

# The six vertex model on random lattices using Jacobi theta functions

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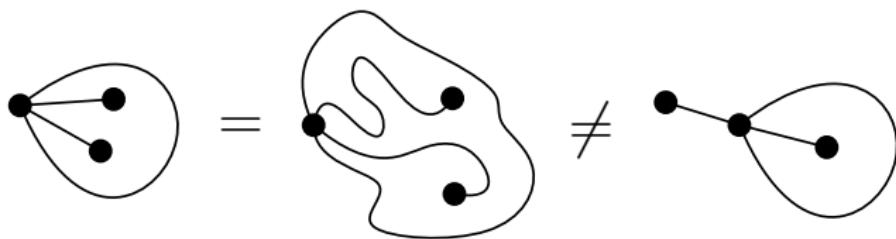
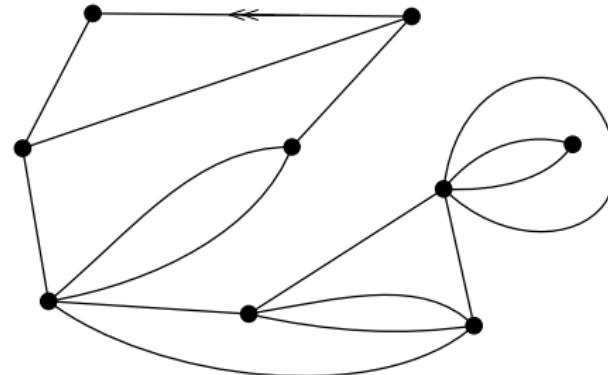
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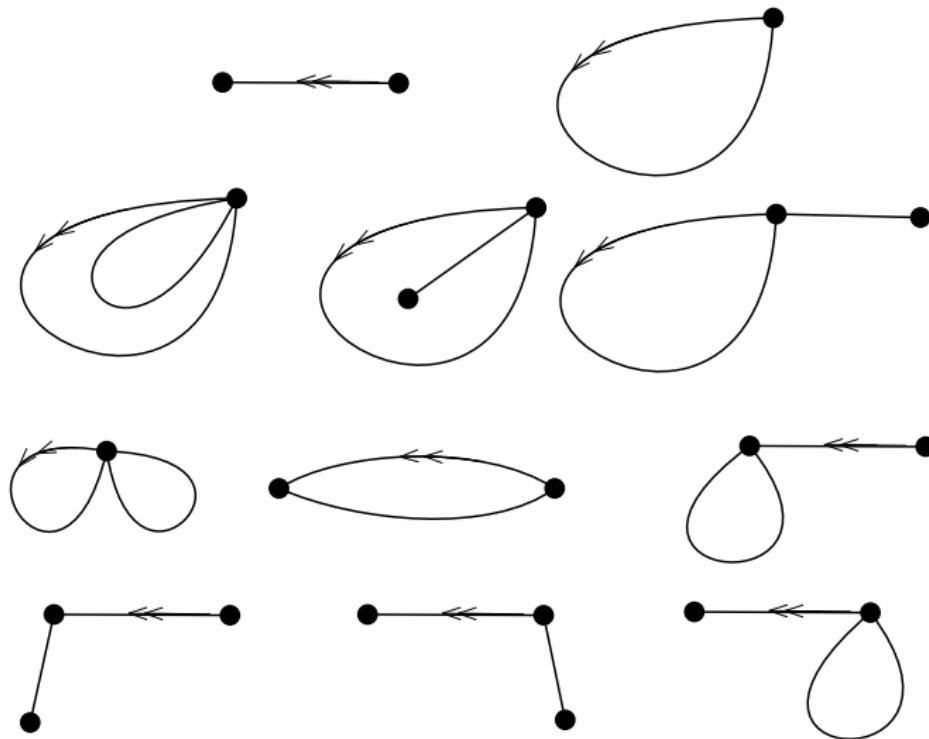
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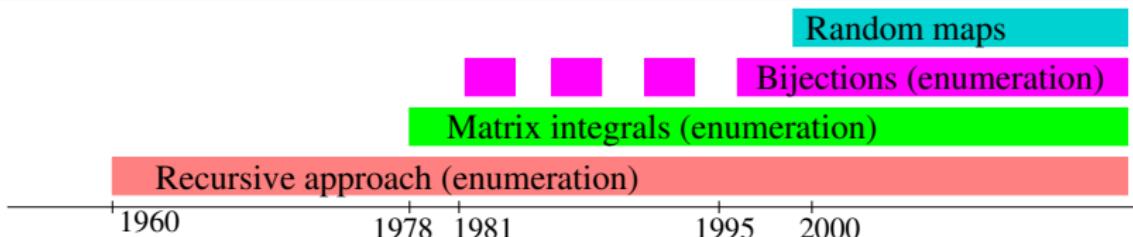
**Planar map:** Drawing of (planar) graph on the sphere with a marked, directed *root* edge (up to orientation preserving homeomorphisms).



# SMALL PLANAR MAPS



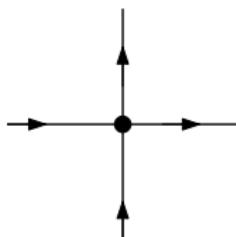
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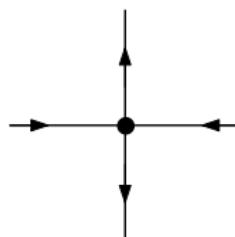
- **Recursive approach:** Tutte, Brown, Bender, Canfield, Richmond, Goulden, Jackson, Wormald, Walsh, Lehman, Gao, Wanless...
- **Matrix integrals:** Brézin, Itzykson, Parisi, Zuber, Bessis, Ginsparg, Kostov, Zinn-Justin, Boulatov, Kazakov, Mehta, Bouttier, Di Francesco, Guitter, Eynard...
- **Bijections:** Cori & Vauquelin, Schaeffer, Bouttier, Di Francesco & Guitter (BDG), Bernardi, Fusy, Poulalhon, Bousquet-Mélou, Chapuy...
- **Geometric properties of random maps:** Chassaing & Schaeffer, BDG, Marckert & Mokkadem, Jean-François Le Gall, Miermont, Curien, Albenque, Bettinelli, Ménard, Angel, Sheffield, Miller, Gwynne...

# “SIX” VERTEX MODEL

Each vertex has 2 incoming and 2 outgoing edges.



Non-alternating  
(weight  $t$ )



Alternating  
(weight  $t\gamma$ )

**Definition:**  $q_{n,k}$  = number of maps with  $n$  vertices,  $k$  alternating and  $n - k$  non-alternating.

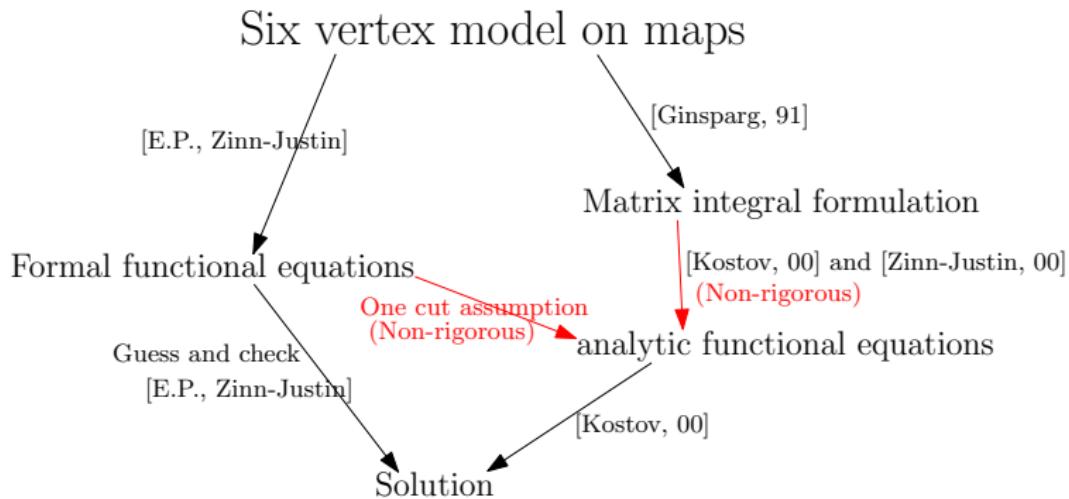
**Definition:** weight of a map = product of weights of its vertices.

**Definition:**  $Q(t, \gamma) = \sum_{n,k} q_{n,k} t^n \gamma^k$  = sum of weights of all maps.

**Aim:** Determine  $Q(t, \gamma)$ .

# BACKGROUND ON THE SIX VERTEX MODEL

- “Solved” by Kostov in 2000 using matrix integral techniques.
- Solution was not rigorous.
- We made this argument rigorous and simplified the form of the solutions.



Solutions discovered for  $\gamma = 0, 1$  using a completely different method  
[E.P. and Bousquet-Mélou, 2019]:

The generating function  $\mathbf{Q}(t, 0)$  is given by

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# TALK OUTLINE

- **Part 1:** Functional equations for six vertex model
- **Part 2:** Solving functional equations (guess and check)
- **Part 3:** deriving the guesses
- **Part 4:** Modular properties and algebraicity for the 6-vertex model

## Part 1: Deriving functional equations

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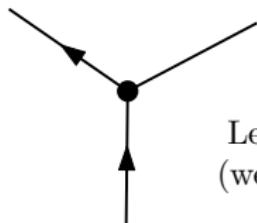
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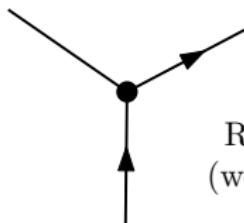
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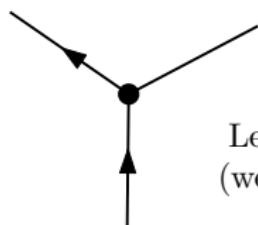
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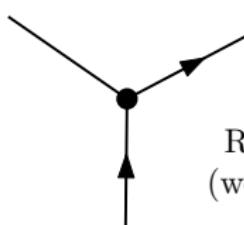
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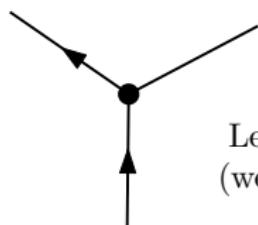
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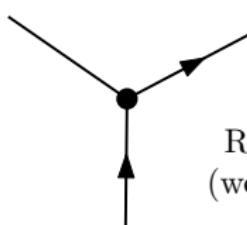
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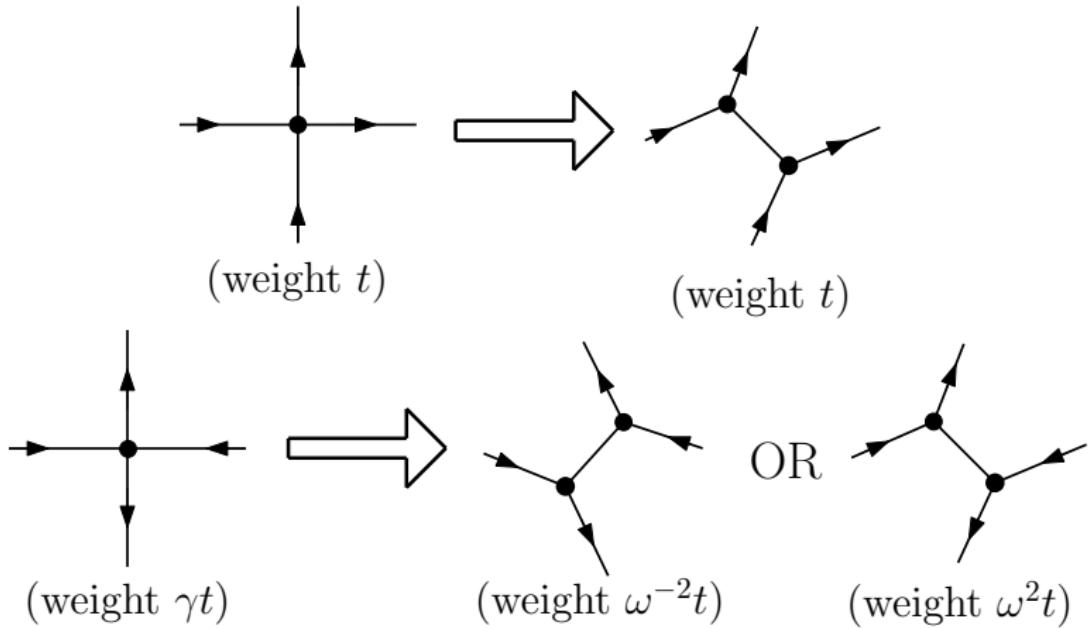
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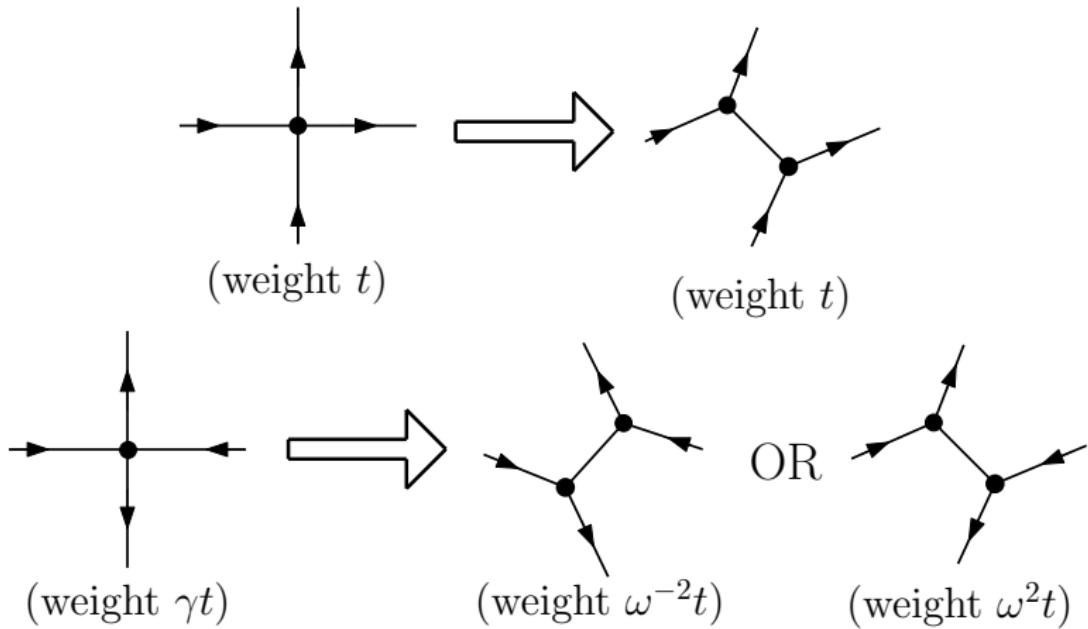
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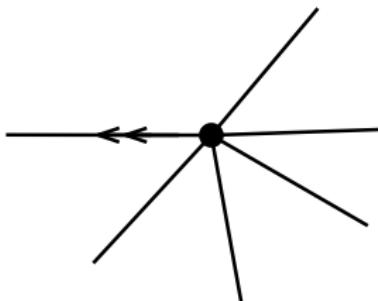
**Reverse direction:** contract undirected edges.

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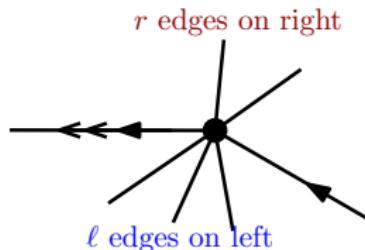
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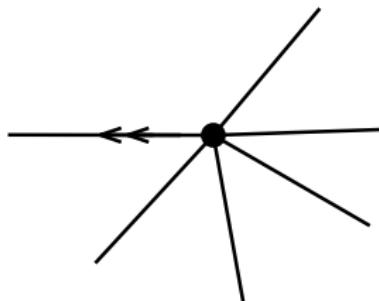
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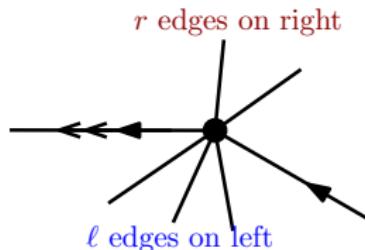
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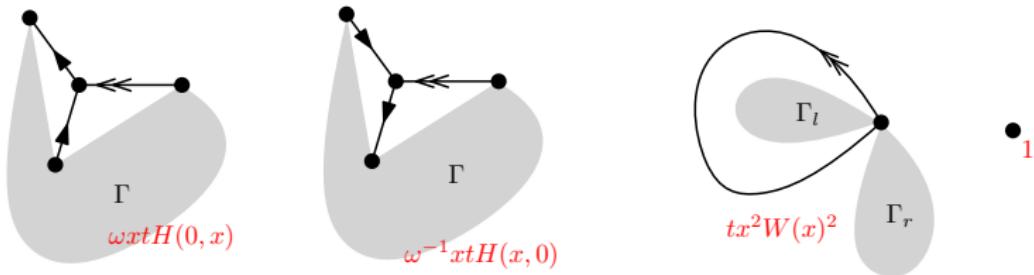
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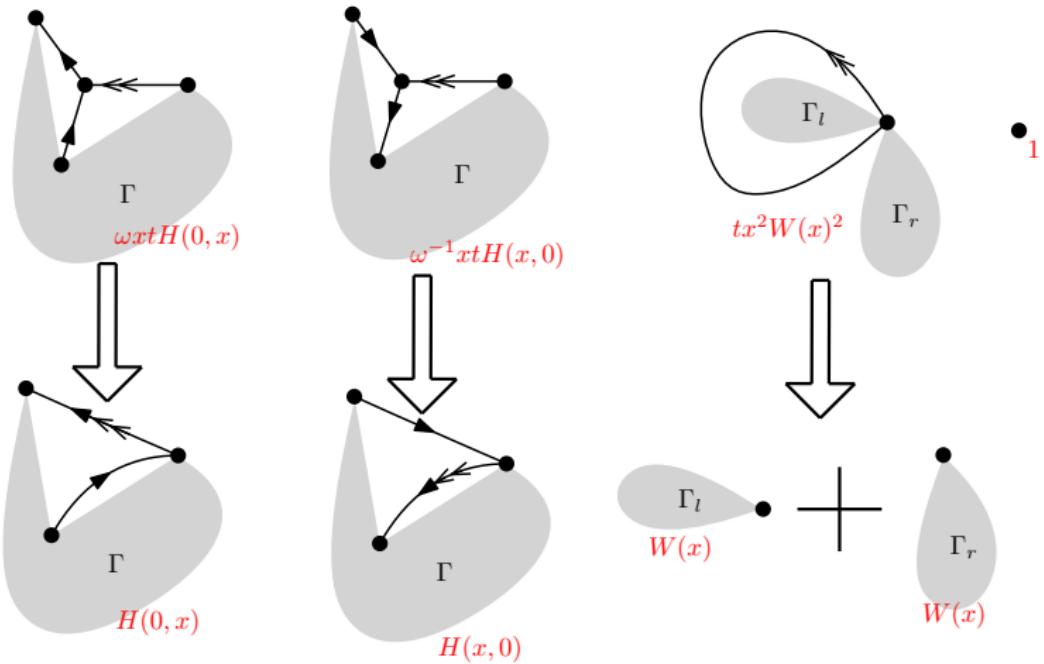
**For functional equations:** Contract the root edge.

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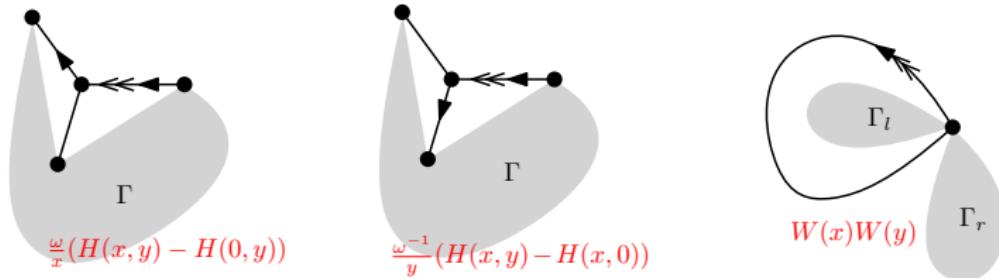
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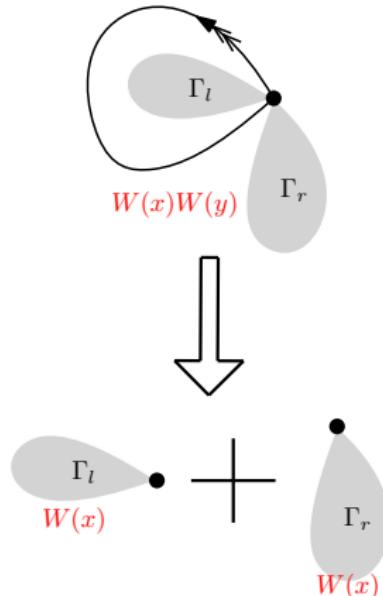
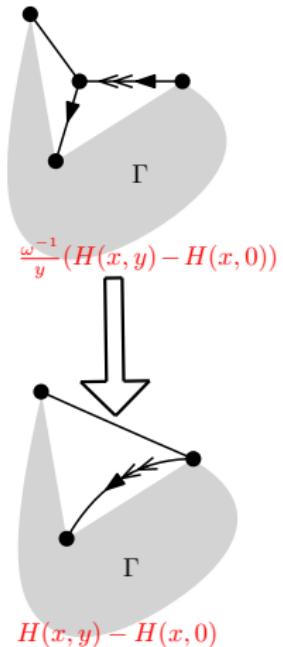
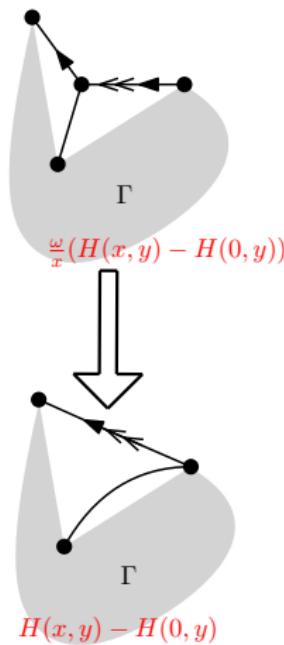
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So, we just need to guess and check

# EXPRESSIONS FOR $\mathsf{W}(x)$ AND $\mathsf{H}(x, y)$

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$$b = \frac{1}{16t} \frac{\cos(\alpha)}{\sin^3(\alpha)} \frac{\vartheta(\alpha)^2}{\vartheta'(\alpha)^2}, \quad x_0 = \frac{\cos \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha} \frac{\vartheta'(0)}{\vartheta'(\alpha)}, \quad c = -\omega - \omega^{-1},$$

$$V(z) = b \left( \frac{\vartheta'(z)^2}{\vartheta(z)^2} - \frac{\vartheta''(z)}{\vartheta(z)} + \frac{\vartheta'''(0)}{3\vartheta'(0)} \right), \quad x(z) = x_0 \frac{\vartheta(z+\alpha)}{\vartheta(z)},$$

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Expressions are formal series in  $t$ ,  $\omega$ , and (in some cases)  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $e^{2iz}$ .

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## Part 3: Non-rigorously deriving expressions for $W(x)$ and $H(x, y)$

(by copying Kostov)

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**Step 3:** (Kernel method) Substitute  $y \rightarrow \frac{\omega^2 x}{\omega x - 1}$  so that  
 $\left(1 - \frac{\omega}{y} - \frac{\omega^{-1}}{x}\right) = 0$ . The second equation becomes:

$$0 = W(x)W\left(\frac{\omega^2 x}{\omega x - 1}\right) - \frac{\omega x - 1}{\omega x} H(x, 0) - \frac{\omega^{-1}}{x} H\left(0, \frac{\omega^2 x}{\omega x - 1}\right)$$

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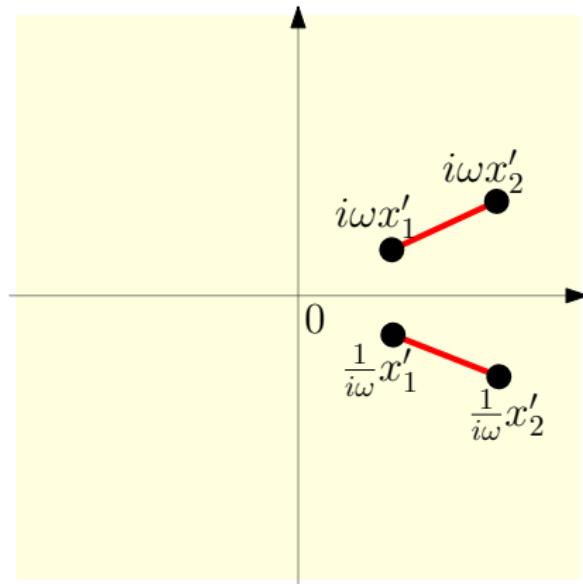
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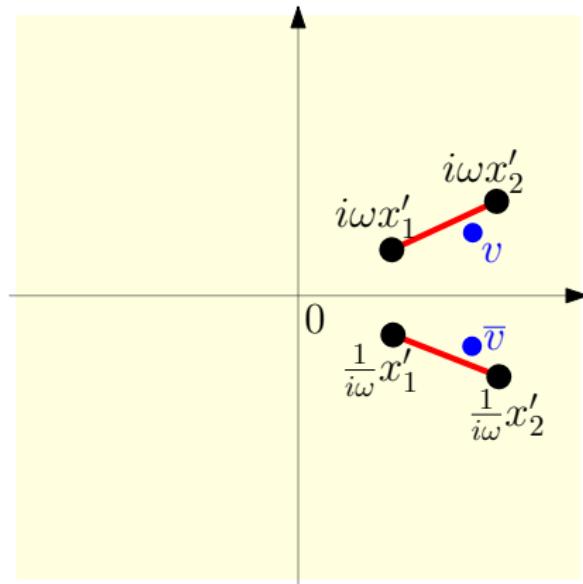
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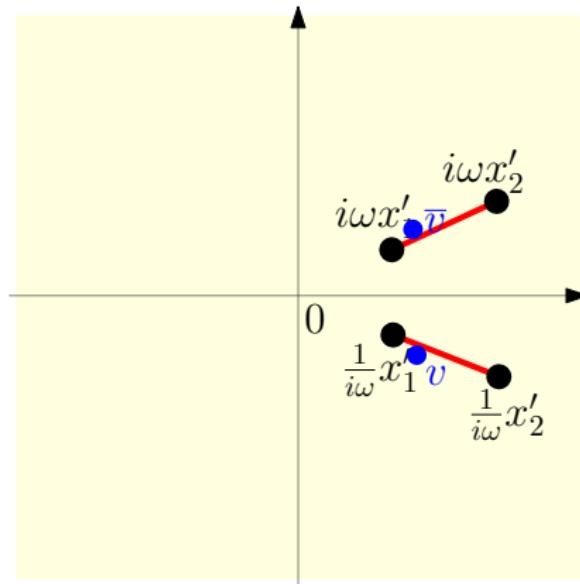
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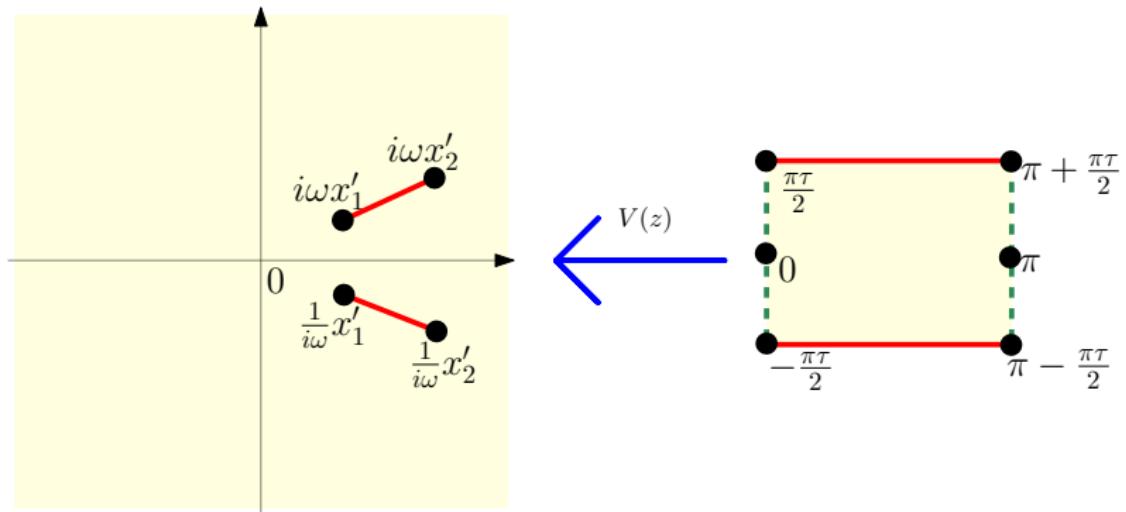
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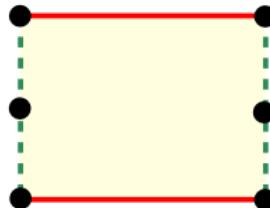
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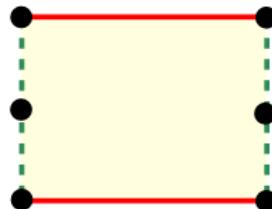
**Left:**  $U(v)$  is analytic on yellow region.

There is a unique  $\tau \in i\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  and conformal map  $V(z)$  from the flat cylinder of height  $\pi\tau$  onto this region ( $V(z) = V(z + \pi)$ ).

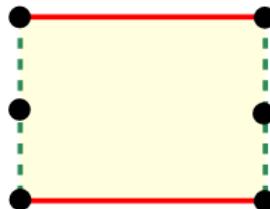
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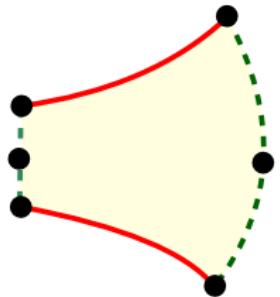
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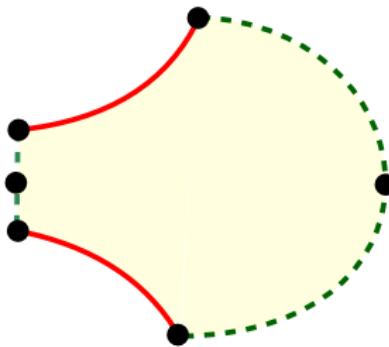
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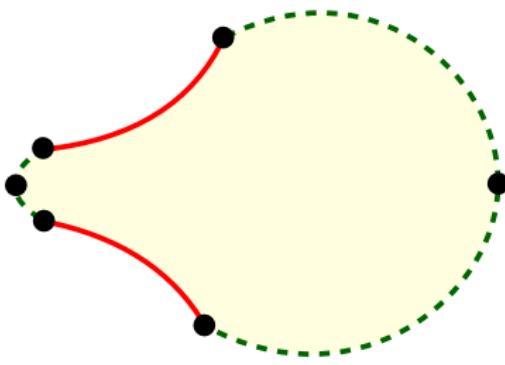
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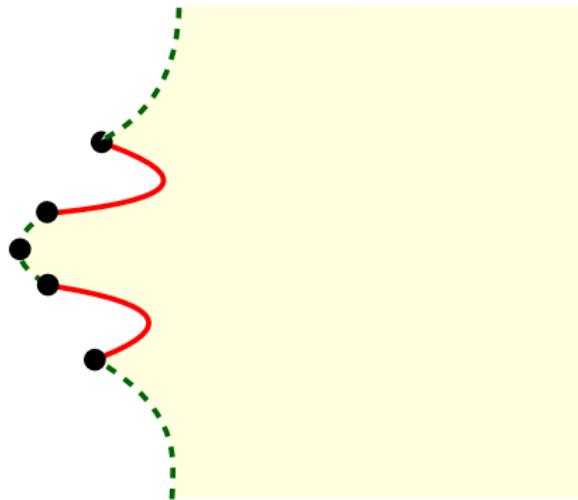
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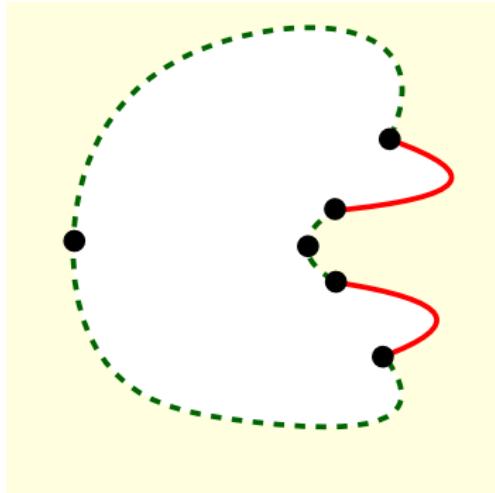
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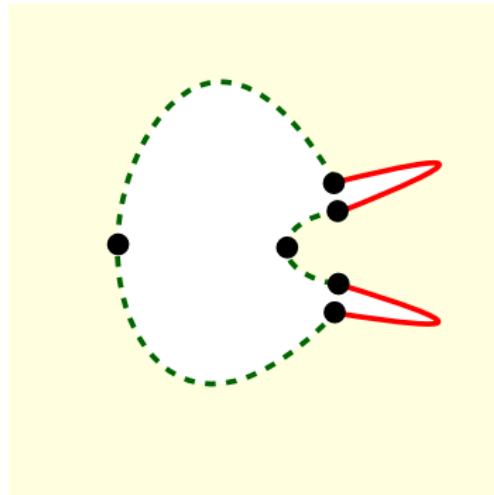
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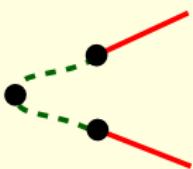
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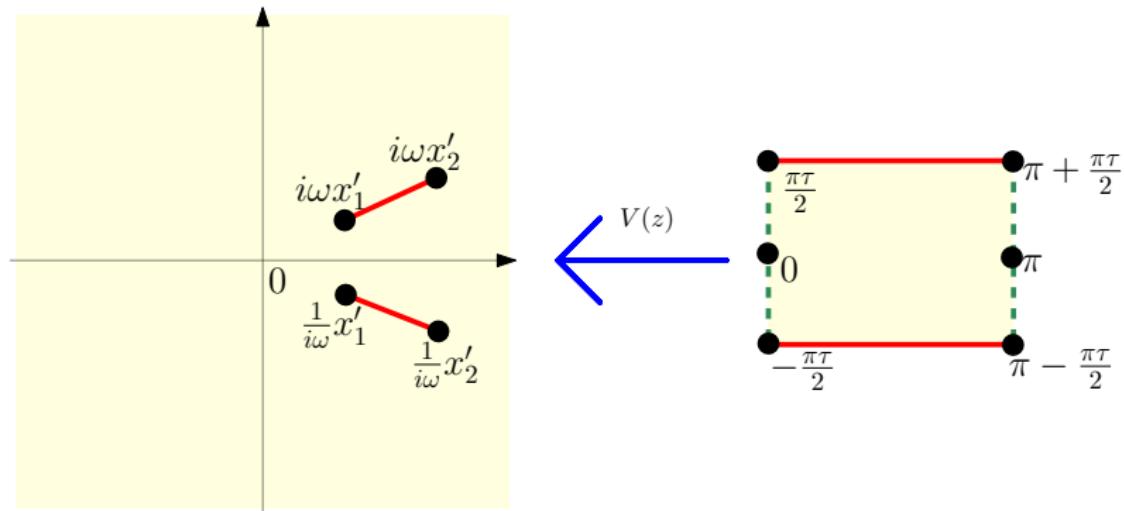
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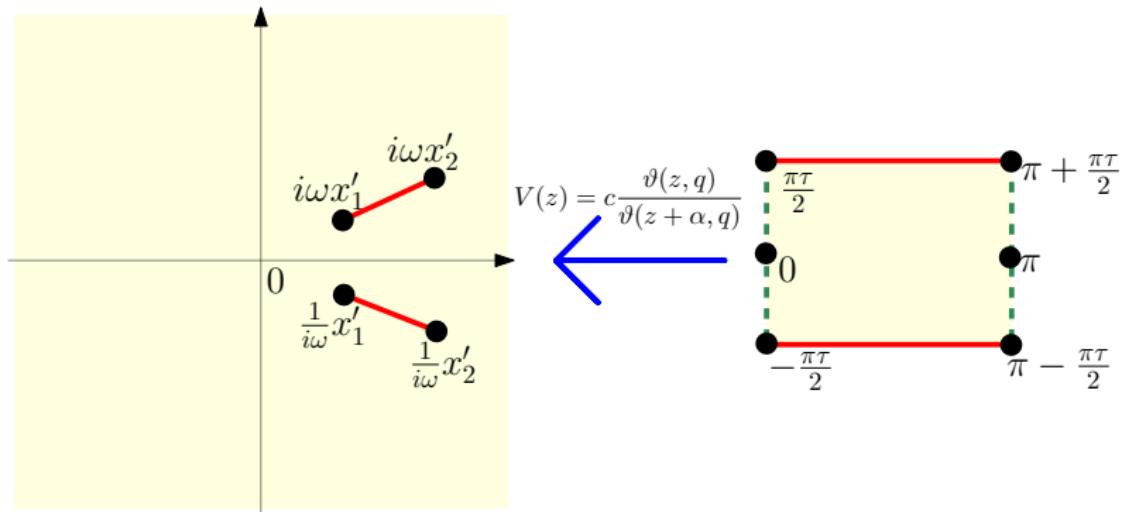


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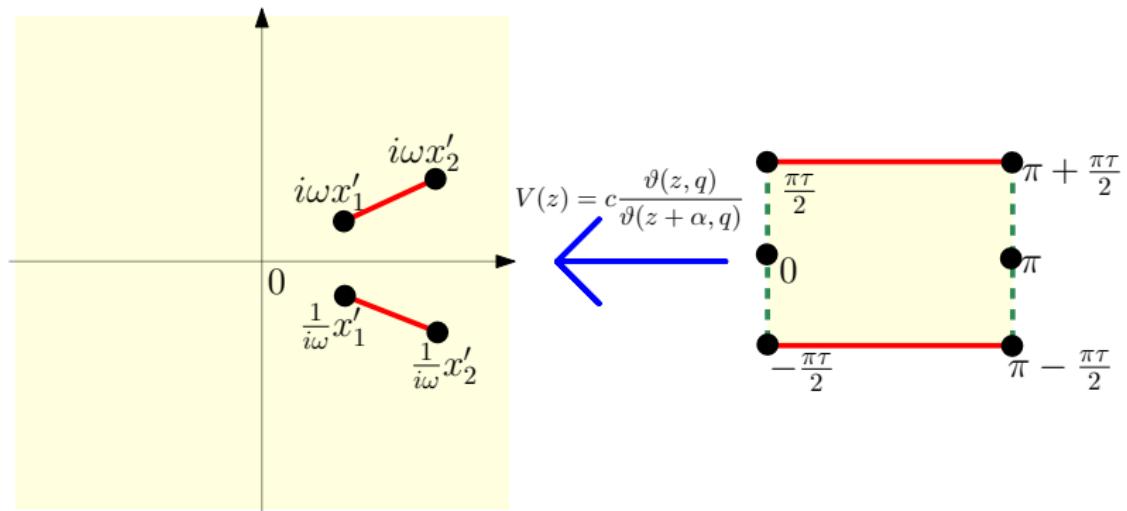


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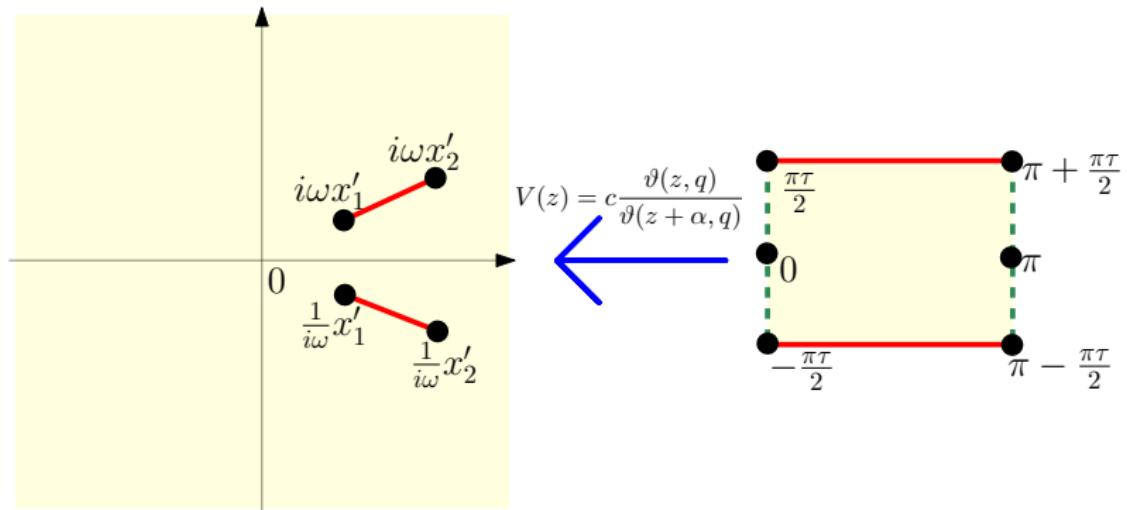
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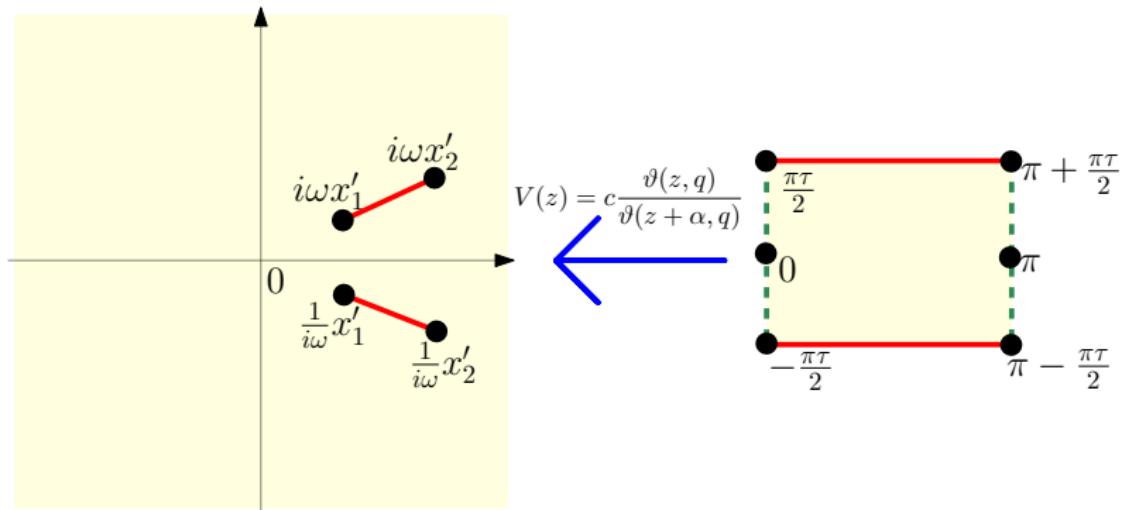
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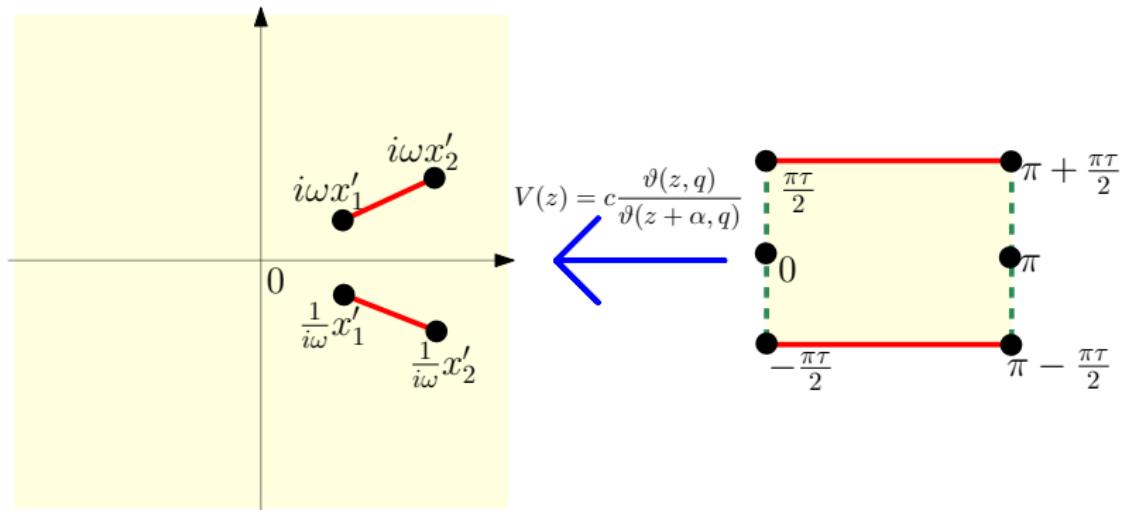
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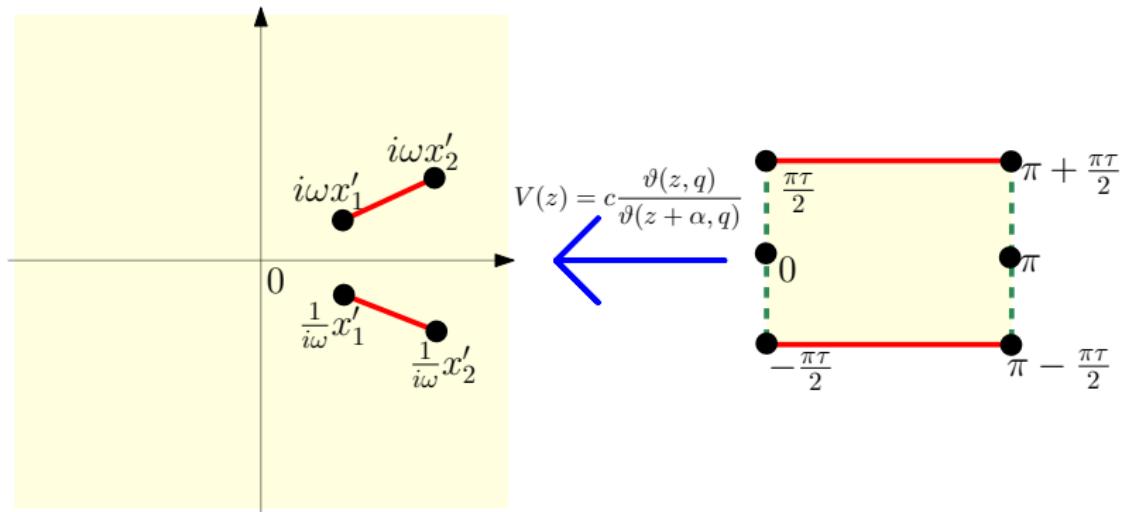
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→ integral expression for  $W(x)$  and  $H(x, y) \rightarrow Q(t, \gamma)$ .

# SOLUTION FOR $\mathbf{Q}(t, \gamma)$

Define

$$\vartheta(z, q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (e^{(2n+1)iz} - e^{-(2n+1)iz}) q^{(2n+1)^2/8}.$$

Let  $q = q(t, \alpha)$  be the unique series satisfying

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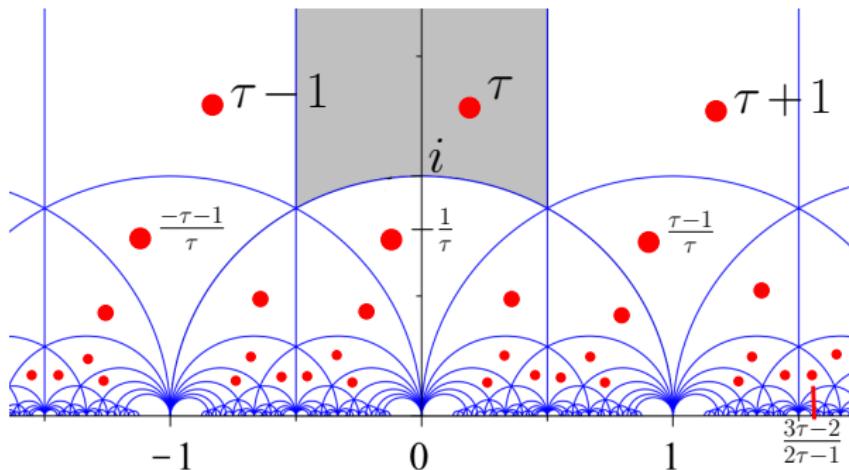
Define  $\mathbf{R}(t, \gamma)$  by

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Then

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## Part 4: Modular properties in special cases



Nice reference for modular properties of theta functions:  
*Elliptic Modular Forms and Their Applications*, Zagier, 2008.

# VARYING $\tau$

**Recall:**  $\vartheta(z|\tau) = \vartheta(z, e^{i\pi\tau}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n (e^{(2n+1)iz} + e^{-(2n+1)iz}) e^{(n+1/2)^2 i\pi\tau}$

**Aim:** relate  $\vartheta(z|\tau)$  to other  $\tau$  values

**Natural transformations:**  $\tau \rightarrow \tau + 1$  and  $\tau \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\tau}$

**Equations:**

- $\vartheta(z|\tau + 1) = e^{i\pi/4} \vartheta(z, \tau)$
- $\vartheta\left(\frac{z}{\tau} \mid -\frac{1}{\tau}\right) = -i(-i\tau)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{i}{\pi\tau} z^2\right) \vartheta(z|\tau)$

These transformations generate the group of transformations

$$\tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d},$$

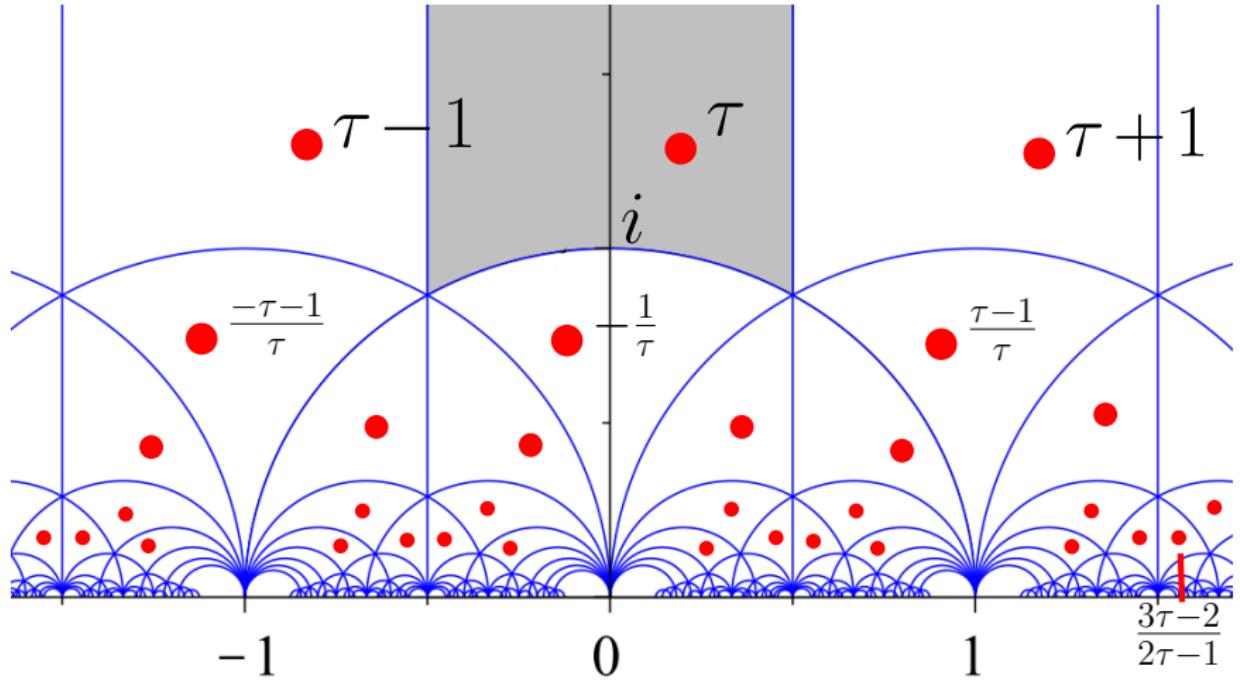
satisfying  $ad - bc = 1$ .

This is isomorphic to the group  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$  of matrices

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# ALGEBRAICITY FOR $\mathbf{Q}(t, \gamma)??$

**Recall:**

$$t = \frac{\cos \alpha}{64 \sin^3 \alpha} \left( -\frac{\vartheta(\alpha, \tau) \vartheta'''(\alpha, \tau)}{\vartheta'(\alpha, \tau)^2} + \frac{\vartheta''(\alpha, \tau)}{\vartheta'(\alpha, \tau)} \right).$$

$$\mathbf{R}(t, -2 \cos(2\alpha)) = \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{96 \sin^4 \alpha} \frac{\vartheta(\alpha, \tau)^2}{\vartheta'(\alpha, \tau)^2} \left( -\frac{\vartheta'''(\alpha, \tau)}{\vartheta'(\alpha, \tau)} + \frac{\vartheta'''(0, \tau)}{\vartheta'(0, \tau)} \right).$$

$$\mathbf{Q}(t, \gamma) = \frac{1}{(\gamma + 2)t^2} (t - (\gamma + 2)t^2 - \mathbf{R}(t, \gamma)).$$

**Theorem** [E.P. and Zinn-Justin]: if  $\alpha \in \pi\mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\mathbf{R}$  and

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{d\mathbf{R}^2}$$

are both modular functions (when written as functions of  $\tau$ ), so they are algebraically related.

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Specific cases:

- $\gamma = 0$ :  $\frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2} = \frac{4}{R(1 - 16R)}$ .
- $\gamma = 1$ :  $\frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2} = \frac{6}{R(1 - 27R)}$ .
- $\gamma = -1$ :  $\frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2} = \frac{2}{h(1+h)(1+4h)(1-8h)}$ , where  $R = h(1+2h)$ .
- $\gamma = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ :  $R$  and  $S = \frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2}$  are related by

$$R = h \left( 1 - \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} h \right) / \left( 1 + (2 + \sqrt{5})h \right)^3$$

$$S = (5 + \sqrt{5}) \left( 1 + (2 + \sqrt{5})h \right)^6 / \left( h \left( 1 - \frac{11 - 5\sqrt{5}}{2} h \right) \left( 1 - \frac{11 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2} h \right)^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} h \right) \right)$$

# THE CASES $\gamma = 0, 1$

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for  $\gamma = 1$ : the equation  $\frac{1}{t} \frac{d^2 t}{dR^2} = \frac{6}{R(1 - 27R)}$  implies

$$t = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \binom{3n}{n} R(t, 1)^{n+1}$$

**Recall:** in each case

$$Q(t, \gamma) = \frac{1}{(\gamma + 2)t^2} (t - (\gamma + 2)t^2 - R(t, \gamma)).$$

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Yes! [E.P., Bousquet-Mélou, 2021+]
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# Thank you!