

# Separating Systole for Random Hyperbolic Surfaces of Large Genus

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# Geometric Quantities on Hyperbolic Surfaces

Let  $X_g \in \mathcal{M}_g$  be a closed hyperbolic surface of genus  $g$  (curvature  $-1$ ).  
By Gauss-Bonnet formula,  $\text{Area}(X_g) = 4\pi(g - 1)$ .

There are many interesting geometric quantities to study. For example:

systole, separating systole, diameter,  
inradius, total pants length,  
eigenvalues, Cheeger constant  $\dots$

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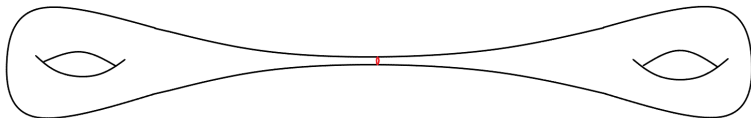
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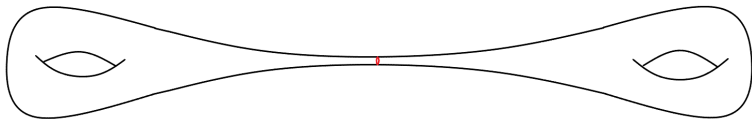
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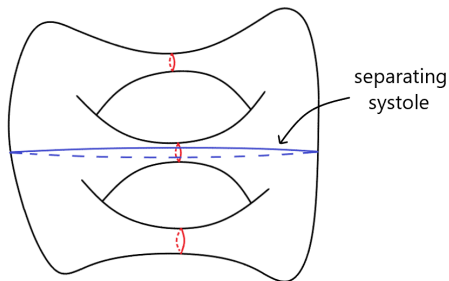
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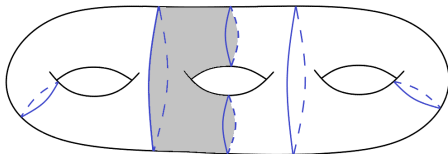
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# Random Hyperbolic Surfaces of Weil-Petersson Model

Let  $\mathcal{M}_g$  be the moduli space of closed hyperbolic surfaces of genus  $g$ . The Teichmüller space  $\mathcal{T}_g$  is a universal cover of  $\mathcal{M}_g$  and  $\mathcal{M}_g = \mathcal{T}_g / \text{Mod}_g$  where  $\text{Mod}_g = \text{Homeo}_+(S_g) / \text{Homeo}_0(S_g)$  is the mapping class group.

A pants decomposition  $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{3g-3}$  of the surface are  $3g - 3$  disjoint simple closed curve that separate the surface into  $2g - 2$  pants. The Fenchel-Nielsen coordinate  $(\ell_{\alpha_i}(X), \tau_{\alpha_i}(X))_{i=1}^{3g-3}$  gives a coordinate for  $\mathcal{T}_g$ . Here  $\ell_{\alpha_i}(X)$  is the length and  $\tau_{\alpha_i}(X)$  is the twist along  $\alpha_i$ .



# Random Hyperbolic Surfaces of Weil-Petersson Model

The Teichmüller space  $\mathcal{T}_g$  admits a  $\text{Mod}_g$ -invariant Riemannian metric called the Weil-Petersson metric, and hence gives an induced metric on the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g$ .

## Theorem (Wolpert 1982)

*The symplectic form  $\omega_{\text{WP}}$  of Weil-Petersson metric on  $\mathcal{T}_g$  is given by*

$$\omega_{\text{WP}} = \sum_{i=1}^{3g-3} d\ell_{\alpha_i} \wedge d\tau_{\alpha_i}.$$

The volume form:

$$d \text{Vol}_{\text{WP}}(X) := \frac{1}{(3g-3)!} \omega_{\text{WP}} \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_{\text{WP}} = \bigwedge_{i=1}^{3g-3} (d\ell_{\alpha_i} \wedge d\tau_{\alpha_i}).$$

# Random Hyperbolic Surfaces of Weil-Petersson Model

The Weil-Petersson metric on the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_g$  is of finite volume.

**Theorem (Mirzakhani-Zograf 2015)**

*There exists a universal constant  $C > 0$  such that*

$$\text{Vol}(\mathcal{M}_g) = C \frac{1}{\sqrt{g}} (2g - 3)! (4\pi^2)^{2g-3} \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{g}\right) \right).$$

**Conjecture:**  $C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ .

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Say a property  $P$  holds for random hyperbolic surfaces, or equivalently say  $P$  happens with high probability, if

$$\lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g(X \in \mathcal{M}_g \mid P \text{ holds for } X) = 1.$$

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- BM model
- Gluing pants among random 3-regular graphs
- Random covering of a fixed hyperbolic surface

These three models are “discrete”.



# Mirzakhani's Integration Formula

Let  $\gamma$  be a simple closed curve. Consider the orbit under  $\text{Mod}_g$ -action:

$$\mathcal{O}_\gamma = \{h \cdot \gamma \mid h \in \text{Mod}_g\}.$$

Given  $F : \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , we may define a function  $F^\gamma$  on  $\mathcal{M}_g$ :

$$F^\gamma(X) := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{O}_\gamma} F(\ell_\alpha(X)).$$

Theorem (Mirzakhani 2007)

$$\int_{\mathcal{M}_g} F^\gamma(X) d\text{Vol}_{\text{WP}}(X) = C_\gamma \int_{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}} F(t) V_g(\gamma, t) t dt$$

where the constant  $C_\gamma \in (0, 1]$  only depends on  $\gamma$ .

Remark: In general, Mirzakhani's integration formula holds for simple closed multi-curves  $\Gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k)$ .

# Geometric Quantities for Random Surfaces

Recall that a **systole** is a shortest closed geodesic.  
Denote  $\ell_{\text{sys}}(X)$  to be the length of a systole of  $X$ .

## Theorem (Mirzakhani 2013)

*There exist universal constants  $c_2 > c_1 > 0$  and  $r_0 > 0$  such that for any  $r < r_0$ ,*

$$c_1 \cdot r^2 \leq \text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g (X \in \mathcal{M}_g \mid \ell_{\text{sys}}(X) < r) \leq c_2 \cdot r^2$$

*as  $g \rightarrow \infty$ .*

## Theorem (Mirzakhani-Petri 2017)

$$\lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[\ell_{\text{sys}}(X)] := \lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\mathcal{M}_g} \ell_{\text{sys}}(X) dX}{\text{Vol}(\mathcal{M}_g)} = 1.61498\dots$$

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Let  $\text{Emb}(X)$  be the radius of the largest embedded ball in  $X$  (also called the inradius of  $X$ ). For any hyperbolic surface  $X_g$ ,

$$\text{Emb}(X_g) < \log(4g - 2).$$

## Theorem (Mirzakhani 2013)

$$\lim_{g \rightarrow \infty} \text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g \left( X \in \mathcal{M}_g \mid \text{Emb}(X) > \frac{1}{6} \log g \right) = 1.$$

Actually she proved that at “most points” on a random hyperbolic surface, the injective radius  $> \frac{1}{6} \log g$ .

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Random hyperbolic surfaces should be “crowded” and “fat”.

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Separating systole behaves very different from systole.

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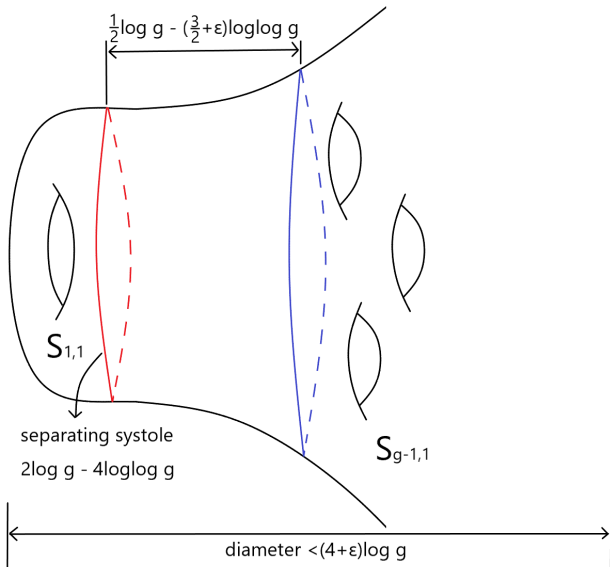
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Remark: [Mirzakhani 2013] claimed  $c_1 \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[\ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{sep}}(X)]}{\log g} \leq c_2$ , but there is a gap in her paper.

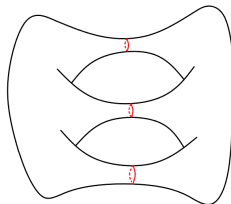


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$\mathcal{L}_1(X)$ : the length of shortest simple separating multi-geodesic of  $X$ .

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- (c).  $(1 - \epsilon) \log g < \ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{ns}}(X) < 2 \log g$ ;

# Related Result

Delecroix-Goujard-Zograf-Zorich 2021:

For any closed hyperbolic surface  $X \in \mathcal{M}_g$ ,

$$\frac{\text{“frequency” of simple separating geodesics}}{\text{“frequency” of simple non-separating geodesics}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{3\pi g}} \cdot \frac{1}{4^g}$$

as  $g \rightarrow \infty$ .

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By Mirzakhani's Integration Formula,

$$\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N_{1,1}(X, L)] = \frac{1}{384\pi^2} L^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}L} \frac{1}{g} \cdot \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{L} + \frac{1+L^2}{g}\right)\right).$$

It is reasonable that  $L = 2 \log g - 4 \log \log g$  may be approximate to the smallest length of such type of geodesics.

Similarly, for separating geodesics of other type, the length may be larger.

Lower bound  $\ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{sep}}(X) > 2 \log g - 4 \log \log g - \omega(g)$ :

following [Mirzakhani 2013].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g (N_{1,1}(X, L) \geq 1) &\leq \mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g [N_{1,1}(X, L)] \\ &\asymp L^2 e^{\frac{1}{2}L} \frac{1}{g} \\ &\rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

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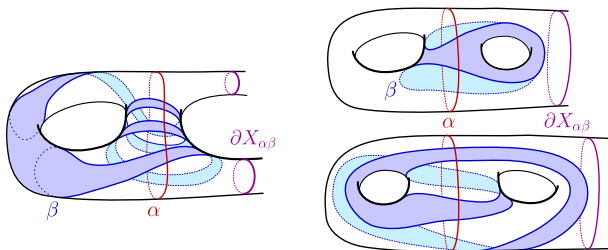
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Upper bound  $\ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{sep}}(X) < 2 \log g - 4 \log \log g + \omega(g)$ :  
using Chebyshev's Inequality

$$\text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g(N = 0) \leq \frac{\text{Var}[N]}{\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N]^2} = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N^2] - \mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N]^2}{\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N]^2}.$$

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Aim:  $\text{Prob}_{\text{WP}}^g(N_{1,1}(X, L) = 0) \rightarrow 0$ .  $\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[N^2]$  is the most complicated term. Need to consider how two geodesics intersect with each other.





To compute  $\mathbb{E}_{\text{WP}}^g[\ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{sep}}(X)]$ , use

$$\ell_{\text{sys}}^{\text{sep}}(X) < 2\ell_{\text{sys}}(X) + 4\text{diam}(X),$$

$$\text{diam}(X) \leq 2 \left( \frac{\ell_{\text{sys}}(X)}{2} + \frac{1}{h(X)} \cdot \log \left( \frac{2\pi(g-1)}{\text{Area}(B_{\mathbb{H}}(\ell_{\text{sys}}(X)/2))} \right) \right).$$

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