

## On non-arithmetic discontinuous groups

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In this talk, we will give a survey on arithmetic and non-arithmetic lattices in a semisimple algebraic group. After giving some basic results on the subject, we'll focus our attention to more recent results, mainly due to Mostow and Deligne, on non-arithmetic lattices in the (projective) unitary group  $PU(n, 1)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). (For more details on these topics as well as the closely related rigidities of lattices, see [S 04]).

1. To begin with, we first fix our settings, giving basic definitions and notations. Let  $X$  denote a symmetric Riemannian space of non-compact type (with no flat or compact factors) and let  $G = I(X)^\circ$  be the identity connected component of the isometry group of  $X$ . Then, as is well known,  $G$  is a connected semisimple Lie group of non-compact type, which is of adjoint type, i.e., with the center reduced to the identity 1. This implies that, denoting by  $\mathfrak{g}$  the Lie algebra of  $G$ , one has  $G = (\text{Aut } \mathfrak{g})^\circ$  ( $^\circ$  denoting always the identity connected component). The group  $G$  acts transitively on  $X$  and for any  $x_0 \in X$  the stabilizer  $K = G_{x_0}$  is a maximal compact subgroup; thus one has  $X \cong G/K$ . In this manner,  $G$  and  $X$  determine one another uniquely (up to isomorphisms).

More generally, let  $G'$  denote a connected semisimple linear Lie group, which becomes automatically "real algebraic" in the sense that there exists a linear algebraic group  $\mathcal{G}$  defined over  $\mathbf{R}$  (uniquely determined up to  $\mathbf{R}$ -isomorphisms) such that  $G' = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{R})^\circ$ . As typical examples, one has  $G' = SL(n, \mathbf{R})$ ,  $SO(p, q)^\circ$ , etc. Let  $K'$  be a maximal compact subgroup of  $G'$ , and  $K'_0$  the maximal compact normal subgroup of  $G'$ . Then one has

$$G' \supset K' \supset K'_0 \supset (\text{center of } G').$$

Therefore, setting

$$G = G'/K'_0, \quad K = K'/K'_0, \quad X = G/K = G'/K',$$

one obtains a pair  $(G, X)$  as described in the beginning; in particular, one has  $G = G'$  if  $K'_0$  reduces to the identity group  $\{1\}$ . We keep these notations throughout the paper.

When  $G' = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{R})^\circ$ , the common dimension  $r$  of the maximal  $\mathbf{R}$ -split tori in  $\mathcal{G}$  is called the  $\mathbf{R}$ -rank of  $G'$  and written as  $r = \mathbf{R}\text{-rank } G'$ . It is well known that, if  $\mathfrak{g}' = \mathfrak{k}' + \mathfrak{p}'$  is a Cartan decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}' = \text{Lie } G'$ , then

$r$  coincides with the maximal dimension of the (abelian) subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}'$  contained in  $\mathfrak{p}'$ . Thus one has  $\mathbf{R}\text{-rank } G' = \mathbf{R}\text{-rank } G$ .

When the algebraic group  $\mathcal{G}$  is defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $G'$  is said to have a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -structure and the  $\mathbf{Q}$ -rank of  $G'$  (with this  $\mathbf{Q}$ -structure) is the common dimension  $r_0$  of the maximal  $\mathbf{Q}$ -split tori in  $\mathcal{G}$ .  $G'$  is called  $\mathbf{Q}$ -anisotropic when  $r_0 = 0$ .

2. A subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $G'$  is called a *lattice* in  $G'$  if  $\Gamma$  is discrete and the covolume  $\text{vol}(\Gamma \backslash G')$  (with respect to the Haar measure of  $G'$ ) is finite. A lattice  $\Gamma$  is called *uniform* if, in particular, the quotient space  $\Gamma \backslash G'$  is compact.

Two subgroups  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  of  $G'$  are said to be *commensurable* if the indices  $[\Gamma : \Gamma \cap \Gamma']$  and  $[\Gamma' : \Gamma \cap \Gamma']$  are both finite, and one then writes  $\Gamma \sim \Gamma'$ . As is easily seen, this is an equivalence relation.

A lattice  $\Gamma$  in  $G$  is said to be *reducible* if there exists a non-trivial direct decomposition  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  such that  $\Gamma \sim (\Gamma \cap G_1) \times (\Gamma \cap G_2)$ ; otherwise,  $\Gamma$  is called *irreducible*. Every lattice in  $G$  is commensurable to the direct product of irreducible ones in the direct factors of  $G$ .

When  $G' = \mathcal{G}(\mathbf{R})^\circ$  is given a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -structure, a subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $G'$  commensurable with  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{Z})$  is called *arithmetic*; the projection of an arithmetic subgroup of  $G'$  in  $G = G'/K'_0$  is called *arithmetic in a wider sense*. It is clear that arithmetic subgroups (in a wider sense) are discrete.

The following theorem is fundamental.

**Theorem 1 (Borel–Harish-Chandra [BHC 62], Mostow–Tamagawa [MT 62])** *If  $\Gamma$  is an arithmetic subgroup of  $G$  in a wider sense, then  $\Gamma$  is a lattice in  $G$ . Moreover,  $\Gamma$  is uniform (i.e., cocompact in  $G$ ) if and only if  $G'$  is  $\mathbf{Q}$ -anisotropic (i.e.,  $\mathbf{Q}$ -rank  $G' = 0$ ).*

Note that, when  $\Gamma$  in  $G$  is arithmetic only in a wider sense, the  $\mathbf{Q}$ -rank of  $G'$  being  $= 0$ ,  $\Gamma$  is uniform. In the early 1960s it was conjectured by Selberg and others that the converse of Theorem 1 would also be true, if the  $\mathbf{R}$ -rank of  $G$  is high. Actually, we now have

**Theorem 2 (Margulis, 1973, [Ma 91])** *Suppose that the  $\mathbf{R}$ -rank of  $G$  is  $\geq 2$ . Then any irreducible lattice  $\Gamma$  in  $G$  is arithmetic in a wider sense (for a certain choice of  $G'$  with a  $\mathbf{Q}$ -structure).*

3. Thanks to the above result of Margulis, in order to study the arithmeticity of a lattice  $\Gamma$ , we may restrict ourselves to the case  $\mathbf{R}\text{-rank } G = 1$ , which

naturally implies that  $G$  is  $\mathbf{R}$ -simple. According to the classification of  $\mathbf{R}$ -simple Lie groups (due to E. Cartan), we have only the following possibilities for  $(G, X)$ :

$$G = PU(D; n, 1)^\circ = U(D; n, 1)^\circ / (\text{center}), \quad n \geq 2, \quad (n = 2 \text{ for } D = \mathbf{O}),$$

$$X = H_D^n \quad (\text{the hyperbolic } n\text{-space over } D),$$

$D$  denoting a division composition algebra over  $\mathbf{R}$ , i.e.,

$$D = \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{H} \text{ (Hamilton's quaternions)}, \mathbf{O} \text{ (Cayley's octonions)},$$

and  $U(D; n, 1)$  denoting the unitary group of the standard  $D$ -hermitian form of signature  $(n, 1)$ . In the case  $D = \mathbf{O}$ , which is non-associative, the projective unitary group is defined to be the automorphism group of the (split) exceptional Jordan algebra  $\text{Her}_3(\mathbf{O}; 2, 1)$ ; hence  $G$  is of type  $F_{4,1}$ .

For  $D = \mathbf{R}$ , one has  $G = SO(n, 1)^\circ$  (Lorentz group) and  $X = H_{\mathbf{R}}^n$  is the "Lobachevsky space", i.e., the Riemannian  $n$ -space of constant curvature  $\kappa = -1$ , which can be realized by the hyperbolic hypersurface in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  (with the Lorentz metric):

$$\{(x_i) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - x_{n+1}^2 = -1, x_{n+1} > 0\}.$$

In particular,  $H_{\mathbf{R}}^2 (= H_{\mathbf{C}}^1)$  can be identified with the upper half-plane in  $\mathbf{C}$  and the lattices in  $G = SO(2, 1)^\circ (\cong SL(2, \mathbf{R}) / \{\pm 1\})$  are so-called Fuchsian groups. In this case, it is classical that there are continuous families of non-arithmetic lattices.

For  $X = H_{\mathbf{R}}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , non-arithmetic lattices, especially reflection groups, have been studied intensively by E. B. Vinberg and his school since 1965 (see e.g., [V 85], [V 90]). More recently, it was shown by Gromov and Piatetski-Shapiro [GPS 88] that for any  $n \geq 2$  one can construct infinitely many non-arithmetic (uniform) lattices as the fundamental group of the "hybrid" of two quotient spaces  $\Gamma_1 \backslash X$  and  $\Gamma_2 \backslash X$  for non-commensurable arithmetic subgroups  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  of  $G$ .

On the other hand, for the case  $D = \mathbf{H}$  and  $\mathbf{O}$ , Corlette [C 92] and Gromov and Schoen [GS 92] have shown that there exist no non-arithmetic lattices in  $G$  by a differential geometric method (harmonic maps), extending the idea of Margulis.

4. In the rest of the paper, we concentrate to the case  $D = \mathbf{C}$ , i.e., the case where  $G = PU(n, 1)$  and  $X = H_{\mathbf{C}}^n$ , studied mainly by G. D. Mostow since the early 1970s.

The complex hyperbolic space  $H_{\mathbb{C}}^n$  can be realized by the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  as follows. The unitary group  $U(n, 1)$  acts on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and hence on the projective space  $P^n(\mathbb{C}) = (\mathbb{C}^{n+1} - \{0\})/\mathbb{C}^\times$  in a natural manner. The orbit of  $e_{n+1} = (0, \dots, 0, 1) \pmod{\mathbb{C}^\times}$  in  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  is

$$\{z = (z_i) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^2 - |z_{n+1}|^2 < 0\} / \mathbb{C}^\times,$$

which, in the inhomogeneous coordinates  $z'_i = z_i/z_{n+1}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ), is expressed by the unit ball

$$\{z' = (z'_i) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n |z'_i|^2 < 1\}.$$

The stabilizer of  $e_{n+1}$  in  $U(n, 1)$  is  $U(n) \times U(1)$ . Hence  $H_{\mathbb{C}}^n = U(n, 1)/U(n) \times U(1)$  is identified with the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , on which  $G = PU(n, 1)$  acts as linear fractional transformations.

We denote by  $\langle \rangle$  the standard hermitian inner product of signature  $(n, 1)$  on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ ,  $\langle a, a \rangle > 0$  and  $\xi \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\xi| = 1$ , we define (after Mostow) a "complex reflection" on  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  by

$$R'_{a,\xi} : z \mapsto z + (\xi - 1) \frac{\langle a, z \rangle}{\langle a, a \rangle} a \quad (z \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}).$$

Then, for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\xi| = |\eta| = 1$ , one has

$$R'_{a,\xi} \circ R'_{a,\eta} = R'_{a,\xi\eta};$$

in particular, if  $\xi$  is a root of unity:  $\xi^m = 1$ , then one has  $(R'_{a,\xi})^m = 1$ . We denote the image of  $R'_{a,\xi}$  in  $G = PU(n, 1)$  by  $R_{a,\xi}$ .

In [M 80] Mostow studied the groups

$$\Gamma = \langle R_{e_i, \zeta_p} \ (i = 1, 2, 3) \rangle$$

generated by 3 reflections, where  $\zeta_p = e^{2\pi i/p}$  with  $p = 3$  or 4 or 5 and

$$e_i \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \langle e_i, e_i \rangle = 1, \langle e_1, e_2 \rangle = \langle e_2, e_3 \rangle = \langle e_3, e_1 \rangle = -\alpha\varphi,$$

$$\alpha = (2 \sin \frac{\pi}{p})^{-1}, \quad \varphi = e^{\pi i t/3}$$

with  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Mostow gave a criterion for  $\Gamma$  to be a lattice in  $G$ , and found 17 cases, showing that 7 among them are non-arithmetic (i.e., not arithmetic in a wider sense). The non-arithmetic cases are given by

$$[p, t] = [3, 1/12], [3, 1/30], [3, 5/42], [4, 1/12], [4, 3/20],$$

[5, 1/5], [5, 11/30].

(It has turned out that actually the  $\Gamma$  corresponding to [5, 11/30] is arithmetic.)

5. Mostow then studied, in collaboration with Deligne, the analytic construction of lattices in  $PU(n, 1)$ . They consider a system of differential equations of Fuchsian type in  $n$  variables, studied for  $n=2$  by Picard and in general by Lauricella (1893). The solution space of such equations is  $\cong \mathbf{C}^{n+1}$ , spanned by the period integrals generalizing the classical Euler integral:

$$F_{g,h}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \int_g^h \prod_{i=1}^n (u - x_i)^{-\mu_i} \cdot u^{-\mu_{n+1}} (u - 1)^{-\mu_{n+2}} du,$$

where

$$\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{n+3}) \in \mathbf{C}^{n+3}, \quad \mu_{n+3} = 2 - \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \mu_i$$

is the parameter, which we will restrict to the so-called "disc  $(n+3)$ -tuple" satisfying the condition  $0 < \mu_i < 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n+3$ ), and

$$g, h \in M = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, 1, \infty) \mid x_i \in \mathbf{C} - \{0, 1\}, x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}.$$

Let  $\hat{M}$  be the universal covering space of  $M$ . Then there exists a natural map from  $\hat{M}$  to  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$ , the space of non-zero solutions modulo  $\mathbf{C}^\times$ , which is equivariant with respect to the actions of the fundamental group on  $\hat{M}$  and the projective monodromy group, denoted by  $\Gamma_\mu$ , on  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$ . It is also shown that there exists a hermitian inner product of signature  $(n, 1)$  on the solution space such that  $\Gamma_\mu$  is in  $PU(n, 1)$ .

In [DM 86] it was shown that the following condition (INT) is sufficient for  $\Gamma_\mu$  to be a lattice in  $G = PU(n, 1)$ .

(INT) If  $\mu_i + \mu_j < 1$  with  $i \neq j$ , then one has  $(1 - \mu_i - \mu_j)^{-1} \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

Actually, for  $n=2$ , this condition is equivalent to the one given by Picard in 1885, so that the 27 lattices obtained in this manner are called "Picard lattices". (In counting the lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  we disregard the order of  $\mu_i$ 's because it is not essential.) There are 9 more  $\mu$ 's satisfying the condition (INT) for  $3 \leq n \leq 5$ , the longest one being  $\frac{1}{4}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$ .

In [M 86] Mostow showed that the following weaker condition ( $\Sigma$ INT) is sufficient to yield the same conclusion.

( $\Sigma$ INT) One can choose a subset  $S_1$  of  $\{1, \dots, n+3\}$  such that  $\mu_i = \mu_j$  for  $i, j \in S_1$  and that, if  $\mu_i + \mu_j < 1$  with  $i \neq j$ , one has  $(1 - \mu_i - \mu_j)^{-1} \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{Z}$  when  $i, j \in S_1$  and  $\in \mathbf{Z}$  otherwise.

In particular, taking  $S_1$  with  $|S_1| = 3$ , one obtains  $\Gamma_\mu$  commensurable to a lattice generated by 3 reflections, including all lattices constructed in [M 80].

In [M88] Mostow showed further that the converse of the above result is also true in the following sense. First, all  $\Gamma_\mu$  which is discrete is a lattice in  $PU(n, 1)$  (Prop. 5.3) and if  $n > 3$  the condition ( $\Sigma$ INT) is necessarily satisfied (Th. 4.13). For  $n = 2, 3$  there are 10 exceptional lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  with  $\mu$  not satisfying ( $\Sigma$ INT). The list of all 94  $\mu$ 's satisfying the condition ( $\Sigma$ INT) is given in [M88], in which the longest one is  $\frac{1}{6}(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)$  with  $n = 9$ .

6. As for the arithmeticity of  $\Gamma_\mu$ , the following criterion was first given in [DM 86] under the assumption (INT):

(A) Let  $d$  be the least common denominator of the  $\mu_i$ 's. Then, for all  $A \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $1 < A < d - 1$ ,  $(A, d) = 1$ , one has

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+3} \langle A\mu_i \rangle = 1 \text{ or } n + 2,$$

where  $\langle x \rangle = x - [x]$  for  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $[x]$  being the symbol of Gauss.

It was finally established in [M 88] (Prop. 5.4) that, without any additional assumption, the condition (A) is necessary and sufficient for  $\Gamma_\mu$  to be an arithmetic lattice in  $PU(n, 1)$ .

Summing up the above results, we obtain the following

**Theorem 3 (Mostow, 1988)** *The projective monodromy group  $\Gamma_\mu$  is a lattice in  $PU(n, 1)$  if and only if the condition ( $\Sigma$ INT) is satisfied, except for the 10 exceptional lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  with  $n = 2, 3$  not satisfying the condition ( $\Sigma$ INT). The group  $\Gamma_\mu$  is an arithmetic lattice (in a wider sense) if and only if the condition (A) is satisfied.*

In the list of the  $\mu$ 's satisfying ( $\Sigma$ INT) in [M 88], those giving non-arithmetic lattices are marked as NA. (However, this list still seems containing some misprints and erroneous markings.) We give below a (corrected) list of non-arithmetic lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  in  $PU(n, 1)$ , in which the numbering of the  $\mu$ 's is the one given in [M 88].

List of non-arithmetic lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  in  $PU(n, 1)$  $n = 3$ 

$$39P \quad \frac{1}{12}(3, 3, 3, 3, 5, 7)$$

 $n = 2$ 

69P	$\frac{1}{12}(3, 3, 3, 7, 8)$	[4, 1/12]	NA1
71P	$\frac{1}{12}(3, 3, 5, 6, 7)$	(not uniform)	NA2
73P	$\frac{1}{12}(4, 4, 4, 5, 7)$	[6, 1/6]	NA3
74P	$\frac{1}{12}(4, 4, 5, 5, 6)$		NA1
78P	$\frac{1}{15}(4, 6, 6, 6, 8)$	[10, 4/15]	NA4
80	$\frac{1}{18}(2, 7, 7, 7, 13)$	[9, 11/18]	NA5
D7	$\frac{1}{18}(4, 5, 5, 11, 11)$		NA5
84	$\frac{1}{18}(7, 7, 7, 7, 8)$		NA5
85P	$\frac{1}{20}(5, 5, 5, 11, 14)$	[4, 3/20]	NA6
86	$\frac{1}{20}(6, 6, 6, 9, 13)$	[5, 1/5]	NA7
87	$\frac{1}{20}(6, 6, 9, 9, 10)$		NA6
D8	$\frac{1}{21}(4, 8, 10, 10, 10)$		NA9
88	$\frac{1}{24}(4, 4, 4, 17, 19)$	[3, 1/12]	NA8
D9	$\frac{1}{24}(5, 10, 11, 11, 11)$		NA8
89P	$\frac{1}{24}(7, 9, 9, 9, 14)$	[8, 7/24]	NA8
91	$\frac{1}{30}(5, 5, 5, 22, 23)$	[3, 1/30]	NA4
D10	$\frac{1}{30}(7, 13, 13, 13, 14)$		NA4
93	$\frac{1}{42}(7, 7, 7, 29, 34)$	[3, 5/42]	NA9
94	$\frac{1}{42}(13, 15, 15, 15, 26)$	[7, 13/42]	NA9

*Remark 1.* "P" indicates a *Picard lattice*, i.e. a lattice satisfying (INT). "D" indicates an exceptional lattice, i.e. a lattice not satisfying ( $\Sigma$ INT). For  $n = 2$ , there are 54 lattices (41–94) satisfying ( $\Sigma$ INT) (including 27 Picard lattices) and 9 exceptional lattices (D2–D10).

*Remark 2.*  $\Gamma_\mu$  with  $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_5)$ ,  $S_1 = \{\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3\}$ ,  $\mu_4 \leq \mu_5$  is commensurable with a reflection group with  $[p, t]$ , where  $p = 2(1 - 2\mu_1)^{-1}$ ,  $t = \mu_5 - \mu_4$ .

7. We say that two subgroups  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  of  $G$  are *conjugate commensurable* if  $\Gamma$  is commensurable with a conjugate of  $\Gamma'$ . This kind of relations between the  $\Gamma_\mu$ 's was studied in [M 88], [DM 93]. Some of their results are listed

below, where we write  $\mu \approx \mu'$  if  $\Gamma_\mu$  is conjugate commensurable with  $\Gamma_{\mu'}$ . It turns out that the 19 non-arithmetic lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$  for  $n = 2$  are divided into 9 conjugate commensurability classes (NA1–NA9).

It is still an open problem to decide whether or not there exist non-arithmetic lattices not conjugate commensurable to any of  $\Gamma_\mu$ , especially such lattices for  $n \geq 4$ . It would also be interesting to study the *arithmetic* properties of the non-arithmetic lattices  $\Gamma_\mu$ , e.g., the corresponding automorphic representations.

(A) ([DM 93], §10) For  $a, b > 0$ ,  $1/2 < a + b < 1$ , one has

$$(a, a, b, b, 2 - 2a - 2b) \approx (1 - b, 1 - a, a + b - \frac{1}{2}, a + b - \frac{1}{2}, 1 - a - b).$$

In particular, for  $a = b$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a, a, a, 2 - 4a) &\approx (1 - a, 1 - a, 2a - \frac{1}{2}, 2a - \frac{1}{2}, 1 - 2a) \\ &\approx (\frac{3}{2} - 2a, a, a, a, \frac{1}{2} - a). \end{aligned}$$

*Example.*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{18}(7, 7, 7, 7, 8) &\approx \frac{1}{18}(11, 11, 5, 5, 4) \approx \frac{1}{18}(13, 7, 7, 7, 2) \\ &\text{(i.e., } 84 \approx D7 \approx 80). \end{aligned}$$

For  $a + b = 3/4$ ,

$$(a, a, b, b, \frac{1}{2}) \approx (1 - b, 1 - a, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}).$$

*Examples.*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{12}(4, 4, 5, 5, 6) &\approx \frac{1}{12}(7, 8, 3, 3, 3) \quad \text{(i.e., } 74 \approx 69), \\ \frac{1}{20}(6, 6, 9, 9, 10) &\approx \frac{1}{20}(11, 14, 5, 5, 5) \quad \text{(i.e., } 87 \approx 85). \end{aligned}$$

(B) For  $\pi, \rho, \sigma$  with  $1/\pi + 1/\rho + 1/\sigma = 1/2$ , set

$$\mu(\pi, \rho, \sigma) = (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\rho}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{\sigma}).$$

Then ([M 88], Th. 5.6) for  $1/\rho + 1/\sigma = 1/6$ , one has

$$\mu(3, \rho, \sigma) \approx \mu(\rho, 3, \sigma) \approx \mu(\sigma, 3, \rho).$$

*Examples.*

$$\rho = 10, \sigma = 15 : \frac{1}{30}(5, 5, 5, 22, 23) \approx \frac{1}{15}(6, 6, 6, 4, 8) \approx \frac{1}{30}(13, 13, 13, 7, 14)$$

$$(i.e., 91 \approx 78 \approx D10),$$

$$\rho = 8, \sigma = 24 : \frac{1}{24}(4, 4, 4, 17, 19) \approx \frac{1}{24}(9, 9, 9, 7, 14) \approx \frac{1}{24}(11, 11, 11, 5, 10)$$

$$(i.e., 88 \approx 89 \approx D9),$$

$$\rho = 7, \sigma = 42 : \frac{1}{42}(7, 7, 7, 29, 34) \approx \frac{1}{42}(15, 15, 15, 13, 26) \approx \frac{1}{21}(10, 10, 10, 4, 8)$$

$$(i.e., 93 \approx 94 \approx D8).$$

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