# Limit sets of Anosov representations

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# Chapter 1

# Introduction

**Definition 1.0.1.** For $p \in \{2, \ldots, d\}, s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g \in SL(d, \mathbb{R})$ we denote with $\Psi_s^p(g) : \mathfrak{a}^+ \to \mathbb{R}$ the functional:

$$\Psi_s^p(g) = \alpha_{12}(a(g)) + \cdots + \alpha_{1(p-1)}(a(g)) + (s - (p-2))\alpha_{1p}(a(g))$$
$$\tilde{\Psi}_s^p(g) = \left(\frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \cdots \frac{\sigma_{p-1}}{\sigma_1}(g)\right)\left(\frac{\sigma_{p-1}}{\sigma_1}(g)\right)^{s-(p-2)}$$

*Remark* 1.0.1. We have $\alpha_{ij}(a) = a_i - a_j, a_i(g) = \log(\sigma_i(g))$ and

$$\Psi_s^p(g) = \log \tilde{\Psi}_s^p(g)$$

and that

$$\min_{p \in [\![2,d]\!]} \left\{ \sum_{|\gamma|=T} \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} \cdots \frac{\sigma_{p-1}}{\sigma_1}(g) \left(\frac{\sigma_{p-1}}{\sigma_1}(g)\right)^{s-(p-2)} \right\} = \sum_{|\gamma|=T} e^{-\max_{p \in [\![2,d]\!]} \Psi_s^p(g)}$$

The following definition comes from [1], in the special case of projective Anosov representations ($P = 1$):

**Definition 1.0.2.** For $s \geq 0$ we consider the Falconer functional $F_s : \mathrm{SL}(d, \mathbb{R}) \to \mathbb{R}$ by:

$$F_s(g) = \min \left\{ \sum_{j=2}^{d} s_j \alpha_{1j}(a(g)) : s_j \in (0, 1], \sum_{j=2}^{d} s_j = s \right\}$$

*Remark* 1.0.2. Using elementary computations one may prove that for all $s \geq 0$:

$$F_s(g) = \min_{p \in [\![2,d]\!]} \Psi_s^p(g)$$

# Chapter 2

# Upper bound

**Lemma 2.0.1** (Upper bound for dimension)**.** *Let $\rho : \Gamma \to \mathrm{SL}(d, \mathbb{R})$ be a projective Anosov representation.*

$$\dim_H(\xi^1(\partial\Gamma)) \leq \inf \left\{ s : \sum_{|\gamma|=T} e^{-\max\limits_{p \in [\![2,d]\!]} \Psi_s^p(\rho(\gamma))} < \infty \right\}$$

The following can be found in [2, Proposition 3.3]:

**Proposition 2.0.1.** *Let $\rho : \Gamma \to SL(d, mathbbR)$ be projective Anosov and $\alpha > 0$ Then there exist $c_0, c_1 > 0$ that depends only on $\alpha$ and $\rho$ such that for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$:*

$$(\xi^1)^{-1}(B_{\alpha_1,\alpha}(\rho(\gamma))) \subseteq C^{\infty}_{c_0,c_1}(\gamma)$$

*Proof.* We begin by noting that it suffices to show this for all but finitely many $\gamma \in \Gamma$, since then we may alter the constants to satisfy the wanted inclusion also for the finitely many remaining $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Given this, we shall assume that $|\gamma| \geq l_0$ where $l_0 > 0$ is such that $Ce^{-\mu l_0} < 1$ and $C, \mu > 0$ are the constants appearing in the definition of the Anosov property of $\rho$..

Suppose $x \in \partial\Gamma$ such that $\xi^1(x) \in B_{\alpha_1,\alpha}(\rho(\gamma))$, and consider a geodesic ray $a_j \to x$ starting from $a_0 = e$. To prove the result, it suffices to find constants $c_0, c_1$ independent of $\gamma$ and a ($c_0$, $c_1$)-quasi-geodesic from $\gamma^{-1}$ to $x$ that passes through $e$ and stays at a bounded distance from $(a_j)_{j=0}^{\infty}$

Using [2, Proposition 2.5] we have that $d(\xi^1(a_j), U_{d-1}(\rho(\gamma^{-1}))) \leq Ce^{-\mu j}$, so there exists some $L > 0$ that depends only on $\alpha$ such that for all $j \geq L : U_1(\rho(a_j)) \in B_{\alpha_1,\alpha}(\rho(\gamma))$ and in particular

$$d(\xi^1(a_j), \gamma^{-1}) = d(U_1(\rho(a_j)), U_1(\rho(\gamma^{-1}))) \geq d(U_1(\rho(a_j)), U_{d-1}(\rho(\gamma^{-1}))) > \sin\alpha.$$

Along with the uniform continuity of $\xi^1 : \Gamma \cup \partial\Gamma \to \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ this implies there exists some $\alpha' > 0$ and $L > 0$ such that for all $j \geq L$:

$$d(a_j, \gamma^{-1}) \geq \alpha'.$$

Upon considering a large $L$, we may also assume that $|a_L| = L > l_0$. Note that both $\alpha'$ and $L$ do not depend on each $\gamma$ but only on $\rho$ and $\alpha$.

Using some geometric group theory, we can show that for all $j \geq L$

$$d(\gamma^{-1}, a_j) > \alpha' \Rightarrow d([\gamma^{-1}, a_j], e) < \alpha''$$

for some $\alpha''$ that depends only on $\Gamma$ and $\alpha'$, where $[a_j, \gamma^{-1}]$ denotes the geodesic segment connecting $\gamma^{-1}$ and $a_j$.

Consider the concatenation $(a'_j)_{j=L-K}^{\infty}$ of $[\gamma^{-1}, a_L]$ and $[a_L, x]$. To find quasi-geodesic-constants that are uniform in $\gamma$, we note that for any $c_0 \geq 1, c_1 \geq 0$:

$$c_0^{-1}|i-j| - c_1 \leq d(a'_i, a'_j) = d(a_i, a_j) \leq d(a_i)c_0^{|}i-j| + c_1 \text{ when } i, j \geq L \text{ or } i, j \leq L$$

and that the upper bound follows trivially by the triangle inequality.

For the lower bound we proceed in two steps. First we bound the distance of $\gamma^{-}1 = a'_{L-K}$ to $a_{L+j}$ for $j \geq 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} d(a'_{L-K}, a'_{L+j}) &\geq \nu(|a_{L+j}| - |\gamma^{-1}|) - c'_0 - c'_1|\log(d(U_1(\rho(a_{L+j})), U_1(\rho(\gamma^{-1}))))| \geq \\ &\geq \nu((L+j) + (K-L)) - c'_0 - c'_1|\log(\sin a)| \geq \\ &= c_0^{-1}(j+K) - c_1 \end{aligned}$$

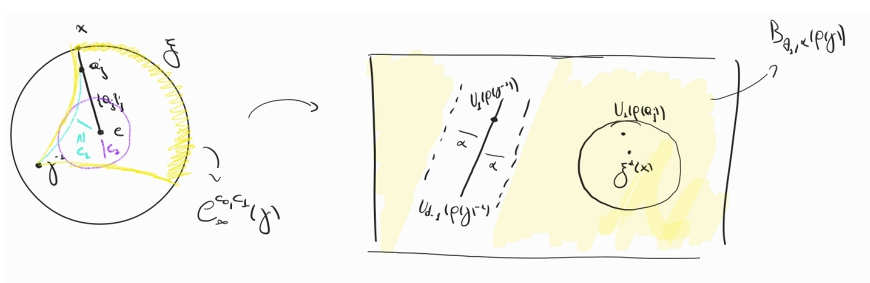
for $c_0 = \nu^{-1}, c_1 = c'_0 + c'_1|\log(\sin\alpha)|$. The first inequality comes from [2, Lemma 3.9]. For the second inequality we estimate $|\gamma^{-1}|$ from below using the triangle inequality. We are now ready to show that the concatenation $(a'_j)_j$ is indeed a $(c_0, c_1)$-geodesic:

$$\begin{aligned} d(a_{L+j}, a_{L-i}) &\geq d(a_{L+j}, a_{L_K}) - d(a_{L_K}, a_{L-i}) \geq c_0^{-1}(j+K) - c_1 - (K-i) \geq \\ &\geq c_0^{-1}(j+i) - c_1. \end{aligned}$$

Note however that $(a'_j)$ does not necessarily lie in $C_{\infty}^{c_0,c_1}$ since it may not pass through $e$. For this reason we some $L-K \leq i_0 \leq L$ such that $|a_{i_0}| < \alpha''$, the existence of which is guaranteed by the fact that $d([\gamma^{-1}, a_L], \epsilon) < \alpha''$. We then consider alter $(a'_j)$ at $i_0$ so that it passes through $e$ to obtain

$$a''_j = \begin{cases} a_j & \text{for } j \neq i_0 \\ e & \text{for } j = i_0 \end{cases}$$

which is a $(c_0, c_1 + \alpha'')$-quasigeodesic passing from $e$ and converging to $x$. $\square$



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