

## SMALL GENERATORS OF COCOMPACT ARITHMETIC FUCHSIAN GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.** In the study of Fuchsian groups, it is a nontrivial problem to determine a set of generators. Using a dynamical approach we construct for any cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian group a fundamental region in  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  from which we determine a set of small generators.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Arithmetic Fuchsian groups form a subclass of Fuchsian groups with a special connection to number theory and the theory of automorphic forms. These groups are necessarily of finite covolume and thus finitely generated. However, as with general Fuchsian groups, it is a nontrivial problem to determine a set of generators. One way to do this involves constructing a polygonal fundamental domain in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  and listing a set of generators corresponding to the side pairings of the polygon. Johansson, Voight and Macasieb produced algorithms to determine fundamental domains for some subclasses of arithmetic Fuchsian groups (see [7, 12, 17]).

We also note that Chinburg and Stover [5] obtain bounds for small generators  $S$ -units of division algebras using lattice point methods. However, their generators are small in the division algebra and their representatives in  $\mathbf{GL}_n$  do not necessarily have small entries.

In this paper, we consider any cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian group and use dynamical techniques to construct a fundamental region in  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  from which we determine a set of small generators. Our methods are reminiscent of methods used by Burger and Schroeder in [4] and in Page's thesis (see [1], Chapter 2).

Although each of our generators will be small, the number of generators could be quite large. Given a presentation, Voight gives an algorithm (which works for general finite covolume Fuchsian groups) to construct a new generating set with a minimal number of generators (see [17]).

**1.1. Statement of results.** Let  $G = \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  with a fixed Haar measure  $\mu$ , and  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian group (see subsection 2.1). Our main result gives a bound on norms of the generators in terms of the degree of the invariant trace field  $k$ , the volume of  $G/\Gamma$ , and the spectral gap of the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$ .

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**Theorem 1.1.** *There exists a constant  $C > 0$  depending only on the Haar measure  $\mu$  and satisfying the following property. Let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian subgroup of  $G$  with invariant trace field  $k$ . Then  $\Gamma$  is generated by the finite subset*

$$(1.1) \quad \left\{ \gamma \in \Gamma : \|\gamma\| < C \cdot ([k : \mathbb{Q}]^{\frac{60}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}}) \cdot \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{6}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \right\}.$$

Here  $\text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)$  is the covolume of  $\Gamma$  with respect to the measure  $\mu$ , and  $\lambda = \min\{\frac{1}{4}, \lambda_1(\Gamma)\}$  where  $\lambda_1(\Gamma)$  is the smallest nonzero eigenvalue of the Laplace-Beltrami operator on  $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$ .

Note that over a finite-dimensional space the choice of norm  $\|\cdot\|$  does not matter. However, for completeness we take the  $L^\infty$ -norm. The coefficient  $C$  in Theorem 1.1 can be explicitly calculated by following the methods of the proofs. Also, the result can be strengthened for certain families of arithmetic Fuchsian groups  $\Gamma$ , as we now describe.

**Corollary 1.2.** *If  $\Gamma$  is a cocompact congruence arithmetic Fuchsian group, then it is generated by the finite subset*

$$(1.2) \quad \left\{ \gamma \in \Gamma : \|\gamma\| < C \cdot ([k : \mathbb{Q}]^{\frac{384}{5}}) \cdot \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{192}{25}} \right\}.$$

**Corollary 1.3.** *If  $\Gamma$  is a torsion free cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian group, then it is generated by the finite subset*

$$(1.3) \quad \left\{ \gamma \in \Gamma : \|\gamma\| < C \cdot (\log([k : \mathbb{Q}])^{\frac{180}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}}) \cdot \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{6}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \right\}.$$

## 2. ARITHMETIC FUCHSIAN GROUPS

We recall the definition and some properties of arithmetic Fuchsian groups.

**2.1. Definition and properties.** Let  $k$  be a totally real number field and  $A$  a quaternion algebra over  $k$  ramified at all archimedean places except one. Let  $R_k$  be the ring of integers in  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$  an  $R_k$ -order in  $A$ , and  $\mathcal{O}^1$  the elements of  $A$ -norm 1 in  $\mathcal{O}$ . Let  $\rho$  be a  $k$ -embedding of  $A$  in  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\rho(\mathcal{O}^1)$  is a Fuchsian group of finite covolume. By definition, a subgroup  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$  is an arithmetic Fuchsian group if it is commensurable, up to conjugation, with some such  $\rho(\mathcal{O}^1)$ .

An arithmetic Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$  is called a congruence subgroup if there is a maximal order  $\mathcal{O}$  and an integral 2-sided  $\mathcal{O}$ -ideal  $I$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $A$  such that  $\Gamma$  contains  $\rho(\mathcal{O}^1(I))$  where  $\mathcal{O}^1(I) = \{a \in \mathcal{O}^1 : a - 1 \in I\}$ .

The field  $k$  in the definition of an arithmetic Fuchsian group  $\Gamma$  is a commensurability invariant and is recovered from  $\Gamma$  by  $k\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}(\text{tr}(\Gamma^{(2)}))$ , where  $\Gamma^{(2)}$  is the subgroup generated by the squares of elements in  $\Gamma$ . The number field  $k\Gamma$  is the invariant trace field of  $\Gamma$ . The quaternion algebra is also recovered from  $\Gamma$  by  $A\Gamma = \{\sum a_i \gamma_i : a_i \in k\Gamma, \gamma_i \in \Gamma^{(2)}\}$ . For the remainder of the paper, we assume  $\Gamma$  is cocompact. The group  $\Gamma$  is cocompact when either  $k \neq \mathbb{Q}$  or when  $k = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $A$  is a division algebra. We note also that for any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\text{tr} \gamma$  is an algebraic integer of degree at most 2 over  $k\Gamma$ .

For more on arithmetic Fuchsian groups, including proofs of the statements mentioned, the reader is referred to [13, Chapter 8].

**2.2. Lehmer’s and Salem’s conjectures.** The Mahler measure of an algebraic integer  $\theta$  is defined by

$$(2.1) \quad M(\theta) = |a_0| \prod \max(1, |\theta_i|)$$

where  $a_0$  is the leading coefficient of the minimal polynomial for  $\theta$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\theta_i$  ranges over the algebraic conjugates of  $\theta$ .

In 1933 Lehmer posed the following conjecture:

**Conjecture 2.1** ([11]). *There exists a universal lower bound  $m > 1$  such that  $M(\theta) \geq m$  for all  $\theta$  which are not roots of unity.*

A Salem number is a real algebraic integer  $\theta > 1$  such that  $\theta^{-1}$  is a conjugate and all other conjugates lie on the unit circle. For Salem numbers, Lehmer’s conjecture restricts to the Salem conjecture.

**Conjecture 2.2.** *There exists  $m_S > 1$  such that if  $\theta$  is a Salem number, then  $M(\theta) \geq m_S$ .*

The Salem conjecture is equivalent to the short geodesic conjecture of arithmetic 2-manifolds, which states that there is a universal lower bound for translation length for hyperbolic elements in arithmetic Fuchsian groups (see [15]). Assuming the Salem conjecture, the bounds in Theorem 1.1 can be modified to depend only on the covolume and the spectral gap whenever the group  $\Gamma$  contains no elliptic elements.

**Corollary 2.3.** *If the Salem conjecture is true and  $\Gamma$  is a torsion free, cocompact, arithmetic Fuchsian subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\Gamma$  is generated by the finite subset*

$$(2.2) \quad \left\{ \gamma \in \Gamma : \|\gamma\| < C \cdot (\log(m_s))^{-\frac{60}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \cdot \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{6}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \right\}.$$

### 3. PREPARATION

**3.1. Injectivity radius.** Throughout this section, let  $d$  be the degree of the invariant trace field of  $\Gamma$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact arithmetic Fuchsian group with invariant trace field of degree  $d$  and let*

$$(3.1) \quad W_d = \left\{ g \in G : 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2d}\right) < |\text{tr}(g)| < 2 \cosh\left(\frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)}\right)^3\right) \right\}.$$

*Then for any  $g \in G$ ,  $g\Gamma g^{-1} \cap W_d = \{1\}$ .*

*Proof.* By the cocompactness condition, we consider only hyperbolic and elliptic elements in  $\Gamma$ .

If  $\gamma$  is hyperbolic, then also  $\gamma^2$  is hyperbolic, with  $|\text{tr}(\gamma^2)| > 2$  and  $\text{tr}(\gamma^2) \in k\Gamma$ . Let  $u_\gamma$  be the root of the characteristic polynomial  $x^2 - \text{tr}(\gamma)x + 1$  of  $\gamma$  which lies outside the unit circle (respectively, let  $u_{\gamma^2}$  be the root of the characteristic polynomial  $x^2 - \text{tr}(\gamma^2)x + 1$  of  $\gamma^2$  outside the unit circle). We have  $u_{\gamma^2}$  real and exactly two of its algebraic conjugates lie off the unit circle, namely  $u_{\gamma^2}$  and  $u_{\gamma^2}^{-1}$  (see e.g. [13, Lemma 12.3.1]). Therefore,  $\log M(u_{\gamma^2}) = \log |u_{\gamma^2}| = 2 \log |u_\gamma|$  where  $M(u_{\gamma^2})$  is the Mahler measure (see equation (2.1)). As a hyperbolic element,  $\gamma$  acts on the hyperbolic plane by translating along its invariant axis a distance of

$2 \log |u_\gamma|$ . It then follows that  $|\text{tr}(\gamma)| = 2 \cosh\left(\frac{1}{4} \log M(u_{\gamma^2})\right)$  (see e.g. [13, Lemma 12.1.2]). Since  $u_{\gamma^2}$  lies in an extension of degree 2 over  $k\Gamma$ , it has algebraic degree bounded above by  $2d$ . We now apply the main theorem of [18] which states that any algebraic integer  $\theta$  of degree at most  $2d$  has

$$(3.2) \quad \log M(\theta) > \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)} \right)^3$$

to get the following bound for the trace of a hyperbolic  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ :

$$(3.3) \quad |\text{tr}(g)| > 2 \cosh \left( \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)} \right)^3 \right).$$

If  $\gamma$  is elliptic, then by the discreteness of  $\Gamma$ ,  $\gamma$  has order  $m$  and thus eigenvalues  $\omega$  and  $\omega^{-1}$  with  $|\omega + \omega^{-1}| = |\text{tr}(\gamma)| < 2$  and such that  $\omega$  is a primitive  $2m$ -th root of unity. Since  $\text{tr}(\gamma)$  lies in a field of degree at most 2 over  $k\Gamma$ ,  $(\omega + \omega^{-1})$  has algebraic degree of at most  $2d$ , or equivalently,  $\omega$  has algebraic degree of at most  $4d$ . Then  $|\text{tr}(\gamma)| = |u_\gamma + u_\gamma^{-1}|$  is bounded above by  $|e^{\frac{2\pi i}{4d}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4d}}| = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2d}\right)$ .

Take  $W_d$  as in equation (3.1). Since the trace is invariant under conjugation, for any  $g \in G$  we have  $g\Gamma g^{-1} \cap W_d = \{1\}$ .

The injectivity radius of  $G/\Gamma$  at a point  $x = h\Gamma \in G/\Gamma$  is related to the distance between the identity element and the nearest point in the lattice  $h\Gamma h^{-1}$ . Since the trace of a matrix is invariant under conjugation, the bounds in Lemma 3.1 for the traces of elements in any conjugate of  $\Gamma$  determine an injectivity radius for  $G/\Gamma$ .

For any  $\eta > 0$  denote the ball of radius  $\eta$  centered at the identity  $1 \in G$  by

$$B_G(\eta) = \{g \in G : \|g - 1\| < \eta\}.$$

**Lemma 3.2.** *There exists  $\delta = \delta(d) = cd^{-2} > 0$  with  $c$  depending only on the Haar measure  $\mu$ , such that the map  $B_G(\delta) \rightarrow G/\Gamma$  given by  $g \mapsto g.x$  is injective for any  $x \in G/\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$(3.4) \quad \delta_0 = \min \left\{ \cosh \left( \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)} \right)^3 \right) - 1, 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2d} \right) \right\}.$$

Then for any  $0 < \delta_1 < \delta_0$  and  $g \in B_G(\delta_1)$ ,

$$|g_{1,1} - 1| < \delta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad |g_{2,2} - 1| < \delta_1,$$

where  $g_{1,1}$  and  $g_{2,2}$  are the  $(1, 1)$  and  $(2, 2)$  matrix entries of  $g$ . Then  $|\text{tr}(g) - 2| < 2\delta_1$  and  $g \in W_d$ .

By the Taylor series expansion of  $1 - \cos(\pi/2d)$ ,

$$(3.5) \quad 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{2d} \right) \approx \frac{\pi^2}{8d^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{384d^4}.$$

Since  $1 - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2d}\right)$  goes to 0 at a faster rate than  $\cosh\left(\frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)}\right)^3\right) - 1$  goes to 0, there exists a positive constant  $c$  depending only on the measure  $\mu$  such that  $\delta(d) := c \cdot d^{-2} < \delta_0$  and such that for all  $g_1, g_2 \in B_G(\delta)$ , we have  $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in B_G(\delta_0)$ .

For any  $x = h\Gamma \in G/\Gamma$ , if  $g_1, g_2 \in B_G(\delta)$  and  $g_1.x = g_2.x$ , then  $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in h\Gamma h^{-1}$ . Hence  $g_1^{-1}g_2 \in W_d$  and by Lemma 3.1 it must be that  $g_1 = g_2$ .

*Remark 3.3.* When  $\Gamma$  is torsion free, only the traces of hyperbolic elements are relevant. In this case the constant  $\delta(d)$  in Lemma 3.2 can be improved to  $c \left( \frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)} \right)^6$ .

For a cleaner statement, we use the estimate  $\log(d)^{-4} \ll \left( \frac{\log(\log(2d))}{\log(2d)} \right)^6$ .

If the Salem conjecture is true, there is a universal lower bound for the trace of a hyperbolic element in an arithmetic Fuchsian group. Then for  $m_s$  the lower bound satisfying the Salem conjecture, the constant  $\delta$  can be improved to  $c \log^2(m_s)$  for all torsion free  $\Gamma$ . In particular, this constant would be independent of  $d$ .

**3.2. Spectral gap.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact Fuchsian group acting on the hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}^2$  from the right. Let  $\lambda_1(\Gamma)$  be the first nonzero eigenvalue of the Laplacian operator on the locally symmetric space  $\mathbb{H}^2/\Gamma$ . Denote by  $\lambda = \lambda(\Gamma) := \min\{\frac{1}{4}, \lambda_1(\Gamma)\}$ . Let

$$(3.6) \quad \alpha_t = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{t}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \mathcal{D} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R}).$$

Denote by  $\mu_{G/\Gamma}$  the  $G$ -invariant probability measure supported on  $G/\Gamma$  for which, whenever  $X \subset G/\Gamma$  is a measurable set, we have  $\text{vol}_\mu(X) = \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma) \cdot \mu_{G/\Gamma}(X)$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a cocompact lattice in  $G$ . Then for any smooth functions  $\varphi, \psi$  in  $L^2_0(G/\Gamma) = \{f \in L^2(G/\Gamma) : \int f d\mu_{G/\Gamma} = 0\}$  it holds*

$$(3.7) \quad |\langle \alpha_t \cdot \varphi, \psi \rangle| \ll (e^{-t/3})^{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}} \cdot \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \varphi\| \cdot \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \psi\|.$$

*Proof.* This lemma follows from work of Ratner in [16] but is given explicitly in [14, Corollary 2.1] and with explicit constant. We use the estimate  $t(e^{-t/2}) \ll (e^{-t/3})$  for a cleaner statement.

**3.3. Translates.** Given any two points in the  $G/\Gamma$ , some element  $h \in G$  will translate one to the other. We use the injectivity radius, the spectral gap, and the covolume to give an upper bound on the norm of some such element  $h$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *For any  $g_1\Gamma, g_2\Gamma \in G/\Gamma$  there is some  $h \in G$  and positive number  $c$  such that  $h.g_1\Gamma = g_2\Gamma$  and*

$$(3.8) \quad \|h\| < c \cdot \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{3}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \cdot \delta^{\frac{-15}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}},$$

where  $\delta$  is as in Lemma 3.2 and  $\lambda$  is as in subsection 3.2.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  be nonnegative, smooth bump functions supported in  $B_G(\delta).g_1\Gamma$  and  $B_G(\delta).g_2\Gamma$  respectively, and satisfying

$$(3.9) \quad \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\varphi) = \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\psi) = \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{-1}, \quad \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \varphi\|, \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \psi\| \ll \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \delta^{-\frac{5}{2}}.$$

These functions can be constructed as in [10, Lemma 2.4.7]. Applying Lemma 3.4 to the functions  $\varphi - \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\varphi)$  and  $\psi - \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\psi)$ , we get

$$(3.10) \quad |\langle \alpha_t \cdot \varphi, \psi \rangle - \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\varphi) \cdot \mu_{G/\Gamma}(\psi)| \ll (e^{-t/3})^{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}} \cdot \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \varphi\| \cdot \|\mathcal{D} \cdot \psi\|.$$

Then for  $t > 0$  such that

$$\|\alpha_t\| \leq e^t \ll \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{3}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \cdot \delta^{\frac{-15/2}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}},$$

we must have  $\langle \alpha_t \cdot \varphi, \psi \rangle \neq 0$ , since  $\mu_{G/\Gamma} \varphi \cdot \mu_{G/\Gamma} \psi$  will dominate the error term in equaton (3.10). Therefore, the set

$$(\alpha_t \cdot \text{supp}(\varphi) \cap \text{supp}(\psi)) \subset (\alpha_t \cdot (B_G(\delta) \cdot g_1 \Gamma) \cap (B_G(\delta) \cdot g_2 \Gamma))$$

is not empty. There is some  $h \in B_G(\delta)^{-1} \cdot \alpha_t \cdot B_G(\delta)$  for which  $h \cdot g_1 \Gamma = g_2 \Gamma$ .

4. PROOF OF RESULTS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* Define the set

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{U} = \left\{ h \in G : \|h\| \leq \text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{3}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \cdot \delta^{\frac{-15}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \right\}.$$

By Theorem 3.5, for any  $g \in G$ , there is some  $h \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $h \cdot \Gamma = g \cdot \Gamma$ . That is, we can write  $g$  as  $h\gamma$  for some  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Therefore, we have constructed an open set  $\mathcal{U} \subset G$  such that  $\mathcal{U}\Gamma = G$ . It follows that  $\{\gamma \in \Gamma : \mathcal{U} \cdot \gamma \cap \mathcal{U} \neq \emptyset\}$  generates  $\Gamma$  (see e.g. [3, Lemma 6.6]). Then  $\Gamma$  is generated by the larger set  $\mathcal{U}^{-1}\mathcal{U} \cap \Gamma$ , whose elements have norm bounded above by  $\text{vol}_\mu(G/\Gamma)^{\frac{6}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}} \cdot \delta^{\frac{-30}{1-\sqrt{1-4\lambda}}}$ .

The proof of Theorem 1.1 then follows by replacing  $\delta$  with  $c[k : \mathbb{Q}]^{-2}$ , as given in Lemma 3.2 (where  $d = [k : \mathbb{Q}]$ ).

*Proof of Corollary 1.2.* The proof of Corollary 1.2 follows from the well-known result that

$$(4.2) \quad \lambda_1(\Gamma) \geq 975/4096$$

for every congruence arithmetic Fuchsian group. For the sake of the reader’s convenience, we shall briefly explain equation (4.2) in the case when  $k\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}$ .

By the Jacquet-Langlands correspondence (see [6, Chapter 16]), if  $\Gamma$  is a congruence arithmetic Fuchsian group with  $k\Gamma = \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\lambda_1(\Gamma) \geq \inf\{\lambda_1(\Lambda(N)) : N \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where  $\Lambda(N) = \{\gamma \in \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{N}\}$ . As of this writing we have the estimate, which is due to Kim-Sarnak [9],

$$(4.3) \quad \inf\{\lambda_1(\Lambda(N)) : N \in \mathbb{N}\} \geq 975/4096.$$

We note that, for the case when  $k\Gamma$  is a number field, equation (4.2) follows from the Jacquet-Langlands correspondence together with the bounds on the Ramanujan conjecture over number fields (see [2]).

*Proof of Corollary 1.3 and Corollary 2.3.* The proof of Corollary 1.3 follows from the proof of Theorem 1.1 by replacing  $\delta$  with  $c \log(d)^{-4}$  as in Remark 3.3. Furthermore, if we assume the Salem conjecture is true, then Corollary 2.3 will follow by setting  $\delta = c \log^2(m_s)$  as in Remark 3.3.

*Remark 4.1.* The arguments in the proof of Theorem 1.1 can be modified to give a similar result for cocompact arithmetic Kleinian groups. All lemmas will go through except that one would need an analogue of Lemma 3.4. An analogue of Lemma 3.4 (or [14, Corollary 2.1]) does hold. However, more work would need to be done to get an explicit rate of the decay of correlations for functions on  $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/\Gamma$ , from the  $\lambda_1$  of the corresponding hyperbolic 3-manifold  $\text{SU}(2) \backslash \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})/\Gamma$ . At this time, we are not aware of such a statement in the current literature.

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