

Combinatorial negative curvature

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Problem list 1

- (1) Show that a vertex set of a connected graph with the path metric is a discretely geodesic metric space.
- (2) For arbitrarily n construct Cayley graphs Γ_1, Γ_2 of \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}^2 , respectively, with the following property. For any vertices $v \in \Gamma_1$, and $w \in \Gamma_2$ the balls $B_{\Gamma_1}(v, n)$, and $B_{\Gamma_2}(w, n)$ are isomorphic.
- (3) Show that a composition of coarse/quasi-isometric/bilipschitz embeddings is a coarse/quasi-isometric/bilipschitz embedding. Show that a composition of coarse equivalences/quasi-isometries/bilipschitz equivalences is a coarse equivalence/quasi-isometry/bilipschitz equivalence.
- (4) Find an example of a coarse embedding that is not a quasi-isometric embedding. Find an example of a coarse equivalence that is not a quasi-isometry.
- (5) Find an example of quasi-isometric spaces that are not bi-Lipschitz equivalent.
- (6) Show that a metric space is coarsely equivalent to a connected graph iff it is coarsely connected.
- (7) Show that a map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a coarse embedding iff f is a coarse equivalence between X and its image $f(X) \subseteq Y$.
- (8) Show that two discretely geodesic metric spaces are coarsely equivalent iff they are quasi-isometric.
- (9) Show that the map $f: (X, d_X) \rightarrow (Y, d_Y)$ is a coarse embedding if for every two sequences $(x_n) \subset X$, $(x'_n) \subset X$ we have $d_X(x_n, x'_n) \rightarrow \infty$ iff $d_Y(f(x_n), f(x'_n)) \rightarrow \infty$.
- (10) Show that an inclusion of a subgroup is a coarse embedding. Does it have to be a quasi-isometric embedding?
- (11) Find a quasi-isometric embedding of a half-line $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$ into the Euclidean plane \mathbb{E}^2 , which is not at a finite distance from a geodesic ray in \mathbb{E}^2 . Can one find a similar embedding into a tree of valence at least 3, with the metric in which every edge has length 1?
- (12) Show that the following spaces are not quasi-isometric one to another (with their natural metrics). The line \mathbb{R} , the Euclidean plane \mathbb{E}^2 and the regular tree of valence 4.
- (13) Show that the regular tree of valence m is quasi-isometric to the regular tree of valence n (with their natural metrics), for every $n, m > 2$.
- (14) Show that a finitely generated group is quasi-isometric to the quotient by its finite normal subgroup.
- (15) Show that a finitely generated group is quasi-isometric to its finite index subgroup. Conclude that virtually free groups are quasi-isometric to trees.