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# Complex Kleinian Groups

## Generalizing the classical case

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Kleinian groups are discrete subgroups of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ , the group of biholomorphic automorphisms of the complex projective line  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \cong \mathbb{S}^2$ , acting properly and discontinuously on a non-empty region of  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C}) &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid ad - bc \neq 0 \right\} \\ &\cong \left\{ z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d} \mid ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}\end{aligned}$$



# Importance of Kleinian Groups

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Kleinian groups have been studied since the end of the 19th century by Fuchs, Klein, Poincaré, and many others. Kleinian groups have played a major role in several fields of mathematics, such as Riemann surfaces and Teichmüller theory, automorphic forms, holomorphic dynamics, conformal and hyperbolic geometry, etc.



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Type	Fixed points	Canonical Form	$\text{Tr}(A)$
<b>Parabolic</b>	1	$z \mapsto z + c, c \in \mathbb{C}$	$\text{Tr}(A) = \pm 2$
<b>Elliptic</b>	2	$z \mapsto \alpha z,  \alpha  = 1$	$\text{Tr}(A)^2 < 4,$ $\text{Tr}(A) \in \mathbb{R}$
<b>Hyperbolic</b>	2	$z \mapsto \alpha z, \alpha > 0$	$\text{Tr}(A)^2 > 4,$ $\text{Tr}(A) \in \mathbb{R}$
<b>Loxodromic</b>	2	$z \mapsto \alpha z,  \alpha  \neq 1$	$\text{Tr}(A) \notin \mathbb{R}$



(a) elliptic



(b) hyperbolic



(c) loxodromic



(d) parabolic



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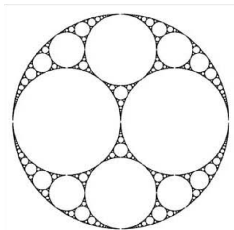
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Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  be a group and  $z \in \mathbb{CP}^1$ , then the **orbit** of  $z$  is  $\{\gamma(z)\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ .

The set of accumulation points of orbits of a Kleinian group  $\Gamma$  is called the **limit set** of the group,  $\Lambda(\Gamma)$ .



$\Lambda(\Gamma)$  is closed and invariant under  $\Gamma$ .



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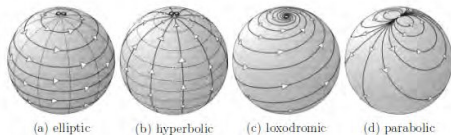
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**Elementary Kleinian groups** are discrete subgroups of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  such that the limit set is a finite set. It is empty or it consists of 1 or 2 points.

Equivalently, a Kleinian group is elementary if it is virtually abelian; that is, it has an abelian subgroup of finite index.





# Generalize to higher dimensions

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Discrete subgroups of  $\cong$  Discrete groups of holomorphic transformations of the complex projective line  $\mathbb{CP}^1 \cong \mathbb{S}^2$  acting with nonempty region of discontinuity.

isometries of hyperbolic 3-space  $\mathbb{H}_{\mathbb{R}}^3$  (discrete groups of conformal automorphisms of the sphere at infinity)



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The **complex projective plane**  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  is defined as

$$\mathbb{CP}^2 = (\mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}) / \mathbb{C}^*,$$

where  $\mathbb{C}^*$  acts by the usual scalar multiplication. Let

$$[\ ] : \mathbb{C}^3 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{CP}$$

be the quotient map. We denote the projectivization of the point  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{C}^3$  by  $[x] = [x_1 : x_2 : x_3]$ . We denote by  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  the projectivization of the canonical base of  $\mathbb{C}^3$ .



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Let  $GL(3, \mathbb{C}) \subset \mathcal{M}_3(\mathbb{C})$  be the subgroup of matrices with determinant not equal to 0. The group of biholomorphic automorphisms of  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  is given by

$$PSL(3, \mathbb{C}) := GL(3, \mathbb{C}) / \{\text{scalar matrices}\}.$$



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$$PSL(3, \mathbb{C}) := GL(3, \mathbb{C}) / \{\text{scalar matrices}\}.$$

We denote the upper triangular subgroup of  $PSL(3, \mathbb{C})$  by

$$U_+ = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \mid a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} = 1, a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$



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As in the case of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{CP}^1$ , we classify the elements of  $\mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  in three classes: elliptic, parabolic and loxodromic. However, unlike the classical case, there are several subclasses in each case. We now give a quick summary of the subclasses of elements we will be using.



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An element  $g \in \mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  is said to be:

- **Elliptic** if it has a diagonalizable lift in  $\mathrm{SL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  such that every eigenvalue has norm 1.
- **Parabolic** if it has a non-diagonalizable lift in  $\mathrm{SL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  such that every eigenvalue has norm 1.



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- **Loxodromic** if it has a lift in  $\mathrm{SL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  with an eigenvalue of norm distinct of 1. Furthermore, we say that  $g$  is:

- **Loxo-parabolic**

$$\mathbf{h} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^{-2} \end{pmatrix}, |\lambda| \neq 1.$$

- A **complex homothety**,  $\mathbf{h} = \mathrm{Diag}(\lambda, \lambda, \lambda^{-2})$ ,  $|\lambda| \neq 1$ .
- A **rational (resp. irrational) screw**,  $\mathbf{h} = \mathrm{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ ,  $|\lambda_1| = |\lambda_2| \neq |\lambda_3|$  and  $\lambda_1 \lambda_2^{-1} = e^{2\pi i \theta}$  with  $\theta \in \mathbb{Q}$  (resp.  $\theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ ).
- **Strongly loxodromic**,  $\mathbf{h} = \mathrm{Diag}(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ , where  $\{|\lambda_1|, |\lambda_2|, |\lambda_3|\}$  are pairwise different.



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From now on, let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a discrete subgroup acting on  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ .

## Definition

- Let  $L_0(\Gamma)$  be the closure of the set of points in  $\mathbb{CP}^n$  with infinite isotropy group.
- Let  $L_1(\Gamma)$  be the closure of the set of cluster points of orbits of points in  $\mathbb{CP}^n \setminus L_0(\Gamma)$ .
- Let  $L_2(\Gamma)$  be the closure of the set of cluster points of compact sets of  $\mathbb{CP}^n \setminus (L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma))$ .

$$\Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \overline{L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) \cup L_2(\Gamma)}, \quad \Omega_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \mathbb{CP}^n \setminus \Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma).$$





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The Kulkarni limit set  $\Lambda_{\text{Kul}}(\Gamma)$  in  $\mathbb{CP}^2$  is made up of points and complex projective lines. It contains 1, 2, 3, 4 or  $\infty$  lines in general position.

The **equicontinuity region** for  $\Gamma$ , denoted  $\text{Eq}(\Gamma)$ , is defined to be the set of points  $z \in \mathbb{CP}^n$  for which there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $z$  such that  $\Gamma$  restricted to  $U$  is a normal family.  $\Gamma$  acts properly and discontinuously on  $\text{Eq}(\Gamma)$ , and

$$\text{Eq}(\Gamma) \subset \Omega_{\text{Kul}}(\Gamma).$$



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- Discrete subgroups of  $\mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  such that its Kulkarni limit set contains a finite number of lines.



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- Discrete subgroups of  $\mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  with reducible action.
- Discrete solvable subgroups of  $\mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$ .



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- If  $g, h \in G$ , we define the **commutator** as  $[g, h] = g^{-1}h^{-1}gh$ .
- We define the **commutator subgroup** as

$$[G, G] = \{[g, h] \mid g, h \in G\}.$$

- The **derived series** of  $G$  is given by

$$G^{(0)} = G, \quad G^{(i+1)} = [G^{(i)}, G^{(i)}].$$

- We say that  $G$  is **solvable** if, for some  $n \geq 0$ , we have  $G^{(n)} = \{id\}$ .



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- The **infinite dihedral group** is solvable

$$\mathrm{Dih}_\infty = \langle \mathrm{Rot}_\infty, z \mapsto -z \rangle.$$

- Any triangular group is solvable, with solvability length at most 3.
- The special orthogonal group is not solvable,

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & -c \\ c & \bar{a} \end{bmatrix} \mid |a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1 \right\} \subset \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$$

- Cyclic groups, abelian groups.



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## Theorem (2020)

*Let  $\Gamma \subset PSL(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a triangularizable complex Kleinian group such that its Kulkarni limit set does not consist of exactly four lines in general position. Then there exists a non-empty open region  $\Omega_\Gamma \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$  such that*

- (i)  $\Omega_\Gamma$  is the maximal open set where the action is proper and discontinuous.*
- (ii)  $\Omega_\Gamma$  is homeomorphic to one of the following regions:  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{H}^+ \cup \mathbb{H}^-)$  or  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^*$ .*
- (iii)  $\Gamma$  is finitely generated and  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) \leq 4$ .*



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## Theorem (2020)

*Let  $\Gamma \subset PSL(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a triangularizable complex Kleinian group such that its Kulkarni limit set does not consist of exactly four lines in general position. Then*

❖ *The group  $\Gamma$  can be written as*

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_p \rtimes \underbrace{\langle \eta_1 \rangle \rtimes \dots \rtimes \langle \eta_m \rangle}_{\text{loxo-parabolic}} \rtimes \underbrace{\langle \gamma_1 \rangle \rtimes \dots \rtimes \langle \gamma_n \rangle}_{\text{strongly loxodromic}}$$

*where  $\Gamma_p$  is the subgroup of  $\Gamma$  consisting of all the parabolic elements of  $\Gamma$ .*

❖ *The group  $\Gamma$  leaves a full flag invariant.*



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## Theorem (2020)

Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a *solvable* complex Kleinian group such that its Kulkarni limit set does not consist of exactly four lines in general position. Then

❶ The group  $\Gamma$  can be written as

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- ① Torus groups,

$$\mathcal{T}(W) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & x \\ 0 & 1 & y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \middle| (x, y) \in W \right\}$$

where  $W \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  is a additive subgroup.

- ② Dual torus groups,

$$\mathcal{T}^*(W) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \middle| (x, y) \in W \right\}$$

where  $W \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  is a discrete additive subgroup with  $r(W) \leq 2$ .



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Up to conjugation and a finite index subgroup, there are 16 types of non-cyclic, discrete solvable subgroups containing loxodromic elements.

We study these groups by exploring the parabolic part of the group. If  $\Gamma \subset \text{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  is a group, we denote by  $\Gamma_p \subset \Gamma$  the subgroup generated by all parabolic elements of  $\Gamma$ . We will say that  $\Gamma_p$  is the parabolic part of  $\Gamma$ . Parabolic Part.

Barrera, W., Cano, A., Navarrete, J. P., & Seade, J. (2022). Discrete parabolic groups in  $\text{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$ . *Linear Algebra and its Applications*, 653, 430-500.



# Main Result - Part 2: The Representations

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# Ideas behind the proof

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The parabolic part is described in

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**Borel fixed point theorem:** Let  $G$  be a connected solvable group acting morphically on a non-empty complete variety  $V$ . Then  $G$  has a fixed point in  $V$ . Morphical action

Applying this theorem to the Zariski closure of  $\Gamma$  yields that  $\Gamma$  is virtually triangularizable. Namely,  $\Gamma$  has a finite index subgroup such that, up to conjugation, is upper triangular.

This proves (v).



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Conclusions (i)-(iv) are proved together.

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## Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a discrete subgroup. Let  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  be an irrational screw  $\gamma = \text{Diag}(\beta^{-2}e^{-6\pi i\theta}, \beta e^{4\pi i\theta}, \beta e^{2\pi i\theta})$ , for some  $|\beta| \neq 1$  and  $\theta \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\Gamma$  is commutative.*

## Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a non-commutative, torsion-free discrete subgroup, then  $\Gamma$  cannot contain a type I complex homothety.*



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The **core** of  $\Gamma$  is an important purely parabolic subgroup of a complex Kleinian group  $\Gamma$  which determines the dynamics of  $\Gamma$ .

## Proposition

*The elements of  $\text{Core}(\Gamma)$  have the form*

$$g_{x,y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

*for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ .*



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It is straightforward to verify that

$$\Lambda_{\text{Kul}}(\text{Core}(\Gamma)) = \bigcup_{g_{x,y} \in \text{Core}(\Gamma)} \overleftrightarrow{e_1, [0 : -y : x]}$$

We denote this pencil of lines by  $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma) = \Lambda_{\text{Kul}}(\text{Core}(\Gamma))$ .

## Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a discrete group, then every element of  $\Gamma$  leaves  $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma)$  invariant.*





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$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \text{ is not commutative} \\ \Gamma \text{ is commutative} \end{array} \right.$



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## Theorem

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a non-commutative, torsion free, complex Kleinian group, then*

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma = \text{Core}(\Gamma) \rtimes \langle \xi_1 \rangle \rtimes \dots \rtimes \langle \xi_r \rangle \rtimes \\ \rtimes \langle \eta_1 \rangle \rtimes \dots \rtimes \langle \eta_m \rangle \rtimes \langle \gamma_1 \rangle \rtimes \dots \rtimes \langle \gamma_n \rangle.\end{aligned}$$

*Furthermore, if  $k = \text{rank}(\text{Core}(\Gamma))$  then  $k + r + m + n \leq 4$ .*



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### Parabolic

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\text{Core}(\Gamma)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$z \neq 0$

$A \setminus \text{Ker}(\Gamma)$

### Loxodromic

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & x & y \\ 0 & \beta & z \\ 0 & 0 & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$\alpha \neq \beta, z \neq 0$

Loxo-parabolic

$\text{Ker}(\lambda_{23}) \setminus A$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & x & y \\ 0 & \beta & z \\ 0 & 0 & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

$\beta \neq \gamma$

Strongly loxodromic



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Let  $\lambda_{12}, \lambda_{23}, \lambda_{13} : (U_+, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  be the group morphisms given by

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{12}([\alpha_{ij}]) &= \alpha_{11}\alpha_{22}^{-1} \\ \lambda_{23}([\alpha_{ij}]) &= \alpha_{22}\alpha_{33}^{-1} \\ \lambda_{13}([\alpha_{ij}]) &= \alpha_{11}\alpha_{33}^{-1}.\end{aligned}$$

Strategy of the proof:

- Decomposition of  $\Gamma$  in terms of  $\text{Ker}(\lambda_{23})$ .
- Decompose  $\text{Ker}(\lambda_{23})$  in terms of  $\text{Ker}(\lambda_{12})$ .
- Decompose  $A = \text{Ker}(\lambda_{12}) \cap \text{Ker}(\lambda_{23})$  in terms of  $\text{Ker}(\Gamma)$



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Find a simply connected domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$  where  $\Gamma$  acts properly and discontinuously, and then apply the theorem. In some cases, we write the explicit decomposition of  $\Gamma$  and verify that  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) \leq 4$ .



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Denote  $\Sigma = \Pi(\Gamma)$ . If  $\Sigma$  is discrete and  $\text{Ker}(\Gamma)$  is finite. If  $|\Lambda(\Sigma)| \neq 2$ , let

$$\Omega = \left( \bigcup_{z \in \Omega(\Sigma)} \overleftrightarrow{e_1, z} \right) \setminus \{e_1\}.$$

We know that  $\Gamma$  acts properly and discontinuously on  $\Omega$ . If  $|\Lambda(\Sigma)| = 0, 1$  or  $\infty$ , then each connected component of  $\Omega$  is simply connected, since they are respectively homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{CP}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^2$  or  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{H}$ . By the theorem, it follows  $k + r + m + n \leq 4$





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For non-commutative  $\Gamma$ , using these ideas, we have constructed an open subset  $\Omega_\Gamma \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$  such that the orbits of every compact set  $K \subset \Omega_\Gamma$  accumulate on  $\mathbb{CP}^2 \setminus \Omega_\Gamma$ . Thus we can define a limit set for the action of  $\Gamma$  by  $\Lambda_\Gamma := \mathbb{CP}^2 \setminus \Omega_\Gamma$ . This limit set describes the dynamics of  $\Gamma$ , and the open region  $\Omega_\Gamma$  satisfies (i) and (ii).

Also, we prove that  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) \leq 4$ . This verifies (iii).



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## Theorem (Barrera, Cano, Navarrete, Seade)

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a commutative group, then  $\Gamma$  is conjugate in  $PSL(3, \mathbb{C})$  to a subgroup of one of the following Abelian Lie Groups:*



$$C_1 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \mid \alpha \in \mathbb{C}^*, \beta \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$



$$C_2 = \{ \text{Diag}(\alpha, \beta, \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}) \mid \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}^* \}.$$



$$C_3 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & 1 & \gamma \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$



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## Theorem (Barrera, Cano, Navarrete, Seade)

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$$C_4 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$

•

$$C_5 = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & 1 & \beta \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C} \right\}.$$



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## Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a commutative subgroup such that each element of  $\Gamma$  has the form  $C_1$ . Then there exists an additive subgroup  $W \subset (\mathbb{C}, +)$ , and a group morphism  $\mu : (W, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  such that*

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{W, \mu} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \mu(w)^{-2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mu(w) & w\mu(w) \\ 0 & 0 & \mu(w) \end{bmatrix} \mid w \in W \right\}.$$



# Case 1: Discreteness and Rank

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## Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma = \Gamma_{W,\mu} \subset U_+$  be a group as described in previous proposition.  $\Gamma$  is discrete if and only if  $\text{rank}(W) \leq 3$  and the morphism  $\mu$  satisfies the following condition:*

- Ⓢ *Whenever we have a sequence  $\{w_k\} \in W$  of distinct elements such that  $w_k \rightarrow 0$ , either  $\mu(w_k) \rightarrow 0$  or  $\mu(w_k) \rightarrow \infty$ .*



Case	Conditions
C1.1	$\mu(W)$ has rational rotations and $W$ is discrete.
C1.2	$\mu(W)$ has rational rotations and $W$ is not discrete.
C1.3	$\mu(W)$ has no rational rotations but has irrational rotations, and $W$ is discrete.
C1.4	$\mu(W)$ has no rational or irrational rotations, and $W$ is discrete.
C1.5	$\mu(W)$ has no rational rotations but has irrational rotations, and $W$ is not discrete.
C1.6	$\mu(W)$ has no rational or irrational rotations, and $W$ is not discrete.



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## Theorem

*Let  $\Gamma \subset PSL(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a commutative discrete group having the form given previous proposition, then*

$$\Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \begin{cases} \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2}, & \begin{cases} \text{Cases C1.3 or C1.4, with condition} \\ \text{Case C1.1} \end{cases} \\ \{e_1\} \cup \overleftrightarrow{e_2, e_3}, & \text{Cases C1.5 or C1.6 no condition (F).} \\ \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \overleftrightarrow{e_2, e_3}, & \begin{cases} \text{Cases C1.5 or C1.6, with condition} \\ \text{Case C1.2} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$



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### Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a commutative subgroup such that each element of  $\Gamma$  has the form  $\text{Diag}(\alpha, \beta, \alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1})$ . Then there exist two multiplicative subgroups  $W_1, W_2 \subset (\mathbb{C}^*, \cdot)$  such that*

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{W_1, W_2} = \{ \text{Diag}(w_1, w_2, 1) \mid w_1 \in W_1, w_2 \in W_2 \}.$$





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### Proposition

*Let  $\Gamma \subset U_+$  be a diagonal discrete group such that every element has the form  $\gamma = \text{Diag}(w_1, w_2, 1)$ . Then  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) \leq 2$ .*



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If  $\alpha^n = \beta^m$  for some  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

**[D1]**  $L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) = \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \{e_3\}$ , if  $|\alpha| > 1 > |\beta|$  or  $|\alpha| < 1 < |\beta|$ .

**[D2]**  $L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) = \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \{e_3\}$ , if  $|\alpha| > |\beta| > 1$  or  $|\alpha| < |\beta| < 1$ .

If there are no integers  $n, m$  such that  $\alpha^n = \beta^m$ :

**[D3]**  $L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ , if  $|\alpha| > 1 > |\beta|$  or  $|\alpha| < 1 < |\beta|$ .

**[D4]**  $L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ , if  $|\alpha| > |\beta| > 1$  or  $|\alpha| < |\beta| < 1$ .

**[D5]**  $L_0(\Gamma) \cup L_1(\Gamma) = \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \overleftrightarrow{e_2, e_3}$ , if  $\beta$  is an irrational rotation.



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### Theorem

Let  $\Gamma_{\alpha,\beta} \subset U_+$  be a discrete group containing loxodromic elements, then

- i)  $\Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \{e_3\}$  in Cases [D1] and [D2].
- ii)  $\Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  in Cases [D3] and [D4].
- iii)  $\Lambda_{Kul}(\Gamma) = \overleftrightarrow{e_1, e_2} \cup \overleftrightarrow{e_2, e_3}$  in Case [D5].



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If  $\Gamma$  is commutative, it is conjugate to a subgroup of the Lie groups  $C_1$  or  $C_2$ . In this setting, the region  $\Omega_{\text{Kul}}(\Gamma)$  satisfies conclusions (i) and (ii) as a consequence of the previous theorems. Again,  $\text{rank}(\Gamma) \leq 4$ , this proves conclusion (iii).

On the other hand,  $\Gamma \cong \mathbb{Z}^r$  with  $r = \text{rank}(\Gamma)$ , and then we can write  $\Gamma$  as a trivial semidirect product of copies of  $\mathbb{Z}$ , thus verifying conclusion (iv).



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## Theorem

*Let  $\Gamma \subset \mathrm{PSL}(3, \mathbb{C})$  be a solvable complex Kleinian group such that its Kulkarni limit set does not consist of exactly four lines in general position. Let  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$  be a virtually triangularizable finite index subgroup. If  $\Gamma_0$  is commutative then there exists a non-empty open region  $\Omega_\Gamma \subset \mathbb{CP}^2$  such that*

- (i)  $\Omega_\Gamma$  is the maximal open set where the action is proper and discontinuous.*
- (ii)  $\Omega_\Gamma$  is homeomorphic to one of the following regions:  $\mathbb{C}^2$ ,  $\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{C} \times (\mathbb{H}^+ \cup \mathbb{H}^-)$  or  $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}^*$ .*
- (iii) Up to a finite index subgroup, the group  $\Gamma$  leaves a full flag invariant.*



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# A Group Acting Morphically

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## Definition

Let  $G$  be an algebraic group,  $V$  a variety, and let  $\alpha : G \times V \rightarrow V$  be an action of the group  $G$  in  $V$ ,  $(g, x) \mapsto gx = \alpha(g, x)$ . One says that  $G$  *acts morphically* on  $V$  if the action  $\alpha$  satisfies the following axioms:

- ❶  $\alpha(e, x) = x$ , for any  $x \in V$ , where  $e \in G$  is the identity element.
- ❷  $\alpha(g, hx) = \alpha(gh, x)$  for any  $g, h \in G$  and  $x \in V$ .

Solvable groups are virtually triangular