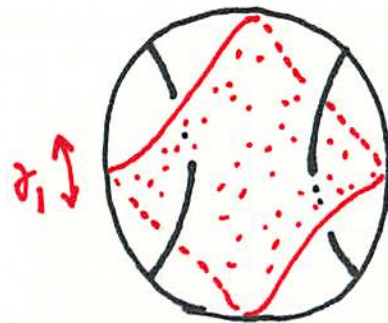
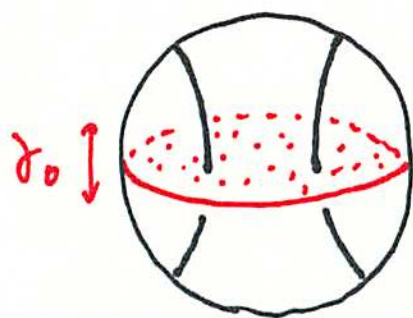
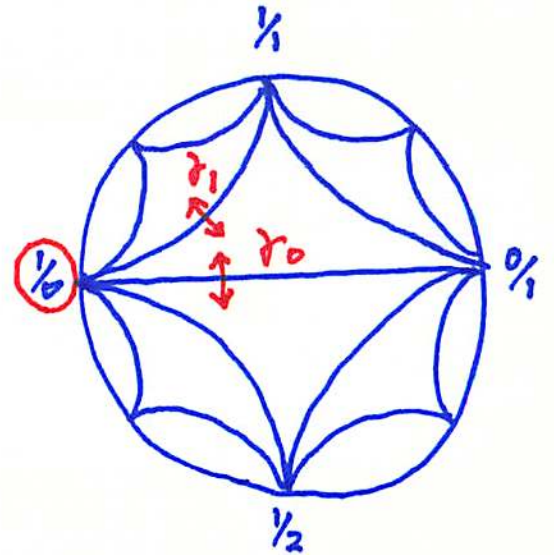
$$\mathcal{M}(B^3, t(\infty)) := \pi_0 \text{Diff}(B^3, t(\infty))$$

$$\mathcal{M}_0(B^3, t(\infty)) := \left\{ f \in \mathcal{M}(B^3, t(\infty)) \mid f_* = \text{id} \in \text{Out}(\pi_1(B^3 - t(\infty))) \right\}$$

Observation

$\text{Aut}(D)$

$$\Gamma_\infty := \bar{\Phi}(\mathcal{M}_0(B^3, t(\infty))) = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{reflections in the edges of } D \\ \text{with endpoint } \infty \end{array} \right\rangle$$





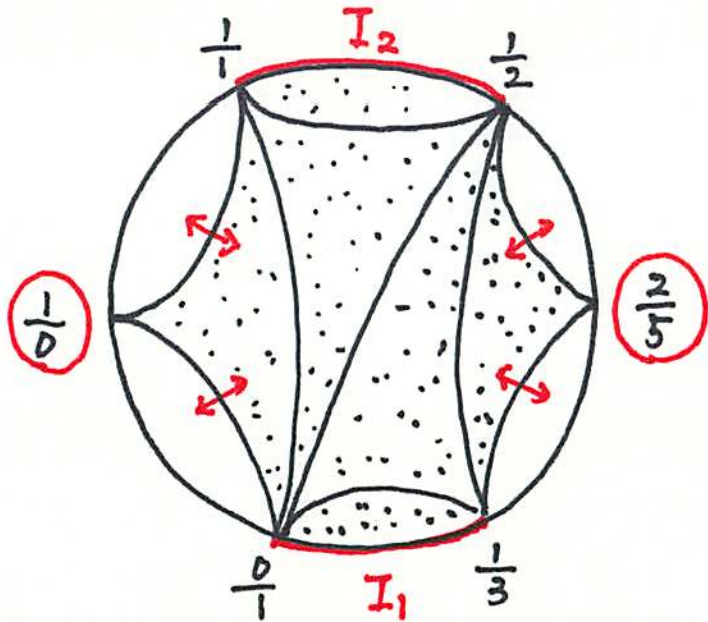
Similarly

$\text{Aut}(D)$

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$$\Gamma_r := \overline{\Phi}(\mathcal{M}_0(B^3, t(r))) = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \text{reflections in the edges of } D \\ \text{with an endpoint } r \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Consider  $\hat{\Gamma}_r := \langle \Gamma_\infty, \Gamma_r \rangle < \text{Aut}(D)$



- The limit set  $\Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_r) =$   
closure of  $\hat{\Gamma}_r \{ \infty, r \}$
- $I_1 \cup I_2$  is a fundamental domain of the action of  $\hat{\Gamma}_r$  on the domain of discontinuity  $\Omega(\hat{\Gamma}_r) := \partial H^2 - \Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_r)$

## Observation [Ohtsuki - Riley - S]

(1) For any  $S \in \hat{\mathcal{Q}}$ , there is a unique  $S_0 \in I_1 \cup I_2 \cup \{\infty, r\}$   
st  $S = \gamma(S_0)$  for some  $\gamma \in \hat{\Gamma}_r$

(2)  $\alpha_S \sim \alpha_{S_0}$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$

(3) If  $S_0 = \infty$  or  $r$ , then  $\alpha_S \sim 1$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$

(Proof of (2))

• If  $S = \gamma(S_0)$  with  $\gamma \in \hat{\Gamma}_{\infty}$ ,

then  $\alpha_S \sim \alpha_{S_0}$  in  $B^3 - t(\infty)$  and so in  $S^3 - K(r)$ .

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Question Is the converse true?

[Lee - S : arXiv : 1004.2571]

$\alpha_s \sim 1$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$  iff  $s \in \hat{\Gamma}_r \setminus \{\infty, r\}$ .

i.e., if  $s \in I_1 \cup I_2$ , then  $\alpha_s \not\sim 1$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$ .

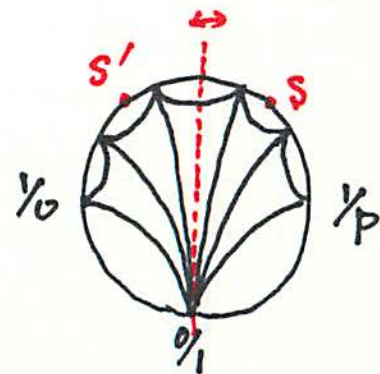
[Lee - S : arXiv : 1010.2232, 1103.0856, preliminary note]

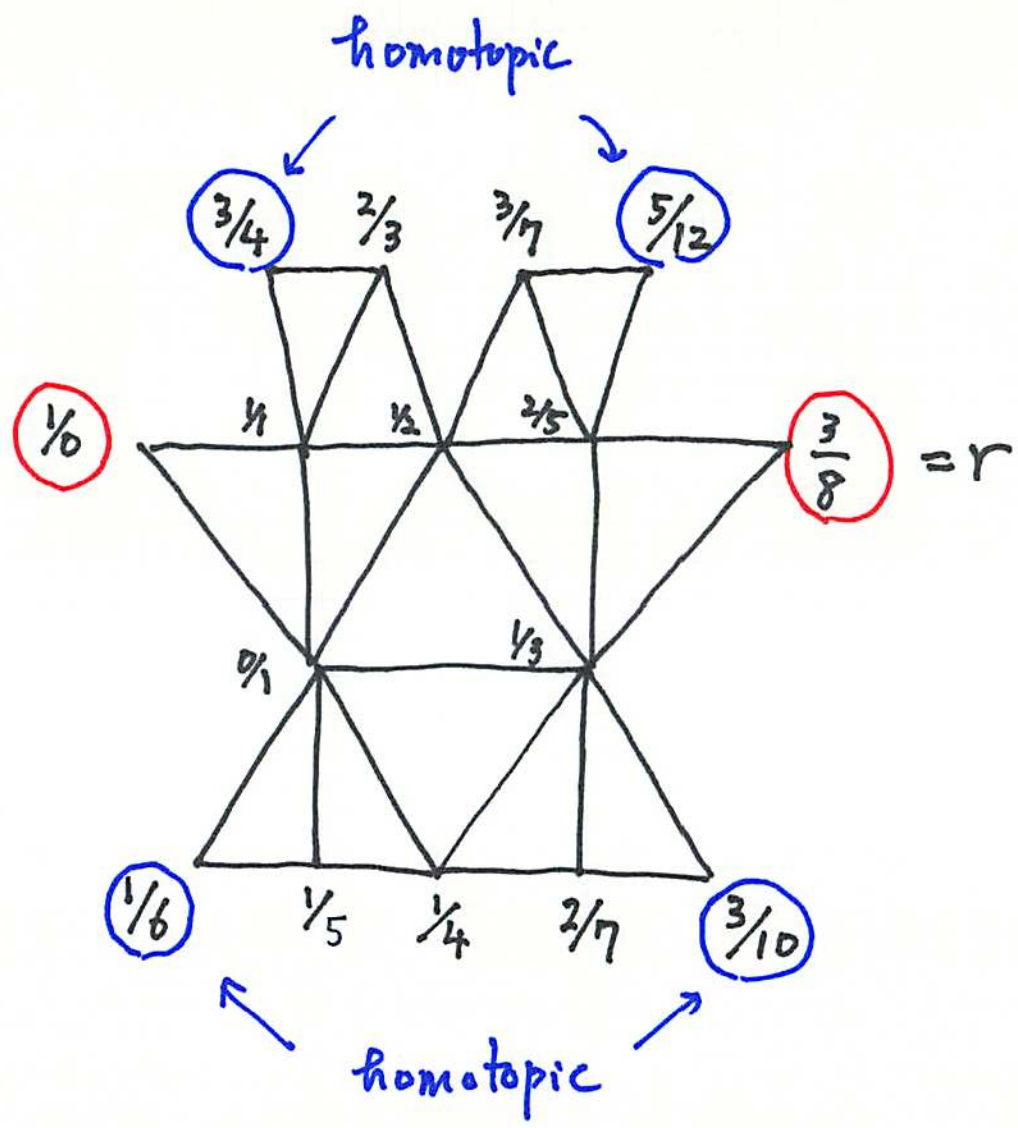
$\alpha_s \sim \alpha_{s'}$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$  for distinct  $s, s' \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ,

iff one of the following holds :

(1)  $r = 1/p$  (2-bridge torus link) and  $s = q_1/p_1, s' = q_2/p_2$   
 st  $q_1 = q_2$  and  $q_1/(p_1 + p_2) = 1/p$ .

(2)  $r = 3/8$  (Whitehead link) and  
 $\{s, s'\} = \{1/6, 3/10\}$  or  $\{3/4, 5/12\}$ .



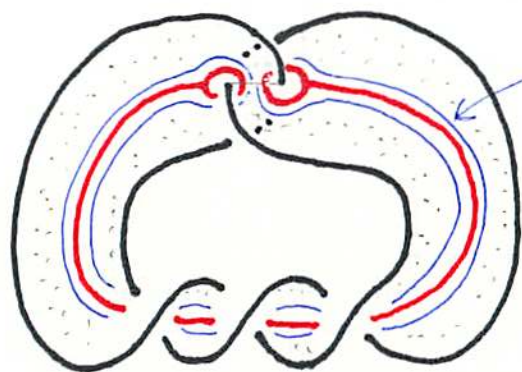


## [Peripheral Problem]

For a hyperbolic 2-bridge link  $K(r)$ ,  
the loop  $\alpha_s$  ( $s \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ) is peripheral,  
iff one of the following holds.

(1)  $r = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $s = \frac{1}{5}$  or  $\frac{3}{5}$ .

(2)  $r = \frac{n}{2n+1}$  and  $s = \frac{n+1}{2n+1}$



This peripheral loop  
in  $S^3 - K(\frac{n}{2n+1})$   
is isotopic to  $\alpha_{\frac{n+1}{2n+1}}$   
in  $S^3 - K(\frac{n}{2n+1})$ .

## [Primitiveness Problem]

For a hyperbolic 2-bridge link  $K(r)$ ,  
the loop  $\alpha_s$  ( $s \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ) is not primitive  
iff one of the following holds.

(1)  $r = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $s = \frac{2}{7}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

In this case,  $\alpha_s = \beta^3$  for some primitive  $\beta \in \pi_1(K(r))$ .

(2)  $r = \frac{3}{7}$  and  $s = \frac{2}{7}$ .

In this case,  $\alpha_s = \beta^2$  for some  $\beta \in \pi_1(K(r))$ .

## Question

For a hyperbolic link  $K(r)$ ,  
when the loop  $\alpha_s$  is isotopic to a closed geodesic ?  
simple

Speculation following [Minsky, Geom. Top. Monograph 12]

•  $(S^3, K) = (B_1^3, t_1) \cup_S (B_2^3, t_2)$   $n$ -bridge decomposition

•  $\mathcal{M}(S) = \pi_0 \text{Diff}(S)$  where  $S = \partial B_i^3 - t_i$

$\mathcal{M}_0(B_i^3, t_i) := \{ f \in \pi_0 \text{Diff}(B_i^3, t_i) \mid f_* = \text{id} \in \text{Out}(\pi_1(B_i^3 - t_i)) \}$

$\Gamma := \langle \mathcal{M}_0(B_1^3, t_1), \mathcal{M}_0(B_2^3, t_2) \rangle \subset \mathcal{M}(S)$

•  $\mathcal{C}^{(0)}(S) = \{ \text{essential simple loops on } S \} / \text{isotopy}$

$\Delta_i := \{ \text{the boundaries of essential disks in } B_i^3 - t_i \}$

$\Delta := \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$

Observation If  $\alpha \in \Gamma \cdot \Delta$ , then  $\alpha \sim 1$  in  $S^3 - K$

Question Is the converse true?

[Masur]  $\mathcal{M}_0(B_i^3, t_i) \curvearrowright \text{PML}(S)$  has  
a non-empty domain of discontinuity.

Question Suppose the bridge decomposition is "sufficiently complicated".

(1) Does  $\Gamma = \langle \mathcal{M}_0(B_1^3, t_1), \mathcal{M}_0(B_2^3, t_2) \rangle \curvearrowright \text{PML}(S)$   
have a non-empty domain of discontinuity?

(2)  $\Gamma \cong \mathcal{M}_0(B_1^3, t_1) * \mathcal{M}_0(B_2^3, t_2)$  ?

(3) Suppose  $\alpha \in \mathcal{C}^{(0)}(S)$  is contained in  
the domain of discontinuity  $\Omega(\Gamma) \subset \text{PML}(S)$ .

Then can  $\alpha \sim 1$  in  $S^3 - K$  ?

(4) Does  $\mathcal{d} \{ \alpha \in \mathcal{C}^{(0)}(S) \mid \alpha \sim 1 \text{ in } S^3 - K(v) \} \subset \text{PML}(S)$   
have measure 0 ?



## (Idea of Proof)

- Starting point is :

[Keen - Series], [Komori - Series]

(0)  $\alpha_s \sim 1$  in  $B^3 - t(\infty)$  iff  $s = \infty$

(1)  $\alpha_s \sim \alpha_{s'}$  in  $B^3 - t(\infty)$  iff  $s' \in \Gamma_\infty \cdot s$

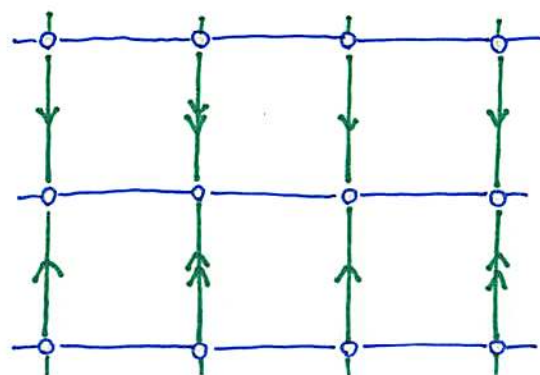
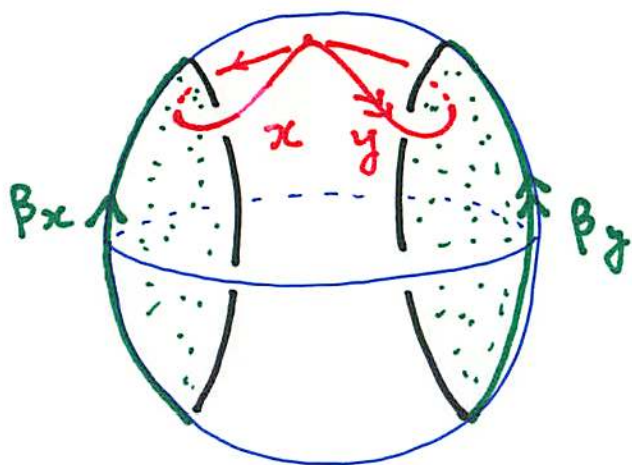
- Key tool is the **Small Cancellation Theory**,

where analysis of the "cutting sequence"  
of a straight line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  plays a crucial role.

cf. [Series : The geometry of Markoff numbers]

$$\text{Upper presentation of } G(K(m)) = \pi_1(S) / \langle\langle \alpha_\infty, \alpha_r \rangle\rangle = \pi_1(B^3 - t(\infty)) / \langle\langle \alpha_r \rangle\rangle$$

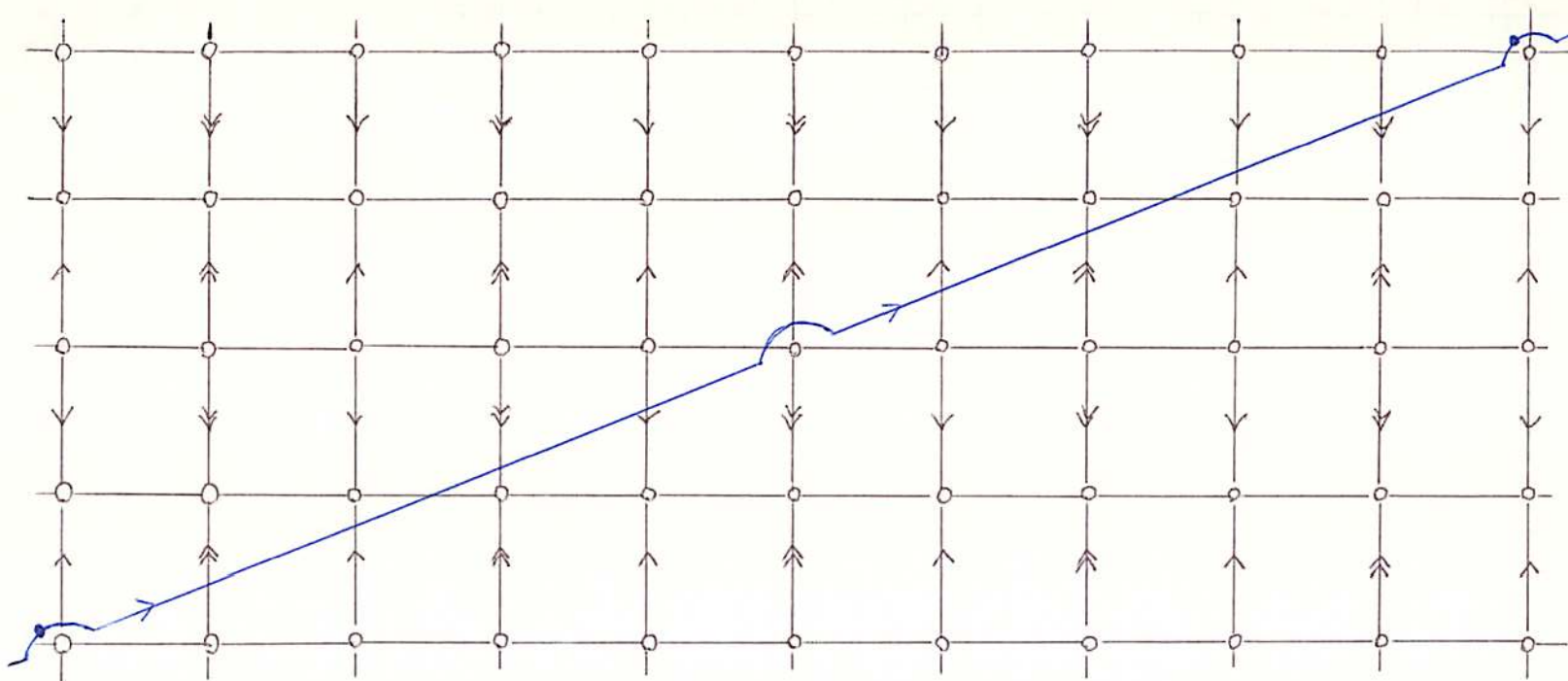
$$\pi_1(B^3 - t(\infty)) = \langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle$$



For a loop  $\alpha \subset S$ ,

$$[\alpha] \in \pi_1(B^3 - t(\infty)) = \langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle$$

is obtained by "reading" the intersections of  $\alpha$  with  $\beta_x$  and  $\beta_y$ .



$$[\alpha_{2/5}] := u_{2/5} = x \cdot y \, x \, \bar{y} \, \bar{x} \cdot y \cdot x \, y \, \bar{x} \, \bar{y}$$

$$= x \, y \, x \cdot \bar{y} \, \bar{x} \cdot y \, x \, y \cdot \bar{x} \, \bar{y}$$

$$S(2/5) := S(u_{2/5}) := (3, 2, 3, 2) \quad S\text{-sequence}$$

$$CS(2/5) := ((3, 2, 3, 2)) \quad \text{Cyclic } S\text{-sequence}$$

## Observation

- $u_{2/5} = x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} y x y \bar{x} \bar{y}$  is **alternating**,  
ie  $x$  and  $y$  appear alternatively.
- $u_{2/5}$  is determined by its  $S$ -sequence  $(3, 2, 3, 2)$   
and the initial letter  $x$ .
- Any alternating word  $w$  with  $S(w) = S(u_{2/5})$  is  
conjugate to  $u_{2/5}$  or  $\bar{u}_{2/5}$ .

$$x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} y x y \bar{x} \bar{y} = u_{2/5}$$

$$y x y \bar{x} \bar{y} x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \sim u_{2/5}$$

$$\bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} y x \sim \bar{u}_{2/5}$$

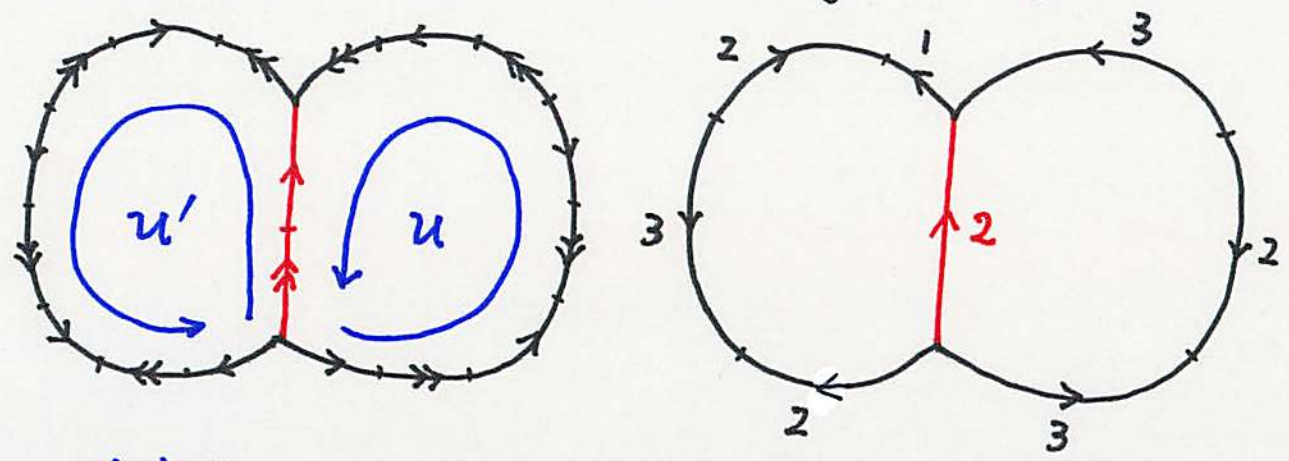
$$\bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} x y \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} y x \sim \bar{u}_{2/5}$$

- Conjugacy class of  $\{u_{2/5}, \bar{u}_{2/5}\}$  is determined by  $CS(u_{2/5})$ .

•  $G_T(K(2/5)) = \langle x, y \mid u_{2/5} \rangle$ ,  $u_{2/5} = xyx\bar{y}\bar{x}yx\bar{y}\bar{x}$

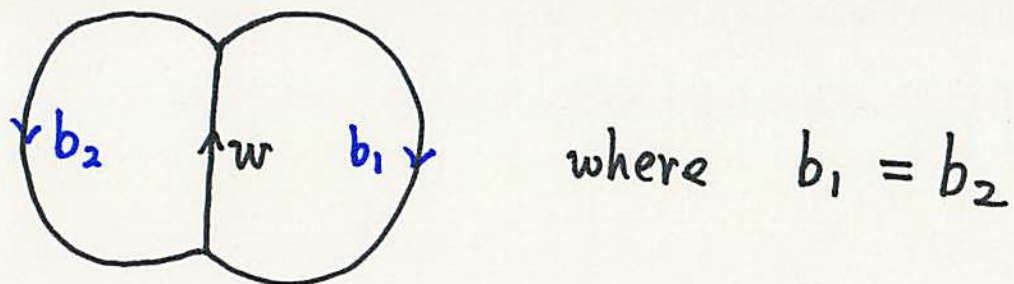
• van Kampen diagram over  $\{u_r\}$

= simply connected 2-dim cell complex in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where each oriented edge is labeled with an element in  $F[x, y]$ .  
 st. the boundary label of a 2-cell is a cyclically reduced word representing the cyclic word  $u_r^{\pm 1}$ .

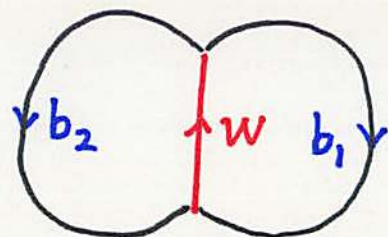


boundary label =  $u \cdot u' = xyx\bar{y}\bar{x}yx\bar{y}\bar{x} \cdot \underbrace{yx\bar{y}\bar{x}}_{\text{piece}} \cdot \underbrace{yx\bar{y}\bar{x}}_{\text{piece}}$

- **Reducible** pair in a van-Kampen diagram



- A van-Kampen diagram is **reduced** if it has no reduced pairs.



- $b_1 \neq b_2$   
though  $w b_1$  and  $w b_2$  are  
cyclic conjugates of  $U_r^{z_1}$ .
- $w$  is called a **piece**.

**Key Lemma** : a complete characterization of pieces for  $\{U_r\}$ .

**Cor**  $\{U_r\}$  satisfies the condition **C(4)**.

ie the cyclic word  $U_r$  is not a product of 3 ( $= 4-1$ ) pieces.

(Proof of " $\alpha_s \neq 1$  in  $S^3 - K(r)$  if  $s \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ")

Show that there is no reduced van-Kampen diagram with boundary label  $\alpha_s$  ( $s \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ).

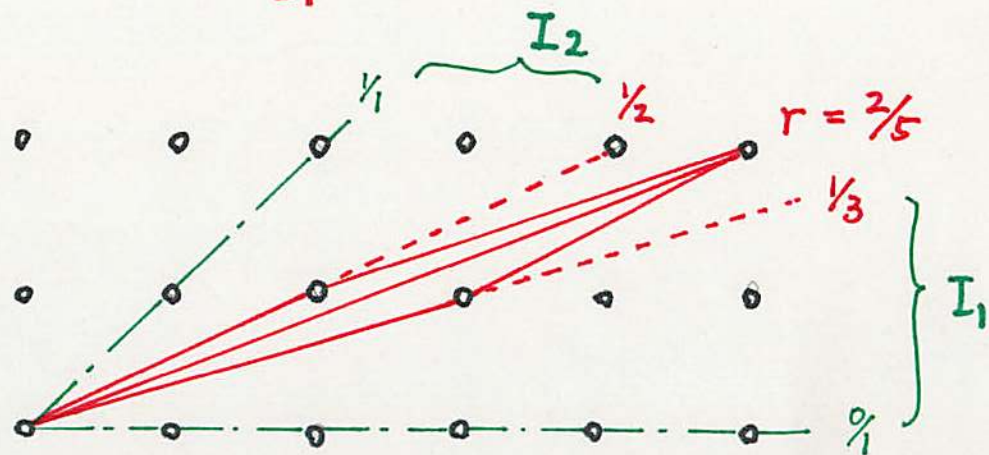
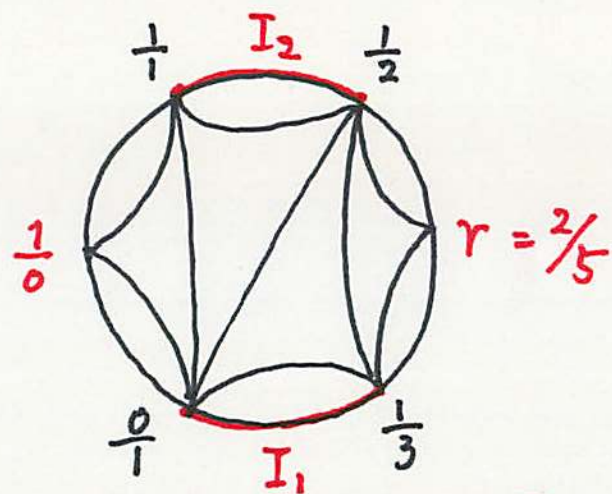
Intuition behind the proof

$$s \in I_1 \cup I_2$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  The slope  $s$  is far from  $\infty$  and  $r$

$\Leftrightarrow \alpha_s$  and  $\mathcal{U}_r = \alpha_r$  cannot share a long subword.

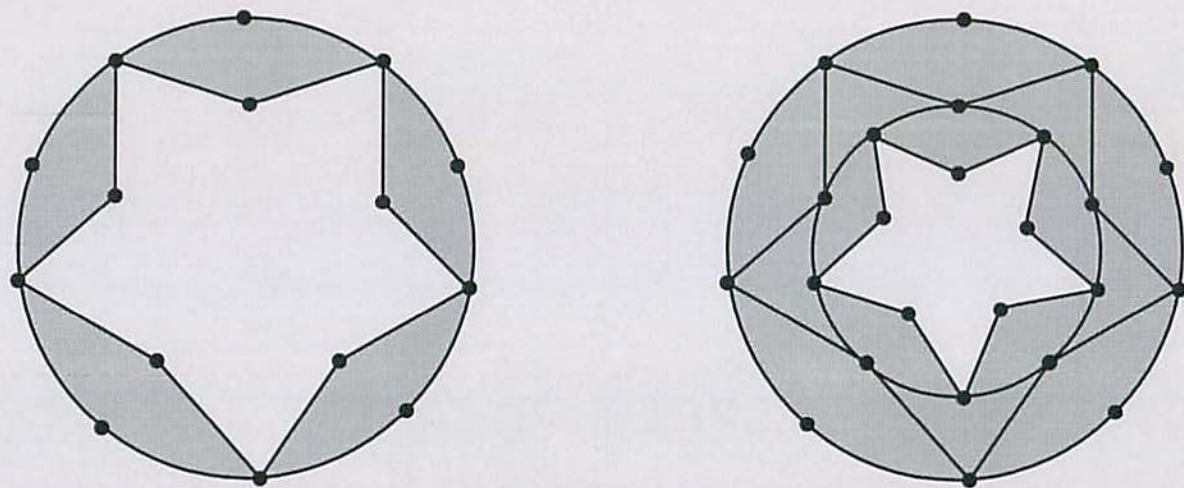
ie  $\alpha_s$  admits only small cancellations.



# (Proof of Conjugacy Theorem)

## Structure Theorem

The following illustrates the only possible annular diagrams between  $\alpha_s$  and  $\alpha_{s'}$  with  $s, s' \in I_1 \cup I_2$ .



The proof of Conjugacy Thm is divided into the following 3 cases.

(I)  $r = 1/p$

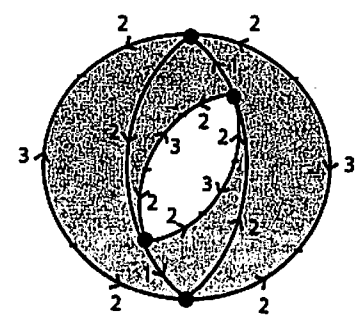
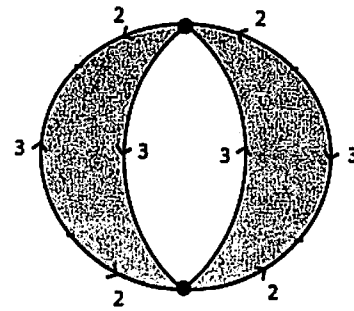
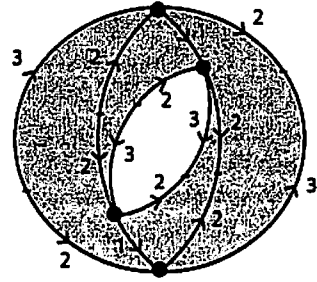
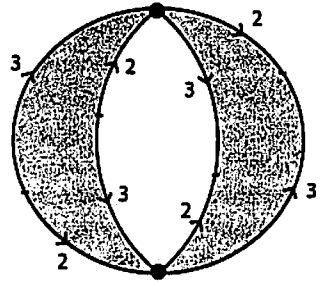
(II)  $r = [m, n]$  or  $[m, 2, n]$  (various exceptional homotopies)

(III) Inductive argument for general cases.

**Remark** The figure-eight knot case is the most complicated!

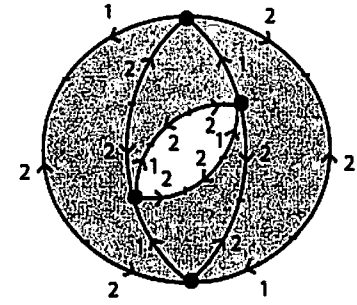
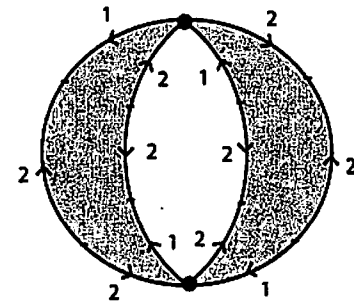
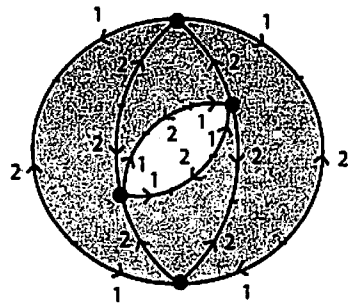
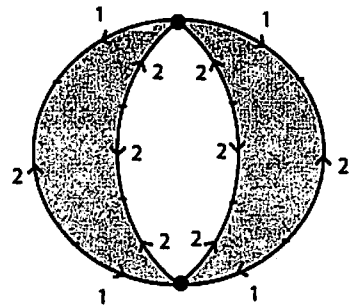


# Annular diagrams for $G(K(\frac{3}{5}))$



$U_{1/6}$  is commutative with a meridian, and so peripheral

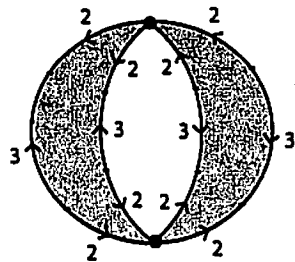
$$U_{2/7} \sim (yx)^3$$



$$U_{3/4} \sim (\bar{y} \bar{x} yx)^3$$

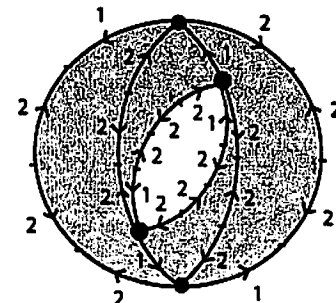
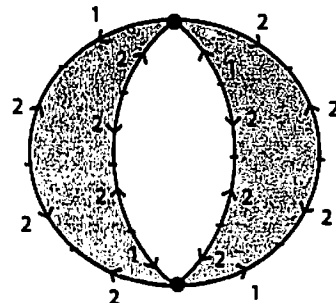
$U_{3/5}$  is peripheral, because it is commutative with a meridian

# Annular diagram for $\Gamma(K(\frac{n}{2n+1}))$ ( $n \geq 3$ )



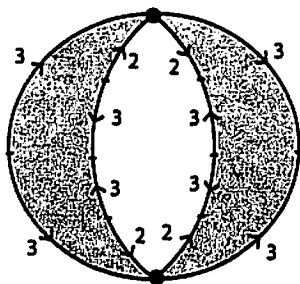
$$u_{2/7} = (x y^2 x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y})^2$$

in  $\Gamma(K(\frac{3}{7}))$



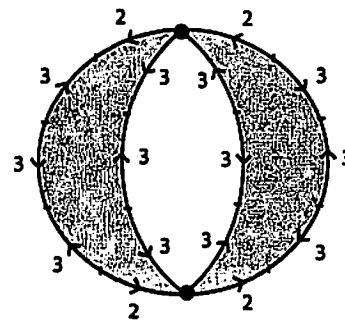
$u_{\frac{n+1}{2n+1}}$  is peripheral, because it is commutative with a meridian.

# Annular diagram for $\Gamma(K(\frac{3}{8}))$



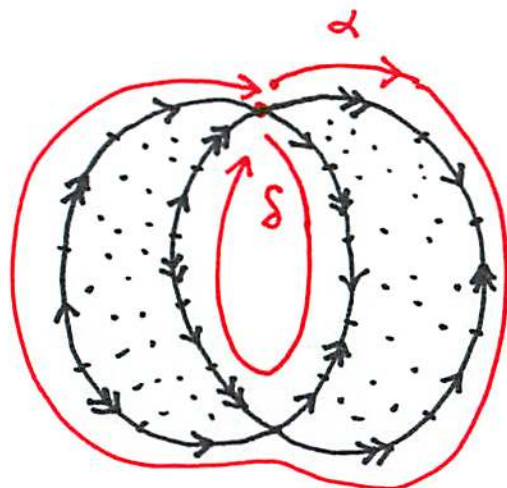
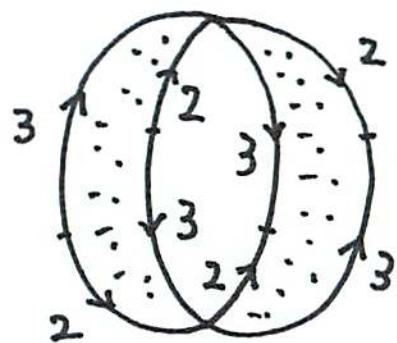
$$u_{1/6} \sim u_{3/8}$$

in  $\Gamma(K(\frac{3}{10}))$



$$u_{3/4} \sim u_{5/12}$$

in  $\Gamma(K(\frac{3}{8}))$



Outer boundary label  $\alpha = y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} x y x$   
 $= \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} (x y x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y}) x y x$   
 $= w_1 u_{1/5} \bar{w}_1 \quad (w_1 = \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x})$

Inner boundary label  $\delta = x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} x y$   
 $= \bar{y} \bar{x} (x y x y x \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{x} \bar{y}) x y$   
 $= w_2 u_{1/5} \bar{w}_2 \quad (w_2 = \bar{y} \bar{x})$

Hence  $w_1 u_{1/5} \bar{w}_1 = w_2 u_{1/5} \bar{w}_2$

So  $u_{1/5}$  is commutative with  $\bar{w}_1 w_2 = (x y) x (\bar{y} \bar{x}) =$  a meridian

Hence  $u_{1/5}$  is peripheral.

## Applications

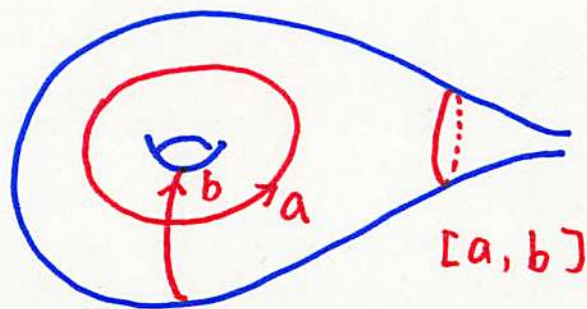
- A variation of McShane's identity for 2-bridge links
- Bowditch, Tan-Wong-Zhang's end invariants of  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ -representations of  $\pi_1(T)$  where  $T$  is the once-punctured torus

$T$  : once-punctured torus

$$\pi_1(T) = \langle a, b \mid - \rangle$$

$\psi$

$[a, b]$  : peripheral



Def  $\rho : \pi_1(T) \rightarrow (P)SL(2, \mathbb{C})$  is **type-preserving**, if

(1)  $\rho([a, b])$  is parabolic

(2)  $\rho$  is irreducible

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}} := \{ \rho : \pi_1(T) \rightarrow SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \text{ type-pres} \} / \text{conj}$$

$$\downarrow \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\mathcal{R} := \{ \rho : \pi_1(T) \rightarrow PSL(2, \mathbb{C}) \text{ type-pres} \} / \text{conj}$$

Fact For  $\forall \rho \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$ ,  $(x, y, z) := (\text{tr } \rho(a), \text{tr } \rho(ab), \text{tr } \rho(b))$   
 is a nontrivial **Markoff triple**, i.e.

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = xyz$$

$$(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{R}} \cong \Phi := \{ \text{nontrivial Markoff triples} \}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{R} & \cong & \Phi / \sim \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &\sim (x, -y, -z) \\ &\sim (-x, y, -z) \\ &\sim (-x, -y, z) \end{aligned}$$

$D$ : Farey tessellation

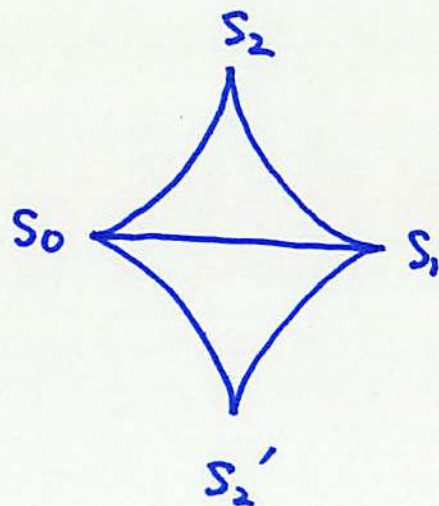
$$D^{(0)} = \hat{\mathbb{Q}} = \{ \text{essential simple loops on } T \} / \text{isotopy}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \longleftrightarrow & \beta_S \end{array}$$

Each  $\rho \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  determines a **Markoff map**

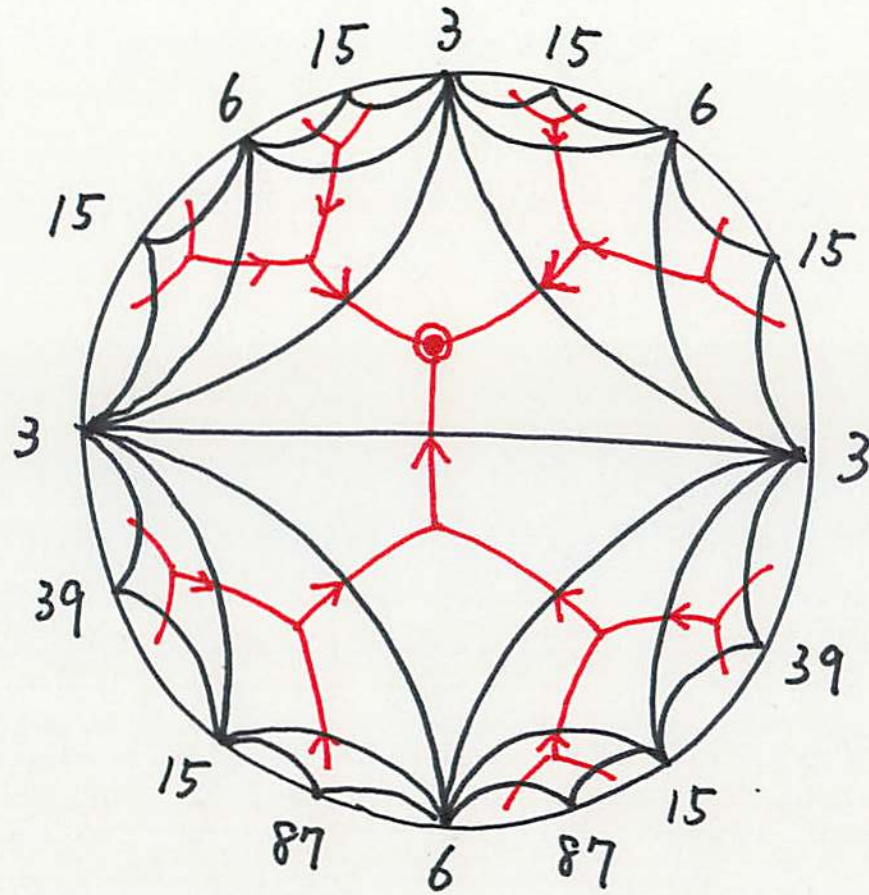
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi : D^{(0)} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C} \\ S & \longmapsto & \text{tr}(\rho(\beta_S)) \end{array}$$

(i)  $(x, y, z) := (\phi(S_0), \phi(S_1), \phi(S_2))$   
is a Markoff triple

(ii)  $z + w = xy$  where  $w = \phi(S_2')$

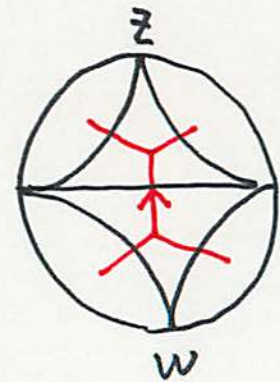


# Integral Markoff map



$\exists$  unique sink

where



$$|z| < |w|$$



[ Bowditch ] [ Tan - Wong - Zhang ]

- $\lambda \in \partial \mathbb{H}^2 = \hat{\mathbb{R}}$  is an **end invariant** of  $\rho$ , if  
 $\exists K > 0$ ,  $\exists \{r_n\}$  distinct elements of  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}}$ , st
  - (i)  $r_n \rightarrow \lambda$
  - (ii)  $|\phi(r_n)| < K$  for  $\forall n$  (Recall  $\phi(r_n) = \text{tr}(\rho(\beta_n))$ )
- $\mathcal{E}(\rho) := \{ \text{end invariants of } \rho \} \subset \hat{\mathbb{R}}$

Examples

(1) If  $\rho \leftrightarrow (3, 3, 3)$ , then  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \emptyset$

(2) If  $\phi$  is real (ie  $\phi(\hat{\mathbb{Q}}) \subset \mathbb{R}$ ), then  
 $\rho$  is Fuchsian and hence  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \emptyset$ .

(3) If  $\rho$  is quasi-fuchsian, then  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \emptyset$

### Conjecture (Bowditch)

$\rho$  is quasi-fuchsian iff  $\mathcal{E}_B(\rho) = \emptyset$ ,

where  $\mathcal{E}_B(\rho) = \mathcal{E}(\rho) \cup \{s \in \hat{\mathbb{Q}} \mid \phi(s) = \pm 2\}$

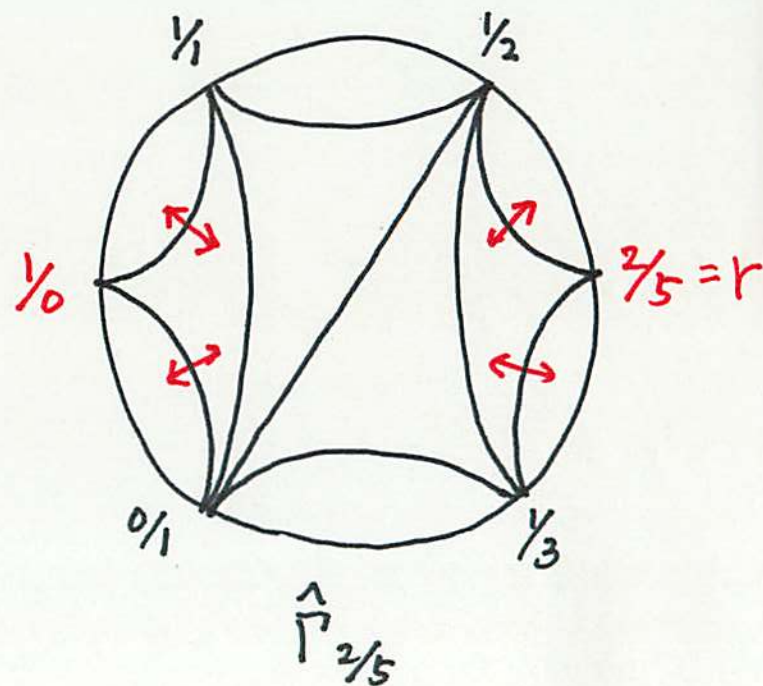
$\rho$  is geometrically finite iff  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \emptyset$ .  
discrete, faithful and

[Tan-Wong-Zhang]

- (1)  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  is a closed subset of  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$
- (2) If  $p$  is **discrete** in the sense that  $\phi(\hat{Q})$  is a discrete subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ , and if  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  has at least 3 elements, then  $\mathcal{E}(p)$  is a Cantor set or  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ .

### Main Theorem

If  $p$  corresponds to the discrete faithful representation of a hyperbolic 2-bridge knot/link  $k(r)$ , then  $\mathcal{E}(p) = \Lambda(\vec{p}_r)$ , the limit set of the reflection group  $\hat{\Gamma}_r$  as in the figure.



(Proof of the main theorem  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_r)$ )

•  $\Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_r) \subset \mathcal{E}(\rho)$  is obvious

•  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) \subset \Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_r) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\rho) \cap \Omega(\hat{\Gamma}_r) = \emptyset$

$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{E}(\rho) \cap (I_1 \cup I_2) = \emptyset$

The last property follows from the following facts.

(1)  $(I_1 \cup I_2) \cap \mathcal{Q} \xrightarrow{s \longmapsto \alpha_s} \{ \text{loops in } S^3 - K(r) \} / \text{homotopy}$

is almost 1-1

(2)  $\# \{ s \in (I_1 \cup I_2) \cap \mathcal{Q} \mid \alpha_s : \text{peripheral} \} < +\infty$

(3) Discreteness of the length spectrum  
for geometrically finite hyperbolic manifolds.

## Conjecture

If  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{E}(\rho) = \Lambda(\hat{\Gamma}_n)$ ,

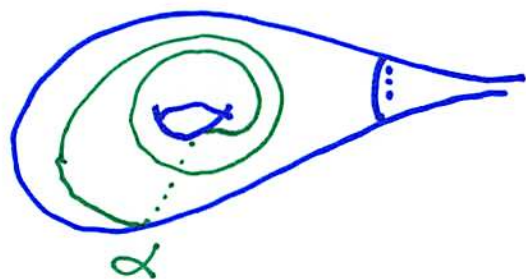
then  $\rho$  corresponds to the holonomy representation of the complete hyperbolic manifold  $S^3 - K(r)$ .

## McShane's identity

For any hyperbolic once-punctured torus  $T$

$$\sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(l(\alpha))} = \frac{1}{2}$$

where  $\alpha$  runs over essential simple closed geodesics



- Generalization + Application: Mirzakhani, Tan-Wong-Zhang
- 3-dim variation: Bowditch, Akiyoshi-Miyachi-S.

- $K(r)$  : hyperbolic, i.e.  $S^3 - K(r)$  admits a complete hyperbolic structure of finite volume

$$\Leftrightarrow q \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}, \text{ where } r = q/p \Leftrightarrow d(\infty, r) \geq 3$$

- $\rho_r : \pi_1(S) \rightarrow \pi_1(S) / \langle d_{\infty}, d_r \rangle \cong G(K(r)) \hookrightarrow \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$

$\updownarrow$

$$\rho_r : \pi_1(T) \rightarrow \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$$

where  $T := \mathbb{R}^2 - \mathbb{Z}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$  is a punctured torus

( $\because$ )  $T$  and  $S$  are "commensurable"

- $\rho_r$  is a discrete non-faithful representation of  $\pi_1(T)$  or  $\pi_1(S)$

Main Theorem (Variation of McShane's identity) For  $\rho = \rho_r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \sum_{s \in \mathring{I}_1} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\lambda(\rho(\alpha_s)))} + \sum_{s \in \partial I_1} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\lambda(\rho(\alpha_s)))} \\ &= -1 - 2 \sum_{s \in \mathring{I}_2} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\lambda(\rho(\alpha_s)))} - \sum_{s \in \partial I_2} \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\lambda(\rho(\alpha_s)))} \\ &= \text{Modulus of the cusp torus} \\ & \quad \text{with a suitable choice of (meridian and) longitude.} \end{aligned}$$