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Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$

On (3) Ricardo Sa Earp gave explicit formulas for parabolic and hyperbolic screw motions surfaces immersed in $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$. There, they gave several examples.

In this chapter we only consider surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature immersed in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. Since for $\tau \equiv 0$ we are in $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ then we have generalized the result obtained by Ricardo Sa Earp when the surface is invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature. In this chapter we also give explicit formulas and we give the geometric behavior for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature immersed in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$.

In this chapter we focus our attention on surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries. To study this kind of surface we take the half space model for the hyperbolic space, that is, $M^2 = \mathbb{H}^2$.

By Proposition 5.1.1, we know that, to obtain a parabolic motions on $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$, it is necessary consider a parabolic isometry on \mathbb{H}^2 .

7.1

Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries main lemma

The idea to obtain surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries is simple. We will take a curve in the yt plane and we will apply one-parameter group Γ of parabolic isometries on $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. We denote by $\alpha(y) = (0, y, u(y))$ the curve in the yt plane and by $S = \Gamma(\alpha)$, the surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries generated by α .

Since the most simple parabolic isometry on \mathbb{H}^2 is the horizontal translation, then our surface S is parameterized by,

$$\varphi(x, y) = (x, y, u(y))$$

Lemma 7.1.1. *With the notations above, and denoting by H the mean curvature of S , then the function u satisfies*

$$u(y) = \int \frac{(dy - 2H)\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{y\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

where d is a real number.

Proof. The proof is analogous to the case of rotational surfaces. By completeness we give it. Since S has mean curvature H , then by lemma 5.2.1 the function u satisfies the equation

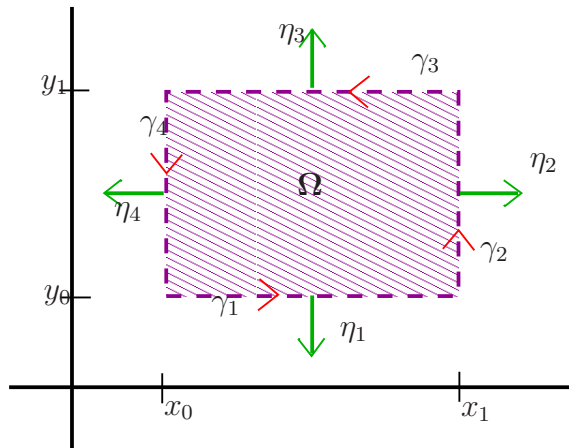
$$2H = \text{div}_{\mathbb{H}^2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{W} e_1 + \frac{\beta}{W} e_2 \right), \tag{7-1}$$

where $W = \sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2}$, $\alpha = -2\tau$, and $\beta = \frac{u_y}{\lambda}$.

Making:

$$X_u = \frac{\alpha}{W} e_1 + \frac{\beta}{W} e_2$$

And let $x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x_0 < x_1$ and $0 < y_0, y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $y_0 < y_1$ and consider the domain $\Omega = [x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1]$ in the plane xy .



By integrating the equation (7-1), we obtain

$$\int_{\partial(\Omega)} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = 2H \text{Area}([x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1])$$

where η is the outer co-normal.

Since

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = \int_{\gamma_1} \langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_2} \langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_3} \langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_4} \langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle$$

we compute each integral.

For the first integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_1(s) = (s, y_0), \quad x_0 \leq s \leq x_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_1' = \partial_x,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_1'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_1 = -e_2.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = \frac{-\beta(y_0)}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} -\frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(x_0) dx$$

For the third integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_3(s) = (x_1 - s, y_1), \quad 0 \leq s \leq x_1 - x_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_3' = -\partial_x,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_3'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_3 = e_2.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \frac{\beta(y_1)}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \int_0^{x_1-x_0} \frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(y_1) ds = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(y_1) dx$$

For the second integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_2(s) = (x_1, s), \quad y_0 \leq s \leq y_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_2' = \partial_y,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_2'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_2 = e_1.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = \frac{\alpha}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_2} \langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\alpha \lambda}{W} dy$$

For the four integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_4(s) = (x_0, x_1 - s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq x_1 - x_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_4' = \partial_y,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_4'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_4 = -e_1.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = -\frac{\alpha}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_4} \langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = \int_0^{y_1 - y_0} -\frac{\alpha \lambda (y_1 - s)}{W} ds = \int_{x_0}^{y_1} -\frac{\alpha \lambda}{W} dy$$

Taking into account this four integrals, we obtain:

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_1) dx - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_0) dx$$

Observe that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(\Omega) &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})} dy dx \\ &= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{1}{y^2} dy dx \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we conclude that,

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(y_1) dx - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(y_0) dx = 2H \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \lambda^2 dy dx$$

which we can write in the form,

$$\int_{y_0}^{y_1} \partial_y \left(\frac{\beta\lambda}{W}(y) \right) dy = 2H \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \lambda^2 dy$$

As Ω is any domain in the plane xy , and taking the derivative with respect to y we obtain:

$$\partial_y \left(\frac{\lambda\beta}{W} \right) = 2H\lambda^2$$

by integrating this expression,

$$\frac{\lambda^2\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\tau^2\lambda^2 + u_y^2}} = -2H\lambda + d$$

where $d \in \mathbb{R}$. This implies,

$$u_y^2[1 - (dy - 2H)^2] = (dy - 2H)^2[\lambda^2 + 4\tau^2\lambda^2]$$

thus the function u satisfies,

$$u(\rho) = \int \lambda \frac{(dy - 2H)\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

□

7.2

Examples of surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{\text{PSL}}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$

After a straightforward computation we obtain the next lemma.

Lemma 7.2.1. *The solution of the integral is given by*

– If $H \equiv 0$, then

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy)$$

- If $H = \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(dy-1)}{2}\right) + 1}$$

- If $H > \frac{1}{2}$, then

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) + \frac{4\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}} \arctan\left(\frac{2H \tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(dy-2H)}{2}\right) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$

where $d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. We integrate each expression.

1. First, we consider the case $H \equiv 0$, then the integral

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 2H}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

becomes

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int d \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - d^2 y^2}} dy$$

that is

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy)$$

2. Second, we consider the case $H = 1/2$, but we are doing the same computation to the case $H \neq 0$, then the integral

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 2H}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

we can write as

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy - 2H}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

now, we integrate by part, set

$$- u = \frac{1}{y}, \text{ then } du = -\frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$- dv = \frac{dy - 2H}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}, \text{ then } v = -\frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{d}$$

so, the integral becomes,

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \left[-\frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{dy} - \frac{1}{d} \int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy \right]$$

now, we are going to integrate the integral

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy$$

by substitution, making $s = dy - 2H$ then $ds = d.dy$, and $\frac{1}{y^2} = \left(\frac{d}{s + 2H}\right)^2$, thus

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy = d \int \frac{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}{(s + 2H)^2} ds$$

this least integral, we integrate by parts

$$\begin{aligned} - m &= \sqrt{1 - s^2}, \text{ then } dm = \frac{-s}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} ds \\ - dn &= \frac{ds}{(s + 2H)^2}, \text{ then } n = \frac{-1}{s + 2H} \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}{(s + 2H)^2} ds = -\frac{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}{s + 2H} - \int \frac{s}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}$$

thus, we obtain,

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{s}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}$$

we make

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{s}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{s + 2H - 2H}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} - \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{2H}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(s) - 2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} H \int \frac{1}{s + 2H} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) - 2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} H \int \frac{1}{s + 2H} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}$$

to integrate the least integral, we set $s = \sin(p)$, then $ds = \cos(p)dp$, so

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) - 2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H \int \frac{1}{\sin(p) + 2H} dp \quad (7-2)$$

here, we consider that $H = 1/2$, then

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(dy-1)}{2}\right) + 1}$$

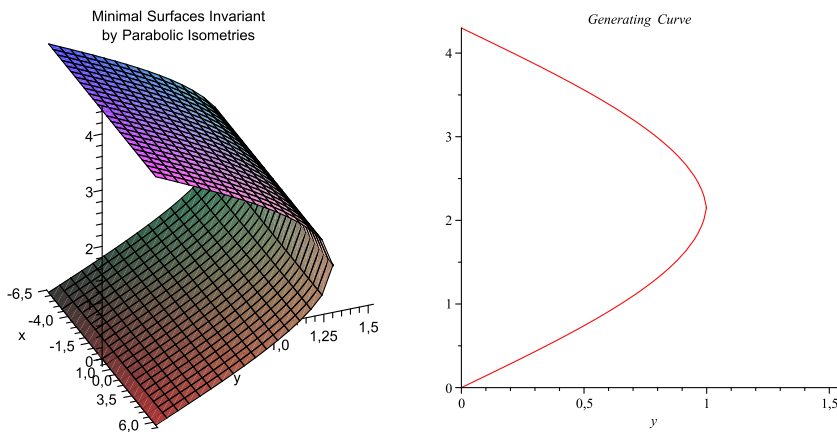
3. Third, we consider $H \neq 0$, we follow the proof in the second case, thus by using the equation (7-2), we obtain

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) + \frac{4\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}} \arctan\left(\frac{2H \tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(dy-2H)}{2}\right) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$

□

This Lemma gives an immediate examples:

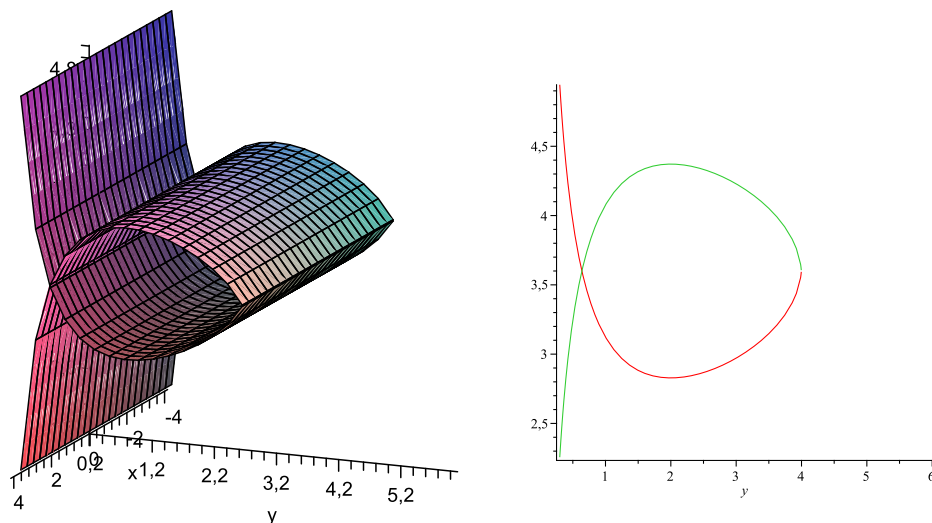
Example 7.2.1. Considering $H \equiv 0$, $\tau = -1/2$ and $d = 1$, we obtain a minimal surface invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries which is a vertical graph, by considering the rotation by π around the y axis we obtain a complete embedded minimal surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{\text{PSL}}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$.



Example 7.2.2. Considering $H = 1/2$, $\tau = -1/2$ and $d = 1/2$, we obtain

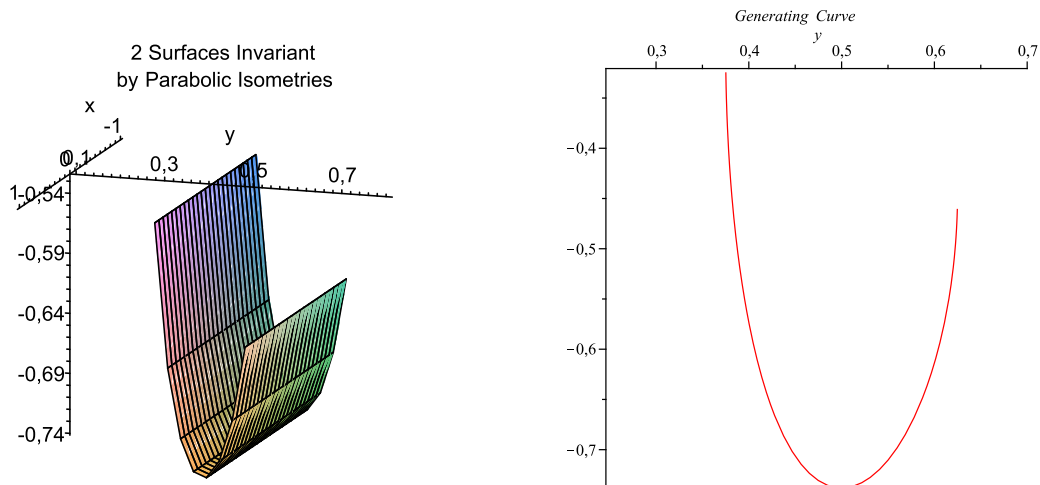
$$u(y) = \sqrt{2} \arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(dy-1)}{2}\right) + 1}$$

with Maple's help:

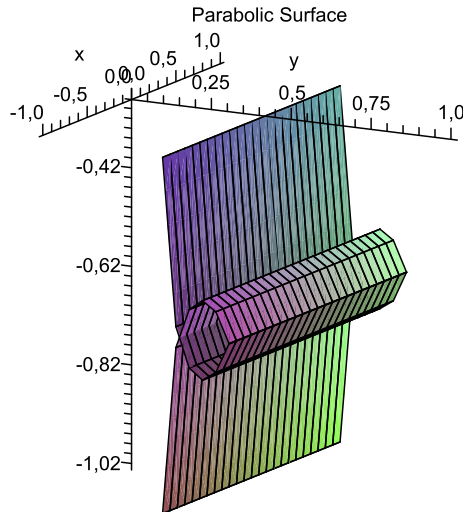


Example 7.2.3. Finally, we plot a $H = 2$ surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries. Putting $d = 8$, $\tau = -1/2$ and $H = 2$, we obtain:

$$u(y) = \sqrt{2} \arcsin(8y - 2H) - \frac{4\sqrt{2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}} \arctan\left(\frac{2H \tan\left(\frac{\arcsin(8y - 2H)}{2}\right) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$



By considering the rotation around the y axes we have a complete surface, here we give part of this surface.



7.3

Surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{\text{PSL}}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$ having constant mean curvature $H \neq 0$

In this section we describe the behavior of surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries, which have constant mean curvature $H \neq 0$. For later use we define the function $g(y) = dy - 2H$.

Taking into account Formula (7.1.1), we obtain the next Lemma.

Lemma 7.3.1. *Let H be the mean curvature of a surface invariant by parabolic isometries. Then from the Formula (7.1.1) we obtain,*

1. *If $d > 0$, we have*

- *If $1/2 < H$, then $y_1 < y < y_2$ where $y_1 = \frac{2H - 1}{d}$ and $y_2 = \frac{2H + 1}{d}$ and there exist a unique number $y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} \in (y_1, y_2)$ satisfying $g(y_0) = 0$. Furthermore $g \leq 0$ on $[y_1, y_0]$ and $g \geq 0$ on $(y_0, y_1]$. Consequently, the function $h(y)$ is defined on $[y_1, y_2]$, has a nonfinite derivative at y_1 and y_2 , is strictly decreasing on (y_1, y_0) and strictly creasing on (y_0, y_2) .*
- *If $0 < H < 1/2$, then $0 < y < y_2$ and there exist a unique number $y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} \in (0, y_2)$ satisfying $g(y_0) = 0$. Furthermore $g \leq 0$ on $(0, y_0)$ and $g \geq 0$ on $(y_0, y_1]$. Consequently, the function $u(y)$ is defined on $(0, y_2]$. The function u has a nonfinite derivative at y_2 , is strictly decreasing on $(0, y_0)$ and strictly creasing on (y_0, y_2) .*

2. *If $d < 0$, we have*

- Here, necessarily $0 < H < 1/2$. Setting $d = -c$, we have that, $0 < y < y_2$, where $y_2 = \frac{1-2H}{c}$. Consequently, the function $u(y)$ is defined on $(0, y_2]$, has a nonfinite derivative y_2 , is strictly decreasing on $(0, y_2)$.

Proof. Setting $f(y) = 1 - (dy - 2H)^2$, then $f(y) = 0 \iff y = \frac{2Hd \pm |d|}{d^2}$. So

1. If $d > 0$, then $y = \frac{2H \pm 1}{d}$, thus we consider two cases,

- If $2H - 1 > 0$, then $f(y) > 0 \iff y_1 = \frac{2H - 1}{d} < y < y_2 = \frac{2H + 1}{d}$, and this is clear that $y_1 < y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} < y_2$. So the affirmation holds.
- If $2H - 1 < 0$, then $f(y) > 0 \iff 0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2H + 1}{d}$, and this is clear that $0 < y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} < y_2$. So the affirmation holds.

2. If $d < 0$. Setting $d = -c$, with $c > 0$, then $y = \frac{-2Hc \mp c}{c^2} = \frac{-2H \mp 1}{c}$, since that $y > 0$, this implies that $1 - 2H > 0$. So $u'(y) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{cy + 2H}{y\sqrt{1 - (cy + 2H)^2}}$, and $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{1 - 2H}{c}$, thus the function $u(y)$ is strictly decreasing and has a nonfinite derivative at y_2 . So the affirmation holds.

□

Lemma 7.3.2. *Letting $y \longrightarrow y_1, y_2$, we infer by a computation that the curvature*

$$k(\rho) = \frac{u''}{(1 + (u')^2)^{3/2}}$$

goes to

- If $d > 0$ and $H > 1/2$,

$$k(y_1) = -\frac{y_1^2 f'(y_1)}{(1 + 4\tau^2)g(y_1)}$$

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{y_2^2 f'(y_2)}{(1 + 4\tau^2)g(y_2)}$$

- If $d > 0$ and $0 < H < 1/2$

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{2dy_2^2}{1 + 4\tau^2}$$

– If $d < 0$, this is $d = -c$, $c > 0$,

$$k(y_2) = \frac{2cy_2^2}{1 + 4\tau^2}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to this one on Lemma (6.5.3). By considering

$$k(y) = \frac{y\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{[y^2f + (1 + 4\tau^2)g^2]^{3/2}}[2yfg' - 2gf - ygf']$$

□

As a consequence of Lemma (7.3.1), we have the next results.

Theorem 7.3.1. *Let S be the H surface invariant by parabolic isometries immersed into $\widetilde{\text{PSL}}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. Then, there exist a one-parameter family \mathcal{P}_d , $d \in \mathbb{R}$ of complete H -surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries such that,*

1. *For $d > 0$, and $H > 1/2$ the surface \mathcal{P}_d is immersed (and nonembedded) annulus, invariant by vertical translation, and is contained in the closed region bounded by the vertical cylinders $y = y_1$ and $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.a*
2. *For $d > 0$, and $0 < H < 1/2$ the surface \mathcal{P}_d is a properly immersed (and nonembedded) annulus, it is symmetric with respect to slice $t = 0$, the maximum value of y is $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.b*
3. *For $d = -c < 0$ and $0 < H < 1/2$ the surface \mathcal{P}_d is a properly embedded annulus symmetric with respect to the slice $t = 0$, and the maximum value of y is $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.c*
4. *When d tends to 0, then the surface \mathcal{P}_d tends toward the surface*

$$F(y) = \frac{-2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H \ln(y)}{\sqrt{1 - 4H^2}}$$

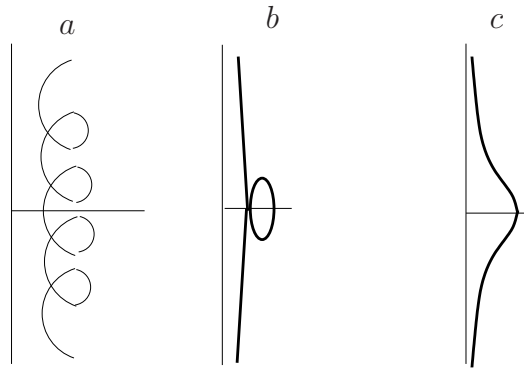


Figure 3.— Generating curve for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with $H \neq 1/2$

Now, we consider the case $H \equiv 1/2$. In this case the function u from the Lemma 7.1.1 become

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 1}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 1)^2}} dy \quad (7-3)$$

We denote by $f(y) = 1 - (dy - 1)^2$ and $g(y) = dy - 1$, so we obtain the next lemma.

Lemma 7.3.3. *By considering the surface S invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with constant mean curvature $H = 1/2$, we obtain that $d > 0$ and the function $h(y)$ is defined for $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2}{d}$. Furthermore, there exist a number $y_0 = \frac{1}{d}$ with $0 < y_0 < y_2$ such that $g(y)$ is positive for $0 < y < y_0$, $g(y_0) = 0$ and $g(y)$ is negative for $y_0 < y < y_2$. Consequently the function $h(y)$ is strictly decreasing for $0 < y < y_0$, has a horizontal tangent at $y = y_0$ and is strictly increasing for $y_0 < y < y_2$.*

Proof. The function $f(y) > 0 \Leftrightarrow (dy - 1)^2 < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < dy - 1 < 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 < dy < 2$, since $y > 0$ this implies that $d > 0$, so $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2}{d}$, observe that $f(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ either $y = 0$ or $y = \frac{2}{d}$. Observe that $0 < y_0 = \frac{1}{d} < \frac{2}{d}$, then $g(y)$ is positive for $0 < y < y_0$, $g(y_0) = 0$ and $g(y)$ is negative for $y_0 < y < y_2$. Consequently the function $h(y)$ is strictly decreasing for $0 < y < y_0$, has a horizontal tangent at $y = y_0$ and is strictly increasing for $y_0 < y < y_2$.

□

Considering $H = 1/2$, we have the next Lemma.

Lemma 7.3.4. *Letting $y \rightarrow y_2$, we infer by a computation that the curvature*

$$k(\rho) = \frac{u''}{(1 + (u')^2)^{3/2}}$$

goes to

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{2dy_2^2}{1 + 4\tau^2}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to this one on Lemma (6.5.3). □

As a consequence of Lemma 7.3.3 we have the next result.

Theorem 7.3.2. *Let S be the $H = 1/2$ surface invariant by parabolic isometries immersed into $\widetilde{\text{PSL}}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. Then, there exist a one-parameter family \mathcal{J}_d , $d \in \mathbb{R}_+$ of complete H -surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries such that the surface \mathcal{J}_d is a properly immersed (and non-embedded) annulus, it is symmetric with respect to slice $t = 0$, the maximum value of y is $y = y_2$. See Fig. 4*

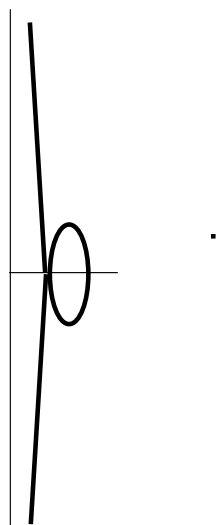


Figure 4.- Generating curve for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with $H \equiv 1/2$