

Theorem 2.1 [Birkhoff, 1931]

$(X, \mathcal{D}, \mu, \tau)$  meas pres. transf.  
with  $\mu$   $\sigma$ -finite. Let  $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$ .  
We then have

1. For  $\mu$  a.e.  $x \in X$  the following  
limit exists:

$$f^*(x) := \lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x)$$

2.  $f^*(x) = \int f$   $\mu$ -a.e.  $x$   
and  $f^*$  is in  $L^1(X, \mu)$ .

3. Let  $\Omega \equiv \bar{\tau}^{-1}\Omega$  (mod  $\mu$ ). Then

$$a) \int_{\Omega} |f^*| \leq \int_{\Omega} |f|$$

and if in addition  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ :

$$b) \int_{\Omega} f^* = \int_{\Omega} f$$

$$c) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k \rightarrow f^* \text{ in } L^1(X, \mu).$$

Remarks:

Suffices to show: for

$$\bar{f}(x) = \lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x)$$

$$\underline{f}(x) = \lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x)$$

that a.e.  $\bar{f}(x) = \underline{f}(x)$ .

Note that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x) = \frac{1}{n} f(x) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x)$$

As  $\frac{1}{n} f(x) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$  we get

$$\bar{f}(x) = \bar{f}(\tau(x)) \text{ and}$$

$$\underline{f}(x) = \underline{f}(\tau(x))$$

Clearly  $\underline{f}(x) \leq \bar{f}(x)$ .

Corollary 2.2

If  $\tau$  is  $\mu$ -ergodic then

$$f^* = \text{const} \text{ (a.e.)}$$

So for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in X$ :

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x) \rightarrow \int f$$

If  $\mu(X) < \infty$  (ergodic) then

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x) \rightarrow \int f \, d\mu$$

for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in X$ .

example:  $\tau(x) = 2x \pmod{1}$

$$\tau(x) = 2x \pmod{1}, x \in S^1$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ \tau^k(x) \rightarrow \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

for Lebesgue a.e.  $x \in S^1$



$$\tau(x) = 2x \pmod{1}$$

Lemma 2.3 Let  $\Omega \equiv \bar{\tau}\Omega$  mod 0  
 (measurable  $\sigma$ -finite meas.)  
 Let  $f: \Omega \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be meas.  
 Then

$$\int_{\Omega} f \geq \int_{\Omega} \bar{f}$$

proof: Let  $R < \infty$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and define:

$$g(x) = g_{R,\epsilon}(x) = \min\{R, (1-\epsilon)\bar{f}(x)\}$$

Then  $g(x) = g \circ \tau(x)$  and when  $g(x) > 0$  we have  $\bar{f}(x) > g(x)$   
 We set  $\tau$  (stopping time)

$$\bar{n}(x) = \bar{n}_{R,\epsilon}(x) = \inf\{k \geq 1: S_k f(x) \geq k g(x)\}$$

When  $g(x) = 0$  we have  $\bar{n}(x) = 1$  and if  $g(x) > 0$  then by definition of  $\bar{f}$  there is  $k$  finite verifying the condition.

Thus  $\bar{n}(x) < \infty$  for every  $x \in \Omega$ .

Let  $1 \leq L < +\infty$  and denote

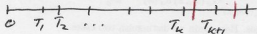
$$E = E_{L,R,\epsilon} = \{x \in \Omega: \bar{n}(x) \leq L\}$$

We set

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{n}(x) & \text{if } x \in E \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin E \end{cases}$$

and define a ~~sequence of stopping times~~ <sup>(need not measurable)</sup>  
 sequence of stopping times

$$T_0(x) = 0, T_{k+1}(x) = T_k(x) + T_{k+1} \circ \tau(x)$$



Let  $N < \infty$ . For every  $x \in \Omega$  there is a maximal  $k$  s.t.

$T_k(x) < N$ . And then

$$N \leq T_{k+1}(x) < N+L.$$

For  $N > 0$  We have

$$S_{N+L} f \geq S_{T_{k+1}} f = S_T f + \dots + S_T f \circ \tau^k$$

We thus get the bound

$$S_{N+L} f \geq \sum_{T_k < N} S_T f \circ \tau^k \geq$$

$$\sum S_T (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) \circ \tau^k \geq S_N (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)$$

valid for every  $x \in \Omega$ .

Integrating over  $\Omega$  using  $\tau$ -invariance of  $\mu$ :

$$(N+L) \int_{\Omega} f \geq \int_{\Omega} S_{N+L} f \geq$$

$$\int_{\Omega} S_N (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) = N \int_{\Omega} g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E$$

So

$$\int_{\Omega} f \geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N}{N+L} \int_{\Omega} g_{R,\epsilon} \mathbb{1}_{E_{L,R,\epsilon}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} g_{R,\epsilon} \mathbb{1}_{E_{L,R,\epsilon}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} g_{R,\epsilon} \quad (\text{since stopping time finite})$$

monot. conv

$$\xrightarrow{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} (1-\epsilon) \bar{f}$$

monot. conv and  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary

We have  $S_T f \geq S_T (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)$

proof:

$$x \in E: S_T f \geq T(x) g(x) \geq S_T (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)$$

$$x \notin E: S_T f = S_T f \geq 0 = S_T (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)$$

$$T(x) = 1 \implies = S_T (g \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)$$

Lemma 2.4  $\Omega \equiv \bar{c}^{-1}\Omega \pmod{0}$   
 and  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ .  
 Let  $f: \Omega \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be measurable. Then

$$\int_{\Omega} f \leq \int_{\Omega} \bar{f}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and define  $g(x) = g_{\epsilon}(x) = \frac{f(x) + \epsilon}{2}$ .  
 We have  $g(x) = g \circ \tau(x)$  and  $\bar{f}(x) < g(x)$  provided  $f(x) < +\infty$ .

The function

$$n(x) = n_{\epsilon}(x) = \inf \{ k \geq 1 : S_k f(x) \leq k g(x) \}$$

is finite for every  $x \in \Omega$ .  
 (when  $f(x) = g(x) = +\infty$  then  $n(x) = 1$ ).

We write  $E = E_{L, \epsilon} = \{ n \leq L \}$   
 for  $L \geq 1$  and we set

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} n(x) & \text{if } n(x) \leq L \\ 1 & \text{if } n(x) > L \end{cases}$$

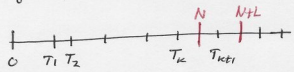
We then have  $\forall x \in \Omega$ :

$$S_{T(x)}(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)(x) \leq S_{T(x)}g(x)$$

proof:  
 For  $x \in E$ :  $S_T(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) \leq S_T f \leq S_T g$   
 For  $x \notin E$ :  $S_T(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) = S_T(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E)(x) = 0 \leq S_T g$ .

We define a ~~sequence of stopping times~~  
 sequence of stopping times

$$T_0(x) = 0, \quad T_{k+1}(x) = T_k(x) + T \circ \tau^{T_k(x)}(x)$$



Let  $1 \leq N < +\infty$ .  
 Then for every  $x \in \Omega$  there is  $k = k(x)$  maximal for which  $T_k(x) < N$ . And then

$$N \leq T_{k+1}(x) < N + L$$

Then also for  $h \geq 0$ :

$$S_N h \leq S_{T_{k+1}} h = S_T h + S_T h \circ \tau^N$$

We obtain

$$S_N(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) \leq \sum_{T_k < N} S_T(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) \circ \tau^{T_k} \leq \sum_{T_k < N} S_T(g) \circ \tau^{T_k} \leq \sum_{T_k < N} S_{N+L} g = (N+L)g$$

valid for every  $x \in \Omega$ .

Now integrate over  $\Omega$  and use  $\tau$ -invariance of  $\mu$  to get

$$N \int f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E \leq \sum_{T_k < N} \int S_T(f \cdot \mathbb{1}_E) \leq (N+L) \int g$$

$$\int_{\Omega} f \cdot \mathbb{1}_{E_{L, \epsilon}} \leq (1 + \frac{L}{N}) \int_{\Omega} g \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\Omega} g$$

By monotone conv,  $L \rightarrow \infty$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} f \leq \int_{\Omega} g = \int_{\Omega} f + \epsilon \mu(\Omega)$$

As  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary

$$\int_{\Omega} f \leq \int_{\Omega} f$$

NB:  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$  is necessary  
 $\tau(x) = x + 1 \pmod{1}$  (IR, Leb)  
 $f \geq 0$   $f \in L^1$  compact supp  
 $\Rightarrow \int f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$

Prop. 2.5  
~~Theorem~~ (Birkhoff  $L^1_+$ )

$(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu, T)$  mean pres transf.  
 $\mu$   $\sigma$ -finite,  $f \in L^1_+(X, \mu)$

Then conclusions of Thm 2.1

1. For  $\mu$  a.e.  $x \in X$ :  $f^*(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(T^k x)$  exists.

2.  $f^* = f^{**} \tau$  ( $\mu$ -a.e.)

with  $f^*$  in  $L^1_+$

3. For  $\Omega \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\Omega \equiv T^{-1}\Omega \pmod{1}$

a)  $\int_{\Omega} f^* \leq \int_{\Omega} f$

If in addition  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$

b)  $\int_{\Omega} f^* = \int_{\Omega} f$  and

c)  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \rightarrow f^*$  in  $L^1(X, \mu)$

proof: For  $n \geq 1$  consider

$\Omega_n = \{f \geq \frac{1}{n}\}$ . ( $= T^{-1}\Omega_n$ )

By Lemma 2.3 we have

$\|f\|_1 \geq \int_{\Omega_n} f \geq \int_{\Omega_n} \bar{f} \geq \frac{1}{n} \mu(\Omega_n)$

so  $\mu(\Omega_n) \leq n \|f\|_1 < +\infty$ .

We may then apply Lemma 2.4

$\int_{\Omega_n} \bar{f} \leq \int_{\Omega_n} f$

so combining:

$\int_{\Omega_n} \bar{f} \leq \int_{\Omega_n} f \leq \int_{\Omega_n} \underline{f} \leq \int_{\Omega_n} \bar{f}$

implies equality everywhere

As  $\bar{f} - \underline{f} \geq 0$  we must have

$\bar{f} - \underline{f} = 0$  for  $\mu$  a.e.  $x \in \Omega_n$ .

Whence also for  $\mu$  a.e.  $x$  in

$\Omega = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \Omega_n$

finally on  $\Omega^c = \{\bar{f} = 0\}$

we have trivially

$0 \leq \underline{f} = \bar{f} = 0$  so  $\underline{f} = \bar{f}$  on  $\Omega^c$

Thus for a set of full measure ~~we~~ we have

$\bar{f}(x) = \underline{f}(x) = f(x)$

As  $\bar{f}$  and  $f$  are  $T$ -invar so is  $f^*$ .

By Lemma 2.3 we have for  $\Omega \equiv T^{-1}\Omega \pmod{0}$ :

$\int_{\Omega} f^* = \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} \leq \int_{\Omega} f$

b) Suppose  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ . Then also (Lemma 2.4)

$\int_{\Omega} f \leq \int_{\Omega} \underline{f} \leq \int_{\Omega} \bar{f} = \int_{\Omega} f$

so again equality and a.e. convergence. so

$\int_{\Omega} f^* = \int_{\Omega} f$

c) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $g \in L^1_+(X, \mu)$  with  $g$  bounded and

$\|f - g\|_1 \leq \epsilon/3$ .

By dominated + pointwise convergence

$\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} g \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} g^*$  For  $n \geq N_{\epsilon}$

$\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f - g^* \|_1 \leq \epsilon/3$

and as  $\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (f - g) \|_1$

$\leq \|f - g\|_1 \leq \epsilon/3$

and for  $n \geq N_{\epsilon}$

$\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f \|_1 \leq \epsilon/3 \leq \epsilon$

$\forall N_{\epsilon} \exists n, m \geq N_{\epsilon} \quad \| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f \|_1 \leq \epsilon$

Cauchy

Proof of Thm 2.1.

For  $f \in L^1(X, \mu)$  write

$$f = f_+ - f_- \quad f_+ = f \vee 0, \quad f_- = f \wedge 0$$

Then  $f_+, f_- \in L^1$  and verify the condition for Prop 2.5.

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n f_+ \rightarrow f_+^*$$

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n f_- \rightarrow f_-^*$$

with convergence pointwise a.e in  $X$  and in  $L^1$  on invariant sets of  $\text{bd}$  measure.

So there is a set of full measure  $\Lambda$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(x) &:= f_+^*(x) - f_-^*(x) \\ &= \lim \frac{1}{n} S_n f_+ - \lim \frac{1}{n} S_n f_- \\ &= \lim \frac{1}{n} S_n (f_+ - f_-) \\ &= \lim \frac{1}{n} S_n f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(cx) &= f_+^*(cx) - f_-^*(cx) \\ &= f_+^*(x) - f_-^*(x) = f^*(x) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Omega = \bar{c}\Omega$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Omega} |f^*| &= \int_{\Omega} |f_+^* - f_-^*| \leq \int_{\Omega} f_+^* + f_-^* \\ &\leq \int_{\Omega} f_+ + f_- = \int_{\Omega} |f| \end{aligned}$$

If  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ :

$$\int_{\Omega} f^* = \int_{\Omega} f_+^* - f_-^* = \int_{\Omega} f_+ - f_- = \int_{\Omega} f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n} S_n f^* &= \frac{1}{n} S_n f_+^* - \frac{1}{n} S_n f_-^* \\ &\rightarrow f_+^* - f_-^* \quad (\text{in } L^1) \\ &= f^* \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.6  $L^p$  Ergodic Thm (v. Neumann  $p=2$ )

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and let  $(X, \mathcal{D}, \mu, T)$   
be a meas. pres. transf.  
We assume  $\mu(X) = 1$  here.

Given  $f \in L^p(X, \mu)$  there is  
 $f^* \in L^p(X, \mu)$  such that

- 1)  $f^* = f^* \circ T$
- 2)  $\| \frac{1}{n} S_n f - f^* \|_p \xrightarrow{n} 0$

proof: For  $g$   $g$ -bd measurable  
we have by Birkhoff

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n g \xrightarrow{n} g^* \text{ a.e. pointwise}$$

and by dominated conv

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n g \xrightarrow{n} g^* \text{ in } L^p$$

For  $f \in L^p(X, \mu)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  there  
is  $g$   $g$ -bd meas with  $\|f - g\|_p \leq \epsilon/3$

Then  $\| \frac{1}{n} S_n (f - g) \|_p \leq \epsilon/3, \forall n$   
as well. Since

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n g \rightarrow g^* \text{ in } L^p$$

$(\frac{1}{n} S_n g)$  is Cauchy in  $L^p$ .

There is  $N_\epsilon$  s.t.  $\forall n, m \geq N_\epsilon$ :

$$\| \frac{1}{n} S_n g - \frac{1}{m} S_m g \| \leq \epsilon/3$$

So for such  $n, m$ :

$$\| \frac{1}{n} S_n f - \frac{1}{m} S_m f \| \leq \epsilon/3 + 3 = \epsilon$$

So  $(\frac{1}{n} S_n f)$  is Cauchy in  $L^p$

and by completeness:

$$f^* = \lim \frac{1}{n} S_n f \in L^p(X, \mu).$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{n} S_n f - \frac{1}{n} S_{n-1} f \circ T = \frac{1}{n} f$$

and  $\frac{1}{n} f \rightarrow 0$  in  $L^p$  we get

$$f^* - f^* \circ T = 0 \text{ in } L^p.$$

# Unique ergodicity of an irrational rotation

$$T_\alpha(x) = x + \alpha \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$T_\alpha : \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$$

Thm

Let  $(S^1, \mathcal{B}_{S^1})$  be the unit circle  $(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  with its Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $\forall f \in C(S^1)$ ,  $x \in S^1$ :

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f \circ T_\alpha^k(x) = \int_{S^1} f \, d\mu$$

In particular,  $\mu = \text{Lebesgue}$  is the unique invariant Borel measure under  $T_\alpha$ .

Proof: Let

$$e_k(x) = \exp(2\pi i x k)$$

Then for  $k \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e_k(x) \cdot e_k(n\alpha) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e_k(x) \cdot e_k(n\alpha) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} e_k(x) \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e_k(n\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} e_k(x) \frac{e_k(N\alpha) - 1}{e_k(\alpha) - 1}$$

$$\xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

So For  $k=0$   $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} e_0(x) = 1 = \mu_0 = 1$

So for any trigonometric polynomial  $P \in \mathcal{T}(\text{trig})$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} P \circ T_\alpha^n = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_k e_k$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} P \rightarrow C_0 = \int_{S^1} P \, d\mu$$

Now for  $f \in C(S^1)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$   
 $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |P - f| \leq |P - f|_\infty$   
 so if we approximate  $f$  by  $P \in \mathcal{T}(\text{trig})$  then  $|f - P| < \epsilon$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f \circ T_\alpha^n - \int f \, d\mu \right| &\leq \\ \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} P \circ T_\alpha^n - \int P \, d\mu \right| &+ \\ \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} P \circ T_\alpha^n - \int P \, d\mu \right| & \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\limsup_N \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f \circ T_\alpha^n - \int f \, d\mu \right| \leq \epsilon$$

with  $\epsilon > 0$  arbitrary

~~So~~

Now let  $\mu$  be any  $T_\alpha$  invariant Borel measure. Then for  $\mu$  a.e.  $x \in S^1$ ,  $f \in C(S^1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f \circ T_\alpha^n &\rightarrow \int f \, d\mu \\ \text{but we have seen that} & \\ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f \circ T_\alpha^n &\rightarrow \int f \, d\mu \end{aligned}$$

So  $\int f \, d\mu = \int f \, d\mu$   
 $\forall f \in C(S^1) \Rightarrow d\mu = \text{Leb}$



# Irrational rotation unique ergodicity

Lemma

$R_\alpha(x) = x + \alpha \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is ergodic for Lebesgue measure.  $\square$

proof Let  $A = R_\alpha^{-1}A$  and decompose  $\mathbb{1}_A$  in  $L^2(S^1; \mathbb{A})$

$$\text{as } \mathbb{1}_A = \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} c_k e^{ikx}$$

with  $e_k(x) = \exp(2\pi i k x)$

Then

$$R_\alpha \mathbb{1}_A = \mathbb{1}_A \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{\mathbb{Z}} c_k e_k \cdot e^{2\pi i k \alpha} = \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} c_k e_k \Leftrightarrow$$

$$c_k (e^{2\pi i k \alpha} - 1) = 0 \quad \forall k \Leftrightarrow$$

$$c_k = 0 \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}. \text{ so}$$

$$\mathbb{1}_A \stackrel{L^2}{=} c_0 \cdot \mathbb{1}_A \text{ and either}$$

$$A = \emptyset \pmod{0} \text{ and } c_0 = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$A = S^1 \pmod{0} \text{ and } c_0 = 1.$$

Thm  $R_\alpha(x) = x + \alpha \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$  with  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is uniquely ergodic: ~~There are no other~~  $\mathbb{1}_A \in L^2(S^1; \mathbb{R})$

~~WZAPR~~  
Let  $f \in C(S^1)$ . Then we have  $\forall x \in S^1$ : (not just a.e.)

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ R_\alpha^k \rightarrow \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

(so Leb. is the unique erg. mean)

proof By Birkhoff for Leb a.e.  $x \in S^1$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum f \circ R_\alpha^k(x) \rightarrow \int_0^1 f(t) dt$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\delta > 0$  be st  $d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$

Then since  $d(R_\alpha^k x, R_\alpha^k y) < \delta$ :

$$\left| \frac{1}{n} \sum f \circ R_\alpha^k(x) - \frac{1}{n} \sum f \circ R_\alpha^k(y) \right| < \epsilon$$

If  $y \in S^1$  find  $x_0 \in S^1$  with  $d(x_0, y) < \delta$  and: Then

$$\limsup_n \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ R_\alpha^k - \int_0^1 f(t) dt \right| < \epsilon$$

and  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary.

Now let  $\mu$  be any  $R_\alpha$  invariant Borel proba. mean.

Then for  $f \in C(S^1)$ ,

Birkhoff for  $\mu$  implies

$$\forall x \text{ a.e. } x \in S^1: \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ R_\alpha^k \rightarrow \int f d\mu$$

$$\text{but } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f \circ R_\alpha^k \rightarrow \int f d\lambda$$

$$\text{so } \int f d\mu = \int f d\lambda \quad \forall f \in C(S^1)$$

and  $\mu = \lambda$ .



# Gelfand's problem

(Needs unique ergodicity or ~~add~~ <sup>at least</sup> uniform orbit density)

Sequence of powers of 2:  $(2^k)_{k \geq 0}$

1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128 256 ...

First digit  $(D_k)_{k \geq 0}$

1 2 4 8 1 3 6 1 2 ...

Gelfand's question: What is the asymptotic density of 7 in the sequence  $(D_k)_{k \geq 0}$ ?

$D_{46} = 7$  first occurrence

$$P_7(N) = \# \{0 \leq k < N : D_k = 7\}$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_7(N)}{N} = ? = \log_{10} 8/7 = 0.0579919...$$

answer

$$\log_{10} 2^k = \text{integer} + \text{fractional part}$$

$x \in [0, 1)$

$$D_k = 7 \Leftrightarrow x \in [\log 7, \log 8)$$

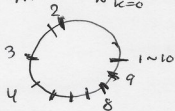
~~Then~~  $\log_{10} 2^{k+1} = \log_{10} 2^k + \log_{10} 2 \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$

~~Then~~  $(k+1)\log_{10} 2 = k \log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 2 \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$

$$T(x) = x + \frac{\log_{10} 2}{1} \pmod{\mathbb{Z}} = x$$

$$f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{[\log 7, \log 8)} = \mathbb{1}_{I_7}$$

$$\frac{P_7(N)}{N} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} f(x_k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \mathbb{1}_{I_7}(T_{\alpha}^k x) \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \mathbb{1}_{I_7} dx = \log_{10} 8 - \log_{10} 7$$



## Notions of mixing

Theorem  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu, T)$  a meas preserving transformation.  
 $\mu$  probability meas.

Then  $\mu$  is ergodic iff  
 $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mu(T^k A \cap B) = \mu(A)\mu(B)$

proof: Suppose  $T$  ergodic.  
Let  $f = \mathbb{1}_A$ . By Birkhoff.

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}_A \circ T^k \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} c = \int f = \mu(A)$$

$\mu$ -a.e. So  $\mu$ -a.e.:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum \mathbb{1}_A \circ T^k \cdot \mathbb{1}_B \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A) \cdot \mathbb{1}_B$$

By dominated convergence:

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum \mu(T^k A \cap B) = \frac{1}{n} \int \sum \mathbb{1}_A \circ T^k \mathbb{1}_B d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A)\mu(B)$$

Def We say that  $T$  is

\* weak-mixing iff  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\mu(T^k A \cap B) - \mu(A)\mu(B)| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

\* strong-mixing if  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{B}$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum \mu(T^k A \cap B) - \mu(A)\mu(B) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Prop Obviously

Strong-mix  $\Rightarrow$  weak-mix  $\Rightarrow$  ergodic

Theorem  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \mu, T)$   
 $\mu$  proba is strongly mixing iff

$$\forall a, b \in L^2(X, \mu)$$

$$\int a \circ T^n \cdot b \, d\mu \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \int a \, d\mu \cdot \int b \, d\mu$$

(Asymptotic independence)

" $\Rightarrow$ "

Proof: True for

$$a = \mathbb{1}_A \text{ and } b = \mathbb{1}_B$$

whence also for finite linear combinations.

$$a = \sum c_k \mathbb{1}_{A_k} \quad b = \sum d_k \mathbb{1}_{B_k}$$

Now by  $T$ -invariance of  $\mu$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int (a \circ T^n \cdot b - \bar{a} \circ T^n \cdot \bar{b}) \, d\mu \right| \\ & \leq \int |a \circ T^n - \bar{a} \circ T^n| |b| \, d\mu + \int |a \circ T^n| |b - \bar{b}| \, d\mu \\ & \leq \|a - \bar{a}\|_2 \|b\|_2 + \|a\|_2 \|b - \bar{b}\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

and the result follows by approx.

# Ergodicity and mixing for the doubling map

More generally:  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|p| \geq 2$ .

$$T(x) = T_p(x) = p \cdot x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$T_3$



$$T^n(x) = p^n \cdot x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$

$\lambda =$  Lebesgue  
measure

Suppose  $A, B$  measurable.

exo show that if  $\#A = \#TA$   
then  $\lambda(A) = 0$  or  $1$   
using  $L^2$ -Fourier expansion

We show here:

$T$  is strongly mixing  
w.r.t. Lebesgue measure.

$$\text{Let } a = \sum a_k e_k, \quad b = \sum b_k e_k$$

$$e_k = \exp(2\pi i k x) \quad L^2\text{-fct.}$$

$$e_k \circ T^n = e_{kp^n}$$

$$\int_0^1 a \circ T^n \cdot b \, d\lambda =$$

$$\int \sum a_k e_{kp^n} \cdot b_\ell e_\ell \, d\lambda =$$

$$\underbrace{a_0 \cdot b_0}_{\text{case}} + \sum_{\substack{k \neq 0 \\ k \neq 0}} a_k \cdot b_{-kp^n}$$

case

So

$$\left| \int a \circ T^n \cdot b \, d\lambda - \int a \int b \right| \leq$$

$$\left| \sum_{k \neq 0} a_k b_{-kp^n} \right| \leq \underbrace{\left( \sum_{k \neq 0} |a_k|^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{Cauchy-Schwartz}} \times \underbrace{\left( \sum_{k \neq 0} |b_{-kp^n}|^2 \right)^{1/2}}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty}$$