8 Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic 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 hyperbolic 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 hyperbolic isometries having constant mean curvature.

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

$$d\sigma^2 = \lambda^2 (dx^2 + dy^2), \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{y}.$$

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

8.1 Surfaces invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries main lemma

The idea to obtain a surface invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries is simple, we will take a curve in the xt plane and we will apply one-parameter group Γ of hyperbolic isometries on $\widetilde{PSL}_2(\mathbb{R}, \tau)$. We denote by $\alpha(x) = (x, 1, u(x))$ the curve in the xt plane and by $S = \Gamma(\alpha)$, the surface invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries generate by α .

Since the most simple hyperbolic isometry on \mathbb{H}^2 is the homotetia from the origin, we re-parameterized the hyperbolic plane whit coordinates R^+ and $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, so that

$$x = R\cos(\theta)$$
$$y = R\sin(\theta)$$

where $R \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\theta \in (0, \pi)$.

Thus, the surface S is parameterized by,

$$\varphi(\rho, \theta) = (R\cos(\theta), R\sin(\theta), u(\theta))$$

Now, we rewrite all the expressions in this news coordinates, thus we obtain the next lemma.

Lemma 8.1.1. By considering the above re-parametrization to the hyperbolic plane, we may rewrite all terms in the form,

$$-\partial_x = \cos(\theta)\partial_R - \frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}\partial_\theta$$

$$-\partial_y = \sin(\theta)\partial_R + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{R}\partial_\theta$$

$$-R_x = \cos(\theta)$$

$$-R_y = \sin(\theta)$$

$$-\theta_x = -\frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}$$

$$-\theta_y = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{R}$$

$$-\lambda = \frac{1}{R\sin(\theta)}$$

$$-d\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{R^2\sin^2(\theta)}(dR^2 + R^2d\theta^2)$$

Proof. From,

$$\begin{cases} x = R\cos(\theta), \\ y = R\sin(\theta), \end{cases}$$
 (8-1)

we obtain,

$$\begin{cases} dx = \cos(\theta)dR - R\sin(\theta)d\theta, \\ dy = \sin(\theta)dR + R\cos(\theta)d\theta, \end{cases}$$
(8-2)

since,

$$dx^{2} + dy^{2} = dR^{2} + R^{2}d\theta^{2},$$
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{R\sin(\theta)}$$

then
$$\lambda^2 = \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2(\theta)}$$
, thus,

$$d\sigma^2 = \lambda^2 (dx^2 + dy^2)$$
$$= \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2(\theta)} (dR^2 + R^2 d\theta^2)$$

Furthermore, setting

$$\partial_x = a\partial_R + b\partial_\theta$$

and evaluating in equation (8-2). We obtain,

$$\begin{cases} 1 = \cos(\theta)a - R\sin(\theta)b, \\ 0 = \sin(\theta)a + R\cos(\theta)b, \end{cases}$$

hence,

$$a = \cos(\theta), \quad b = -\frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}$$

that is,

$$\partial_x = \cos(\theta)\partial_R - \frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}\partial_\theta.$$

By considering,

$$\partial_y = a\partial_R + b\partial_\theta$$

and evaluating in equation (6-2). We obtain,

$$\begin{cases} 0 = \cos(\theta)a - R\sin(\theta)b, \\ 1 = \sin(\theta)a + R\cos(\theta)b, \end{cases}$$

so

$$a = \sin(\theta), \quad b = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{R}$$

that is,

$$\partial_y = \sin(\theta)\partial_R + \frac{\cos(\theta)}{R}\partial_\theta.$$

From $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$, we obtain,

$$2x = 2RR_x$$
$$2y = 2RR_y$$

Considering the equation (8-1), we obtain,

$$R_x = \cos(\theta)$$

$$R_y = \sin(\theta)$$

Derivation of equation (8-1) with respect to x and y respectively gives,

$$1 = \mathbb{R}_x \cos(\theta) - R\sin(\theta)\theta_x$$

$$1 = R_u \sin(\theta) + R\cos(\theta)\theta_u$$

Now, by using R_x and R_y , we obtain,

$$\theta_x = -\frac{\sin(\theta)}{R}$$

$$\theta_y = \frac{\cos(\theta)}{R}$$

This completes the proof.

The next Lemma is crucial for our study. We follow ideas of Appendix A of (11). Consider the graph $t = u(\theta)$ in the plane xt, and denote by $S = grap(\Gamma u)$. Supposing that S has constant mean curvature H, we have the lemma:

Lemma 8.1.2. The function u satisfies

$$u(\theta) = \int \frac{(d - 2H\cot(\theta))\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2\cos^2(\theta)}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\theta)(d - 2H\cot(\theta))^2}} d\theta - 2\tau\theta$$
 (8-3)

where d is a real number.

Proof. Since S has mean curvature H, then by lemma 5.2.1 the function u satisfies the equation

$$2H = div_{\mathbb{H}^2} \left(\frac{\alpha}{W} e_1 + \frac{\beta}{W} e_2 \right), \tag{8-4}$$

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

By abuse of notation we consider $u(x, y) = u(R(x, y), \theta(x, y))$, since S is a surface invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries, then the function u does not depend of R, so,

$$\begin{cases} u_x = u_R R_x + u_\theta \theta_x = u_\theta \theta_x, \\ u_y = u_R R_y + u_\theta \theta_y = u_\theta \theta_y, \end{cases}$$

By considering the lemma 8.1.1, this implies,

$$\frac{u_x}{\lambda} = -u_\theta \sin^2(\theta)$$

$$\frac{u_y}{\lambda} = u_\theta \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

Thus

$$\alpha = -u_{\theta} \sin^{2}(\theta) - 2\tau$$
$$\beta = u_{\theta} \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta)$$

this implies,

$$\alpha^{2} + \beta^{2} = \sin^{2}(\theta)(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)^{2} + 4\tau^{2}\cos^{2}(\theta)$$

$$W^{2} = 1 + \sin^{2}(\theta)(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)^{2} + 4\tau^{2}\cos^{2}(\theta)$$
Setting $X_{u} = \frac{\alpha}{W}e_{1} + \frac{\beta}{W}e_{2} = \frac{1}{W}\left(\alpha\frac{\partial_{x}}{\lambda} + \beta\frac{\partial_{y}}{\lambda}\right)$.

We need express X_u in coordinates R and θ . Observe that,

$$\frac{\partial_x}{\lambda} = R\sin\theta\cos\theta\partial_R - \sin^2\theta\partial_\theta$$

and

$$\frac{\partial_y}{\lambda} = R\sin^2\theta \partial_R + \sin\theta\cos\theta \partial_\theta$$

Furthermore,

$$\alpha \frac{\partial_x}{\lambda} + \beta \frac{\partial_y}{\lambda} = -(\sin^2 \theta u_\theta + 2\tau)(R \sin \theta \cos \theta \partial_R - \sin^2 \theta \partial_\theta) + \\ + \sin \theta \cos \theta u_\theta (R \sin^2 \theta \partial_R + \sin \theta \cos \theta \partial_\theta)$$

$$= -[R \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta u_\theta + 2\tau R \sin \theta \cos \theta] \partial_R + [\sin^4 \theta u_\theta + 2\tau \sin^2 \theta] \partial_\theta + \\ + R \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta u_\theta \partial_R + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta u_\theta \partial_\theta$$

$$= -2\tau R \sin \theta \cos \theta \partial_R + \sin^2 \theta (u_\theta + 2\tau) \partial_\theta$$

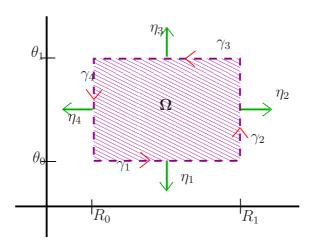
So, we conclude that,

$$X_{u} = \frac{1}{W} \left[\sin^{2} \theta (u_{\theta} + 2\tau) \partial_{\theta} - 2\tau R \sin \theta \cos \theta \partial_{R} \right]$$

and

$$W = \sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta (u_\theta + 2\tau)^2}$$

Let $\theta_0, \theta_1 \in (0, \pi)$ with $\theta_0 < \theta_1$ and $R_0, R_1 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ with $R_0 < R_1$ and consider the domain $\Omega = [\theta_0, \theta_1] \times [R_0, R_1]$ in the plane $R^+\theta$.



By integrating the equation (8-4), we obtain

$$\int_{\partial(\Omega)} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = 2HArea([\theta_0, \theta_1] \times [R_0, R_1])$$

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,

$$\gamma_1(s) = (s, \theta_0), \quad R_0 \le s \le R_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_1' = \partial_R$$
,

thus

$$|\gamma_1'| = \frac{1}{R\sin\theta}$$

and

$$\eta_1 = -\sin\theta\partial_\theta$$
.

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = -\frac{\sin^3 \theta(u_\theta + 2\tau)(\theta_0)}{W} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} = -\frac{\sin \theta(u_\theta + 2\tau)}{W},$$

hence

$$\int_{\gamma_1} \langle X_u, \eta_1 \rangle = \int_{R_0}^{R_1} -\frac{u_\theta + 2\tau}{RW} (\theta_0) dR$$

For the third integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_3(s) = (R_1 - s, \theta_1), \quad 0 \le s \le R_1 - R_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_3' = -\partial_R,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_3'| = \frac{1}{R\sin\theta},$$

and

$$\eta_3 = \sin \theta \partial_{\theta}.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \frac{\sin^3 \theta(u_\theta + 2\tau)(\theta_1)}{W} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{\sin \theta(u_\theta + 2\tau)}{W},$$

hence,

$$\int_{\gamma_3} \langle X_u, \eta_3 \rangle = \int_0^{R_1 - R_0} \frac{\sin \theta (u_\theta + 2\tau)}{W} \frac{1}{(R_1 - s)\sin \theta} ds = \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{(u_\theta + 2\tau)}{RW} (\theta_1) dR$$

For the second integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_2(s) = (R_1, s), \quad \theta_0 \le s \le \theta_1.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_2' = \partial_\theta,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_2'| = \frac{1}{\sin \theta},$$

and

$$\eta_2 = R \sin \theta \partial_R$$
.

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = -\frac{2\tau R^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{W} \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2 \theta} = -\frac{2\tau \cos \theta}{W},$$

hence,

$$\int_{\gamma_2} \langle X_u, \eta_2 \rangle = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} -\frac{2\tau \cos \theta}{W \sin \theta} d\theta$$

For the four integral: Observe that,

$$\gamma_4(s) = (R_0, \theta_1 - s), \quad 0 \le s \le \theta_1 - \theta_0.$$

This implies,

$$\gamma_4' = -\partial_\theta,$$

thus

$$|\gamma_4'| = \frac{1}{\sin \theta},$$

and

$$\eta_4 = -R\sin\theta\partial_R.$$

Furthermore

$$\langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = \frac{2\tau R^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta}{W} \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2 \theta} = \frac{2\tau \cos \theta}{W},$$

hence,

$$\int_{\gamma_4} \langle X_u, \eta_4 \rangle = \int_0^{\theta_1 - \theta_0} \frac{2\tau \cos(\theta_1 - s)}{W} \frac{1}{\sin(\theta_1 - s)} ds = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \frac{2\tau \cos \theta}{W \sin \theta} d\theta$$

Taking into account this four integrals, we obtain

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle X_u, \eta \rangle = \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{(u_\theta + 2\tau)}{W} (\theta_1) \frac{dR}{R} - \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{(u_\theta + 2\tau)}{W} (\theta_0) \frac{dR}{R}$$

Observe that,

$$Area(\Omega) = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})} dR d\theta$$
$$= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{1}{R \sin^2 \theta} dR d\theta$$

So, we conclude that

$$\int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)}{W} (\theta_1) \frac{dR}{R} - \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)}{W} (\theta_0) \frac{dR}{R} = \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \int_{R_0}^{R_1} \frac{1}{R \sin^2 \theta} dR d\theta$$

which we can write in the form:

$$\int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \partial_{\theta} \left(\frac{(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)}{W} \right) d\theta = 2H \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} d\theta$$

By considering that Ω is any domain in the plane $R\theta$, and taking the derivative with respect to ρ we obtain:

$$\partial_{\theta} \left(\frac{u_{\theta} + 2\tau}{W} \right) = \frac{2H}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

by integrating this expression:

$$\frac{u_{\theta} + 2\tau}{\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta (u_{\theta} + 2\tau)^2}} = -2H \cot \theta + d$$

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

$$(u_{\theta} + 2\tau)^{2} [1 - \sin^{2}\theta (d - 2H \cot \theta)^{2}] = (d - 2H \cot \theta)^{2} [1 + 4\tau^{2} \cos^{2}\theta]$$

so the function u satisfies:

$$u(\theta) = \int \frac{(d - 2H \cot \theta)\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos \theta}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta (d - 2H \cot \theta)^2}} d\theta - 2\tau \theta$$

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

Now, we explore the Lemma 8.1.2. By considering $\tau = -1/2$ we obtain the next consequences.

Lemma 8.2.1. Making $d \equiv 0$ and $\tau = -1/2$, then the integral

$$u = -\int \frac{2H \cot(\theta) \sqrt{1 + \cos^2(\theta)}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\theta)(2H \cot(\theta))^2}} d\theta + \theta$$

has the next solution,

$$u(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{\sin^2(\theta) - 1 + (1 - 4H^2)/8H^2}{\sqrt{(\sin^2(\theta) + (1 - 4H^2)/4H^2)(2 - \sin^2(\theta))}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}H}{\sqrt{1 - 4H^2}} \ln\left\{\frac{1 - 4H^2}{H^2} + \frac{(4H^2 - 1)\sin^2\theta}{4H^2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}(1 - 4H^2)}{H}\sqrt{\left((1 - 4H^2)/4H^2 + \sin^2\theta\right)(2 - \sin^2(\theta))}\right\} + \frac{\sqrt{2}H}{\sqrt{1 - 4H^2}} \ln\left\{\sin^2\theta\right\} + \theta$$

where 0 < H < 1/2.

Proof. Taking $\tau = -1/2$, $d \equiv 0$, the expression

$$f(\theta) = -2H \int \frac{\cot(\theta)\sqrt{1 + \cos^2(\theta)}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\theta)(2H\cot(\theta))^2}} d\theta$$

can be write as:

$$f(\theta) = -\int \frac{\sqrt{1 + \cos^2(\theta)}}{\sin \theta \sqrt{(1 - 4H^2)/4H^2 + \sin^2 \theta}} \cos \theta d\theta$$

making $b=(1-4H^2)4H^2,\ v=\sin\theta,\ \text{then}\ dv=\cos\theta d\theta,\ \text{so the integral becomes:}$

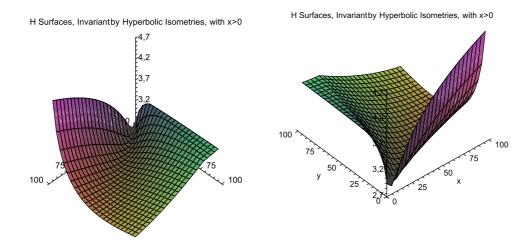
$$f \equiv -\int \frac{\sqrt{2 - v^2}}{v\sqrt{b + v^2}} dv$$

whose solution is given by:

$$f = \frac{1}{2}\arctan\left(\frac{(v^2 - 1) + b/2}{\sqrt{2 - v^2}\sqrt{b + v^2}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{b}}\ln\left(\frac{4b + v^2(2 - b) + 2\sqrt{2b}\sqrt{(2 - v^2)(b + v^2)}}{v^2}\right)$$

by substitution the values of v and b, we obtain the result.

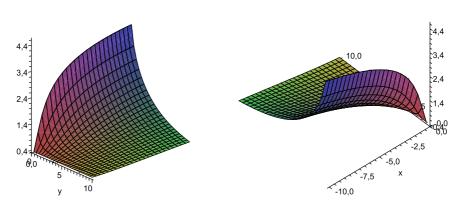
Example 8.2.1. Making H = 0.3 in the lemma 8.2.1, since $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$, so in coordinates XYT, the graph has two sheet. The first sheet is given by x > 0 (here we have two views to the first sheet),



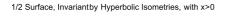
Now, we consider the sheet given by x < 0,

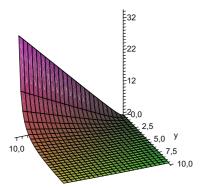
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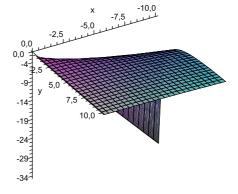


Example 8.2.2. Making H = 1/2, $\tau = -1/2$, $d \equiv 0$, and by following the ideas of the proof of the Lemma 8.2.1, we obtain a surface invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries having constant mean curvature H = 1/2. We plot the surface with Maple's help.





1/2 Surface, Invariantby Hyperbolic Isometries, with x<0



Example 8.2.3. Making $H \equiv 0$, $d \equiv 1$, we obtain a minimal surface invariant by one-parameter group of hyperbolic isometries. To see this, observe that

$$u = \int \frac{(d - 2H\cot(\theta))\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2\cos^2(\theta)}}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2(\theta)(d - 2H\cot(\theta))^2}} d\theta - 2\tau\theta$$

becomes:

$$u = \int \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos^2(\theta)}}{\cos \theta} d\theta - 2\tau \theta$$

Making:

$$f(\theta) = \int \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos^2(\theta)}}{\cos \theta} d\theta$$

then,

$$f(\theta) = \int \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4\tau^2 \cos^2(\theta)}}{\cos^2 \theta} \cos \theta d\theta$$

let $w = \sin \theta$ so $dw = \cos \theta d\theta$. Setting $a = \frac{1 + 4\tau^2}{4\tau^2}$, the last integral becomes:

$$f(\theta) = |2\tau| \int \frac{\sqrt{a - w^2}}{1 - w^2} dw$$

which has the next solution:

$$f = \arctan\left(\frac{w}{\sqrt{a-w^2}}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{-1+a}\ln\left(\frac{a-w+\sqrt{-1+a}\sqrt{a-w^2}}{-1+w}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{-1+a}}{2}\ln\left(\frac{a+w+\sqrt{-1+a}\sqrt{a-w^2}}{w+1}\right)$$

which can be write in the form:

$$f = \arctan\left(\frac{w}{\sqrt{a - w^2}}\right) + \frac{\sqrt{a - 1}}{2}\ln\left(\frac{(a - w + \sqrt{-1 + a}\sqrt{a - w^2})(w + 1)}{(a + w + \sqrt{-1 + a}\sqrt{a - w^2})(w - 1)}\right)$$

so,

$$f = \arctan\left(\frac{|2\tau|\sin\theta}{\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta}}\right) + \frac{1}{2|2\tau|}\ln\left(\frac{(1+4\tau^2-4\tau^2\sin\theta+\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta})(\sin\theta+1)}{(1+4\tau^2+4\tau^2\sin\theta+\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta})(\sin\theta-1)}\right)$$

So, our integral has the solution:

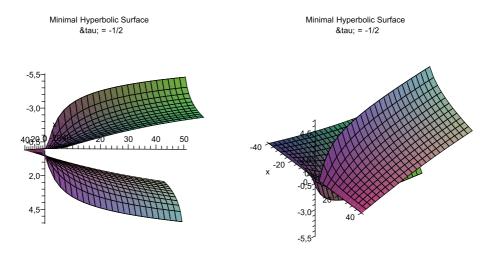
$$u(\theta) = \arctan\left(\frac{|2\tau|\sin\theta}{\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta}}\right) - 2\tau\theta + \frac{1}{2|2\tau|}\ln\left(\frac{(1+4\tau^2-4\tau^2\sin\theta+\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta})(\sin\theta+1)}{(1+4\tau^2+4\tau^2\sin\theta+\sqrt{1+4\tau^2\cos^2\theta})(\sin\theta-1)}\right)$$

Observe o domain.

Observe that, by considering $\tau = -1/2$ we obtain (following the same idea):

$$u = \arcsin\left(\frac{\sin\theta}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}arctanh\left(\frac{2+\sin\theta}{\sqrt{2-\sin^2\theta}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}arctanh\left(\frac{\sin\theta - 2}{\sqrt{2+\sin^2\theta}}\right) + \theta$$

This surface goes to x = 0 when y goes to 0, and when $x \to 0^+$ the surface goes to $-\infty$, if $x \to 0^-$ the surface goes to $-\infty$. See figure:



Example 8.2.4. Making $H \equiv 0$, $\tau = -1/2$, $d \equiv 0$, we obtain a minimal surfaces which consist of two sheet (see figure). When y goes to 0 the surface goes to x = 0. When $x \to 0^-$ the function u goes to a negative finite value, and when $x \to +$ the function goes to a positive finite value. Observe that:

$$u(x,y) = \arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

We plot the surface with Maple's help.

