

Problems for Tutorial 5

(Thursday, 16.12, at 10 a.m.)

Problem 1.

(1) Let G_1 be a topological group, G_2 be a group and $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ an epimorphism. We consider G_2 as a topological group with respect to the quotient topology. Let H be a subgroup of G_2 . Prove the following statements.

(a) If $\varphi^{-1}(H)$ is discrete in G_1 , then H is discrete in G_2 . [4 P.]

(b) Suppose additionally that G_1 is Hausdorff and that $\ker(\varphi)$ is finite. If H is discrete in G_2 , then $\varphi^{-1}(H)$ is discrete in G_1 . [4 P.]

(2) Deduce from this that a subgroup H of $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is discrete if and only if its full preimage $\varphi^{-1}(H)$ is discrete in $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. [2 P.]

Problem 2. Consider the set $\widehat{\mathbb{H}} = \mathbb{H} \cup \partial\mathbb{H}$, where $\partial\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$. Define a topology \mathcal{T} on $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}$ so that the following three properties are satisfied. [9 P.]

(a) The usual topologies on \mathbb{H} and on \mathbb{R} are induced by the topology on $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}$.

(b) The closure of \mathbb{H} in $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}$ is $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}$.

(c) $(\widehat{\mathbb{H}}, \mathcal{T})$ is a compact topological space.

Problem 3. Recall that for any subset $S \subseteq \mathbb{H}$ we denote by $\mathbf{AP}_{\widehat{\mathbb{H}}}(S)$ the set of accumulation points of S in $\widehat{\mathbb{H}}$. Recall that the *limit set* of a subgroup $G \leq \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is defined to be as

$$\Lambda(G) = \bigcup_{z \in \mathbb{H}} \mathbf{AP}_{\widehat{\mathbb{H}}}(G(z)).$$

(a) Prove that for any point $z_0 \in \mathbb{H}$ we have [4 P.]

$$\Lambda(G) = \mathbf{AP}_{\widehat{\mathbb{H}}}(G(z_0)).$$

(b) Prove that if G is a Fuchsian group, then $\Lambda(G)$ is closed. [4 P.]

(c) Let $G = \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Prove that $\Lambda(G) = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$. [4 P.]