

Geometry, Groups and Dynamics/GEAR Seminar
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The horofunction boundary of the lamplighter group

The horofunction boundary of a metric space is defined by embedding it in the space of continuous functions. This boundary frequently behaves more nicely than the visual boundary for spaces that are neither hyperbolic nor $CAT(0)$. The lamplighter group is an amenable group with exponential growth that is neither hyperbolic nor $CAT(0)$ and has provided many interesting examples and counterexamples in group theory. In joint work with Keith Jones, we fully describe the horofunction boundary of the lamplighter group with the word metric arising from its finite state automaton generating set.

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