

# Hyperbolic Manifolds - Lecture 18

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## Arithmetic Constructions

{ complete <sup>oriented</sup> hyperbolic  $n$ -mfds }  $\xleftrightarrow{1:1}$  { discrete torsion free subgroups of  $\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n)$  }

Basic idea:  $\mathbb{H}^n = \mathbb{I}_n = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - x_{n+1}^2 = -1, x_{n+1} > 0 \right\}$

$\text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n) = \left\{ A \in \text{SL}_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) \mid A \text{ preserves } \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{(n,1)}, a_{n+1, n+1} > 0 \right\} = \text{SO}(n,1)$

$\exists \Gamma(n) < \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n) \stackrel{\text{finite index}}{\subset} \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n) \stackrel{\mathbb{Z}}{\subset} \left\{ A \in \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n) \cap \text{SL}_{n+1}(\mathbb{Z}) \right\} < \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}^n)$

$\uparrow$  torsion free       $\uparrow$  discrete       $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R}$  discrete  $\Rightarrow$

$\mathbb{A}\mathbb{I}_n \subset \mathbb{I}_n$

it has torsion, but it has also many torsion free finite index subgroups

$$\text{Ker}(\pi_n) \rightarrow SL_{n+1} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi_n} SL_{n+1} \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$$

Example 1: Fix an integer  $u > 0$

Consider  $B = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - u x_{n+1}^2$  quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$$\underline{SO(B)} = \{ A \in SL_{n+1} \mathbb{R} \mid A \text{ preserves } B, A \mathbb{I}_n(B) \subset \mathbb{I}_n(B) \}$$

$$\mathbb{I}_n(B) = \{ B(x, x) = -1 \mid x_{n+1} > 0 \}$$

$$\cong \underline{SO(n, 1)} \quad \left( \text{conj with } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \sqrt{u} \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$SO(B)_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{ A \in SO(B) \cap SL_{n+1} \mathbb{Z} \} \subset SO(B) \cong SO(n, 1)$$

↑ discrete ( $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R} \dots$ )

Discussion for  $n=3$

$$B: x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - ux_4^2$$

Def:  $B$  is admissible if there is no integer solution  $x \neq 0$  to  $B(x, x) = 0$ .

By Meyer's Theorem, each quadratic form  $a_1x_1^2 + a_2x_2^2 + \dots + a_nx_n^2 - a_{n+1}x_{n+1}^2$  with  $a_j > 0$  and  $n \geq 4$  has a non-trivial integer solution

Lemma: If  $n=3$  and  $u=7$  then  $B$  is admissible

Pf. Idea: look at  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 7x_4^2 \pmod{8}$   
and find that  $x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 = 0 \pmod{8}$   
 $\Rightarrow x_j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .  $\square$

$$SO(B)_{\neq} < SO(B)$$

Let's not worry about torsion because it's always possible to kill it by passing to a finite index subgroup.

Claim:  $\mathbb{I}_n(B) / SO(B)_{\neq}$  is cpt. ↓ Recall:  $SO(B)_{\neq} \curvearrowright \mathbb{I}_n(B)$  is properly disc.

$SO(B) \curvearrowright \mathbb{I}_n(B)$  transitively and with cpt stabilizers ( $\text{Stab}(x \in \mathbb{I}_n(B)) \simeq SO(n)$ )

$\Rightarrow$  we can identify  $\mathbb{I}_n(B)$  with  $SO(B) / SO(n) \simeq \mathbb{I}_n(B)$

If we want to check that  $SO(B)_{\neq} \backslash \mathbb{I}_n(B)$  is cpt, it is enough to check that

$SO(B)_{\neq} \backslash SO(B)$  is cpt.

$$\text{Rmk } \begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{SO(B)} & \subset & SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) \\ \cup & & \cup \\ SO(B)_{\mathbb{Z}} & \subset & \boxed{SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{Z})} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow$  we have a natural map

$$SO(B)_{\mathbb{Z}} \backslash SO(B) \longleftrightarrow \boxed{SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R})}$$

Want to use Mähler here  
to check that the image is cpt.

$\mathbb{Z}$   
this space parametrizes  
lattices in  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  ( $\Rightarrow$  lattice  
is a discrete subgroup  $L < \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$   
 $L \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ , think of  $\mathbb{Z}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ )

$SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}) \curvearrowright$  lattices transitively  
the stabilizer of a pt is  $SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$

$$\Rightarrow \{\text{lattices in } \mathbb{R}^{n+1}\} \simeq SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{Z}) \backslash SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{R})$$

Mahler Compactness Criterion:

$C \subset \boxed{SL_n \mathbb{Z} / SL_n \mathbb{R}}$  has compact closure

every lattice  $\lambda$  represented by  $C$  has bounded volume  $\text{vol}(\mathbb{R}^n / \lambda) \leq V = V(C)$  and bounded systole,  $\text{sys}(\mathbb{R}^n / \lambda) \geq \varepsilon = \varepsilon(C) > 0$

$$\inf_{x \in \lambda \setminus \{0\}} \|x\|$$

$\nexists$  sequence  $g_n \in SL_n \mathbb{R}$ ,  $v_n \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$  s.t.  
 $[g_n] \in C$ ,  $g_n v_n \rightarrow 0$ .  $\blacktriangle$

Let us check that  $SO(\theta)_{\mathbb{Z}} \setminus SO(\theta)$  has cpt closure in  $SL_n \mathbb{Z} \setminus SL_n \mathbb{R}$   
(+ we also need to check that the image is closed)

↑ Exercise.

Recall:  $B$  is admissible

Pf.  $\exists g_n \in SO(\theta), v_n \in \mathbb{Z}^{\wedge \text{vol}}$  s.t.  $g_n v_n \rightarrow 0$

$$B(g_n v_n, g_n v_n) = B(v_n, v_n) \in \mathbb{Z}$$

↓  
0

$\Rightarrow B(v_n, v_n) = 0 \quad \forall n$  large enough  $\Rightarrow B$  is not admissible.  $\square$

$$\underline{SO(B)\mathbb{Z}} < SO(B)$$

discrete + compact quotient

$\Rightarrow$  we can now pass to a f.i. subgroup with the same properties:

$$\Gamma(q_1) \cap \Gamma(q_2) \cap SO(B)\mathbb{Z}$$

discrete + torsion free

+ compact quotient

(because of finite index).

Pf.

$$X \in SO(B\mathbb{Z}) \text{ s.t. } X^p = I$$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog we can assume that  $p$  is a prime number

$$\text{Consider } SL_{n+1}\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\pi_q} SL_{n+1}\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$$

$q$  prime number

$$\Rightarrow \text{pass to } \text{Ker} (SO(B)\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow SL_{n+1}\mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z})$$

$$\Gamma(q)''$$

$$X \in \Gamma(q) \quad X = I + M \quad M \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$$

$$= I + q^k M_1 \quad \text{with } q \nmid M_1$$

$$X^p = (I + q^k M_1)^p = I + pq^k M_1 + q^{2k} N$$



$$0 \quad \cancel{I} = X^p \equiv \cancel{I} + pq^k M_1 \pmod{q^{k+1}}$$

if  $p \neq q \Rightarrow pq^k M_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q^{k+1}}$

if  $p = q \Rightarrow$  Can consider instead  $\Gamma(q_1) \cap \Gamma(q_2)$  for two different primes  $q_1, q_2$ .  $\checkmark$

Lemma (Selberg's Lemma):  $\Gamma < GL_n \mathbb{C}$  f.g. subgroup. (or  $\Gamma < GL_n \mathbb{B}$  with  $\mathbb{B}$  CS f.g.  $\mathbb{Z}$ -alg.)  
Then there exists a finite index normal subgroup  $\Gamma_1 < \Gamma$  which is torsion free.

Pf.  $\Gamma$  f.g.  $\Rightarrow \tau_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, \tau_m^{\pm 1}$  <sup>finite</sup> generating set of matrices

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{B} := \mathbb{Z}[\text{entries of } \tau_i] < \mathbb{C}$  finitely generated  $\mathbb{Z}$ -alg.

$\Rightarrow \Gamma < GL_n(\mathbb{B})$  Can assume that  $\Gamma = GL_n \mathbb{B}$

$X^p = I$   
 $X = I + M$   
 $M \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$   
 $M \in m^k, m^{k+1}$

$\Rightarrow$  can consider  $\ker (GL_n B \rightarrow GL_n B/m)$   $\cap \Gamma$   
maximal ideal

Need  $\bigcap m^k = 0$

~~$X^p = I + pM + \mathcal{O}(m^{2k})$~~   
 ~~$pM \equiv 0 \pmod{m^{k+1}}$~~   
 $\equiv 0 \pmod{m^{2k}}$

$E/F$   $E$  finitely gen/f  $E$  field  
 $\downarrow$   
 $E/F$  finite

this will be automatically a finite field.

Example 2  $m \cap \mathbb{Z}$  is a maximal ideal  $m = (q, \dots)$

$B = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - \sqrt{2} x_{n+1}^2$

(in general we can also consider  $B = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - u x_{n+1}^2$  with

$E = F[u]$   
 $E = F[u_1, \dots, u_n]$   
 $= F(u_1)[u_2, \dots, u_n]$   
 $\dots$

$p \neq q \Rightarrow p$  is invertible in  $B/m$   
 $\Rightarrow ap \equiv 1 + m$   
 $m$

$u$  an algebraic integer which is <sup>real and</sup>  $> 0$

$a p M = M + m M$   
 $m$   $\uparrow$   $m$   $\uparrow$   $m$   $\uparrow$   $m^k$   
 $m^{k+1}$   $\notin m^{k+1}$   $\in m^{k+1}$

Def  $u$  is admissible if  $u > 0$

All Galois conjugate of  $u$  are real and negative

If  $\underline{x}$  is an integer sol. of  $x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - u x_{n+1}^2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \sigma_j: \mathbb{Q}(u) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  all possible embeddings of  $\mathbb{Q}(u)$  in the complex numbers /  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$\Gamma \subset GL_{n+1}(\mathbb{Q}(u))$$

$\sigma(\underline{x})$  is a non trivial solution of

$$x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - \underbrace{\sigma_j(u)}_{>0} x_{n+1}^2 = 0$$

this sum here is always  $> 0$

Notice:  $\sqrt{2}$  is admissible

$$SO(B) \cong SO(n, 1)$$

$$SO(B)_{\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]} = \left\{ A \in SO(B) \cap SL_{n+1}(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]) \right\}$$

$\uparrow$  ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \leftarrow$  in general, take  $SO(B)_{\mathbb{Z}[u]}$

$\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] \subset \mathbb{R}$  is not discrete.

However  $SO(\mathbb{B})_{\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]}$  is discrete

pf. Consider  $SO(\mathbb{B})_{\mathbb{Z}[u]}$

suppose we have  $\sigma_n \rightarrow 1$

$\Rightarrow$  the entries of  $\sigma_n$  have norm  $\leq 2 \forall n$  large

Consider  $\sigma_j(\tau \in SO(\mathbb{B})_{\mathbb{Z}[u]}) \in SO(\sigma_j(\mathbb{B})) \simeq SO(n+1)$

$$x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - \underbrace{\sigma_j(u)}_{>0} x_{n+1}^2$$

in particular  
it is cpt



There is a uniform upper bound on the norm of the entries of  $\sigma(\tau)$ .


$\Rightarrow \sigma_n, \sigma_j(\tau_n)$  for  $n$  large  
 $\uparrow$   
a entry  $\rightarrow$

a satisfies the polynomial  $p(t) = (T-a)(T-\sigma_1(a)) \dots (T-\sigma_d(a))$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{Z}[a]$

if has integer coeff. !  
since the coeff. are symm. functions of  $a, \sigma_1(a), \dots, \sigma_d(a)$  and all these numbers have unif. bdd. norm. there are only finitely many possibilities for the polynomial  $p(T)$



There are only finitely many possible values for  $a$

 The entries of  $\alpha_n$  for  $n$  large vary in a finite set.



This finishes the proof of discreteness.  $\square$

