

# The Infinite Dimensional Hyperbolic Space $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ Does Not Have Property A\*\*

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**Abstract** The author constructs a sequence of cubes in the infinitely dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  which is equi-coarsely equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . As a corollary, it is proved that the infinitely dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  does not have property A.

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## 1 Introduction

Yu [10] introduced the concept of property A for the metric spaces. It was proved that this property has important applications in the study of coarse Baum-Connes conjecture for the discrete metric spaces with bounded geometry, Novikov conjecture for the finite generated group (see [10]) and exactness of  $C^*$ -algebras (see [3, 7]).

Yu [10] proved that property A for the metric space  $X$  implies a coarse embedding of  $X$  into Hilbert space. Recently, Nowak [6] constructed a locally finite metric space which can coarsely embedded into Hilbert space but does not have property A.

In this note, we construct a sequence of cubes  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) in the infinite dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ ,

$$\mathbb{H}^\infty = \{(z, x_1, x_2, \dots) : z^2 - (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots) = 1, z \geq 1\},$$

which is equi-coarsely equivalent to the sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . By using the result proved by Nowak [6] that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}_{\mathbb{Z}_2^n}(1, \varepsilon) = +\infty$ , it follows that the hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  does not have property A.

## 2 Preliminaries

For discrete metric spaces, we use the definition of property A given by Higson and Roe [4, 9].

**Definition 2.1** A discrete metric space  $X$  is said to have property A if for any  $R > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist a map  $\xi : X \rightarrow l_1(X)_{1,+}$  and a positive number  $S$  such that

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- (i)  $\|\xi_x - \xi_y\| \leq \varepsilon$ , if  $d(x, y) \leq R$ ,
- (ii)  $\text{supp } \xi_x \subseteq B(x, S)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

Here  $l_1(X)_{1,+} = \{\xi: \xi \in l_1(X), \|\xi\| = 1 \text{ and } \xi(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in X\}$ , and  $B(x, S)$  is the ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $S$  in  $X$ .

For the metric spaces with bounded geometry, this definition is equivalent to the original one given in [10]. For general metric spaces, we have the following definitions.

**Definition 2.2** (see [10]) *A metric space  $X$  is said to have property A if there exists a discrete subspace  $\Gamma$  of  $X$  such that  $\Gamma$  is  $C$ -dense in  $X$  (i.e.,  $X = \{x: d(x, \Gamma) \leq C\}$ ) and  $\Gamma$  has property A.*

**Definition 2.3** (see [2]) *Let  $X$  be a metric space,  $H$  be a separable and infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. A map  $f: X \rightarrow H$  is said to be a coarse embedding if there exist non-decreasing functions  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  from  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$  to  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that*

- (i)  $\rho_1(d(x, y)) \leq \|f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \rho_2(d(x, y))$ ,  $\forall x, y \in X$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_i(r) = +\infty$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

For the metric spaces with property A, Nowak [6] introduced the following definition.

**Definition 2.4** (see [6]) *Let  $X$  be a discrete metric space,  $R > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We define  $\text{diam}_X(R, \varepsilon)$  to be*

$$\inf\{S: \text{supp } \xi_x \subseteq B(x, S), \forall x \in X\},$$

where  $\xi$  is a map  $\xi: X \rightarrow l_1(X)_{1,+}$  and satisfies Definition 2.1(i) if it exists, otherwise we set  $\text{diam}_X(R, \varepsilon) = +\infty$ .

**Remark 2.1** (1)  $X$  has property A if and only if  $\text{diam}_X(R, \varepsilon) < \infty$  for all  $R > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

(2) If  $R_1 \leq R_2$ , then  $\text{diam}_X(R_1, \varepsilon) \leq \text{diam}_X(R_2, \varepsilon)$ .

(3) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete metric spaces,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a coarse embedding. Suppose that  $Y$  has property A. Then for every  $R > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\rho_-(\text{diam}_X(R, \varepsilon)) \leq 3 \text{diam}_Y(\rho_+(R), \varepsilon).$$

(4) Suppose that  $(X_n, d_n)$  is a sequence of metric spaces with property A. If there exist  $R > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}_{X_n}(R, \varepsilon) = \infty$ , we construct the disjoint union  $X = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  with the metric  $d$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (a)  $d$  restricts to  $d_n$  on  $X_n$ ,
- (b)  $d(X_n, X_{n+1}) \geq n + 1$ ,
- (c)  $d(X_n, X_m) = \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(X_k, X_{k+1})$  for  $n < m$ .

Then  $X$  does not have property A.

The third statement in the remark can be proved by combining Proposition 3.6 and Theorem 3.11 in [5]. The fourth statement can be proved by the same method of [6, Theorem 5.1].

Let  $(X, d_1)$ ,  $(Y, d_2)$  be metric spaces. We will consider the Cartesian product  $X \times Y$  with the metric

$$d((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = d_1(x_1, x_2) + d_2(y_1, y_2), \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in X, y_1, y_2 \in Y.$$

Especially for the case  $X = Y$ , this definition can be generalized to  $n$ -copies of  $X$ . For a finitely generated amenable group  $\Gamma$ , Nowak [6] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $\Gamma$  be a finitely generated amenable group. Then for any  $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ ,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}_{\Gamma^n}(1, \varepsilon) = +\infty. \quad (2.1)$$

It follows from this theorem that for any non-trivial finite group  $\Gamma$ , the metric space  $X = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma^n$  does not have property A and it can coarsely embedded into Hilbert space (see [6]). For the special case  $\Gamma = \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ , we get the disjoint union  $X = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_2^n$  with a metric  $d$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n d(x_i, y_i), \forall x = (x_1, \dots, x_n), y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ ,
- (2)  $d(\mathbb{Z}_2^n, \mathbb{Z}_2^{n+1}) = n + 1$ ,
- (3) For  $n \leq m$ ,  $d(\mathbb{Z}_2^n, \mathbb{Z}_2^m) = \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} d(\mathbb{Z}_2^k, \mathbb{Z}_2^{k+1}) = \frac{m(m+1)}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ .

Then  $X$  does not have property A and it can coarsely embedded into Hilbert space.

### 3 Cubes in $\mathbb{H}^\infty$

In this section, we will construct a sequence of cubes  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  in  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  such that the sequence of the metric spaces  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$  are equi-coarsely equivalent to the sequence of  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ .

**Definition 3.1** (see [1]) *Let  $X_n, Y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be two sequences of discrete metric spaces. A sequence of map  $F = \{f_n\}$  where  $f_n: X_n \rightarrow Y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is said to be equi-coarse embedding if there exist non-decreasing functions  $\rho_-$  and  $\rho_+$  from  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$  to  $\mathbb{R}_+$  such that*

- (i)  $\rho_-(d(x, y)) \leq d(f_n(x), f_n(y)) \leq \rho_+(d(x, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_\pm(r) = +\infty$ .

*If there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that  $f_n(X_n)$  are  $C$ -dense in  $Y_n$ , i.e.,  $Y_n = \{y: y \in Y_n, d(y, Y_n) \leq C\}$ , for every  $n$ , then we say that the two sequences of metric spaces  $\{X_n\}$  and  $\{Y_n\}$  are equi-coarsely equivalent.*

By Remark 2.1(3), we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $X_n, Y_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be two equi-coarsely equivalent sequences of discrete metric spaces. Suppose that  $Y_n$  has property A for every  $n$  and if there exist  $R > 0, \varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}_{X_n}(R, \varepsilon) = \infty$ , then we have*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}_{Y_n}(\rho_+(R), \varepsilon) = +\infty.$$

Let  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  be the infinite dimensional hyperbolic space. For convenience, we represent the coordinates of the points in  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  as the form  $x = (z, y, x_1, x_2, \dots)$ , where  $z^2 - (y^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots) = 1$  and  $z \geq 1$ . Let  $O = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$  be the vertex of  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ .

On the  $z$ - $y$  plane in  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ , we consider the hyperbola  $z^2 - y^2 = 1$  ( $z \geq 1$ ). Suppose that the hyperbolic distance between the point  $(z, y, 0, 0, \dots)$  and the vertex  $O = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$  is  $t$ . Then we have the parameter representations of  $z$  and  $y$  as follows

$$z = \cosh t, \quad y = \sinh t.$$

**Theorem 3.1** *There exists a sequence of cubes  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  in the infinite dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  which is equi-coarsely equivalent to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$ .*

**Proof** Let  $S(t) = \{x: x = (\cosh t, y, x_1, \dots) \in \mathbb{H}^\infty, d_H(x, O) = t\}$  be the sphere in  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  with radius  $t$  ( $t \geq 1$ ). In the following, we shall construct an  $n$ -dimensional cube in the sphere  $S(t)$  ( $t \geq n$ ) based on the point  $(\cosh t, \sinh t, 0, 0, \dots)$ .

(a) We first compute the coordinates of the points which are of the form  $x = (\cosh t, y_1, 0_N, x_1, 0, \dots) \in S(t)$  ( $x_1 > 0$ ), and have hyperbolic distance 1 with the base point  $x_t = (\cosh t, \sinh t, 0, \dots)$ . Here, we use the notation  $0_N = 0, 0, \dots, 0$  ( $N \geq 0$ ) to denote the  $N$ -zeros, and  $0_\infty = (0, 0, \dots)$  to denote the infinite many zeros.

By the fact that  $x \in S(t)$  and  $d_H(x, x_t) = 1$ , we have

$$y_1^2 + x_1^2 = \sinh^2 t, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\cosh^2 t - y_1 \sinh t = \cosh 1. \quad (3.2)$$

From these equations, we get

$$y_1 = \sinh t - \frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{\sinh t}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$x_1^2 = 2(\cosh 1 - 1) - \left(\frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{\sinh t}\right)^2. \quad (3.4)$$

Hereinafter, we use the following notations:

$a_0 = 2(\cosh 1 - 1)$  and  $a^2 = a_0 \left(1 - \frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{2 \sinh^2 t}\right) = x_1^2$  ( $a > 0$ ) which depends on  $t$ .

We have  $a_0 = 2(\cosh 1 - 1) \approx 1.086$  ( $< 1.087$ ) and  $a \leq 1.043$  for  $t \geq 1$ .

(b) Next, we compute the second coordinates  $y$  ( $y > 0$ ) of the points

$$(\cosh t, y, x_1, x_2, \dots) \in S(t),$$

where  $x_n = a$  or 0 and the multiplicity of  $x_n = a$  is  $i$ . It is obvious that the  $y$ -coordinate does not depend on the positions of  $a$ , it depends only on the multiplicity of  $a$ . So, it is sufficient for us to compute  $y_i$  of the points as  $(\cosh t, y_i, a, a, \dots, a, 0_\infty) \in S(t)$  ( $y_i > 0$ ), where the multiplicity of  $a$  is  $i$ .

From the equality

$$\cosh^2 t - (y_i^2 + ia^2) = 1,$$

we get

$$y_i^2 = \sinh^2 t - ia^2. \quad (3.5)$$

(c) Now, we construct the  $n$ -dimensional cube  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  in  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ . We set the vertices of the cube as following

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\cosh t, y_0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0_\infty), \\ (\cosh t, y_1, a, 0, \dots, 0, 0_\infty), \\ \vdots \\ (\cosh t, y_i, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, 0_\infty), \\ \vdots \\ (\cosh t, y_n, a, a, \dots, a, 0_\infty), \end{array} \right.$$

where  $a_n = a$  or 0. The multiplicities of  $a_k = a$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ) are denoted by the subscripts of  $y$ . There are  $2^n$ -many vertices.

(d) We compute the hyperbolic distances between any two vertices in  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ .

Let

$$A = (\cosh t, y_{i+j_1}, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, 0_\infty) \quad \text{and} \quad B = (\cosh t, y_{i+j_2}, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, 0_\infty)$$

be two vertices in  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ , where there exist  $i + j_1$  numbers of  $a_k = a$  in A and  $i + j_2$  numbers of  $b_k = a$  in B, and there exist  $i$  numbers  $a$  in A and B which have the same positions. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh d(A, B) &= \cosh^2 t - (y_{i+j_1} y_{i+j_2} + ia^2) \\ &= \cosh^2 t - \left[ \sqrt{\sinh^2 t - (i + j_1)a^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sinh^2 t - (i + j_2)a^2 + ia^2} \right] \\ &= \cosh^2 t - \left[ \sinh^2 t \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{(i + j_1)a^2}{\sinh^2 t}} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{(i + j_2)a^2}{\sinh^2 t} + ia^2} \right] \\ &= \cosh^2 t - \left\{ \sinh^2 t \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{(i + j_1)a^2}{2\sinh^2 t} + r_1 \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{(i + j_2)a^2}{2\sinh^2 t} + r_2 \right] + ia^2 \right\} \\ &= \cosh^2 t - \left\{ \sinh^2 t \cdot \left[ 1 - \frac{(2i + j_1 + j_2)a^2}{2\sinh^2 t} + r_3 \right] + ia^2 \right\} \\ &= 1 + \frac{(j_1 + j_2)}{2} a^2 + r_4 \\ &= 1 + \frac{(j_1 + j_2)}{2} a_0 \left\{ 1 - \frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{2\sinh^2 t} \right\} + r_4 \\ &= 1 + \frac{(j_1 + j_2)}{2} a_0 + r_5, \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

where  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, r_5$  are the errors and

$$r_3 = \frac{(i + j_1)(i + j_2)a^4}{4\sinh^4 t} - r_1 \frac{(i + j_2)a^2}{2\sinh^2 t} - r_2 \frac{(i + j_1)a^2}{2\sinh^2 t} + r_1 r_2, \tag{3.7}$$

$$r_4 = -r_3 \cdot \sinh^2 t, \tag{3.8}$$

$$r_5 = r_4 - \frac{(j_1 + j_2)a_0^2}{8\sinh^2 t}. \tag{3.9}$$

Noticing  $\max\{(i + j_1), (i + j_2)\} \leq n \leq t$ , we have  $\frac{(i+j_k)a^2}{\sinh^2 t} < 1$  ( $k = 1, 2$ ). By a simple calculation and the simple inequality  $0 \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2}x) - \sqrt{1 - x} < \frac{1}{2}x^2$  ( $0 \leq x < 1$ ), we get the following estimates:

$$\begin{aligned} |r_1| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(i + j_1)a^2}{\sinh^2 t} \right]^2, \quad |r_2| \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{(i + j_2)a^2}{\sinh^2 t} \right]^2, \quad |r_3| \leq \frac{(i + j_1)(i + j_2)a^4}{\sinh^4 t}, \\ |r_4| &\leq \frac{(i + j_1)(i + j_2)a^4}{\sinh^2 t}, \quad |r_5| \leq \frac{5}{8} \left( \frac{n}{\sinh t} \right)^2 a_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

From the last inequality, we get

$$|r_5| \leq \frac{1}{4} a_0 \quad \text{for } t \geq n. \tag{3.10}$$

By the equality (3.6) and the inequality (3.10), we get

$$\max \left\{ 1, 1 + \frac{2(j_1 + j_2) - 1}{4} a_0 \right\} \leq \cosh d(A, B) \leq 1 + \frac{2(j_1 + j_2) + 1}{4} a_0. \tag{3.11}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\max \left\{ 0, \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{2(j_1 + j_2) - 1}{2} a_0 \right] \right\} \leq d(A, B) \leq \ln \left[ 2 + \frac{2(j_1 + j_2) + 1}{2} a_0 \right]. \quad (3.12)$$

(e) Finally, we define the maps  $f_n$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  by

$$f_n(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) = (\cosh t, y_i, 0_N, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, 0, \dots),$$

where  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ ,  $z_k = 1$  or  $0$ ,  $a_k = a$  or  $0$  according to  $z_k = 1$  or  $0$ , and  $i$  is the multiplicity of  $a_k = a$ . It is obvious that  $f_n$  are one to one and surjective. By the equation (3.12), we have that the sequence of maps  $f_n$  is an equi-coarse embedding from  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$  to  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

We recall that the cubes  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$  are in the spheres  $S(t)$  ( $t \geq n$ ) of  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ . Set  $t = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  for  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ . Then we get a discrete subspace  $Y = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{H}_2^n$  of  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ . Similarly to the proof of Theorem 5.1 in [6], we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.1** *The infinite dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$  does not have property A.*

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