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Limit sets of discrete subgroups

Let

$$\Gamma \leq O^+(1,n)(\mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$$

be a discrete subgroup.

Definition.

$$\Lambda(G) := \overline{G\{x\}} \cap \partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$$

Proposition:

Let

$$G \leq O^+(1,n)(\mathbb{R}) \cong \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n) \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$$

be a closed subgroup.

- Fixed points are in the limit set

$$\text{Fix}(G) \cap \partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n \subseteq \Lambda(G)$$

- The limit set is closed subset of $\partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$.
- The limit set is G -invariant

$$G(\Lambda(G)) = G$$

for $\Lambda(\Gamma) \neq \partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$



Theorem 12.2.5. Let Γ be a nonelementary discrete subgroup of $M(B^n)$. Then the limit set $L(\Gamma)$ is perfect and is therefore uncountable.



Theorem 12.2.11. If P is a convex fundamental polyhedron for a discrete subgroup Γ of $M(B^n)$, then $O(P) = \bigcup \{g(\overline{P} \cap O(P)) : g \in \Gamma\}$.



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Then $\Lambda(\Gamma) \neq \partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$

$$\iff$$

every convex fundamental polyhedron for Γ contains a half-space of $\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$

$$\iff$$

Γ has a convex fundamental polyhedron that contains a half-space of $\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$.

As a corollary we have

- Γ is of finite covolume $\implies$ convex fundamental polyhedron does not contain a half-space $\implies \Lambda(\Gamma) = \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$

limit set of a non-elementary group agrees with the same for an infinite normal subgroup



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If Γ is non-elementary and $H \trianglelefteq \Gamma$ is an infinite normal subgroup then

$$\Lambda(H) = \Lambda(\Gamma)$$

As a consequence

- For

$$L \underbrace{\leq}_{\text{finite index}} \underbrace{H}_{\text{infinite}} \underbrace{\trianglelefteq}_{\text{infinite index}} \underbrace{\Gamma}_{\text{finite covolume}}$$

we have L is of infinite covolume, but $\Lambda(L) = \Lambda(H) = \Lambda(\Gamma) = \partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n$.

- In particular, convex fundamental domain of L does not contain a half-plane but has infinite volume.

limit set recognizes the smallest $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^m)$ that Γ is a subgroup of

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be a discrete subgroup.

Let $1 \leq m \leq n$ be the smallest integer such that $\Lambda(\Gamma)$ is contained in an $m - 1$ -sphere of $\partial \mathbb{R}\boldsymbol{H}^n \cong_{\text{Top}} S^n$. By conjugating Γ we may assume

$$\Lambda(\Gamma) \subseteq S^{m-1} = \partial \mathbb{R}^m$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\Gamma \curvearrowright \operatorname{convex}(\Lambda(\Gamma)) \\ \implies &\Gamma \curvearrowright \operatorname{convex}(\Lambda(\Gamma)) \cap \mathbb{R}^n \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \end{aligned}$$

But if $\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^m) \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ then $\operatorname{convex}(\Lambda(\Gamma)) \cap \mathbb{R}^n$ lies in a smaller $\mathbb{R}^k \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ but this means $\Lambda(\Gamma)$ is in a $k-1$ -sphere. Thus

$$\implies \Gamma \curvearrowright \mathbb{R}^m$$

Thus

$$\Gamma \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^m) \hookrightarrow \operatorname{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

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