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## Preface

This volume comprises the Lecture Notes of the CIMPA Summer School *Arithmetic and Geometry around Hypergeometric Functions* held at Galatasaray University, Istanbul during June 13-25, 2005. In the Summer School there were fifteen lectures forming an impressive group of mathematicians covering a wide range of topics related to hypergeometric functions. The full schedule of talks from the workshop appears on the next page. In addition to the lecture notes submitted by its lecturers, this volume contains several research articles.

A group of forty graduate students and young researchers attended the school. Among the participants there were 2 Algerian, 3 American, 1 Armenian, 1 Bulgarian, 1 Canadian, 3 Dutch, 2 Georgian, 7 German, 1 Indian, 2 Iraqi, 1 Iranian, 1 Italian, 1 Russian, 5 Japanese, 23 Turkish and 1 Ukrainian mathematicians, including the lecturers.

We would like to thank the *Centre des Mathématiques Pures et Appliquées*, for their financial support and Professor Michel Jambu for organizational help. We could support participants from across the region thanks to the generous financial help provided by the *International Center for Theoretical Physics* (ICTP) and the *International Mathematical Union* (IMU). The local participants has been supported by the *Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey* (TÜBİTAK).

This summer school has been realized not only by financial support from its sponsors but also thanks to the generosity of its lecturers, who all agreed to finance their travel from their own personal grants. Some of them did so also for the accomodation.

The proposal for the AGAHF Summer School was submitted to CIMPA in February 2004. During the long preparatory process and during the summer school, Ayşegül Ulus, Özgür Ceyhan, and Özgür Kişisel contributed at various levels to the organization. We are grateful to them.

Sabine Buchmann is a French artist living in Istanbul, who likes to draw Ottoman-style miniatures of the boats serving across the bosphorus; these boats are an inseparable part of the city panorama. When asked, she liked the idea of a boat full of mathematicians and drew it for the conference poster — with the names of all the lecturers hidden inside, written in minute letters. Her miniature helped us much in attracting the audience of the summer school.

We are thankful to the student team hired by the university comprising Anet İzmitli, Egemen Kirant, Günce Orman, Haris Saybaşı and Eylem Şentürk for turning this summer school into a pleasant experience.

Finally we would like to thank warmly Prof. Dr. Duygun Yarsuvat, the rector of the Galatasaray University for offering us the great location and financial support of the university.

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**Rolf Peter Holzapfel:** Orbital Varieties and Invariants

**Michel Jambu:** Arrangements of Hyperplanes

**A. Kochubei:** Hypergeometric functions and Carlitz differential equations over function fields

**Shigeyuki Kondo:** Complex ball uniformizations of the moduli spaces of del Pezzo surfaces

**Edward Looijenga:** (first week) Introduction to Deligne-Mostow theory

**Edward Looijenga:** (second week) Hypergeometric functions associated to arrangements

**Keiji Matsumoto:** Invariant functions with respect to the Whitehead link

**Hironori Shiga:** Hypergeometric functions and arithmetic geometric means (followed by Wolfart's lectures)

**Jan Stienstra:** Gel'fand-Kapranov-Zelevinsky hypergeometric systems and their role in mirror symmetry and in string theory

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**A. Muhammed Uludağ:** Geometry of Complex Orbifolds

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# Hyperbolic Geometry and the Moduli Space of Real Binary Sextics

Daniel Allcock, James A. Carlson and Domingo Toledo

**Abstract.** The moduli space of real 6-tuples in  $CP^1$  is modeled on a quotient of hyperbolic 3-space by a nonarithmetic lattice in  $\text{Isom } H^3$ . This is partly an expository note; the first part of it is an introduction to orbifolds and hyperbolic reflection groups.

**Keywords.** Complex hyperbolic geometry, hyperbolic reflection groups, orbifolds, moduli spaces, ball quotients.

These notes are an exposition of the key ideas behind our result that the moduli space  $\mathcal{M}_s$  of stable real binary sextics is the quotient of real hyperbolic 3-space  $H^3$  by a certain Coxeter group (together with its diagram automorphism). We hope they can serve as an aid in understanding our work [3] on moduli of real cubic surfaces, since exactly the same ideas are used, but the computations are easier and the results can be visualized.

These notes derive from the first author's lectures at the summer school "Algebra and Geometry around Hypergeometric Functions", held at Galatasary University in Istanbul in July 2005. He is grateful to the organizers, fellow speakers and students for making the workshop very rewarding. To keep the flavor of lecture notes, not much has been added beyond the original content of the lectures; some additional material appears in an appendix. The pictures are hand-drawn to encourage readers to draw their own.

## Lecture 1

Hyperbolic space  $H^3$  is a Riemannian manifold for which one can write down an explicit metric, but for us the following model will be more useful; it is called the upper half-space model. Its underlying set is the set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with

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