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

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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  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$   $(n = 1, 2, \cdots)$  in the infinite dimensional hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}^{\infty}$ ,

$$\mathbb{H}^{\infty} = \left\{ (z, x_1, x_2, \cdots) \colon z^2 - (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots) = 1, \ z \ge 1 \right\},\$$

which is equi-coarsely equivalent to the sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$ . By using the result proved by Nowak [6] that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \operatorname{diam}_{\mathbb{Z}_2^n}(1,\varepsilon) = +\infty$ , 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  $\xi \colon X \to l_1(X)_{1,+}$  and a positive number S such that

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(i)  $\|\xi_x - \xi_y\| \le \varepsilon$ , if  $d(x, y) \le R$ ,

(ii)  $\operatorname{supp} \xi_x \subseteq B(x, S), \ \forall x \in X.$ 

Here  $l_1(X)_{1,+} = \{\xi \colon \xi \in l_1(X), \|\xi\| = 1 \text{ and } \xi(x) \ge 0, \forall x \in X\}$ , 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  $f: X \to H$  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)  $\rho_1(d(x,y)) \le ||f(x) f(y)|| \le \rho_2(d(x,y)), \ \forall x, y \in X,$
- (ii)  $\lim_{r \to \infty} \rho_i(r) = +\infty$  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  $\operatorname{diam}_X(R,\varepsilon)$  to be

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

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

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

(2) If  $R_1 \leq R_2$ , then diam<sub>X</sub> $(R_1, \varepsilon) \leq \text{diam}_X(R_2, \varepsilon)$ .

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

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

(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  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \operatorname{diam}_{X_n}(R, \varepsilon) = \infty$ , 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)  $d(X_n, X_{n+1}) \ge n+1$ ,

(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  $0 < \varepsilon < 2$ ,

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

It follows from this theorem that for any non-trivial finite group  $\Gamma$ , the metric space  $X = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma^n$  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  $X = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_2^n$  with a metric d which satisfies the following conditions:

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

Then X does not have property  $\stackrel{\sim}{A}$  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  $X_n, Y_n$   $(n = 1, 2, \cdots)$  be two sequences of discrete metric spaces. A sequence of map  $F = \{f_n\}$  where  $f_n: X_n \to Y_n$   $(n = 1, 2, \cdots)$  is said to be equicoarse embedding if there exist non-decreasing functions  $\rho_-$  and  $\rho_+$  from  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$  to  $\mathbb{R}_+$ such that

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

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  $X_n, Y_n$   $(n = 1, 2, \cdots)$  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 diam $_{X_n}(R, \varepsilon) = \infty$ , then we have

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

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  $x = (z, y, x_1, x_2, \cdots)$ , where  $z^2 - (y^2 + x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots) = 1$  and  $z \ge 1$ . Let  $O = (1, 0, 0, \cdots)$  be the vertex of  $\mathbb{H}^{\infty}$ .

On the z-y plane in  $\mathbb{H}^{\infty}$ , we consider the hyperbola  $z^2 - y^2 = 1$   $(z \ge 1)$ . Suppose that the hyperbolic distance between the point  $(z, y, 0, 0, \cdots)$  and the vertex  $O = (1, 0, 0, \cdots)$  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  $(t \ge 1)$ . In the following, we shall construct an *n*-dimensional cube in the sphere S(t)  $(t \ge n)$  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  $0_N = 0, 0, \dots, 0$   $(N \ge 0)$  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

$$y_1^2 + x_1^2 = \sinh^2 t, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\cosh^2 t - y_1 \sinh t = \cosh 1. \tag{3.2}$$

From these equations, we get

$$y_1 = \sinh t - \frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{\sinh t},\tag{3.3}$$

$$x_1^2 = 2(\cosh 1 - 1) - \left(\frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{\sinh t}\right)^2.$$
(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  $a \le 1.043$  for  $t \ge 1$ .

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

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

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

$$y_i^2 = \sinh^2 t - ia^2. \tag{3.5}$$

(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

$$\begin{cases} (\cosh t, y_0, 0, 0, \cdots, 0, 0_{\infty}), \\ (\cosh t, y_1, a, 0, \cdots, 0, 0_{\infty}), \\ \vdots \\ (\cosh t, y_i, a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n, 0_{\infty}), \\ \vdots \\ (\cosh t, y_n, a, a, \cdots, a, 0_{\infty}), \end{cases}$$

where  $a_n = a$  or 0. The multiplicities of  $a_k = a$   $(1 \le k \le n)$  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 = 
$$(\cosh t, y_{i+j_1}, a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_n, 0_\infty)$$
 and B =  $(\cosh t, y_{i+j_2}, b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_n, 0_\infty)$ 

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

$$\cosh d(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}) = \cosh^{2} t - (y_{i+j_{1}}y_{i+j_{2}} + ia^{2})$$

$$= \cosh^{2} t - \left[\sqrt{\sinh^{2} t - (i+j_{1})a^{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\sinh^{2} t - (i+j_{2})a^{2}} + ia^{2}\right]$$

$$= \cosh^{2} t - \left[\sinh^{2} t \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{(i+j_{1})a^{2}}{\sinh^{2} t}} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{(i+j_{2})a^{2}}{\sinh^{2} t}} + ia^{2}\right]$$

$$= \cosh^{2} t - \left\{\sinh^{2} t \cdot \left[1 - \frac{(i+j_{1})a^{2}}{2\sinh^{2} t} + r_{1}\right] \left[1 - \frac{(i+j_{2})a^{2}}{2\sinh^{2} t} + r_{2}\right] + ia^{2}\right\}$$

$$= \cosh^{2} t - \left\{\sinh^{2} t \cdot \left[1 - \frac{(2i+j_{1}+j_{2})a^{2}}{2\sinh^{2} t} + r_{3}\right] + ia^{2}\right\}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(j_{1}+j_{2})}{2}a^{2} + r_{4}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(j_{1}+j_{2})}{2}a_{0}\left\{1 - \frac{\cosh 1 - 1}{2\sinh^{2} t}\right\} + r_{4}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{(j_{1}+j_{2})}{2}a_{0} + r_{5},$$
(3.6)

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

$$r_{3} = \frac{(i+j_{1})(i+j_{2})a^{4}}{4\sinh^{4}t} - r_{1}\frac{(i+j_{2})a^{2}}{2\sinh^{2}t} - r_{2}\frac{(i+j_{1})a^{2}}{2\sinh^{2}t} + r_{1}r_{2},$$
(3.7)

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

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

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

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

From the last inequality, we get

$$|r_5| \le \frac{1}{4}a_0 \quad \text{for } t \ge n.$$
 (3.10)

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

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

Therefore, we have

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

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

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

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)  $(t \ge n)$  of  $\mathbb{H}^\infty$ . Set  $t = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  for  $\mathbb{H}_2^n$ . Then we get a discrete subspace  $Y = \bigsqcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{H}_2^n$  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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