

# AN INVITATION TO ERGODIC THEORY

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- Connections to Geometry, Number Theory and many other subjects.

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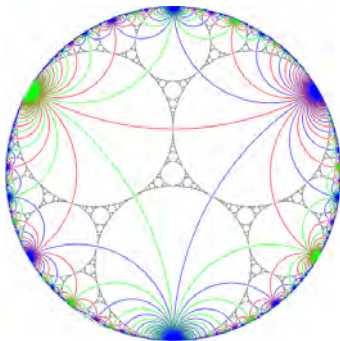
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- We get that 9 appears as the first digit in powers of 6 with frequency  $\log(10/9) \asymp 4.58\%$ .

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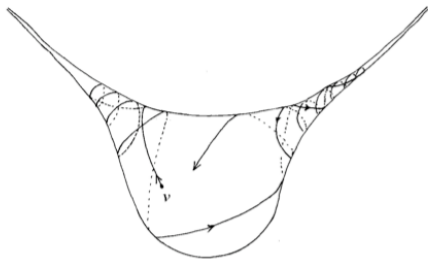
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# EXCURSIONS IN HYPERBOLIC 3 MANIFOLDS



# BOUNDED GEODESICS

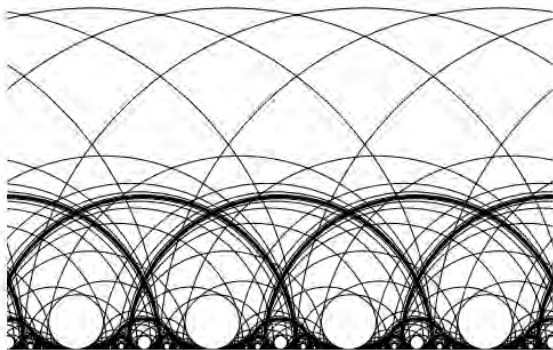
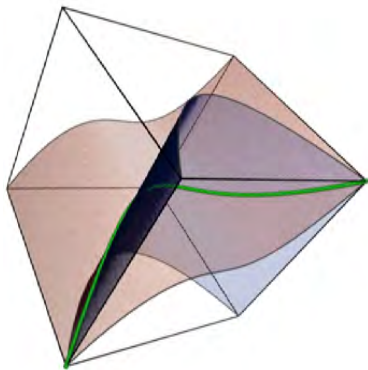


Figure 1. A long, bounded geodesic on  $\mathbb{H}/\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5})$ .

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