

Proposition 3.3.7 (Modulus and length of geodesics) The modulus of a cylinder A of finite modulus is a non-Euclidean invariant: on a cylinder of modulus M , there is a unique simple closed geodesic for its hyperbolic geometry, and the hyperbolic length of this geodesic is π/M .

Definition 3.8.2 (Collar) Let γ be a simple closed geodesic of length l on a hyperbolic surface X . If the δ -neighborhood

$$A_\delta(\gamma) := \{x \in X \mid d(x, \gamma) < \delta\} \quad 3.8.2$$

is isometric to the δ -neighborhood of the unique simple closed geodesic on the cylinder of modulus π/l , we say that γ admits a δ -collar, or equivalently, that $A_\delta(\gamma)$ is the δ -collar around γ .

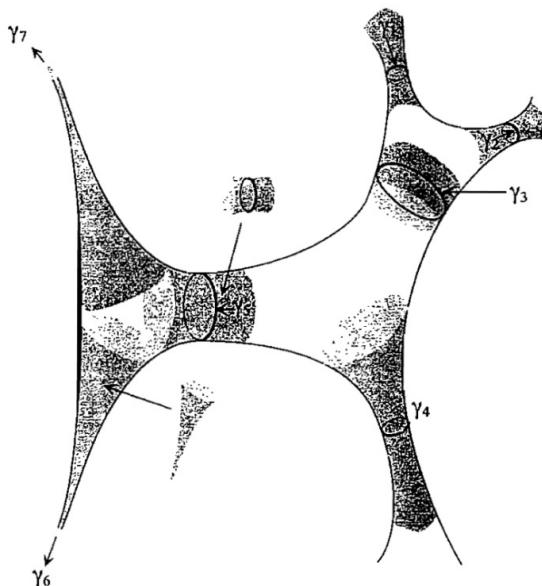


FIGURE 3.8.2. Seven collars (shaded), five around geodesics $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_5$, the other two around punctures.

We have reproduced, outside the main figure, in miniature, the collars corresponding to γ_5 and γ_6 .

In this context bounded geometry means: there is a uniform, positive lower bound on injectivity radius (and, more generally, uniform C^k bounds on the metric in local charts).

For hyperbolic surfaces the curvature is already fixed $K \equiv -1$, so "bounded geometry" reduces to:

- There exists $\rho_0 > 0$ such that for every point x the geodesic ball $B(x, \rho_0)$ is embedded and is uniformly bi-Lipschitz (indeed, isometric) to a standard hyperbolic disk of radius ρ_0 .

How it's used here (Mumford/thin-thick): remove the explicit collars around short simple closed geodesics (the "thin part," whose geometry is completely understood by the Collar Lemma). The remainder is the "thick part," on which $\text{inj}(x) \geq \rho_0 = \frac{c}{2}$ for some fixed $c > 0$. Hence that remainder has bounded geometry.

a geodesic $\gamma: I \rightarrow M$ is simple if it is an embedding on I (injective and without self-crossings).
A closed geodesic is a geodesic: a curve $r: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$ with some $T > 0$ st. $r(t+T) = r(t)$ and $\dot{r}(t+T) = \dot{r}(t)$ for all t . Equivalently, it's a smooth map $r: S^1 \rightarrow M$ satisfying the geodesic equation everywhere.
A (unit speed) geodesic $r(t)$ on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) satisfies $D_{\dot{r}} \dot{r} = 0$.

The modulus is the conformal invariant that measures how "thin" an annulus (or cylinder) is.

Theorem 3.8.3 (The collar theorem) Let X be a complete hyperbolic surface, and let $\Gamma := \{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots\}$ be a (finite or infinite) collection of disjoint simple closed geodesics, each γ_i of length ℓ_i . Then the $A_{\eta(\ell_i)}(\gamma_i)$ are collars around the γ_i , and they are disjoint.

Definition 6.4.13 (Teichmüller modular group) The group $\mathbf{QC}^0(S)$ is a normal subgroup of $\mathbf{QC}(S)$. The mapping class group, also known as the Teichmüller modular group, is the quotient group

$$\mathrm{MCG}(S) = \mathbf{QC}(S)/\mathbf{QC}^0(S). \quad 6.4.20$$

Clearly $\mathrm{MCG}(S)$ acts on \mathcal{T}_S as in the discussion following Definition 6.4.7.

REMARK If S is of finite type, the group $\mathrm{MCG}(S)$ is simply the set of homotopy classes of orientation-preserving homeomorphisms of S that fix the punctures, if any. \triangle

Definition 6.4.14 (Moduli space) The moduli space of S , denoted $\mathrm{Moduli}(S)$, is the quotient $\mathcal{T}_S/\mathrm{MCG}(S)$.

When the ideal boundary of X is nonempty, the quasisymmetric homeomorphisms of the ideal boundary form a quotient of $\mathrm{MCG}(X)$, which is then not discrete. But when X has no ideal boundary, and in particular when X is compact or of finite type, the Teichmüller modular group is a discrete group. We will see in Chapter 7 that when X is of finite type and \mathcal{T}_X has dimension > 1 , then $\mathrm{MCG}(X)$ is the full group of isomorphisms of \mathcal{T}_X as a complex manifold.

If a radius r geodesic ball $B_x(x, r)$ is not embedded, then there exists a simple closed geodesic of length $< 2r$.

"Not embedded" means: \exists two different points of the geodesic disc that map to the same point of X . Equivalently, there are two distinct minimizing geodesic segments

$$g_1, g_2: [0, l_i] \rightarrow X, \quad g_i(0) = x, \quad g_i(l_i) = y, \quad l_i < r.$$



Lift to the universal cover H^2 . in H^2 geodesic between two points are unique, so the lifts of g_1, g_2 cannot form a "bigon"; hence on X the interiors of g_1, g_2 are disjoint. Therefore the concatenation $\gamma = g_1 \bar{g}_2$ is a simple closed curve of length $L(\gamma) = l_1 + l_2 < 2r$.

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Point of $T_x X$: a pair (x, v) where $x \in X$ and $v \in T_x X$ is a unit tangent vector ($\|v\|_g=1$)

$\pi: \mathcal{P}(S) \rightarrow \text{Moduli}_c(S) \quad (X, P) \mapsto X \quad \text{proper? compact preimage of compact sets.}$

The fiber over X means

$$\pi^{-1}(X) = \{(X, P) \in \mathcal{P}(S) : P \text{ is a maximal } c/4\text{-packing on } X\}$$

Write $P = \{\gamma_i: D_{c/4} \hookrightarrow X\}_{i=1}^k$ with $k \leq 4$ and disjoint images.

Each γ_i is completely determined by:

- its center $x_i = \gamma_i(0) \in X$, and
- a unit tangent direction $v_i = d\gamma_i(0)(dx) \in T_{x_i} X$.

Because in the hyperbolic disc model, isometries fixing the center are just rotations; prescribing x_i and the derivative at 0 (a unit vector) picks a unique isometry onto the embedded $c/4$ -ball in X .

Hence we can encode the fiber by ordered k -tuples $(x_i, v_i)_{i=1}^k$, with the property corresponding embedded discs are disjoint and maximal. This gives the inclusion

$$\pi^{-1}(X) \subset \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} (T_x X)^k$$

$$S \text{ compact} \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} X \text{ compact} \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} T_x X \text{ compact}$$

X compact, choose a finite trivializing cover $\{U_i\}_{i=1}^m$ with bundle charts

$$\Phi_i: \pi^{-1}(U_i) \xrightarrow{\cong} U_i \times S^1.$$

$T_x X = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \pi^{-1}(\overline{U_i})$ is a finite union of compact sets.

K is closed in $\text{Moduli}_c(S)$ because $\text{Moduli}_c(S)$ is Hausdorff. (It is the quotient of Teichmüller space — a proper metric space — by a properly discontinuous action of the mapping class group, hence a Hausdorff orbifold)

$K \subset \text{Moduli}_c(S)$ compact

$\pi^{-1}(K) \subset \bigsqcup_{x \in K} \bigsqcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} (\Gamma, X)^k$ is a closed subset of a compact space.
 π continuous — projection

Disjoint interiors \Leftrightarrow all center distances $\geq \frac{s}{2}$ (continuous inequality) \Rightarrow closed. ?

Embeddedness of each disc is stable under limits \Rightarrow closed

Maximality is closed.

Lemma: compact base + compact fiber \Rightarrow compact total space.

Let $p : E \rightarrow B$ be a **locally trivial fiber bundle** with fiber F .

If B is **compact** and F is **compact**, then E is compact.

Proof (one paragraph).

Because p is locally trivial, there is an open cover $\{U_i\}$ of B with $p^{-1}(U_i) \cong U_i \times F$. Since B is compact, choose a **finite**

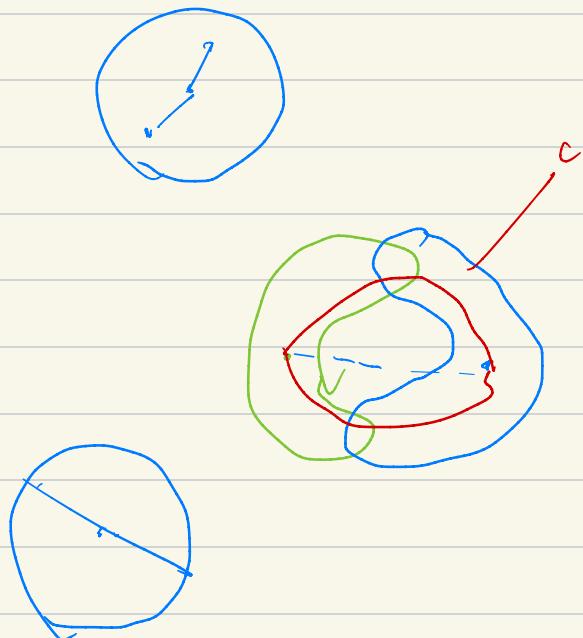
subcover U_1, \dots, U_m . Then

$$p^{-1}(\overline{U_i}) \cong \overline{U_i} \times F$$

is compact for each i (product of compact sets). Hence

$$E = p^{-1}(B) = \bigcup_{i=1}^m p^{-1}(\overline{U_i})$$

is a **finite union of compact sets**, so it's compact. ■



Fix a nontrivial free homotopy class; it corresponds to a conjugacy $[g] \in \pi_1(X)$ deck transformation. Lift the loop $c : S^1 \rightarrow X$ to a path $\tilde{c} : [0, 1] \rightarrow H^2$ with $\tilde{c}(1) = g\tilde{c}(0)$. In $H^2 \exists!$ geodesic line from $\tilde{c}(0)$ to $g\tilde{c}(0)$. Project this line to X , get the unique closed geodesic γ in the class?

Let $\pi: \mathbb{H}^2 \rightarrow X$ be the universal cover.

Fix one lift $\tilde{U}_i \subset \mathbb{H}^2$ of $U_i = B_X(p_i, \frac{\epsilon}{2})$. Both U_i and U_j are embedded hyperbolic discs, hence their lifts are embedded hyperbolic discs in \mathbb{H}^2 , which are geodesic convex.

The full preimage of U_j is a disjoint union of its lifts:

$$\pi^{-1}(U_j) = \bigsqcup_{g \in \text{deck}(n)} g\tilde{U}_j^\circ,$$

where \tilde{U}_j° is one chosen lift and the deck group acts by isometries.

Suppose $U_i \cap U_j$ has two distinct components, call them C_1 and C_2 .

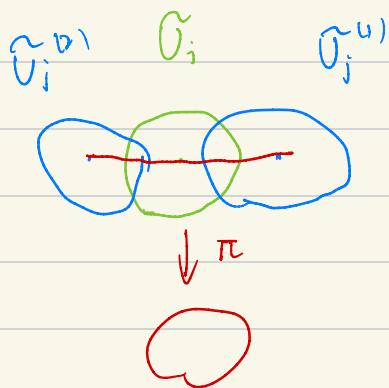
Pick points $x_k \in C_k$ and lift each to $\tilde{x}_k \in \tilde{U}_i$. Each \tilde{x}_k must lie in some lift of U_j ; say

$$\tilde{x}_1 \in \tilde{U}_j^{(1)}, \quad \tilde{x}_2 \in \tilde{U}_j^{(2)}.$$

If $\tilde{U}_j^{(1)} = \tilde{U}_j^{(2)}$, then

$\tilde{U}_i \cap \tilde{U}_j^{(1)}$ would contain both \tilde{x}_1 and \tilde{x}_2 . But \tilde{U}_i and $\tilde{U}_j^{(1)}$ are convex discs in \mathbb{H}^2 , so their intersection is convex, hence connected. Its projection $\pi(\tilde{U}_i \cap \tilde{U}_j^{(1)})$ would then be a single connected component of $U_i \cap U_j$ — contradicting that x_1 and x_2 lie in different components $C_1 \neq C_2$.

Therefore $\tilde{U}_j^{(1)} \neq \tilde{U}_j^{(2)}$



Let $G = \text{Isom}(\mathbb{H}^2)$ and fix a basepoint $o \in \mathbb{H}^2$ (your 0).

Consider the evaluation map

$$\text{ev}_o : G \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^2, \quad g \mapsto g \cdot o.$$

- ev_o is continuous and surjective.
- The stabilizer $K := \{g \in G : g \cdot o = o\} \cong O(2)$ is **compact**.
- ev_o is a (locally trivial) fiber bundle with **compact fiber** K .

Let $A := \{x \in \mathbb{H}^2 : d(o, x) \in [c/2, c]\}$ be the closed metric annulus; it is **compact** in \mathbb{H}^2 . Then

$$M_c = \{g \in G : d(o, g \cdot o) \in [c/2, c]\} = \text{ev}_o^{-1}(A).$$

Since $\text{ev}_o^{-1}(A) \rightarrow A$ is a bundle with compact base A and compact fiber K , the total space $\text{ev}_o^{-1}(A)$ is compact. Hence M_c is compact.

Each (X, Γ) determines:

- an integer $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$,
- an incidence set $I \subset \{1, \dots, k\} \times \{1, \dots, k\}$ telling which $U_i \cap U_j$ are nonempty (at most one component each), and
- a matrix $(A_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in I} \in \prod_{(i,j) \in I} M_c$.

Thus we get a map $R_c(S) \rightarrow Z := \bigsqcup_{k \leq N} \bigsqcup_I \prod_{(i,j) \in I} M_c$. Since M_c is compact and only **finitely many** k, I occur, Z is compact.