

Suppose  $X$  is a simplicial complex with vertices set  $V$ .

Def:  $Aut(X) = \left\{ \text{bijections } f: V \rightarrow V \mid f(\sigma) \in X \text{ iff } \sigma \in X \right\}$

Define a map  $MCG(S) \rightarrow Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$   
 $[f] \mapsto (cf) \mapsto [f(p)]$

This is well-defined because homeomorphisms preserve disjointness [preserve  $i(\cdot, \cdot)$ ]

Iranov's Theorem, [Iranov, Kontsevich, Luo]

$MCG(S) \rightarrow Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$  is an isomorphism; except for

(i) If  $S = S_{2,1}, S_{1,1}, S_1$  then

$MCG(S) / \langle \tau \rangle \cong Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$   
 [ $\tau$  is hyperelliptic]

(ii) If  $S = S_{1,2}$  then

$MCG(S) / \langle \tau \rangle \cong Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$

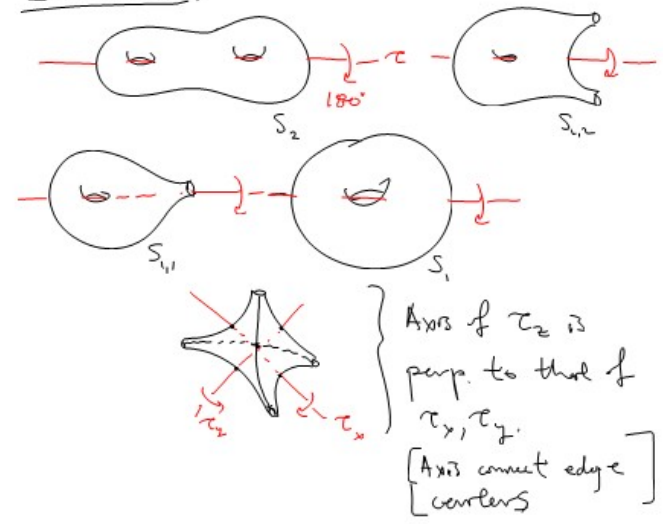
(iii) If  $S = S_{0,4}$  then

$MCG(S) / \langle \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle \cong Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$

(iv) If  $S = S^2, D^2, A, S_{0,3}$  then

$\mathcal{C}(S)$  is empty

Illustrations:



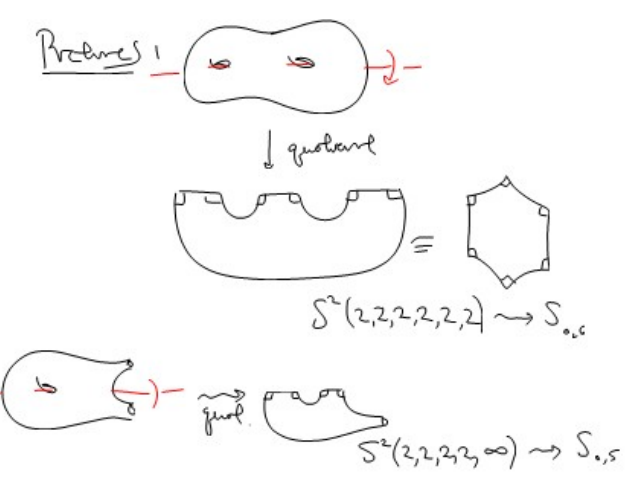
Exercise: In all cases,  $\tau$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{C}(S)$ .

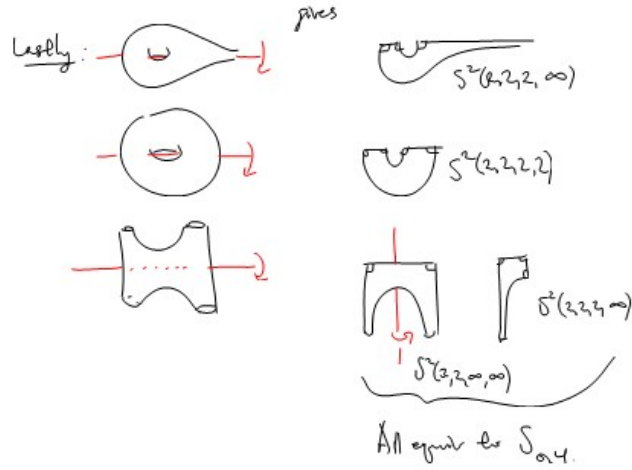
Exercise: Except for  $\tau$ 's, the map  $MCG(S) \rightarrow Aut(\mathcal{C}(S))$  is injective.

[Hint: Use Alexander Method]

Remark: In all other cases  $Z(MCG(S))$  (= center) is trivial.

Idea: If  $\sigma$  is central then  $[\sigma, T_x] = 1 \forall x$   
 But  $\sigma^{-1} T_x \sigma = T_x$  and  $\sigma^{-1} T_x \sigma = T_{\sigma^{-1}(x)}$  [True for all  $f \in MCG(S)$ ]





Exercise: Show that

$$\mathcal{L}(S_2) \cong \mathcal{L}(S_{0,4}); \mathcal{L}(S_{1,2}) \cong \mathcal{L}(S_{0,5})$$

In fact Thm: If  $\mathcal{L}(S) \cong \mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$

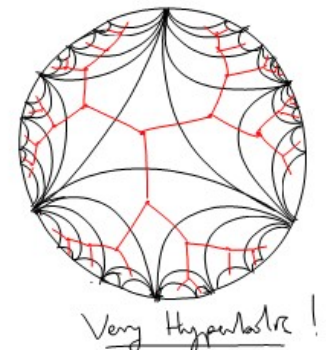
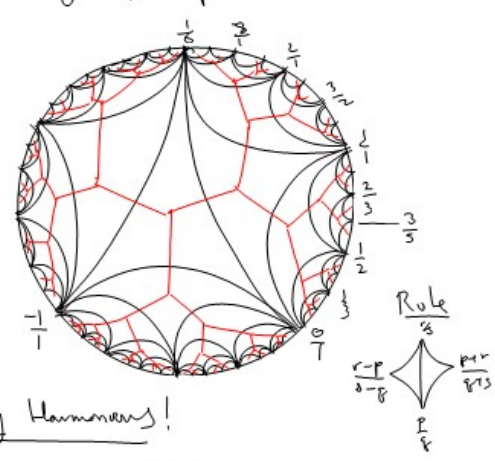
- then either
- (i)  $S \cong \Sigma$  (homeo)
  - (ii)  $\{S, \Sigma\} = \{S_2, S_{0,4}\}$
  - (iii)  $\{S, \Sigma\} = \{S_{1,2}, S_{0,5}\}$
  - (iv)  $\{S, \Sigma\} \subseteq \{S_{1,1}, S_1, S_{0,4}\}$
  - (v)  $\{S, \Sigma\} \subseteq \{S^2, D, A, S_{0,3}\}$  pf. later

The Farey Tessellation

$\mathcal{F}$  has vertices  $\hat{\mathbb{Q}} (\subseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{T}))$   
 and  $\left\{ \frac{p_i}{q_i} \right\}_{i=0}^k$  is a simplex iff  
 $\left| \det \begin{pmatrix} p_i & q_i \\ p_j & q_j \end{pmatrix} \right| = 1 \quad \forall i \neq j$ .

- Exercises (i) If  $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}, \dim(\sigma) \leq 2$
- (ii)  $\forall \sigma \in \mathcal{F} \exists \tau \in \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $\sigma \subseteq \tau, \dim \tau = 2$
  - (iii) Every edge meets exactly 2 triangles
  - (iv)  $\mathcal{F}$  is connected.
  - (v) Every edge separates  $\mathcal{F}$

Picture



Recall:  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{T}$  are dual if  $i(\alpha, \beta) = 1$   
 $\alpha \in \mathcal{S}_{1,1}$



$\mathcal{S}_{0,1}$  Edges of  $\mathcal{F}$  record dual pairs.

Lemma:  $\varphi \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{F})$  determined by  $\varphi(0), \varphi(\infty), \varphi(1)$ .

Lemma:  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{F}) \cong \text{PGL}(2, \mathbb{Z})$ .