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*Compression of uniform embeddings into Hilbert space*

The notion of uniform embedding of metric spaces plays an important role in study of large scale properties of finitely generated groups. A map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of metric spaces  $(X, d_X)$  and  $(Y, d_Y)$  is called a *uniform embedding* if there are two real functions  $\rho_-$  and  $\rho_+$  with  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_-(r) = +\infty$  such that  $\rho_-(d_X(x, z)) \leq d_Y(f(x), f(z)) \leq \rho_+(d_X(x, z))$  for all  $x, z \in X$ . For example, a bi-Lipschitz map is a uniform embedding with linear functions  $\rho_-$  and  $\rho_+$ . If one tries to embed a given space  $X$  uniformly into Hilbert space, how close to bi-Lipschitz could the embedding be? We answer this question for finite dimensional CAT(0) cube complexes and for hyperbolic groups with word metric.