

# Symmetric rigidity for circle endomorphisms with bounded geometry and their dual maps

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Let  $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$  and  $\pi(x) = e^{2\pi i x} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ .

## Definition

A **circle homeomorphism** is an orientation preserving homeomorphism  $h : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  with lift  $H : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$\pi \circ H(x) = h \circ \pi(x), \quad H(x+1) = H(x) + 1, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

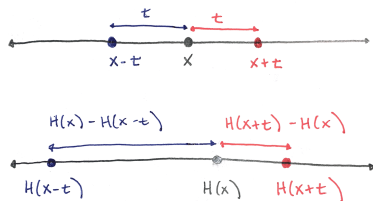
We assume that  $0 \leq H(0) < 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{H} & \mathbb{R} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathbb{T} \end{array}$$

# Types of circle homeomorphisms

$h$  is **quasisymmetric** if  $\exists M > 1$  such that

$$\frac{1}{M} \leq \frac{H(x+t) - H(x)}{H(x) - H(x-t)} \leq M, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$



$h$  is **symmetric** if  $\exists \epsilon : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\epsilon(t) \rightarrow 0^+$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  and

$$\frac{1}{1 + \epsilon(t)} \leq \frac{H(x+t) - H(x)}{H(x) - H(x-t)} \leq 1 + \epsilon(t), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall t > 0.$$

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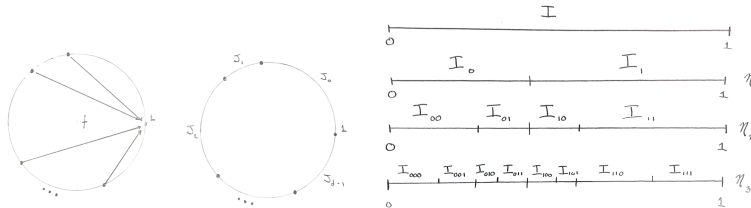
A **circle endomorphism** is an orientation preserving covering map  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  of topological degree  $d \geq 2$ . We assume  $f(1) = 1$ . The lift  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies

$$\pi \circ F(x) = f \circ \pi(x) , \quad F(x+1) = F(x) + d, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We assume  $F(0) = 0$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{R} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{T} \end{array}$$

# Nested Markov partitions for circle endomorphisms



- ▶  $f^{-1}(1)$  creates  $\xi_1 = \{J_0, J_1, \dots, J_{d-1}\}$ .
- ▶ Lift to partition of  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\eta_1 = \{I_0, I_1, \dots, I_{d-1}\}$ .
- ▶ Pull-back partitions:  $\xi_n = f^{-(n-1)}(\xi_1)$ .

$$\xi_n = \{J_{\omega_n} \mid \omega_n = i_0 i_1 \dots i_{n-1}, i_k \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}, 0 \leq k \leq n-1\}.$$

$$f^k(J_{\omega_n}) \in J_{i_k} \text{ for } 0 \leq k \leq n-1$$

- ▶  $I_{\omega_n}$  is the lift of  $J_{\omega_n}$  to  $[0, 1]$ .
- ▶ **Given**  $\{\eta_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  **and**  $0 < C \leq \tau < 1$  **with**  $C^n \leq |I_{\omega_n}| \leq \tau^n$ , **there is a unique circle endomorphism**  $f$  **that creates it.**

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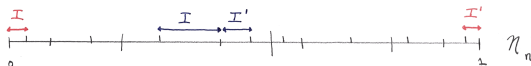
## Definition

1.  $f$  is **uniformly quasymmetric** if  $\exists M > 1$  such that

$$\frac{1}{M} \leq \frac{F^{-n}(x+t) - F^{-n}(x)}{F^{-n}(x) - F^{-n}(x-t)} \leq M, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall t > 0, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

2.  $f$  has **bounded nearby geometry** if  $\exists M \geq 1$  such that  $\forall n \geq 1$  and  $\forall I, I' \in \eta_n$  that share an endpoint (modulo 1),

$$\frac{1}{M} \leq \frac{|I'|}{|I|} \leq M.$$



## Theorem

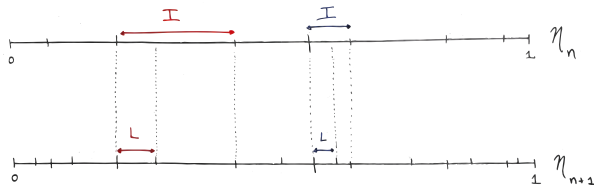
(1)  $\iff$  (2)  $\iff f = h \circ q_d \circ h^{-1}$ ,  $h$  quasymmetric.

# Bounded geometry (weaker condition)

## Definition

$f$  has **bounded geometry** if  $\exists 0 < C \leq \tau(C) < 1$  such that

$$C \leq \frac{|L|}{|I|} < \tau, \quad \forall L \subset I, I \in \eta_n, L \in \eta_{n+1}, \forall n \geq 0.$$



## Lemma

$BNG \Rightarrow BG$ .



# Topological conjugacies

- Any two circle endomorphisms  $f$  and  $g$  of the same degree  $d \geq 2$  that both have **BG** are topologically conjugate.

$$f \circ h = h \circ g$$

If  $f$  and  $g$  both have **BNG** then  $h$  is quasisymmetric.

- All circle endomorphisms  $f$  with **BG** are topologically conjugate to

$$q_d(z) = z^d, \quad Q_d(x) = dx,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{q_d} & \mathbb{T} \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow h \\ \mathbb{T} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{T} \end{array}$$

and semi-conjugate to the **left-shift map**  $\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ .

$$\Sigma = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}.$$

- ▶ A **point**  $\omega \in \Sigma$  is an infinite sequence  $\omega = i_0 i_1 i_2 \dots$ .
- ▶ A **left-cylinder**  $[\omega_n] \subset \Sigma$  of length  $n$  is the set of all points whose first  $n$  terms agree with  $\omega$ .
- ▶ The left-cylinders generate the **left topology**. The set  $\Sigma$  with the left topology is called the **symbolic space**.
- ▶ Then for a point  $\omega = i_0 i_1 \dots \in \Sigma$ , we have

$$\Sigma \supset [\omega_1] \supset [\omega_2] \supset \dots \supset [\omega_n] \supset \dots,$$

just as

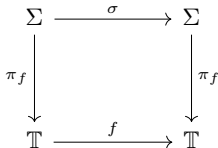
$$\mathbb{T} \supset J_{\omega_1} \supset J_{\omega_2} \supset \dots \supset J_{\omega_n} \supset \dots$$

We define the **projection**  $\pi_f : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  as

$$\pi_f(\omega) = J_\omega = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} J_{\omega_n} = x_\omega,$$

and the **left shift map**  $\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ ,

$$\sigma : i_0 i_1 i_2 \cdots = i_1 i_2 \dots$$



$(\Sigma, \sigma)$  is called the **symbolic dynamical system**. It is the space of all **forward orbits** for the dynamical system  $(\mathbb{T}, f)$ .

- ▶ Let  $\mathbb{T} = [0, 1]$  with  $0 \sim 1$ .
- ▶ Let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- ▶  $M(\mathbb{T})$  denotes the set of all Borel probability measures  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- ▶  $\lambda$  and  $|\cdot|$  denote the Lebesgue probability measure on  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- ▶ Non-atomic measures  $\mu \in M(\mathbb{T})$  with full support are in one to one correspondence with circle homeomorphisms  $h$ .

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= \mu([0, x]), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} && \text{(distribution function)} \\ \mu(A) &= \lambda(h(A)), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}; \quad \mu = h^* \lambda && \text{(pullback)} \end{aligned}$$

## Definition

The measure  $\mu \in M(\mathbb{T})$  is **invariant w.r.t.**  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  if

$$\mu(f^{-1}(A)) = \mu(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Equivalently, let  $f_* : M(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{T})$  such that

$$f_*(\mu)(A) = \mu(f^{-1}(A)), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{T}). \quad (\text{pushforward})$$

An invariant measure with respect to  $f$  is a fixed point of the map  $f_*$ .

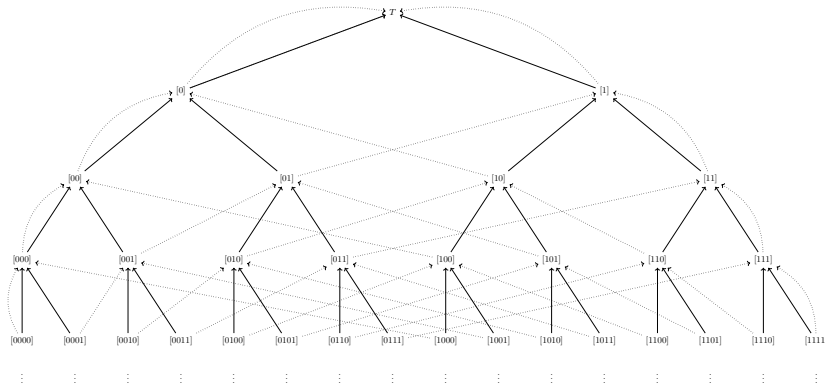
## Remark

Let  $h$  be circle homeomorphism and

$$\mu = h^* \lambda, \quad f = h \circ q_d \circ h^{-1}.$$

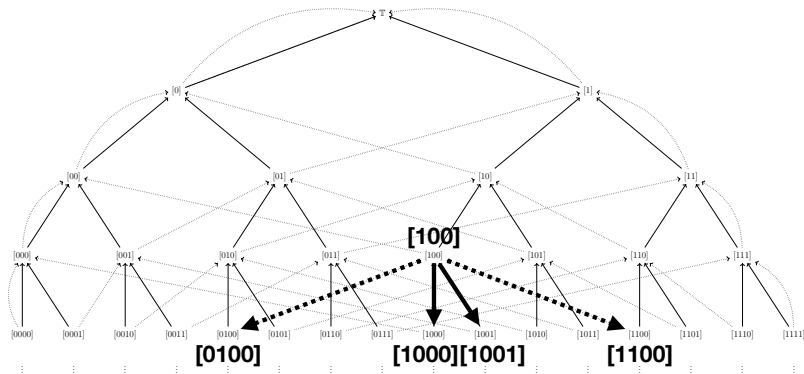
Then  $\mu = h^* \lambda$  is invariant w.r.t.  $q_d \iff \lambda$  is invariant w.r.t.  $f = h \circ q_d \circ h^{-1}$ .

# Nested partitions for $f$ with BG, preserve Lebesgue measure $\lambda$ , $d = 2$



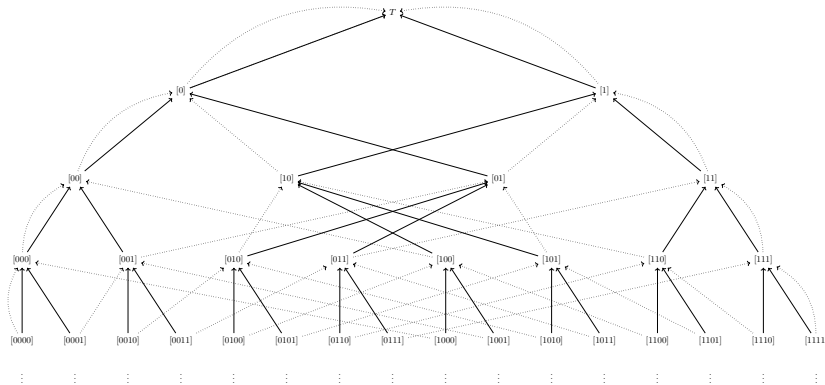
**Figure:** Two directed  $d$ -nary trees ( $d = 2$ ). The dotted tree shows the preimages of each partition interval and the solid tree shows the subsets of each partition interval.

# Two binary trees: Lebesgue measure $\lambda$ preserved by both



**Figure:** Every interval  $I_{\omega_n}$  has two subintervals  $I_{\omega_n 0}, I_{\omega_n 1} \in \eta_{n+1}$  and two preimage intervals  $I_{0\omega_n}, I_{1\omega_n} \in \eta_{n+1}$ .

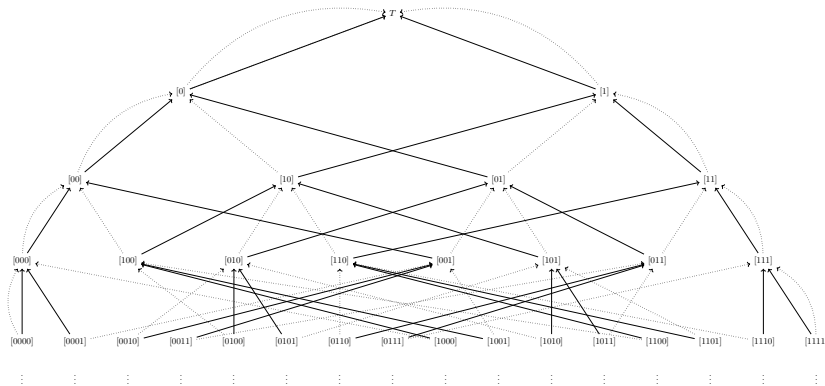
# Swapping forward paths and backward paths (1/3)



**Figure:** Since  $f$  preserves Lebesgue measure, the intervals of each partition  $\eta_n$  can be “shuffled” by swapping intervals whose labels are reversals of one another, and they still fit together as nested partitions. This is “untangling” the dotted tree.

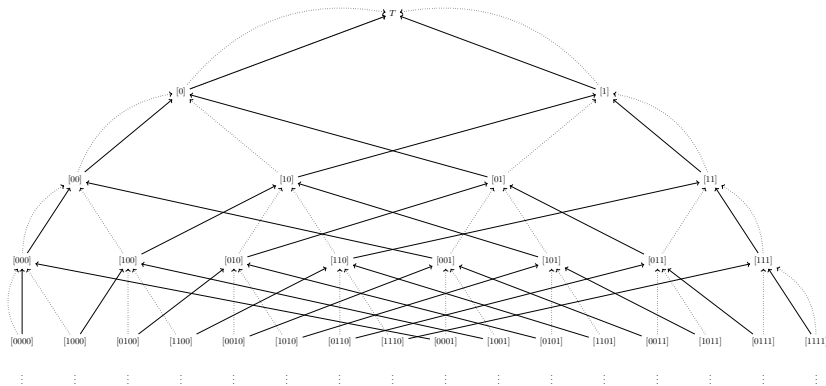


## Swapping forward paths and backward paths (2/3)



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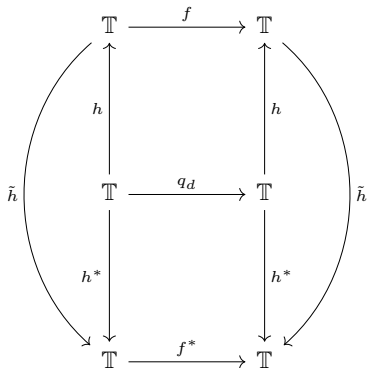
**Figure:** This yields a new sequence of nested partitions  $\{\eta_n^*\}_{n=1}^\infty$  which defines a new circle endomorphism  $f^*$  that we call the **dual circle endomorphism**.

# The dual conjugacy $\tilde{h}$

The circle endomorphism  $f = h \circ q_d \circ h^{-1}$  and the dual circle endomorphism  $f^* = h^* \circ q_d \circ (h^*)^{-1}$  are topologically conjugate.

$$f^* = \tilde{h} \circ f \circ \tilde{h}^{-1}$$

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# Randomly generated dual circle endomorphisms and their dual conjugacy

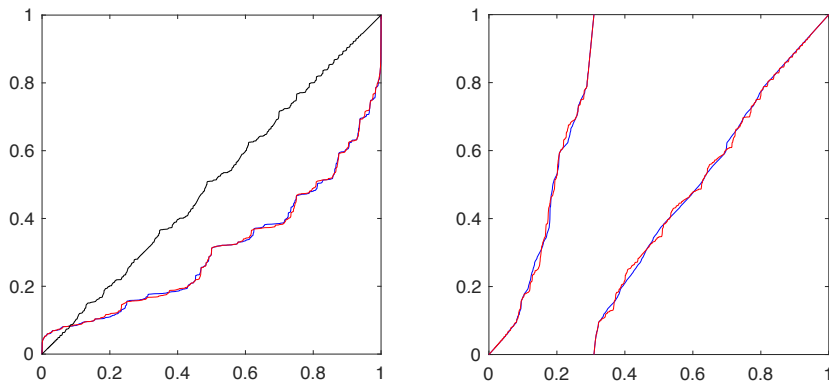


Figure:  $C = .1$ . LEFT: blue is  $h$ , red is  $h^*$ , black is  $\tilde{h} = h^* \circ h^{-1}$ . RIGHT: blue is  $f = h \circ q_2 \circ h^{-1}$ , red is  $f^* = h^* \circ q_2 \circ (h^*)^{-1}$ .

- ▶  $\forall n \geq 0$ ,  $\tilde{h}$  sends endpoints of intervals in  $\eta_n$  to the endpoints of intervals in  $\eta_n^*$ , preserving their order.
- ▶  $I_0$  and  $I_1$  do not move  $\Rightarrow h(0) = 0$ ,  $h(1/2)$ , and  $h(1) = 1$  are fixed points.
- ▶ Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} |I_0| &= |I_{00}| + |I_{10}| = |I_{00}| + |I_{01}| \\ &\Rightarrow |I_{01}| = |I_{10}| \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ There exist many fixed point of  $\tilde{h}$ .

## Properties of $\tilde{h}$ , $d = 2$

More generally, when subsets are also preimages and one endpoint is fixed,

$$|I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1}}| = |I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1}}| + |I_{\underbrace{1\dots 0}_{n-1}}| = |I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1}}0| + |I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1}}1|$$

$$\Rightarrow |I_{\underbrace{1\dots 0}_{n-1}}| = |I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1}}1|, \text{ and}$$

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$$\Rightarrow |I_{\underbrace{0\dots 1}_{n-1}}| = |I_{\underbrace{1\dots 1}_{n-1}}0|.$$

That is,

$$\text{Fix}(\tilde{h}) \supseteq \left\{ h\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right), h\left(\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2^n}\right), h\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \mid 1 \leq n \leq N \right\}.$$

## More fixed points of $\tilde{h}$

- ▶ for any  $n \geq 1$ , the endpoints of the interval

$$I_{\underbrace{0 \dots 0}_n 1}$$

are fixed by  $\tilde{h}$ . Let  $a_1$  denote the left endpoint of this interval (fixed).

- ▶ Now consider the interval

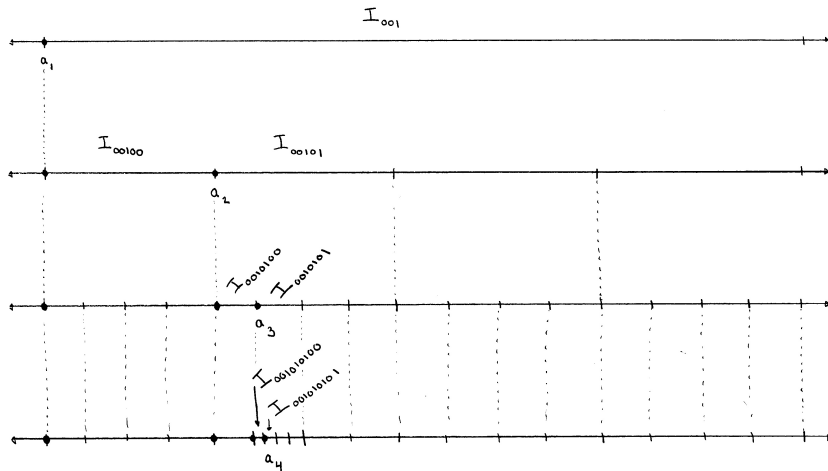
$$I_{\underbrace{0 \dots 0}_n 1 \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_n}.$$

Note that the label of this interval is a palindrome  $\Rightarrow$  its length is preserved  $\Rightarrow$  its right endpoint  $a_2$  is fixed.

- ▶ Note:

$$a_2 = \text{left endpoint of } I_{\underbrace{0 \dots 0}_n 1 \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{n-1} 1}.$$

# More fixed points of $\tilde{h}$



**Figure:** The increasing sequence  $\{a_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  of fixed points of  $\tilde{h}$ , constructed with  $n = 2$ .



# More fixed points of $\tilde{h}$

In this way, define

$$a_3 = \text{left endpoint of } I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_n 1 \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1} 1 \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1} 1}$$

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$\vdots$

$$a_m = \text{left endpoint of } I_{\underbrace{0\dots 0}_n 1 \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1} 1 \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1} 1 \dots \underbrace{0\dots 0}_{n-1} 1 \cdot}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{m-1}$

$$a_m = h \left( \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{3n+1}} + \dots \frac{1}{2^{mn+1}} \right).$$

# A fixed point theorem for the dual conjugacy $\tilde{h}$

## Theorem

*Suppose  $f$  is a degree 2 circle endomorphism with bounded geometry that preserves Lebesgue measure and  $f^*$  is its dual circle endomorphism. Let  $h$  and  $h^*$  be circle homeomorphisms such that*

$$f = h \circ q_2 \circ h^{-1}, \quad f^* = h^* \circ q_2 \circ (h^*)^{-1},$$

*and*

$$\tilde{h} = h^* \circ h^{-1}, \quad f^* = \tilde{h} \circ f \circ \tilde{h}^{-1}.$$

*Then for all  $n, m \geq 1$ , there is a fixed point*

$$x_{n,m} = h \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2^{in+1}} \right) \in \text{Fix}(\tilde{h}),$$

*and for all  $n \geq 1$ , there is a limit point of fixed points*

$$x_n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_{n,m} = h \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{in+1}} \right) = h \left( \frac{1}{2(2^n - 1)} \right) \in \overline{\text{Fix}(\tilde{h})}.$$

## A fixed point corollary for the dual conjugacy $\tilde{h}$

Switching all 0's to 1's and all 1's to 0's...

### Corollary

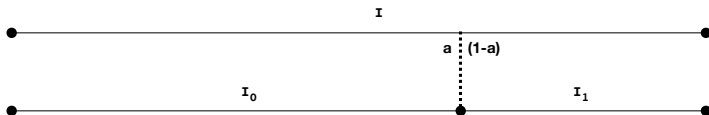
*For all  $n, m \geq 1$ , there is a fixed point*

$$y_{n,m} = h \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{2^{in+1}} \right) \in \text{Fix}(\tilde{h}),$$

*and for all  $n \geq 1$ , there is a limit point of fixed points*

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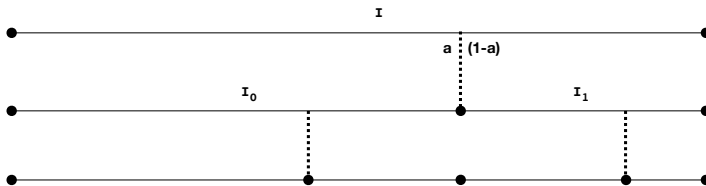
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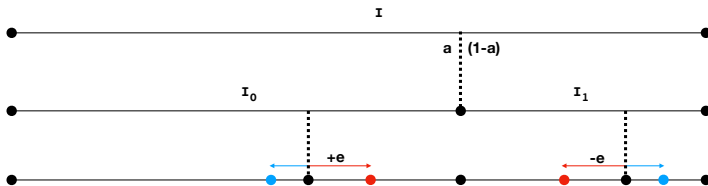
$\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_1$  will be the ratios for how to partition  $I_0$  and  $I_1$ , respectively.

Measure must be preserved.

**BG must be satisfied.**

$$0 < C \leq \alpha_0, \alpha_1 \leq \tau < 1$$

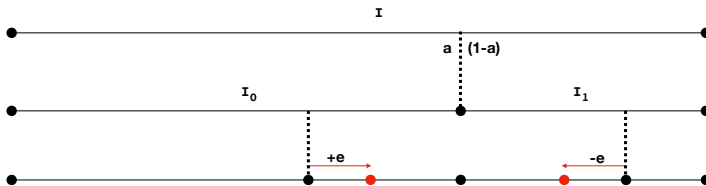
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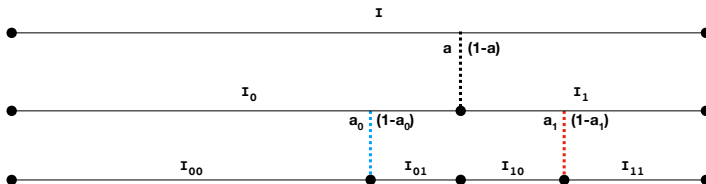
$$\mu(I_{00}) = \alpha\mu(I_0) + \epsilon := \alpha_0(I_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_0 = \alpha + \frac{\epsilon}{\mu_1(I_0)}$$

$$\mu(I_{10}) = \alpha\mu(I_1) - \epsilon := \alpha_1(I_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \alpha - \frac{\epsilon}{\mu_1(I_1)}$$

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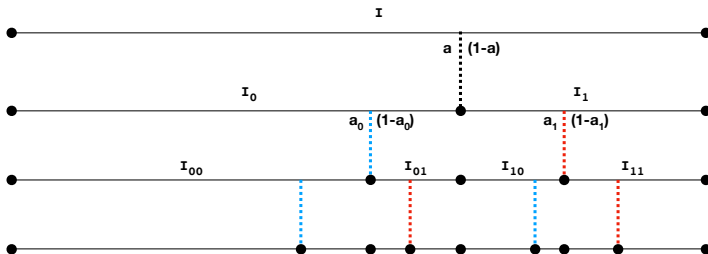
$$\mu(I_{01}) = (1 - \alpha_0)(I_0)$$

$$\mu(I_{10}) = \alpha_1(I_1)$$

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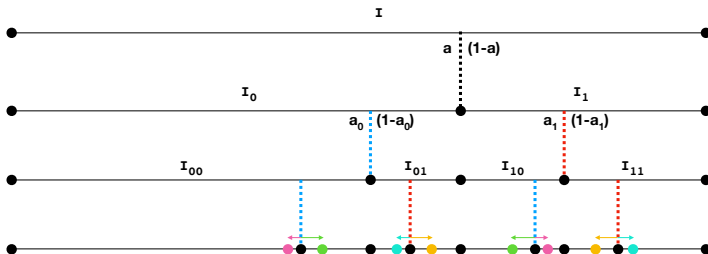
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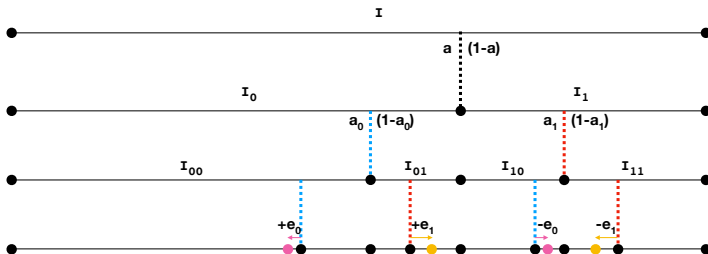
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$$C \leq \alpha_{00} = \alpha_0 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu(I_{00})} \leq \tau, \quad C \leq \alpha_{10} = \alpha_0 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu(I_{10})} \leq \tau,$$

$$C \leq \alpha_{01} = \alpha_1 + \frac{\epsilon_1}{\mu(I_{01})} \leq \tau, \quad C \leq \alpha_{11} = \alpha_1 - \frac{\epsilon_1}{\mu(I_{11})} \leq \tau.$$

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$$\mu(I_{000}) = \alpha_0 \mu(I_{00}) + \epsilon_0 := \alpha_{00} \mu(I_{00})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{00} = \alpha_0 + \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu(I_{00})}$$

$$\mu(I_{010}) = \alpha_1 \mu(I_{01}) + \epsilon_1 := \alpha_{01} \mu(I_{01})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{01} = \alpha_1 + \frac{\epsilon_1}{\mu(I_{01})}$$

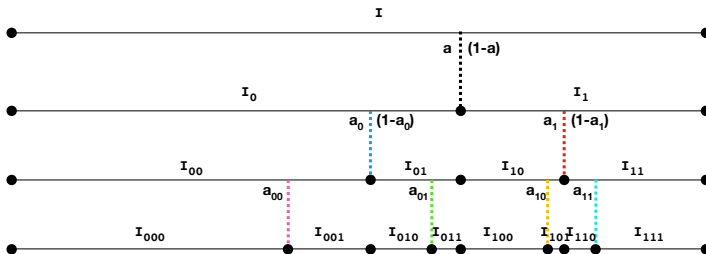
$$\mu(I_{100}) = \alpha_0 \mu(I_{10}) - \epsilon_0 := \alpha_{10} \mu(I_{10})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{10} = \alpha_0 - \frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu(I_{10})}$$

$$\mu(I_{110}) = \alpha_1 \mu(I_{11}) - \epsilon_1 := \alpha_{11} \mu(I_{11})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_{11} = \alpha_1 - \frac{\epsilon_1}{\mu(I_{11})}$$

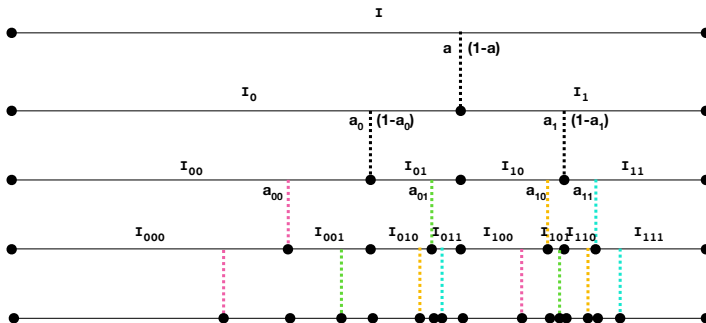
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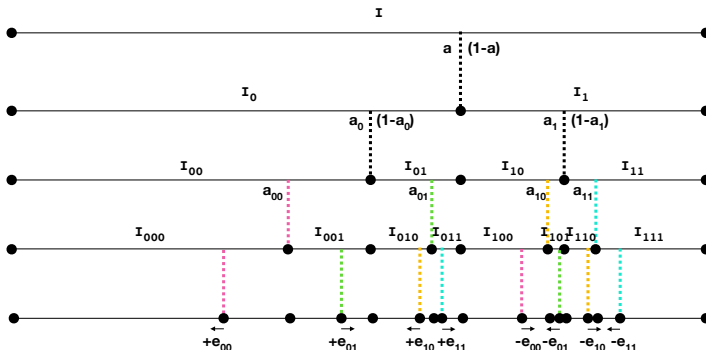
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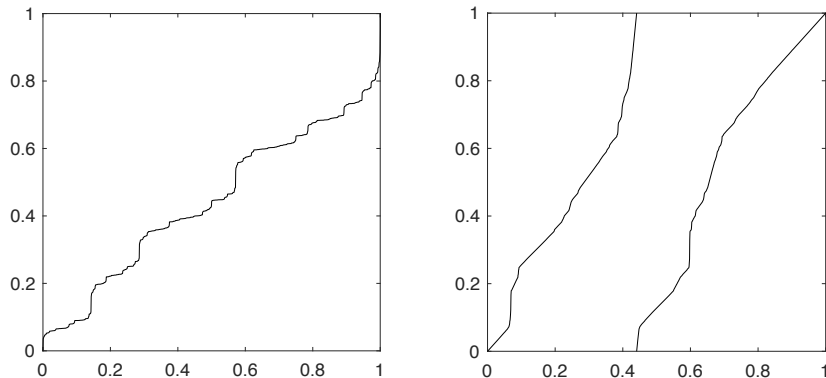


$$C \leq \alpha_{0\omega_n} = \alpha_{\omega_n} + \frac{\epsilon_{\omega_n}}{\mu(I_{0\omega_n})} \leq \tau, \quad C \leq \alpha_{1\omega_n} = \alpha_{\omega_n} - \frac{\epsilon_{\omega_n}}{\mu(I_{1\omega_n})} \leq \tau.$$

$$-(a_{\omega_n} - C)\mu(I_{0\omega_n}) \leq \epsilon_{\omega_n} \leq (\tau - \alpha_{\omega_n})\mu(I_{1\omega_n})$$

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# Randomly generated circle endomorphism



**Figure:** LEFT: distribution function  $h(x) = \mu([0, x])$  for a randomly generated measure  $\mu$  that is invariant w.r.t  $q_2$  and has BG with  $C = .1$ . RIGHT:  $f = h \circ q_2 \circ h^{-1}$ .

Scatter plots of  $\alpha_{\omega_n}$  values above the midpoints of intervals  $I_{\omega_n, q_d}$ .

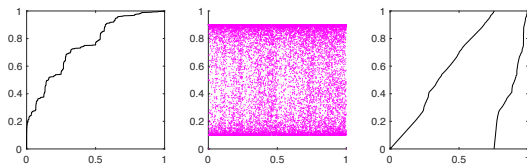


Figure:  $C = .1, \tau = .9$ .

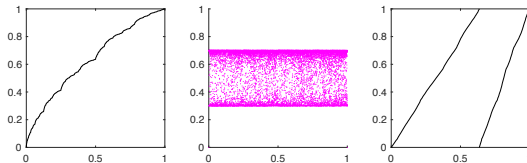


Figure:  $C = .3, \tau = .7$ .



$\alpha_{\omega_n}$  values define a sequence of simple functions on dual symbolic space  $\Sigma^*$

- ▶ A **point**  $\omega \in \Sigma^*$  is an infinite sequence  $\omega^* = \dots j_2 j_1 j_0$ .
- ▶ A **left-cylinder**  $[\omega_n^*] \subset \Sigma$  of length  $n$  is the set of all points whose first  $n$  terms (*on the right*) agree with  $\omega^*$ .
- ▶ These generate the **right topology** and the Borel sigma algebra  $\mathcal{B}^*$
- ▶ Define a probability measure  $P([\omega_n^*]) = |I_{\omega_n^*}|$ .
- ▶ Define the **right shift map**  $\sigma^* : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$

$$\sigma^* : \dots j_2 j_1 j_0 \rightarrow \dots j_2 j_1.$$

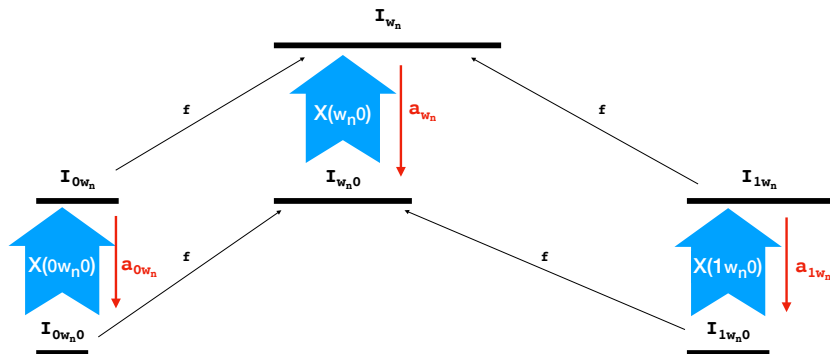
Define  $\mathcal{B}_n^*$  as the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by all right-cylinders of length  $n$ , and

$$X_n(w^*) = \frac{P([\sigma^*(w_n^*)])}{P([w_n^*])} = \frac{|I_{\sigma^*(w_n^*)}|}{|I_{w_n^*}|}.$$

That is,

$$X_{n+1}(\omega 0^*) = \frac{1}{\alpha_{\omega_n}}, \quad X_{n+1}(\omega 1^*) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha_{\omega_n}}$$

$\alpha_{\omega_n}$  values define a Martingale on the dual symbolic space



$$|I_{0\omega_n}| + |I_{1\omega_n}| = |I_{\omega_n}|$$

$$X_{n+2}(\dots 0\omega_n 0)|I_{0\omega_n 0}| + X_{n+2}(\dots 0\omega_n 0)|I_{0\omega_n 0}| = X_{n+1}(\dots \omega_n 0)|I_{\omega_n 0}|$$

$\alpha_{\omega_n}$  values define a convergent Martingale on  $S^*$

### Theorem

*The sequence  $(X_n, \mathcal{B}_n^*)$  is a martingale on  $(\Sigma^*, \mathcal{B}^*, P)$ . That is,*

1.  $E[|X_n|] < \infty$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .
2.  $X_n$  is  $\mathcal{B}_n^*$ -measurable for all  $n \geq 1$ .
3. For all  $1 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $X_m = E[X_n | \mathcal{B}_m^*]$   $P$ -a.e.,

### Theorem

*Suppose  $f : T \rightarrow T$  is a circle endomorphism with bounded geometry that preserves  $\lambda$ . Let*

$$X_n(w^*) = \frac{P([\sigma^*(w_n^*)])}{P([w_n^*])} = \frac{|I_{\sigma^*(w_n^*)}|}{|I_{w_n^*}|}.$$

*Then there exists a bounded  $\mathcal{B}^*$ -measurable function  $X \in L^1(P)$  such that*

1.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X (= X_f)$  exists  $P$ -a.e.,
2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Sigma^*} |X_n - X| dP = 0$ , and
3.  $X_n = E[X | \mathcal{B}_n^*]$   $P$ -a.e..

## Finite number of error terms

What if for some  $N \geq 1$ ,  $\epsilon_{\omega_n} = 0$  for all  $n > N$ ?

### Definition

In this case we say  $f$  has **finite Martingale**.

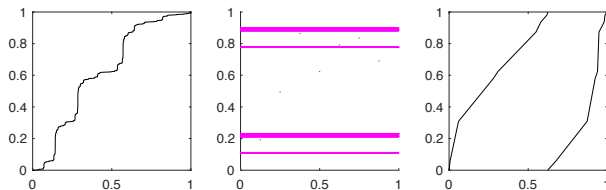


Figure:  $C = .1$ ,  $\tau = .9$ .  $\epsilon_{\omega_n} = 0$  for all  $n > 4$ .

### Theorem

Then  $f$  is piecewise linear.

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$f$  has finite Martingale  $\iff$  its Martingale converges to a simple function (i.e. locally constant).

## Theorem (J)

*Suppose  $f$  and  $g$  are both circle endomorphisms of the same topological degree  $d \geq 2$  such that each has bounded geometry and preserves the Lebesgue probability measure  $\lambda$  on  $\mathbb{T}$ .*

*Suppose  $h$  is a symmetric conjugacy between  $f$  and  $g$ .*

- ▶ *If  $f = q_d$  then  $h$  must be the identity.*

## Theorem

- ▶ *If  $f$  has a Martingale with a locally constant limit then  $h$  must be the identity.*

# Outline of symmetric rigidity proof (1/2)

- ▶ symmetrically conjugate  $\Rightarrow$  same limits of Martingales

$$X_f(\omega^*) = X_g(\omega^*), \quad P - a.e.$$

- ▶ Both limits locally constant  $\Rightarrow (X_{f,n})$  and  $(X_{g,n})$  must be finite of length  $n_0$

$$X_{n,f}(\omega^*) = X_{n,g}(\omega^*) = c(\omega_{n_0}^*) \quad \forall n \geq n_0.$$

- ▶ This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f}|}{|I_{w_{n_0+m},f}|} &= \frac{|F(I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f})|}{|F(I_{w_{n_0+m},f})|} \quad \forall m \geq 1, \\ \Rightarrow \frac{|F(I_{w_{n_0+m},f})|}{|I_{w_{n_0+m},f}|} &= \frac{|F(I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f})|}{|I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f}|} = \dots = \frac{|F(I_{w_{n_0},f})|}{|I_{w_{n_0},f}|} := \alpha_{w_{n_0}}. \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Thus  $f$  is piecewise linear

$$F|_{I_{w_{n_0}}}(x) = \alpha_{w_{n_0}} x + b_{w_{n_0}}.$$

## Outline of symmetric rigidity proof (2/2)

- ▶ Similarly,  $g$  is piecewise linear.
- ▶ Since  $(X_{n,f}) = (X_{n,g})$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ ,

$$\frac{|H(I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f})|}{|H(I_{w_{n_0+m},f})|} = \frac{|I_{w_{n_0+m-1},g}|}{|I_{w_{n_0+m},g}|} = \frac{|I_{w_{n_0+m-1},f}|}{|I_{w_{n_0+m},f}|}.$$

- ▶ This implies

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- ▶ Thus

$$H(x) = d_{w_{n_0}}x + e_{n_0}, \quad \forall x \in I_{w_{n_0}}.$$

- ▶  $H$  is symmetric with  $H(0) = 0$  and  $H(1) = 1 \Rightarrow H(x) = x$ .

The end

**Thank you very much!**