

Counting orbits of discrete subgroups of $O^+(1, n)(\mathbb{R})$ in $\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n$

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We know

$$\Gamma \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n$$

is a proper action so

which means the orbit map

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n \\ \gamma &\mapsto \gamma(y) \end{aligned}$$

gives a bijection

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma / \Gamma_x &\cong_{\Gamma} \Gamma \{y\} \\ \gamma &\mapsto \gamma(y) \end{aligned}$$

So counting orbit points is same as counting:

Definition. Orbit counting function

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Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n$ and $r > 0$. Then

$$N(r, x, y) := \left| \left\{ \gamma \in \Gamma \mid \underbrace{d(x, \gamma(y))}_{\iff \gamma(y) \in B_r(x)} < r \right\} \right|$$

is the **orbit counter** that counts *how many points of $\Gamma \{y\}$ is in the ball $B_r(x)$.*

- Let $\gamma_0 \in \Gamma$.

- Then

$$N(r, x, y) = N(r, x, \gamma_0 y)$$

- There is a $r > 0$ small enough such that

$$N(r, x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 \\ |\Gamma_x| \end{cases}$$

the orbit count is bounded above by the exponential in r



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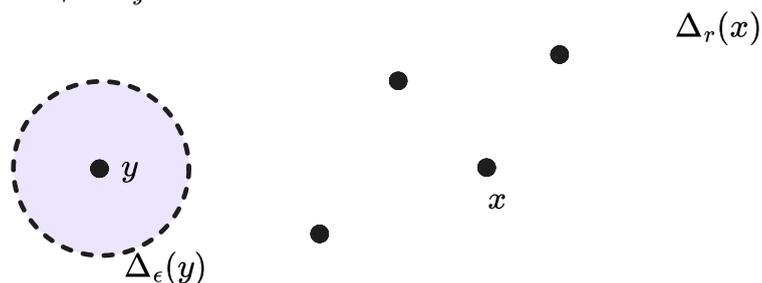
$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n, N(r, x, y) \leq A_{\Gamma, y} e^{r(n-1)}$$



- ☀ Let $\epsilon > 0$ be small enough so that

$$\{\gamma(\Delta_\epsilon(y)) \mid \gamma \in \Gamma\}$$

do not overlap unless $\gamma \in \Gamma_y$



by proper

- Then by the volume of balls



$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n}(B_s(o)) &= m_{S^{n-1}}(S^{n-1}) \int_{t \in (0, s)} (\sinh t)^{n-1} dt \\ &\leq \frac{m_{S^{n-1}}(S^{n-1})}{2^{n-1}} \int_{t \in (0, s)} e^{(n-1)t} dt \\ &\leq \frac{m_{S^{n-1}}(S^{n-1})}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{e^{(n-1)s}}{(n-1)} - 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma: \gamma(y) \in B_r(x)} \gamma(\Delta_\epsilon(y)) &\subset \Delta_{r+\epsilon}(x) \\
 \mu_{\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n}(\Delta_\epsilon) N(r, x, y) &\leq \mu_{\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n}(\Delta_{r+\epsilon}(x)) \\
 N(r, x, y) &\leq \frac{\mu_{\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n}(\Delta_{r+\epsilon})}{\mu_{\mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n}(\Delta_\epsilon)} \\
 &= \left(\frac{e^{(n-1)(r+\epsilon)}}{(n-1)} - 1 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

for lattices, the orbit count is bounded below by exponential in r *eventually*

☀ Let Γ be a discrete subgroup of finite covolume, $o \in \mathbb{R}\mathbf{H}^n$ be such that $\Gamma_o = \{\text{Id}\}$ and let D be the interior of the Dirichlet domain $D_{\Gamma,o}$, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &:= \text{int}(D_{\Gamma,o}) \\
 D(r) &:= B_r(o) \cap D
 \end{aligned}$$

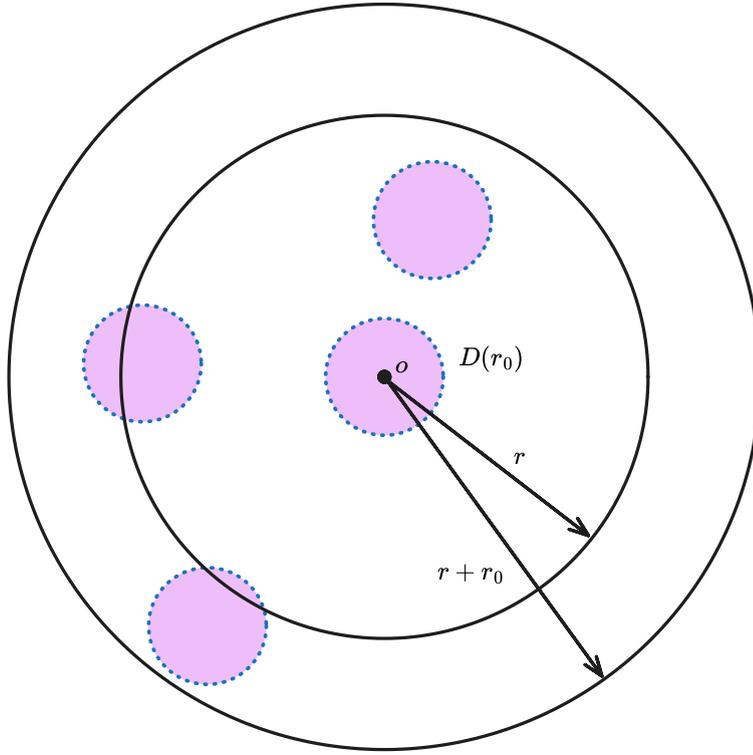
- Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_r(o) &= B_r(o) \cap \Gamma \bar{D} \\
 &= B_r(o) \cap \Gamma(D \sqcup \partial D) \\
 &= B_r(o) \cap \Gamma(D(r_0) \sqcup (D \setminus D(r_0)) \sqcup \partial D)
 \end{aligned}$$

for some $r_0 > 0$.

- Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(B_r) &= \mu(B_r \cap \Gamma D(r_0)) + \mu(B_r \cap \Gamma(D \setminus D(r_0))) \\
 &\quad + \mu(B_r \cap \Gamma(\partial D)) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} 0
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 B_r \cap \Gamma D(r_0) &= B_r \cap \left(\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma(D(r_0)) \right) \\
 &\subseteq \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma, d(\gamma(y), o) < r + 2r_0} \gamma(D(r_0))
 \end{aligned}$$

• For any $y_0 \in D(r_0)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(D(r_0))N(r + r_0, o, y_0) &= \mu \left(\bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma, d(\gamma(y), o) < r + 2r_0} \gamma(D(r_0)) \right) \\
 &\geq \mu(B_r \cap \Gamma D(r_0)) \\
 &= \underbrace{\mu(B_r)}_{=A_1 \int_{t \in (0, r)} (\sinh t)^{n-1} dt} - \underbrace{\mu(B_r \cap \Gamma(D \setminus D(r_0)))}_{=N(r, o, y) \mu(D \setminus D(r_0))}
 \end{aligned}$$

• Thus for $r > 0$

$$N(r + r_0, o, y_0) \geq A' e^{(n-1)r}$$