

The Metric for the The Poincaré Universe.

Main assumptions are equivalent to the following: The Universe consists of the points inside a sphere of radius R such that the length of a measuring rod at distance r from the center is given by $\ell = k(R^2 - r^2)$. We let $k = 1$ as our standard unit of measurement. Since the distance $d(A, B)$ between two objects A and B is measured by seeing how many times the standard unit divides into the distance $d(A, B)$, it follows that the length of a rod from r to $r + \Delta r$ will be approximately $\frac{\Delta r}{R^2 - r^2}$. So then the length $\ell(r_1, r_2)$ of a path along a radial ray from r_1 to r_2 will be:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(r_1, r_2) &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{R^2 - r^2} dr \\ &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2R}}{R+r} + \frac{\frac{1}{2R}}{R-r} \right) dr \\ &= \frac{1}{2R} (\ln(R+r) - \ln(R-r)) \Big|_{r_1}^{r_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2R} \left(\ln \left(\frac{R+r_2}{R-r_2} \right) - \ln \left(\frac{R+r_1}{R-r_1} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2R} \ln \left(\frac{(R+r_2)(R-r_1)}{(R-r_2)(R+r_1)} \right).\end{aligned}$$

So the radius of the Universe would appear to be:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^R \frac{1}{R^2 - r^2} dr &= \frac{1}{2R} \ln \left(\frac{(R+R)R}{(R-R)R} \right) \\ &\rightarrow \infty.\end{aligned}$$