

Amenability of horocyclic products

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Definitions:

a. Amenability of a graph:([4], see [1] for group-amenability)

The graph $G = \langle V, E \rangle$ is amenable, if there is a (Følner-)sequence $\{Q_n\}$ of finite subsets $Q_n \subset V$, such that the isoperimetric ratios converge to zero, i.e.

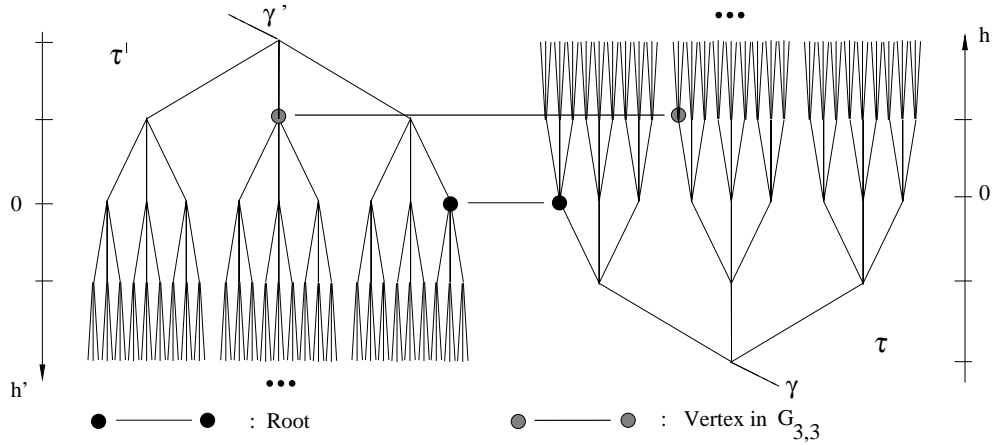
$$\frac{|\partial Q_n|}{|Q_n|} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $\partial Q_n = \{ \{x, y\} \in E \mid x \in Q_n, y \in V \setminus Q_n \}$ is the *edge-boundary* of Q_n .

b. Horocyclic Products:([8], see [2] for interpretation as *Lamplighter-group*)

Let $\tau' = \langle V', E' \rangle$ and $\tau = \langle V, E \rangle$ be two infinite, locally finite, simple, rooted trees, pointed at infinity with Busemannfunctions h' and h , respectively. Then the horocyclic product $\tau' \circ \tau$ is defined by the graph $\bar{G} = \langle \bar{V}, \bar{E} \rangle$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{V} &= \{ \langle v', v \rangle \in V' \times V \mid h'(v') + h(v) = 0 \}, \\ \bar{E} &= \{ \{ \langle v', v \rangle, \langle w', w \rangle \} \subset V' \times V \mid v' \sim_{\tau'} w', v \sim_{\tau} w \}. \end{aligned}$$



Question: For which type of trees is $\tau' \circ \tau$ amenable?

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