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# Cellular Automata vs. Quasisturmian Shifts

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Let  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbb{T}^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \cong [0, 1)$  be circle group. Fix  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{T}$  (irrational).

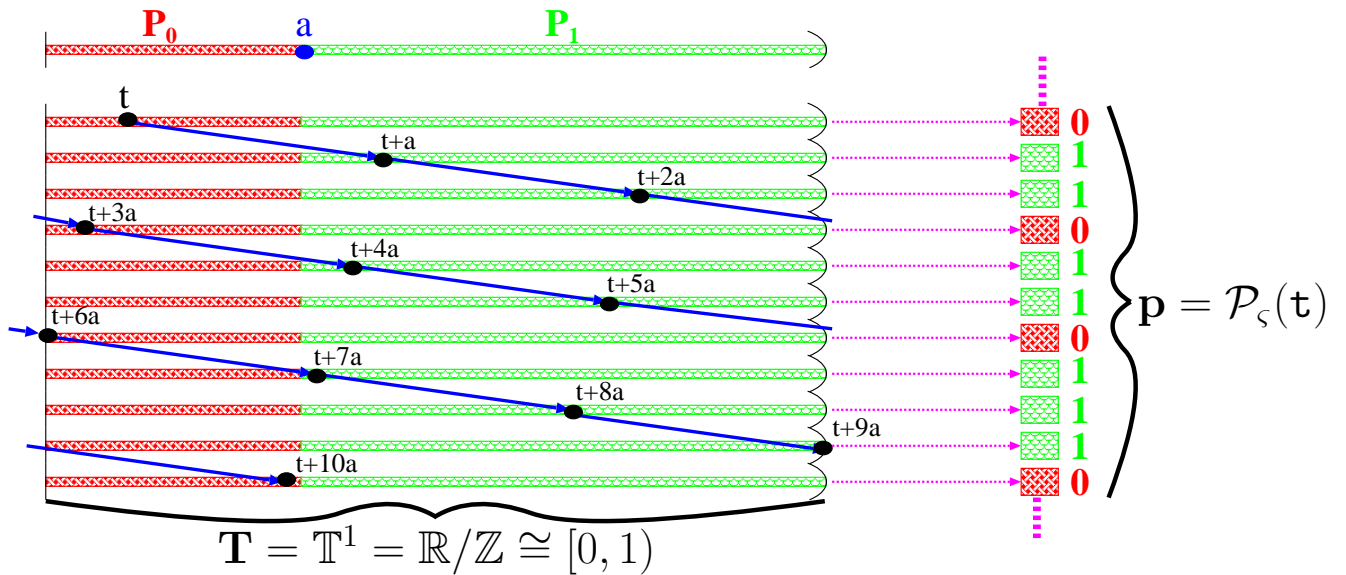
Define **irrational rotation**:  $\varsigma : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  by  $\varsigma(\mathbf{t}) := \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{a}, \forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}$ .

If  $\mathbf{P}_0 := (0, \mathbf{a})$  &  $\mathbf{P}_1 := (\mathbf{a}, 1)$ , then  $\mathcal{P} := \{\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{P}_1\}$  is a partition of  $\mathbf{T}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A} := \{0, 1\}$ . For  $\forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}$ , the  $\mathcal{P}$ -itinerary of  $\mathbf{t}$  is the  $\mathcal{A}$ -sequence

$$\mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t}) := [\dots, p_{-1}, p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots] \text{ where } p_\ell := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \varsigma^\ell(\mathbf{t}) \in \mathbf{P}_0 \\ 1 & \text{if } \varsigma^\ell(\mathbf{t}) \in \mathbf{P}_1 \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{p} := \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t})$  is a **Sturmian sequence** [Morse & Hedlund (1940)]



We get function  $\mathcal{P}_\varsigma : \tilde{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  (where  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}} \subset \mathbf{T}$  dense  $G_\delta$ ) such that

$$\mathcal{P}_\varsigma \circ \varsigma = \sigma \circ \mathcal{P}_\varsigma.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{P} := \text{closure} [\mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\tilde{\mathbf{T}})] \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a **Sturmian shift**.

- Minimal: every point of  $\mathfrak{P}$  has dense  $\sigma$ -orbit.
- Facts:**
- The smallest complexity of any nonperiodic subshift.
  - $\#(\mathfrak{P}\text{-words of length } n) = n + 1$ . Thus,  $h_{\text{top}}(\mathfrak{P}) = 0$ .

Let  $K \geq 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{T} := \mathbb{T}^K = \mathbb{R}^K / \mathbb{Z}^K \cong [0, 1)^K$  be the  $K$ -torus.

Fix  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{T}$  (monothetic). Define **irrational rotation**:  $\varsigma : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  by

$$\varsigma(\mathbf{t}) := \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{a}, \quad \forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}.$$

$\mathcal{A}$ : finite alphabet. An  $\mathcal{A}$ -indexed **open partition** of  $\mathbf{T}$  is collection  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{P}_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$  of open subsets of  $\mathbf{T}$ , so that:

If  $\mathbf{P}_* := \bigsqcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \mathbf{P}_a$ , then:

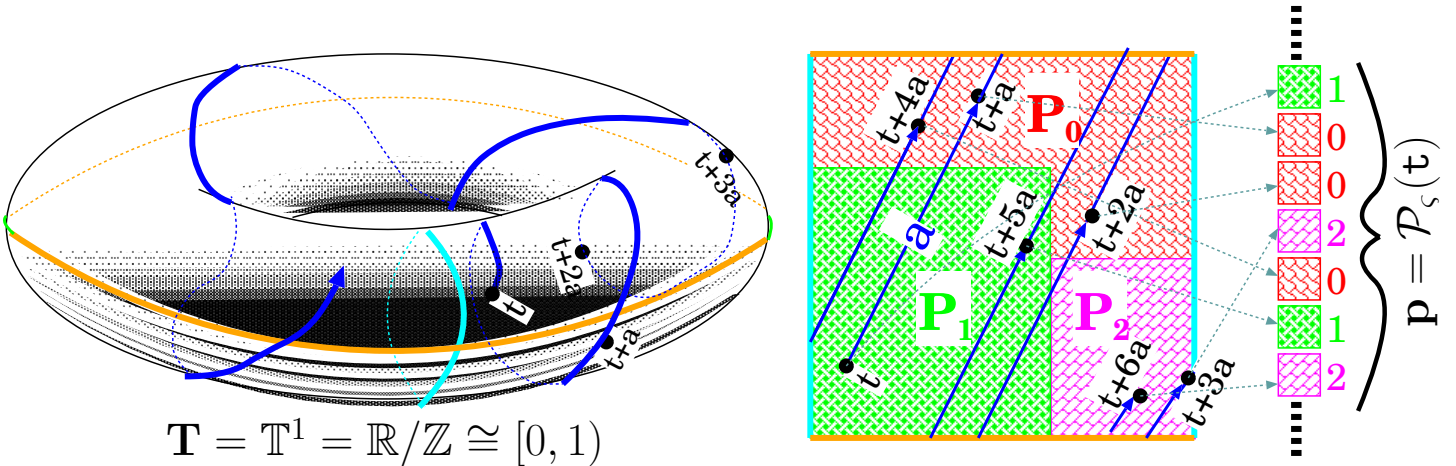
- $\lambda[\mathbf{P}_*] = 1$ . ( $\lambda :=$  Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbf{T}$ .)
- $\mathbf{P}_*$  is dense.

Define measurable function  $\mathcal{P} : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  by  $\mathcal{P}^{-1}\{a\} = \mathbf{P}_a, \forall a \in \mathcal{A}$ .

For any  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}$ , the **itinerary** of  $\mathbf{t}$  is the sequence

$$\mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t}) := [\dots, p_{-1}, p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots] \text{ where } p_\ell := \mathcal{P}(\varsigma^\ell(\mathbf{t})), \text{ for all } \ell \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\mathbf{p} := \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t})$  is a **quasisturmian sequence**



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$\mathcal{P}$  is **measurable partition** if  $\{\mathbf{P}_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$  are measurable &  $\lambda[\mathbf{P}_*] = 1$ .

Let  $\mu := \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\lambda)$ . Then  $\mu$  is a **quasisturmian measure** on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ .

Let  $D \geq 1$ . Let  $\mathbb{L} := \mathbb{Z}^D$ , a  $D$ -dimensional lattice.

Let  $\tau : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}$  be a monomorphism with dense image.

Define **rotation action** of  $\mathbb{L}$  on  $\mathbf{T}$ :

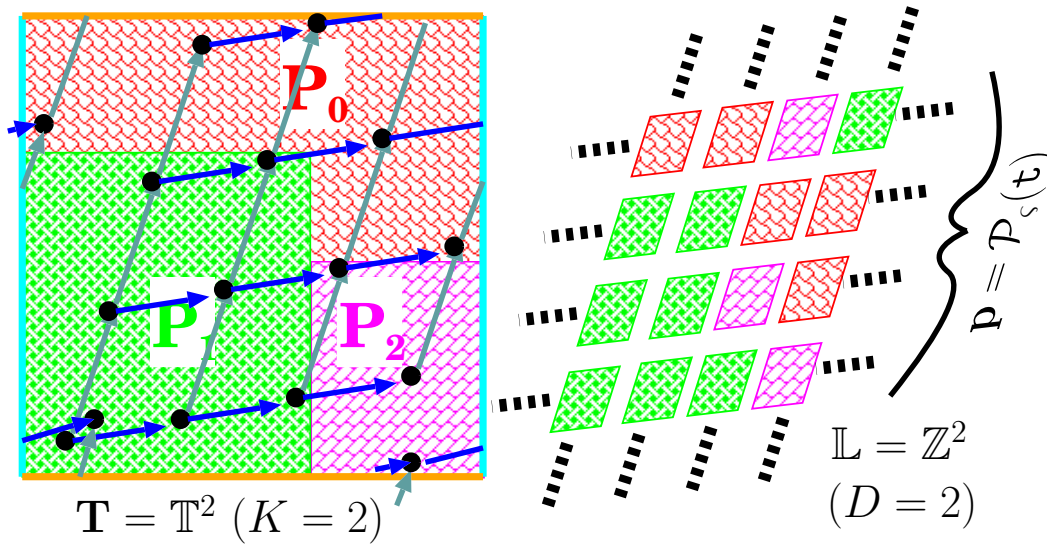
$$\text{For any } \ell \in \mathbb{L} \text{ and } \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}, \quad \varsigma^\ell(\mathbf{t}) := \mathbf{t} + \tau(\ell).$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite alphabet and let  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{P}_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$  be an open partition.

For  $\forall \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T}$ , the **itinerary** of  $\mathbf{t}$  is the  $D$ -dimensional  $\mathcal{A}$ -configuration:

$$\mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t}) := [p_\ell]_{\ell \in \mathbb{L}} \text{ where } p_\ell := \mathcal{P}(\varsigma^\ell(\mathbf{t})), \text{ for all } \ell \in \mathbb{L}.$$

$\mathbf{p} := \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\mathbf{t})$  is a **quasisturmian configuration**



We get function  $\mathcal{P}_\varsigma : \tilde{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  (where  $\tilde{\mathbf{T}} \subset \mathbf{T}$  dense  $G_\delta$ ) such that

$$\mathcal{P}_\varsigma \circ \varsigma^\ell = \sigma^\ell \circ \mathcal{P}_\varsigma, \quad \text{for all } \ell \in \mathbb{L}.$$

$\mathfrak{P} := \text{closure} \left[ \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\tilde{\mathbf{T}}) \right] \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is a **quasisturmian shift** on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$

If  $\mathcal{P}$  is a *measurable* partition, then  $\mu := \mathcal{P}_\varsigma(\lambda)$  is a **quasisturmian measure** on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ .

The standard topology on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is induced by **Cantor metric**:

$$\forall \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}, \quad d_C(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) := 2^{-D(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})}; \quad D(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) := \min \{ |\ell| ; \ell \in \mathbb{L}, p_\ell \neq q_\ell \}.$$

Let  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta := \{ \text{Quasisturmian sequences in } \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \}$ .

Then  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta$  is  $\sigma$ -invariant,  $d_C$ -dense subset of  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  (but not  $d_C$ -closed).

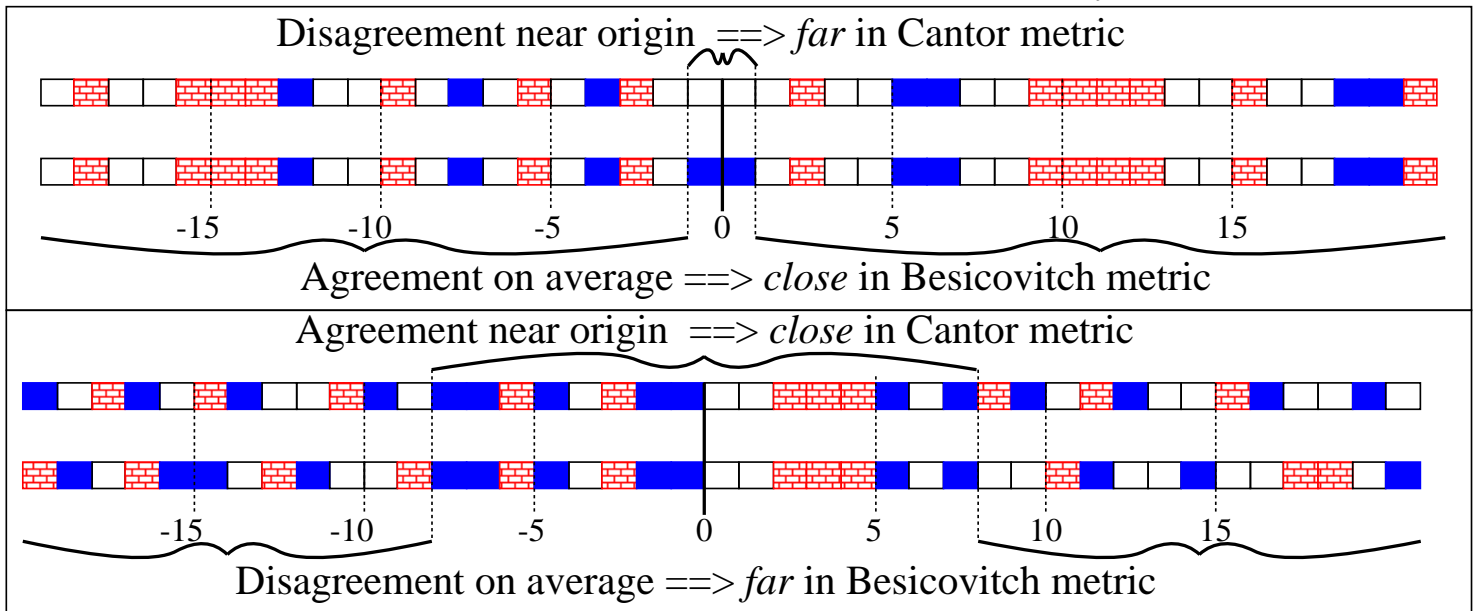
More useful is **Besicovitch (pseudo)metric**:  $\forall \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ ,

$$d_B(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) := \overline{\text{density}}(\ell \in \mathbb{L} ; p_\ell \neq q_\ell) = \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{ \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{B}(N) ; p_{\mathbf{b}} \neq q_{\mathbf{b}} \}}{(2N)^D}$$

(pseudometric, because  $d_B(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = 0$  if  $\mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{q}$  on set of density zero.)

**Lemma:** *If  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta$ , then  $(d_B(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = 0) \iff (\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{q})$ .*

Hence,  $d_B$  is a true metric when restricted to  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta$ . □



Cellular automata are Besicovitch-continuous; topological dynamics studied by F. Blanchard, E. Formenti, and P. Kurka [1997].



**Theorem 1:** [Hof & Knill, 1995; M.P. 2004] Let  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \rightrightarrows$  be a CA.

(a) If  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is a QS sequence, then  $\Phi(\mathbf{p})$  is also a QS sequence.  
Thus,  $\Phi(\Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta) \subseteq \Omega\mathcal{S}_\zeta$ .

(b) If  $\mathfrak{P} \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is a QS shift, then  $\Phi(\mathfrak{P})$  is also a QS shift.

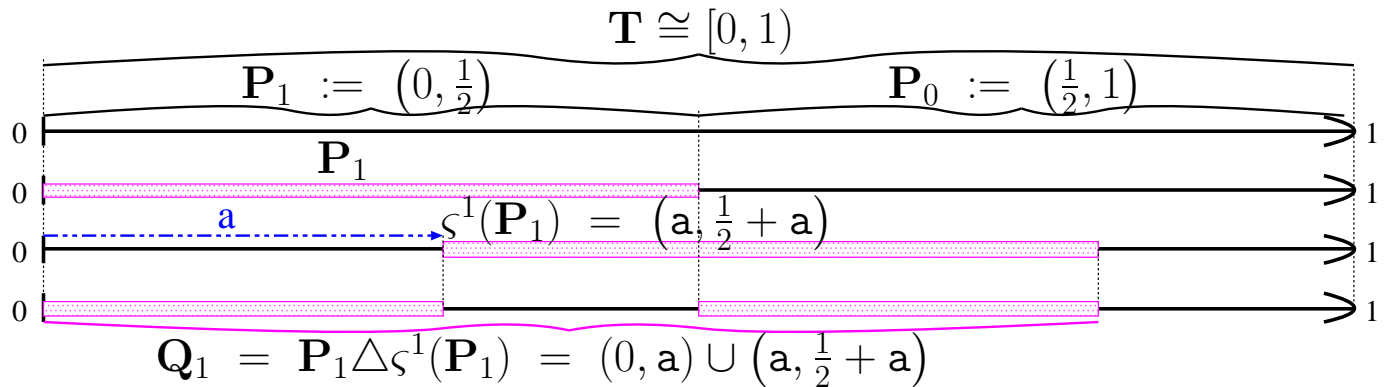
(c) If  $\mu$  is a QS measure, then  $\Phi(\mu)$  is also a QS measure.  $\square$

**Proof idea:** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{P}_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$ . Define partition  $\mathcal{Q} := \{\mathbf{Q}_a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$  by

$$\forall a \in \mathcal{A}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_a := \bigcup_{\substack{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{B}} \\ \phi(\mathbf{c})=a}} \bigcap_{b \in \mathbb{B}} \zeta^{-b}(\mathbf{P}_{c_b}) \subset \mathbf{T}.$$

**Example:**  $\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{Z}$ ;  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/2$ ;  $\Phi := \text{Id} + \sigma$ .

$$\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 \Delta_\zeta(\mathbf{P}_1) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Q}_0 = \mathbf{Q}_1^c = \left( \mathbf{P}_0 \cap \zeta(\mathbf{P}_0) \right) \sqcup \left( \mathbf{P}_1 \cap \zeta(\mathbf{P}_1) \right).$$



We write: ' $\mathcal{Q} = \Phi_\zeta(\mathcal{P})$ '. Thus,  $\Phi$  induces a map  $\Phi_\zeta: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ , where

$$\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}} := \{ \mathcal{A}\text{-labelled partitions of } \mathbf{T} \}.$$

**Lemma 2:** Let  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$  and let  $\mathcal{Q} = \Phi_\zeta(\mathcal{P})$ . Then

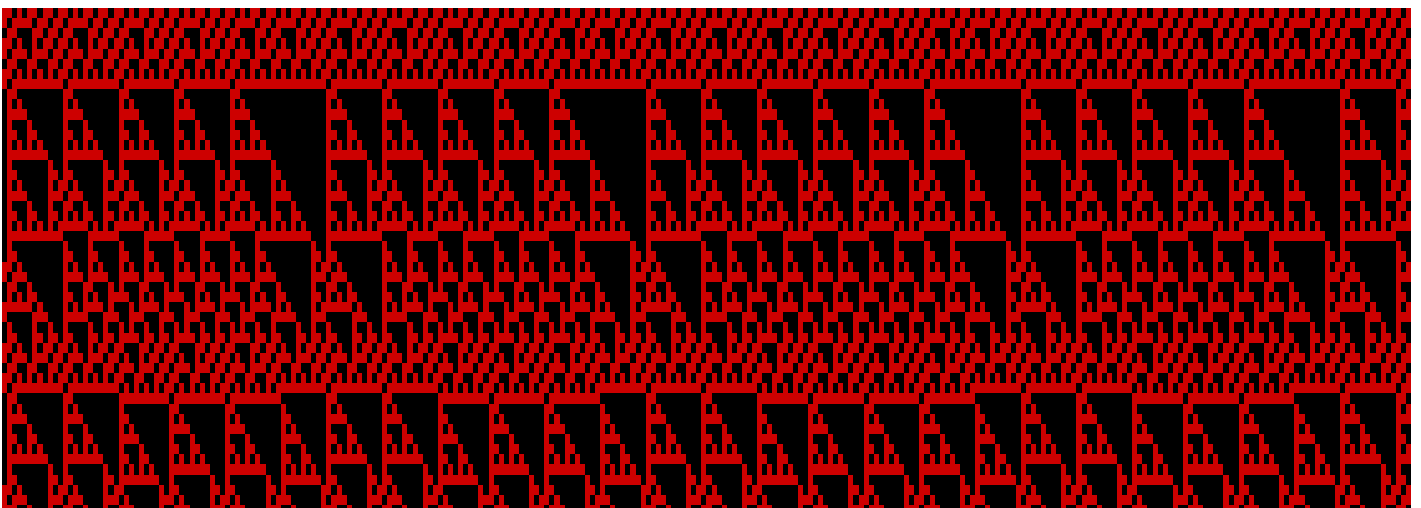
(a) If  $\mathcal{P}$  is open then  $\mathcal{Q}$  is open. If  $\mathbf{t} \in \tilde{\mathbf{T}}$ , then  $\Phi(\mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{t})) = \mathcal{Q}_\zeta(\mathbf{t})$ .

(b) If  $\mathfrak{P} = \text{QS shift of } \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\Phi(\mathfrak{P}) = \text{QS shift of } \mathcal{Q}$ .

(c) If  $\mu = \text{QS measure of } \mathcal{P}$ , then  $\Phi(\mu) = \text{QS measure of } \mathcal{Q}$ .  $\square$



Fifty iterations of  $\Phi_\zeta$  on a partition of  $\mathbb{T}$ .



Fifty iterations of  $\Phi$  on a corresponding quasisturmian sequence.



Let  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}} := \{\mathcal{A}\text{-labelled measurable partitions of } \mathbf{T}\}$ .

Define **symmetric difference** metric on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ :

$$d_{\Delta}(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}) = \sum_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \lambda(\mathbf{P}_a \Delta \mathbf{Q}_a), \quad \text{for any } \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}.$$

$(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}, d_{\Delta})$  is a complete and bounded metric space (but not compact).

${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}} := \{\mathcal{A}\text{-labelled open partitions of } \mathbf{T}\}$  is  $d_{\Delta}$ -dense subset of  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ .

**Theorem** *Let  $\Phi : \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \rightrightarrows$  be any cellular automaton. Then*

- (a)  $\Phi_{\zeta} : \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$  is  $d_{\Delta}$ -Lipschitz.
- (b)  $(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}, d_{\Delta}, \Phi_{\zeta})$  is a topological dynamical system, and
- (c)  $\Phi_{\zeta}({}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}) \subset {}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ , so  $({}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}, d_{\Delta}, \Phi_{\zeta})$  is a subsystem. □

Let  ${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}} := \{\mathcal{A}\text{-labelled open partitions of } \mathbf{T} \text{ with } 0 \in \tilde{\mathbf{T}}\}$ .

Then  ${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}}$  is a  $\zeta$ -invariant,  $\Phi_{\zeta}$ -invariant, comeager subset of  ${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ .

**Theorem:** *Define  $\xi_{\zeta} : {}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$  by  $\xi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{P}) := \mathcal{P}_{\zeta}(0)$ . Then:*

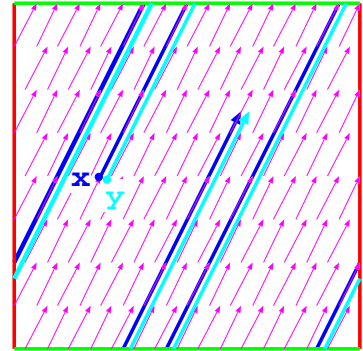
- (a)  $\xi_{\zeta}({}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}}) = \Omega\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$ .
- (b) *If  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q} \in {}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}}$ , then  $d_{\Delta}(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}) = 2 \cdot d_B(\xi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{P}), \xi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{Q}))$ .*
- (c)  $\xi_{\zeta} \circ \Phi_{\zeta} = \Phi \circ \xi_{\zeta}$ . Also, for any  $\ell \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $\xi_{\zeta} \circ \zeta^{\ell} = \sigma^{\ell} \circ \xi_{\zeta}$ .
- (e)  $\xi_{\zeta}$  is top. dyn. sys. isomorphism  $({}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}}, d_{\Delta}, \Phi_{\zeta}, \zeta) \cong (\Omega\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}, d_B, \Phi, \sigma)$ .

□

**Idea:** Study action of  $\Phi$  on  $\Omega\mathcal{G}_{\zeta}$  via action of  $\Phi_{\zeta}$  on  ${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbf{T}}$ ,  ${}^{\circ}\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$  &  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ .

Top.dyn.sys.  $(\mathbf{X}, d, \varphi)$  is **equicontinuous** if,  
for  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that  $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{X},$

$$\left( d(x, y) < \delta \right) \implies \left( d(\varphi^n(x), \varphi^n(y)) < \epsilon \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N} \right).$$



**Theorem:** If  $(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}, d_C, \Phi)$  is equicont. then  $({}^o\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbb{T}}, d_{\Delta}, \Phi_{\zeta})$  is equicont.  $\square$

Let  $\xi > 0$ . The top.dyn.sys.  $(\mathcal{QS}_{\zeta}, d_B, \Phi)$  is (positively)  $\xi$ -**expansive** if, for  $\forall \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{QS}_{\zeta}$  with  $\mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{p}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $d_B(\Phi^n(\mathbf{p}), \Phi^n(\mathbf{q})) > \xi$ .

**Proposition** [Blanchard, Formenti & Kurka, 1997]

If  $\Phi : \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} \curvearrowright$  is any CA, then  $(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}, \Phi, d_B)$  is not expansive.

**Proof idea:** Construct  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  which is ‘nonexpansive’ for all CA.  $\square$

But  $\mathbf{a}$  is *not* QS, so this proof does *not* apply to  $(\mathcal{QS}_{\zeta}, d_B, \Phi)$ .

If  $\mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}^1$ , let

$$\mathcal{QS}_{\mathbf{t}} := \{\text{QS sequences induced by rotation-by-}\mathbf{t}\} \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}.$$

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/2$  and let  $\Phi := \text{Id} + \sigma$ .

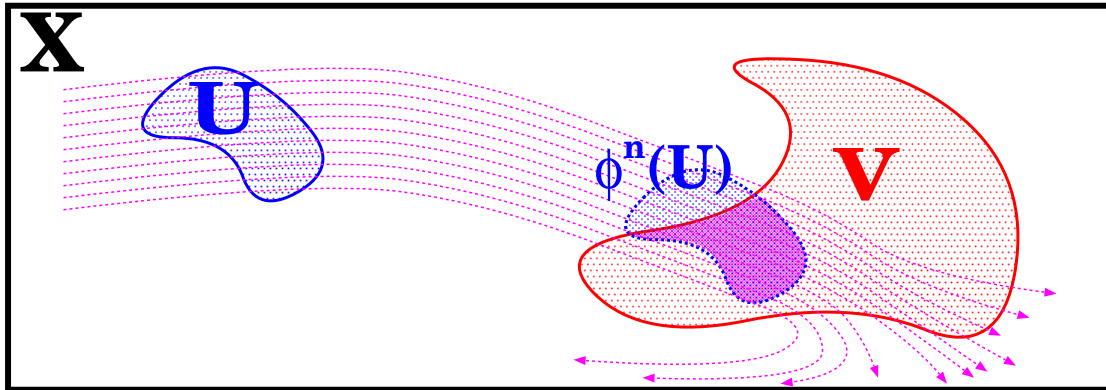
For  $\forall_{\lambda} \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{T}$ , the top.dyn.sys.  $(\mathcal{QS}_{\mathbf{t}}, d_B, \Phi)$  is expansive.  $\square$

**Proof Idea:** Sufficient to show expansive at [...0000...]. ( $\Phi$  is linear).

Small ‘perturbations’ of [...0000...] are magnified along certain powers of 2 (use *Fermat Property*: for  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \Phi^{2^n} = \text{Id} + \sigma^{2^n}$ .)  $\square$

A top.dyn.sys.  $(\mathbf{X}, d, \varphi)$  is **transitive** if, for any open sets  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \subset \mathbf{X}$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\mathbf{U} \cap \varphi^{-n}(\mathbf{V}) \neq \emptyset$ .

$(\mathbf{X}, d, \varphi)$  is **topologically mixing** if, for any open sets  $\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V} \subset \mathbf{X}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $\mathbf{U} \cap \varphi^{-n}(\mathbf{V}) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n > N$ .



**Theorem:**

- If  $(\mathcal{A}^T, d_\Delta, \Phi_\varsigma)$  is transitive, then  $(\mathcal{A}^L, d_C, \Phi)$  is transitive.
- If  $(\mathcal{A}^T, d_\Delta, \Phi_\varsigma)$  is top.mixing, then  $(\mathcal{A}^L, d_C, \Phi)$  is top.mixing.  $\square$

**Question:**  $\exists$  CA  $\Phi$  such that  $(\mathcal{A}^T, d_\Delta, \Phi_\varsigma)$  is transitive or top.mixing?

**Conjecture:** *If  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is surjective, then  $\Phi_{\zeta}: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}} \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  is surjective.*

**Counterexample:**  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1\} = \mathbb{Z}/2$ . For any  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ , if  $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{P}_0, \mathbf{P}_1\}$ , then let  $\overline{\mathcal{P}} := \{\overline{\mathbf{P}}_0, \overline{\mathbf{P}}_1\}$ , where  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}_0 := \mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{P}}_1 := \mathbf{P}_0$ .

**Lemma:** *Let  $\Phi := \text{Id} + \sigma$ . If  $\mathcal{P} \in \Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$ , then  $\overline{\mathcal{P}} \notin \Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$ .  $\square$*

Thus  $\Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$  only fills ‘half’ of  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ . But  $\Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$  is still dense in  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ ...

**Theorem** *Let  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  be a cellular automaton. TFAE:*

- (a)  $\Phi$  is surjective onto  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ .
- (b)  $\Phi_{\zeta}({}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$  is  $d_{\Delta}$ -dense in  ${}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $\Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}})$  is  $d_{\Delta}$ -dense in  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ .
- (c)  $\Phi(\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta})$  is  $d_B$ -dense in  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$ .
- (d)  $\Phi(\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta})$  is  $d_C$ -dense in  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$ .

**Proof idea:** “(a) $\implies$ (b)” Irrational rotations are *rank one*, so we can ‘tile’ any QS sequence  $\mathbf{p} = \mathcal{P}_{\zeta}(\mathbf{t})$  with some word  $\mathbf{w}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{v}$  be a  $\Phi$ -preimage of  $\mathbf{w}$ . Build  $\mathcal{Q} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  such that  $\mathbf{q} := \mathcal{Q}_{\zeta}(\mathbf{t})$  is ‘tiled’ with  $\mathbf{v}$  (and ‘tilings’ of  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$  are ‘aligned’). Then  $\Phi(\mathbf{q}) \xrightarrow[d_B]{\sim} \mathbf{p}$ . Thus,  $\Phi_{\zeta}(\mathcal{Q}) \xrightarrow[d_{\Delta}]{\sim} \mathcal{P}$ .

“(b) $\implies$ (c)” Top.dyn.sys. isomorphism  $({}^o\mathcal{A}_0^{\mathbb{T}}, d_{\Delta}, \Phi_{\zeta}) \cong (\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}, d_B, \Phi)$ .

“(c) $\implies$ (d)” Use ‘tiling’ argument to show:

*If  $\mathfrak{X} \subset \Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$  is  $\sigma$ -invariant and  $d_B$ -dense in  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$ , then  $\mathfrak{X}$  is also  $d_C$ -dense in  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$ .*

“(d) $\implies$ (a)”  $\Omega\mathcal{S}_{\zeta}$  is  $d_C$ -dense in  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ . Thus,  $\Phi(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}})$  is dense in  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ ; thus  $\Phi(\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}) = \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  (compactness).  $\square$

**Theorem** Let  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  be a CA.  $\exists$  dense  $G_\delta$  subset  ${}^*\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}} \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ , with  $\Phi_\zeta({}^*\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}) \subseteq {}^*\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ , so that, for  $\forall \mathcal{P} \in {}^*\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ , the following dichotomies hold:

(a) If  $\mu$  is QS measure induced by  $\mathcal{P}$ , then either  $\Phi$  is constant ( $\mu$ - $\mathfrak{a}$ ), or  $\Phi$  is injective ( $\mu$ - $\mathfrak{a}$ ).

(b) If  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  and  $\mathfrak{P}$  is the QS shift induced by  $\mathcal{P}$ , then either  $\Phi|_{\mathfrak{P}}$  is constant, or  $\Phi|_{\mathfrak{P}}$  is injective.

**Proof idea:** Say that  $\mathcal{P}$  is simple if  $\mathcal{P}$  has no translational symmetries.

**Lemma:** Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  is simple.

(a) If  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  then the map  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta: \tilde{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is injective ( $\lambda$ - $\mathfrak{a}$ ).

(b) If  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  then  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta: \tilde{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_\zeta(\tilde{\mathbb{T}}) \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is a homeomorphism with respect to both to the  $d_C$  and  $d_B$  metrics on  $\tilde{\mathfrak{P}}$ . □

**Corollary:** Suppose  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = \Phi_\zeta(\mathcal{P})$  are both simple.

(a) If  $\mu$  is QS measure of  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\Phi$  is injective ( $\mu$ - $\mathfrak{a}$ ).

(b) If  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  and  $\mathfrak{P}$  is QS shift of  $\mathcal{P}$ , then  $\Phi|_{\mathfrak{P}}$  is injective. □

**Strategy:** Find a dense  $G_\delta$  set  ${}^*\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}} \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  of simple partitions whose  $\Phi_\zeta$ -images are also simple.

**Theorem:** Let  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \curvearrowright$  be a CA. Let  $\mu$  be QS measure generated by  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ . Then:

$$\left( \mu \text{ is } \Phi\text{-invariant} \right) \iff \left( \Phi_{\varsigma}(\mathcal{P}) = \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mathbf{t}}(\mathcal{P}) \text{ for some } \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T} \right).$$

( $\boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mathbf{t}}$  is rotation map ie.  $\boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{s}) := \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{t}$ , for all  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{T}$ ).

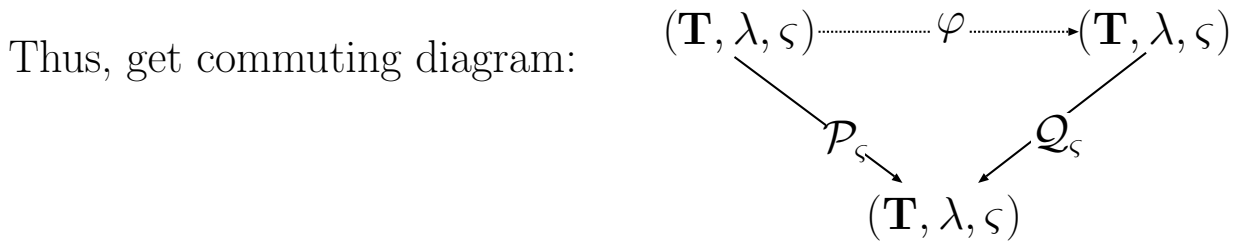
**Proof Sketch:** If  $\mathcal{Q} = \Phi_{\varsigma}(\mathcal{P})$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}$  also generates  $\mu$ . Must show:

**Claim:** If  $\mu$  is generated by  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ , then:

$$\{ \text{Partitions of } \mathbf{T} \text{ generating } \mu \} = \{ \boldsymbol{\rho}^{\mathbf{t}}(\mathcal{P}) ; \mathbf{t} \in \mathbf{T} \}.$$

**Claim proof sketch:** If  $\mathcal{P}$  simple, then  $\mathcal{P}_{\varsigma}: \tilde{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  injective ( $\lambda$ -æ).

If  $\mathcal{Q}$  also generates  $\mu$ , and  $\mathcal{Q}$  simple, then  $\mathcal{Q}_{\varsigma}: \tilde{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  is injective ( $\lambda$ -æ).  
(If  $\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}$  not simple, then replace with ‘quotient’ partitions)



$\varphi := \mathcal{Q}_{\varsigma}^{-1} \circ \mathcal{P}_{\varsigma}$  is measure-preserving endomorphism of torus rotation system  $(\mathbf{T}, \lambda, \varsigma)$ . Any endomorphism must be a rotation. Claim follows.  $\square$

**Corollary:** If  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/2$ , then  $\Phi := \text{Id} + \sigma$  has no QS invariant measures.

**Proof idea:** If  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ , then  $\Phi_{\varsigma}^{2^{n_k}}(\mathcal{P}) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{O}$  (trivial partition) for some sequence  $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ . (“Niltropy”)

But this is impossible if  $\Phi_{\varsigma}$  is acting as rotation.  $\square$

**Question:** If  $\mu$  is a QS measure, then  $\exists \text{wk}^* \text{-} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi^n \mu$ ?

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is an abelian group (eg.  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/n$ ) then so is  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ . A **linear CA** is a CA  $\Phi : \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  that is also a group homomorphism.

If  $\mu$  is prob.measure on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ , then  $\Phi$  **asymptotically randomizes**  $\mu$  if  $\text{wk}^* \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi^n \mu = \eta$ , ( $\eta :=$  uniform (‘Haar’) measure on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ .)

**Theorem 1** [D.Lind, 1984]

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \bullet \mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/_2 \text{ and } \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{Z}. \\ \bullet \Phi = \sigma^{-1} + \sigma^1. \text{ (“N.N. XOR”)} \\ \bullet \mu \text{ is a } \mathbf{Bernoulli} \text{ measure.} \end{array} \right) \implies \left( \begin{array}{l} \Phi \text{ asymptotically} \\ \text{randomizes } \mu \end{array} \right)$$

**Theorem 2** [P.Ferrari, P.Ney, A.Maass & S.Martínez, 1998]

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \bullet p \text{ prime; } \mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/_{(p^n)}; \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{N}. \\ \bullet \Phi = \varphi_0 \cdot \sigma^0 + \varphi_1 \cdot \sigma^1. \text{ (“Ledrappier”)} \\ \quad \varphi_0 \text{ and } \varphi_1 \text{ are relativ. prime to } p. \\ \bullet \mu \text{ is a } \mathbf{Markov} \text{ measure.} \\ \text{All transition probabilities nonzero.} \end{array} \right) \implies \left( \begin{array}{l} \Phi \text{ asympt.} \\ \text{randomizes } \mu \end{array} \right)$$

**Theorem 3** [R.Yassawi & M.P., 2000]

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \bullet \text{ Let } \mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/_p \text{ (} p \text{ prime).} \\ \bullet \text{ Let } \mathbb{L} = \mathbb{Z}^D \times \mathbb{N}^d \text{ be any lattice.} \\ \bullet \text{ Let } \Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \text{ be any nontrivial linear} \\ \quad \text{cellular automaton (ie. not a shift).} \\ \bullet \mu \text{ a } \mathbf{harmonically mixing} \text{ measure.} \end{array} \right) \implies \left( \begin{array}{l} \Phi \text{ asympt.} \\ \text{randomizes } \mu \end{array} \right)$$

**Harmonic Mixing:** eg. Bernoulli measures, Markov chains, or Markov random fields with ‘full support’.

Y&P [2002, 2003] extends Thm.3 to  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{Z}/_n$  ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) and other abelian groups, and to  $\mu$  supported on subshifts of finite type and sofic shifts.

**Theorem:**  $\exists \mathbf{S} \subseteq \mathbb{T}^1$  (dense  $G_\delta$ ) so that, for any  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^\mathbb{T}$ , if  $\mu$  is the QS measure generated by  $\mathcal{P}$  under  $\mathbf{s}$ -rotation, then  $\mu$  is not asymptotically randomized by  $\Phi = \text{Id} + \sigma$ .

**Proof Heuristic: Fermat Property:** For  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Phi^{2^n} = \text{Id} + \sigma^{2^n}$ .

Thus  $\Phi_\zeta^{2^n} = \text{Id} + \zeta^{2^n}$ .

Now suppose  $\mathbf{s} = 0.1 \underbrace{0}_1 1 \underbrace{000}_3 1 \underbrace{0000000}_7 1 \underbrace{00\dots0}_{15} 1 \dots$

**Dyadic Recurrence:**  $\exists \{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  s.t.  $d(2^{n_k} \cdot \mathbf{s}, 0) < 2^{-n_k}$ .

Thus,  $\Phi_\zeta^{2^n}(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{P} + \zeta^{2^n}(\mathcal{P}) \sim \mathcal{P} + \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{O}$ . ( $\mathcal{O}$  = trivial partition).

Thus,  $\Phi_\zeta^{2^n+k}(\mathcal{P}) \sim \Phi^k(\mathcal{O}) \sim \mathcal{O}$  for  $k \in [0\dots 2^{n-4}]$

Thus,  $\Phi^{2^n+k}(\mu)[0000] \geq \frac{1}{8} > \frac{1}{16} = \eta[0000]$  for  $k \in [0\dots 2^{n-4}]$ .

Thus,  $\text{wk}^* \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi^n \mu \neq \eta$ : it gives too much mass to [0000].  $\square$

**Corollary:**  $\exists$  weak\* cluster point  $\mu_\infty$  of  $\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \Phi^n \mu \right\}_{N=1}^\infty$ ;  $\mu_\infty \neq \eta$ .

Now,  $\Phi(\mu_\infty) = \mu_\infty$ , so  $h(\mu_\infty, \sigma) = 0$  [Host, Maass, Martinez, 2004]. But also  $\mu_\infty$  is not QS.

**Question:** What is  $\mu_\infty$ ?

**Remark:**  $\lambda[\mathbf{S}] = 0$ . Can we find a larger set of ‘nonrandomizing’ irrational rotations? **Conjecture:** Yes.

**Question:** Can *any* CA asymptotically randomize *any* QS measure?

**Conjecture:** No.



Hof & Knill [1995] saw empirically that  $\Phi_\zeta$  ‘chops’ partition  $\mathcal{P}$  into tiny bits. Empirically, # of bits in  $\Phi_\zeta^n(\mathcal{P})$  grew polynomially with  $n$ .

**Idea:** Measure ‘chopping’ via growth in size of  $\partial\mathcal{P} := \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \partial\mathbf{P}_a$ .

Let  $[\partial\mathcal{P}]$  be some measure of size of  $\partial\mathcal{P}$ . For example:

- If  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{T}^1$ , then  $[\partial\mathcal{P}]$  is *cardinality* of  $\partial\mathcal{P}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{T}^2$ , then  $[\partial\mathcal{P}]$  is *length* of  $\partial\mathcal{P}$ .
- If  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{T}^3$ , then  $[\partial\mathcal{P}]$  is *area* of  $\partial\mathcal{P}$ .
- If  $\partial\mathcal{P}$  is  $\alpha$ -dim. fractal, then  $[\partial\mathcal{P}]$  is  $\alpha$ -dim. Hausdorff measure.

$\Phi_\zeta$  **chops  $\mathcal{P}$  on average** if  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N [\partial(\Phi_\zeta^n[\mathcal{P}])] = \infty$ .

Equivalently,  $\exists \mathbb{J} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\text{density}(\mathbb{J}) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\mathbb{J} \ni j \rightarrow \infty} [\partial(\Phi_\zeta^j[\mathcal{P}])] = \infty.$$

$\Phi_\zeta$  **chops  $\mathcal{P}$  intermittently** if  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\partial(\Phi_\zeta^n[\mathcal{P}])] = \infty$ .

Equivalent:  $\exists \mathbb{J} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  (zero density) so that  $\lim_{\mathbb{J} \ni j \rightarrow \infty} [\partial(\Phi_\zeta^j[\mathcal{P}])] = \infty$ .

**Proposition:** If  $\mathbb{L} := \mathbb{Z}^D$  and  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is CA, then  $\exists C > 0$  so that, if  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $[\partial(\Phi_\zeta^n[\mathcal{P}])] \leq C \cdot n^D \cdot [\partial\mathcal{P}]$ .  $\square$

**Proposition:** If  $(\Omega\mathfrak{S}_\zeta, d_B, \Phi)$  is expansive, then  $\Phi_\zeta$  intermittently chops all  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ .

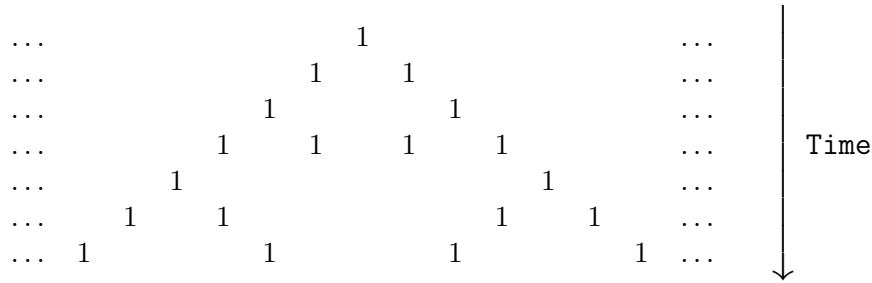
**Proof idea:** Let  $\mathcal{P}^n := \Phi_\zeta^n(\mathcal{P})$ . Then  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta^n : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \Omega\mathfrak{S}_\zeta$  is Lipschitz with constant proportional to  $[\partial\mathcal{P}^n]$ . If  $\mathbf{s} \sim \mathbf{t}$  then  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{s}) \sim \mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{t})$ . But if  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta^n(\mathbf{s}) \not\sim \mathcal{P}_\zeta^n(\mathbf{t})$ , then  $[\partial\mathcal{P}^n]$  must have gotten large.  $\square$

$\mathcal{A} := \mathbb{Z}/2$ . A **boolean linear CA (BLCA)** is linear CA  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $\Phi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{L}}$  be a nontrivial BLCA. For a ‘generic’ set of  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $\Phi$  chops  $\mathcal{P}$  on average.

If  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{T}^1$ , then  $\Phi$  chops all  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  on average.

**Proof idea:**  $\Phi_{\varsigma}$  multiplies boundary points the same way  $\Phi$  multiplies a ‘point mass’ [.....00000000**1**00000000.....] into many point masses.  $\square$



We can be more specific...

**Theorem:** Let  $\Phi = \text{Id} + \sigma$ . Let  $\varsigma$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action on  $\mathbb{T}$ , and let  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$  be ‘generic’. Then, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ...

(a) ...the maximum of  $[\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])]$  grows linearly.  $\exists K > 0$  so that

$$K \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} [\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])] \leq [\partial \mathcal{P}].$$

(b) ...the minimum of  $[\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])]$  remains constant:

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])] \leq 2 [\partial \mathcal{P}].$$

(c) ...the average of  $[\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])]$  grows like  $n^{\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha := \log_2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ .

If  $A(N) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [\partial (\Phi_{\varsigma}^n[\mathcal{P}])]$ , then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(A(N))}{\log(N)} = \alpha$ .

(d) Both (a) and (b) are equalities for a dense set of  $\mathcal{P} \in {}^o\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{T}}$ .  $\square$