7 Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$

On (3) Ricardo Sa Earp gave explicit formulas for parabolic and hyperbolic screw motions surfaces immersed in $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$. There, they gave several examples.

In this chapter we only consider surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature immersed in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$. Since for $\tau \equiv 0$ we are in $\mathbb{H}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ then we have generalized the result obtained by Ricardo Sa Earp when the surface is invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature. In this chapter we also give explicit formulas and we give the geometric behavior for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries having constant mean curvature immersed in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$.

In this chapter we focus our attention on surfaces invariant by oneparameter group of parabolic isometries. To study this kind of surface we take the half space model for the hyperbolic space, that is, $M^2 = \mathbb{H}^2$.

By Proposition 5.1.1, we know that, to obtain a parabolic motions on $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$, it is necessary consider a parabolic isometry on \mathbb{H}^2 .

7.1 Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries main lemma

The idea to obtain surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries is simple. We will take a curve in the yt plane and we will apply one-parameter group Γ of parabolic isometries on $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. We denote by $\alpha(y) = (0, y, u(y))$ the curve in the yt plane and by $S = \Gamma(\alpha)$, the surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries generated by α .

Since the most simple parabolic isometry on \mathbb{H}^2 is the horizontal translation, then our surface S is parameterized by,

$$\varphi(x,y) = (x,y,u(y))$$

Lemma 7.1.1. With the notations above, and denoting by H the mean curvature of S, then the function u satisfies

$$u(y) = \int \frac{(dy - 2H)\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{y\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

where d is a real number.

Proof. The proof is analogous to the case of rotational surfaces. By completeness we give it. Since S has mean curvature H, then by lemma 5.2.1 the function u satisfies the equation

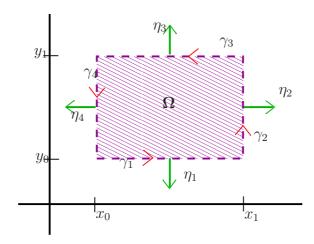
$$2H = div_{\mathbb{H}^2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{W} e_1 + \frac{\beta}{W} e_2 \right), \tag{7-1}$$

where $W = \sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2}$, $\alpha = -2\tau$, and $\beta = \frac{u_y}{\lambda}$.

Making:

$$X_u = \frac{\alpha}{W}e_1 + \frac{\beta}{W}e_2$$

And let $x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x_0 < x_1$ and $0 < y_0, y_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ with $y_0 < y_1$ and consider the domain $\Omega = [x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1]$ in the plane xy.



By integrating the equation (7-1), we obtain

$$\int_{\partial(\Omega)} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = 2HArea([x_0, x_1] \times [y_0, y_1])$$

where η is the outer co-normal.

Since

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = \int_{\gamma_1} \langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_2} \langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_3} \langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle + \int_{\gamma_4} \langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle$$

we compute each integral.

For the fist integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_1(s) = (s, y_0), \quad x_0 \le s \le x_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_1' = \partial_x,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_1'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_1 = -e_2.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = \frac{-\beta(y_0)}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} -\frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(x_0) dx$$

For the third integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_3(s) = (x_1 - s, y_1), \quad 0 \le s \le x_1 - x_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_3' = -\partial_x,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_3'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_3 = e_2$$
.

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \frac{\beta(y_1)}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \int_0^{x_1 - x_0} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_1) ds = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_1) dx$$

For the second integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_2(s) = (x_1, s), \quad y_0 \le s \le y_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_2' = \partial_y,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_2'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_2 = e_1.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = \frac{\alpha}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_2} \langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{\alpha \lambda}{W} dy$$

For the four integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_4(s) = (x_0, x_1 - s), \quad 0 \le s \le x_1 - x_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_4' = \partial_y,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_4'| = \lambda,$$

and

$$\eta_4 = -e_1$$
.

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = -\frac{\alpha}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_4} \langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = \int_0^{y_1 - y_0} -\frac{\alpha \lambda (y_1 - s)}{W} ds = \int_{x_0}^{y_1} -\frac{\alpha \lambda}{W} dy$$

Taking into account this four integrals, we obtain:

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_1) dx - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_0) dx$$

Observe that,

$$Area(\Omega) = \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})} dy dx$$
$$= \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \frac{1}{y^2} dy dx$$

Thus, we conclude that,

$$\int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_1) dx - \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y_0) dx = 2H \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \lambda^2 dy dx$$

which we can write in the form,

$$\int_{y_0}^{y_1} \partial_y \left(\frac{\beta \lambda}{W}(y) \right) dy = 2H \int_{y_0}^{y_1} \lambda^2 dy$$

As Ω is any domain in the plane xy, and taking the derivative with respect to y we obtain:

$$\partial_y \left(\frac{\lambda \beta}{W} \right) = 2H\lambda^2$$

by integrating this expression,

$$\frac{\lambda^2 \beta}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\tau^2 \lambda^2 + u_y^2}} = -2H\lambda + d$$

where $d \in \mathbb{R}$. This implies,

$$u_y^2[1 - (dy - 2H)^2] = (dy - 2H)^2[\lambda^2 + 4\tau^2\lambda^2]$$

thus the function u satisfies,

$$u(\rho) = \int \lambda \frac{(dy - 2H)\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

7.2 Examples of surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$

After a straightforward computation we obtain the next lemma.

Lemma 7.2.1. The solution of the integral is given by

$$- If H \equiv 0, then$$

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy)$$

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\tan(\frac{\arcsin(cy - 1)}{2}) + 1}$$

$$- If H > \frac{1}{2}, then$$

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) + \frac{4\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}} \arctan\left(\frac{2H\tan(\frac{\arcsin(dy - 2H)}{2}) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$

where $d \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. We integrate each expression.

1. First, we consider the case $H \equiv 0$, then the integral

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 2H}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

becomes

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int d\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - d^2 y^2}} dy$$

that is

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy)$$

2. Second, we consider the case H=1/2, but we are doing the same computation to the case $H\neq 0$, then the integral

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 2H}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

we can write as

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy - 2H}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}} dy$$

now, we integrate by part, set

$$- u = \frac{1}{y}, \text{ then } du = -\frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$- dv = \frac{dy - 2H}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}, \text{ then } v = -\frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{d}$$

so, the integral becomes,

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \left[-\frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{dy} - \frac{1}{d} \int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy \right]$$

now, we are going to integrate the integral

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy$$

by substitution, making s = dy - 2H then ds = d.dy, and $\frac{1}{y^2} = \left(\frac{d}{s+2H}\right)^2$, thus

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 2H)^2}}{y^2} dy = d \int \frac{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}{(s + 2H)^2} ds$$

this least integral, we integrate by parts

$$- m = \sqrt{1 - s^2}, \text{ then } dm = \frac{-s}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}} ds$$
$$- dn = \frac{ds}{(s + 2H)^2}, \text{ then } n = \frac{-1}{s + 2H}$$

SO,

$$\int \frac{\sqrt{1-s^2}}{(s+2H)^2} ds = -\frac{\sqrt{1-s^2}}{s+2H} - \int \frac{s}{(s+2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

thus, we obtain,

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{s}{(s + 2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}$$

we make

$$h = \sqrt{1+4\tau^2} \int \frac{s}{(s+2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+4\tau^2} \int \frac{s+2H-2H}{(s+2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+4\tau^2} \int \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}} - \sqrt{1+4\tau^2} \int \frac{2H}{(s+2H)} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+4\tau^2} \arcsin(s) - 2\sqrt{1+4\tau^2} H \int \frac{1}{s+2H} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1-s^2}}$$

that is

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) - 2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H \int \frac{1}{s + 2H} \frac{ds}{\sqrt{1 - s^2}}$$

to integrate the least integral, we set $s = \sin(p)$, then $ds = \cos(p)dp$, so

$$h = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) - 2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} H \int \frac{1}{\sin(p) + 2H} dp \quad (7-2)$$

here, we consider that H = 1/2, then

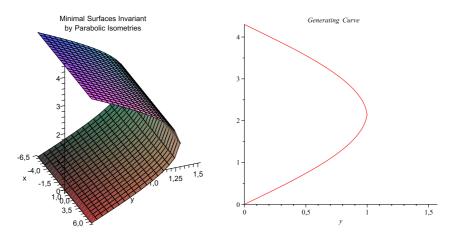
$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}}{\tan(\frac{\arcsin(dy - 1)}{2}) + 1}$$

3. Third, we consider $H \neq 0$, we follow the proof in the second case, thus by using the equation (7-2), we obtain

$$h(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \arcsin(dy - 2H) + \frac{4\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}} \arctan\left(\frac{2H\tan(\frac{\arcsin(dy - 2H)}{2}) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$

This Lemma gives an immediate examples:

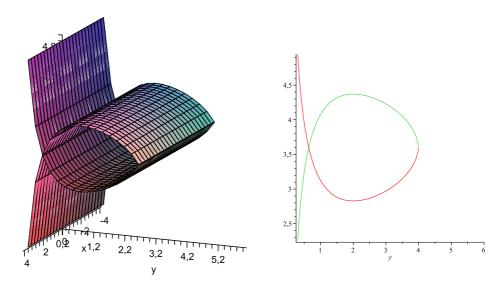
Example 7.2.1. Considering $H \equiv 0$, $\tau = -1/2$ and d = 1, we obtain a minimal surface invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries which is a vertical graph, by considering the rotation by π around the y axis we obtain a complete embedded minimal surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$.



Example 7.2.2. Considering H = 1/2, $\tau = -1/2$ and d = 1/2, we obtain

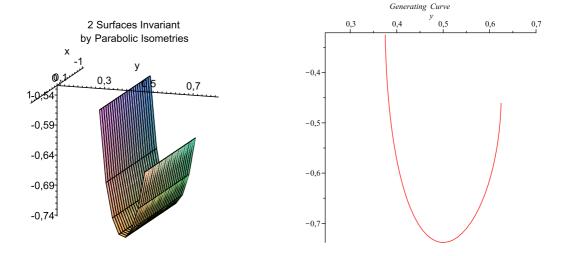
$$u(y) = \sqrt{2}\arcsin(dy - 1) + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\tan(\frac{\arcsin(dy - 1)}{2}) + 1}$$

with Maple's help:

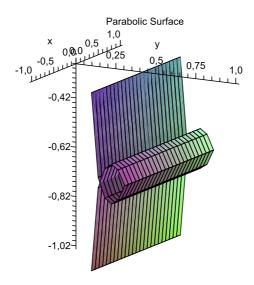


Example 7.2.3. Finally, we plot a H=2 surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries. Putting d=8, $\tau=-1/2$ and H=2, we obtain:

$$u(y) = \sqrt{2}\arcsin(8y - 2H) - \frac{4\sqrt{2}H}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\arctan\left(\frac{2H\tan(\frac{\arcsin(8y - 2H)}{2}) + 1}{\sqrt{4H^2 - 1}}\right)$$



By considering the rotation around the y axes we have a complete surface, here we give part of this surface.



7.3 Surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries in $\widetilde{\mathbf{PSL}_2}(\mathbb{R},\tau)$ having constant mean curvature $H\neq 0$

In this section we describe the behavior of surfaces invariant by parabolic isometries, which have constant mean curvature $H \neq 0$. For later use we define the function g(y) = dy - 2H.

Taking into account Formula (7.1.1), we obtain the next Lemma.

Lemma 7.3.1. Let H be the mean curvature of a surface invariant by parabolic isometries. Then from the Formula (7.1.1) we obtain,

- 1. If d > 0, we have
 - If 1/2 < H, then $y_1 < y < y_2$ where $y_1 = \frac{2H-1}{d}$ and $y_2 = \frac{2H+1}{d}$ and there exist a unique number $y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} \in (y_1, y_2)$ satisfying $g(y_0) = 0$. Furthermore $g \le 0$ on $[y_1, y_0)$ and $g \ge 0$ on $[y_0, y_1]$. Consequently, the function h(y) is defined on $[y_1, y_2]$, has a nonfinite derivative at y_1 and y_2 , is strictly decreasing on (y_1, y_0) and strictly creasing on (y_0, y_2) .
 - If 0 < H < 1/2, then $0 < y < y_2$ and there exist a unique number $y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} \in (0, y_2)$ satisfying $g(y_0) = 0$. Furthermore $g \le 0$ on $(0, y_0)$ and $g \ge 0$ on $(y_0, y_1]$. Consequently, the function u(y) is defined on $(0, y_2]$. The function u has a nonfinite derivative at y_2 , is strictly decreasing on $(0, y_0)$ and strictly creasing on (y_0, y_2) .
- 2. If d < 0, we have

- Here, necessarily 0 < H < 1/2. Setting d = -c, we have that, $0 < y < y_2$, where $y_2 = \frac{1-2H}{c}$. Consequently, the function u(y) is defined on $(0, y_2]$, has a nonfinite derivative y_2 , is strictly decreasing on $(0, y_2)$.

Proof. Setting $f(y) = 1 - (dy - 2H)^2$, then $f(y) = 0 \iff y = \frac{2Hd \pm |d|}{d^2}$. So

- 1. If d > 0, then $y = \frac{2H \pm 1}{d}$, thus we consider two cases,
 - If 2H-1 > 0, then $f(y) > 0 \iff y_1 = \frac{2H-1}{d} < y < y_2 = \frac{2H+1}{d}$, and this is clear that $y_1 < y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} < y_2$. So the affirmation holds.
 - If 2H 1 < 0, then $f(y) > 0 \iff 0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2H + 1}{d}$, and this is clear that $0 < y_0 = \frac{2H}{d} < y_2$. So the affirmation holds.
- 2. If d < 0. Setting d = -c, with c > 0, then $y = \frac{-2Hc \mp c}{c^2} = \frac{-2H \mp 1}{c}$, since that y > 0, this implies that 1 2H > 0. So $u'(y) = -\sqrt{2}\frac{cy + 2H}{y\sqrt{1 (cy + 2H)^2}}$, and $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{1 2H}{c}$, thus the function u(y) is strictly decreasing and has a nonfinite derivative at y_2 . So the affirmation holds.

Lemma 7.3.2. Letting $y \longrightarrow y_1, y_2$, we infer by a computation that the curvature

$$k(\rho) = \frac{u''}{(1 + (u')^2)^{3/2}}$$

goes to

- If d > 0 and H > 1/2,

$$k(y_1) = -\frac{y_1^2 f'(y_1)}{(1+4\tau^2)g(y_1)}$$

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{y_2^2 f'(y_2)}{(1+4\tau^2)g(y_2)}$$

- If d > 0 and 0 < H < 1/2

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{2dy_2^2}{1+4\tau^2}$$

- If d < 0, this is d = -c, c > 0,

$$k(y_2) = \frac{2cy_2^2}{1 + 4\tau^2}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to this one on Lemma (6.5.3). By considering

$$k(y) = \frac{y\sqrt{1+4\tau^2}}{[y^2f + (1+4\tau^2)g^2]^{3/2}} [2yfg' - 2gf - ygf']$$

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As a consequence of Lemma (7.3.1), we have the next results.

Theorem 7.3.1. Let S be the H surface invariant by parabolic isometries immersed into $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$. Then, there exist a one-parameter family \mathcal{P}_d , $d \in \mathbb{R}$ of complete H-surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries such that,

- 1. For d > 0, and H > 1/2 the surface \mathcal{P}_d is immersed (and nonembedded) annulus, invariant by vertical translation, and is contained in the closed region bounded by the vertical cylinders $y = y_1$ and $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.a
- 2. For d > 0, and 0 < H < 1/2 the surface \mathcal{P}_d is a properly immersed (and nonembedded) annulus, it is symmetric with respect to slice t = 0, the maximum value of y is $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.b
- 3. For d = -c < 0 and 0 < H < 1/2 the surface \mathcal{P}_d is a properly embedded annulus symmetric with respect to the slice t = 0, and the maximum value of y is $y = y_2$. See Fig. 3.c
- 4. When d tends to 0, then the surface \mathcal{P}_d tends toward the surface

$$F(y) = \frac{-2\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2}H\ln(y)}{\sqrt{1 - 4H^2}}$$

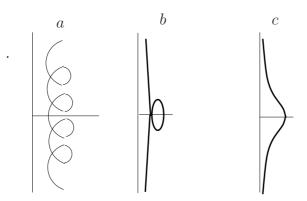


Figure 3.— Generating curve for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with $H \neq 1/2$

Now, we consider the case $H \equiv 1/2$. In this case the function u from the Lemma 7.1.1 become

$$u(y) = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2} \int \frac{dy - 1}{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (dy - 1)^2}} dy$$
 (7-3)

We denote by $f(y) = 1 - (dy - 1)^2$ and g(y) = dy - 1, so we obtain the next lemma.

Lemma 7.3.3. By considering the surface S invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with constant mean curvature H=1/2, we obtain that d>0 and the function h(y) is defined for $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2}{d}$. Furthermore, there exist a number $y_0 = \frac{1}{d}$ with $0 < y_0 < y_2$ such that g(y) is positive for $0 < y < y_0$, $g(y_0) = 0$ and g(y) is negative for $y_0 < y < y_2$. Consequently the function h(y) is strictly decreasing for $0 < y < y_0$, has a horizontal tangent at $y = y_0$ and is strictly increasing for $y_0 < y < y_2$.

Proof. The function $f(y) > 0 \Leftrightarrow (dy - 1)^2 < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < dy - 1 < 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 < dy < 2$, since y > 0 this implies that d > 0, so $0 < y < y_2 = \frac{2}{d}$, observe that $f(y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ either y = 0 or $y = \frac{2}{d}$. Observe that $0 < y_0 = \frac{1}{d} < \frac{2}{d}$, then g(y) is positive for $0 < y < y_0$, $g(y_0) = 0$ and g(y) is negative for $y_0 < y < y_0$. Consequently the function h(y) is strictly decreasing for $y_0 < y < y_0$, has a horizontal tangent at $y = y_0$ and is strictly increasing for $y_0 < y < y_0$.

Considering H = 1/2, we have the next Lemma.

Lemma 7.3.4. Letting $y \longrightarrow y_2$, we infer by a computation that the curvature

$$k(\rho) = \frac{u''}{(1 + (u')^2)^{3/2}}$$

goes to

$$k(y_2) = -\frac{2dy_2^2}{1 + 4\tau^2}$$

Proof. The proof is analogous to this one on Lemma (6.5.3).

As a consequence of Lemma 7.3.3 we have the next result.

Theorem 7.3.2. Let S be the H=1/2 surface invariant by parabolic isometries immersed into $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R},\tau)$. Then, there exist a one-parameter family \mathcal{J}_d , $d \in \mathbb{R}_+$ of complete H-surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries such that the surface \mathcal{J}_d is a properly immersed (and non-embedded) annulus, it is symmetric with respect to slice t=0, the maximum value of y is $y=y_2$. See Fig. 4

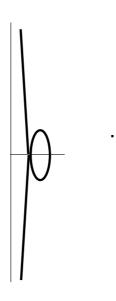


Figure 4..- Generating curve for surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of parabolic isometries with $H \equiv 1/2$