

## EXERCISE SHEET 4

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### 1. AN EXAMPLE OF EQUIDISTRIBUTION OF UNIPOTENT FLOWS

#### Notations

- $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\Gamma = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}[i])$  and  $X := G/\Gamma$ ;
- $U = \left\{ \mathbf{u}_s = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mid s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  and  $x_0 = [g_0] \in G/\Gamma$ .

Let  $(S_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers tending to  $+\infty$  such that the following limit exists:

$$\mu := \lim_{S_n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{S_n} \int_0^{S_n} (\mathbf{u}_s)_* \delta_{[g_0]} \, ds.$$

Assume the fact that such a  $\mu$  belongs to  $\mathrm{Prob}(X)^U$ .

Recall the definitions of  $\mathcal{H}$ ,  $T(H, U)$ , ... (see Lec.11, Def.1.6, Def.3.1). And  $V_H, \nu_H$  same as in Lec.12.

**Exercise 1.1.** Let  $H \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $H \neq G$ . Show that if  $\mu(T(H, U)) > 0$ , then there exists a bounded set  $\Phi \subset V_H$  and a sequence  $(\gamma_n) \subset \Gamma$  such that

$$\mathbf{u}_{[0, S_n]} g_0 \gamma_n \cdot \nu_H \subset \Phi.$$

**Exercise 1.2.** Same notations as the exercise above. Conclude that there exists  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that

$$\mathbf{u}_{[0, +\infty)} g_0 \gamma \cdot \nu_H \subset \Phi.$$

**Exercise 1.3.** Same notations as the exercise above. Conclude that  $g_0^{-1} U g_0 \subset N_G(\gamma H \gamma^{-1})^{(1)}$ .

**Exercise 1.4.** Use exercises above to show that if  $x_0 = [g_0] \notin [\text{Sing}(G, U)]_\Gamma$ , then

$$\lim_{S_n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{S_n} \int_0^{S_n} (\mathbf{u}_s)_* \delta_{[g_0]} \, ds = \widehat{\mathbf{m}}_{G/\Gamma}.$$

[Hint: use Lec.11, Thm.2.3 if it helps.]

**Exercise 1.5.** Conclude that if  $x_0 = [g_0] \notin [\text{Sing}(G, U)]_\Gamma$ , then  $U.x_0$  is dense in  $G/\Gamma$ .

## 2. HOMOGENEOUS SETS OF BOUNDED VOLUME

Notations

- $G := \text{SL}_N(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\Gamma := \text{SL}_N(\mathbb{Z})$ .
- Fix a right  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $G$ , which induces Riemannian metrics on  $G/\Gamma$  and also on immersed submanifolds. Volumes below are all induced from this.

For  $C > 0$ , let

$$\mathcal{A} := \{H \leq G \mid H \text{ is a closed connected subgroup of } G, \text{Vol}(H/H \cap \Gamma) < \infty.\}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_C := \{H \leq G \mid H \text{ is a closed connected subgroup of } G, \text{Vol}(H/H \cap \Gamma) < C.\}$$

**Definition 2.1.** Given a sequence  $(H_n)$  of closed subgroups of  $G$ , we say that  $(H_n)$  **converges** iff for every (infinite) subsequence  $(n_k)$  and  $h_{n_k} \in H_{n_k}$  such that  $\lim_k h_{n_k}$  exists, there exists  $h'_n \in H_n$  for each  $n$ , such that

$$\lim_k h_{n_k} = \lim_n h'_n.$$

**Exercise 2.1.** Given a sequence  $(H_n)$  of closed subgroups of  $G$ , there exists a subsequence that converges.

From now on we fix a convergent sequence  $(H_n)$ . And assume each  $H_n$  is connected. Let

$$L := \left\{ g \in G \mid g = \lim_n h_n, \exists h_n \in H_n \right\}$$

**Exercise 2.2.** Show that  $L$  is a closed subgroup.

**Exercise 2.3.** There exists a subsequence  $n_k$  such that  $(\mathfrak{h}_{n_k})$  (the Lie algebra of  $H_{n_k}$ ) converges.

From now on we assume  $(\mathfrak{h}_n)$  converges to  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$ .

**Exercise 2.4.** Find an example of  $(H_n)$  such that  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty$  is not the Lie algebra of  $L$ .

Now we further assume that  $\{H_n\} \subset \mathcal{A}_{C_0}$  for some  $C_0 > 0$ .

**Exercise 2.5.** Show that under the assumption above,  $\mathfrak{h}_\infty = \text{Lie}(L)$ .

**Exercise 2.6.** Show that  $(H_n \cap \Gamma)$  converges and its limit is given by

$$\Gamma_\infty := \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \exists n_0, \forall n > n_0, \gamma \in H_n \cap \Gamma\}.$$

**Exercise 2.7.** Show that  $\text{Vol}_{H_n}$  converges to  $\text{Vol}_L$  in the weak\* topology.

**Exercise 2.8.** Show that  $\Gamma_\infty$  is a lattice in  $L$ . Indeed show that

$$\text{Vol}(L/\Gamma_\infty) \leq \limsup \text{Vol}(H_n/H_n \cap \Gamma).$$

[Hint, consider compact parts of a fundamental domain]

It is a fact that once you know  $\Gamma_\infty$  is a lattice in  $L$ , then it is finitely generated.

**Exercise 2.9.** Assume the fact above. Show that there exists  $n_0$  such that for all  $n > n_0$ ,  $\Gamma \cap H_n \supset \Gamma_\infty$ .

Continuing this way, using more inputs from the theory of algebraic groups, one can show that

**Theorem 2.2** (Dani–Margulis). *We have that*

$$\#\{H \cap \Gamma \mid H \in \mathcal{A}_{C_0}\} < \infty.$$

**Exercise 2.10.** For  $H \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $g \in G$ , show that

$$\text{Vol}(gH\Gamma/\Gamma) = \frac{\|\text{Ad}(g) \cdot \nu_H\|}{\|\nu_H\|} \text{Vol}(H\Gamma/\Gamma).$$

Here  $\nu_H$  is a vector in  $\wedge^{\dim H} \mathfrak{sl}_n$  defined by  $\nu_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \nu_{\dim H}$  where  $(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{\dim H})$  is a basis for  $\mathfrak{h}$ , the Lie algebra of  $H$ .

**Exercise 2.11.** Assume the theorem above, show that  $\Gamma \cdot \nu_H$  is a discrete subset of  $\wedge^{\dim H} \mathfrak{sl}_n$ .

### 3. ORBIT COUNTING AND EQUIDISTRIBUTION

Notations

- $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Gamma = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & 2y \\ y & x \end{bmatrix} \mid x^2 - 2y^2 = 1 \right\}$ ;
- $V := \{2\text{-by-2 real matrices with trace } 0\}$ ;
- $V(\mathbb{Z}) := \{2\text{-by-2 integer matrices with trace } 0\}$
- $M_0 := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $p_0(x) := x^2 - 2$ ;
- for a matrix  $M$ , its characteristic polynomial is denoted by  $\text{char}_M(x) := \det(xI - M) = x^2 - \text{Tr}(M)x + \det(M)$ ;
- $X_{p_0}(\mathbb{R}) := \{M \in V, \text{char}_M(x) = p_0(x)\}$ ,  $X_{p_0}(\mathbb{Z}) := \{M \in V(\mathbb{Z}), \text{char}_M(x) = p_0(x)\}$ ;
- for a 2-by-2 matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , define  $\text{ht}(M) := \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}$ ;
- $B_R := \{M \in X_{p_0}(\mathbb{R}) \mid \text{ht}(M) \leq R\}$ .

**Exercise 3.1.** Show that every pair of matrices  $M_1, M_2 \in X_{p_0}(\mathbb{R})$ , there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $gM_1g^{-1} = M_2$ .

Let  $G$  acts on  $X_{p_0}(\mathbb{R})$  by  $g.M := gMg^{-1}$ . The above exercise shows that this action is transitive.

**Exercise 3.2.** The stabilizer of  $M_0$  in  $G$  is equal to  $H$ .

**Exercise 3.3.**  $H \cap \Gamma$  is a lattice in  $H$ .

**Exercise 3.4.** Show that the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $X_{p_0}(\mathbb{Z})$  is transitive.

[Hint:  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is a PID]

Further notations

- $m_{G/H}$  is a  $G$ -invariant locally finite measure on  $G/H$ ;
- similarly,  $m_G$  and  $m_H$  denote Haar measures on  $G$  and  $H$  respectively.

Note that  $G$  and  $H$  are unimodular: left Haar measures are the same as right Haar measures.

**Definition 3.1.** We say that a triple  $(m_G, m_H, m_{G/H})$  is compatible iff for every compactly supported function  $f \in C_c(G)$ , we have

$$\int_{G/H} \int_H f(gh) m_H(h) m_{G/H}([g]) = \int_G f(g) m_G([g]). \quad (1)$$

**Exercise 3.5.** Show that for every triple of Haar measures  $(m_G, m_H, m_{G/H})$ , there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that for every  $f \in C_c(G)$ ,

$$\int_{G/H} \int_H f(gh) m_H(h) m_{G/H}([g]) = c \cdot \int_G f(g) m_G([g]).$$

From now on we fix the unique triple  $(m_G, m_H, m_{G/H})$  satisfying

1.  $(m_G, \delta_\Gamma, \hat{m}_{G/\Gamma})$  and  $(m_H, \delta_{H \cap \Gamma}, \hat{m}_{H/H \cap \Gamma})$  are compatible. Here  $\delta_\Gamma$  (resp.  $\delta_{H \cap \Gamma}$ ) denotes the counting measure on  $\Gamma$  (resp.  $H \cap \Gamma$ ).
2.  $(m_G, m_H, m_{G/H})$  is compatible.

Its existence is guaranteed by the Exer.3.5 above.

**Exercise 3.6.** Find the asymptotics of

$$m_{G/H}(B_R) := m_{G/H}(\{[g] \in G/H \mid \text{ht}(g.M_0) \leq R\}).$$

**Definition 3.2.** Define  $\varphi_R : G/\Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\varphi_R([g]) := \#(g\Gamma.M_0 \cap B_R).$$

We say that  $\frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \varphi_R$  converges to 1 weakly iff for all  $\psi \in C_c(G/\Gamma)$ ,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \int_{G/\Gamma} \varphi_R([g]) \psi([g]) \hat{m}_{G/\Gamma}([g]) = \int \psi([g]) \hat{m}_{G/\Gamma}([g]). \quad (2)$$

**Exercise 3.7.** Show that if  $\frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \varphi_R$  converges to 1 weakly then for every  $[g] \in G/\Gamma$ ,

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \varphi_R([g]) = 1.$$

In particular, in light of Exer.3.4,

$$\#X_{p_0}(\mathbb{Z}) \cap B_R \sim m_{G/H}(B_R).$$

[Hint: use Exer.3.6].

**Exercise 3.8.** Show that the left hand side of Equa.(2) (excluding the limit) is equal to

$$\frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \int_{\{g.M_0 \in B_R\}} \left( \int \psi(x) g_* \hat{m}_{H/\Gamma}(x) \right) m_{G/H}([g])$$

**Exercise 3.9.** Use “linearization technique” to show that for every sequence  $(g_n)$  such that  $([g_n])$  diverges in  $G/H$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (g_n)_* \hat{m}_{H/\Gamma} = \hat{m}_{G/\Gamma}.$$

**Exercise 3.10.** Use Exer.3.9 to conclude that  $\frac{1}{m_{G/H}(B_R)} \varphi_R$  converges to 1 weakly.