

## DIOPHANTINE APPROXIMATION IN $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$ , $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$ AND $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$

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**Abstract:** For the imaginary quadratic fields with discriminants -120, -132 and -248, the first three, five and two points of the Lagrange and Markov spectra respectively are found.

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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1. History

Let  $\alpha$  be a real irrational number. In 1891 A. Hurwitz [7] showed that the inequality

$$|\alpha - a/c| < 1/(hc^2)$$

has infinitely many solutions in coprime integers  $a$  and  $c$  when  $h = \sqrt{5}$ , and  $\sqrt{5}$  is the best constant possible. In 1917 the first geometric proof of this result was obtained by L. Ford in [3], where he makes use of properties of the modular group.

Let  $d > 0$  be a square-free integer. Let  $\mathcal{O}_d$  be the ring of integers of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ . Let  $\theta \in \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ . Denote by  $n(p, q)$  the norm of the ideal generated by  $p, q \in \mathcal{O}_d$ . Let

$$\nu_d(\theta) = \liminf \frac{|q(q\theta - p)|}{n(p, q)}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $p, q \in \mathcal{O}_d$ ,  $q \neq 0$ . Then the inequality

$$\left| \theta - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \nu_d(\theta) \frac{n(p, q)}{|q|^2} \quad (1.2)$$

has infinitely many solutions in  $p, q \in \mathcal{O}_d$  with  $n(p, q) < 2\sqrt{d}$  (see e.g. [5], §17(5), XVI\*, for the justification of this inequality). The set of numbers  $\mathcal{L}_d = \{\nu_d(\theta), \theta \in \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})\}$  is the *Lagrange spectrum* for the imaginary quadratic

field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  and  $C_d = \sup \mathcal{L}_d$  the *Hurwitz constant* for the field. If  $k_\infty$  is the highest limit point of  $\mathcal{L}_d$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_d \cap (k_\infty, \infty)$  is called *the discrete part of  $\mathcal{L}_d$* .

In 1925 Ford [4], applying his method to the Picard group  $PSL_2(\mathcal{O}_1)$ , showed that the Hurwitz constant for the Gauss field  $C_1 = 1/\sqrt{3}$ . For the fields with class number one with  $d = 1, 2, 3, 7, 11,$  and  $19$ , the Hurwitz constants were found by Ford [4], Perron [9], [10], [11], Hofreiter [6], Poitou [12]), (see also A. Schmidt [14]). After Ford [4], none of these authors applied his geometric ideas to Diophantine approximation of complex numbers. In [27], these ideas, as they were developed in [29], were used to obtain an upper bound for the Hurwitz constant of an imaginary quadratic number field (see Theorem 3.1 below). In the cases of  $d = 1, 2, 5, 6, 30$  and  $33$ , this bound is sharp [27], [35]. For the class two field with  $d = 15$ , the Hurwitz constant was found in [30]. For  $d = 2$  and  $7$ , the second minimum is known [14]. For  $d = 1$  (A. Schmidt [15], Vulakh [20], [21]),  $d = 3$  (A. Schmidt [17]),  $d = 5$ ,  $d = 6$  (Vulakh [31]) and  $d = 11$  (A. Schmidt [16]), the discrete part of the Lagrange spectrum (which coincides with the discrete part of the Markov spectrum) was found. Applying the results of [22], it can be shown that the Lagrange spectrum of an imaginary quadratic field is continuous in its lower part. There are known upper (see Hofreiter [6], Perron [11]) and lower [23], [35] bounds for the Hurwitz constants  $C_d$ . Lower bounds for the highest limit point of  $\mathcal{L}_d$  for some values of  $d$  are given in [23] and [35].

### 1.2. Main results

The Hurwitz constants for the fields  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$  are found in [35]. The Hurwitz constants for the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$  is found in Section 5 of the present paper. Here, the method, which was used in [31] to find the discrete part of the Lagrange spectrum of the fields  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-5})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-6})$ , is applied to the fields  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$  and  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$ . It is based on application of the Farey polygons associated with the extended Bianchi groups  $B_d$ , introduced in [30], to reduce the problem of finding the discrete part of the Markov spectrum for  $B_d$  to the corresponding problem for one of its maximal Fuchsian subgroups. Such reduction is used in Sections 3, 4 and 5 to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{30} \cap (2.2936, \infty) &= \left\{ \sqrt{37/7}, \sqrt{22}/2, \sqrt{23}/2 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{33} \cap \left[ \sqrt{14}/2, \infty \right) &= \left\{ \sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{437/124}, 2, \sqrt{17}/2, \sqrt{19}/2 \right\}, \\ \mathcal{L}_{57} \cap (3.1735, \infty) &= \left\{ \sqrt{41}/2, \sqrt{46}/2 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

### 1.3. Background and Terminology

The upper half-space  $H^3 = \{(z, t) : z \in \mathbf{C}, t > 0\}$  with the metric  $ds^2 = t^{-2}(|dz|^2 + dt^2)$  can be used as a model of the 3-dimensional hyperbolic space.

$\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{C})$  is the group of orientation-preserving isometries of  $H^3$ . The action of  $F = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{C})$  on  $(z, t) \in H^3$  is given by

$$F(z, t) = \left( \frac{(az + b)(\overline{cz + d}) + a\overline{c}t^2}{|cz + d|^2 + |c|^2t^2}, \frac{t}{|cz + d|^2 + |c|^2t^2} \right) \tag{1.3}$$

(see e.g. [2], p. 58, or [18], p. 15). The Bianchi group  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathcal{O}_d)$  is a geometrically finite discrete subgroup of  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathbf{C})$ . We denote by  $B_d$  the maximal discrete subgroup of the group of isometries of  $H^3$ , which contains  $\mathrm{PSL}_2(\mathcal{O}_d)$  (see [25]; in [26], this group is denoted by  $RB_d$ ). The type of  $g \in B_d$  is *elliptic*, *parabolic* or *loxodromic* depending on whether it has a fixed point in  $H^3$ , a single fixed point in  $\mathbf{C}$ , or exactly two fixed points in  $\mathbf{C}$ . If  $g$  is loxodromic, the geodesic connecting its fixed points is called the *axis* of  $g$ . The transformation  $g$  is *hyperbolic* if it is loxodromic and every plane containing its axis is  $g$ -invariant. The set of parabolic fixed points (*cusps*) of  $B_d$  can be identified with  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ .

Let  $P$  be a Dirichlet polygon of  $G_\infty = \mathrm{Stab}(\infty, B_d)$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ . Denote  $P_\infty = \{(z, t) \in H^3 : z \in P\}$ . The region

$$\mathcal{D} = P_\infty \cap \{x \in H^3 : |g'(x)| < 1, g \in B_d\} \tag{1.4}$$

is an *isometric* fundamental domain for  $B_d$  in  $H^3$  (see [1], p. 66, or [18], p.18). Here  $g'(x)$  stands for the Jacobian of the transformation  $g$ .

Denote

$$K = K(\infty) = G_\infty \overline{\mathcal{D}}, \quad K(u) = gK(\infty), \tag{1.5}$$

where  $u = g(\infty)$ . It is clear that  $\cup K(u) = H^3$ ,  $u \in B_d \infty$ , and that  $\dim(K(u) \cap K(u')) \leq 2$  if  $u \neq u'$ . We shall call the tessellation of  $H^3$  by  $K(u)$ ,  $u \in B_d \infty$ , the *K-tessellation*. Let  $\partial K$  be the boundary of  $K$ . We shall say that  $\partial K \cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}$  is the *floor* of  $\mathcal{D}$ . The components of  $\partial K$  (and  $\mathcal{D}$ ) of dimensions 0, 1, and 2 will be called the *vertices (or cusps)*, *edges*, and *faces* of  $K$  respectively. The vertices (and edges) of  $K$  which belong to  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  will be called the vertices (and edges) of  $\mathcal{D}$ . For any region  $R$  in  $H^3$ , the components of the boundary of  $R$  of dimension 2 which lie in vertical planes will be called the *vertical faces* of  $R$ . (Notice that, in general, according to these definitions, the components of the boundary of  $\mathcal{D}$  of dimension 0 (or 1) which lie in the vertical faces of  $\mathcal{D}$  are not vertices (or edges) of  $\mathcal{D}$ ).

A geodesic in  $H^3$  is a semicircle or a ray, which is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{C}$ . For a geodesic  $L$  with endpoints  $\theta, \theta'$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , denote  $k(L) = |\theta - \theta'|$  and  $\nu(L) = \inf |g(\theta) - g(\theta')|^{-1}$ , the infimum being taken over all  $g \in B_d$ . A geodesic  $L$  is said to be *extremal* with respect to  $B_d$  if  $\nu(L) = 1/k(L)$ . Note that an extremal  $L$  cuts  $K(\infty)$ . The set of numbers  $\mathcal{M}(B_d) = \{\nu(L)\}$  is called the *Markov spectrum* for  $B_d$ .

Denote by  $Cl(K)$  the class group of a field  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$ . There are 65 fields  $K$  such that  $B_d(\infty) = K$ , that is  $\infty$  is the only cusp of a fundamental domain of  $B_d$  in  $H^3$ . The condition  $B_d(\infty) = K$  holds for

- 1)  $d = 1, 2, 3, 7, 11, 19, 43, 67, 163$  with  $Cl(K) = (1)$ ,
- 2)  $d = 5, 6, 10, 13, 15, 22, 35, 37, 51, 58, 91, 115, 123, 187, 235, 267, 403, 427$  with  $Cl(K) = (2)$ ,
- 3)  $d = 21, 30, 33, 42, 57, 70, 78, 85, 93, 102, 130, 133, 177, 190, 195, 253, 435, 483, 555, 595, 627, 715, 795, 1435$  with  $Cl(K) = (2, 2)$ ,
- 4)  $d = 105, 165, 210, 273, 330, 345, 357, 385, 462, 1155, 1995, 3003, 3315$  with  $Cl(K) = (2, 2, 2)$ ,
- 5)  $d = 1365$  with  $Cl(K) = (2, 2, 2, 2)$ .

Weinberger ([36], Theorem 2) showed that there is at most one imaginary quadratic field with exponent 2 and  $d > 1365$ . It follows that the condition  $B_d(\infty) = K$  holds for at most one field  $K$  with  $d > 1365$ .

For all these values of  $d$ , and therefore for  $d = 30, 33$  and  $57$ ,  $\mathcal{M}(B_d)$  coincide with the Markov spectrum of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d})$  (see [31], p. 41).

Let

$$\mathcal{M}_h(B_d) = \{\nu(L) \in \mathcal{M}(B_d), L \text{ is the axis of a hyperbolic } g \in B_d\}.$$

In all the known cases (see [20], [21], [31], [15], [16], [17]), almost all the points in the discrete part of  $\mathcal{M}(B_d)$  (that is the part of  $\mathcal{M}(B_d)$  that lies above its highest limit point) belong to  $\mathcal{M}_h(B_d)$ . Since every hyperbolic  $g \in B_d$  belongs to some maximal Fuchsian subgroup of  $B_d$ , the problem of finding  $\mathcal{M}_h(B_d)$  can be reduced to the problem of finding the Markov spectra for the maximal Fuchsian subgroups of  $B_d$ . The classification of such subgroups of  $B_d$  is known (see [24], [25], [33], [8]). They can be identified with the  $B_d$ -unit groups of indefinite integral binary Hermitian forms.

#### 1.4. Outline

It is shown in [25] how the problem of classification of maximal Fuchsian subgroups of  $B_d$  can be reduced to the problem of classification of indefinite primitive Hermitian forms (see [31], Theorem 2.1, see also [33], [8]). Let  $S$  be a hemisphere in  $H^3$  with center in  $\mathbf{C}$ . Denote  $G_S = \text{Stab}(S, B_d)$ . Let  $L$  be a geodesic in  $S$ . Denote  $\nu_S(L) = \inf |g(\theta) - g(\theta')|^{-1}$ , the infimum being taken over all  $g \in G_S$ . We say that a geodesic  $L \subset S$  is *extremal with respect to  $G_S$*  if  $\nu_S(L) = 1/k(L)$ . Denote  $\mathcal{M}_S = \{\nu_S(L), L \subset S\}$ . Theorem 2.2 from [31] contains a sufficient condition for a geodesic  $L \subset S$ , which is extremal with respect to  $G_S$ , to be extremal with respect to  $B_d$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}_d$  be the spectrum of minima of binary indefinite Hermitian forms over  $\mathcal{O}_d$  (see e.g. [31], Chapter 2). It is shown in [34] that  $(1/2)\mathcal{H}_d \subset \mathcal{M}(B_d)$  and that, for any point  $\nu \in \mathcal{H}_d$ , there is a one-parameter family of extremal geodesics  $L_\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , such that  $\nu(L_\theta) = \nu/2$  ([34], Theorem 1.1). Moreover, the geodesics  $L_\theta$ , which are the axes of some elements in  $B_d$ , form a dense subset of this family (see [34] for more details).

For a one-parameter family of extremal geodesics  $L_\theta$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ , introduced in Theorem 1.1 from [34], the point  $\nu(L_\theta) = 1/(2R) = \nu(\Phi)/2$  in the Markov

spectrum of  $B_d$  (and in the Lagrange spectrum  $\mathcal{L}_d$ ) is called a *Hermitian point*. Let  $H_d$  be the largest Hermitian point in  $\mathcal{M}(B_d)$ . It is shown in [34], that  $H_{30} = \sqrt{5}$ ,  $H_{33} = \sqrt{11}/2$  and  $H_{57} = \sqrt{38}/2$  (see Sections 3, 4 and 5 below).

In Section 2, we recall some definitions and results from [30] related to the Farey polygons associated with the groups  $B_d$ .

Denote by  $S(b, R)$  the hemisphere in  $H^3$  with center  $b \in \mathbf{C}$  and radius  $R$ . In Subsection 3.1, the Farey polygons are used to show that, for  $d = 30$ , Theorem 2.2 from [31] is applicable to the hemisphere  $S = S(1/2 - 12/\omega, 1/\sqrt{20})$ . For this hemisphere  $S$ , it is shown in Section 3 that

$$\mathcal{M}(B_{30}) \cap (\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{23}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap (\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{23}/2]. \tag{1.6}$$

This reduction is used in Subsection 3.3 to prove Theorem 3.1, which is one of the three main results of this paper.

The outline of Section 4 is similar to that of Section 3. However, for  $d = 33$ , the reduction similar to (1.6) does not exist. In Subsection 4.1, the Farey polygons are used to show that, for  $d = 33$ , Theorem 2.2 from [31] is applicable to the hemisphere  $S = S(2\omega/11, 1/\sqrt{11})$ . For this hemisphere  $S$ , by Lemma 4.1,

$$\mathcal{M}(B_{33}) \cap (\sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{19}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap (\sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{19}/2] \cup \{2\},$$

where  $2 \in \mathcal{M}(B_{33})$  is not attained at any geodesic  $L \subset S$ . However, this reduction is sufficient to prove Theorem 4.1, which is the second main result of this paper.

In Subsection 5.1, the generators (Theorem 5.1) and the isometric fundamental domain of  $B_{57}$  are found. Then the Farey polygons are used to show that, for  $d = 57$ , Theorem 2.2 from [31] is applicable to the hemisphere  $S = S(1/2 - 33/(2\omega), 1/\sqrt{38})$ . For this hemisphere  $S$ , it is shown in Section 5 that

$$\mathcal{M}(B_{57}) \cap [\sqrt{38}/2, \sqrt{46}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap [\sqrt{38}/2, \sqrt{46}/2].$$

This reduction is used in Subsection 5.3 to prove Theorem 5.2, which is the third main result of this paper.

In each of these three cases, a face of the isometric fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$  of  $B_d$  lies in the hemisphere  $S$ , the reflection in  $S$  in  $H^3$  belongs to  $B_d$  and the radius of  $S$  is the smallest among all the hemispheres containing the faces of  $\mathcal{D}$ , which makes the reduction mentioned above relatively easy. Not all the hemispheres defined by the Hermitian forms enumerated in the Tables 1-5 of [35] possess these properties. Thus, in the cases of  $d = 19, 43, 67$  and  $163$ , none of them holds.

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## 2. Farey polygons

Here we summarize some results from [30], Section 2. Assume that the summits of all the edges in the floor of  $K(\infty)$  belong to  $K(\infty)$ . (Anke Pohl has indicated that this assumption should be made in the statement of Theorem 5.4 from [30]). Let  $v \in H^3$  be a vertex of  $K(u)$ . Assume that  $v$  belongs to the edges  $e_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, t$ .

Let  $F_j$  be the plane through  $u$  which is orthogonal to  $e_j$ . Denote by  $A(u, v)$  the part of  $K(u)$  which is bounded by the planes  $F_j, j = 1, \dots, t$ . Thus, each of the sets  $A(u, v)$  has one cusp  $u$  and one vertex  $v$ . The union of all the sets  $A(u, v)$  with the same cusp  $u$  is  $K(u)$ . The union of all  $A(u, v)$  with the same vertex  $v$  is called the  $v$ -cell (see [30]). Denote the  $v$ -cell by  $N(v)$ . The faces of  $N(v)$  are called *hyperbolic Farey polygons* and the vertical projections of the faces of  $N(v)$  from  $\infty$  into  $\mathbf{C}$  the *Farey polygons*. Let  $B$  be a face of  $N(v)$  with vertices at the cusps  $u_m, m = 1, \dots, n$ . Let  $h(B)$  be the largest value of  $k$  such that the horoballs bounded by the horospheres  $Q(u_m, k), m = 1, \dots, n$ , cover  $B$ . Recall that the horosphere  $Q(p/q, k)$ , where  $p, q \in \mathcal{O}_d$ , is a euclidean sphere in  $H^3$  with center  $(p/q, r)$  and radius  $r = n(p, q)/(k|q|^2)$ . We shall call the number  $h(B)$  the *Farey constant* of  $B$ . Denote by  $k_d$  the smallest value of  $h(B)$  over all the faces  $B$  of all the  $v$ -cells. By Theorem 3.1 from [31], the Hurwitz constant for the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-d}), C_d \leq 1/k_d$ . It is shown in [27], [35] and in the present paper that this bound is sharp for  $d = 1, 2, 5, 6, 30, 33$  and  $57$ .

### 3. Diophantine approximation in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$

#### 3.1. Reduction

Let  $d = 30$  and  $\omega = \sqrt{-30}$ . Then  $\{1, \omega\}$  is the standard basis of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{30}$  of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$ . The group  $G_\infty = \text{Stab}(\infty, B_{30})$  is generated by reflections in the vertical plains in  $H^3$  through the lines  $\text{Re } z = 0, \text{Re } z = 1/2, \text{Im } z = 0$  and  $\text{Im } z = \sqrt{30}/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , which will be denoted by  $S_{11}, S_8, S_9$ , and  $S_{10}$  respectively. It is shown in [13] that the group  $B_{30}$  is generated by reflections in the faces of its fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$ , whose four faces lie in these vertical planes and the floor of  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in seven hemispheres

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= S(0, 1), & S_2 &= S\left(\frac{-30}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), & S_3 &= S\left(\frac{-20}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \\ S_4 &= S\left(\frac{-12}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right), & S_5 &= S\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{15}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right), \\ S_6 &= S\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{10}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right), & S_7 &= S\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{24}{\sqrt{D}}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

For  $S_i = S(b_i, R_i)$ , let  $\Phi_i(x, y) = |x - b_i y|^2 - R_i^2 |y|^2 = (1, b_i, |b_i|^2 - R_i^2)$ , so that  $\Phi_i(z, 1) + t^2 = R_i^2$  is an equation of the hemisphere  $S_i$  in  $H^3$ . Then the corresponding Hermitian forms  $\Phi_i$  are integral (see e.g. [31], p. 29) and the values of  $r(\Phi_i) = R_i^2 |D| = 60, 40, 24, 15, 10, 6$  for  $S_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, 7$  respectively. Notice that

$$\Phi_i(x, y) = \Phi_{i+3}(x - y, 2y), \quad i = 2, 3, \quad \Phi_4(x, -y) = \Phi_7(x - (1 + \omega)y, 2y).$$

The hemisphere  $S_7$  is anisotropic, that is the only solution of  $\Phi_7(x, y) = 0$  in  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_{30}$  is  $x = y = 0$ , and the lowest face of  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in  $S_7$ . Since the diameter of

$S$  is  $1/\sqrt{5}$ , the highest Hermitian point of  $\mathcal{M}(B_{30})$  is

$$H_{30} = \sqrt{5}$$

(cf. [34], Example 5.1). Denote by  $h_{ij}$  the height of the edge  $L_{ij} = S_i \cap S_j$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} h_{18} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, & h_{28} &= \frac{1}{2}, & h_{23} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, & h_{14} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \\ h_{34} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}, & h_{35} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}, & h_{38} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, & h_{16} &= h_{45} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{13}}, \\ h_{46} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}, & h_{56} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}, & h_{27} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{22}}, & h_{37} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{23}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since the height of any edge of  $\mathcal{D} \geq 1/\sqrt{23}$ , there is no extremal geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , whose height is less than  $1/\sqrt{23}$  (see [28], Theorem 1).

The relations can be given in terms of  $\tau_i$ , where  $\tau_i$  is the reflection in the plane  $S_i$  in  $H^3$ .

The group  $G = \text{Stab}(S_7, B_{30}) = \langle \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_8 \rangle$ . Since  $(\tau_2\tau_3)^2 = (\tau_2\tau_8)^4 = (\tau_3\tau_8)^6 = 1$ , the group  $G$  contains the  $(2, 4, 6)$ -triangle group as a subgroup of index two. The triangular face  $D_S$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , which lies in  $S_7$ , with vertices at

$$v_1 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5\omega}{12}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} \right), \quad v_2 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3\omega}{8}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \right), \quad v_3 = \left( \frac{2}{5} + \frac{2\omega}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

is a fundamental domain of  $G$ ,  $S_7 \cap K(\infty)$  consists of two copies of  $D_S$ . and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(v_1, B_{30}) &= \{ \tau_2, \tau_7, \tau_8 : (\tau_2\tau_7)^2 = (\tau_7\tau_8)^2 = (\tau_8\tau_2)^4 = 1 \}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_2, B_{30}) &= \{ \tau_3, \tau_7, \tau_8 : (\tau_3\tau_7)^2 = (\tau_7\tau_8)^2 = (\tau_8\tau_3)^6 = 1 \}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_3, B_{30}) &= \{ \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_7 : (\tau_2\tau_3)^2 = (\tau_3\tau_7)^2 = (\tau_7\tau_2)^2 = 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

The geodesic  $L_{37}$  is perpendicular to  $S_2$  and the axis  $L_{38}$  of  $\tau_8\tau_3$ . Denote  $U = (\tau_8\tau_3)^3$ . Then  $\Gamma_{37} = \text{Stab}(L_{37}, B_{30}) = \langle \tau_2, U \rangle$ . Let  $t_1 = L_{37} \cap S_2$  and  $t_2 = L_{37} \cap L_{38}$ . Then the arc  $[t_1, t_2] = L_{37} \cap K(\infty)$  is a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma_{37}$  on  $L_{37}$  and, by Corollary 24, [30],  $L_{37}$  is extremal. Since the height of  $L_{37}$  is  $1/\sqrt{23}$  and, as shown above, the height of any extremal geodesic is at least  $1/\sqrt{23}$ , the Hurwitz constant of the field  $Q(\sqrt{-30})$  is

$$C_{30} = \sqrt{23}/2$$

(cf. [35], Table 1).

### 3.1.1. The $v$ -cells $N(v_1)$ , $N(v_2)$ , and $N(v_3)$ .

The hemisphere  $S_7$  contains four vertices of  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v'_3 = \tau_8(v_3)$ . The  $v$ -cell  $N(v_3)$  is a rectangular parallelepiped. The  $v$ -cells  $N(v_1)$  and  $N(v_2)$  are square and hexagonal prisms respectively.

The vertices of  $N(v_3)$  are the points  $B = \omega/2$ ,  $C = \omega/3$ ,  $D = 2\omega/5$ ,  $E = 1/2 + 2\omega/5$ ,  $F = 2/5 + 2\omega/5$ ,  $J = (10 + 9\omega)/23$ ,  $K = (10 + 9\omega)/22$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_3)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $E$ . The Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ABDC$  and  $KEJF$  is  $2h_{23} = 2/\sqrt{5}$ , the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ABKE$  and  $CDFJ$  is  $2h_{27} = 2/\sqrt{22}$  and the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ACJE$  and  $BDFK$  is  $2h_{37} = 2/\sqrt{23}$ . Since the  $v$ -cells  $N(v_3)$  and  $N(v'_3)$  are symmetrical with respect to the vertical plane in  $H^3$  through the line  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , if  $X$  is a vertex of  $N(v_3)$ , then  $X' = 1 - \bar{X}$  is the corresponding vertex of  $N(v'_3)$ .

The vertices of  $N(v_1)$  are the points  $B$ ,  $B' = 1 + \omega/2$ ,  $B_1 = 1/2 + \omega/2$ ,  $E$ ,  $K$ ,  $K' = (12 + 9\omega)/22$ ,  $L = 1/2 + 5\omega/12$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_1)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $B$ ,  $B'$  and  $E$ . There are two congruent square faces  $ABB_1B'$  and  $EKLK'$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{28} = 1$ , and four congruent rectangular faces  $ABKE$ ,  $BB_1LK$ ,  $AB'K'E$ ,  $B'B_1LK'$ . (We call these faces squares and rectangles only because of their groups of symmetry). The axis of  $\tau_8\tau_2$  is the axis of order four in  $N(v_1)$ .

The vertices of  $N(v_2)$  are the points  $C$ ,  $C' = 1 + \omega/3$ ,  $C_1 = (1 + \omega)/3$ ,  $C_2 = 1/2 + \omega/3$ ,  $C'_1 = (2 + \omega)/3$ ,  $E$ ,  $J$ ,  $J' = (13 + 9\omega)/23$ ,  $M = 1/2 + 3\omega/8$ ,  $N = (13 + 11\omega)/29$ ,  $N' = (16 + 11\omega)/29$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_2)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $C$ ,  $C'$  and  $E$ . There are two congruent hexagonal faces  $ACC_1C_2C'_1C'$  and  $EJNMN'J'$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{38} = 1/\sqrt{3}$ , and six congruent rectangular faces  $ACJE$ ,  $CC_1NJ$ ,  $C_1NMC_2$ ,  $AC'J'E$ ,  $C'C'_1N'J'$ ,  $C'_1N'MC'_2$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{37} = 2/\sqrt{23}$ . The axis of  $\tau_8\tau_3$  is the axis of order six in  $N(v_2)$ .

Let  $2/\sqrt{23} \leq k < 1/\sqrt{5}$ . Then  $N(v_i, k)$  has a geodesic face  $\phi$  if and only if  $\phi$  lies in a rectangular face of  $N(v_i)$ , which is congruent to  $ABKE$  or  $ACJE$ , since only for such a face the Farey constant is less than  $1/\sqrt{5}$ . But, the centers of all such faces lie in  $S_7$ . Hence, if the height of an extremal geodesic  $L$  is less than  $1/\sqrt{20}$ , then  $g(L) \subset S_7$  for some translation  $g \in B_{30}$ . Indeed, an extremal geodesic  $L$ , which cuts  $N(v, k)$ , must enter through one of its geodesic faces and exit through another. Since the limit points of the sequence of  $v$ -cells cut by  $L$  are the endpoints of  $L$  and they lie in  $S_7$ ,  $L$  itself lies in  $S_7$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *If the height of an extremal geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$  is less than  $1/\sqrt{20}$ , then  $L \subset gS$ ,  $g \in G_\infty$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{M}(B_{30}) \cap (\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{23}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap (\sqrt{5}, \sqrt{23}/2]$ .*

### 3.2. A group with signature (0; 2, 4, 6)

The reflections  $\tau_2$ ,  $\tau_3$  and  $\tau_8$  are represented in  $G$  by  $\tau_2\tau_7$ ,  $\tau_3\tau_7$  and  $\tau_8\tau_7$ , respectively. By Theorem 2.2 from [31], if a geodesic  $L \subset S_7$  is extremal with respect to  $G_S$ , then  $L$  is extremal with respect to  $B_{30}$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{M}_S \subset \mathcal{M}(B_{30})$ .

Let  $\rho = \begin{pmatrix} R_7 & b_7 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $C_1$  be the circle  $|z - b_7| = 1/\sqrt{20}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . Then  $G_S = \text{Stab}(C_1, B_{30})$  and  $C_1 = \rho(C)$ , where  $C$  is the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ . The Klein model  $D^2$  of the hyperbolic plane, which is used in [32], is



obtained as the projection of the unit upper hemisphere model of the hyperbolic plane in  $H^3$  from  $\infty$  into  $\mathbf{C}$ , so that  $C$  is the boundary of  $D^2$  (cf. [19], p. 68).

The group  $\Gamma = \rho^{-1}G_S \rho$  is a discrete cocompact subgroup of the group of isometries  $G_C$  of  $D^2$ . Below, we shall denote the fixed point of  $F \in G_C$  by the corresponding lower case letter. Thus, the fixed point of  $F_1$  is  $f_1$ . The fixed point of  $F = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{pmatrix} \in G_C$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  is  $f = ib/\text{Im } a$ . The fixed points of  $F$  and  $F'$  in  $G_C$  are said to be  $\Gamma$ -equivalent if there is  $g \in \Gamma$  such that  $F' = gFg^{-1}$ .

Let  $c = \sqrt{5} + i\sqrt{6}$  and  $c_1 = -3\sqrt{5} + 2i\sqrt{6}$ . The group  $\Gamma$  is generated by reflections

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -\bar{c} \\ c & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -\bar{c}_1 \\ c_1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

across the sides of the triangle with vertices  $a = -i\sqrt{6}/4$ ,  $b = i\sqrt{6}/6$ , and  $s = -1/\sqrt{5}$ , which are the fixed points of  $A = \sigma_1\sigma_0$ ,  $B = \sigma_1\sigma$ ,  $S = \sigma\sigma_0$ . Here  $\sigma = \rho^{-1}\tau_2\tau_7\rho$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \rho^{-1}\tau_3\tau_7\rho$  and  $\sigma_1 = \rho^{-1}\tau_8\tau_7\rho$ . One has  $S^2 = A^6 = B^4 = \text{id}$ , and  $\Gamma = \langle \sigma, \sigma_0, \sigma_1 : (\sigma_0\sigma)^2 = (\sigma\sigma_1)^4 = (\sigma_1\sigma_0)^6 = 1 \rangle$ .

Denote  $\sigma_{i+1} = A\sigma_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 5$ , and  $\sigma_{i+6} = \sigma_i$ ,  $S_1 = ASA^{-1} = \sigma_1S\sigma_1$ ,  $S_2 = A^2SA^{-2} = \sigma'_0S\sigma'_0$ , where  $\sigma'_0 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_1\sigma_0\sigma_1$ ,  $U = A^3$ ,  $\phi = S\sigma = \sigma_3S$ ,  $\phi_1 = \sigma'S = S\sigma_0$ ,  $\phi_2 = \sigma'_0S = S_2\sigma'_0$ , where  $\sigma' = \sigma_1\sigma\sigma_1$ .

It is shown above that the axis  $L_{37}$  of  $\rho\phi\rho^{-1}$  is extremal with respect to  $B_{30}$ . Similarly, the axes of  $\rho\phi_1\rho^{-1}$  and  $\rho\phi_2\rho^{-1}$  are also extremal with respect to  $B_{30}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *For the fixed points  $f$ ,  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  of  $\phi$ ,  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  respectively, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} (f, \sigma w) &= (f, \sigma_3 w) = -(f, \sigma_0 w) = -(f, S w) = -(f, U w) = 1, \\ (f_1, \sigma' w) &= (f_1, \sigma_0 w) = -(f_1, \sigma w) = -(f_1, S w) = -(f_1, B^2 w) = 1, \\ (f_2, \sigma'_0 w) &= (f_2, S\sigma'_0 S w) = -(f_2, \varphi_2 w) = -(f_2, S_2 w) = -(f_2, S w) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is the fixed point of the reflection  $\sigma_0$ ,  $(f, \sigma_0 w) = -1$ . Since  $f$  is the fixed point of  $\phi = S\sigma = \sigma_3S$ ,  $(f, \sigma w) = (f, \sigma_3 w) = -(f, S w) = 1$ . Since  $U = \sigma_0\sigma_3$ ,  $(f, U w) = -1$ .

Similarly, since  $f_1$  is the fixed point of the reflection  $\sigma$ ,  $(f_1, \sigma w) = -1$ , and since  $f_1$  is the fixed point of  $\phi_1 = \sigma'S = S\sigma_0$ ,  $(f_1, \sigma' w) = (f_1, \sigma_0 w) = -(f_1, S w) = 1$ . Since  $B^2 = \sigma\sigma'$ ,  $(f_1, B^2 w) = -1$ .

The last statement is true because  $f_2$  is the fixed point of  $\phi_2 = \sigma'_0S$ . ■

### 3.3. Uniqueness

Denote by  $D_T$  the disc  $|z| < 11/\sqrt{6}$  and  $D'_T = \{z \in D_T : \text{Re } z \leq 0\}$ . Since  $\Gamma_w = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle$ , we can assume that  $z \in D'_T$ . Below, we assume that  $z \in D'_T$  is an extremal point.

**Definition 3.1.** *For any  $g \in G_C$ , denote by  $P(g)$  and  $N(g)$  the conditions  $(z, gw) \geq 1$  and  $(z, gw) \leq -1$  respectively.*

If  $P(\sigma)$  and  $P(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $z \in \mathcal{D}_\Gamma$ , a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$ . If  $N(\sigma')$  holds, then  $|z| \geq 11/\sqrt{6}$ . If  $N(\sigma'_0)$  holds, then  $|z| \geq 23/(2\sqrt{6})$ . In both cases,  $z \notin D'_T$ . Thus, for  $z \in D'_T$ ,  $P(\sigma')$  and  $P(\sigma'_0)$  both hold. If  $P(S)$  holds, then an indefinite  $z \in D'_T$  belongs to  $p(U)$ . Hence any indefinite  $z \in D'_T$  belongs to  $D''_T$ , the part of  $D'_T$ , where  $P(\sigma')$ ,  $P(\sigma'_0)$  and  $N(S)$  hold.

Assume that  $z \in D''_T$ . If  $P(\sigma_0)$  holds, then either, by Lemma 3.2,  $z = f_1 = -\sqrt{5} + i\sqrt{6}$  or  $N(\sigma_0)$  holds. If  $N(\sigma_0)$  and  $N(B^2)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 \geq 33$  and an extremal  $z \notin D''_T$ . Hence,  $P(B^2)$  holds. If  $N(\sigma)$  and  $P(B^2)$  hold, then  $|z| \geq |-2\sqrt{5} + i/\sqrt{6}| = 11/\sqrt{6}$  and  $z \notin D''_T$ . Thus,  $P(\sigma)$  holds. If  $P(\sigma)$  and  $P(\sigma_3)$  hold, then either, by Lemma 3.2,  $z = f = -\sqrt{5} - i\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6}$  or  $N(\sigma_3)$  holds. If  $N(\sigma_3)$  and  $P(\phi_2)$  hold, then  $|z| \geq |-\frac{13}{9}\sqrt{5} - i\frac{38}{27}\sqrt{6}|$  and  $z \notin D''_T$ . Hence,  $N(\phi_2)$  holds. If  $P(S_2)$  and  $N(\phi_2)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 \geq 97$  and  $z \notin D''_T$ . Hence,  $N(S_2)$  holds.

If  $N(S_2)$  and  $N(S\sigma'_0S)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 \geq |-\frac{5}{4}\sqrt{5} - i\frac{41}{24}\sqrt{6}|^2$  and  $z \notin D''_T$ . Thus,  $P(S\sigma'_0S)$  holds and, by Lemma 3.2,  $z = f_2 = -\sqrt{5} - i\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{6}$ .

We have proved the following.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let an extremal  $z \in D'_T$ . Then  $z = f = -\sqrt{5} - i\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6}$ , or  $z = f_1 = -\sqrt{5} + i\sqrt{6}$ , or  $z = f_2 = -\sqrt{5} - i\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{6}$ , or  $|z| \geq 11/\sqrt{6}$ .*

Let  $S = S(b, R)$  and let  $L$  be a geodesic in  $S$  of height  $h$ . Let  $\rho(S) = S(0, 1)$ . Let  $f$  be the pole of the projection of  $\rho(L)$  from  $\infty$  into  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $H^3$ . Then

$$h = R\sqrt{1 - |f|^{-2}}. \tag{3.1}$$

Thus, by (3.1) and Lemma 3.3, the first three points of  $\mathcal{M}(B_{30})$  are  $\sqrt{23}/2$ ,  $\sqrt{22}/2$  and  $\sqrt{37}/7$ . We have proved the following.

**Theorem 3.1.**  $\mathcal{M}(B_{30}) \cap (2.2936, \infty) = \left\{ \sqrt{37}/7, \sqrt{22}/2, \sqrt{23}/2 \right\}$ .

*Let  $L_0, L_1$  and  $L_2$  be the axes of  $\rho\phi\rho^{-1}, \rho\phi_1\rho^{-1}$  and  $\rho\phi_2\rho^{-1}$  respectively.*

*If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{23}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_0)$  for some  $g \in B_{30}$ .*

*If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{22}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_1)$  for some  $g \in B_{30}$ .*

*If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{37}/7$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_2)$  for some  $g \in B_{30}$ .*

As mentioned above,  $\mathcal{M}(B_{30})$  coincides with the Markov spectrum of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-30})$ , which, as follows from Theorem 3.1, equals to  $\mathcal{L}_{30}$  in the interval  $(2.2936, \infty)$  (see e.g. [31], p. 41).

## 4. Diophantine approximation in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$

### 4.1. Reduction

Let  $d = 33$  and  $\omega = \sqrt{-33}$ . Then  $\{1, \omega\}$  is the standard basis of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{33}$  of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$ . The group  $G_\infty = \text{Stab}(\infty, B_{33})$  is generated by reflections in the vertical plains in  $H^3$  through the lines  $\text{Re } z = 0$ ,  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$ ,  $\text{Im } z = 0$  and  $\text{Im } z = \sqrt{33}/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , which will be denoted by  $S_7, S_8, S_9$ , and  $S_{10}$  respectively. It is shown in [13] that the group  $B_{33}$  is reflective. But  $B_{33}$  itself is

not generated by reflections in the faces of their isometric fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$ . The floor of  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in six hemispheres

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= S(0, 1), & S_2 &= S\left(\frac{1+\omega}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), & S_3 &= S\left(\frac{\omega}{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \\
 S_4 &= S\left(\frac{3+\omega}{6}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right), & S_5 &= S\left(\frac{1+\omega}{4}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}\right), & S_6 &= S\left(\frac{2\omega}{11}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The reflections in the hemispheres  $S_i$ ,  $i \neq 3$ , belong to  $B_{33}$ , but the reflection in  $S_3$  does not. The axis of  $\rho_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \omega & 12 \\ 3 & -\omega \end{pmatrix}_{-3} \in B_{33}$  with endpoints  $\omega/3 \pm 1/\sqrt{3}$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  belongs to  $S_3$ ,  $\rho_0(\infty) = \omega/3$  and  $\rho_0(S_3) = S_3$ .

We have  $\Phi_2 = (1, (1+\omega)/2, 8)$ ,  $\Phi_5 = (1, (1+\omega)/4, 2)$ , and  $\rho_0^* \Phi_2 \rho_0 = \Phi_5$ , where  $\rho_0^* = (\overline{\rho_0})^T$ . Hence  $\rho(S_2) = S_5$ . Thus,  $B_{33}$  is generated by  $\rho$  and the reflections in the hemispheres  $S_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 10$ ,  $i \neq 3$ .

The hemisphere  $S_6$  is anisotropic, and the lowest face of  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in  $S_6$ . Since the diameter of  $S_6$  is  $2/\sqrt{11}$ , the highest Hermitian point of  $\mathcal{M}(B_{33})$  is

$$H_{33} = \sqrt{11}/2$$

(cf. [34], Example 5.3). Denote by  $h_{ij}$  the height of the edge  $L_{ij} = S_i \cap S_j$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_{18} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, & h_{27} &= \frac{1}{2}, & h_{23} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, & h_{48} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \\
 h_{14} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}, & h_{35} = h_{23} &= \sqrt{\frac{5}{42}}, & h_{38} = h_{16} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, & h_{45} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \\
 h_{57} = h_{58} &= \frac{1}{4}, & h_{46} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}, & h_{56} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the height of any edge of  $\mathcal{D} \geq 1/\sqrt{19}$ , there is no extremal geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , whose height is less than  $1/\sqrt{19}$  (see [28], Theorem 1).

Denote by  $\tau_i$  the reflection in the plane  $S_i$ ,  $i \neq 3$ , in  $H^3$ .

The group  $\Gamma_S = \text{Stab}(S_6, B_{33}) = \langle \tau_1, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_7 \rangle$ . Since  $(\tau_1 \tau_7)^2 = (\tau_1 \tau_4)^2 = (\tau_4 \tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5 \tau_7)^4 = 1$ , the group  $\Gamma_S$  contains a group with signature  $(0; 2, 2, 2, 4)$  as a subgroup of index two. The quadrangular face  $D_S$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , which lies in  $S_6$ , with vertices

$$v_1 = \left(\frac{1+\omega}{6}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}}\right), \quad v_2 = \left(\frac{1+\omega}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right), \quad v_3 = \left(\frac{2\omega}{9}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{27}}\right).$$

and  $v_4 = (\omega/6, 1/\sqrt{12}) = S_1 \cap S_6 \cap S_7$  is a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma_S$ , and  $S_6 \cap K(\infty) = D_S \cup \tau_7(D_S)$  is the pentagon with vertices at  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \tau_7(v_1)$  and  $\tau_7(v_2)$ . Thus, by Theorem 2.2 from [31], if a geodesic  $L \subset S_6$  is extremal with respect to  $\Gamma_S$ , then  $L$  is extremal with respect to  $B_{33}$ , and therefore

$\mathcal{M}_S \subset \mathcal{M}(B_{33})$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(v_1, B_{33}) &= \{\tau_1, \tau_4, \tau_5 : (\tau_1\tau_4)^2 = (\tau_4\tau_6)^2 = (\tau_6\tau_1)^2 = 1\}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_2, B_{33}) &= \{\tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6 : (\tau_4\tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5\tau_6)^2 = (\tau_6\tau_4)^2 = 1\}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_3, B_{33}) &= \{\tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7 : (\tau_7\tau_6)^2 = (\tau_6\tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5\tau_7)^4 = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

The geodesic  $L_{56}$  is perpendicular to the planes  $S_4$  and  $S'_5 = \tau_7(S_5)$ . Denote  $\tau'_5 = \tau_7\tau_5\tau_7$ . Then  $\Gamma_{56} = \text{Stab}(L_{56}, B_{33}) = \langle \tau_4, \tau'_5 \rangle$ . Let  $t_1 = L_{56} \cap S_4$  and  $t_2 = L_{56} \cap S'_5$ . Then the arc  $[t_1, t_2] = L_{56} \cap K(\infty)$  is a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma_{56}$  on  $L_{56}$  and, by Corollary 24, [30],  $L_{56}$  is extremal. Since the height of  $L_{56}$  is  $1/\sqrt{19}$  and, as shown above, the height of any extremal geodesic is at least  $1/\sqrt{19}$ , the Hurwitz constant of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$  is

$$C_{33} = \sqrt{19}/2$$

(cf. [35], Table 3).

#### 4.2. The $v$ -cells $N(v_1)$ , $N(v_2)$ and $N(v_3)$

The  $v$ -cells  $N(v_1)$  and  $N(v_2)$  are rectangular parallelepipeds and  $N(v_3)$  is a square prism.

The vertices of  $N(v_1)$  are the points  $B = 0$ ,  $C = \omega/6$ ,  $D = 2\omega/11$ ,  $E = 6/(1 - \omega)$ ,  $F = (1 + \omega)/6$ ,  $J = 6/(3 - \omega)$ ,  $K = (3 + \omega)/6$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_1)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $B$ ,  $D$  and  $K$ . The Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ABDC$  and  $KEFJ$  is  $2h_{16} = 1/\sqrt{3}$ , the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ABJK$  and  $CDEF$  is  $2h_{14} = 2/\sqrt{7}$  and the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ADEK$  and  $BCFJ$  is  $2h_{46} = 2/\sqrt{17}$ .

The vertices of  $N(v_2)$  are the points  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $K$ ,  $L = (1 + \omega)/5$ ,  $M = (1 + \omega)/4$ ,  $N = (2 + 4\omega)/19$ ,  $P = (5 + 3\omega)/14$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_2)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $M$ ,  $D$  and  $K$ . The Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ADNM$  and  $KELP$  is  $2h_{56} = 2/\sqrt{19}$ , the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $AKPM$  and  $DELN$  is  $2h_{45} = 2/\sqrt{14}$  and the Farey constant of the congruent faces  $ADEK$  and  $LNMP$  is  $2h_{46} = 2/\sqrt{17}$ .

Since the  $v$ -cells  $N(v_k)$  and  $N(v'_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , are symmetrical with respect to the vertical plane in  $H^3$  through the line  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , if  $X$  is a vertex of  $N(v_k)$ , then  $X' = 1 - \bar{X}$  is the corresponding vertex of  $N(v'_k)$ .

The vertices of  $N(v_3)$  are the points  $A_1 = \omega/4$ ,  $D$ ,  $D_1 = 2\omega/9$ ,  $M$ ,  $M' = (-1 + \omega)/4$ ,  $N$ ,  $N' = (-2 + 4\omega)/19$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_1)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $D$ ,  $M$  and  $M'$ . There are two congruent square faces  $AMA_1M'$  and  $DND_1N'$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{28} = 1/2$ , and four congruent rectangular faces  $ADNM$ ,  $A_1D_1NM$ ,  $ADN'M'$ ,  $A_1D_1N'M'$ . (We call these faces squares and rectangles only because of their groups of symmetry). The axis of  $\tau_5\tau_7$  is the axis of order four in  $N(v_3)$ .

Let  $2/\sqrt{19} \leq k < 2/\sqrt{14}$ . If a geodesic  $L$  cuts a square face, which is congruent to  $AMA_1M'$ , we can assume that  $L$  cuts  $AMA_1M'$ . If  $L$  is extremal, then  $L$  cuts

the geodesic face  $\phi$  in  $AMA_1M'$ , which exists for  $1/2 < k < 2/\sqrt{14}$ . For these values of  $k$ ,  $\phi \subset Q(\omega/3, k)$ , the horoball with equation  $|z - \omega/3|^2 + (t - 1/(3k))^2 < 1/(3k)^2$  in  $H^3$ . Hence, there is no extremal geodesic, which cuts a square face of  $N(v_3)$ . Thus, an extremal geodesic can cut only the rectangular faces of  $N(v_i)$ . Assume that an extremal geodesic  $L$  cuts  $N(v_i, k)$ . Then  $L$  cuts the geodesic faces of  $N(v_i, k)$ , which lie in the rectangular faces of  $N(v_i)$  congruent to  $ADNM$  or  $ADEK$ , whose Farey constants are less than  $2/\sqrt{14}$ . The centers of all such rectangular faces lie in  $S_6$ . Hence, if the height of an extremal geodesic  $L$  is less than  $1/\sqrt{14}$ , then  $g(L) \subset S_6$  for some translation  $g \in B_{33}$ . Indeed, an extremal geodesic  $L$ , which cuts  $N(v_i, k)$ , must enter through one of its geodesic faces and exit through another. Since the limit points of the sequence of  $v$ -cells cut by  $L$  are the endpoints of  $L$  and they lie in  $S_6$ ,  $L$  itself lies in  $S_6$ .

The reflection  $\tau_{11}$  with respect to the hemisphere

$$S_{11} = S\left(\frac{1 + \omega}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

belongs to  $B_{33}$  and  $S_{11} \cap S_8 = S_3 \cap S_8$ . Let  $v_4 = S_{11} \cap S_8 \cap S_5$  and  $v_5 = S_4 \cap S_8 \cap S_5$ . Then

$$v_4 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{19\omega}{66}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}\right), \quad v_5 = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5\omega}{22}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{22}}\right),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(v_4, B_{33}) &= \{\tau_5, \tau_8, \tau_{11} : (\tau_{11}\tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5\tau_8)^4 = (\tau_8\tau_{11})^3 = 1\}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_5, B_{33}) &= \{\tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_8 : (\tau_4\tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5\tau_8)^4 = (\tau_8\tau_4)^2 = 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

### 4.3. The $v$ -cells $N(v_4)$ and $N(v_5)$

The geodesic  $L_{58} = S_8 \cap S_5$  is a common axis of order four of  $N(v_4)$  and  $N(v_5)$  both.  $N(v_4)$  is the same  $v$ -cell, which appears in the case of  $d = 6$  (see [31], Sec. 5.1). It is a cube whose vertices and edges are replaced by triangular and rectangular faces respectively.  $N(v_5)$  is a square prism.

We describe the  $v$ -cell  $N(v_4)$ . Denote

$$\rho_1 = \tau_8\tau_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \omega & 10 - \omega \\ 3 & -2 - \omega \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau = \tau_{11}\tau_5 = \begin{pmatrix} -10 & 3 + 3\omega \\ -1 + \omega & 10 \end{pmatrix},$$

The group  $S_4 = \langle \tau, \rho_1 \rangle$  is the subgroup of the orientation-preserving isomorphisms in  $\text{Stab}(v, B_{33})$ . One has  $\tau^2 = \rho_1^3 = (\tau\rho_1)^4 = id$ . The order of  $S_4$  is 24. The vertical plane  $S_8$  in  $H^3$  is the plane of symmetry of the  $v$ -cell  $N(v_4)$ . Hence, if  $X$  is a vertex of  $N(v)$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , then  $X' = 1 - \bar{X}$  is also a vertex. Thus it is enough to enumerate the vertices of  $N(v_4)$  on the line  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$  and to the left of this line. At any vertex of  $N(v_4)$ , one triangular, one square, and two rectangular faces of  $N(v_4)$  meet. The group  $S_4$  acts transitively on the vertices of  $N(v_4)$ .

Thus  $N(v_4)$  has 24 vertices:  $B = (1 + \omega)/4$ ,  $C = (1 + \omega)/3$ ,  $D = 5(1 + \omega)/17$ ,  $E = (13 + 9\omega)/29$ ,  $F = (15 + 11\omega)/37$ ,  $H = (27 + 17\omega)/58$ ,  $K = (3 + 2\omega)/7$ ,  $L = (27 + 16\omega)/57$ ,  $M = (11 + 8\omega)/29$ ,  $N = (17 + 10\omega)/37$  and their reflections across the line  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , the points  $B_1 = 1/2 + \omega/4$ ,  $G = 1/2 + 3\omega/10$  and  $J = 1/2 + 19\omega/66$  on this line, and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_4)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the trapezoid with vertices at  $B, C, C', B'$ .

The  $v$ -cell  $N(v_4)$  has 6 congruent square faces:  $ABB_1B', CDFE, C'D'F'E', GHJH', KLN M, K'L'N'M'$ , whose Farey constant equals  $2h_{58} = 1/2$ ; 12 congruent rectangular faces:  $ABDC, AB'D'C', BB_1NM, B'B_1N'M', DFKM, D'F'K'M', JLK H, JL'K'H', EFHG, E'F'H'G, LNN'L'$  and  $CEE'C'$ , whose Farey constant equal  $2h_{5,11} = 2/\sqrt{17}$ ; and 8 congruent triangular faces:  $ACC', GEE', JLL', B_1NN', BDM, B'D'M', FHK$  and  $F'H'K'$ , whose Farey constant equals  $2h_{38} = 1/\sqrt{3}$ .

The vertices of  $N(v_5)$  are the points  $B, B_1, B' = (3+\omega)/4, P = 1/2+\omega/6, R = (5+3\omega)/14, R' = (9+3\omega)/14, T = 1/2+5\omega/22$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $A = \infty$ . The projection of  $N(v_5)$  from infinity into  $\mathbf{C}$  is the triangle with vertices at  $B, B'$  and  $P$ . There are two congruent square faces  $ABB_1B'$  and  $PRTR'$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{58} = 1/2$ , and four congruent rectangular faces  $ABRP, BB_1TR, AB'R'P, B'B_1TR'$ , whose Farey constant is  $2h_{45} = 2/\sqrt{14}$ . The axis of  $\tau_8\tau_5$  is the axis of order four in  $N(v_5)$ .

Let  $2/\sqrt{19} \leq k < 2/\sqrt{14}$ . If a geodesic  $L$  cuts a rectangular face, which is congruent to  $ABDC$ , we can assume that  $L$  cuts  $ABDC$ . If  $L$  is extremal, then  $L$  cuts the geodesic face  $\phi$  in  $ABDC$ , which exists for  $2/\sqrt{17} < k < 2/\sqrt{14}$ . For these values of  $k$ ,  $\phi \subset Q(\omega/3, k)$ . Hence, there is no extremal geodesic, which cuts a triangular or rectangular face of  $N(v_4)$ . Thus, an extremal geodesic  $L$ , which cuts  $N(v_4)$  or  $N(v_5)$ , can cut only the square faces of these  $v$ -cells. Up to a symmetry,  $L$  cuts either (1) the opposite or (2) adjacent square faces of  $N(v_4)$ . If  $L$  cuts only the opposite faces of cubes, then  $L = L_{58}$ , whose endpoints are  $1/2 + \omega/4 \pm i/4$ . Since the arc  $[v_4, v_5] = L \cap K(\infty)$  is a fundamental domain of  $\text{Stab}(L, B_{33})$  on  $L$ ,  $L$  is an extremal geodesic and  $\nu(L) = 1/(2h_{58}) = 2$ .

Let  $T_0 = ((1+\omega)/4 + \sqrt{1/8 - k^2/4}, k/2)$  and  $T_1 = ((3+\omega)/4 - \sqrt{1/8 - k^2/4}, k/2)$ . The geodesic face  $\psi$  of  $N(v_4, k)$  that lies in the common vertical square face  $ABB_1B'$  of  $N(v_4)$  and  $N(v_5)$  has one side  $T_0T_1$ , which lies on the line  $t = k/2$  or, more precisely, on  $Q(A, k) \cap ABB_1B'$ . The opposite side  $T_2T_3$  of  $\psi$  lies on the circle  $Q(B_1, k) \cap ABB_1B'$ . The diagonals  $T_0T_3$  and  $T_1T_2$  of  $\psi$  lie on  $S_5 \cap ABB_1B'$  and  $S'_5 \cap ABB_1B'$  respectively. Here  $S'_5 = S((3+\omega)/4, 1/\sqrt{8})$ . The point of intersection of these diagonals is  $C_s = (1/2 + \omega/4, 1/4)$ . It is the center of symmetry of both  $ABB_1B'$  and  $\psi$ . Notice that when  $k = 1/\sqrt{2}$ , all four vertices of  $\psi$  lie on the boundary of  $ABB_1B'$ .

Assume that an extremal geodesic  $L$  cuts two adjacent square faces of  $N(v_5)$ . We can assume that  $L$  cuts  $\psi$  and  $\rho(\psi)$ , the geodesic face in  $\rho(ABB_1B') = CDFE$ . Then  $L$  also cuts  $\tau_4(\psi)$ , the geodesic face in the square face  $\tau_4(ABB_1B')$  of  $N(v_4)$  with center  $(1/2 + 3\omega/14, 1/154)$ . But, any geodesic which cuts  $\rho(\psi)$  and  $\tau_4(\psi)$  does not meet  $\psi$ . Hence there is no extremal geodesic  $L$ , which cuts two adjacent square faces of  $N(v_5)$ .

Geodesic  $L_{45}$  is perpendicular to the hemisphere  $S_6$ . Since the arc  $[v_2, v_5] = L_{45} \cap K(\infty)$  is a fundamental domain of  $\text{Stab}(L_{45}, B_{33})$  on  $L_{45}$ ,  $L_{45}$  is an extremal geodesic and  $\nu(L_{45}) = 1/(2h_{45}) = 2/\sqrt{14}$ .

We have proved the following.

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let the height of a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$  be less than  $1/\sqrt{14}$ . If  $L$  is extremal, then  $L$  is equivalent to  $L_{58}$  or  $L \subset gS_6$ ,  $g \in G_\infty$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{M}(B_{33}) \cap (\sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{19}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap (\sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{19}/2] \cup \{2\}$ .*

*The geodesic  $L_{45}$  is extremal with respect to  $B_{33}$  and  $\nu(L_{45}) = 2/\sqrt{14}$ .*

**Remark.** The hemisphere  $S_4$  is anisotropic and  $r(\Phi_4) = 22$ . The group  $\text{Stab}(S_4, B_{33})$  is generated by reflections in  $L_{48}$ ,  $L_{14}$ ,  $L_{45}$ , and  $L_{46}$  with heights  $1/\sqrt{6}$ ,  $1/\sqrt{7}$ ,  $1/\sqrt{14}$ , and  $1/\sqrt{17}$  respectively. It contains a subgroup with signature  $(0; 2, 2, 3, 4)$  as a subgroup of index 2.

**4.4. A group with signature  $(0; 2, 2, 2, 4)$**

Now let  $\rho = \begin{pmatrix} i\sqrt{3} & -6 \\ 0 & \omega \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $C_1$  be the circle  $|z - 2\omega/11| = 1/\sqrt{11}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . Then  $G_S = \text{Stab}(C_1, B_{33})$  and  $C_1 = \rho(C)$ , where  $C$  is the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ . The group  $\Gamma = \rho^{-1}\Gamma_S \rho$  is a discrete cocompact subgroup of the group of isometries  $G_S$  of  $D^2$ . It is generated by reflections

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2i\sqrt{3} \\ 2i\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_0 &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 & \sqrt{11} + 3i\sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{11} + 3i\sqrt{3} & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \sigma_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \sigma_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} -2i\sqrt{3} & 1 + \omega \\ 1 - \omega & 2i\sqrt{3} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

across the sides of the quadrilateral with vertices  $s_0 = i(4/9)\sqrt{3}$ ,  $v = -i\sqrt{3}/6$ ,  $s_1 = (\sqrt{11} - i\sqrt{3})/6$ , and  $u = (\sqrt{11} + i\sqrt{3})/5$ , which are the fixed points of

$$A = \sigma_0\sigma_1, \quad V = \sigma_1\sigma, \quad S_1 = \sigma\sigma_2, \quad U = \sigma_2\sigma_0$$

respectively. One has  $A^4 = V^2 = S_1^2 = U^2 = ABS_1U = \text{id}$ , and  $\Gamma = \langle \sigma, \sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 : (\sigma_0\sigma_1)^4 = (\sigma_1\sigma)^2 = (\sigma\sigma_2)^2 = (\sigma_2\sigma_0)^2 = 1 \rangle$ . Here  $\sigma = \rho^{-1}\tau_6\tau_1\rho$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \rho^{-1}\tau_6\tau_5\rho$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \rho^{-1}\tau_6\tau_7\rho$  and  $\sigma_2 = \rho^{-1}\tau_6\tau_4\rho$ .

For  $g \in G_S$ , denote  $g' = \sigma_1g\sigma_1$ . If  $z$  is the fixed point of  $g$ , then the fixed points of  $g'$  is  $-\bar{z}$ . Denote

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= A^2, & \varphi &= U'\sigma_0, & \psi &= \sigma_0S_1, \\ F_0 &= U'S_0 = \varphi\sigma'_0, & H_0 &= US_1 = \sigma_2\psi, \\ H &= \varphi\psi^{-1} = U'S_2, & H'' &= \sigma_0H\sigma_0 = \varphi^{-1}H^{-1}\varphi = \psi^{-1}H^{-1}\psi = \varphi^{-1}\psi. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= -\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{11} + i\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{3}, & h_0 &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{11} - i\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{3}, \\ h &= -\frac{1}{8}\sqrt{11} + i\frac{29}{24}\sqrt{3}, & h'' &= \frac{5}{8}\sqrt{11} + i\frac{7}{24}\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

and  $f_0$  is the common fixed point of  $\sigma'_0$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $F_0$ ,  $h_0$  is the common fixed points of  $\sigma_2$ ,  $\psi$  and  $H_0$ . We have  $F_0 = U'S_0 = \sigma'_2\sigma_0$  and  $H_0 = US_1 = \sigma_0\sigma$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *For the fixed points of  $F_0$ ,  $H_0$ ,  $H$  and  $H''$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned} (f_0, \sigma_0 w) &= (f_0, \sigma'_2 w) = -(f_0, \sigma'_0 w) = -(f_0, S_0 w) = -(f_0, U' w) = 1, \\ (h_0, \sigma w) &= (h_0, \sigma_0 w) = -(h_0, \sigma_2 w) = -(h_0, S_1 w) = -(h_0, U w) = 1, \\ (h, \varphi w) &= (h, \psi w) = -(h, \sigma_0 w) = -(h, S_2 w) = -(h, U' w) = 1, \\ (h'', \varphi^{-1} w) &= (h'', \psi^{-1} w) = -(h'', \sigma_0 w) = -(h'', S_1 w) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Since  $h'' = -\sigma_0 h$ , we have  $(h, U' w) = -(\sigma_0 h'', U' w) = -(h'', \sigma_0 U' w) = -(h'', \varphi^{-1} w) = -1$  and  $(h, \psi w) = (h, H\psi w) = (h, \varphi w) = 1$ . Similarly,

$$(h'', S_1 w) = -(\sigma_0 h, S_1 w) = -(h, \sigma_0 S_1 w) = -(h, \psi w) = -1$$

and

$$(h'', \varphi^{-1} w) = (h'', (H'')^{-1} \varphi^{-1} w) = (h'', \psi^{-1} w) = 1,$$

since  $H'' = \psi^{-1} H^{-1} \psi = \psi^{-1} \psi \varphi^{-1} \psi = \varphi^{-1} \psi$ . ■

### 4.5. Uniqueness

Denote by  $D_T$  the disc  $|z|^2 < 14/3$  and  $D'_T = \{z \in D_T : \operatorname{Re} z \leq 0\}$ . Since  $\Gamma_w = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle$ , we can assume that  $z \in D'_T$ .

If  $N(\sigma)$  holds, then  $|z|^2 \geq |-i2\sqrt{3}|^2 = 12$ . Thus, for an extremal  $z \in D'_T$ ,  $P(\sigma)$  holds. If  $P(\sigma_0)$  and  $P(\sigma_2)$  hold, then  $z \in \mathcal{D}_\Gamma$ , a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$ .

If  $N(\sigma_2)$  and  $P(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $z = h_0 = \sqrt{11}/2 - i\sqrt{3}/6$ ,  $|h_0|^2 = 17/6 = 2.8333$  (see Lemma 4.2).

Let us assume that  $P(\sigma_2)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold. If  $P(\sigma'_0)$  holds, then  $z = f'_0 = (\sqrt{11} + i3\sqrt{3})/4$ ,  $|f_0|^2 = 19/8 = 2.375$  (see Lemma 4.2).

If  $P(U)$  holds, then  $z \in \mathcal{D}_\Gamma$ . Hence we can assume that  $N(U)$  holds. If  $N(\sigma'_0)$  holds, then  $|z|^2 \geq |h'|^2 = |\sqrt{11}/8 + i29\sqrt{3}/24|^2 = 427/96 = 4.55208333$ .

If  $N(\sigma_2)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $N(S_1)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold, in which case  $|z|^2 \geq |h''|^2 = |5\sqrt{11}/8 + i7\sqrt{3}/24|^2 = 427/96 = 4.55208333$ .



We have proved the following.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let an extremal indefinite  $z \in D'_T$ . Then  $z = f'_0$  or  $z = h_0$  or*

- 1)  $N(\sigma'_0)$  and  $N(U)$  hold, or
- 2)  $N(S_1)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold.

1) Assume that  $N(\sigma_0)$  and  $N(U')$  hold. If  $P(\varphi)$  and  $P(\psi)$  hold, then  $z = h = -\sqrt{11}/8 + i29\sqrt{3}/24$  (see Lemma 4.2). If  $N(\varphi)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 5.27348$ . If  $N(\psi)$  and  $N(U')$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 6.24218$ . If  $N(\varphi)$  and  $N(\psi)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 8.3383$ . Thus, if  $N(\sigma_0)$  and  $N(U')$  hold, then either  $z = h$  or  $|z|^2 > 5.27348$ .

2) Let  $N(\sigma_0)$  and  $N(S_1)$  hold. If  $P(\varphi^{-1})$  and  $P(\psi^{-1})$  hold, then  $z = h'' = 5\sqrt{11}/8 + i7\sqrt{3}/24$  (see Lemma 4.2). If  $N(\varphi^{-1})$  and  $N(S_1)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 5.2324$ . If  $N(\varphi^{-1})$  and  $N(\psi^{-1})$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 8.3383$ . If  $N(\psi^{-1})$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $|z|^2 > 5.9738$ . Thus, if  $N(\sigma_0)$  and  $N(S_1)$  hold, then either  $z = h''$  or  $|z|^2 > 5.2324$ .

We have proved the following.

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let an extremal indefinite  $z \in D'_T$ . Then  $z = f'_0$  or  $z = h_0$  or  $z = h$  or  $z = h''$ .*

By (3.1), Lemmas 4.1 and 4.4 imply the following.

**Theorem 4.1.**  $\mathcal{M}(B_{33}) \cap [\sqrt{14}/2, \infty) = \{\sqrt{14}/2, \sqrt{437/124}, 2, \sqrt{17}/2, \sqrt{19}/2\}$ .

Let  $L_0, L_1$  and  $L_2$  be the axes of  $\rho F_0 \rho^{-1}, \rho H_0 \rho^{-1}$  and  $\rho H \rho^{-1}$  respectively.

If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{19}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_0)$  for some  $g \in B_{33}$ .

If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{17}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_1)$  for some  $g \in B_{33}$ .

If  $\nu(L) = 2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_{58})$  for some  $g \in B_{33}$ .

If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{437/124}$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_2)$  for some  $g \in B_{33}$ .

The geodesic  $L_{45}$  is extremal with respect to  $B_{33}$  and  $\nu(L_{45}) = 2/\sqrt{14}$ .

As mentioned above,  $\mathcal{M}(B_{33})$  coincides with the Markov spectrum of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-33})$ , which, as follows from Theorem 4.1, equals to  $\mathcal{L}_{33}$  in the interval  $[\sqrt{14}/2, \infty)$  (see e.g. [31], p. 41).

## 5. Diophantine approximation in $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$

### 5.1. Reduction

Let  $d = 57$  and  $\omega = i\sqrt{57}$ . The group  $G_\infty = \text{Stab}(\infty, B_{57})$  is generated by reflections in the vertical plains in  $H^3$  through the lines  $\text{Re } z = 0, \text{Re } z = 1/2, \text{Im } z = 0$  and  $\text{Im } z = \sqrt{57}/2$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , which will be denoted by  $S_{15}, S_{16}, S_{17}$ , and  $S_{18}$

respectively. The floor of the isometric fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in hemispheres

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= S(0, 1), & S_2 &= S\left(\frac{1+\omega}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right), & S_3 &= S\left(\frac{\omega}{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right), \\
 S_4 &= S\left(\frac{3+\omega}{6}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right), & S_5 &= S\left(\frac{1+\omega}{4}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}\right), & S_6 &= S\left(\frac{\omega}{6}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right), \\
 S_7 &= S\left(\frac{-24}{\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}\right), & S_8 &= S\left(\frac{-12}{\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}\right), & S_9 &= S\left(\frac{24+\omega}{3-\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{22}}\right), \\
 S_{10} &= S\left(\frac{9+\omega}{9-\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{23}}\right), & S_{11} &= S\left(\frac{-18+4\omega}{9+\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{23}}\right), \\
 S_{12} &= S\left(\frac{2(1+\omega)}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right), & S_{13} &= S\left(\frac{1+\omega}{5}, \frac{1}{5}\right), & S_{14} &= S\left(\frac{-33+\omega}{2\omega}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{38}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

The forms  $\Phi_5 = (2, (1 + \omega)/2, 7)$  and  $\Phi_6 = (2, \omega/3, 3)$  are reflection forms since  $\Delta(\Phi_5) = 1/2$ ,  $\Delta(\Phi_6) = 1/3$  and  $6|D$  (see [26], Lemma 4). Reflections in hemispheres  $S_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18$ , belong to  $B_{57}$ . Hemispheres  $S_3$ ,  $S_5$  and  $S_{14}$  are mutually perpendicular. Also,  $S_{14}$  is a boundary hemisphere with  $r(\Phi_{14}) = 6$ . Denote by  $\tau_i$  reflection in the hemisphere  $S_i$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 5\omega \\ \omega & 12 \end{bmatrix}_{-3}, & \tau &= \begin{bmatrix} 24 + \omega & 18 - 10\omega \\ 3 - \omega & -24 - \omega \end{bmatrix}_{-3}, \\
 \tau' &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 + \omega & 9 - \omega \\ 6 & -3 - \omega \end{bmatrix}_{-6},
 \end{aligned}$$

$H_2 = \tau H_1$  and  $H_3 = \tau'(\overline{H_2})^{-1}$ . The axis of  $H_1$  lies in the plane  $\text{Re } z = 0$ , the axis of  $\tau'$  is perpendicular to the plane  $\text{Re } z = 1/2$  and the axis of  $\tau$  is perpendicular to the hemispheres  $S_2$  and  $S_3$ .

Since the isometric fundamental domain of  $\langle H_1 \rangle$  is the exterior of the hemispheres  $S_7$  and  $S_8$  in  $H^3$ , the isometric fundamental domain of  $\langle H_2 \rangle$  is the exterior of the hemispheres  $S_{12}$  and  $\tau_{15}(S_{13})$  in  $H^3$ , the isometric fundamental domain of  $\langle H_3 \rangle$  is the exterior of the hemispheres  $S_{10}$  and  $\tau_{15}(S_{11})$  in  $H^3$ ,  $\tau(S_9) = S_9$  and  $\tau'(S_4) = S_4$ , we have proved the following.

**Theorem 5.1.** *The extended Bianchi group  $B_{57}$  is generated by  $\tau$ ,  $\tau'$ ,  $H_1$  and by reflections in  $S_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18$ .*

The hemisphere  $S_{14}$  is anisotropic, and the lowest face of  $\mathcal{D}$  lies in  $S_{14}$ . Since the diameter of  $S_{14}$  is  $2/\sqrt{38}$ , the highest Hermitian point of  $\mathcal{M}(B_{57})$  is

$$H_{57} = \sqrt{38}/2.$$

(cf. [34], Example 5.1). Denote by  $h_{ij}$  the height of the geodesic  $L_{ij} = S_i \cap S_j$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} h_{2,15} &= \frac{1}{2}, & h_{35} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}, & h_{3,16} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}, & h_{5,15} &= h_{5,16} = \frac{1}{4}, \\ h_{46} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}}, & h_{14,7} &= h_{14,8} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}, & h_{10,1} &= h_{11,16} = \frac{\sqrt{91}}{46}, \\ h_{58} &= h_{27} = \sqrt{\frac{37}{874}}, & h_{29} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}}, & h_{39} &= \frac{1}{5}, \\ h_{10,4} &= h_{4,13} = h_{12,11} = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{\frac{67}{69}}, & h_{37} &= h_{68} = \frac{1}{10}\sqrt{\frac{73}{19}}, \\ h_{13,8} &= h_{9,12} = h_{97} = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{\frac{177}{209}}, & h_{5,13} &= h_{2,12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}}\sqrt{\frac{49}{50}}, \\ h_{10,6} &= h_{11,3} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{89}{667}}, & h_{6,13} &= h_{3,12} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{31}}\sqrt{\frac{97}{100}}, \\ h_{45} &= h_{1,4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{33}}, & h_{3,14} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{41}}, & h_{5,14} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{46}}. \end{aligned}$$

If the center of  $S_i$  is located in  $S_{15}$  (or  $S_{16}$ ) then  $h_{i,15} = R_i$  (or  $h_{i,16} = R_i$ ).

The hemispheres  $S_1, S_6, S_{10}$  and  $S_{15}$  meet at a vertex of  $\mathcal{D}$ , and the hemispheres  $S_2, S_{11}, S_{12}$  and  $S_{16}$  meet at another vertex of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

The group  $G_S = \text{Stab}(S_{14}, B_{57}) = \langle \gamma, \gamma_0, \gamma_1 \rangle$ , where  $\gamma = \tau_5\tau_{14}$ ,  $\gamma_0 = \tau_3\tau_{14}$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \tau_{16}\tau_{14}$ .

The heights of all the edges in the floor of  $\mathcal{D}$ , which do not lie in  $S_{14}$ , are greater than  $1/\sqrt{38}$ . Thus, the reduction for  $d = 57$  is similar to that for  $d = 30$ .

Let  $S = \gamma\gamma_0$ ,  $A = \gamma_1\gamma_0$ ,  $B = \gamma_1\gamma$ . Then  $S^2 = A^6 = B^4 = id$ . Thus the group  $G_S$  contains the  $(2, 4, 6)$ -triangle group as a subgroup of index two. The triangular face  $D_S$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , which lies in  $S_{14}$ , with vertices at

$$v_1 = \left( \frac{9 + 5\omega}{18}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{54}} \right), v_2 = \left( \frac{5 + 3\omega}{10}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{50}} \right), v_3 = \left( \frac{3 + 2\omega}{7}, \frac{1}{7} \right),$$

is a fundamental domain of  $G_S$ ,  $S_{14} \cap K(\infty)$  consists of two copies of  $D_S$ . and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stab}(v_1, B_{57}) &= \{ \tau_5, \tau_{14}, \tau_{16} : (\tau_5\tau_{14})^2 = (\tau_{14}\tau_{16})^2 = (\tau_{16}\tau_5)^4 = 1 \}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_2, B_{57}) &= \{ \tau_3, \tau_{14}, \tau_{16} : (\tau_3\tau_{14})^2 = (\tau_{14}\tau_{16})^2 = (\tau_{16}\tau_3)^6 = 1 \}, \\ \text{Stab}(v_3, B_{57}) &= \{ \tau_3, \tau_5, \tau_{14} : (\tau_3\tau_5)^2 = (\tau_5\tau_{14})^2 = (\tau_{14}\tau_3)^2 = 1 \}. \end{aligned}$$

The geodesic  $L_{5,14}$  is perpendicular to  $S_3$  and to the axis  $L_{5,16}$  of  $\tau_{16}\tau_5$ . Denote  $U = (\tau_{16}\tau_5)^2$ . Then  $\Gamma_{5,14} = \text{Stab}(L_{5,14}, B_{57}) = \langle \tau_3, U \rangle$ . Let  $t_1 = L_{5,14} \cap S_3$  and  $t_2 = L_{5,14} \cap L_{5,16}$ . Then the arc  $[t_1, t_2] = L_{5,14} \cap K(\infty)$  is a fundamental domain off  $\Gamma_{5,14}$  on  $L_{5,14}$  and, by Corollary 24, [30],  $L_{5,14}$  is extremal. Since the height of

$L_{5,14}$  is  $1/\sqrt{46}$  and, as shown above, the height of any extremal geodesic is at least  $1/\sqrt{46}$ , the Hurwitz constant of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$  is

$$C_{57} = \sqrt{46}/2.$$

(cf. [35], Table 1).

The hemisphere  $S_{14}$  contains four vertices of  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  and  $v'_3 = \tau_{16}(v_3)$ .

The  $v$ -cells  $N(v_1), N(v_2)$ , and  $N(v_3)$  are of the same type as in the case of  $d = 30$  (see Section 3). The  $v$ -cell  $N(v_3)$  is a rectangular parallelepiped. The  $v$ -cells  $N(v_1)$  and  $N(v_2)$  are square and hexagonal prisms respectively. The geodesic  $L_{5,16}$  is the axis of symmetry of order 4 in  $N(v_1)$  and  $L_{3,16}$  is the axis of symmetry of order 6 in  $N(v_2)$ .

The common rectangular face  $\phi_{23}$  of  $N(v_3)$  and  $N(v_2)$  has vertices at  $\omega/3, (19 + 12\omega)/41, (-33 + \omega)/(2\omega)$  and  $\infty$ . Its Farey constant is  $2h_{3,14} = 2/\sqrt{41}$ . All the rectangular faces of  $N(v_2)$  are congruent to this face.

The common rectangular face  $\phi_{13}$  of  $N(v_3)$  and  $N(v_1)$  has vertices at  $(1 + \omega)/4, (21 + 13\omega)/46, (-33 + \omega)/(2\omega)$  and  $\infty$ . Its Farey constant is  $2h_{5,14} = 2/\sqrt{46}$ . All the rectangular faces of  $N(v_1)$  are congruent to this face.

Let  $2/\sqrt{46} \leq k < 2/\sqrt{38}$ . Then  $N(v_i, k)$  has a geodesic face  $\phi$  if and only if  $\phi$  lies in a rectangular face of  $N(v_i)$ , which is congruent to  $\phi_{23}$  or  $\phi_{13}$ , since only for such a face the Farey constant is less than  $2/\sqrt{38}$ . But, the centers of all such faces lie in  $S_{14}$ . Hence, if the height of an extremal geodesic  $L$  is less than  $1/\sqrt{38}$ , then  $g(L) \subset S_{14}$  for some translation  $g \in B_{57}$ . Indeed, an extremal geodesic  $L$ , which cuts  $N(v, k)$ , must enter through one of its geodesic faces and exit through another. Since the limit points of the sequence of  $v$ -cells cut by  $L$  are the endpoints of  $L$  and they lie in  $S_{14}$ ,  $L$  itself lies in  $S_{14}$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *If the height of an extremal geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$  is less than  $1/\sqrt{38}$ , then  $L \subset gS, g \in G_\infty$ . Thus,*

$$\mathcal{M}(B_{57}) \cap [\sqrt{38}/2, \sqrt{46}/2] = \mathcal{M}_S \cap [\sqrt{38}/2, \sqrt{46}/2].$$

### 5.2. A group with signature (0; 2, 4, 6)

Let  $S_{14} = S(b_{14}, R_{14})$  and  $\rho = \begin{pmatrix} R_{14} & b_{14} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Let  $C_1$  be the circle  $|z - b_{14}| = 1/\sqrt{38}$  in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . Then  $G_S = \text{Stab}(C_1, B_{57})$  and  $C_1 = \rho(C)$ , where  $C$  is the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ . The group  $\Gamma = \rho^{-1}G_S \rho$  is a discrete cocompact subgroup of the group of isometries  $G_C$  of  $D^2$ . It is generated by reflections

$$\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} i\sqrt{6} & 5 + \omega \\ 5 - \omega & -i\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_0 = \begin{bmatrix} -2i\sqrt{6} & 9 - \omega \\ 9 + \omega & 2i\sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

across the sides of the triangle with vertices  $a = i\sqrt{6}/5, b = -2i\sqrt{6}/9$ , and  $s = -(\sqrt{38} + i\sqrt{6})/14$ , which are the fixed points of  $A = \sigma_1\sigma_0, B = \sigma_1\sigma$  and  $S = \sigma\sigma_0$  respectively. One has  $S^2 = A^6 = B^4 = \text{id}$ . Denote  $\sigma_k = \sigma_0 A^k, k = 1, \dots, 5$ . For  $g \in \Gamma$ , denote  $g' = \sigma_1 g \sigma_1$ . Let  $\phi = \sigma_3 S$  and  $\phi_1 = \sigma' S$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *For the fixed points  $f, f_1$  of  $\phi$ , and  $\phi_1$  respectively, we have*

$$(f, \sigma w) = (f, \sigma_3 w) = -(f, \sigma_0 w) = -(f, Sw) = -(f, Uw) = 1,$$

$$(f_1, \sigma' w) = (f_1, \sigma_0 w) = -(f_1, \sigma w) = -(f_1, Sw) = -(f_1, B^2 w) = 1.$$

### 5.3. Uniqueness

Denote by  $D_T$  the disc  $|z| < 4.2$  and  $D'_T = \{z \in D_T : \operatorname{Re} z \leq 0\}$ . Since  $\Gamma_w = \langle \sigma_1 \rangle$ , we can assume that  $z \in D'_T$ .

If  $P(\sigma)$  and  $P(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $z \in \mathcal{D}_\Gamma$ , a fundamental domain of  $\Gamma$ . If  $N(\sigma)$  and  $N(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $|z| \geq |-57\sqrt{38} + 13i\sqrt{6}|/84 > 4.2$ .

If  $N(S')$  holds, then  $|z| \geq |i7\sqrt{6}/3| = 5.7$ . Hence  $P(S')$  holds. If  $N(\sigma')$  holds, then  $|z| \geq |-15\sqrt{38} - 139i\sqrt{6}|/84 > 4.2$ . Hence  $P(\sigma')$  holds. If  $N(\sigma)$  and  $P(\sigma_0)$  hold, then  $z = f_1 = -(\sqrt{38} + 3i\sqrt{6})/4$ .

Assume that  $N(\sigma_0)$  holds. If  $P(S)$  holds, then  $|z| \geq |-27\sqrt{38} + 127i\sqrt{6}|/84 > 4.2$ . Hence  $N(S)$  holds. If  $N(\sigma_3)$  hold, then  $z \notin D'_T$ . Hence  $P(\sigma_3)$  holds. If  $P(\sigma)$  hold, then  $z = f = -\sqrt{38}/2 + i5/\sqrt{6}$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $z \in D'_T$ . Then  $z = f = -\sqrt{38}/2 + i5/\sqrt{6}$ , or  $z = f_1 = -(\sqrt{38} + 3i\sqrt{6})/4$ , or  $|z| \geq 4.2$ .*

Thus, by (3.1) and Lemma 5.3, the first two points of  $\mathcal{M}(B_{57})$  are  $\nu(f) = \sqrt{46}/2$  and  $\nu(f_1) = \sqrt{41}/2$ . We have proved the following.

**Theorem 5.2.**  $\mathcal{M}(B_{57}) \cap (3.1735, \infty) = \{\sqrt{41}/2, \sqrt{46}/2\}$ .

*If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{46}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_{5,14})$  for some  $g \in B_{57}$ .  
If  $\nu(L) = \sqrt{41}/2$  for a geodesic  $L$  in  $H^3$ , then  $L = g(L_{3,14})$  for some  $g \in B_{57}$ .*

As mentioned above,  $\mathcal{M}(B_{57})$  coincides with the Markov spectrum of the field  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-57})$ , which, as follows from Theorem 5.2, equals to  $\mathcal{L}_{57}$  in the interval  $(3.1735, \infty)$  (see e.g. [31], p. 41).

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