

## Mostow Rigidity

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Connected orientable

Thm If  $M^n, N^n$  two closed hyperbolic  $n$ -manifolds and  $f: M^n \rightarrow N^n$  a homeomorphism, then  $f \cong g: M^n \rightarrow N^n$  if  $g$  is an isometry

RM We can relax  $f \rightarrow$  homotopy equivalence

Proof: Original Mostow: introduced large scale geometry.

Gromov: introduced the notion of norm.

Basic ideas:  $\Gamma_1 = \pi_1(M)$ ,  $\Gamma_2 = \pi_1(N)$  act on  $H^n$   $\tilde{f}: H^n \rightarrow H^n$  the lift

There is an isomorphism  $\varphi: \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Gamma_2$  induced by  $f$ .

$$\text{st} \quad \tilde{f}(r \cdot x) = \varphi(r) \tilde{f}(x), \quad r \in \Gamma_1$$

Step 1.  $\tilde{f}: H^n \rightarrow H^n$  is a quasi-isometry (Q.I)

Step 2.  $\tilde{f}$  extends to  $\bar{H}^n \rightarrow \bar{H}^n$  continuously +  $\tilde{f}|_{\partial \bar{H}^n}$  homeo

$$= \tilde{g}|_{\bar{H}^n}$$

Step 3. Gromov norm  $\Rightarrow \tilde{f}|_{\partial \bar{H}^n} \in \text{Iso}(H^n)$ .  $\tilde{g} \in \text{Iso}(H^n)$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}(r \cdot x) = \varphi(r) \tilde{g}(x)$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{g}$  induces to  $g: M^n \rightarrow N^n$ .

## Basic large scale geometry

$(X, d), (Y, d')$  two metric spaces  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  (Not necessary cont.)

Def If  $\exists K > 0$  st.

$$\frac{1}{K}d(x_1, x_2) - K \leq d(F(x_1), F(x_2)) \leq K d(x_1, x_2) + K$$

We say  $F$  is a  $K$ -quasi-isometric embedding,

If furthermore  $Y = N_k(F(x)) = \{y \in Y \mid \exists x \text{ st. } d'(y, F(x)) \leq k\}$

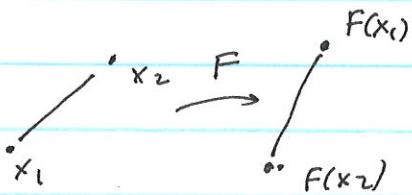
We say  $F$  is a quasi-isometry. (Q.I.)

Obviously  $F \circ G$  Q.I.  $\Rightarrow$   $F \circ G$  Q.Iso

Eg  $F$  Q.I.,  $G: Y \rightarrow X$   $G(y) = x$   $d'(y, F(x)) \leq k$

Then  $G$  is a Q.I.

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To see

$$\begin{aligned} d(G(y_1), G(y_2)) &= d(x_1, x_2) \\ &\leq K^2 + K d(F(x_1), F(x_2)) \\ &\leq K^2 + K [d(F(x_1), y_1) + d(y_1, y_2) + d(y_2, F(x_2))] \\ &\leq K d(y_1, y_2) + (K^2 + 2k). \end{aligned}$$

The other way around is fine:

$$\begin{aligned} d(y_1, y_2) &\leq d(y_1, F(x_1)) + d(F(x_1), F(x_2)) + d(F(x_2), y_2) \\ &\leq 2k + (K d(x_1, x_2) + K) \end{aligned}$$
□

Corollary Q.I. is an equivalence relation among metric spaces

Eg Each compact space is Q.I. to a point!

Eg  $\mathbb{Z} \underset{\text{Q.I.}}{\sim} \mathbb{R}$   $f(x) = x$   $\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $K=1$

$\mathbb{Z}^2 \underset{\text{Q.I.}}{\sim} \mathbb{R}^2$   $f(x) = x$  inclusion  $K=1$

$\mathbb{Z}^n \underset{\text{Q.I.}}{\sim} \mathbb{R}^n$

Eg  $K \subset X$  subset  $N_R(K) = X \Rightarrow i: K \hookrightarrow X$  Q.Iso.

Easy  $F, G$  Q.Iso metric embeddings  $\Rightarrow F \circ G$  Q.Iso embedding.

## Large Scale Geometry

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Metrics on finitely generated groups

 $G$  group  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$  generates  $G$  s.t.  $x \in S \Rightarrow \bar{x} \in S$ Eg  $G = \mathbb{Z}$   $S = \{\pm 1, -1\}$ ,  $\bar{x} \notin S$ Given  $w \in G$ ,  $|w| = |w|_S = \min \{k \mid w = x_1 \dots x_k, x_i \in S\}$ minimal number of generators to produce  $w$ .Eg  $\mathbb{Z}, \{\pm 1\}$ ,  $\pm 1 \pm 2$ ,  $|\text{id}| = 0$ Lemma 1.  $|\gamma \cdot \delta| \leq |\gamma| + |\delta| + |w^{-1}| (= |w|)$ Define  $d(x, y) = |\bar{x}y| = d(y, x) = |\bar{y}x|$ Triangle inequality  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) = |\bar{x}y| + |\bar{y}z| \leq |\bar{x}z| = d(x, z)$ Prop If  $T$  is another symmetric generating set, then  $\exists k > 0$  s.t.

$$|w|_T \leq k|w|_S \quad \text{and} \quad |\bar{x}|_S \leq k|x|_T.$$

Proof Let  $K = \max \{|\bar{x}_i| \mid x_i \in T\}$ . Then

$$|w|_T = n$$

$$\Rightarrow w = x_1 \dots x_n \quad x_i \in T$$

$$\therefore |w|_S \leq |x_1|_S + \dots + |x_n|_S \leq K \cdot n \quad \square$$

Corollary 2. (a) The Q.I. class of  $G$  does not depend on the choice of  $S$ .(b) If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism, then  $\varphi$  is a (quasi-isometric embedding) Lipschitz map.Pf (b) -  $|\varphi(x)| \leq k|x|$  same proof.(c) If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  group isomorphism  $\Rightarrow \varphi$  is Q.I.Eg  $(\mathbb{Z}, \{\pm 1\})$  the metric  $\Rightarrow d(n, m) = |m - n|$ , so  $(\mathbb{Z}, d) \hookrightarrow (\mathbb{R}, \frac{d}{n})$  Q.I.

# Large Scale Geometry connected

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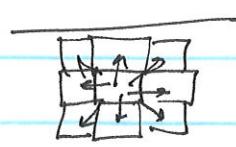
Prop Let  $(M, g)$  be a closed Riemannian w/ universal cover  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  s.t.  $\Gamma = \pi_1(M)$  acts isometrically on  $\tilde{M}$  as deck transf. Then  $\Phi: \Gamma \rightarrow \tilde{M} \quad r \mapsto r(b) \quad (b \in \tilde{M} \text{ fixed})$  is a Q.I.

Proof (Say  $S \subset \Gamma$  in a) let  $\Omega \subset \tilde{M}$  be a compact connected set s.t. (1)  $\tilde{M} = \bigcup_{r \in \Gamma} r(\Omega)$

$$(2) \quad r(\Omega) \cap \tilde{r}(\Omega) = \emptyset \quad \forall r \in \Gamma - \{\text{id}\}$$

$\Omega$  - fundamental domain,  $\Omega$  exists.  $\Omega = \{x \in \tilde{M} \mid d(x, b) \leq d(rx, b)\}$

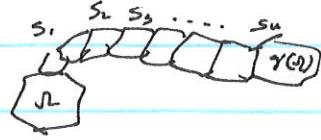
Es  $\mathbb{Z} \cap \Omega$   $n_x x = x + n$   $\Omega = [0, 1]$



$\mathbb{Z}^2 \cap \Omega$  translations  $\Omega = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$

$S = \{r \in \Gamma \mid \Omega \cap r(\Omega) \neq \emptyset, r \neq \text{id}\}$ . Note  $\Omega \cap r(\Omega) \neq \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \Omega \cap r^{-1}(r(\Omega)) \neq \emptyset$

Hw  $S$  generates  $\Omega$ .



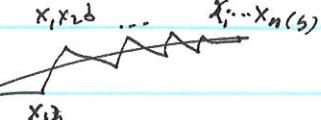
Fix  $b \in \Omega$ . Let  $K = \max \{d(b, s(b)) \mid s \in S\}$



Note.

$$d(\Phi(r_1), \Phi(r_2)) \leq d(\Phi(r_1^{-1}r_2), \Phi(\text{id})) \quad (r \text{ acts iso})$$

$$\text{and } d(r_1, r_2) = d(r_1^{-1}r_2, \text{id})$$



Thus, it suffices to prove:  $\forall r \in \Gamma$

$$\frac{1}{K} d(rb, b) - K \leq |r| \leq K d(rb, b) + K$$

(1) Write  $|r| = n \quad r = x_1 \dots x_n \quad x_i \in S \quad r_i = x_1 \dots x_i, r_0 = \text{id}$

$$d(rb, b) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(r_i b, r_{i+1} b) \leq n \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(r_i(b), r_i(x_{i+1} b))$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(b, s(b)) \leq nk = |r| \cdot K.$$

Let  $\delta = \frac{1}{2} \min \{ d(\gamma_i, \gamma_j) \mid \gamma_i, \gamma_j \in \Gamma, \gamma_i \neq \gamma_j \}$

(2) If  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , let  $\alpha: [0, l] \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  such that  $\alpha(0) = b$ ,  $\alpha(l) = \gamma(b)$

be the shortest geodesic w/  $l = d(b, \gamma(b))$ .

Let  $b_i = \alpha(i\delta)$

$i=0, 1, \dots, n$  s.t.

$$n\delta \leq l < (n+1)\delta$$

$$b \xrightarrow{\delta} b_1 \xrightarrow{\delta} b_2 \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots \xrightarrow{\delta} b_n \xrightarrow{\delta} \gamma(b)$$

Say  $b_i \in \gamma_i(\Sigma)$ . Then  $d(b_i, b_{i+1}) < \min \{ d(\gamma_i, \gamma_{i+1}) \}$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_i(\Sigma) \cap \gamma_{i+1}(\Sigma) \neq \emptyset$$

so  $\gamma_i^{-1} \gamma_{i+1} \in S^{\text{using}}$  or  $\gamma_{i+1} = x_i \cdot \gamma_i$ ,  $x_i \in S$  or  $x_i = i$

Also

$$\gamma = \underbrace{x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_0}_{\text{hold}}$$

Now

$$\gamma = x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_0 \quad x_i \in S^{\text{using}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\gamma| \leq n\delta = \frac{1}{\delta} (n\delta) + \frac{1}{\delta} \leq \frac{1}{\delta} l + \frac{1}{\delta} = \frac{1}{\delta} d(b, \gamma(b)) + \frac{1}{\delta}$$

□

This result says: as far as Quasi-isometry property goes, the study of  $\pi_1(M)$  is the same as the geometry of  $\tilde{M}$ .

Eq For any hyperbolic, closed surface  $\Sigma_g$   $\pi_1(\Sigma_g) \cong_{\text{also}} \mathbb{H}^2$ .

$$\pi_1(S^1) \cong_{\text{also}} \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\pi_1(S^1 \times S^1) \cong_{\text{Q.I.}} \mathbb{R}^2$$

Corollary. If  $f: M^n \rightarrow N^n$  homeo (or just may map) induces

isomorphism  $f_*$  in  $\pi_1(M^n) \rightarrow \pi_1(N^n)$  then the map lifted to

$$\hat{f}: \tilde{M}^n \rightarrow \tilde{N}^n \text{ is a } \underline{\text{Q.I.}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow \text{ev} & & \uparrow \text{ev} \\ \pi_1(M) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \pi_1(N) \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \tilde{M}^n & \end{array}$$

## Gromov Hyperbolic Spaces + Gromov product

### Length spaces

$(X, d)$  metric space  $r: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  continuous. The length  $L(r)$

of  $r$

$$l(r) = \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n d(r(t_i), r(t_{i+1})) \mid 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_{n+1} = 1 \right\} \geq 0$$

A metric space  $(X, d)$  is a length space if

$$d(x, p) = \inf \{ l(r) \mid r: [0, 1] \rightarrow X \quad r(0) = p, r(1) = q \}$$

Eg Connected Riemannian manifold, polyhedral spaces, connected graphs of given edge lengths are length spaces segment

Def  $\alpha: [a, b] \rightarrow (X, d)$  a geodesic if  $d(\alpha(t_1), \alpha(t_2)) = \text{length } [\alpha]_{t_1, t_2}$   
segment  
 $\Leftrightarrow \alpha$  is an isometric embedding  $= |t_2 - t_1|$ .

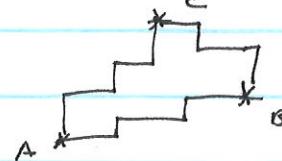
A geodesic space  $(X, d)$  = length space if  $\forall p, q \in X \quad d(p, q) = \text{length } [\alpha]$ .

Eg G. gp finite symmetric generating set  $S$ , Form the Cayley graph

$T(G, S)$ : vertices  $G$ .  $g_1, g_2 \in G$  are joint by an edge  $g_1 = g_2$  s.e.s

So

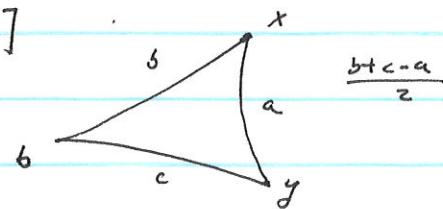
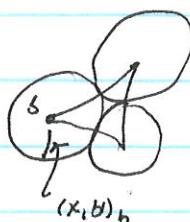
$$\mathbb{Z}^2 \{ \pm(1, 0), \pm(0, 1) \}$$



A triangle in a length space,

Def  $(X, d)$  metric space,  $b \in X$ , the Gromov product of  $x, y \in X$  w.r.t  $b$

$$(x, y)_b = \frac{1}{2} [d(x, b) + d(y, b) - d(x, y)]$$



Notations:  $(X, d)$  Length space  $p, q \in X$ ,  $[p, q] =$  Any geodesic segment from  $p$  to  $q$

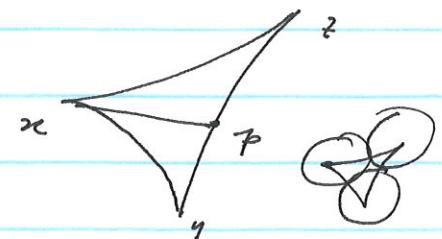
Prop  $\forall x, y, z \in X$   $(X, d)$  length space

$$(y, z)_x \leq d(x, [y, z])$$

Pf. Let  $p \in [y, z]$  s.t.  $d(x, [y, z]) = d(p, x)$

$$\Rightarrow d(y, z) = d(y, p) + d(p, z)$$

$$\text{Now } 2(y, z)_x = d(x, y) + d(x, z) - d(y, p) - d(p, z) \leq d(x, p) + d(x, p) = d(x, [y, z])$$

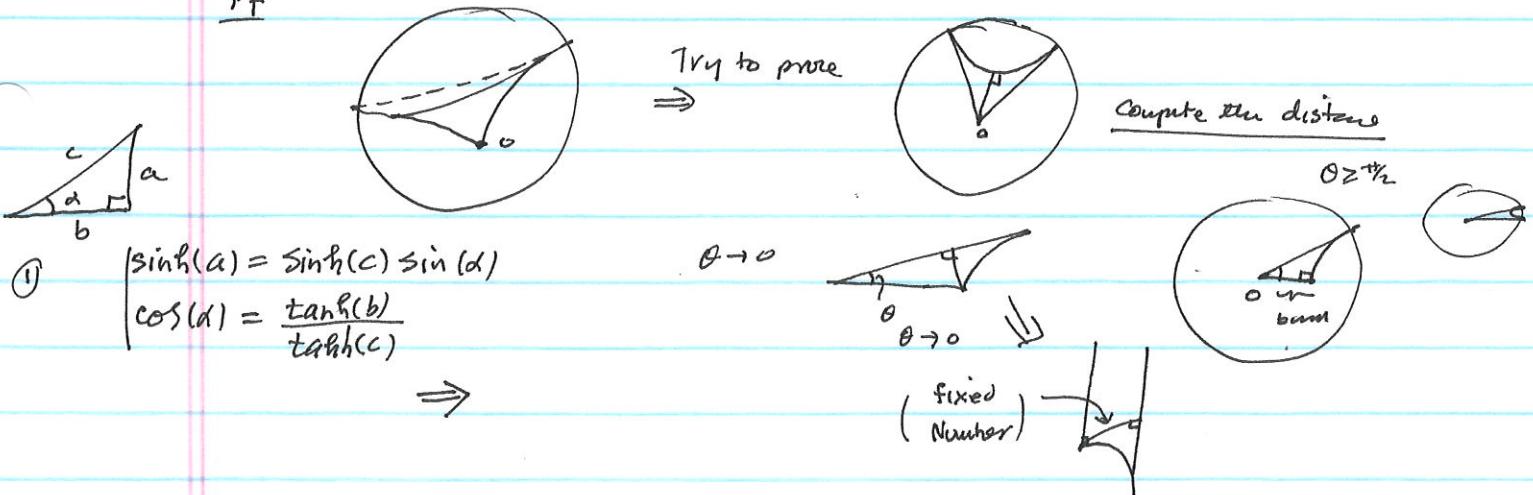


Def A geodesic space  $(X, d)$  is hyperbolic ( $\delta$ -hyperbolic) if

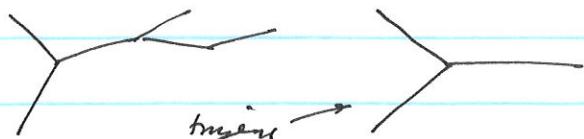
$$\forall x, y, z \in X \quad [y, z] \subset N_\delta([y, x] \cup [x, z])$$

Eg Hyperbolic space  $H^2$  is  $\delta$ -hyperbolic.

Pf



Eg. A tree Gromov  $\delta$ -hyperbolic



Eg  $\mathbb{R}^2$  Not Gromov hyperbolic



far

Def A quasi-geodesic in  $(X, d)$  is quasi-isometric embedding

$r: [a, b] \rightarrow X$ :

$$\frac{1}{K}|t-t'| - K \leq d(r(t), r(t')) \leq K|t-t'| + K$$

$\forall t, t' \in I^a, b$

## Geodesic Spaces + Hyperbolicity

Def.  $(X, d)$  metric s.t.  $\forall p, q \in X. \exists$  (geodesic)  $\alpha: [0, \ell] \rightarrow X$  cont s.t.  $\alpha(0) = p, \alpha(\ell) = q$  &  $\forall s, t \in [0, \ell]$

$$d(\alpha(s), \alpha(t)) = |s - t|$$

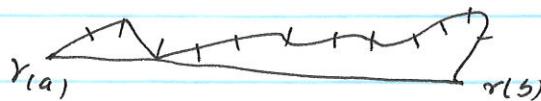

In particular: ①  $d(p, q) = \ell$ .

$$\text{② } \text{length}(\alpha) = \ell$$

Indeed,

Eg  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow X$  Any path, continuous  $\Rightarrow \text{length}(\gamma)$

$$= \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(\gamma(t_i), \gamma(t_{i+1})) \mid a = t_0 < \dots < t_n = b \right\} \geq d(\gamma(a), \gamma(b))$$



$$\text{length}(\gamma) \geq d(\gamma(a), \gamma(b))$$

To our case  $\text{for } d$   $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d(\alpha(t_i), \alpha(t_{i+1})) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |t_i - t_{i+1}| = \ell = \ell = d(\alpha(a), \alpha(b))$ ,  
globally  $\Rightarrow d \text{ is } \ell$

Basic Fact Geodesic = distance minimizing path in  $(X, d)$

Eg  $d(t) = e^{it}$   $0 \leq t \leq 1.5\pi$   $\alpha: [0, 1.5\pi] \rightarrow S^1$  is Not.

a geodesic



But  $\beta(t) = e^{it}: [0, \ell] \rightarrow S^1$

$\ell < \pi$  is (This is different from diff. geometry)

Notation  $p, q \in X$   $[p, q]$  denote a geodesic from  $p$  to  $q$ . May be many, say on  $S^2$ .

Eg Connected graph, polyhedral, complete Riemannian metric are geod. spaces

Def A geod space  $(X, d)$  is  $\delta$ -hyperbolic if  $\forall$  geodri trios  $\Delta p, q, r$  in  $X$   $[p, q] \subset N_\delta([p, r] \cup [r, q])$

Eg  $H^2$  & hence  $H^n$  is  $\delta$ -hyperbolic

## Geodesic Space + Hyperbolicity

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Key lemma 1.  $(X, d)$   $\delta$ -hyperbolic  $\gamma: I \rightarrow X$  rectifiable ( $\ell(\gamma) < +\infty$ ) from  $p$  to  $q$

Then  $\forall x \in [p, q]$

$$d(x, \gamma(I)) \leq 1 + \delta \cdot n \quad \text{where } n = \lceil \ln \ell(\gamma) \rceil.$$

the largest integer  $\leq \ell(\gamma)$ .

(In particular  $\ell(\gamma) \geq 1 \Rightarrow d(x, \gamma(I)) \leq 1 + \delta \cdot \lceil \ln \ell(\gamma) \rceil$ )

Proof Induction on  $n$

$$n=1 \quad \ell(\gamma) \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow d(p, q) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{done}$$



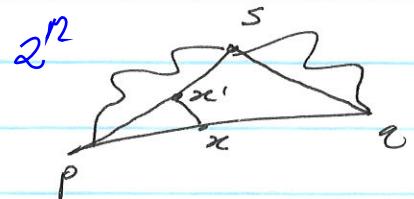
Suppose it holds for  $n$ .

For  $n+1$ , let  $s$  be the midpoint of  $\gamma$   $s = \gamma(c)$

$$\Rightarrow \ell(\gamma|_{[a,c]}) = \ell(\gamma|_{[c,b]}) = \ell(\gamma)/2 \leq n$$

Induction  $\Rightarrow \exists x' \in [p, s] \cup [s, q] \quad x' \in \gamma$

say  $x'$  st  $d(x', x) \leq \boxed{\text{fixed}} \delta$



~~Now~~ ~~Induction~~ Induction  $\Rightarrow d(x', \gamma([a,c])) \leq 1 + \delta n$

$$\Rightarrow d(x, \gamma(I)) \leq d(x, x') + d(x', \gamma(I)) \leq 1 + \delta(n+1).$$

□

Recall, a quasi-geodesic  $\alpha: I \rightarrow (X, d)$  :  $\exists \lambda$  st  $(\lambda\text{-quasi})$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} |s-t| - \lambda \leq d(\alpha(s), \alpha(t)) \leq \lambda |s-t| + \lambda$$

Is a q.i embedding

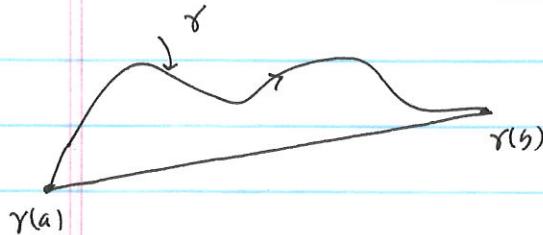
Goal

Then  $(X, d)$   $\delta$ -hyperbolic space. Then  $\exists R = R(\delta, \lambda)$  st  $\forall K$ -quasi-geod

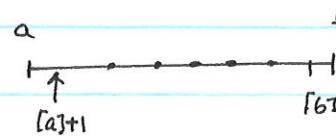
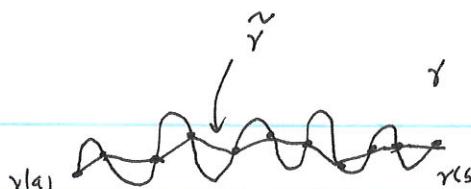
$\gamma: I \rightarrow X \quad (\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow X)$  satisfies

$$\gamma([a, b]) \subset N_R([\gamma(a), \gamma(b)]).$$

$$\text{and } [\gamma(a), \gamma(b)] \subset N_R(\gamma[a, b])$$



Proof  
Step 1



(\tilde{\gamma} may not be continuous)

Lemma: Define  $\tilde{\gamma}: I = [a, b] \rightarrow X$  to be:  $\tilde{\gamma}(x) = \gamma(x) \quad x \in [a, b] \cup (\mathbb{Z} \cap [a, b])$   
and  $\tilde{\gamma}|_{[n, n+1]} : \tilde{\gamma}|_{[a, [a]+1]}, \tilde{\gamma}|_{[b, [b]-1]}, \tilde{\gamma}|_{[b, b]}$  be the shortest geodesics between its end pts.  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is rectifiable s.t

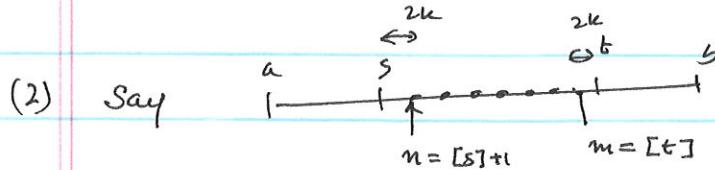
- (1)  $\gamma(I) \subset N_{2k}(\tilde{\gamma}(I)) \quad + \quad \tilde{\gamma}(I) \subset N_{2k}(\gamma(I)).$
- (2)  $\forall s, t \in [a, b], \quad l(\tilde{\gamma}([s, t])) \leq 2k|s-t| + 4k$

Pf

$$(1) \quad \tilde{\gamma}(I) \subset N_{2k}(\gamma(Z)) \quad Z = [a, b] \cup (\mathbb{Z} \cap [a, b])$$

due to  $d(\gamma(n), \gamma(n+1)) \leq k|n+1-n| + k \leq 2k.$

Also  $\gamma(I) \subset N_{2k}(\gamma(Z)).$



Then  $l(\tilde{\gamma}|_{[s, t]}) \leq 2k(m-n+1) + 2k \leq 2k|s-t| + 4k.$

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Conclusion: We may assume  $\gamma: I \rightarrow X$  rectifiable  $k$ -quasi-geodesic

$$s+t \quad l(\gamma|_{[s, t]}) \leq \lambda d(\gamma(s), \gamma(t)) + \lambda \quad \lambda = \lambda(k)$$

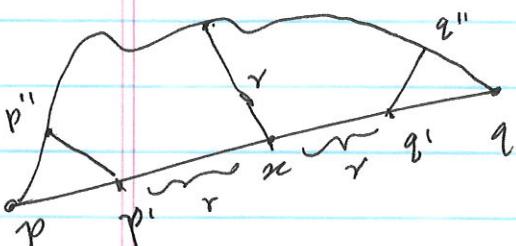
Step 2:  $\exists R_1 = R_1(k) \quad s.t. \quad [p, q] \subset N_{R_1}(\gamma(I)) \quad \gamma(a) = p, \gamma(b) = q$

Find  $x \in [p, q]$  s.t  $\underline{r = d(x, \gamma(I))}$  in the largest aux cell  $t \in [p, q]$

Find  $p' \in [p, x]$  s.t  $d(p', x) = r$  ( $p' = p$  if  $d(x, p) < r$ )

Find  $q' \in [x, q]$  s.t  $d(q', q) = r$

Find  $p'', q'' \in \gamma(I)$   $d(p', p'') = d(q', q'') \leq r$



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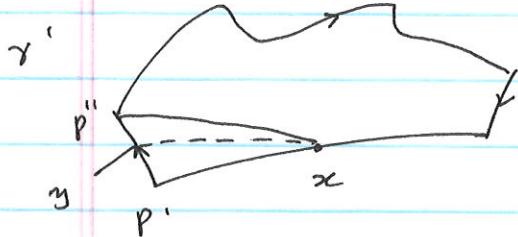
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Then

$$\begin{aligned} l(\gamma|_{p'' \rightarrow q''}) &\leq \lambda d(p'', q'') + \lambda \leq \lambda (d(p'', p') + d(p', x) \\ &\quad + d(x, q') + d(q', q'') + 1) \\ &\leq 4\lambda r + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma' = \underline{\text{path}}$  from  $p'$  to  $q'$ :  $[p', p''] * \gamma|_{(p'' \rightarrow q'')} * [q'', q']$

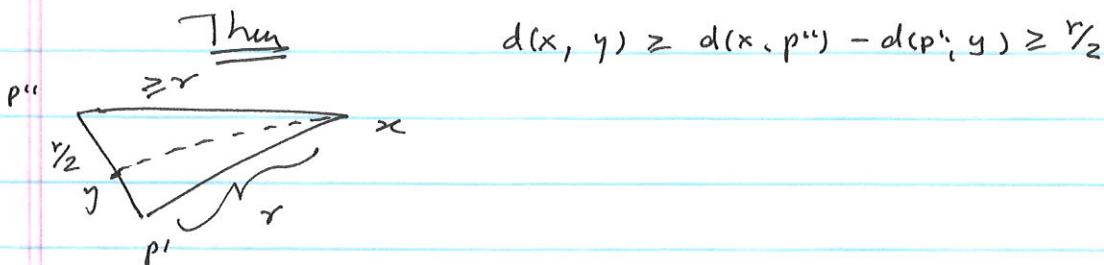


Claim  $d(x, [p', p'']) \geq \frac{r}{2}$

Indeed,  $d(x, p'') \geq r$ .

Say

$$d(x, [p', p'']) = d(x, y) \text{ st } d(y, p'') \leq \frac{d(p', p'')}{2} \leq \frac{r}{2}$$



Conclusion  $d(x, \gamma') \geq \frac{r}{2}$

By the key lemma  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{r}{2} \leq 1 + \delta |\ln_2(l(\gamma'))| \leq 1 + \delta \left( \ln_2(4\lambda r + \lambda) \right)$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\gamma \leq R(K, \delta)$$

( $\alpha x \leq a + \ln(bx + c)$ )  
 $\Rightarrow x \text{ bounded}$ )

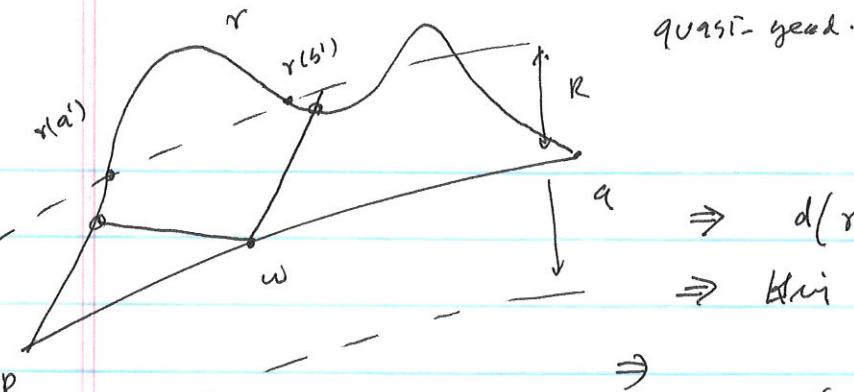
Step 3 We claim that

$\boxed{[p, q] \in N_{R+R+\lambda}([p, q])}$

$$\gamma(I) \subset N_{2R+\lambda}([p, q])$$

Indeed consider a max interval  $[a', b'] \subset [a, b]$  st

$$\gamma([a', b']) \cap N_R([p, q]) = \emptyset$$



quasi-geod.

$$\Rightarrow d(r[a', b'], [p, q]) \geq R$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Int } [p, q] \subset N_R(r(I))$$

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$[p, q] \subset N_R(r[a, a']) \cup N_R(r[b', b])$$

 $\Rightarrow [p, q] \text{ connected}$ 

$$\exists \quad w \in [p, q] \quad w \in N_R(r[a, a']) \cap N_R(r[b', b])$$

say

$$d(w, r(a'')) \leq R$$

$$a'' \in [a, a']$$

$$d(w, r(b'')) \leq R$$

$$b'' \in [b', b]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{length}(r|_{[a'', b'']}) \leq \text{length}(r[a'', b'']) \leq \lambda d(r(a''), r(b'')) + \lambda$$

$$\leq \lambda (d(r(a''), w) + d(w, r(b''))) + \lambda$$

$$\leq \underline{2R\lambda + \lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow r[a', b'] \subset N_{2R\lambda + \lambda + R}([p, q])$$

□

## Continuous Extension

liftin of homeo

Thm If  $F: \mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n$  is a  $K$ -Quasi-isometry, then  $F$  extends continuously to  $\bar{F}: \bar{\mathbb{H}}^n \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{H}}^n$

Pf

Lemma 1 (HW) ~~If  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  is a map s.t. for a dense subset~~

~~$\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  If  $A$  is a dense subset of  $(X, d)$  and  $f: A \rightarrow (Y, d')$~~

is continuous s.t. if sequence  $\{a_n\} \subset A$  with  $\lim_n a_n = x \in X$   
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(a_n)$  exists, then  $f$  extends to a  
continuous map  $\bar{f}: X \rightarrow Y$ .

Pf If  $x \in \mathbb{H}^n \setminus X$ ,  $A$  dense  $\Rightarrow \exists \{a_n\} \subset A$   $\lim_n a_n = x$   
Define  $f(x) = \lim f(a_n)$

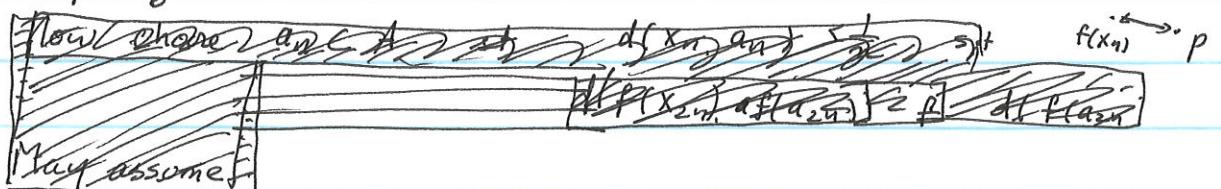
Claim 1. It is well defined, i.e.,  $f(x)$  independent of the choice of  $a_n$ .

if  $\{b_n\} \subset A$  and  $b_n \rightarrow x \Rightarrow \{a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots\} \subset A$

converge to  $x \Rightarrow \lim f(a_n)$  exists  $= \lim f(b_n) = \lim f(a_n) = f(x)$ .

Claim 2  $f$  so defined is continuous

If Not.  $\exists x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  s.t.  $f(x_{2n}) \rightarrow p$   $f(x_{2n+1}) \rightarrow q$   
s.t.  $p \neq q$  in  $Y$ .



Choose  $a_n \subset A$  s.t. ①  $d(x_n, a_n) < \frac{1}{n}$

②  $2d(f(x_{2n}), p) \geq d(f(a_{2n}), p)$

③  $2d(f(x_{2n+1}), q) \geq d(f(a_{2n+1}), q)$

$\Rightarrow a_n \rightarrow x$  But  $f(a_n) \rightarrow p$

$f(a_{2n+1}) \rightarrow q$

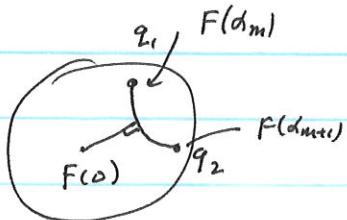
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Therefore, it suffices to show that if  $d_m \subset \mathbb{H}^n$   $d_m \rightarrow p \in \partial \mathbb{H}^n$   
then  $f(d_m)$  converges.

Suppose otherwise  $\exists$  a sequence  $d_m \rightarrow \infty$  s.t.  $F(d_{2m}) \rightarrow q_1$ ,  $F(d_{2m+1}) \rightarrow q_2 \neq q_1$  in  $\partial\mathbb{H}^n$ .

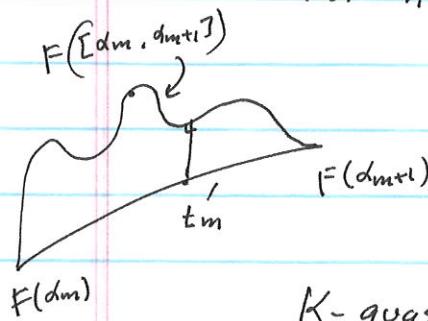
Known 1.  $F$   $K$ -quasi-iso  $\Rightarrow$   $\forall$  geodesic  $[x, y]$   $F[x, y]$  a  $K$ -quas-geod  
 $\Rightarrow [F(x), F(y)] \subseteq N_R(F(x, y))$ .

But also, by the construction,  $d(o, [d_m, d_{m+1}]) \rightarrow +\infty$



$d(F(o), [F(d_m), F(d_{m+1})])$  is bounded

Now find  $t'_m \in [F(d_m), F(d_{m+1})]$  s.t



$K$ -quasi-iso shows

$$d(F(o), F(t_m)) \geq \frac{1}{K} d(o, t_m) - K$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{K} d(o, [d_m, d_{m+1}]) - K \rightarrow +\infty$$

a contradiction. □

Corollary 1) The extension  $\bar{F} : \partial\mathbb{H}^n \rightarrow \partial\mathbb{H}^n$  is a homeomorphism

If let  $G = F^{-1}$  be the inverse  $G$  extends continuos. Now

$$F \circ G = id \Rightarrow \bar{F} \circ \bar{G} = id + \bar{G} \circ \bar{F} = id$$

extends continuosly.

Corollary The extension  $\bar{F}$  still satisfies  $\bar{F}(fx) = f_x(r) \cdot \bar{F}(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in \overline{\mathbb{H}^n}$

Gromov Norm

## §1 Gromov Pseudo-Norm

$X$  topological space

$S_n(X) \triangleq S_n(X, \mathbb{R})$  real coefficient singular chain

$$= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \sigma_i \mid x_i \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma_i: \mathbb{S}^n \rightarrow X \text{ continuous} \right\}$$

For  $c = \sum x_i \sigma_i$ ,  $\|c\| = \sum |x_i|$ .

$$H_n(X; \mathbb{R}) = \{ [c] \mid \partial c = 0, c \sim c' \text{ if } c - c' = \partial d, d \in S_{n+1}(X) \}$$

Def (Gromov) The pseudo norm  $\|[c]\| = \inf \{ \|c'\| \mid c \sim c' \}$

$$\|\lambda \alpha\| = |\lambda| \|\alpha\| \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{clear}$$

Eg 1  $X = \mathbb{S}^1$   $\alpha = [a] \in H_1(\mathbb{S}^1; \mathbb{Z})$  generator  $\subset H_1(\mathbb{S}^1; \mathbb{R})$

$$\alpha: [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \quad \alpha(t) = e^{2\pi i t}$$

Claim  $\|\alpha\| = 0$

Indeed  $a_n: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \quad a_n(t) = e^{2\pi i n t}$

$$a_n/n \sim a \Rightarrow \|\alpha\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$$



Prop.:  $\alpha, \beta \in H_n(X; \mathbb{R})$  then

$$(1) \quad \|\alpha + \beta\| \leq \|\alpha\| + \|\beta\|$$

$$(2) \quad \|\lambda \alpha\| = |\lambda| \|\alpha\|$$

$$(3) \quad f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ continuous} \quad \|f_* (\alpha)\| \leq \|\alpha\|.$$

Proof Trivial. □

Note:  $\|\alpha\| = 0 \not\Rightarrow \alpha = 0$ . As we have seen above.

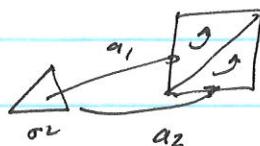
$\Rightarrow \|\cdot\|$  pseudo norm on  $H_n(X; \mathbb{R})$

§2.  $M^n$  closed orientable manifold (connected)  $\Rightarrow H_n(M; \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .

its generator  $d_M$  is the fundamental class of  $M$

Eg  $d_{\mathbb{S}^1} = [a]$

Eg  $d_{\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1} = [a_1 + a_2]$ :

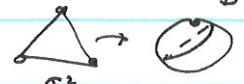


Basically  $a \in d_M$ , each point of

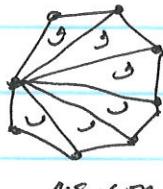
is covered algebraically exactly once by charts in  $\alpha$ .

Eg 1  $d_{S^n}$ :  $a: \sigma^n \rightarrow S^n$  s.t.  $a(\partial\sigma^n) = N$  the north pole  
 $a: \sigma^n - \partial\sigma^n \rightarrow S^n - N$  homeomorphism

Then

$$\begin{aligned} d_{S^n} &= [a + N] && \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ &= [a] && \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{aligned}$$


Eg  $\Sigma_g$  orientable surface of genus =  $g$



$\sum_{i=1}^{4g-2} a_i \in d_{\Sigma_g} \Rightarrow \|d_{\Sigma_g}\| \leq 4g-2$

Def. The Gromov norm  $\|M\|$  of  $M$  is  $= \|d_M\|$ .

Eg  $\|S^1\| = 0$

Recall if  $M, N$  orientable conn.  $n$ -mfd's  $f: M \rightarrow N \Rightarrow f_*: H_n(M) \rightarrow H_n(N)$

$$f_*(d_M) = d \cdot d_N \quad d \in \mathbb{Z} \quad d = \deg(f), \text{ the degree}$$

Prop  $|\deg(f)| \|N\| \leq \|M\|$ , It becomes equality if  $f$  conn. map.

Proof (1)  $|d| \|N\| = \|f_*(d_N)\| \leq \|d_N\| \leq \|M\|$

(2) If  $c = \sum x_i \sigma_i \in d_N$ , we can lift  $\sigma_i$  to  $\tau_i$  of then  $\tau_{i1}, \dots, \tau_{id} \Rightarrow \tilde{c} = \sum x_{ij} \tau_{ij}$ .

Corollary If  $M^n$  admits a self map of  $|\deg(f)| \geq 2 \Rightarrow \|M\| = 0$

Eg  $\|S^n\| = 0 = \|\sum x_i \dots \times S^1\|$ .

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists c$   
 $\|N\| \geq \sum |x_i| - \varepsilon$   
 $= \frac{1}{d} (\sum |x_i|) - \varepsilon$   
 $\geq \frac{1}{d} \|M\| - \varepsilon$

Question. What is  $\|\Sigma_g\|$  for  $g \geq 2$ ?

Prop ( $g \geq 2$ )  $\|\Sigma_g\| = (-2)\chi(\Sigma_g)$ .

straight ones

Proof  $\|\Sigma_g\| \geq -2\chi(\Sigma_g)$ . Use area: Let  $c = \sum x_i \sigma_i \in d_{\Sigma_g}$  & a hyperbolic

metric with area forms  $w$ : G.B.:  $-2\pi\chi(\Sigma_g) = \int w = \sum_i x_i \int_{\sigma_i} w$

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$$\text{so } -2\pi \chi(\Sigma_g) \leq \sum_i |\alpha_i| / \int_{\sigma_i} w = \sum_i |\alpha_i| \cdot \text{Area}(\sigma_i) \leq \pi \sum_i |\alpha_i|$$

This proof works after we assume  $c$  is represented by straight.

Next we have  $\|\Sigma_h\| \leq 4g-4 = -2\chi(\Sigma_h) + 2$

For any  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\exists$  an  $n$ -fold cover  $F: \Sigma_h \rightarrow \Sigma_g$  with  $\chi(\Sigma_h) = n\chi(\Sigma_g)$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\deg(F) \cdot \|\Sigma_g\| \leq \|\Sigma_h\| \Rightarrow \|\Sigma_g\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left[ n\chi(\Sigma_g) + 2 \right] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} (2)\chi(\Sigma_g)$$

□

The same proof shows, for an  $n$ -dim hyperbolic  $M^n$  of (compact)

$$\|M^n\| \geq \frac{\text{Vol}(M^n)}{V_n}$$

$V_n = \sup \{ \text{Vol}(\sigma^n) \mid \sigma^n \text{ geometric tetra in } H^{n+1} \}$

Two steps ① Each  $c = \sum_i x_i \sigma_i \rightsquigarrow$  replace  $\sum_i x_i \hat{\sigma}_i$   $\hat{\sigma}_i$  geometric (need a proof)

$$\text{②, } \sup \{ \text{Vol}(\sigma^n) \mid \sigma^n \text{ geometric} \} < +\infty \quad \underline{n=2 \text{ known}} \quad V_2 = \pi$$

(Haagerup-

Thm. Munkholm)  $V_n = \text{vol}(\text{ideal regular } n\text{-simplex } \subset H^{n+1})$

or ideal type

Let us proof it for  $n=3$

Prop. The volume of an ideal hyperbolic tetrahedron

of dihedral angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$   $\alpha+\beta+\gamma=\pi$  is  $\Lambda(\alpha)+\Lambda(\beta)+\Lambda(\gamma)$

$$\text{where } \Lambda(t) = - \int_0^t \ln |2\sin(s)| ds.$$

(Lobachevski)  $\Lambda$  const

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\pi+t) &= \Lambda(t) \\ \Lambda(-t) &= -\Lambda(t) \end{aligned}$$

Defer

$$\text{Proof } F(x, y) = \Lambda(x) + \Lambda(y) - \Lambda(x+y) \quad x, y \geq 0 \quad x+y \leq \pi$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = -\ln |2\sin(x)| + \ln |2\sin(x+y)| = \ln \left[ \frac{|\sin(x+y)|}{|\sin(x)|} \right]$$

Note  $F \geq 0$  on  $\Omega$   $F = 0$  on  $\partial\Omega$

$$\text{Thus the max pt } \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \Rightarrow |\sin(x)| = |\sin(y)| = |\sin(x+y)|$$

$$x=y=\frac{\pi}{3}!$$

□

This section could expand using Milnor

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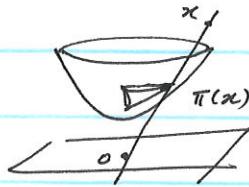
Straight triangles + simplexes

$$\sigma^i = \{(x_0, \dots, x_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{i+1} \mid x_j \geq 0, \sum_{j=0}^i x_j = 1\} \quad \text{standard } i\text{-simplex}$$

A singular simplex is  $f: \sigma^i \rightarrow X$ . continuous

Def. A straight  $i$ -simplex in  $H^n$ :   $H^n$  = hyperboloid model.

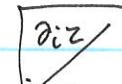
$\tau$ : has vertices  $v_0, \dots, v_i \in H^n$ .  $\text{Affine}(v_0, \dots, v_i) = \{ \sum x_j v_j \mid x_j \geq 0, \sum x_j = 1 \}$   $\subset \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ . Let  $\pi: \text{Affine}(v_0, \dots, v_i) \rightarrow H^n$  sending  $x \mapsto \frac{x}{\sqrt{-\langle x, x \rangle}}$  Minkowski



$$\tau = \pi \circ \text{standard} = \pi \circ s_t$$

$$\text{if Standard: } (x_0, \dots, x_i) \mapsto \sum x_j v_j$$

Eg Good to know the spherical case



Key Fact: if  $\tau$  is the  $i$ -th face of a straight  $\tau$ , it is straight. Also if  $g \in \text{Iso}(H^n)$ ,  $\Rightarrow g \circ \tau$  is straight.

Def A singular  $i$ -simplex  $f: \sigma^i \rightarrow$  Hyperbolic mfd is straight if its lift is straight.

Lemma (Straightening) Each singular  $n$ -simplex  $f: \sigma^n \rightarrow P \setminus H^n$  has a straight representative  $\hat{f}: \sigma^n \rightarrow P \setminus H^n$  s.t if  $c = \sum x_i f_i$  cycle  $\hat{c} = \sum x_i \hat{f}_i$  cycle  $c - \hat{c} = \partial d$ .

Pf lift  $f$  to the universal cover, replace it by its



straight ones with the same vertex set + project down  $f \rightsquigarrow \tilde{f} \rightsquigarrow \hat{f} \rightsquigarrow \pi \circ \hat{f} = \hat{f}$

Lemma The straighten map  $\Phi: S_i(x) \rightarrow S_i(x) \quad f \mapsto \hat{f}$  is a

chain homotopy. i.e A chain  $c$   $\exists$  homotopy  $\Phi: S_i \rightarrow S_{i+1}$

$$c - \Phi(c) = (\partial \Phi - \Phi \partial)(c)$$

$\Phi$  is given by the natural homotopy:  $f \simeq \hat{f}$

$$f(x) \xrightarrow{\quad t \quad} \hat{f}(x)$$

$\Phi(x, t) =$  is the geodesic path

unique geodesic

from  $f(x)$  to  $\hat{f}(x)$  at time  $t$

$$t \in [0, 1]$$

In particular if  $c = \sum x_i \sigma_i \in d_M \Rightarrow \hat{c} = \sum x_i \hat{\sigma}_i \in d_M$ .

Proposition. If  $(M^n, g)$  is a hyperbolic  $n$ -manifold, closed.  $\Rightarrow \|M\| \geq \text{vol}(M)/v_n$

Proof  $\nexists \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists c = \sum x_i \sigma_i \in d_M$  st  $\|M\| \geq \sum |x_i| - \varepsilon$ .

Now  $\hat{c} = \sum x_i \hat{\sigma}_i \in d_M$  w/  $\text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_i) \leq v_n$ ,  $w$  volume form  $\hat{w} \leq$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so. } \text{vol}(M) &= \int_M dw = \sum_i x_i \int_{\hat{\sigma}_i} dw \leq \sum_i |x_i| \text{vol}(\hat{\sigma}_i) \leq v_n \sum_i |x_i| \\ &\leq v_n (\|M\| + \varepsilon) \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary For  $g \geq 2$   $\|\Sigma_g\| = (2)\chi(\Sigma_g) = 4g-4$ . (It can never be achieved by  $\mathbb{Z}$ .)

Theorem (Gromov) If  $M^n$  is a closed hyperbolic manifold, then

$$\|M^n\| = \text{vol}(M)/v_n$$

Pf. It suffices to show  $\|M^n\| \leq \text{vol}(M)/v_n$ .

## Lecture 26

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## Straight Simplex and Gromov Norm

$$\mathbb{H}^n \text{ hyperboloid model} = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid \langle x, x \rangle = -1, x_{n+1} > 0 \}$$

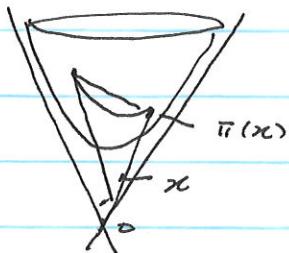
$$\stackrel{x_{n+1} > 0}{\uparrow} \text{Minkowski} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - x_{n+1}^2$$

$$\pi : \{ x \mid \langle x, x \rangle < 0 \} \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n \quad x \mapsto \frac{x}{\sqrt{-\langle x, x \rangle}} \quad (\text{half cone})$$

$$\sigma_m = \{ (x_0, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^{m+1} \mid x_i \geq 0, \sum x_i = 1 \} \quad \text{standard simplex}$$

 $\sigma_m^{(o)}$  vertex set.

Def A straight simplex  $\tau : \sigma_m \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n$  is  $\tau = \pi \circ A$   $A : \sigma_m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  affine w/  $A(\sigma_m^{(o)}) \subset \mathbb{H}^n$ , A straight simplex determined by its vertices: edges geodesic  $\text{vol}(\tau) \leq c_n$



If  $M = \mathbb{H}^n / r$  hyperbolic,  $\tau : \sigma_m \rightarrow M$  straight if a lift of it is straight.

lemma 1.  $\tau$  straight  $\Rightarrow$

$$(a) \partial_i \tau \text{ straight} \quad \partial_i \tau = \pi \circ \partial_i A = \pi \circ A \mid \cdot \partial_i \sigma_m$$

$$(b) \text{ If } g \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{H}^n) \ (\Rightarrow g \in \text{GL}(n+1, \mathbb{R}) \ \langle gx, gy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle) \Rightarrow g\tau \text{ straight}$$

$$(c) \tau \text{ determined by its vertices.} + \text{ vol}(\tau) \leq c_m.$$

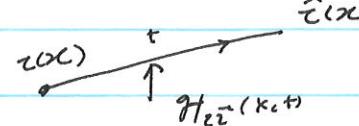
Pf (b):  $g\pi A = \pi(gA)$  or  $g\pi = \pi g \Rightarrow$  result since gt affine

$$\text{Indeed } g\pi(x) = g\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{-\langle x, x \rangle}}\right) = \frac{g(x)}{\sqrt{-\langle g(x), g(x) \rangle}} = \frac{g(x)}{\sqrt{-\langle g(x), g(x) \rangle}} = \pi(g(x)).$$

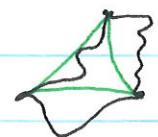
□

lemma 2 (a) Each singular simplex  $\tau : \sigma_m \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n$  is naturally homotopic to a straight  $\tilde{\tau} : \sigma_m \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^n$   $\tau(\sigma_m^{(o)}) = \tilde{\tau}(\sigma_m^{(o)})$  by a homotopy  $H_{\tau\tilde{\tau}}(x, t) =$  the geod path from  $\tau(x)$  to  $\tilde{\tau}(x)$  at time  $t \in [0, 1]$  with parameter proportional to arc length

$$\text{s.t. } \forall g \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{H}^n) \quad gH_{\tau\tilde{\tau}} = H_{g\tau g^{-1}}.$$



(b) Each  $\tau : \sigma_m \rightarrow M$  is naturally homotopic to  $\tilde{\tau}$  a straight (unique)  $\tilde{\tau} : \sigma_m \rightarrow M$  (comes from the quotient)



$$(C) \text{ Furthermore } H_{\tilde{\tau}\tilde{\tau}} /_{\partial_i \tilde{\tau} \times I} = H_{\partial_i \tilde{\tau}} \hat{\partial_i \tilde{\tau}}.$$

Proposition The straighten map, extended to  $\Phi: S_m(M) \rightarrow S_m(M)$  linearly is chain homotopic to id:  $\exists F: S_m(M) \rightarrow S_{m+1}(M)$  s.t

$$\text{id} - \Phi = \partial F + F \partial$$

$$c - \hat{c} = \partial F(c) + F \partial(c)$$

Proof (Sketch)

Recall the standard homotopy construction..

$$\sigma_m = [v_0, \dots, v_m] \quad u_i = v_i \times 0, \quad w_i = v_i \times 1, \quad \text{then}$$



$\sigma_m \times I$  is triangulated by  $(m+1)$ -simplices

$$[u_0, \dots, u_i, w_i, \dots, w_m] \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$G(\sigma_m) = \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i [u_0, \dots, u_i, w_i, \dots, w_m] \subset (m+1) \text{ chain}$$

Satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \partial G(\sigma_m) &= \sigma_m \times 0 - \sigma_m \times 1 + \sum_{i=0}^m (-1)^i G(\partial_i \sigma_m) \\ &= \sigma_m \times 0 - \sigma_m \times 1 + G(\partial \sigma_m) \end{aligned}$$

Now apply the homotopy to it

$$\boxed{F(\sigma_m)} \quad F(z) = H_{\tilde{\tau}\tilde{\tau}}(g(\sigma_m)) \Rightarrow \text{result}$$

Notation  $c = \sum a_i z_i$  chain  $\Rightarrow \hat{c} = \sum a_i \tilde{z}_i$  is straighten one

Corollary 1 If  $c \in d_M \Rightarrow \hat{c} \in d_M$  s.t  $|c| = |\hat{c}|$

Thus  $\|M\| = \inf \{ \sum a_i |z_i| \in d_M \mid z_i \text{ straight} \}$

Corollary 2.  $M$  closed hyperbolic  $\Rightarrow \|M\| \geq \frac{\text{vol}(M)}{c_n}$

Proof  $\forall$  straight  $c = \sum a_i \tilde{z}_i \in d_M$

$$\text{vol}(M) = \int_M d\text{vol} = \sum_i a_i \int_{\tilde{z}_i} d\text{vol} = \sum_i a_i \text{vol}(\tilde{z}_i) \leq c_n \sum a_i$$

$$\leq c_n \sum |a_i|$$

Now take inf to it.  $\square$

## Kuiper's proof

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Next Goal:  $\text{vol}(M) \geq c_n \|M\|$  i.e.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \text{vol}(M) \geq (c_n - \varepsilon) \|M\|$

Lemma! If suffices to show:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists c = \sum a_i z_i \in dm$  s.t.  $\text{vol}(c) \geq (c_n - \varepsilon)$

Proof If so  $\Rightarrow$

$$\text{vol}(M) = \sum a_i \underline{\text{vol}(z_i)} \geq \sum a_i (c_n - \varepsilon) \geq (c_n - \varepsilon) \|M\|. \quad \square$$

RM. We don't even need  $c$  be straight.

We will focus on  $M^3$  to simplify notations.

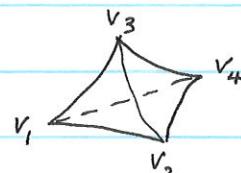
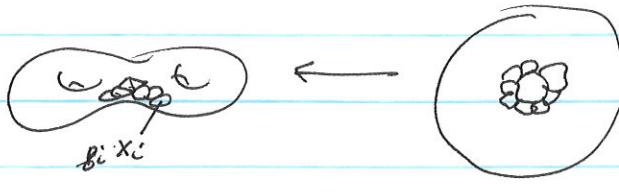
Lemma.  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists R_0 > 0$  s.t if  $R \geq R_0$  and  $\sigma$  is a straight tetra whose edge lengths  $\in [R-2, R+2]$ , then  $\text{vol}(\sigma) \geq c_3 - \varepsilon$ .  
 This is due to the continuity of volume in dihedral angles



Next, we will produce a chain  $c \in dm$ .

Produce a finite cell decoupl  $X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_n$  of  $M$  s.t  $\pi: M^3 \rightarrow M$  cover

- (1)  $X_i$  simply connected,  $\text{diam}(X_i) \leq \min\{1, \frac{1}{10} \text{diam}(m)\}$ ,  $X_i$  measurable
- (2)  $X_i \cap X_j = \emptyset \quad i \neq j$
- (3) Find  $q_i \in X_i$  for each  $i$ . Let  $\pi^{-1}(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \{D_i\}$  associated decoupl of  $H^3$  invariant under  $P = \pi_*(M)$  and  $\pi^{-1}\{q_1, \dots, q_n\} = \{P_i\} \subset P$



let us fix  $R \geq R_0$  and  $T_R = [u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4]$  be fixed straight regular edge length =  $R$  tetra, oriented

## Kuiper's Proof

(Fix  $\Sigma \geq 0, R \geq 0$ )

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Def A good tetra  $\sigma: \sigma^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^3$  is a straight st (oriented)

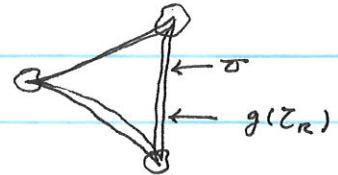
- (1) its vertices  are  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 \in P$   $p_i \in \Sigma_i$
- (2)  $\exists \quad \boxed{\text{Diagram of a tetrahedron}} \quad g \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3) \quad g(u_i) \in \Sigma_i$

Note

$$\text{Vol}(\sigma) \geq c_3 - \epsilon$$

we write

$$\boxed{g(\Sigma_R) \sim \sigma}$$



Given a good tetra  $\sigma$   $m$  — Haar measure on  $\text{Iso}(\mathbb{H}^3)$

define  $\alpha(\tau) = m \{ g \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}) \mid \boxed{\text{Diagram of a tetrahedron}} \quad g(u_i) \in \Sigma_i \}$  it is finite.  $\left( g \text{ is in a cpt set} \right)$

Key Claim. the infinite chain  $\beta = \sum_{\sigma \text{ good}} \alpha(\tau) \sigma \in S_3(\mathbb{H}^3)$

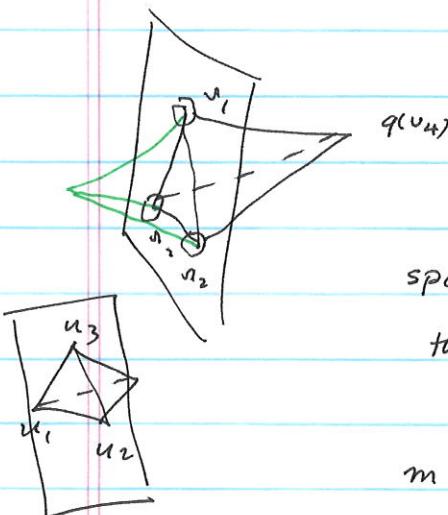
is closed, i.e.,  $\partial\beta = 0$ . This is a countable sum.

Proof. First  $\partial\beta = \sum_{\delta \text{ good tjs}} \text{coeff}(\delta) \delta$

$\delta$ : straight tjs in  $\mathbb{H}$  with vertex  $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\} \subset P$  (oriented) s.t.  $\exists \quad g \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)$  st  $g(u_i) \in \Sigma_i \quad i=1,2,3$

By definition:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{coeff}(\delta) &= m \{ g \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3) \mid g(u_i) \in \Sigma_i, i=1,2,3 \} \\ &- m \{ g \in \text{Iso}^-(\mathbb{H}^3) \mid g(u_i) \in \Sigma_i, i=1,2,3 \} \\ &= m(\text{Rig}) - m(\text{lef}) \end{aligned}$$



But if  $\phi \in \text{Iso}^-(\mathbb{H}^3)$  reflection about the plane

spanned by  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \phi(u_i) = u_i \Rightarrow$

the map  $\Phi^*: \text{Rig} \rightarrow \text{lef} \quad g \mapsto g \circ \phi$

$g \mapsto g \circ \phi$  is a bijection onto

$m(\text{Rig}) = m(\text{Rig} \cdot \phi) = m(\text{lef})$  the bi-invariance of  $m$

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But  $\forall r \in R \quad r \cdot \beta = \beta$  since  $\sigma$  good iff  $r\sigma$  good  $\alpha(r\sigma) = \alpha(\sigma)$   
 (right invariance of  $m$ )

$$\alpha(\gamma\sigma) = m \{ g \in S_0^+ \mid g(u_i) \in \gamma \sigma_i \}$$

$$= m \{ g \in S_0^+ \mid (r'g)(u_i) \in \sigma_i \} = m \{ \gamma' \{ g \in S_0^+ \mid g(u_i) \in \sigma_i \} \}.$$

Furthermore,  $\forall R$ , and  $p, q \in M$ ,  $\exists$  only finitely many geodesics

from  $p$  to  $q$  of length  $\leq R+2$



$$\exists \text{ a cycle } c_R = \sum a_i \sigma_i \in S_\beta(M) \quad a_i > 0, \quad \text{vol}(c_R) \geq c_3 - \varepsilon$$

and  $\partial c_R = 0$ !

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{c_R}{\sum a_i \text{vol}(\sigma_i)} \in \underline{\alpha}_M \quad \text{with all conditions satisfied.}$$

$$= \sum a'_i \sigma_i \in S_\beta(M)$$

## Gromov's Proof of Mostow Rigidity

$M^3, N^3$  closed hyperbolic oriented  $f: M \rightarrow N$  homeo  $\Rightarrow f \simeq g, M \rightarrow N$   
s.t.  $g$  is an isometry.

Step 1.  $\deg(f) = \deg(f^{-1}) = 1 \Rightarrow \|M\| \geq |\deg(f)| \|N\| \geq \|N\|$  & conversely  
 $\|M\| \leq \|N\| \Rightarrow \|M\| = \|N\|$  i.e. (Gromov-Thurston)  
 $\text{vol}(M) = \text{vol}(N)$  (1)

Step 2 The lift  $\tilde{f}: \overline{\mathbb{H}^3} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{H}^3}$  of  $f$  to the universal cover extends to a continuous  
 $F: \overline{\mathbb{H}^3} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{H}^3}$  s.t.  $F|_{\partial \mathbb{H}^3} = h: \mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$  is a homeomorphism  
Furthermore  $F(Yx) = f(x) F(x) \quad \forall x \in \overline{\mathbb{H}^3}, Y \in \pi_1(M)$   
&  $\rho: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow \pi_1(N)$  is the isomorphism  $f_*$ .

Our goal:  $\exists \tilde{g} \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3) \text{ s.t. } \tilde{g}|_{\mathbb{S}^2} = h \Rightarrow$   
 $\tilde{g}(Yx) = \rho(x) \tilde{g}(x) \quad \forall x \in \pi_1(M), \forall x \in \mathbb{S}^2$  (2)

$\Rightarrow$  (2) holds &  $x \in \mathbb{H}^3$  since  $g$  Möbius!

Therefore  $\tilde{g}$  induces the isometry  $g: M \rightarrow N$

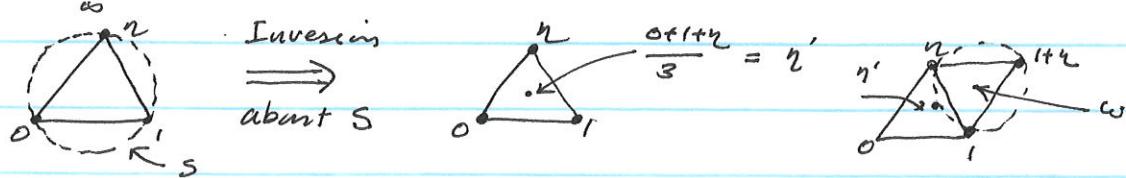
Homework Show that  $g \simeq f$  homotopic.

To show  $h \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)/\mathbb{S}^2$ , we introduce

Def A regular set  $\{v_1, \dots, v_4\} \subset \mathbb{S}^2$  if the associated ideal tetra  $[v_1, \dots, v_4]$  is regular.  
If  $g \in \text{Iso}(\mathbb{H}^3)$   $\{v_1, \dots, v_4\}$  regular  $\Leftrightarrow \{g(v_1), \dots, g(v_4)\}$  regular

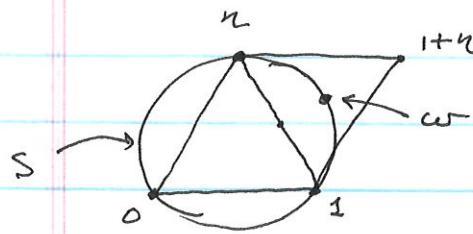
Eg 1.  $\{0, 1, \gamma, \omega\} \quad \eta = e^{\frac{\pi i}{3}}$  is regular.  $\Rightarrow \{0, 1, \gamma, \frac{\alpha+1+\eta}{3}\}$  regular

Indeed apply the inversion about  $\text{Cir}(0, 1, \eta)$  to it



2. Also  $\{1, \eta, \eta', \frac{1+\eta}{2}\}$  is regular. It is the image of  
Similarly  $\{1, 2, 1+\eta, \omega\}$  regular. Apply  $I_S$  to it  $\Rightarrow$

### Gromov's Proof of Mostow



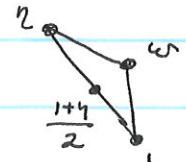
Now same  $\Rightarrow$

$$\{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, w\} \text{ regular} \quad w = \frac{1+\eta+(1+\gamma)}{3}$$

Apply  $I_S$  to it, using  $w \in S$

$$\text{and } I_S(1+\gamma) = \frac{1+\eta}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{1, \eta, w, \frac{1+\eta}{2}(1+\gamma)\} \text{ regular}$$



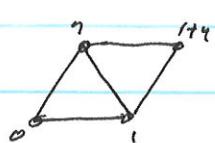
lemma  $h: \mathbb{B}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{B}^2$  Möbius iff  $h$  sends regular sets to regular sets

Pf " $\Leftarrow$ " (" $\Rightarrow$ " trivial)

By composing  $h$  by Möbius transformations, we may assume  $h(\infty) = \infty$ ,  $h(0) = 0$ ,  $h(1) = 1$ , and  $h(\gamma) = \eta$ . (Take  $\{0, 1, \eta, \infty\} \xrightarrow{h} \{h(0), h(1), h(\eta), h(\infty)\} \xrightarrow{\text{Möb}} \{0, 1, \eta, \infty\}$ )

Now  $\{0, 1, \eta\}$  focal  $\Rightarrow h = \text{id}$ .

Step 1.  $\Rightarrow h|_{\mathbb{Z} + \mathbb{Z}(\gamma)} = \text{id}$



$$: h(1+\gamma) = 1+\gamma;$$

$$\{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, \infty\} \text{ regular} \Rightarrow \{h(1), h(\eta), h(1+\gamma), h(\infty)\}$$

$$= \{1, \eta, h(1+\gamma), \infty\} \text{ regular}$$

So it must be  $\{1, \eta, \infty, 0\}$  or  $\{1, \eta, \infty, 1+\gamma\}$ .

(Given  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $\exists$  exactly two pts  $v_4, v'_4$  which are related by the Inv<sub>Circ( $v_1, v_2, v_3$ )</sub>, st  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 \text{ or } v'_4\}$  is regular).

Repeat thus  $\Rightarrow h(n\gamma + m\eta) = n + m\eta$ .  $\forall n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Step 2  $h|_{\mathbb{Z}(\frac{1}{2}) + \mathbb{Z}(\frac{\gamma}{2})} = \text{id}$  Inductively  $\Rightarrow h|_{\mathbb{Z}(\frac{1}{2^n}) + \mathbb{Z}(\frac{\gamma}{2^n})} = \text{id} \Rightarrow h = \text{id}$ .

Now  $\{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, w\}$  regular  $w = \frac{1}{3}(1+\eta+(1+\gamma))$

$\Rightarrow \{h(1), h(\eta), h(1+\gamma), h(w)\} = \{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, h(w)\}$  regular

$$\{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, w\} \stackrel{?}{=} \{1, \eta, 1+\gamma, \infty\} \Rightarrow \text{regular}$$

$h(w) = w$  or  $\infty \Rightarrow h(w) = w$

Finally  $\{1, \eta, w, \frac{1+\gamma}{2}\}$  regular  $\xrightarrow{h} h(\frac{1+\gamma}{2}) = \frac{1+\gamma}{2} \Rightarrow \text{done}$ .

## Gromov's Proof of Mostow Rigidity

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Recall Kuiper's proof:  $\|M\| = \text{vol}(M)/c_3$  .  $c_3 = 3 \pi (\mathbb{H}^3)$

Produce decomposition  $\{K_i\}$ ,  $\#_i$  of  $M = \mathbb{H}^3/\Gamma$   $\pi: \mathbb{H}^3 \rightarrow M$  univ. cover

Given  $R > 0$ , let

$$\tilde{\beta} = \sum_{\sigma \text{ R-good}} a_R(\sigma) \sigma \quad \text{cycle in } \mathbb{H}^3 \quad \sigma^{(0)} \subset \pi^{-1}(g_i)$$

$$\sigma = [P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4] \quad P_i \in \mathcal{R}_i$$

$$a_R(\sigma) = m \{ g \in \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3) \mid g(u_i^R) \subset \mathcal{R}_i \}$$

$[u_1^R, \dots, u_4^R]$  regular edge length  $R$ -tetra  $\subset \mathbb{H}^3$



Two  $\sigma, \sim \sigma'$  if  $\exists r \in \Gamma$  s.t.  $r\sigma = \sigma'$

Then  $\beta = \sum_{[\sigma]} a_R(\sigma) \pi(\sigma)$  is a cycle in  $M$   $\partial\beta = 0$   $a_R(\sigma) \geq 0$

The fundamental cycle  $c_R = \frac{\text{vol}(M)}{\sum a_R(\sigma) \text{vol}(\pi(\sigma))} \cdot \beta = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \pi(\sigma)$

Lemma.  $\forall R \gg,$   $\sum_{[\sigma]} a_R(\sigma) \leq \text{vol}(\text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)/\Gamma)$

Proof For  $\sigma$ , let

$$A(\sigma) = \{ g \in \text{Iso}^+ \mid g(u_i^R) \subset \mathcal{R}_i \}, \quad a_R(\sigma) = m(A(\sigma))$$

Now, if  $[\sigma] \neq [\sigma'] \Rightarrow A(\sigma) \cap rA(\sigma') = \emptyset \quad \forall r \in \Gamma$

$\nexists r \stackrel{(1)}{\cdot} r(u_i^R) = u_j^R \quad \{ h = rg \mid h(u_i^R) \subset r\mathcal{R}_i \} \quad \text{But } r(u_i^R) \subset \mathcal{R}_j$

Thus, the projection  $\pi(A(\sigma)) \subset \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)/\Gamma$  are pairwise disjoint

$$\Rightarrow \bigsqcup_{[\sigma]} \pi(A(\sigma)) \subset \text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)/\Gamma \Rightarrow \underline{\text{result.}}$$

On the other hand for  $R \gg$ ,  $\frac{c_3}{2} \leq \text{vol}(\pi(\sigma)) \leq c_3 \Rightarrow$

Corollary. For  $R \gg 1$ , if  $c_R = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \pi(\sigma)$ , then  $a'_R(\sigma) \geq a_R(\sigma) / \frac{\text{vol}(M)}{c_3 \text{vol}(\text{Iso}^+(\mathbb{H}^3)/\Gamma)}$

## Gromov's Proof of Mostow

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The goal:  $F|_{\partial \mathbb{H}^3}$  sends regular sets to regular sets

If not, we will show that  $\text{vol}(M) > \text{vol}(N)$  contradicting that  $\text{vol}(M) = \text{vol}(N)$ .

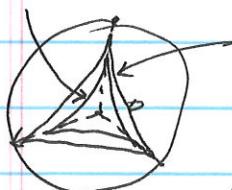
Suppose  $T_{st} = [v_1, \dots, v_4]$  is a regular ideal tetra in  $\mathbb{H}^3$  st  $[F(v_1), \dots, F(v_4)]$  is not regular, so  $\text{vol}([w_1, \dots, w_4]) < c_3 - \delta - \varepsilon > 0$ .

Fact ①:  $\exists$  open half-spaces  $U_1, \dots, U_4$  as nbd of  $v_i, i=1, \dots, 4$  in  $\mathbb{H}^3$  st  $\forall p_i \in U_i$

$$\text{vol}[F(p_1), \dots, F(p_4)] < c_3 - \delta \quad (\text{continuity of volume})$$

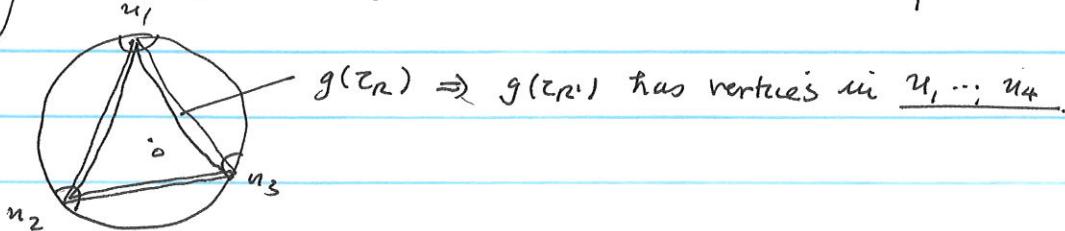
② Let  $T_R = [u_1^R, \dots, u_4^R]$  regular edge length  $R$  tetra in  $\mathbb{H}^3$  s.t.  $\{u_i^R / R \gg 1\}$  is a geodesic ray from  $o$ . ( $\tau_R \subset \tau_{R'}$  for  $R < R'$ ).

$n=2$



For  $R > 1$  and  $R' > R$

$$\{g \in \text{Isot} \mid g(u_i^R) \subset U_i, i=1, 2, 3, 4\} \subset \{g \in \text{Isot} \mid g(u_i^{R'}) \subset U_i\}$$



Assuming this Now back to the proof for  $M$ , it has f. cycle

$$c_R = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \pi(\sigma)$$

$$a'_R(\sigma) = a_R(\sigma) / \left( \frac{\text{vol}(M)}{\sum_{[\sigma]} a_R(\sigma) \text{vol}(\sigma)} \right)$$

By tree construction  $\text{vol}(\pi(\sigma)) \rightarrow c_3$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$  +  $\sum_{[\sigma] \notin I} a'_R(\sigma) \rightarrow \text{vol}(M)/c_3$

(Kupers proof)

$$\text{Now apply } F \text{ to it: } \hat{F}_{\#}(c_R) = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \pi(F(\sigma)) = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \tau_{\sigma} \in d_N$$

$$\text{So } \text{vol}(N) = \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \text{vol}(\tau_{\sigma}) \leq \sum_{[\sigma] \notin I} a'_R(\sigma) \cdot c_3 + \sum_{[\sigma] \in I} a'_R(\sigma) \text{vol}(\tau_{\sigma})$$

$[\sigma] \in I \Leftrightarrow \{g \in \text{Isot} \mid \text{every face } \sigma = [p_1, \dots, p_4] \text{ s.t. } \exists r \in P \text{ s.t. } r(p_i) \in U_i, i=1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol}(\tau_{\sigma}) \leq c_3 - \delta. \quad \leq \left( \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) \right) \cdot c_3 - \delta \sum_{[\sigma] \in I} a'_R(\sigma)$$

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$$\leq \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) c_3 - \left[ \frac{\text{vol}(M)}{\sum_{[\sigma]} a_R(\sigma)} c_3 \text{vol}(\text{Iso}^+(H^3)/\Gamma) \right] \sum_{[\sigma] \in \mathcal{I}} a_R(\sigma)$$

$$\leq \sum_{[\sigma]} a'_R(\sigma) c_3 - \lambda \cdot \sum_{[\sigma] \in \mathcal{E}} a_{R_0}(\sigma)$$

$$\boxed{a_R(\sigma) \geq a_R(\sigma_0)}$$

by Fact # 2!

Let  $R \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{vol}(M) \leq \text{vol}(M) - \text{const} c \xrightarrow[c > 0]$