

“Fuchsian Groups” by S. Katok
Errata

p.7 1.10: Replace “Theorem 1.1.2” by “Theorem 1.2.1”.

p.20 1.4: Delete an extra \cos in (iii).

p.21 1.4: Replace “imaginary axis” by “positive imaginary axis”.

p.21 1.8: Replace “§1.2” by “§1.3”.

p.23 1.4: Replace “its” by “their”.

p.24 1.7: Replace “1.2.4” by “1.2.5”.

p.25 1.-11 to p.26 1.6 Replace by

Besides being a group, $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is also a topological space. More precisely, $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ can be identified with the subset of \mathbb{R}^4 ,

$$X = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid ad - bc = 1\}.$$

The norm on $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is induced from \mathbb{R}^4 : for $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ with $ad - bc = 1$, we define

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}, \quad (0.1)$$

and $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is topologized with respect to the metric

$$d(A, B) = \|A - B\|. \quad (0.2)$$

Since $A \sim -A$ is an equivalence relation on $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$, the factor space $\mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R}) / \sim = \mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$, is topologized with the factor topology. Exercise 2.1 shows that, in fact, $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is a topological group. Since by (1.3.2), orientation-reversing isometries are given by matrices in $\mathrm{GL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ with determinant -1 , the whole group of isometries $\mathrm{Isom}(\mathcal{H})$ can be topologized using the same distance. Notice that since $\|A\| = \|-A\|$, the norm (2.1.3) is a well-defined function on $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ while the metric (2.1.4) is not. One natural way to introduce a metric on $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ is to represent it as a matrix group $SO_o(2, 1)$, the other is through a so-called *chord metric* on the unit disc obtained from the Euclidean metric on the unit sphere via stereographic projection, but both are beyond the scope of this book.

Convergence in $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ can be expressed in matrix language as follows. If $g_n \rightarrow g$ in $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$, this means that there exist matrices $A_n, A \in \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ representing g_n and g such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|A_n - A\| = 0$.

p.27 1.9: Replace “metric” by “locally compact metric”

p.27 1.10: Replace “homeomorphisms” by “isometries”.

p.27 1.-5-1.-3: Replace “It is clear from the definition that a group G acts properly discontinuously on X if and only if each orbit is discrete and the stabilizer of each point is finite.” by “Since X is locally compact, a group G acts properly discontinuously on X if and only if each orbit has no accumulation point in X , and the order of

the stabilizer of each point is finite. The first condition, however, is equivalent to the fact that each orbit of G is discrete. For, if $g_n(x) \rightarrow s \in X$, then for any $\epsilon > 0$, $\rho(g_n(x), g_{n+1}(x)) < \epsilon$ for sufficiently large n , but since g_n is an isometry, we have $\rho(g_n^{-1}g_{n+1}(x), x) < \epsilon$, which implies that x is an accumulation point for its orbit Gx , i.e. Gx is not discrete.”

p.30 l.7: In Lemma 2.2.4 replace w_0 by z_0 .

p.32 l.8-l.19: In the proof of Theorem 2.2.6 replace those lines by: We use Lemma 2.2.4 to see that $\{T \in \Gamma \mid T(z) \in K\} = \{T \in \text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}) \mid T(z) \in K\} \cap \Gamma$ is a finite set (it is the intersection of a compact and a discrete set), and hence Γ acts properly discontinuously. Conversely, suppose Γ acts properly discontinuously, but it is not a discrete subgroup of $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$. Then there exists a sequence $\{T_k\}$ of distinct elements of Γ such that $T_k \rightarrow \text{Id}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Let $s \in \mathcal{H}$ be a point not fixed by any of T_k . Then $\{T_k(s)\}$ is a sequence of points distinct from s and $T_k(s) \rightarrow s$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Hence every closed hyperbolic disc centered at s contains infinitely many points of the Γ -orbit of s , i.e. Γ does not act properly discontinuously, a contradiction.

p.37 l.11: Delete “ $\in \Gamma$ ”.

p.37 l.-7: In Theorem 2.4.1 delete “a cyclic group,”.

p.38 l.4: Replace “2.3.5” by “2.3.2” and “a finite cyclic group, and hence abelian” by “an abelian group”.

p.38 l.7-l.-4: Replace “Since $\lambda > 1$ “... upto “distinct terms” by “Since $\lambda > 1$, the sequence $g_n \circ h \circ g^{-n} \rightarrow \text{Id}$ ”.

p.42: l -12: Replace “finite cyclic and therefore elementary” by “elementary by Theorem 2.4.1”.

p.49 l.5: Replace “homeomorphism” by “isometry”.

p.50 l.-8: Replace “hence” by “since μ is $\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R})$ -invariant”.

p.65 l.-8: Replace “a finite cyclic group (Corollary 2.4.2)” by “an elementary group (Theorem 2.4.1)”.

p.66 l.-1: Delete “limit”.

p.69 l.-10: Replace “ σ ” by “ $\rho(p, z)$ ”.

p.70 l.17: Replace “2.3.7” by “2.2.3”.

p.71 l.2: Replace “2.2.6” by “2.2.3”.

p.73 l.-4: Replace “ Γ ” by “ $\Gamma - \{\text{Id}\}$ ”.

p.73 l.-2: Replace “ $T_1^{-1}(F) \cap T^{-1}(F) \neq \emptyset$ ” by “ $T_1^{-1}(F) \equiv T^{-1}(F)$ ”.

p.74 l.-1: Replace “there exists a” by “any”.

p.75 l.1: Replace “intersecting” by “intersects”.

p.75 l.10: Delete “with $\mu(\Gamma \setminus \mathcal{H}) < \infty$ ”.

p.87 l.-1: Replace “ S ” by “ S_0 ”.

p.89 l.-1: Replace “1.2.8” by “1.2.6”.

p.95 l.-2: Replace “Theorem 4.3.2” by “Theorem 3.5.4”.

p 105 l.-3 replace “3.2.4” by “3.3.4”.

p.113 l.-3: Replace “each element” by “each non-zero element”.

- p.117 l.4: Replace “have” by “are integers and have”.
- p.119 after l.9 insert “In what follows A will be a quaternion algebra satisfying (5.2.10)”.
- p.119 l.-9: Replace “division” by “quaternion”.
- p.119 l.-5: Replace “ $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ” by “ $M(2, \mathbb{R})$ ”.
- p.120 l.4: Replace “ $b > 1$, we have $|x_2 - x_3\sqrt{a}| < \frac{1}{2b} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ” by “ $|b| \geq 1$, we have $|x_2 - x_3\sqrt{a}| < \frac{1}{2|b|} \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ”
- p.123 The end of the proof of Lemma 5.3.3 was modified according to M.Katz’s suggestion.
- p.128 In Cor. 5.3.10 added “over \mathbb{Q} ”.
- p.142 Replace 3.6 by 3.5
- p.155 l.2: In the matrix replace “ a ” by “ α ”.
- p.156 l.7: Replace “1.9” by “1.10”.
- p.157 Ex .2.4 made changes
- p.158 l.8: Replace “2.10” by “2.11”.
- p.158 l.-14: Change “ Q and T ” to “ Q and T (or Q and T_1)”.
- p.160 l.12: Replace “. So ... this” by “, which”.