

# Teichmüller theory

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three different but related realisations of  $\mathcal{T}(S)$ .

- (1)  $\mathcal{T}(S)$  is a "space of curves" (in  $\mathbb{R}P^2$ )
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}(S)$  is a "space of functions"
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}(S)$  is a "space of flows" on a certain 3-manifold.

Extend this extends to Hitchin representations in  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$

( $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

Fock-Boncharen coordinates (and cluster algebra) for open surfaces.

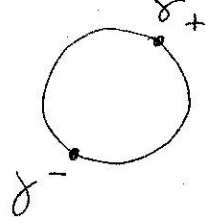
## I] Boundary at $\infty$ of $\pi_1(S)$ (E)

$\pi_1(S) \hookrightarrow \partial_\infty \pi_1(S)$   
equipped with an action of  $\pi_1(S)$

(i)  $\partial_\infty \pi_1(S)$  is Hölder homeo to  $S^1$

(ii)  $\pi_1(S)$  acts by Hölder homeomorphisms

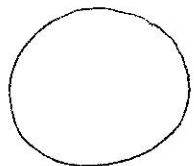
(iii) each orbit of  $\pi_1(S)$  is dense

(iv)  each  $\gamma \neq id$  has two fixed points

one attractive, one repulsive.

choice of a hyperbolic metric  
 $\Downarrow$   
 a realisation of  $\partial_\infty \pi_1(S)$

Indeed



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$$\partial_\infty \mathbb{H}^2 = \mathbb{RP}^1$$

↑  
PSU(2,1)

hyperbolic metric  $g$

→ a  $\rho$ -equivariant identification of  $\partial_\infty \pi_1(S)$  with  $\mathbb{RP}^1$

$$(1) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{T}(S) = \{ \text{space of curves in } \mathbb{RP}^2 \} \\ = \{ (f, \rho) : \rho : \pi_1(S) \hookrightarrow \text{PSU}(2,1) \\ f : \partial_\infty \pi_1(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^1 \} \end{array} \right.$$

(2) space of functions

crossratio on  $\mathbb{RP}^2$

$$b(x, y, z, t) = \frac{x-y}{x-t} \cdot \frac{z-t}{z-y}$$

satisfies some rules.

(a)  $b(x, y, z, t) = b(z, t, x, y)$

(b)  $b(x, y, z, t) \cdot b(z, y, w, t) = b(x, y, w, t)$

(c)  $b(x, y, x, t) = 1$   
 $b(x, x, y, t) = 0$

(R2)  $1 - b(x, y, z, t) = b(t, y, z, x)$

Fact Let  $b$  on  $(S^2)^4$  such that it satisfies (a)(b)(c) (R2)

prop |  $\mathcal{T}(S)$  is the space of invariant crossratio on  $(\partial_\infty \pi_1 S)^4$  satisfying (R2)

## II] Dynamics of the geodesic flows

Ryphobic metric  $g$

$$\rightarrow U_g S, \{ \varphi_t^g \}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$$

the geodesic flow on the unitary tangent bundle.

Stability: (the geodesic flow does not depend on the metric).

Given two metric  $g, h$ , there exist a homeomorphism

$$\phi : U_g S \rightarrow U_h S$$

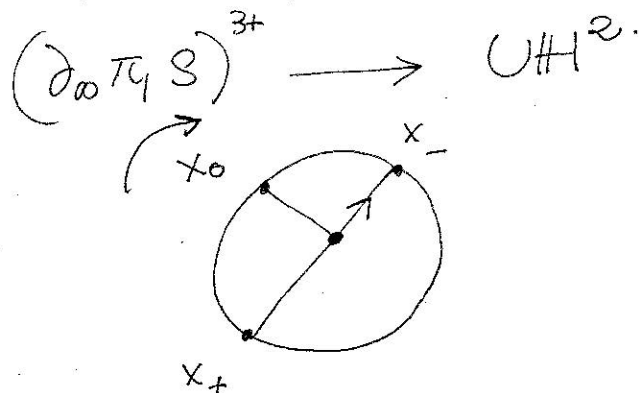
which is an orbit equivalence:

$$\forall x \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \phi(\varphi_t^g(x)) = \varphi_t^h(\phi(x))$$

Invariant description.

$$(\partial_{\omega} \pi_1 S)^{3+} = \text{space of distinct triples } \mathcal{I}_g.$$

given a metric  $g$ :



this map is  $\pi_1(S)$ -equivariant.

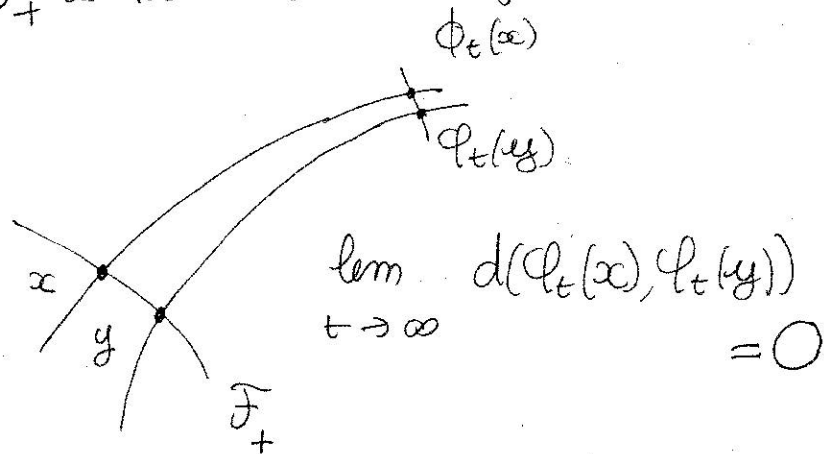
$\rightsquigarrow$  the tree foliations of  $(\partial_{\omega} \pi_1(S))^{3+} / \pi_1(S)$ .

$\mathcal{L} : (x_+, x_-)$  are wt  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  the orbits of the geodesic flow.

$\mathcal{F}_+ : (x_0, x_-)$  are wt.

$F_+$  is the stable manifold

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$F_-$  is the unstable manifold.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} d(\phi_t(x), \phi_t(y)) = 0$$

⚡ Anosov structure on  $\mathcal{D}_\infty \mathcal{T}_4(S)^3 / \mathcal{T}_4(S)$

(3)  $\mathcal{T}(S) =$  choice of a parametrisation of  $\mathcal{L}$   
 $=$  « space of flows »

### III | Hitchin representations

Def

- A) Fuchsian representation
- B) Hitchin if it can be deformed to a Hitchin Fuchsian representation.

A) Curves in  $\mathbb{RP}^{n-1}$

||  $\xi: S^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^{n-1}$  is hyperconvex.

|| If  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_m \quad \xi(x_1) + \dots + \xi(x_m) = \mathbb{R}^n$

ex  $m=2, m=3$ , Veronese embedding.

Thm

If  $\rho$  is Hitchin, then there exist a  $\rho$ -equivariant hyperconvex curve in  $\mathbb{RP}^{n-1}$

Thm (Guichard)

Conversely  $\rightarrow \rho$  is Hitchin.

Re  $m=3$  due to Choi-Goldman.

e) it says all H-rep are « quasi-fuchsian »

### 3) oscillating flags

hyperconvexity  $\leftrightarrow$  positi of triple of flags.

FG generalize (Th) to all real split groups.  $g \rightarrow \infty$

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### B) Crossratios

Thm (L)  $\left\{ \text{Hitelun} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \text{crossratios satisfying } R(n) \right\}$

$$\frac{\lambda_{\max} \rho(\sigma)}{\lambda_{\min} \rho(\sigma)} = B(\gamma^+, y, \gamma^-, \gamma y)$$

what is  $R(n) \dots$

$$\xi: \partial_{\infty} \pi_1(S) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$$

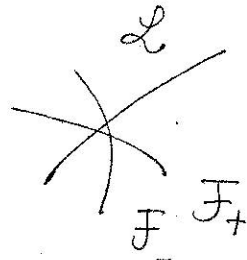
$$\xi^*: \partial_{\infty} \pi_1(S) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}P^n)^*$$

$$B(x, y, z, t) = \frac{\langle \xi(x) | \xi(y) \rangle \langle \xi(y) | \xi^*(t) \rangle}{\langle \xi(x) | \xi^*(t) \rangle \langle \xi(y) | \xi^*(t) \rangle}$$

$$0 \neq \hat{\xi}(x) \in \xi(x)$$

$n \rightarrow \infty$   
relations with Higgs Bundle.  
C) Dynamics

$$M^3 = (\partial_{\infty} \pi_1(S))^3 / \pi_1(S)$$



Let  $\rho: \pi_1(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{SL}(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $E$  be the associated bundle.

Def  $\rho$  is Anosov if

$$E = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_n$$

such that:

(i)  $\kappa(E_i) = 1$ .

(ii)  $E_i$  is // along  $\mathcal{L}$ .

(iii)  $F_i^+$  is // "  $F_+$

(iv)  $F_i^-$  is // "  $F_-$

the action of  $\mathcal{L}$  is contracting.

on  $E_i \otimes E_j^*$   $i > j$  in the future  
 $i < j$  in the past.

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Stability of hyperbolicity of  
dia  $\Rightarrow$  {Anosov representations}  
is open.

(cf GF-case in  $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ )

$\rho$ -Anosov  $\rightarrow$

indeed  $E_1$  : on  $(\partial_\infty \mathcal{T}_1 S)^{3+}$   
is constant along  $\mathcal{F}_+$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ .

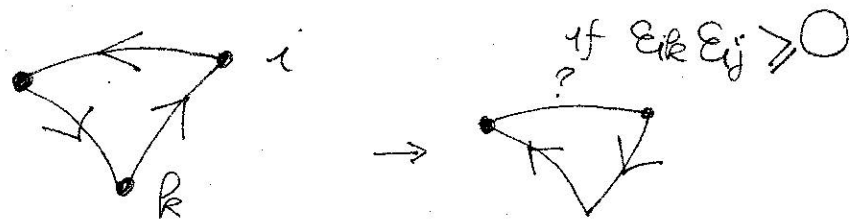
$$(\partial_\infty \mathcal{T}_1(S))^{3+} \rightarrow \partial_\infty \mathcal{T}_1(S) \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \mathbb{RP}^n$$

$\xrightarrow{E}$

Fock-Goncharov. Coordinates and  
cluster-algebras.

mutation at a vertex  $k$ .

$$\varepsilon'_{ij} = \begin{cases} -\varepsilon_{ij} & \text{if } k=i \text{ or } k=j \\ \varepsilon_{ij} & \text{if } \varepsilon_{ik} \varepsilon_{ij} \leq 0 \\ \varepsilon_{ij} + |\varepsilon_{ik}| \cdot \varepsilon_{kj} & \text{if } \varepsilon_{ik} \varepsilon_{ij} \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



transformation of graphs

transformations of algebra:

$$X'_{ij}; X'_i \rightarrow \begin{cases} X_i (1 + X_k)^{-\varepsilon_{ik}} & \varepsilon_{ik} > 0 \\ X_i (1 + X_k)^{-1 - \varepsilon_{ik}} & \varepsilon_{ik} < 0 \end{cases}$$

explanation of the mutations rule:  
the map is a Poisson algebra  
isomorphism.