

# Quasiconvex Subgroups of Acylindrically Hyperbolic Groups

Ping Wan

Department of Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science  
University of Illinois Chicago

<https://homepages.math.uic.edu/~pwan5/>

August 31, 2025

# Hyperbolic Groups

## Hyperbolic group

A group  $G$  is hyperbolic if for some finite  $X \subseteq G$ , the Cayley graph  $\Gamma(G, X)$  is connected and  $\delta$ -hyperbolic for some  $\delta \geq 0$ .

## Quasiconvex subgroup

A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is quasiconvex if the inclusion map is a quasi-isometric embedding.

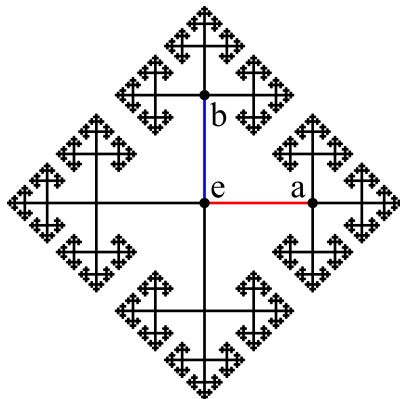


Figure: Cayley graph of  $F^2$   
[Wikimedia Commons contributors, 2024]

# Hyperbolic Groups

## Hyperbolic group

A group  $G$  is hyperbolic if for some finite  $X \subseteq G$ , the Cayley graph  $\Gamma(G, X)$  is connected and  $\delta$ -hyperbolic for some  $\delta \geq 0$ .

## Quasiconvex subgroup

A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is quasiconvex if the inclusion map is a quasi-isometric embedding.

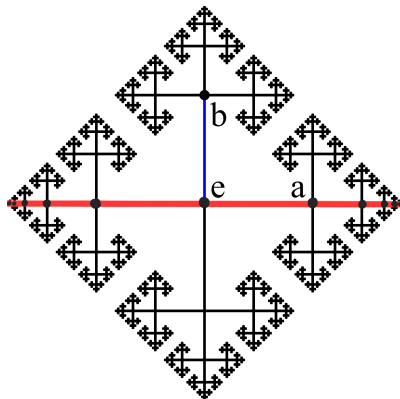


Figure:  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a quasiconvex subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}^2$

# Acylically Hyperbolic Groups

Acylically hyperbolic group  
[Martínez-Pedroza and Rashid, 2021]

A group  $G$  is acylically hyperbolic if for some  $X \subseteq G$  and some finite collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of infinite subgroups, the coned-off Cayley graph  $\hat{\Gamma}(G, \mathcal{P}, X)$  is connected, hyperbolic and **fine at cone vertices**.

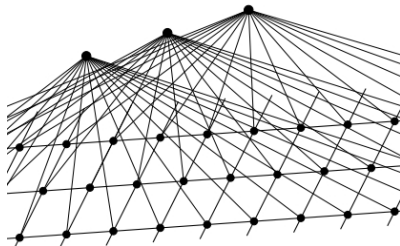


Figure: Coned-off Cayley graph of  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  along  $\mathbb{Z}$  [Page, 2017]

# $(G, \mathcal{P})$ -Quasiconvex Subgroups

---

## Acylically hyperbolic group [Martínez-Pedroza and Rashid, 2021]

A group  $G$  is acylindrically hyperbolic if for some  $X \subseteq G$  and some finite collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of infinite subgroups, the coned-off Cayley graph  $\hat{\Gamma}(G, \mathcal{P}, X)$  is connected, hyperbolic and **fine at cone vertices**.

## $(G, \mathcal{P})$ -quasiconvex subgroup [Wan]

A subgroup  $H$  is  $(G, \mathcal{P})$ -quasi-convex, if there exists a compatible  $\mathcal{D}$ , and the extension of inclusion  $\hat{\Gamma}(H, \mathcal{D}, Y) \hookrightarrow \hat{\Gamma}(G, \mathcal{P}, X)$  is a **quasi-isometric embedding**.

# Application

---

## Dehn Filling

Given a collection of subgroups  $N_\lambda \triangleleft P_\lambda$ , let  $K$  be the normal closure of  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} N_\lambda$  in  $G$ . The *filling* of  $G$  is the quotient group  $\bar{G} = G/K$ .

# Application

---

## Dehn Filling

Given a collection of subgroups  $N_\lambda \triangleleft P_\lambda$ , let  $K$  be the normal closure of  $\cup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} N_\lambda$  in  $G$ . The *filling* of  $G$  is the quotient group  $\bar{G} = G/K$ .

## Theorem (Wan)

*Suppose  $H$  is  $(G, \mathcal{P})$ -quasi-convex. For sufficiently long  $H$ -fillings of  $G$  with kernel  $K$ , the induced filling on  $H$  has kernel  $K_H = K \cap H$ .*

*Moreover, let  $\bar{\mathcal{P}} = \{P_\lambda/N_\lambda\}$ , let  $\bar{H} = H/K_H$ . Then  $\bar{H}$  is  $(\bar{G}, \bar{\mathcal{P}})$ -quasi-convex.*

# Application

---

## Dehn Filling

Given a collection of subgroups  $N_\lambda \triangleleft P_\lambda$ , let  $K$  be the normal closure of  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} N_\lambda$  in  $G$ . The *filling* of  $G$  is the quotient group  $\bar{G} = G/K$ .

## Theorem (Wan)

*Suppose  $G$  acts cocompactly on a CAT(0) cube complex  $X$ . Suppose every parabolic element of  $G$  fixes some point of  $X$  and that cell-stabilizers are full  $(G, \mathcal{P})$ -quasi-convex. For sufficiently long fillings of  $G$  that fix each  $G$ -orbit of cubes of  $X$  pointwise, the quotient  $X/K$  is a CAT(0) cube complex.*



**Thank You**

# References

---



Martínez-Pedroza, E. and Rashid, F. (2021).  
A Note on Hyperbolically Embedded Subgroups.



Page, M. (2017).  
An Introduction to Relatively Hyperbolic Groups.



Wikimedia Commons contributors (2024).  
File:Cayley graph of F2.svg - Wikimedia Commons.  
publisher: Wikimedia Commons.