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Limits of Spaces

Exercise sheet 3

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Exercise 9

(One-dimensional non-branching spaces - 3 points) A non-branching geodesic space (M, d) is said to be not one-dimensional if for any unit speed geodesic $\gamma : [0, a] \to X$ and $\epsilon > 0$ there is a $y \in B_a(\gamma_0)$ with $d(\gamma_a, y) < \epsilon$ but $y \notin \gamma_{[0,a]}$.

Classify all one-dimensional non-branching spaces.

Exercise 10

(One-dimensional uniquely geodesic spaces - 3 points) A geodesic space is uniquely geodesic if between any two points there is exactly one geodesic. We say a uniquely geodesic space (M, d) is one-dimensional if for all $\epsilon > 0$ geodesic γ connecting distinct points x, y with $d(x, y) > 3\epsilon$ then $\gamma([0, 1]) \cap \eta([0, 1]) \neq \emptyset$ for any geodesic η with $\eta_0 \in B_{\epsilon}(x)$ and $\eta_1 \in B_{\epsilon}(y)$.

Show that any one-dimensional uniquely geodesic space is a *metric tree*, i.e. a uniquely geodesic space such that for any three distinct points x, y, z not lying on a common geodesic there is a unique point m which lies on the three geodesics connecting those points.

Exercise 11

(Hyperbolic plane - 4 points) Set $M = B_1(0) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. On M we define a metric d as follows: Let $p, q \in M$ be distinct points and connect them via a straigh line (in \mathbb{R}^2). The line intersects the unit sphere in points a and b. Rename the points to have the points in the order a, p, q, b, i.e. ||a - q|| > ||a - p|| and ||b - p|| > ||b - q||. Define the hyperbolic distanct by

$$d(p,q) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\|a - q\| \|b - p\|}{\|a - p\| \|b - q\|}$$

(3 extra points) Show d is a metric.

Assume d is a metric. Use law of the logarithm to show that d is a geodesic metric.

Show that the pointed ultralimit of $(M, \frac{1}{n} \cdot d, 0)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ contains an uncountable metric tree. You may use the fact that the ultralimit is a CAT(0)-space and hence uniquely geodesic as well as the fact that (M, d) is homogeous, i.e. for any two points p, q there is an isometry mapping p to q. (Hint: Show first that any compact $K \subset M$ will have bounded distance from 0 depending only on K. Then look at triangles whose vertices lie on three (Euclidean) rays passing through 0.)

(1 extra point) Show that the ultralimit is a metric tree.

Exercise 12

(additional 5-points)

Let (M, d) be a compact metric space. Assume $(\delta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence of ω -uniformly continuous pseudometrics converging uniformly to a pseudo-metric δ . Find an elementary proof to show the following: If the induced spaces $(N_{\delta_n}, d_{\delta_n})$ are isometric to a fixed metric space (N, d_0) then also the induced space (N_{δ}, d_{δ}) is isometric to (N, d_0) .

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