

# Introduction to Kakutani equivalence

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## I -

$$T \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu), A \in \mathcal{A}$$

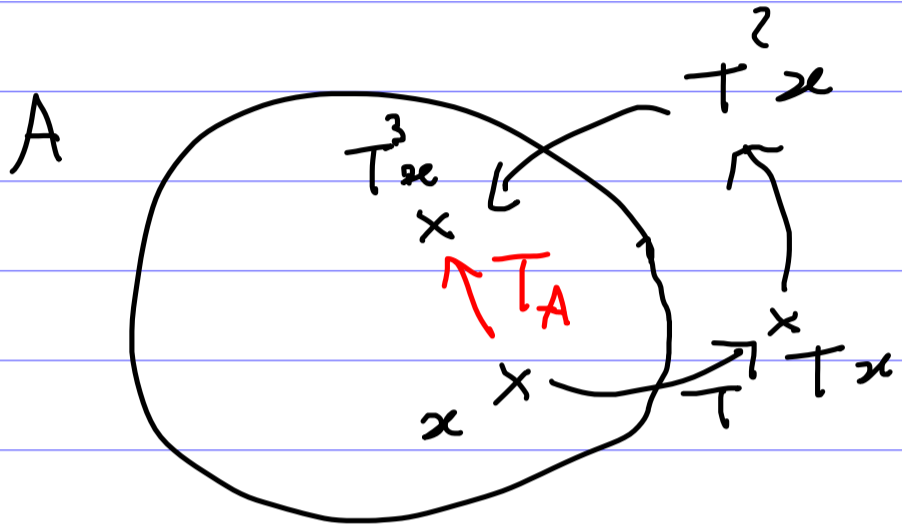
$$\pi_{T,A} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$$

$$x \mapsto \inf \{k \geq 1 \mid T^k x \in A\}$$

$$T_A : A \rightarrow A$$

$$x \mapsto T^{\pi_{T,A}(x)} x$$

induced map on A



Poincaré Recurrence theorem if  $\mu(A) > 0$ , then for a.e.  $x \in A$   
 $\{k > 0, T^k x \in A\}$  is infinite

Remark: it is true for a.e.  $x \in X$  when  $T$  is ergodic

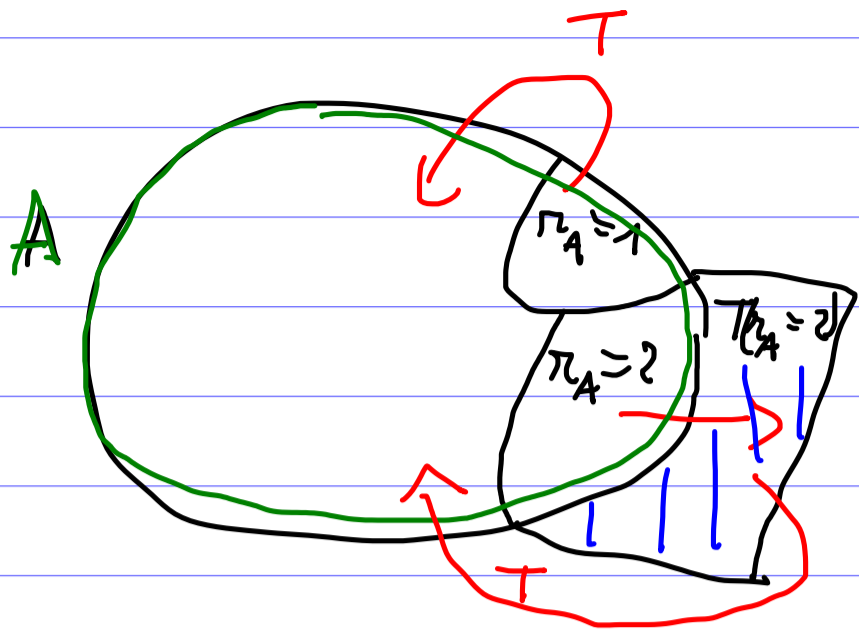
$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} T^n A \text{ is } T\text{-invariant and } \mu > 0$$

$$T_A \in \text{Aut}(A, \mathcal{A}_A, \mu_A) \text{ with } \mu_A(\cdot) = \frac{\mu(A \cap \cdot)}{\mu(A)}$$

if  $T$  is ergodic (for  $\mu$ ), then  $T_A$  is ergodic (for  $\mu_A$ )

Kac's theorem:  $\int_A \pi_A d\mu_A \leq \frac{1}{\mu(A)}$  with equality when  $T$  is ergodic

Proof:  $X \supseteq \bigsqcup_{k > 0} \bigsqcup_{0 \leq n < k} T^n (\{\pi_A = k\})$  with equality if  $T$  is ergodic and apply  $\mu$



from  $T_A$  and  $\pi_A$ ,  
 we can recover  $T$  by  
 artificially build this blocks  
 → motivate Kakutani towers

$S \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ ,  $h: \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*$  integrable

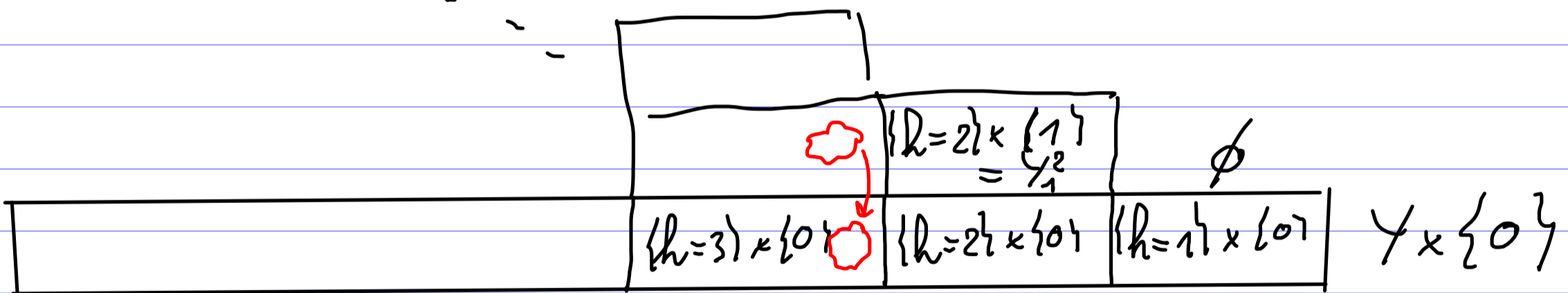
(ex:  $S = T_A$ ,  $h = \pi_A$  integrable Kac's lemma)

$$\mathcal{Y}^h := \{(y, i) \mid y \in \mathcal{Y}, 0 \leq i \leq h(y)\}$$

$$= \bigsqcup_{j \geq 0} \bigsqcup_{0 \leq i < j} \{(y, i) \mid h(y) = j\}$$

$\mathcal{Y}_i^j$  is a "copy" of  $\{h=j\}$

$$\text{via } \beta_i^j: \{h=j\} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_i^j \\ y \mapsto (y, i)$$

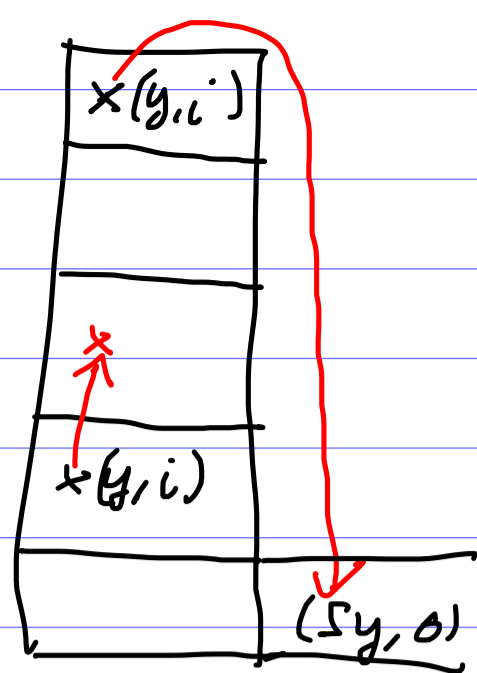


$h$ : height function

$\mu^h$  is defined by  $\mu^h(B) = \mu(\beta_i^j)^{-1}(B) \times \nu$   
 $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}^h$ , if  $B \subset \mathcal{Y}_i^j$ ,  
 (σ-algebra of  $\mathcal{Y} \times \mathbb{N} \cap \mathcal{Y}^h$ )  
 normalization constant

$$S^h = Y^h \rightarrow Y^h$$

$$(y, i) \mapsto \begin{cases} (y, i+1) & \text{if } i+1 < h(y) \\ (Sy, 0) & \text{if } i+1 = h(y) \end{cases}$$



$$\{k=j\} \times \{0, 1, \dots, j-1\}$$

$$h(y) = j$$

• if  $S$  is ergodic, then so is  $S^h$ .

•  $h = \pi_A, Y = A : (T_A)^{\pi_A} \simeq T$  when  $T$  is ergodic  
 $\hookrightarrow$  isomorphic

•  $(S^h)_{Y \times \{0\}} \simeq S \quad \pi_{S^h, Y \times \{0\}} = h$

Value of  $\lambda$ :

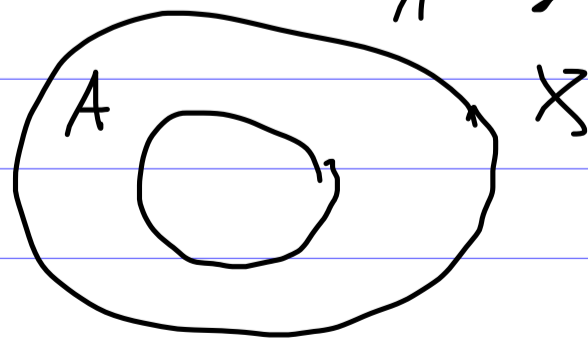
$$1 = \nu^h(Y^h) = \sum_{\substack{j>0 \\ 0 \leq i < j}} \underbrace{\nu^h(Y_i^j)}_{= \lambda \nu(\{h=j\})} = \lambda \sum_{j>0} j \nu(\{h=j\}) = \lambda \int h d\nu$$

$$\lambda = 1 / \int h d\nu$$

$$T_A \rightarrow (T_A)^{\pi_A} \simeq T$$

$$\int \pi_A d\mu_A = 1/\mu(A)$$

$1/\mu(A) =$   
 how much you extend  
 $T_A$  to get  $T$



$$S^h \rightarrow (S^h)_{Y \times \{0\}} \simeq S$$

$$\nu^h(Y \times \{0\}) = \lambda = 1 / \int h d\mu$$

Some properties

a -  $T \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu), S \in \text{Aut}(Y, \nu)$

$T \stackrel{\varphi: X \rightarrow Y}{\cong} S$

(meaning:  $S = \varphi T \varphi^{-1}$ )

$T_A \stackrel{\varphi: A \rightarrow \varphi(A)}{\cong} S_{\varphi(A)}$

$T^h \cong S^{h \circ \varphi^{-1}}$   
 $\varphi: X^h \rightarrow Y^{h \circ \varphi^{-1}}$   
 $(x, i) \mapsto (\varphi(x), i)$

b)  $T \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu), A_1 \subset A_2 \subset X$

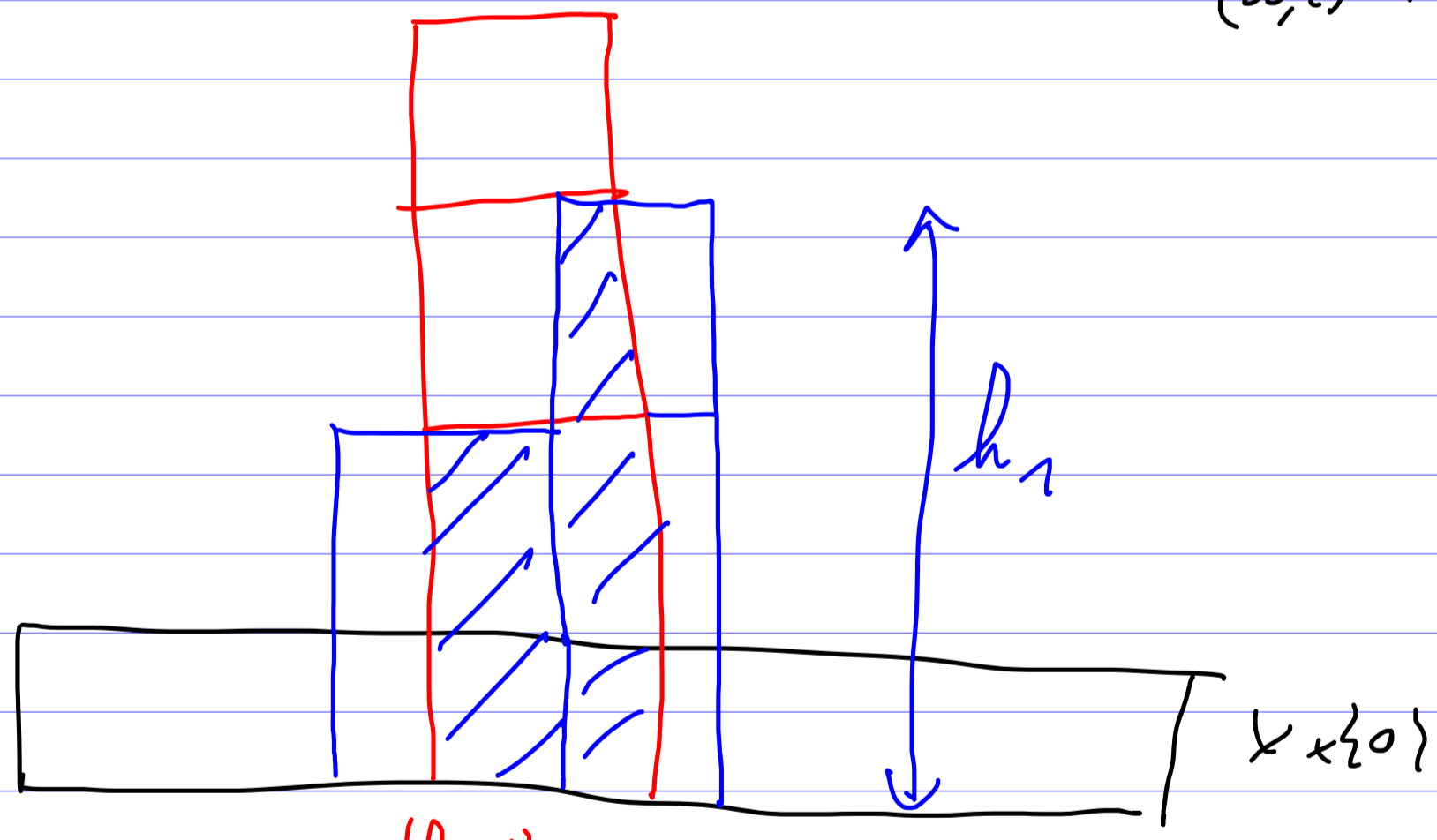
$T_{A_1} = (T_{A_2})_{A_1}$

$h_1, h_2: X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*$  integrable,  $h_1 \leq h_2$

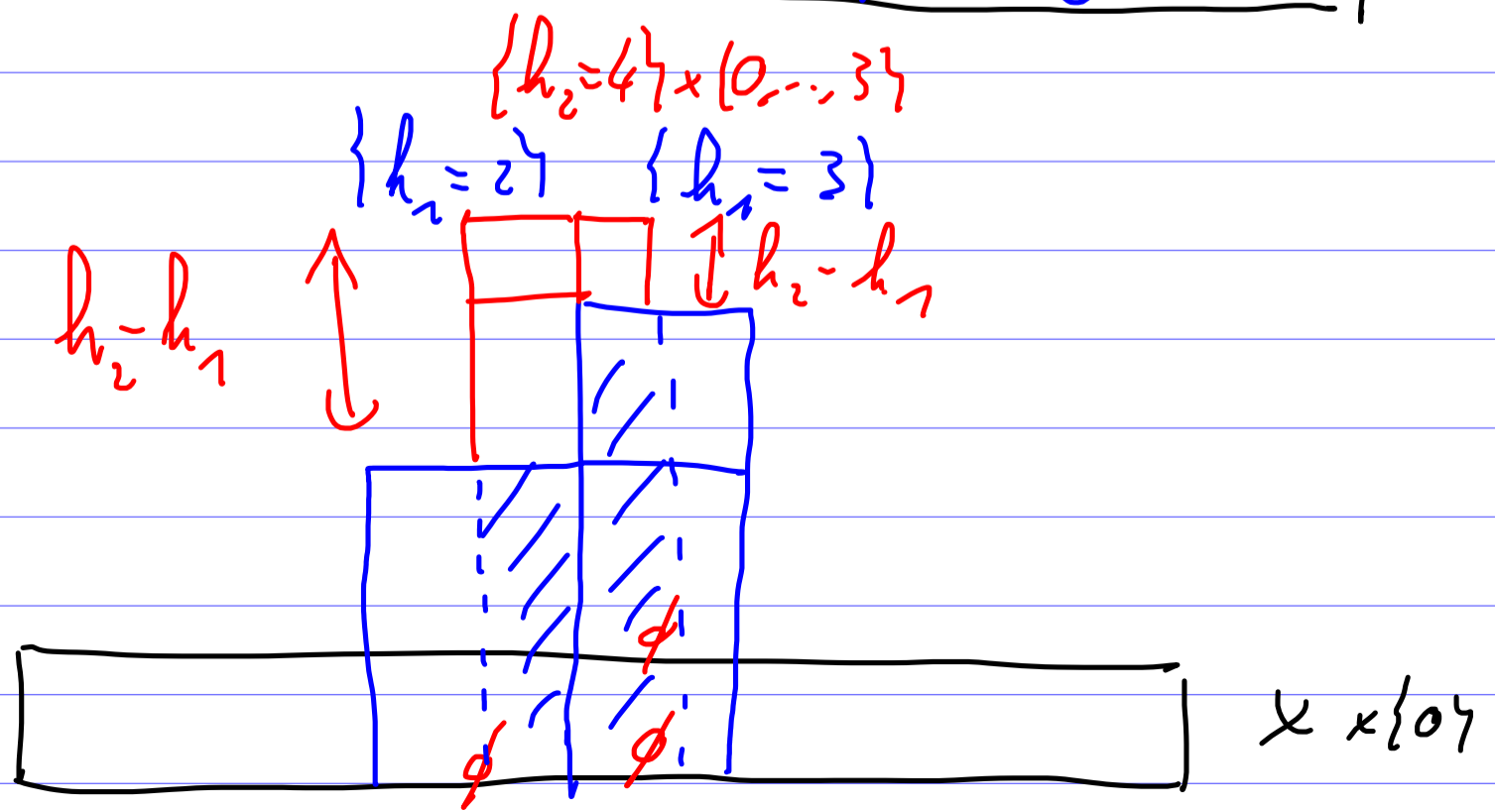
$T^{h_2} = (T^{h_1})^g$

with  $g = X^{h_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^*$   
 $(x, i) \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \leq h_1(x) \\ h_2(x) - h_1(x) + 1 & \text{if } i = h_1(x) \end{cases}$

$X^{h_2}$



$(X^{h_1})^g$



c- <sup>T ergodic</sup> if  $\mu(A_1) < \mu(A_2)$ :  $T_{A_1} \simeq (T_{A_2})_{A_1}$  with  $\mu(A_1) = \mu(A_1)$  and  $A_1 \subseteq A_2$

if  $\int h_1 d\mu < \int h_2 d\mu$ :  $T^{h_2} \simeq (T^{h_1})^g$

so both assertions are equivalent

for the second point:

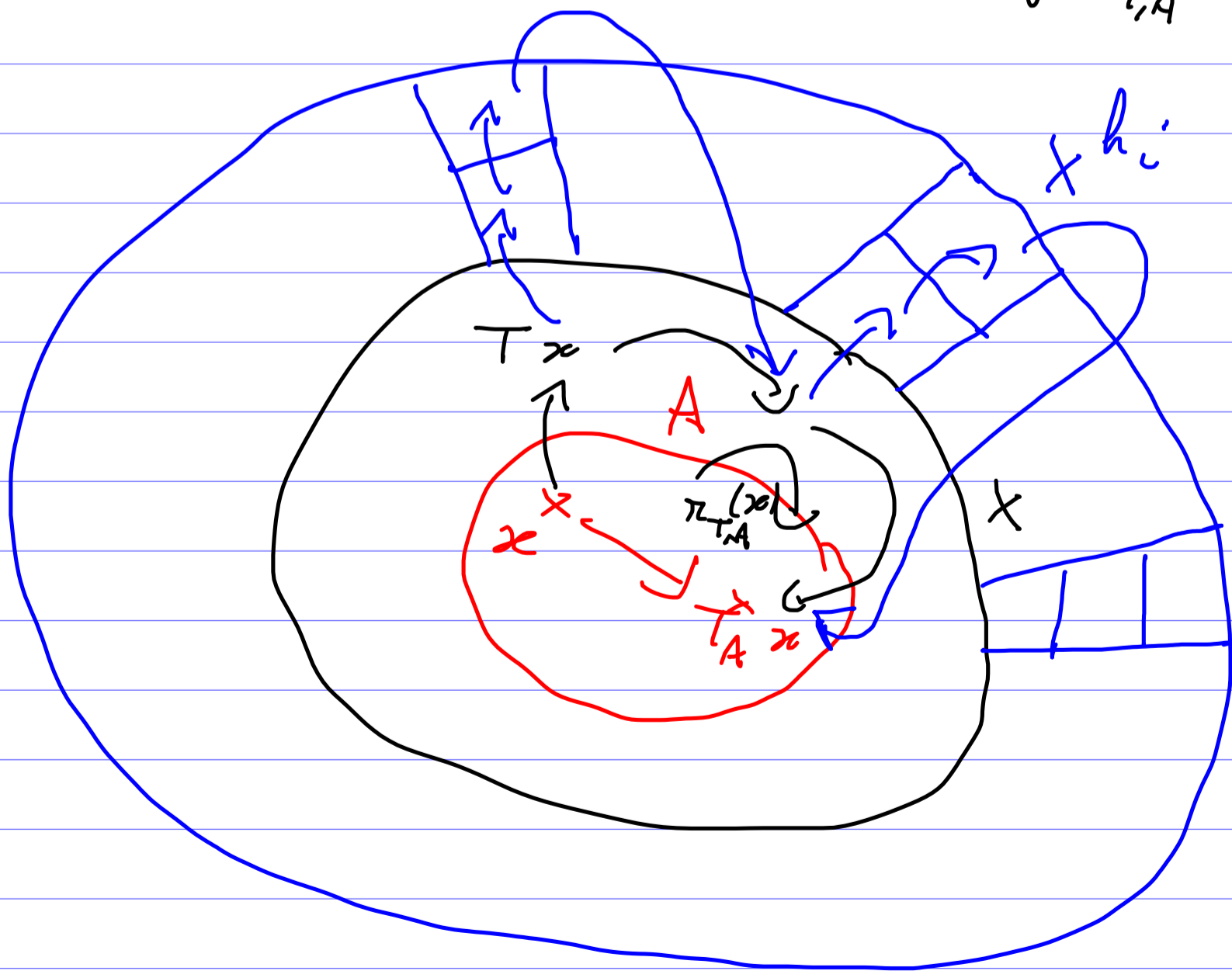
By ergodic theorem,  $\exists N > 0, \forall n \geq N,$

$$\sum_{0 \leq j < n} h_1(T^j x) < \sum_{0 \leq j < n} h_2(T^j x)$$

for  $x$  in  $B$  with  $\mu(B) > 0$

consider  $A \subset B$  such that  $n_{T,A} \geq N$

$$T^{h_1} \simeq (T_A)^{h'_1} \text{ with } h'_1 = \sum_{0 \leq j < n_{T,A}(x)} h_1(T^j x)$$



$$h'_1 \leq h'_2 \text{ on } A. \quad (T_A)^{h'_2} \simeq ((T_A)^{h'_1})^g = (T^{h_1})^g$$

## II - Kakutani equivalence

Def:  $T \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$ ,  $S \in \text{Aut}(Y, \nu)$  ergodic

1)  $T$  and  $S$  are Kakutani equivalent,  $T \sim_K S$ ,  
if  $T_A \cong S_B$  for some  $A \subset X$ ,  $B \subset Y$

2) if moreover even K.eq.,  $T \sim_{ek} S$ ,  
if moreover  $\mu(A) = \nu(B)$

Prop: they are equivalence relations

Proof: reflexivity } ok  
symmetry }

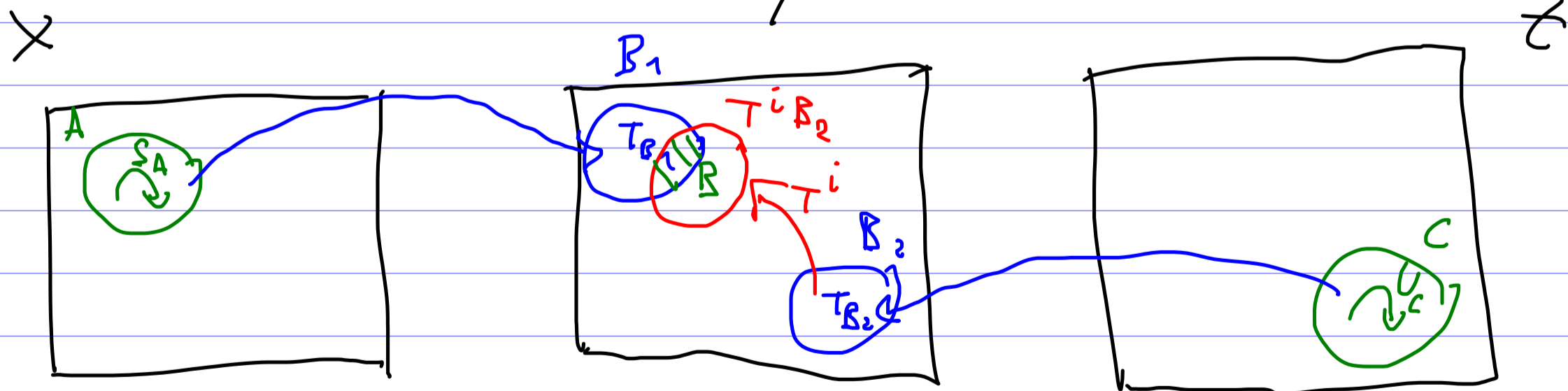
transitivity:  $\sim_K$ :

$S \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$ ,  $T \in \text{Aut}(Y, \nu)$ ,  $U \in \text{Aut}(Z, \rho)$

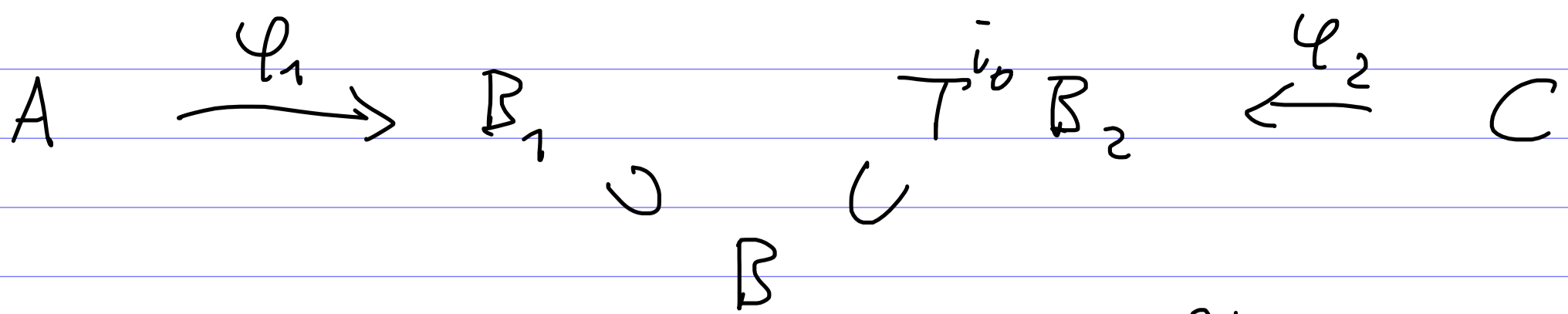
$S_A \cong T_{B_1}$ ,  $T_{B_2} \cong U_C$

$T^i T_{B_2} = T_{T^i B_2} T^i$  then

$$T_{B_2} \stackrel{T^i}{\cong} T_{T^i B_2}$$



by ergodicity:  $\exists i_0, \nu \left( \underbrace{(T^{i_0} B_2) \cap B_1}_B \right) > 0$



$$(\cdot)_B \left( \underbrace{S_A \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} T_{B_1}}_{\sim} \quad \underbrace{T_{B_2} \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} U_C}_{\sim} \right)$$

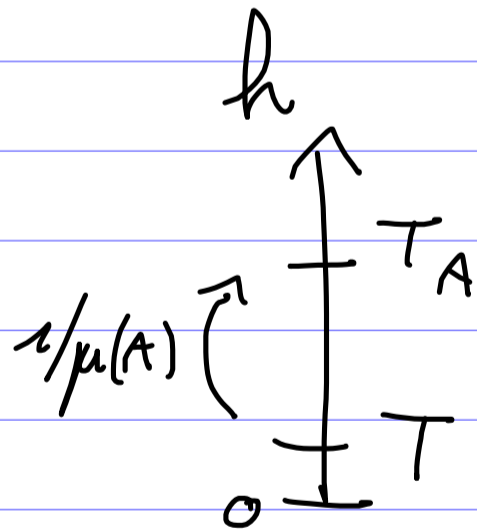
$$\underbrace{S_{\varphi_1^{-1}(B)}}_{\sim} \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} T_B \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} \underbrace{U_{\varphi_2(B)}}_{\sim}$$

then  $S \sim_K U$

$$\sim_{ek} : \left. \begin{array}{l} \mu(A) = \nu(B_1), \nu(B_2) = \rho(C) \\ \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \text{ are measure isomorphism} \\ (A, \mu_A) \rightarrow (B_1, \nu_{B_1}) \\ (C, \rho_C) \rightarrow (B_2, \nu_{B_2}) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \mu(\varphi_1^{-1}(B)) \\ = \rho(\varphi_2^{-1}(B)) \\ S \sim_{ek} U \end{array}$$



Theorem (Abramov's formula)  $T$  ergodic,  $A \subset X$

$$\mu(A) h(T_A) = h(T)$$


Corollary:  $\sim_{ek}$  preserves entropy

### III - Generalization to $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -action

Notation:  $T$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -action on  $(X, \mu)$

$\vec{T}(x, y)$  is  $h \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  s.t.  $T^h x = y$

" $T$ -vector between  $x$  and  $y$ "

#### 1) Stable orbit equivalence (SOE)

Def:  $G, H$  groups,  $T: G \curvearrowright (X, \mu)$ ,  $S: H \curvearrowright (Y, \nu)$  free ergodic pmp

$U \subset X, V \subset Y$  of positive measure

$\varphi: (U, \mu_U) \rightarrow (V, \nu_V)$  measure isomorphism

$\varphi$  is a SOE between  $(X, \mu, T)$  to  $(Y, \nu, S)$  if  
for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in X$ ,  $\varphi(\text{Orb}_T(x) \cap U) = \text{Orb}_S(\varphi(x)) \cap V$

$\text{dom}(\varphi) := U, \text{rang}(\varphi) := V, \text{comp}(\varphi) = \frac{\nu(\text{rang} \varphi)}{\mu(\text{dom} \varphi)}$

if  $U, V$  are of full measure,  $\varphi$  is a OE

Remark •  $A \subset \text{dom}(\varphi)$ ,  $\varphi|_A: A \rightarrow \varphi(A)$  then  $\text{comp}(\varphi|_A) = \text{comp}(\varphi)$   
(because  $\varphi|_A \nu_{\text{rang}(\varphi)} = \mu|_{\text{dom}(\varphi)}$ )

•  $G=H=\mathbb{Z}$ . If  $x \in \text{dom}(\varphi) = U$ ,  $\text{Orb}_T(x) \cap U = \text{Orb}_T(x)$   
 $\text{Orb}_S(\varphi(x)) \cap V = \text{Orb}_{S|_V}(\varphi(x))$



$S$  is an OE between  $T_U$  and  $S_V$

## 2) M-Kakutani equivalence

$\|\cdot\|$  norm on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $M$   $d \times d$  real matrix

Def free ergodic  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ -actions  $T$  on  $(X, \mu)$   
 $S$  on  $(Y, \nu)$

$T \stackrel{M}{\sim} S$  if there exists an SOE  $\varphi$  between  $T$  and  $S$   
 $\varphi: X \rightarrow Y$

- $\text{dom } \varphi = X$

- $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_\varepsilon > 0, X_\varepsilon \subset X$   
 $\mu(X_\varepsilon) > 1 - \varepsilon$

(\*)  $\forall x, y \in X_\varepsilon, y \in \text{Orb}_T(x),$   
 $\|\vec{T}(x, y)\| \geq N_\varepsilon \Rightarrow \|\underbrace{M\vec{T}(x, y)}_{\leq \varepsilon \|\vec{T}(x, y)\|} - \vec{S}(\varphi(x), \varphi(y))\| \leq \varepsilon \|\vec{T}(x, y)\|$

$$y = T^h x$$

(\*)  $\forall x \in X_\varepsilon, \forall h \in \mathbb{Z}^d \text{ s.t. } T^h x \in X_\varepsilon,$   
 $\|h\| \geq N_\varepsilon \Rightarrow \|Mh - \vec{S}(\varphi(x), \varphi(T^h x))\| \leq \varepsilon \|h\|$

"partial" cocycle  
 $h' \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$S^{h'} \varphi(x) = \varphi(T^{h'} x)$$

if  $T \stackrel{M_1}{\sim} S, S \stackrel{M_2}{\sim} U$ , then  $T \stackrel{M_2 M_1}{\sim} U$

e.g. :  $d=1$  ( $\mathbb{Z}^d = \mathbb{Z}$ ),  $M = (2)$

$$k' \simeq 2k$$

$$\varphi(\text{Orb}_T(x)) \simeq \text{Orb}_{S^2}(\varphi(x)) \quad \text{"} \frac{1}{2} \text{Orb}_S(\varphi(x)) \text{"}$$

Proposition :  $\text{comp}(\varphi) (= \nu(\text{rang } \varphi)) = \frac{1}{|\det M|}$

1)  $|\det M| \geq 1$  (invertible)

2)  $\varphi$  is an OE  $\Leftrightarrow |\det M| = 1$

$$\text{if } |\det M| = 1, \quad T \xrightarrow{M} S \Leftrightarrow S \xrightarrow{M^{-1}} T$$

[  $\mathbb{I}_d$ -Kak eq is an equivalence relation

Theorem :  $T \in \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$ ,  $S \in \text{Aut}(Y, \nu)$ ,  $\underbrace{m \in \mathbb{R}}_{M=(m)}$ ,  $\underbrace{|\det M| \geq 1}_{|\det M| \geq 1}$

$\text{sgn}(m)$  its sign

$$\begin{array}{l} T \xrightarrow{m} S \\ (T \xrightarrow{(m)} S) \end{array} \Leftrightarrow (T^{\text{sgn}(m)})_A \simeq S_B \quad \text{for } A \subset X, B \subset Y, \quad \frac{\nu(B)}{\mu(A)} = \frac{1}{|m|}$$

Consequences • the eq rel generated by  $\xrightarrow{m}$  for  $m \geq 1$  is Kak equivalence

• flip-Kak equivalence  $|m| \geq 1$ ,

• 1-Kak eq = even Kak equivalence

Proof: WLOG  $m \geq 1$   $(\vec{T}^{-1}(x, y) = -\vec{T}(x, y))$

$\Rightarrow T \xrightarrow{m} S$

consider  $\varphi$  SOE,  $\varepsilon \in ]0, 1[$ ,  $N_\varepsilon$ ,  $X_\varepsilon$

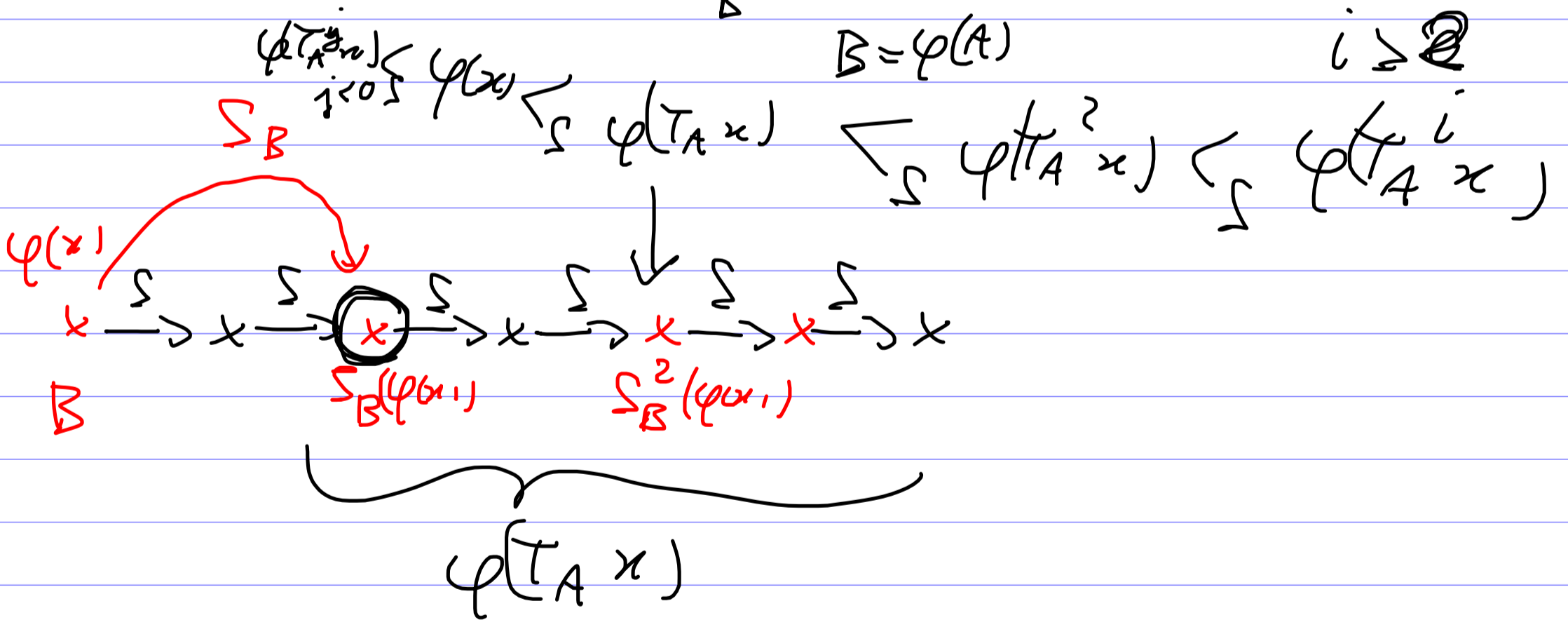
take  $A \subset X_\varepsilon$  such that  $A, T(A), \dots, T^{N_\varepsilon-1}(A)$  are pairwise disjoint.

$x \in A, \vec{T}(x, T_A(x)) \geq N_\varepsilon$

then  $|\sum_{i=1}^m \vec{T}(x, T_A(x)) - \vec{S}(\varphi(x), \varphi(T_A(x)))| \leq \varepsilon / |\vec{T}(x, T_A(x))|$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $0 < < 1$

then  $|\vec{S}(\varphi(x), \varphi(T_A(x)))| > 0$

$\varphi(\text{Orb}_{T_A}(x)) = \text{Orb}_S(\varphi(x))$



$\varphi(T_A x) = S_B(\varphi(x))$



Theorem (Nadler) if  $T \xrightarrow{M} S$ , then  $h(S) = \frac{h(T)}{|\det M|}$

$d=1$ : consequence of Abramov's formula and "comp(φ) = 1/|det M|"