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A representation arising this way is called Fuchsian.

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In particular,

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• What about the Lorentz analog of a hyperbolic metric?

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Remark: AdS³ is not simply connected: $\pi_1(AdS^3) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$.

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More precisely, if $\rho \prec j$,

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Lemma (Deroin-T., 2013)

If $f_{J_0,j}$ and $f_{J_0,\rho}$ have the same Hopf differential, then

$$f_{J_0,\rho} \circ f_{J_0,j}^{-1}$$

is contracting.

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