

# The Heisenberg group and $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$

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## $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and Its Subgroups

$SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  is the group of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with real entries and  $\det = 1$ . A two dimensional subgroup  $F$  ( $F'$ ) of lower (upper) triangular matrices:

$$F = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad F' = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}, \quad a \in \mathbb{R}_+, b, c \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$F$  is isomorphic to the group of affine transformations of the real line ( $ax + b$  group), isomorphic to the upper half-plane.

There are also three one dimensional continuous subgroups:

$$A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} t & 0 \\ 0 & -t \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \quad (1)$$

$$N = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}, \quad (2)$$

$$K = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t \\ -t & 0 \end{pmatrix}, t \in (-\pi, \pi] \right\}. \quad (3)$$



# Elliptic, Parabolic, Hyperbolic

the First Appearance

## Lemma 2.

The square  $X^2$  of a traceless matrix  $X = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & -a \end{pmatrix}$  is the identity matrix times  $a^2 + bc = -\det X$ . The factor can be negative, zero or positive, which corresponds to the three different types of the Taylor expansion (4) of  $e^{tX} = \sum \frac{t^n}{n!} X^n$ .

It is a simple exercise in the Gauss elimination to see that through the matrix similarity we can obtain from  $X$  a generator

- of the subgroup  $K$  if  $(-\det X) < 0$ ;
- of the subgroup  $N$  if  $(-\det X) = 0$ ;
- of the subgroup  $A$  if  $(-\det X) > 0$ .

The determinant is invariant under the similarity, thus these cases are distinct.

## $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and Homogeneous Spaces

Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be its closed subgroup.

The *homogeneous space*  $G/H$  from the equivalence relation:  $g' \sim g$  iff  $g' = gh$ ,  $h \in H$ . The *natural projection*  $p : G \rightarrow G/H$  puts  $g \in G$  into its equivalence class.

A continuous section  $s : G/H \rightarrow G$  is a right inverse of  $p$ , i.e.  $p \circ s$  is an identity map on  $G/H$ . Then the *left action* of  $G$  on itself:

$$\Lambda(g) : g' \mapsto g^{-1} * g', \quad \text{generates} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{g^*} & G \\ s \updownarrow p & & s \updownarrow p \\ G/H & \xrightarrow{g \cdot} & G/H \end{array}$$

If  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H = F$ , then  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})/F \sim \mathbb{R}$  and  $p : \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \frac{b}{d}$ :

$$s : u \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g : u \mapsto p(g^{-1} * s(u)) = \frac{au + b}{cu + d}, \quad g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

## $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$ and Imaginary Units

Consider  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H$  be any of 1D subgroups  $A$ ,  $N$  or  $K$ . A right inverse  $s$  to the natural projection  $p : G \rightarrow G/H$ :

$$s : (u, v) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{v}} \begin{pmatrix} v & u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \text{ in the diagram}$$

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defines the  $G$ -action  $g \cdot x = p(g \cdot s(x))$  on the homogeneous space  $G/H$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : (u, v) \mapsto \left( \frac{(au + b)(cu + d) - \sigma cav^2}{(cu + d)^2 - \sigma(cv)^2}, \frac{v}{(cu + d)^2 - \sigma(cv)^2} \right).$$

This becomes a Möbius map in (hyper)complex numbers:<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : w \mapsto \frac{aw + b}{cw + d}, \quad w = u + iv, \quad i^2 (:= \sigma) = -1, 0, 1.$$

<sup>1</sup>Kisil, *Geometry of Möbius Transformations: Elliptic, Parabolic and Hyperbolic Actions of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$* , 2012.

# Structural Equivalence Principle

During this course we will see many illustrations to the following:

## **Structural Equivalence Principle—SEP:**

The structure of the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and its representations are interchangeable by simultaneous choice of one-dimensional subgroup  $K$ ,  $N'$  or  $A'$  and the corresponding hypercomplex unit  $i$ ,  $\varepsilon$  or  $j$ , see Table 1.

Case:	elliptic	parabolic	hyperbolic
Numbers	complex	dual	double
Subgroup $H$	$K$	$N$	$A$
$\sigma = \iota^2$	$-1$	$0$	$1$

Table: Correspondence between components of the construction

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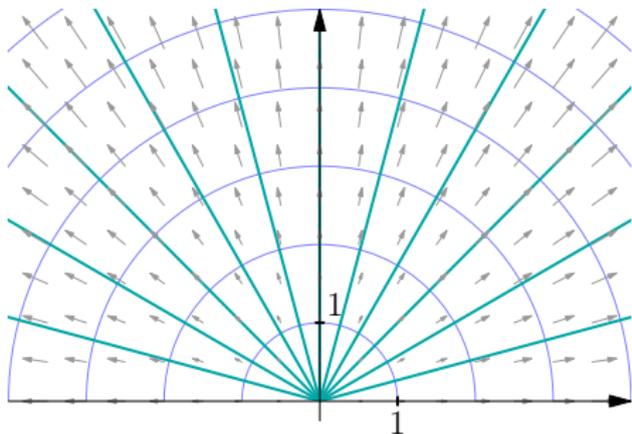
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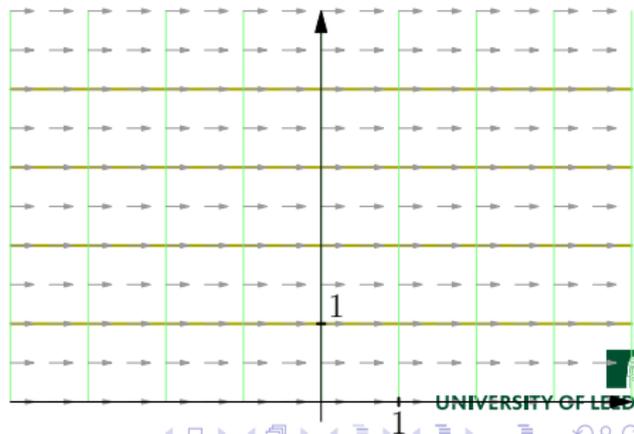
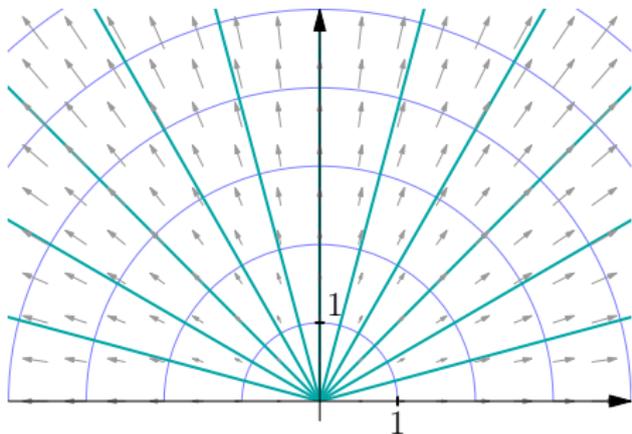


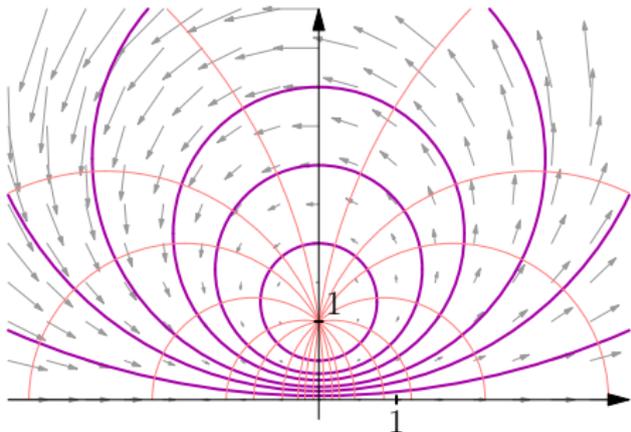
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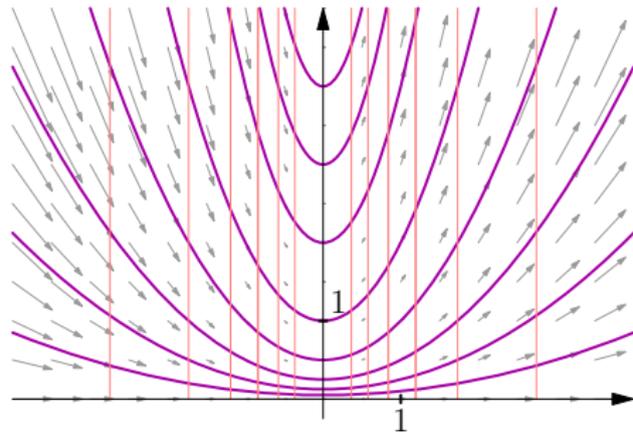
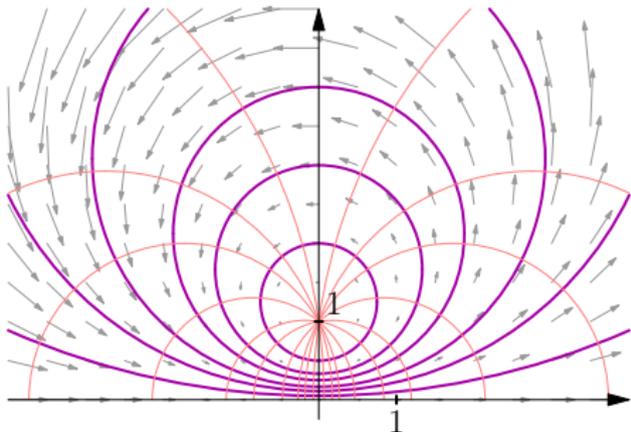
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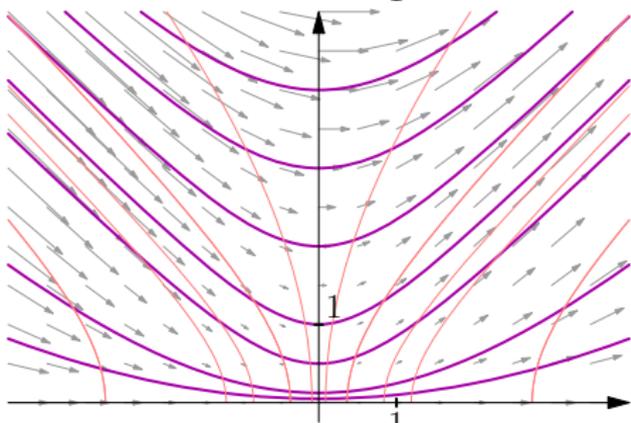
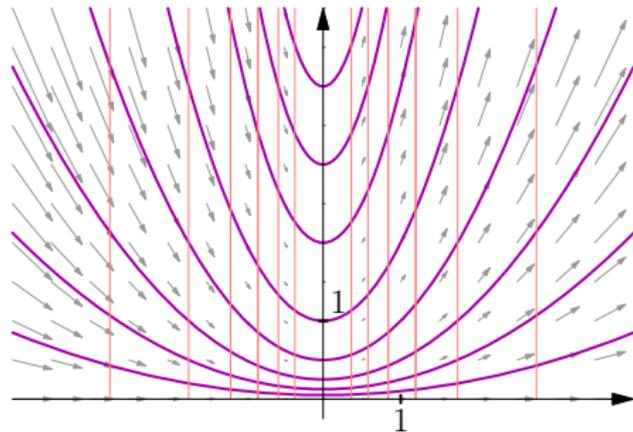
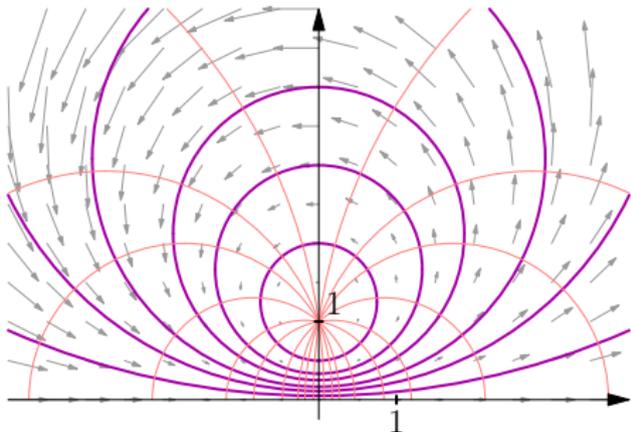
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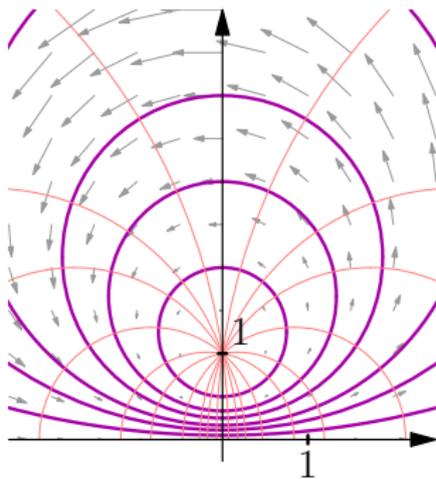
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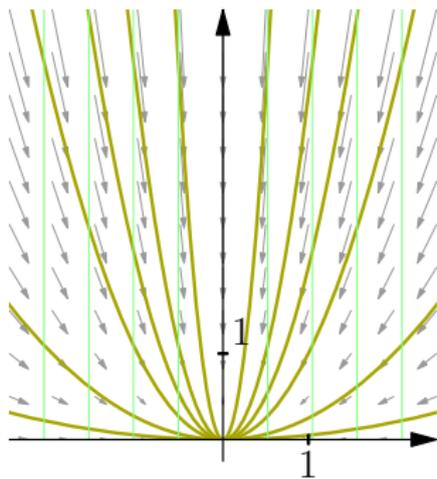
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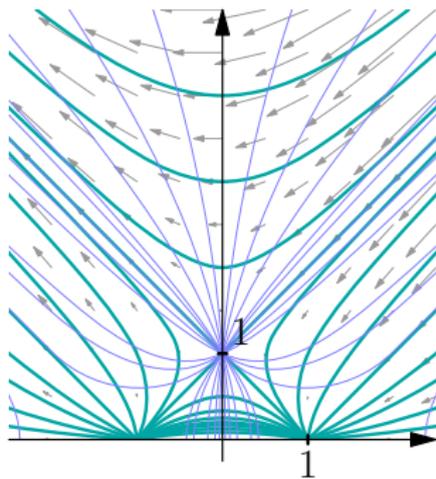
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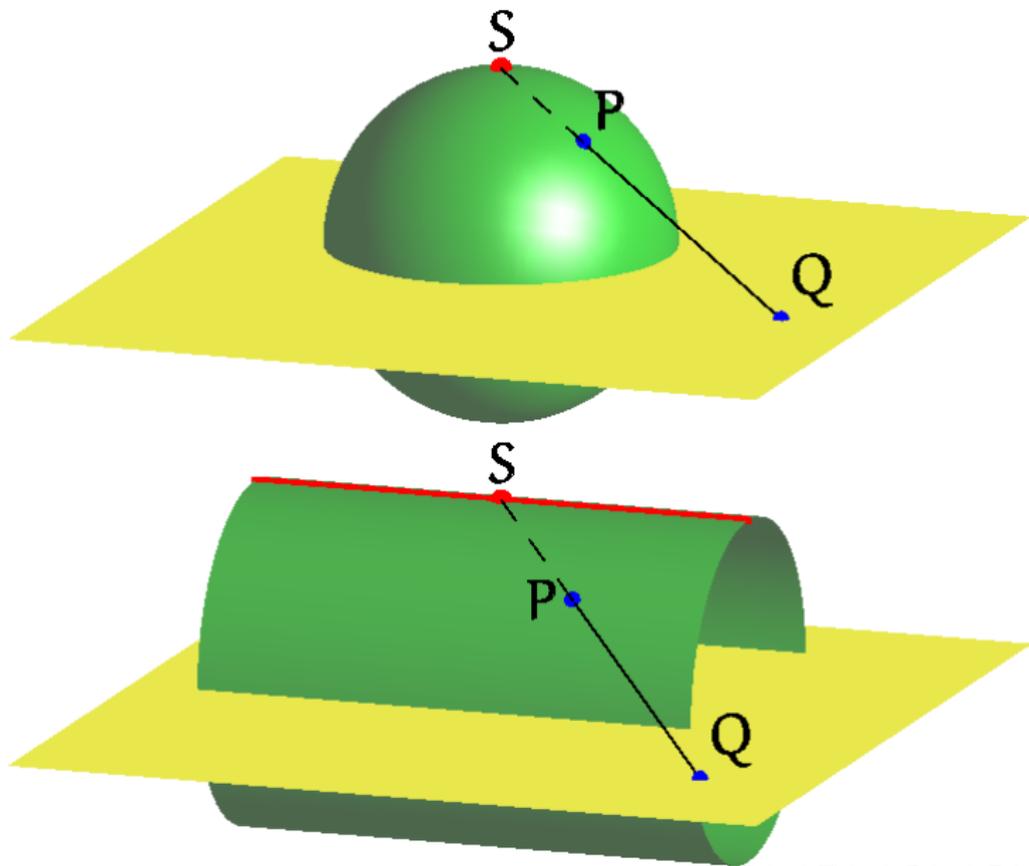
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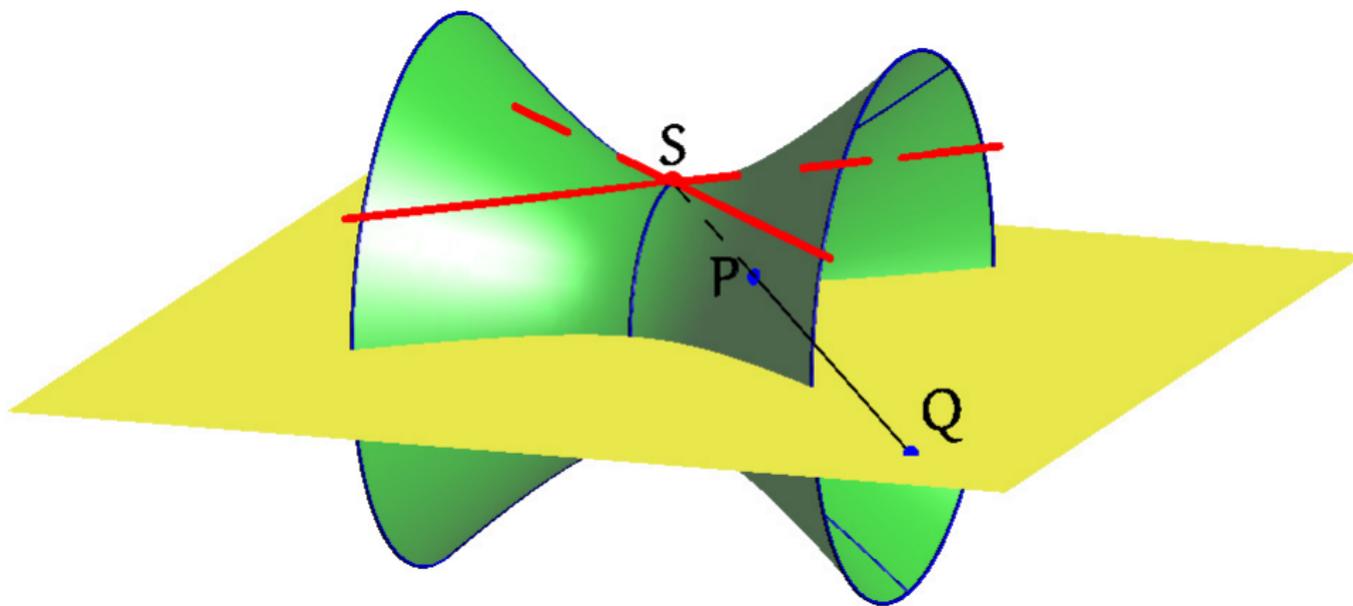
$$\begin{aligned} A' &= \begin{pmatrix} \cosh t & \sinh t \\ \sinh t & \cosh t \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & t \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Fix subgroups of  $\iota = (0, 1)$  are  $S(t) = \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma t \\ t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\sigma = \iota^2$ .

# Compactification of $\mathbb{R}^e$ and $\mathbb{R}^p$



## Compactification of $\mathbb{R}^h$



**Figure:** Hyperbolic counterpart of the Riemann sphere (incomplete so far!) Ideal elements for the *light cone* at infinity.

In all EPH cases ideal points comprise the corresponding zero-radius cycle at infinity.

## Induced Representations

Let  $G$  be a group,  $H$  its closed subgroup,  $\chi$  be a linear representation of  $H$  in a space  $V$ . The set of  $V$ -valued functions with the property

$$F(gh) = \chi(h)F(g),$$

is invariant under left shifts.

The restriction of the left regular representation to this space is called an *induced representation*.

Equivalently we consider the *lifting* of  $f(x)$ ,  $x \in X = G/H$  to  $F(g)$ :

$$F(g) = \chi(h)f(p(g)), \quad p: G \rightarrow X, \quad g = s(x)h, \quad p(s(x)) = x.$$

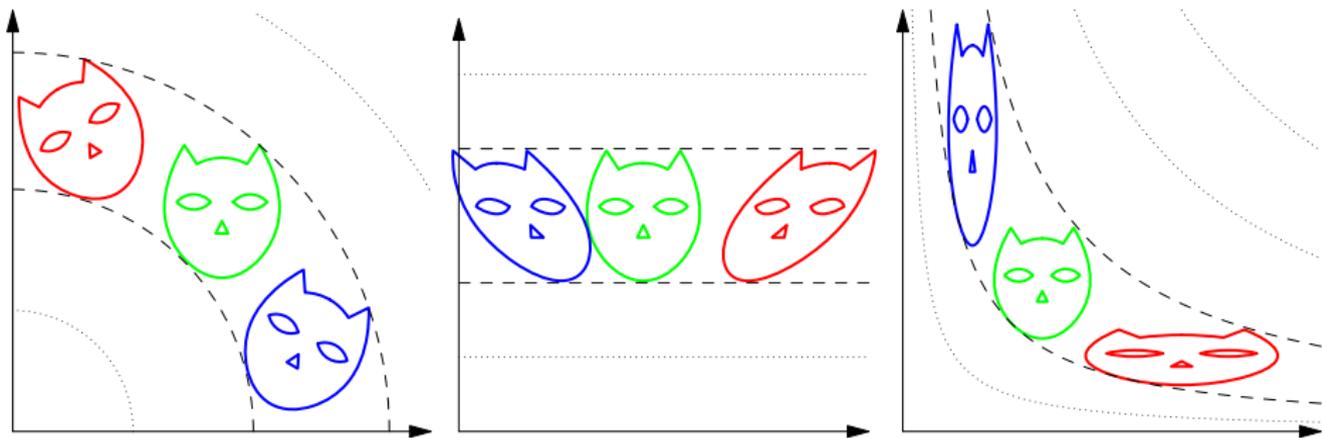
This is a 1-1 map which transform the left regular representation on  $G$  to the following action:

$$[\rho'(g)f](x) = \chi(h)f(g \cdot x), \quad \text{where } gs(x) = s(g \cdot x)h.$$

In the case of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  we have three different types of actions.



## Characters and transformations of $\mathbb{R}^2$



Multiplication by a unimodular complex number is an orthogonal rotation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Multiplication by unimodular dual and double numbers can be viewed as parabolic and hyperbolic rotations<sup>2</sup> preserving the area (i.e. the symplectic form). They induce some representations as well.

<sup>2</sup>Yaglom, *A Simple Non-Euclidean Geometry and Its Physical Basis*, 1979.  UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## Affine Group

For  $G = \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $H = F$  the action on  $G/H$  is:

$$g : u \mapsto p(g^{-1} * s(u)) = \frac{au + b}{cu + d}, \quad \text{where } g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

We calculate also that

$$r(g^{-1} * s(u)) = \begin{pmatrix} (cu + d)^{-1} & 0 \\ c & cu + d \end{pmatrix}.$$

A generic character of  $F$  is a power of its diagonal element:

$$\rho_\kappa \left( \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & a^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) = a^\kappa.$$

Thus the corresponding realisation of induced representation is:

$$\rho_\kappa(g) : f(u) \mapsto \frac{1}{(cu + d)^\kappa} f \left( \frac{au + b}{cu + d} \right) \quad \text{where } g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

# Induced Wavelet Transform

Let  $\mathbf{v}_0 \in \mathcal{H}$  be an eigenfunction as follows:

$$\rho(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{v}_0 = \tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{h}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_0, \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{h} \in \tilde{\mathbf{H}}.$$

It is suitable to be the *mother wavelet* (*vacuum vector*). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathcal{W}f](g\mathbf{h}) &= \langle f, \rho(g\mathbf{h})\mathbf{v}_0 \rangle = \langle f, \rho(g)\rho(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{v}_0 \rangle \\ &= \langle f, \tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{h}) \cdot \rho(g)\mathbf{v}_0 \rangle = \tilde{\chi}(\mathbf{h}^{-1}) \langle f, \rho(g)\mathbf{v}_0 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\mathbf{v}_0$  the *induced wavelet transform*  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow L_\infty(\mathbf{G}/\tilde{\mathbf{H}})$  by

$$[\mathcal{W}f](\mathbf{w}) = \langle f, \rho_0(s(\mathbf{w}))\mathbf{v}_0 \rangle, \quad (7)$$

where  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbf{G}/\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$  and  $s : \mathbf{G}/\tilde{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$ .

It intertwines  $\rho$  with a representation induced by  $\tilde{\chi}^{-1}$  of  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ .

Particularly, it intertwines  $\rho$  with the representation associated to  $\mathbf{G}$ -action on the homogeneous space  $\mathbf{G}/\tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ .

# Lie algebra

## and derived representation

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  consists of all  $2 \times 2$  real matrices of trace zero. One can introduce a basis:

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (8)$$

The commutator relations are

$$[Z, A] = 2B, \quad [Z, B] = -2A, \quad [A, B] = -\frac{1}{2}Z.$$

The derived representation for a vector field  $Y \in \mathfrak{sl}_2$  is defined through the exponential map  $\exp : \mathfrak{sl}_2 \rightarrow SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  by the standard formula:

$$d\rho^Y = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \rho(e^{tY}) \right|_{t=0}. \quad (9)$$

## Derived representation

on the real line

### Example 1 (the derived representation of (6)).

For  $A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  we get  $(e^{tA})^{-1} = e^{-tA} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{pmatrix}$ . Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} d\rho^A f(u) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} [\rho(e^{tA})f](u) \right|_{t=0} = \left. \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{1}{e^{-\kappa t/2}} f(e^t u) \right] \right|_{t=0} \\ &= \frac{\kappa}{2} f(u) + u f'(u). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for the basis (8) of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$  the derived representation of (6) is:

$$d\rho_K^A = \frac{\kappa}{2} \cdot I + u \cdot \partial_u, \quad (10)$$

$$d\rho_K^B = \frac{\kappa}{2} u \cdot I + \frac{1}{2} (u^2 - 1) \cdot \partial_u, \quad (11)$$

$$d\rho_K^Z = -\kappa u \cdot I - (u^2 + 1) \cdot \partial_u \quad (12)$$

# Cauchy–Riemann Equation

from Invariant Fields

Let  $\rho$  be a unitary representation of Lie group  $G$  with the derived representation  $d\rho$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Let a mother wavelet  $w_0$  be a null-solution, i.e.  $Aw_0 = 0$ , for the operator  $A = \sum_j a_j d\rho^{X_j}$ , where  $X_j \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then the wavelet transform  $F(g) = \mathcal{W}f(g) = \langle f, \rho(g)w_0 \rangle$  for any  $f$  satisfies to:

$$DF(g) = 0, \quad \text{where } D = \sum_j a_j \mathfrak{L}^{X_j}.$$

Here  $\mathfrak{L}^{X_j}$  are left the invariant fields (Lie derivatives) on  $G$  corresponding to  $X_j$ .

If  $\mathfrak{L}^{X_j}$  is derived representation of Lie derivative  $A, N, K$  (without the matching subgroup) then C-R operator and Laplacian are given by:

$$D = \iota \mathfrak{L}^A + \mathfrak{L}^X, \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta = D\bar{D} = -\sigma \mathfrak{L}^A{}^2 + \mathfrak{L}^X{}^2, \quad (13)$$

where  $X$  is in the orthogonal complement (with respect to the Killing form) of the corresponding subgroup  $K, N, A$ .

# Cauchy–Riemann Equation

Example

Consider the representation  $\rho$

$$\rho_2(g) : f(u) \mapsto \frac{1}{(cu + d)^2} f\left(\frac{au + b}{cu + d}\right) \quad \text{where } g^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $A$  and  $N \in \mathfrak{sl}_2$  generates  $\begin{pmatrix} e^{t/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t/2} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the derived representations are:

$$[d\rho^A f](x) = f(x) + xf'(x), \quad [d\rho^N f](x) = f'(x).$$

The corresponding left invariant vector fields on upper half-plane are:

$$\mathfrak{L}^A = a\partial_a, \quad \mathfrak{L}^N = a\partial_b.$$

The mother wavelet  $\frac{1}{x+i}$  is a null solution of the operator  $d\rho^A + id\rho^N = I + (x+i)\frac{d}{dx}$ . Therefore the wavelet transform will consist of the null solutions to the operator  $\mathfrak{L}^A - i\mathfrak{L}^N = a(\partial_a + i\partial_b)$ —the Cauchy–Riemann operator.

# Cauchy Integral Formula

Eigenvector of  $K$

The infinitesimal version of the eigenvector property  $\rho(\mathbf{h})\mathbf{v}_0 = \chi(\mathbf{h}) \cdot \mathbf{v}_0$  is  $d\rho_n^Z \mathbf{v}_0 = \lambda \mathbf{v}_0$ , explicitly, cf. (12)

$$nuf(\mathbf{u}) + f'(\mathbf{u})(1 + \mathbf{u}^2) = \lambda f(\mathbf{u}).$$

The generic solution is:

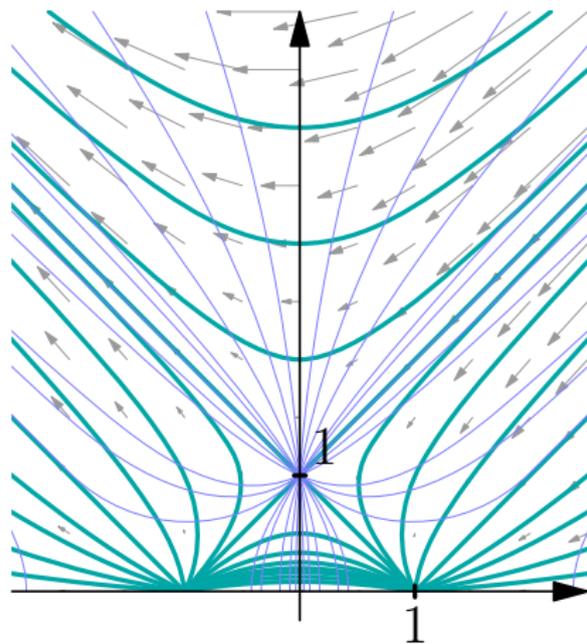
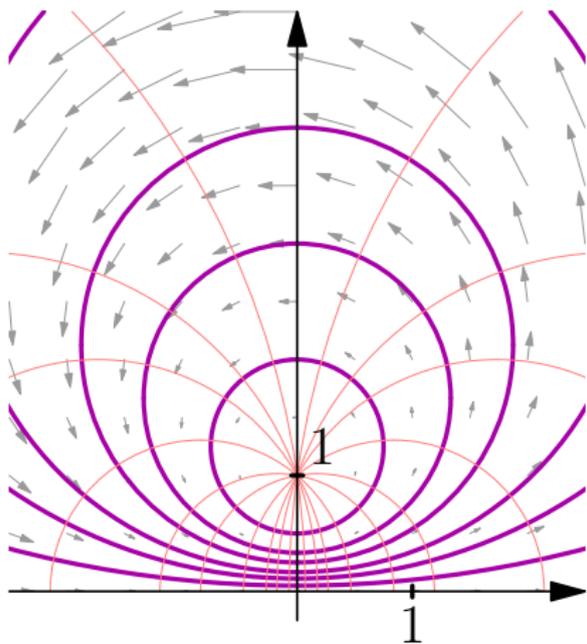
$$f(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{1}{(1 + \mathbf{u}^2)^{n/2}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u} + i}{\mathbf{u} - i} \right)^{i\lambda/2} = \frac{(\mathbf{u} + i)^{(i\lambda - n)/2}}{(\mathbf{u} - i)^{(i\lambda + n)/2}}.$$

To avoid multivalent function we need to put  $\lambda = im$  with an integer  $m$ . The Cauchy–Riemann condition (which turn to be later the same as “the minimal weight condition”) suggests  $m = n$ . Thus, the induced wavelet transform is:

$$\hat{f}(x, y) = \langle f, \rho_n f_0 \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) \frac{\sqrt{y}}{u - x - iy} dx = \sqrt{y} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) \frac{dx}{u - (x + iy)}$$

And its image consists of null solutions of Cauchy–Riemann type equations. For  $m > n$  we obtain *polyanalytic* functions annihilated by powers of Cauchy–Riemann operator.

## Fix Subgroups of $i$ and $j$



**Figure:** Elliptic and hyperbolic fix groups of the imaginary units.  
In the hyperbolic case there are fixed geometric sets:  $\{-1, 1\}$ ,  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ .

# Other Integral Transforms

## Eigenvalues of A

For the subgroup  $A'$  generated by  $B \in \mathfrak{sl}_2$  the derived representation, cf. (11):

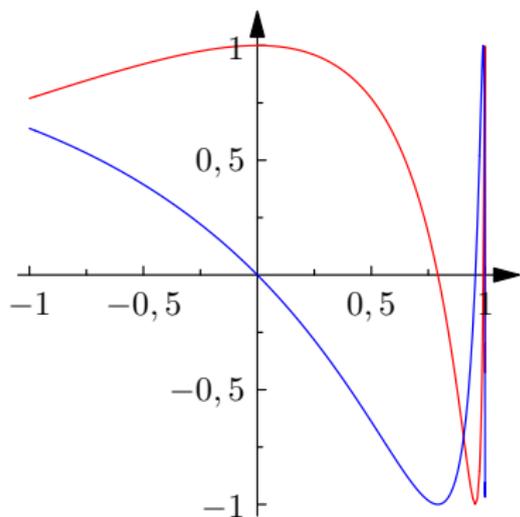
$$d\rho_n^B f(u) = -nuf(u) + (u^2 - 1)f'(u).$$

It has two singular point  $\pm 1$ , its solution has compact support  $[-1, 1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{1}{(u^2 - 1)^{n/2}} \left( \frac{u+1}{u-1} \right)^{\lambda/2} \\ &= \frac{(u+1)^{(\lambda-n)/2}}{(u-1)^{(\lambda+n)/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\lambda = jm$  we also get, cf. K-case:

$$f(x) = \frac{(x+j)^{(m-\kappa)/2}}{(x-j)^{(m+\kappa)/2}}.$$



# Hyperbolic Wavelets from Double Numbers

The choice of the  $\mathbf{A}$ -eigenvector as mother wavelet:

- $f_0 = \delta(x \pm 1)$ —Dirichlet condition.
- $f_0 = \frac{1}{(x-j)^\sigma} = \left(\frac{x+j}{x^2-1}\right)^\sigma$ —Neumann condition.
- $f_0 = \frac{\chi(1-x^2)}{(x-j)^\sigma}$ —space-like and time-like separation, Fig. 4.
- ... (combination of above)

Then we follow the general scheme both for wavelets with complex and double valued wavelets:

- *wavelets* or *coherent states*  $v_\sigma(g, z) = \rho_\sigma(g)v_0(z)$ .
- d’Alambert integral from the universal *wavelet transforms*

$$\mathcal{W}_\sigma : f(z) \mapsto \mathcal{W}_\sigma f(u) = \langle f(z), \rho_\sigma v_0(u, z) \rangle$$

# Other Integral Transforms

## Eigenvalues of $\mathbf{N}$

The subgroup  $\mathbf{N}$  consists of shifts, the eigenfunction is  $e^{\lambda u}$  and the induced wavelet transform coincides with the Fourier transform.

For the subgroup  $\mathbf{N}'$ , the generator is  $d\rho_n^{Z/2-B} = (un) \cdot I - u^2 \cdot \partial_u$ , cf. (11–12). The eigenvector  $d\rho_n^{Z/2-B} f = \lambda f$  is  $f_0(u) = u^n e^{\frac{\lambda}{u}}$ .

Consider some identities for dual numbers:

$$e^{\varepsilon \alpha t} = 1 + \varepsilon \alpha t; \quad (t \pm \varepsilon)^\alpha = t^{\alpha-1}(t \pm \varepsilon \alpha); \quad (t - \varepsilon)(t + \varepsilon) = t^2.$$

Combining them together we can write for  $\lambda = \varepsilon m$ :

$$e^{\frac{\varepsilon m}{u}} = 1 + \frac{\varepsilon m}{u} = \left( \frac{u + \varepsilon}{u - \varepsilon} \right)^{m/2}$$

Then the solution  $f_0(u) = u^n e^{\frac{\lambda}{u}}$  is:

$$|u|^{-\kappa} e^{-\frac{\varepsilon m}{u}} = \frac{1}{((u + \varepsilon)(u - \varepsilon))^{\kappa/2}} \left( \frac{u + \varepsilon}{u - \varepsilon} \right)^{m/2} = \frac{(u + \varepsilon)^{(m-\kappa)/2}}{(u - \varepsilon)^{(m+\kappa)/2}} \quad (14)$$

The respective wavelet transform is again very similar to the complex case.

## Raising/Lowering Operators

Denote  $\tilde{X} = d\rho(X)$  for  $X \in \mathfrak{sl}_2$ . Let  $X = Z$  be the generator of the compact subgroup  $K$ , eigenspaces  $\tilde{Z}v_k = ikv_k$  are parametrised by an integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The raising/lowering operators  $L_{\pm}$ :

$$[\tilde{Z}, L_{\pm}] = \lambda_{\pm} L_{\pm}. \quad (15)$$

[ $L_{\pm}$  are eigenvectors for operators  $\text{ad } Z$  of adjoint representation of  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ .]  
From the commutators (15)  $L_+v_k$  are eigenvectors of  $\tilde{Z}$  as well:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{Z}(L_+v_k) &= (L_+\tilde{Z} + \lambda_+L_+)v_k = L_+(\tilde{Z}v_k) + \lambda_+L_+v_k \\ &= ikL_+v_k + \lambda_+L_+v_k = (ik + \lambda_+)L_+v_k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus those operators acts on a chain of eigenspaces:

$$\dots \xrightleftharpoons[L_-]{L_+} V_{ik-\lambda} \xrightleftharpoons[L_-]{L_+} V_{ik} \xrightleftharpoons[L_-]{L_+} V_{ik+\lambda} \xrightleftharpoons[L_-]{L_+} \dots$$

# Finding Raising/Lowering Operators

Elliptic and hyperbolic

*Subgroup K.* Assuming  $L_+ = a\tilde{A} + b\tilde{B} + c\tilde{Z}$  we obtain a linear equation:

$$c = 0, \quad 2a = \lambda_+ b, \quad -2b = \lambda_+ a.$$

The equations have a solution if and only if  $\lambda_+^2 + 4 = 0$ , and the raising operator is  $L_+ = i\tilde{A} + \tilde{B}$ .

*Subgroup A.* For the commutator  $[\tilde{B}, L_+] = \lambda L_+$  we will get the system:

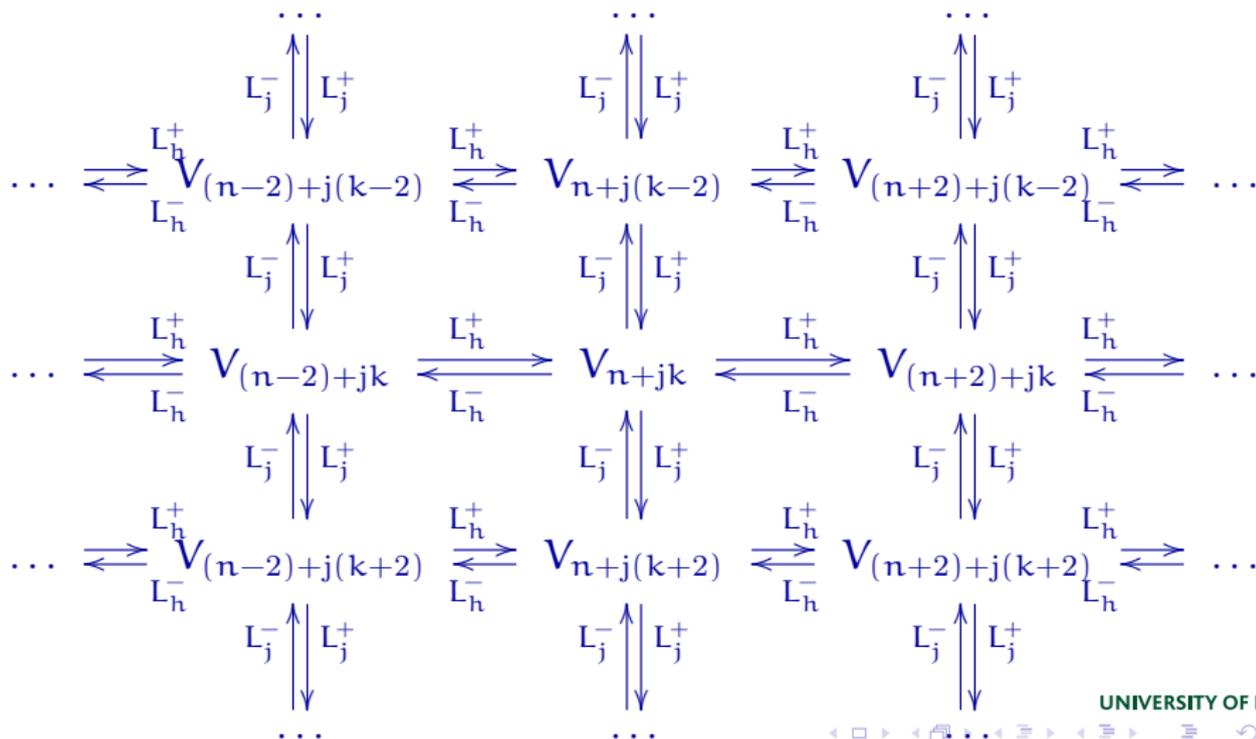
$$2c = \lambda a, \quad b = 0, \quad \frac{a}{2} = \lambda c.$$

A solution exists if and only if  $\lambda^2 = 1$ . The obvious values  $\lambda = \pm 1$  with the operator  $L_{\pm} = \pm\tilde{A} + \tilde{Z}/2$ . Each indecomposable  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -module is formed by one-dimensional chain of eigenvalue with transitive action of raising/lowering operators.

# Hyperbolic Ladder Operators

Double numbers:  $\lambda = \pm j$  solves  $\lambda^2 = 1$  additionally to  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

The raising/lowering operators  $L_{\pm}^h = \pm j\tilde{A} + \tilde{Z}/2$  “orthogonal” to  $L_{\pm}$ .



## Parabolic Ladder Operators

A generator  $X = -B + Z/2$  of the subgroup  $N'$  gets the equations:

$$b + 2c = \lambda a, \quad -a = \lambda b, \quad \frac{a}{2} = \lambda c,$$

which can be resolved if and only if  $\lambda^2 = 0$ . Restricted with the real (complex) root  $\lambda = 0$  make operators  $L_{\pm} = -\tilde{B} + \tilde{Z}/2$ . Does not affect eigenvalues and thus are useless. However, a dual number  $\lambda_t = t\varepsilon$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  leads to the operator  $L_{\pm} = \pm t\varepsilon\tilde{A} - \tilde{B} + \tilde{B}/2$ , which allow us to build a  $\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -modules with a one-dimensional continuous(!) chain of eigenvalues.

- K** Introduction of complex numbers is a necessity for the *existence* of raising/lowering operators;
- N** we need dual numbers to make raising/lowering operators *useful*;
- A** double number are required for neither existence nor usability of raising/lowering operators, but do provide an enhancement.

# Similarity and Correspondence

## Principle of Similarity and correspondence

- ① Subgroups  $K$ ,  $N$  and  $A$  play the similar role in a structure of the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  and its representations.
- ② The subgroups shall be swapped together with the respective replacement of hypercomplex unit  $\iota$ .

### Manifestations:

- The action of  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  on  $SL_2(\mathbb{R})/H$  for  $H = A'$ ,  $N'$  or  $K$  and linear-fractional transformations of respective numbers.
- Subgroups  $K$ ,  $N'$  and  $A'$  and unitary rotations of respective unit cycles.
- Representations induced from subgroup  $K$ ,  $N'$  or  $A'$  and unitarity in respective numbers.
- The connection between raising/lowering operators for subgroups  $K$ ,  $N'$  or  $A'$  and corresponding numbers.

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