

# Bishop-Gromov's inequality: a central tool in Geometry

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$\leadsto$  GH topology on  $\mathcal{M} := \{\text{compact length metric spaces}\} / \sim_{\text{isom.}}$

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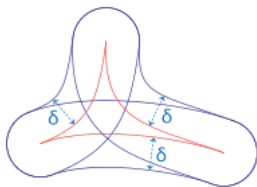
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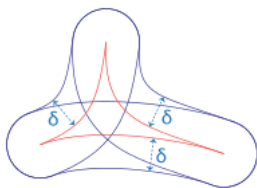
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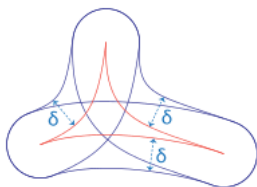
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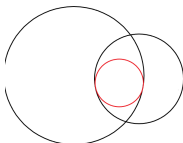
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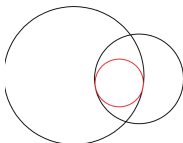
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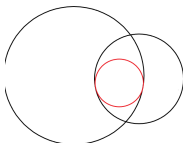
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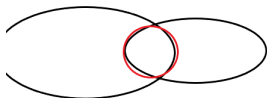
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If  $\#(\overline{G}_0 \cap \Sigma_{2R_0}(x)) > \nu \rightsquigarrow \#(s\overline{G}_0s^{-1} \cap \Sigma_{3R_0}(x)) > \nu \rightsquigarrow$

$\exists g_1 \neq g_2 \in s\overline{G}_0s^{-1} \cap \Sigma_{3R_0}(x)$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in \gamma_i \overline{G}_0 \rightsquigarrow$

$g^{-1}g_2 \in \overline{G}_0 \cap s\overline{G}_0s^{-1} \Rightarrow s\overline{G}_0s^{-1} = \overline{G}_0 \Rightarrow \overline{G}_0 \trianglelefteq \Gamma \Rightarrow \Gamma$  cyclic.

A contradiction. Therefore,  $\#(\overline{G}_0 \cap \Sigma_{2R_0}(x)) \leq \nu$  and

$$\#\Sigma_{R_0}(x) \leq \nu^2.$$

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