The outer automorphism of PGL(2,Z) and the induced 'modular' involution of R.

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PART I

Definition of Jimm and functional equations

$$V: x \in \mathbf{R} \to -x \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$K: x \in \mathbf{R} \to 1 - x \in \mathbf{R}$$

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We introduce a 'singular' function $\mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$:

Definition

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This is a kind of 'real' modular function, as we shall see.

But let us consider some examples first...

$$\zeta([n_0, n_1, n_2, \dots]) = [1_{n_0-1}, 2, 1_{n_1-2}, 2, 1_{n_2-2}, \dots]$$

Examples

$$\zeta([3,3,3,\dots] = [1_{3-1},2,1_{3-2},2,1_{3-2},2\dots] = [1,1,2,1,2,1,2,\dots]$$

$$\zeta([5,5,5,\dots] = [1,1,1,1,2,1,1,1,2,1,1,1,2,\dots]$$

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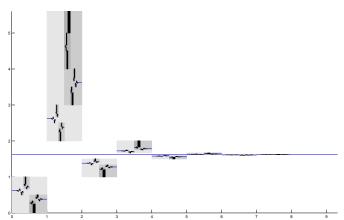
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With these two rules, \mathcal{L} becomes well-defined on $\mathbf{R}\setminus\mathbf{Q}$ and it is involutive:

$$\zeta(\zeta(x)) = x$$

Here is the plot of \mathcal{C} (the graph lies inside the darker boxes)



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Now consider....

Example

$$\begin{split} \zeta(1+[3,3,3\ldots]) &= \zeta([4,3,3\ldots]) = [1,1,1,2,1,2,1,\ldots] \\ &= 1 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{[1,1,2,1,2,1,\ldots]}}_{=\zeta([3,3,3,\ldots])} \end{split}$$

We have, in general

FUNCTIONAL EQUATION (*)

$$\zeta(1+x)=1+\frac{1}{\zeta(x)}$$

The functional equation (*) can be derived from the following fundamental set of functional equations

$$\zeta(\zeta(x)) = x \qquad \text{(involutivity)}$$

$$\zeta(\frac{1}{x}) = \frac{1}{\zeta(x)} \qquad \text{commutativity}$$

$$\zeta(-x) = -\frac{1}{\zeta(x)} \qquad \textbf{not commutativity}$$

 $\zeta(1-x) = 1 - \zeta(x)$ commutativity

Two-variable form of functional equations

$$\zeta(x) = y \iff \zeta(y) = x$$

$$xy = 1 \iff \zeta(x)\zeta(y) = 1$$

$$x + y = 0 \iff \zeta(x)\zeta(y) = -1$$

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 \implies \mathbb{C} preserves harmonic pairs of numbers.

Recall that

$$Ux := \frac{1}{x}, \quad Vx := -x, \quad Kx := 1 - x$$

The functional equations say

$$\zeta U = U\zeta$$
, $\zeta K = K\zeta$, $\zeta V = UV\zeta$

 $\implies \zeta$ is Dyer's outer automorphism of $PGL_2(\mathbf{Z})$.

(one has
$$Out(\mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbf{Z})) \simeq \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})$$

The most general functional equation has the form

$$\zeta(Mx) = \zeta(M)\zeta(x), \quad M \in \mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$$

(where C(M) is the image of M under Dyer's automorphism).

This equation says that \mathcal{C} is a "kind of" **covariant** function.

Note: *f* is said to be strictly covariant (or equivariant) if

$$f\left(\frac{pz+q}{rz+s}\right) = \frac{pf(z)+1}{rf(z)+s} \quad \forall \frac{pz+q}{rz+s} \in PGL_2(\mathbf{Z})$$

Such analytic functions on the upper half plane can be obtained from modular forms.

Fact I

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Examples

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More precisely

$$\zeta(Mx) = \zeta(M)\zeta(x) \quad M \in PGL_2(\mathbf{Z}), x \in \mathbf{R}$$

so that

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Facts I&II together imply:

Fact III

 \mathcal{C} induces an involution of the "moduli space of degenerate rank-2 lattices" inside \mathbf{R} , preserving setwise the "real-multiplication" locus.

The facts imply...

 \overline{c} is really a modular function.

Furthermore, one has



Fact IV

C commutes with the Galois conjugation on quadratic irrationals, i.e.

$$\zeta(a + \sqrt{b}) = A + \sqrt{B}$$

$$\iff$$

$$\zeta(a - \sqrt{b}) = A - \sqrt{B}$$

Now go back to the two-variable functional equations....

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...and set $y = \bar{x}$, where $x = a + \sqrt{b}$ is a quadratic irrational:

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Recall from number theory

If
$$x = a + \sqrt{b}$$
 $(a, b \in \mathbf{Q}, b > 0)$, then

norm of x is
$$N(x) := x\bar{x} \iff N(a + \sqrt{b}) = a^2 - b$$

trace of x is
$$T(x) := x + \bar{x} \iff T(a + \sqrt{b}) = 2a$$

Example

$$N(1+\sqrt{2})=-1, \quad T(1+\sqrt{2})=2$$

We get...

Correspondence I

$$x\bar{x} = 1 \iff \zeta(x)\zeta(\bar{x}) = 1$$
; i.e. $N(x) = 1 \iff N(\zeta(x)) = 1$ \Longrightarrow

 \mathcal{C} restricts to an involution of the set of **units of norm** +1 of the rings of integers in quadratic number fields.

$$\circlearrowleft \circlearrowleft \{a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1} \, | \, 1 < a \in \mathbf{Q} \}$$

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Correspondence II

$$x + \bar{x} = 0 \iff \zeta(x)\zeta(\bar{x}) = -1$$
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⇒ € establishes a bijection between the set of square roots of positive rationals and the set of units of norm -1 of the rings of integers of quadratic number fields.

$$\mathsf{C}: \{\sqrt{q} \mid q \in \mathbf{Q}\} \to \{a + \sqrt{a^2 + 1} \mid a \in \mathbf{Q}\}\$$

.... and these correspondences are far from being trivial:

Correspondence II-Example

Correspondence II-More Examples

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Correspondence IV

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$$T(x) = N(x) \iff T(\zeta x) = N(\zeta x)$$

Equivalently,

$$\subset \bigcirc \left\{ a + \sqrt{a^2 - 2a} \,\middle|\, 1 < a \in \mathbf{Q} \right\}$$

... and there are more correspondences of this type

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 $^{^{}a}$ Testing the transcendence conjecture of Jimm and its continued fraction statistics (joint with H. Ayral, to appear)

$$\begin{split} \zeta(\sqrt[3]{2}) &= \zeta([1;3,1,5,1,1,4,1,1,8,1,14,1,10,2,1,4,\ldots]) \\ &= [2,1,3,1,1,1,4,1,1,4,1_6,3,1_{12},3,1_8,2,3,1,1,2,\ldots] \\ &= 2.784731558662723\ldots \end{split}$$

$$\zeta(\pi) = \zeta([3,7,15,1,292,1,1,1,2,1,3,\dots]) = [1_2,2,1_5,2,1_{13},3,1_{290},5,3,\dots]$$

 $= 1.7237707925480276079699326494931025145558144289232\dots$

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(We tried to recognize these numbers by the PSLQ-algorithm with various sets of constants—we couldn't get any results)

PART II Dynamics

Dynamics

Fact

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$$\mathcal{T}_{\textit{Gauss}}: [0,\textit{n}_1,\textit{n}_2,\textit{n}_3,\dots] \in [0,1] \longrightarrow [0,\textit{n}_2,\textit{n}_3,\textit{n}_4,\dots] \in [0,1]$$

$$\Longrightarrow$$

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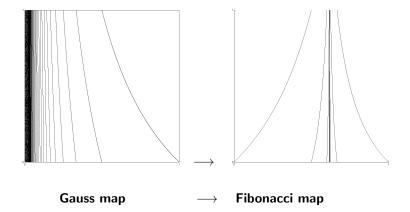
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Invariant measures

$$T_{Fibonacci} \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x(x+1)}$$
 (infinite), $T_{Gauss} \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x+1}$

Zeta functions (the transfer operator evaluated at Lebesgue's measure)

$$T_{Fibonacci} \leftrightarrow (\mathscr{L}_s^{Fib}\psi)(\mathbf{1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F_n^s}$$
 ("Fibonacci zeta")

$$T_{Gauss} \leftrightarrow (\mathscr{L}_s^{Gauss} \psi)(\mathbf{1}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$
 ("Riemann zeta")

Eigenfunctions of the Fibonacci transfer operator satisfies the three-term functional equation

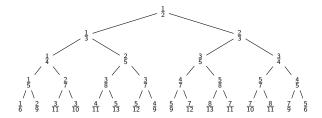
$$\psi(y) = \frac{1}{y^{2s}}\psi\left(\frac{y+1}{y}\right) + \frac{1}{\lambda}\frac{1}{(y+1)^{2s}}\psi\left(\frac{y}{y+1}\right)$$
(3)

(Equivalent to three-term functional equation studied by Lewis and Zagier)

PART III

Tree automorphisms and Lebesgue's measure

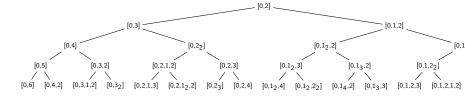
The Farey tree



Produced by the Farey sum rule:

$$\frac{p}{q} \oplus \frac{r}{s} = \frac{p+r}{q+s}$$

The Farey tree by continued fractions

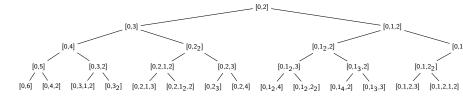


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The automorphism group $\operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{F})$ naturally acts on $\partial \mathcal{F}$. $\Longrightarrow \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{F})$ acts on continued fractions via the above identification. (ignoring a countable set of numbers for each automorphism).

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 \implies \mathbb{C} is the automorphism which shuffles every vertex.

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 $\implies \zeta$ is the automorphism which shuffles every vertex.

Twist description of $Aut(\mathcal{F})$

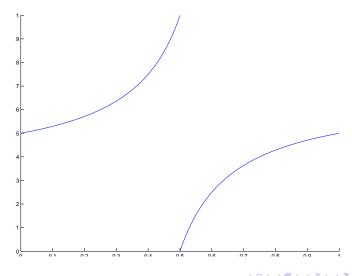
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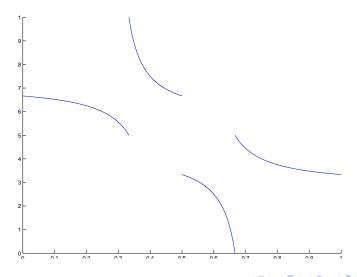
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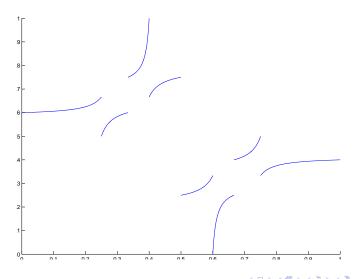
Looking at the boundary actions of shuffles (or twists), yields a presentation of \mathbb{C} as a limit of piecewise- $\operatorname{PGL}_2(\mathbf{Z})$ maps....

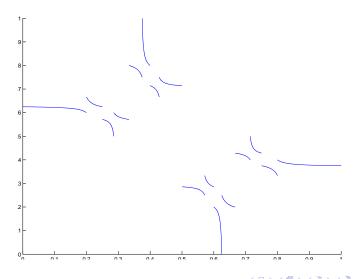
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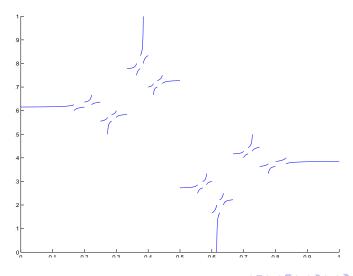


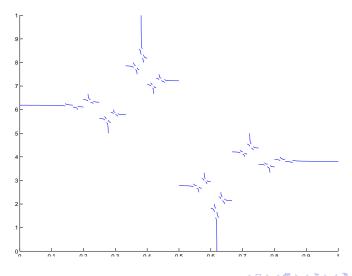
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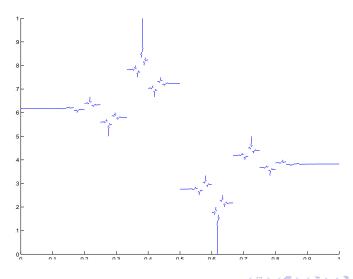


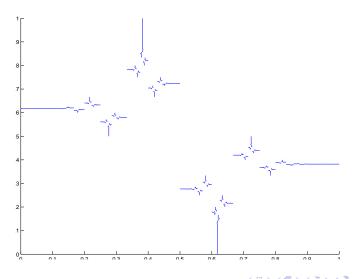






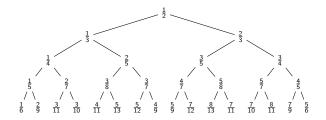






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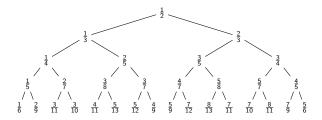


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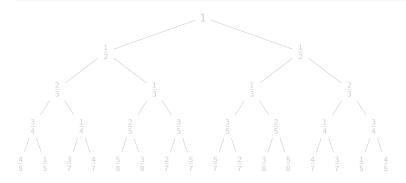
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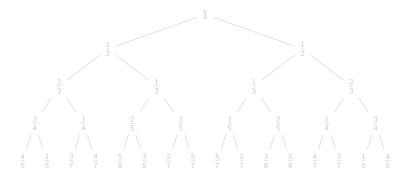


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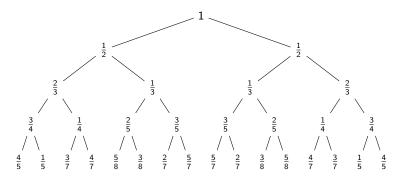


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Fact

Assume $n_k > 1$. Then the arrival probabilities

$$\pi_{Leb}([0, n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{k-1}, n_k]) = 1 - [0, n_k - 1, n_{k-1}, \dots, n_2, n_1]$$

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A subtle symmetry of Lebesgue's measure:

$$\pi_{Leb} \zeta(x) = \zeta \pi_{Leb}(x)$$

(On the left hand side \mathcal{C} acts on the tree whereas on the right it acts on the rationals)

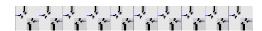
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Example.

$$\zeta([0;\overline{1_{n-1},a}])=[0;n,\overline{1_{a-2},n+1}] \implies$$

$$\mathcal{E}\left(\frac{a}{2}\left[\sqrt{1+4\frac{aF_{n-1}+F_{n-2}}{a^2F_n}}-1\right]\right) = \frac{1}{n+\frac{n+1}{2}\left(\sqrt{1+4\frac{(n+1)F_{a-2}+F_{a-3}}{(n+1)^2F_{a-1}}}-1\right)}$$

(notice the exchange $(a, F_n) \leftrightarrow (F_a, n)$)

