

# 1 Introduction

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## Some helpful references

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## 2 Lie groups

### 2.1 Lie groups

#### Section 1: Lie groups

- A Lie group is a space of symmetries of some space. More formally, a Lie group is a manifold with a group operation  $\circ : G \times G \rightarrow G$  that satisfies
  - $\circ$  is smooth.
  - the inverse  $\iota : G \rightarrow G$  is smooth also.
- Examples:
  - The permutation group of a finite set form a 0-dimensional manifold, which is a finite set.
  - $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$  with  $+$  as an operation. ( $\mathbb{R}^+$  with  $+$  is merely a Lie semigroup.)
  - $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$  with  $*$  as an operation.
  - $T^n = \mathbb{R}^n/\Gamma$  with  $+$  as an operation and  $O$  as the equivalence class of  $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ . (The three are abelian ones.)
- - $GL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) \neq 0\}$ : the general linear group.
  - $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid \det(A) = 1\}$ : the special linear group.
  - $O(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \mid A^T A = I\}$ : the orthogonal group.
  - $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n) = \{T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \mid T(x) = Ax + b \text{ for } A \in O(n-1, \mathbb{R}), b \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ .
  - Proofs: One can express the operations as polynomials or rational functions.
- Products of Lie groups are Lie groups.
- A covering space of a connected Lie group form a Lie group.
- A *Lie subgroup* of a Lie group is a subgroup that is a Lie group with the induced operation and is a submanifold.
  - $O(n) \subset SL(n, \mathbb{R}) \subset GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .
  - $O(n-1) \subset Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .
- A homomorphism  $f : G \rightarrow H$  of two Lie groups  $G, H$  is a smooth map that is a group homomorphism. The above inclusion maps are homomorphisms.
- The kernel of a homomorphism is a closed normal subgroup. Hence it is a Lie subgroup also.
- If  $G, H$  are simply connected,  $f$  induces a unique homomorphism of Lie algebra of  $G$  to that of  $H$  which is  $Df$  and conversely.

## 2.2 Lie algebras

### Lie algebras

- A Lie algebra is a vector space  $V$  with an operation  $[\cdot, \cdot] : V \times V \rightarrow V$  that satisfies:
  - $[x, x] = 0$  for  $x \in L$ . (Thus,  $[x, y] = -[y, x]$ .)
  - Jacobi identity  $[x, [y, z]] + [z, [x, y]] + [y, [z, x]] = 0$ .
- Examples:
  - Sending  $V \times V$  to  $O$  is a Lie algebra (abelian ones.)
  - Direct sums of Lie algebras is a Lie algebra.
  - A subalgebra is a subspace closed under  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ .
  - An ideal  $K$  of  $L$  is a subalgebra such that  $[x, y] \in K$  for  $x \in K$  and  $y \in L$ .
- A homomorphism of a Lie algebra is a linear map preserving  $[\cdot, \cdot]$ .
- The kernel of a homomorphism is an ideal.

### Lie groups and Lie algebras

- Let  $G$  be a Lie group. A left translation  $L_g : G \rightarrow G$  is given by  $x \mapsto g(x)$ .
- A left-invariant vector field of  $G$  is a vector field so that the left translation leaves it invariant, i.e.,  $dL_g(X(h)) = X(gh)$  for  $g, h \in G$ .
- The set of left-invariant vector fields form a vector space under addition and scalar multiplication and is vector-space isomorphic to the tangent space at  $I$ . Moreover,  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is defined as vector-fields brackets. This forms a Lie algebra.
- The Lie algebra of  $G$  is the the Lie algebra of the left-invariant vector fields on  $G$ .
- Example: The Lie algebra of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  is isomorphic to  $gl(n, \mathbb{R})$ :
  - For  $X$  in the Lie algebra of  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , we can define a flow generated by  $X$  and a path  $X(t)$  along it where  $X(0) = I$ .
  - We obtain an element of  $gl(n, \mathbb{R})$  by taking the derivative of  $X(t)$  at 0 seen as a matrix.
  - The brackets are preserved.
  - A Lie algebra of an abelian Lie group is abelian.

## Lie algebras

- Given  $X$  in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $G$ , there is an integral curve  $X(t)$  through  $I$ . We define the exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow G$  by sending  $X$  to  $X(1)$ .
- The exponential map is defined everywhere, smooth, and is a diffeomorphism near  $O$ .
- The matrix exponential defined by

$$A \mapsto e^A = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$$

is the exponential map  $gl(n, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

## Lie group actions

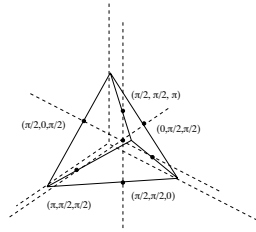
- A Lie group  $G$ -action on a smooth manifold  $X$  is given by a smooth map  $G \times X \rightarrow X$  so that  $(gh)(x) = (g(h(x)))$  and  $I(x) = x$ . (left action)
- A right action satisfies  $(x)(gh) = ((x)g)h$ .
- Each Lie algebra element correspond to a vector field on  $X$  by using a vector field.
- The action is faithful if  $g(x) = x$  for all  $x$ , then  $g$  is the identity element of  $G$ .
- The action is transitive if given two points  $x, y \in X$ , there is  $g \in G$  such that  $g(x) = y$ .
- Example:
  - $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  acting on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - $PGL(n + 1, \mathbb{R})$  acting on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ .

# 3 Geometries

## 3.1 Euclidean geometry

### Euclidean geometry

- The Euclidean space is  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the group  $Isom(\mathbb{R}^n)$  of rigid motions is generated by  $O(n)$  and  $T_n$  the translation group. In fact, we have an inner-product giving us a metric.
- A system of linear equations gives us a subspace (affine or linear)
- This gives us the model for Euclidean axioms....



## 3.2 Spherical geometry

### Spherical geometry

- Let us consider the unit sphere  $\mathbf{S}^n$  in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .
- Many great sphere exists and they are subspaces... (They are given by homogeneous system of linear equations in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ .)
- The lines are replaced by great circles and lengths and angles are also replaced.
- The transformation group is  $O(n+1)$ .

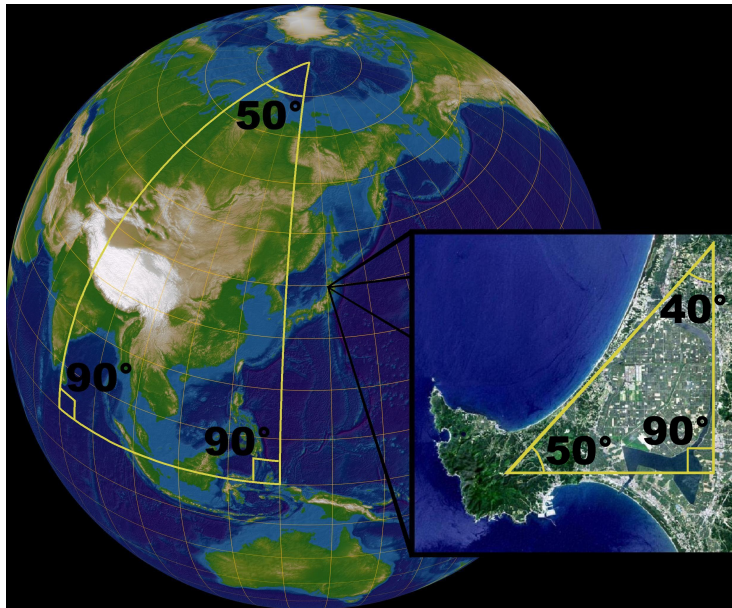
### Spherical trigonometry

- Many spherical triangle theorems exist... <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/SphericalTrigonometry.html>
- Such a triangle is classified by their angles  $\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2$  satisfying

$$\theta_0 + \theta_1 + \theta_2 > \pi \quad (1)$$

$$\theta_i < \theta_{i+1} + \theta_{i+2} - \pi, i \in \mathbb{Z}_3. \quad (2)$$

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### 3.3 Affine geometry

#### Affine geometry

- A vector space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  becomes an affine space by forgetting the origin.
- An affine transformation of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is one given by  $x \mapsto Ax + b$  for  $A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . This notion is more general than that of rigid motions.
- The Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the group  $Aff(\mathbb{R}^n) = GL(n, \mathbb{R}) \cdot \mathbb{R}^n$  of affine transformations form the affine geometry.
- Of course, angles and lengths do not make sense. But the notion of lines exists.
- The set of three points in a line has an invariant based on ratios of lengths.

### 3.4 Projective geometry

#### Projective geometry

- Projective geometry was first considered from fine art.
- Desargues (and Kepler) first considered points at infinity.
- Poncelet first added infinite points to the euclidean plane.
- Projective transformations are compositions of perspectivities. Often, they send finite points to infinite points and vice versa. (i.e., two planes that are not parallel).

- The added points are same as ordinary points up to projective transformations.
- Lines have well defined infinite points and are really circles topologically.
- Some notions lose meanings. However, many interesting theorems can be proved. Duality of theorems plays an interesting role.
- See for an interactive course: [http://www.math.poly.edu/courses/projective\\_geometry/](http://www.math.poly.edu/courses/projective_geometry/)
- and <http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/TheoremeDePappusFrench/>, <http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/TheoremeDePascalFrench/>, <http://www.math.umd.edu/~wphooper/pappus9/pappus.html>, <http://www.math.umd.edu/~wphooper/pappus/>
- Formal definition with topology is given by Felix Klein using homogeneous coordinates.
- The projective space  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  is  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{O\} / \sim$  where  $\sim$  is given by  $v \sim w$  if  $v = sw$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Each point is given a homogeneous coordinates:  $[v] = [x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .
- The projective transformation group  $\text{PGL}(n+1, \mathbb{R}) = \text{GL}(n+1, \mathbb{R}) / \sim$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  by each element sending each ray to a ray using the corresponding general linear maps.
- Here, each element of  $g$  of  $\text{PGL}(n+1, \mathbb{R})$  acts by  $[v] \mapsto [g'(v)]$  for a representative  $g'$  in  $\text{GL}(n+1, \mathbb{R})$  of  $g$ . Also any coordinate change can be viewed this way.
- The affine geometry can be "imbedded":  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be identified with the set of points in  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  where  $x_0$  is not zero, i.e., the set of points  $\{[1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]\}$ . This is called an affine patch. The subgroup of  $\text{PGL}(n+1, \mathbb{R})$  fixing  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is precisely  $\text{Aff}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \text{GL}(n, \mathbb{R}) \cdot \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- The subspace of points  $\{[0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]\}$  is the complement homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}P^{n-1}$ . This is the set of infinities, i.e., directions in  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ .
- From affine geometry, one can construct a unique projective geometry and conversely using this idea. (See Berger for the complete abstract approach.)

- A subspace is the set of points whose representative vectors satisfy a homogeneous system of linear equations. The subspace in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  corresponding to a projective subspace in  $\mathbb{R}P^n$  in a one-to-one manner while the dimension drops by 1.
- The independence of points are defined. The dimension of a subspace is the maximal number of independent set minus 1.
- A hyperspace is given by a single linear equation. The complement of a hyperspace can be identified with an affine space.
- A line is the set of points  $[v]$  where  $v = sv_1 + tv_2$  for  $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$  for the independent pair  $v_1, v_2$ . Acutally a line is  $\mathbb{R}P^1$  or a line  $\mathbb{R}^1$  with a unique infinity.
- Cross ratios of four points on a line  $(x, y, z, t)$ . There is a unique coordinate system so that  $x = [1, 0], y = [0, 1], z = [1, 1], t = [b, 1]$ . Thus  $b = b(x, y, z, t)$  is the cross-ratio.
- If the four points are on  $\mathbb{R}^1$ , the cross ratio is given as

$$(x, y; z, t) = \frac{(z_1 - z_3)(z_2 - z_4)}{(z_1 - z_4)(z_2 - z_3)}$$

if we can write

$$x = [1, z_1], y = [1, z_2], z = [1, z_3], t = [1, z_4]$$

- One can define cross ratios of four hyperplanes meeting in a projective subspace of codimension 2.
- For us  $n = 2$  is important. Here we have a familiar projective plane as topological type of  $\mathbb{R}P^2$ , which is a Mobius band with a disk filled in at the boundary.  
<http://www.geom.uiuc.edu/zoo/tooptype/pplane/cap/>

### 3.5 Conformal geometry

#### Conformal geometry

- Reflections of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The hyperplane  $P(a, t)$  given by  $a \cot x = b$ . Then  $\rho(x) = x + 2(t - a \cdot x)a$ .
- Inversions. The hypersphere  $S(a, r)$  given by  $|x - a| = r$ . Then  $\sigma(x) = a + \left(\frac{r}{|x-a|}\right)^2(x - a)$ .



- We can compactify  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}^n = \mathbf{S}^n$  by adding infinity. This can be accomplished by a stereographic projection from the unit sphere  $\mathbf{S}^n$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  from the northpole  $(0, 0, \dots, 1)$ . Then these reflections and inversions induce conformal homeomorphisms.
- The group of transformations generated by these homeomorphisms is called the Möbius transformation group.
- They form the conformal transformation group of  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}^n = \mathbf{S}^n$ .
- For  $n = 2$ ,  $\hat{\mathbb{R}}^2$  is the Riemann sphere  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  and a Möbius transformation is either a fractional linear transformation of form

$$z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d}, ad - bc \neq 0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{C}$$

or a fractional linear transformation pre-composed with the conjugation map  $z \mapsto \bar{z}$ .

- In higher-dimensions, a description as a sphere of null-lines and the special Lorentzian group exists.

### Poincare extensions

- We can identify  $E^{n-1}$  with  $E^{n-1} \times \{O\}$  in  $E^n$ .
- We can extend each Möbius transformation of  $\hat{E}^{n-1}$  to  $\hat{E}^n$  that preserves the upper half space  $U$ : We extend reflections and inversions in the obvious way.
- The Möbius transformation of  $\hat{E}^n$  that preserves the open upper half spaces are exactly the extensions of the Möbius transformations of  $\hat{E}^{n-1}$ .
- $M(U^n) = M(\hat{E}^{n-1})$ .
- We can put the pair  $(U^n, \hat{E}^{n-1})$  to  $(B^n, \mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  by a Möbius transformation.
- Thus,  $M(U^n)$  is isomorphic to  $M(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$  for the boundary sphere.

## 3.6 Hyperbolic geometry

### Lorentzian geometry

- A hyperbolic space  $H^n$  is defined as a complex Riemannian manifold of constant curvature equal to  $-1$ .
- Such a space cannot be realized as a submanifold in a Euclidean space of even very large dimensions.
- But it is realized as a "sphere" in a Lorentzian space.

- A Lorentzian space is  $\mathbb{R}^{1,n}$  with an inner product

$$x \cdot y = -x_0y_0 + x_1y_1 + \cdots + x_{n-1}y_{n-1} + x_ny_n.$$

- A Lorentzian norm  $\|x\| = (x \cdot y)^{1/2}$ , a positive, zero, or positive imaginary number.
- One can define Lorentzian angles.
- The null vectors form a light cone divide into positive, negative cone, and 0.
- Space like vectors and time like vectors and null vectors.
- Ordinary notions such as orthogonality, orthonormality,...

### Lorentz group

- A Lorentzian transformation is a linear map preserving the inner-product.
- For  $J$  the diagonal matrix with entries  $-1, 1, \dots, 1$ ,  $A^t J A = J$  iff  $A$  is a Lorentzian matrix.
- A Lorentzian transformation sends time-like vectors to time-like vectors. It is either positive or negative.
- The set of Lorentzian transformations form a Lie group  $O(1, n)$ .
- The set of positive Lorentzian transformations form a Lie subgroup  $PO(1, n)$ .

### Hyperbolic space

- Given two positive time-like vectors, there is a time-like angle

$$x \cdot y = \|x\| \|y\| \cosh \eta(x, y)$$

- A hyperbolic space is an upper component of the submanifold defined by  $\|x\|^2 = -1$  or  $x_0^2 = 1 + x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2$ . This is a subset of a positive cone.
- Topologically, it is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . **Minkowsky model**
- One induces a metric from the Lorentzian space which is positive definite.
- This gives us a Riemannian metric of constant curvature  $-1$ . (The computation is very similar to the computations for the sphere.)
- $PO(1, n)$  is the isometry group of  $H^n$  which is homogeneous and directionless.
- A hyperbolic line is an intersection of  $H^n$  with a time-like two-dimensional vector subspace.
- The hyperbolic sine law, The first law of cosines, The second law of cosines...

- One can assign any interior angles to a hyperbolic triangle as long as the sum is less than  $\pi$ .
- One can assign any lengths to a hyperbolic triangle.
- The triangle formula can be generalized to formula for quadrilateral, pentagon, hexagon.
- Basic philosophy here is that one can push the vertex outside and the angle becomes distances between lines. (See Ratcliffe, <http://online.redwoods.cc.ca.us/instruct/darnold/staffdev/Assignments/sinandcos.pdf>)

- hyperbolic law of sines:

$$\sin A / \sinh a = \sin B / \sinh b = \sin C / \sinh c$$

- hyperbolic law of cosines:

$$\cosh c = \cosh a \cosh b - \sinh a \sinh b \cos C$$

$$\cosh c = (\cosh A \cosh B + \cos C) / \sinh A \sinh B$$

### Beltrami-Klein models of hyperbolic geometry

- Beltrami-Klein model is directly obtained from the hyperboloid model.
- $d_k(P, Q) = 1/2 \log |(AB, PQ)|$  where  $A, P, Q, B$  are on a segment with endpoints  $A, B$  and

$$(AB, PQ) = \left| \frac{AP \cdot BQ}{BP \cdot AQ} \right|.$$

- There is an imbedding from  $H^n$  onto an open ball  $B$  in the affine patch  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of  $\mathbb{R}P^n$ . This is standard radial projection  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1} - \{O\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^n$ .
- $B$  can be described as a ball of radius 1 with center at  $O$ .
- The isometry group  $PO(1, n)$  also maps injectively to a subgroup of  $PGL(n + 1, \mathbb{R})$  that preserves  $B$ .
- The projective automorphism group of  $B$  is precisely this group.
- The metric is induced on  $B$ . This is precisely the metric given by the log of the cross ratio. Note that  $\lambda(t) = (\cosh t, \sinh t, 0, \dots, 0)$  define a unit speed geodesic in  $H^n$ . Under the Riemannian metric, we have  $d(e_1, (\cosh t, \sinh t, 0, \dots, 0)) = t$  for  $t$  positive.
- Under  $d_k$ , we obtain the same. Since any geodesic segment of same length is congruent under the isometry, we see that the two metrics coincide. [Beltrami-Klein model](#)

- Beltrami-Klein model is nice because you can see outside. The outside is the anti-de Sitter space [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti\\_de\\_Sitter\\_space](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti_de_Sitter_space)
- Also, we can treat points outside and inside together.
- Each line (hyperplane) in the model is dual to a point outside. (i.e., orthogonal by the Lorentzian inner-product) A point in the model is dual to a hyperplane outside. Infact any subspace of dimension  $i$  is dual to a subspace of dimension  $n - i - 1$  by orthogonality.
- For  $n = 2$ , the duality of a line is given by taking tangent lines to the disk at the endpoints and taking the intersection.
- The distance between two hyperplanes can be obtained by two dual points. The two dual points span an orthogonal plane to the both hyperperplanes and hence provide a shortest geodesic.

**The conformal ball model (Poincare ball model)**

- The stereo-graphic projection  $H^n$  to the plane  $P$  given by  $x_0 = 0$  from the point  $(-1, 0, \dots, 0)$ .
- The formula for the map  $\kappa : H^n \rightarrow P$  is given by

$$\kappa(x) = \left( \frac{y_1}{1 + y_0}, \dots, \frac{y_n}{1 + y_0} \right),$$

where the image lies in an open ball of radius 1 with center  $O$  in  $P$ . The inverse is given by

$$\zeta(x) = \left( \frac{1 + |x|^2}{1 - |x|^2}, \frac{2x_1}{1 - |x|^2}, \dots, \frac{2x_n}{1 - |x|^2} \right).$$

- Since this is a diffeomorphism,  $B$  has an induced Riemannian metric of constant curvature  $-1$ .

- We show

$$\cosh d_B(x, y) = 1 + \frac{2|x - y|^2}{(1 - |x|^2)(1 - |y|^2)},$$

and inversions acting on  $B$  preserves the metric. Thus, the group of Mobius transformations of  $B$  preserve metric.

- The corresponding Riemannian metric is  $g_{ij} = 2\delta_{ij}/(1 - |x|^2)^2$ .
- It follows that the group of Mobius transformations acting on  $B$  is precisely the isometry group of  $B$ . Thus,  $Isom(B) = M(\mathbf{S}^{n-1})$ .
- Geodesics would be lines through  $O$  and arcs on circles perpendicular to the sphere of radius 1.

### The upper-half space model.

- Now we put  $B$  to  $U$  by a Möbius transformation. This gives a Riemannian metric constant curvature  $-1$ .
- We have by computations  $\cosh d_U(x, y) = 1 + |x - y|^2 / 2x_n y_n$  and the Riemannian metric is given by  $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij} / x_n^2$ . Then  $I(U) = M(U) = M(E^{n-1})$ .
- Geodesics would be arcs on lines or circles perpendicular to  $E^{n-1}$ .
- Since  $\hat{E}^1$  is a circle and  $\hat{E}^2$  is the complex sphere, we obtain  $Isom^+(B^2) = PSL(2, \mathbb{R})$  and  $Isom^+(B^3) = PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ .
- Orientation-preserving isometries of hyperbolic plane can have at most one fixed point. elliptic, hyperbolic, parabolic.

$$z \mapsto e^{i\theta}, z \mapsto az, a \neq 1, a \in \mathbb{R}^+, z \mapsto z + 1$$

- Isometries of a hyperbolic space: loxodromic, hyperbolic, elliptic, parabolic.
- Up to conjugations, they are represented as Möbius transformations which has forms

- $z \mapsto \alpha z, \operatorname{Im} \alpha \neq 0, |\alpha| \neq 1$ .
- $z \mapsto az, a \neq 1, a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .
- $z \mapsto e^{i\theta} z, \theta \neq 0$ .
- $z \mapsto z + 1$ .