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Uniformly discrete spaces of bounded geometry

Definition. Uniformly discrete spaces of bounded geometry

A metric space (X, d) is a **UDBG space** if it is

- (uniformly discrete)*

$$\inf \{d(x, y) | y \neq x \in X\} > 0$$

that is we have

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \{0\} \cup [\alpha, \infty]$$

for $\alpha > 0$.

- (of bounded geometry)* $\forall r > 0$ there exists $K(r) \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\forall x \in X, |B_r^d(x)| \leq K(r)$$

Definition. Growth functions, boundaries and Folner sequences in *uniformly discrete spaces of bounded geometry*

Let (X, d) be a UDBG space. Then

- the **growth function** of d is

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_x^d : [0, \infty) &\rightarrow [0, \infty) \\ r &\mapsto |B_r^d(x)| \end{aligned}$$

- the **r -boundary** of a subset $F \subseteq X$ is

$$\partial_r^d F := \{x \in X | \exists f \in F : d(x, f) \leq r\} \setminus F$$

- a **Folner sequence** for X is a sequence $\{F_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of non-empty finite subsets of X such that:

$$\forall r > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\partial_r^d F_n|}{|F_n|} = 0$$

The space (X, d) is **Folner amenable** if it admits a Folner sequence.

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