

②  $\mathbb{H}$  as the space of real positive def. quadratic forms.

Let  $\mathcal{S}P_2 := \{ Y \in M_{2 \times 2}(\mathbb{R}) \mid Y > 0, \det Y = 1 \}$   
 sym. positive def. matrices of det 1.

$g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$  acts on  $Y \in \mathcal{S}P_2$  via

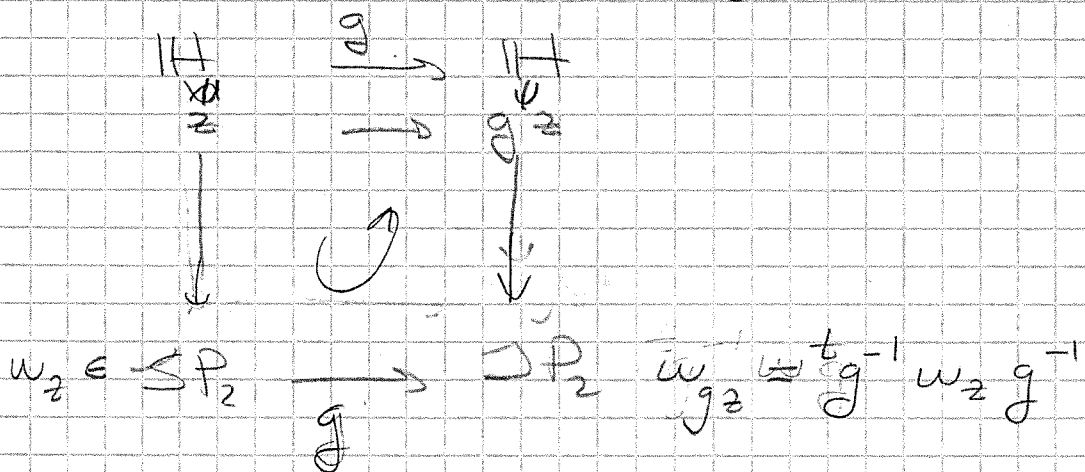
$$\mathbb{G} \times \mathcal{S}P_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}P_2$$

$$(g, Y) \mapsto g \circ Y \circ g^{-1} = {}^t g^{-1} Y g^{-1} = Y[g^{-1}]$$

Any  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ , define  $w_z$  as follows:

$$w_z = \begin{pmatrix} y^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathcal{S}P_2$$

then we have  $g \in SL_2(\mathbb{R})$



Proof Exercise

Since we want to study analytic functions on  $\mathbb{H}$  which transform in a prescribed way under  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  or its s/gps we next look at this group, and the orbits of the group in  $\mathbb{H}$ .

Defn The group  $\Gamma = SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  is called the modular group

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \mid \begin{array}{l} a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \\ ad - bc = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Sometimes the image  $PSL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  in  $PSL_2(\mathbb{R}) = SL_2(\mathbb{R}) / \{\pm I\}$

is also called the (projective) modular group.

There are some special elements of the

$$\text{group} = S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = TS = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad \text{Note in } PSL_2(\mathbb{Z}), \quad S^2 = I \\ U^3 = I$$

We note the following simple lemma for future use

Lemma 2 1) If  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$  then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(c, d) = \gcd(a, c) = \gcd(b, d) = 1$

(ii) If  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $\gcd(c, d) = 1$   
then  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ .

(iii) For a matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$  let  
 $\underline{A} := (c \ d)$ . Then  $\underline{A} = \underline{B}$  if and only if  
if  $\exists$  an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $A = T^n B$

Proof (i) clear since  $ad - bc = 1$

(ii) if  $\gcd(c, d) = 1$  then  $\exists a, b$  s.t  $ad - bc = 1$   
Hence  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \Gamma$ .

(iii) ( $\Leftarrow$ )  $\underline{A} = \underline{T^n B} = \underline{T^n} B = \underline{I} B = \underline{B}$   
( $\Rightarrow$ )  $\underline{A B^{-1}} = \underline{A} B^{-1} = \underline{B} B^{-1} = (0, 1)$

Hence  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $A B^{-1} = T^n$ .

Next we want to determine a set of representatives for the action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathbb{H}$ .

Defn A fundamental domain  $F$  for a faithful action of a group  $G$  on a topological space  $X$  is a closed region  $F \subset X$  (i.e. closure of a non-empty open set  $F^\circ$ , interior of  $F$ ) such that

- (i)  $\bigcup_{g \in G} g(F) = X$
- (ii)  $F^\circ \cap g(F^\circ) = \emptyset \quad \forall g \in G \setminus \{e\}$

The family  $\{g(F) \mid g \in G\}$  is called a tesselation of  $X$ .

Added comment: If  $G$  does not act faithfully then one can replace  $G$  by  $G/H$ , where  $H$  is the subgroup of elements of  $G$  acting trivially on  $X$ .

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Warning Sometimes Fund. domain is defined as an open set whose closure has the properties (i) and (ii)

Fund. domain is a set of representatives for the action of  $G$  on  $X$  with

some extras in the sense that its images cover  $X$  without overlaps except possibly at the boundary points.

Example (1)  $G = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{Z}$

A fund. domain is  $[0, 1] = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

(2) Let  $\Gamma_{\infty} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

$$= \left\{ T^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

acts on  $\mathbb{H}$  by translations  $z \rightarrow z+n$

A fund. domain is  $\mathbb{H} / \Gamma_{\infty} = \{ z \in \mathbb{H} \mid 0 \leq \operatorname{Re} z < 1 \}$

$$\text{or } \left\{ z \in \mathbb{H} \mid -\frac{1}{2} \leq \operatorname{Re} z \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Hence fund. domains are not unique

(3)  $\Gamma = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

Next we'll write down a fund-  
 domain for  $\mathbb{H}/\Gamma$  but first  
 we give a simple Lemma.

Lemma 3: (a) For a point  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ , there  
 are only finitely many pairs  
 of integers  $(c, d)$  such that  
 $|cz + d| \leq 1$

(b)  $\# \left\{ (c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid \operatorname{Im} \left( \begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \circ z \right) > \operatorname{Im} z \right\} < \infty$

Proof (a) easy proof:

The set  $\{(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid |cz + d| \leq 1\}$

is compact and discrete hence finite

or let  $(c, d) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $|cz + d| \leq 1$

then  $|cz + d|^2 = (cx + d)^2 + c^2 y^2 \leq 1$

and  $c^2 y^2 < (cx + d)^2 + c^2 y^2 \leq 1$

Since  $z \in \mathbb{H}$ ,  $y > 0$  and hence

$$|c| < \frac{1}{y}$$

Since  $y$  is fixed there are only finitely  
 many  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|c| < 1/y$

For any such  $c$ , the eqn  $(cx + d)^2 + c^2 y^2 \leq 1$   
 also has only finitely many possibilities for

(b) follows from (a) using 1, (15)

$$\operatorname{Im} \left( \frac{ax+b}{cd} z \right) = \frac{\operatorname{Im} z}{|cz+d|^2}$$

We now can give a fund domain for  $\Gamma \backslash \mathbb{H}$ . Defn  $y = \operatorname{Im} z$  is called the height of  $z$

Thm 4 (a) Every orbit of  $\Gamma$  acting on  $\mathbb{H}$  contains a

$$\text{point in } F = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{H} \mid |z| \geq 1, |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

(b) 2 points  $z_1, z_2 \in F$  are  $\Gamma$ -equivalent  $\Leftrightarrow$  either  $|\operatorname{Re} z_1| = |\operatorname{Re} z_2|$  and  $z_1 = z_2 \pm 1$  or  $|z_1| = |z_2| = 1$  and  $z_1 = -1/\bar{z}_2$

In particular they are points on the boundary of  $F$ .

(c) The only pts of  $F$  that are fixed by a non-identity element of  $\Gamma$  are

(i)  $z = i$  fixed exactly by  $\{\pm 1, \pm S\}$

(ii)  $z = \rho = e^{2\pi i/3}$  fixed by  $\pm \{I, ST, (ST)^2\}$

(iii)  $z = \bar{\rho} = e^{-2\pi i/3}$  "  $\pm \{I, TS, (TS)^2\}$

(v)  $z = i\infty$  fixed by the  $\infty$ -cyclic gp generated by  $T$ .

(d)  $\Gamma / \pm I$  generated by  $S$  and  $T$ .

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Before we give a proof note that

$\Gamma$  acts on  $\hat{H} = H \cup \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

This is in fact the restriction of its action on the projective line  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

It is natural to adjoin a point at  $\infty$  to  $H$ . It is denoted by  $i\infty$  since it is in the vertical direction. By definition of the

action  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \cdot (i\infty) = \frac{a}{c}$  and hence we

must also add all rational numbers.

The action of  $\Gamma$  on  $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$  is transitive and the orbit of  $\{i\infty\}$  is called

the cusp of  $\Gamma \backslash \hat{H}$ . [if we have a finite index  $s/gp$   $\tilde{\Gamma} < \Gamma$ . Set of cusps of  $\tilde{\Gamma} = \frac{\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}}{\tilde{\Gamma}}$ ]

Proof of Thm 4. First of all note that

the set  $\hat{F} = F \cup \{\infty\}$  contains  $\{\infty\}$  whose orbit is  $\mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$ , (if  $z \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\infty\}$  write

$z = p/q$  with  $(p, q) = 1$  (this includes

$z = i\infty = 1/0$ ) since  $(p, q) = 1$ ,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $ap + bq = 1$ . Then  $z = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -q & p \end{pmatrix}$  sends  $z$  to  $i\infty$ .

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So in fact  $\hat{F}$  contains also a representative of the orbit  $[z] = \pi^{-1}(\pi U(z))$ . 10 (17)

Now let  $z \in H$ , choose  $\gamma, z \in \mathbb{T}$  so that  $\text{Im}(\gamma, z)$  is a maximal member of  $\{\text{Im}(\gamma z) \mid \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  which exists by lemma 3

$\left( \frac{\text{Im } \gamma z}{|z+d|^2}, \text{ and } \#\{(\gamma, d) \mid |z+d| \leq 1\} \text{ is finite.} \right)$

Now choose  $n$  so that the real part of  $z^* = T^n(\gamma, z) = (\gamma, z) + n$  lies in the vertical strip  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |\text{Re } z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ . Hence we have

$$|\text{Re } z^*| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

On the other hand since translation by  $T^n$  does not change the imaginary parts

$$\text{Im } z^* = \text{Im}(\gamma, z)$$

Now we cannot have  $|z^*| < 1$  since then we would have  $\text{Im}\left(\frac{-1}{z^*}\right) = \frac{\text{Im } z^*}{|z^*|^2} > \text{Im } z^*$  contradicting the maximality of height of  $\gamma, z$ .

So  $z^*$  satisfies  $|z^*| \geq 1$  and  $|\text{Re } z^*| \leq \frac{1}{2}$

hence  $z^* \in \hat{F}$  and  $z^* = T^n(\gamma, z)$  is in the orbit of  $z$  as claimed in (d).



Note in fact that the proof suggests a way to move any given  $z \in H$  into  $F$

using only the matrices  $S, T$

First translate  $z$  by  $T^n$  so that the real part is in the strip

$\{z \mid |\operatorname{Re} z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ . If  $T^n z$  is above the unit circle then done, if not use  $S$  to get a point with  $|z| > 1$ .

$S T^n z$  now satisfies  $|S T^n z| > 1$

but it might be outside the vertical strip - Move it again by a power of  $T$  and see if  $|T^m S T^n z| > 1$

If not apply  $S$  etc. This process

ends again by Lemma 3.

⑥ Now suppose we have 2  $T$ -equivalent

⑦ points  $z_1, z_2 \in \hat{F}$  with  $\gamma z_1 = z_2$

$\gamma \neq \pm 1, \gamma \in T, \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$

If  $z_1 = i\infty$  then  $\gamma z_1 \in \mathbb{Q} \cup \{i\infty\}$

for any  $\gamma \in T$ . Hence  $\gamma z_1 \in \hat{F}$  has to be  $i\infty$ . This can only happen (ie  $\gamma(i\infty) = i\infty$ )

If  $\gamma = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \pm T^n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So we can assume  $z_1, z_2 \neq i\infty$ .

if necessary after replacing  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma^{-1}$  (19)  
 we can assume  $\text{Im } z_2 \geq \text{Im } z_1$

Since  $\text{Im } z_2 = \text{Im } \gamma z_1 = \frac{\text{Im } z_1}{|cz_1 + d|^2}$

this implies  $|cz_1 + d| \leq 1$ .

Now  $|cz_1 + d| \geq |c| \text{Im } z_1 \geq |c| \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Since  $z_1 \in \mathbb{F}$ .

Hence  $|cz_1 + d| \leq 1 \Rightarrow 1 \geq |c| \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Thus  $|c| \leq 2/\sqrt{3} < 2$ . Hence

$c = 0, \pm 1$ .

Case 1  $c=0$  then  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \tau^b$  be  $\mathbb{Z}$

$z_2 = z_1 + b$ . Since both  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{F}$

$\text{Re } z_1, \text{Re } z_2 \in [-1/2, 1/2]$  this implies

that either  $b=0$ , hence  $\gamma = I$  or

$b = \pm 1$  and  $\text{Re } z_1 = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\text{Re } z_2 = \pm \frac{1}{2}$

and  $z_2 = z_1 \pm 1$ . (ie  $z_1, z_2$  are on the vertical part of  $\mathbb{F}$ .)

Case 2 if  $c = \pm 1$ , since action of  $\gamma$

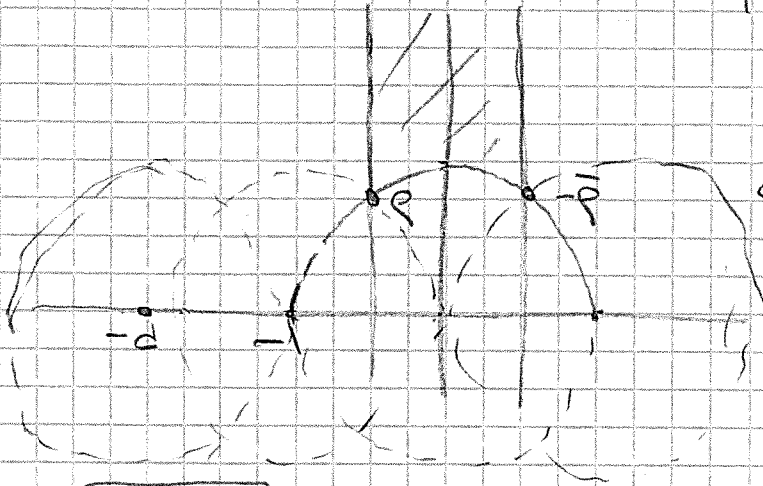
and  $-\gamma$  are the same we can assume

wlog  $c = 1$ .

Then the condition is:  $|cz_1 + d| = |z_1 + d| \leq 1$

This implies  $z_1, \bar{z}_1$  in the closed disc centered at  $-d$  of radius 1.

This disc intersects  $F$  only if either  $\boxed{d=0}$   
 or  $\boxed{d=1 \text{ and } z_1 = -\bar{p}}$   
 or  $\boxed{d=-1 \text{ and } z_1 = p}$ .

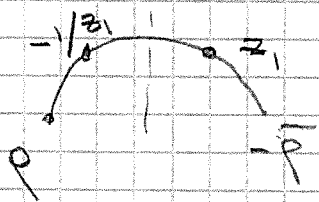


If  $\boxed{d=0}$  then we have  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

and  $\gamma z_1 = \frac{a z_1 - 1}{z_1} = a - \frac{1}{z_1} = z_2$

But since  $|z_1| \geq 1$  and  $|z_2| \leq 1$  we have

that  $|z_1| = 1$  and  $z_2, \bar{z}_2$  on the circular arc joining  $p$  to  $-\bar{p}$ . The same is true for  $-\frac{1}{z_1}$ .



$z_2 = a - \frac{1}{z_1} \in F, a \in \mathbb{Z}$

implies that

either  $\boxed{a=0}$  then  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = S$

and  $z_2 = -1/z_1$  are the 2

are 2 equivalent points on the arc from  $p$  to  $-\bar{p}$ .

Note in this case if  $z_1 = -1/z_1 = z_2$  then  $z = i$  i.e.  $\boxed{\gamma = S \text{ fixes } i}$  but moves the pts on the right of  $i$  to the left of  $i$  on the arc.

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} d=0 \\ c=1 \\ a=1 \end{cases} \text{ then}$$

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$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = TS$$

Since  $z_1$  is on the circle arc  
 so  $TS = -1/z_1$ . Then

$$z_1 \in F \text{ and } z_2 = \gamma z_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{z_1} \in F \text{ forces}$$

$z_1$  to be equal to  $-\bar{p}$  but then

$$z_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} z_1 = -\bar{p} = p+1$$

Hence  
 $d=0, c=1$

$$\boxed{TS \text{ fixes } -\bar{p} = p+1}$$

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} d=0 \\ c=1 \\ a=-1 \end{cases} \text{ then}$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (ST)^2$$

$$z_2 = -1 - \frac{1}{z_1} \in F \text{ forces } z_1 = p = z_2$$

$$\text{ie. } \boxed{(ST)^2 \text{ fixes } p}$$

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} d=1 \\ c=1 \end{cases} \text{ then}$$

$$|cz_1 + d| = |z_1 + 1| \leq 1 \text{ and}$$

Since  $|z_1| \in F$  we have  $z_1 = p$ .

$$\text{and } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with } a-b=1$$

$$\gamma z_1 = \gamma p = \frac{ap + a-1}{p+1}$$

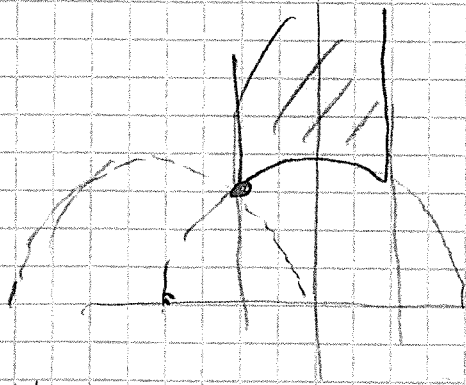
$$= a - \frac{1}{p+1} = a+p = z_2$$

Hence  $a=0$  or  $a=1$ . If  $a=0$

$$\text{then } z_1 = z_2 = p \text{ and } \gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \boxed{ST \text{ fixes } p}$$

If  $a=1$  then the two points are

$p$  and  $p+1$



Finally if  $c=1$   
 $d=-1$  then  $z_1 = -\bar{p}$

leads to either  $z_1 = -\bar{p} = z_2 = p$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = (TS)^2$$

or  $z_1 = -\bar{p}$ ,  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $z_2 = p$ .

Finally to prove (d) let  $\Gamma' = \langle S, T \rangle \subset \Gamma$

Take  $z_0 \in \text{int } F$ , say  $z_0 = 2i$

let  $g \in \Gamma$  consider  $z = gz_0 \in \mathbb{H}$ .

The proof of part (a) shows that  $\exists$

$\gamma' \in \Gamma$  such that  $\gamma'z \in F$

Then we have  $z_0, \gamma'gz_0 \in F$  are equivalent under  $\Gamma'$ . Since  $z_0 \in \text{int}$  and by part (b), we must have

$$\begin{aligned} g\gamma'z_0 = z_0 &\Rightarrow g\gamma' = \pm 1 \\ &\Rightarrow g \in \Gamma' \text{ and } \Gamma' = \Gamma. \end{aligned}$$

Constructive proof of (d)

One can in fact give an algorithm which writes any LFT as a word in  $S$  and  $T$  and their inverses

It suffices to prove this for matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ with } c \geq 0.$$

We use induction on  $c$ .

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If  $c=0$  then  $ad=1$  so  $a=d=\pm 1$   
and  $A = \pm \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = T^{\pm b} \in \langle S, T \rangle$

If  $c=1$  then  $ad-b=1$  so that  $b=ad-1$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & ad-1 \\ 1 & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & d \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = T^a S T^d$$

Assume the statement holds (re every  $\gamma \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) \neq \pm I$  is a word in  $S$  and  $T$ ) with lower left element  $\leq c$  for some  $c \geq 1$ .

Since  $ad-bc=1$ ,  $(c, d)=1$ .

Dividing  $d$  by  $c$ ,  $d=cq+r$ ,  $0 < r \leq c$ .

Then  $A T^{-q} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -q \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b-aq \\ c & r \end{pmatrix}$

$$A T^{-q} S = \begin{pmatrix} -aq+b & -a \\ r & -c \end{pmatrix} \quad r \leq c$$

By inductive hyp. this last matrix is a word in  $S$  and  $T$ , hence so is  $A$

(If  $c \neq 0$  multiplying by an appropriate power of  $T$  and  $S$  allows one to reduce the abs. value of  $c$ .)  $\square$

$$\underline{Ex} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 3 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \quad 14 = 3 \cdot 5 - 1$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 9 \\ 3 & 14 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A T^{-5} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A T^{-5} S = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A T^{-5} S T^{-3} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-3 = -1 \cdot 3 + 0$$

$$A T^{-5} S T^{-3} S = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = T^{-1}$$

$$\boxed{A = T^{-1} S T^{-3} S T^{-5}}$$