



# AN EQUIVALENCES OF GEOMETRY OF TREES WITH MICRO-GEOMETRY

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**ABSTRACT:** There is a well known correspondence between infinite trees and ultra metric spaces that comes from considering the end space of the tree [1]. The correspondence is interpreted here as equivalence between two categories, one of which encodes geometry of trees at infinity and other encodes that micro-geometry of complete ultra metric spaces.

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## 0. INTRODUCTION

In this section we define the functor  $F$  from trees to ultra metric space. The functor takes a rooted tree to the end space of the tree, so we begin by defining the end space of a rooted  $R$ -trees and its natural metric. The end space functor  $F: T \rightarrow U$  is indeed a functor. We shall prove that this functor is full and faithful.

## 1. FULL AND FAITHFULL FUNCTOR

The following concept is quite well known [2].

**Definition 1.1:** The end space of a rooted  $R$ -tree  $(T, v)$  is given by end

$$(T, v) = \{f: [0, \alpha) \rightarrow T \mid f(0) = v \text{ and } f \text{ is an isometric embedding}\}$$

For  $f, g \in \text{end}(T, v)$ , we define

$$de(f, g) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } f = g \\ \frac{1}{e^{t_0}} & \text{if } f \neq g \text{ and } t_0 = \sup\{t \geq 0 \mid f(t) = g(t)\} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where, } \{t \geq 0 \mid f(t) = g(t)\} = \begin{cases} [0, \alpha) & \text{if } f = g \\ [0, t_0) & \text{if } f \neq g \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.2 :** If  $(T, v)$  is a rooted  $R$ -tree, then  $(\text{end}(T, v), de)$  is a complete ultra metric space of diameter  $\leq 1$ .

**Proof:** To check the ultra metric inequality, let  $f, g, h \in \text{end}(T, v)$  and show that

$$de(f, q) \leq \max \{de(f, h), de(g, h)\}$$

Without any loss of generality suppose that

$$de(f, h) = e^{-t_1} \geq de(h, g) = e^{-t_2}. \text{ Then } t_1 \leq t_2,$$

$$f = h \text{ on } [0, t_1] \text{ and } h = g \text{ on } [0, t_2]. \text{ Thus } f = g \text{ on } [0, 1] \text{ and } de(f, g) \leq e^{-t_1}.$$

The statement about the diameter is obvious. To verify that  $(\text{en}(T, v), de)$  is complete, let  $(f_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\text{end}(T, v)$ . By passing to a subsequence we may assume that there is a non decreasing sequence of integers [3]

$$1 \leq i_1, \leq i_2, \leq i_3, \leq \dots$$

that  $f_i = f_j$  on  $[0, 1]$ , whenever  $i, j \geq n$ .

Define  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow T$  by setting  $f|_{[0, n]} = f|_{[0, n]}$  for each  $n$ .

Then  $f$  is well defined isometric embedding and  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \alpha} f_i \rightarrow f$ .

**Theorem 1.3:** Let  $(f, C_r, C_s) : (T, \nu) \rightarrow (S, \omega)$  be an isometry at infinity between geodesically complete rooted  $R$ -trees. Then there is an induced local similarity equivalence  $f_* : \text{end}(T, \nu) \rightarrow \text{end}(S, \omega)$ . Moreover if  $(g, C_T^l, C_S^l)$  is another such symmetry at infinity and  $[f_*^1] = [g]$ , then  $f_* = g_*$ .

**Proof:** In order to define  $f_*$ , let

$$\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow T$$

be an element of  $\text{end}(T, \nu)$ . Since  $C_r$  is a cut set, there exists a unique  $t_0 > 0$  such that  $\alpha(t_0) \in C_r$ . Moreover,  $\alpha([t_0, \infty)) \subseteq T_{\alpha(t_0)}$ .

Let  $\hat{\alpha} : [0, \square f \alpha(t_0) \square] \rightarrow S$  be the unique isometric embedding such that  $\hat{\alpha}(0) = \omega$  and  $\hat{\alpha}(\square f \alpha(t_0) \square) \rightarrow f \alpha(t_0)$ .

Define

$$f_* \alpha(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha(t), & \text{if } 0 < t \leq \square f \alpha(t_0) \square \\ f \alpha(t - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square + t_0), & \text{if } \square f \alpha(t_0) \square \leq t \end{cases}$$

Then clearly  $f_*(\alpha) \in \text{end}(S, \omega)$ . To see that  $f$  is a local similarity equivalence, we will first show, given a as above, there exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$f_*| : B(\alpha, \epsilon) \rightarrow B(f_*(\alpha), \lambda \epsilon)$$

is a subjective  $\lambda$  similarity. Let  $\epsilon = e^{-t_0}$  and  $\lambda = e^{t_0 - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square}$ .

If  $\beta \in \text{end}(T, \nu)$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$  and  $de(\alpha, \beta) < \epsilon$ , then

$$t_\beta = \sup \{t \geq 0 \mid \alpha|_t = \beta|_t\} > -\log \epsilon = t_0.$$

In particular,  $de(\alpha, \beta) = e^{t_0}$ ,  $\alpha(t_0) = \beta(t_0)$  and  $f \alpha(t_0) = f \beta(t_0)$ .

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot (\beta)(t) &= \begin{cases} \hat{\alpha}(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \square f \beta(t_0) \square \\ f \beta(t - \square f \beta(t_0) \square) + t_0, & \text{if } \square f \beta(t_0) \square < t, \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \hat{\alpha}(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \square f \beta(t_0) \square \\ f \alpha(t - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square) + t_0, & \text{if } \square f \alpha(t_0) \square \leq t \leq t_\beta - t_0 + \square f \alpha(t_0) \square \\ f \beta(t - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square) + t_0, & \text{if } \square \text{if } t_\beta - t_0 + \square f \alpha(t_0) \square \leq t, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\sup \{t \geq 0 \mid f \cdot \alpha(t) = f \cdot \beta(t)\} = t_\beta - t_0 + \square f \alpha(t_0) \square$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } de(f \cdot \alpha, f \cdot \beta) &= e^{-t_\beta + t_0 - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square} \\ &= e^{t_0 - \square f \alpha(t_0) \square} de(\alpha, \beta) \\ &= \lambda de(\alpha, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

To see that  $f_*|_{B(\alpha, \epsilon)} : B(f_* \alpha, \lambda \epsilon)$  is subjective, let  $\lambda \in B(f_* \alpha, \lambda \epsilon)$

Then  $d(\gamma, f_* \alpha) = \lambda \epsilon = e^{-\square f \alpha(t_0) \square}$ . It follow that

$$\gamma(\square f \alpha(t_0) \square) = f \alpha(t_0) \text{ and } \gamma(\square f \alpha(t_0) \square, \infty) \subseteq S_{f \alpha}(t_0).$$

Since  $f| : T_{\alpha(t_0)} \rightarrow S_{f \alpha}(t_0)$  is an isometry,

we can define  $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow T$  by

$$\beta(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha(t), & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq t_0 \\ (f|_{T_{\alpha(t_0)}})^{-1} \gamma(t + \square f \alpha(t_0) \square) - t_0, & \text{if } t_0 \leq t, \end{cases}$$

Then  $\beta \in \text{end}(T, v)$  and  $\beta \in B(\alpha, \epsilon)$  and  $f_* \beta = \gamma$ . Under the similar argument, we can show that:

$f_* \cdot \text{end}(T, v) \rightarrow \text{end}(S, \omega)$  is surjective. Here are the detail.

If  $\gamma \in \text{end}(S, \omega)$ , then there exists a unique  $t_\gamma > 0$ , such that  $\gamma(t_\gamma) \in C_s$ , and there exists a unique  $c \in C_T$  such that  $f(c) = \gamma(t_\gamma)$ .

Let  $\hat{\gamma}: [0, \|c\|] \rightarrow T$  be unique isometric embedding such that  $\hat{\gamma}(0) = v$  and  $\hat{\gamma}(\|c\|) = c$ . Define  $\beta: [0, \infty) \rightarrow T$  by

$$\beta(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{\gamma}(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \|c\| \\ ((f|_{T_c})^{-1} \gamma(t + \|c\| - \|c\|), & \text{if } \|c\| \leq t \end{cases}$$

To see that  $f_*$  is injective, suppose that  $f_* \alpha = f_* \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{end}(T, v)$ . Then there exists  $t_1 > 0$  such that  $\alpha(t_1, \infty) \cup \beta(t_1, \infty)$  is a domain of  $f$  and  $f\alpha([t_1, \infty]) = f\beta([t_1, \infty))$ .

Since  $f$  is a homeomorphism, it follows that  $\alpha([t_1, \infty]) = \beta([t_1, \infty))$  and hence  $\alpha = \beta$ . We know that if  $c \in C_T$  and  $x \in T_c$ , then

$$\|x\| - \|c\| = \|f(x)\| - \|f(c)\| \in [1, 2].$$

Hence  $f_*$  is independent of representation of  $[f]$ . The definition of  $f_*(\alpha)$  will not change if another cut set  $C_T'$  for  $(T, v)$  larger than  $C_T$  is used in place of  $C_T$ . For such a cut set, there exists a unique  $t_1 > 0$  such that  $\alpha(t_1) \in C_T'$ . It follows that  $t_1 \geq t_0$ ,  $\alpha(t_1) \in T_{\alpha(t_0)}$  and  $f\alpha(t_1) = T_{f\alpha(t_0)}$ .

Let  $\hat{\alpha}^1: [0, \|f\alpha(t_1)\|] \rightarrow S$  be unique isometric embedding such that  $\hat{\alpha}^1(0) = \omega$  and  $\hat{\alpha}^1(\|f\alpha(t_1)\|) = f\alpha(t_1)$ .

The map  $f_*^1(\alpha): [0, \infty) \rightarrow S$  is given by

$$f_*^1(\alpha)(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{\alpha}^1(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \|f\alpha(t_1)\| \\ f\alpha(t - \|f\alpha(t_1)\| + t_1) & \text{if } \|f\alpha(t_1)\| \leq t. \end{cases}$$

would be defined if  $C_T'$  were used in place of  $C_T$ . However, since  $S$  is an  $R$ -tree and  $\alpha_1(\|f\alpha(t_0)\|) = f\alpha(t_0)$ , it follows that  $\alpha_1[0, \|f\alpha(t_0)\|] = \alpha$ . Also we have

$$t_1 - t_0 = \|\alpha(t_1)\| - \|\alpha(t_0)\| = \|f\alpha(t_1)\| - \|f\alpha(t_0)\|$$

and, hence  $t_1 - \|f\alpha(t_1)\| = t_0 - \|f\alpha(t_0)\|$ .

It follows that  $f_*^1(\alpha) = f_*(\alpha)$  and  $f_*^1 = f_*$ .

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