Contact graphs of Kleinian and Julia gaskets

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A circle packing on the Riemann sphere is a collection of round disks with pairwisely disjoint interiors. Given a circle packing, its contact graph is constructed by assigning a vertex for each disk, and an edge connecting two vertices if the corresponding disks touch. A gasket is the homeomorphic image of the complement of an infinite circle packing with connected contact graph, e.g. the well-known Apollonian gasket. Many gaskets arise as both limit sets of Kleinian groups a nd Julia sets of rational maps, and in each case, the action of the Kleinian group or the rational map induces an action on the contact graph. In this talk, I will discuss what Kleinian groups possess gasket limit sets, and what rational functions (with a focus on degree 2) possess gasket Julia sets. I will also explain how to use the induced action on contact graphs to show that the gasket Julia set of a quadratic rational map is never quasiconformally homeomorphic to the gasket limit set of any geometrically finite Kleinian group.

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