

# Hyperelliptic group

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By definition, the so-called hyperelliptic group  $G$  is simply the fundamental group of a hyperelliptic curve extended by its hyperelliptic involution. Equivalently, it is the group generated by  $n$  involutions  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  with the defining relation  $r_1 \dots r_n = 1$ , where  $n$  is even. Denote by  $T$  the usual Teichmüller space of all curves, i.e., the Hitchin component of representations of surface group in  $PO(2, 1)$ , and by  $H$ , the Teichmüller space of hyperelliptic ones.

We show that to an arbitrary curve one can associate a couple of hyperelliptic ones so that  $T$  is fibred twice over  $H$  providing an embedding of  $T$  into  $H \times H$ .

Also, we discuss the problem of existence of a Hitchin component of representations of  $G$  in  $PO(2, 2)$ .