

# Geometric and Asymptotic Group Theory I

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## Small cancellation conditions and word problem

- (1) For the following presentations:
  - (a)  $\langle a_1, b_1, \dots, a_g, b_g \mid [a_1, b_1] \cdot \dots \cdot [a_g, b_g] \rangle$ ,
  - (b)  $\langle S \mid r^n \rangle$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,
  - (c)  $\langle a, b \mid abab^2ab^3 \dots ab^{100} \rangle$ ;  
find:
    - (i) the symmetrized set of relators,
    - (ii) pieces,
    - (iii)  $\lambda$  for which the small cancellation condition  $C'(\lambda)$  holds.
- (2) Check whether the given word represents the identity in a corresponding group.
  - (a)  $d^{-1}acdc^{-1}d^{-1}aba^{-1}ba^{-1}b^{-1}cdc^{-1}d^{-1}b^{-1}cdc^{-1}$  in the genus two surface group  $\langle a, b, c, d \mid [a, b][c, d] \rangle$ ;
  - (b)  $ab^2a^2b^{-2}a^{-1}b^2a^{-2}b^{-2}$  in  $BS(1, 2) = \langle a, b \mid bab^{-1}a^2 \rangle$ ;
  - (c)  $ab^4a^4b^{-4}a^{-1}b^4a^{-4}b^{-4}$  in  $BS(1, 2) = \langle a, b \mid bab^{-1}a^2 \rangle$ .