

# Ergodic theory of permutation groups.

## I Generalized Bernoulli shifts

Theorem (with JAMEL and ROY):

$\Gamma$  acting on a countable set  $\Omega$ , transitive

(SIO)  $\forall a \in \Omega$ ,  $\Gamma_a \curvearrowright \Omega \setminus \{a\}$  has only infinite orbits.

Take  $(Z_1, \mathcal{Z}_1)$  and  $(Z_2, \mathcal{Z}_2)$  std prob spaces. Then the associated generalized Bernoulli shifts  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (Z_1, \mathcal{Z}_1)^{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (Z_2, \mathcal{Z}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}}$  are isomorphic iff  $(Z_1, \mathcal{Z}_1) \simeq (Z_2, \mathcal{Z}_2)$ .

$$\Gamma \curvearrowright (Z, \mathcal{Z})^{\mathbb{Z}} : \sigma \cdot (z_a)_{a \in \mathbb{Z}} = (z_{\sigma^{-1}(a)})_{a \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

isomorphic:  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (X, \mu)$  and  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (Y, \nu)$  are isomorphic iff

$$\exists \varphi: (X, \mu) \xrightarrow{\sim} (Y, \nu) \text{ st } \forall \sigma \in \Gamma, \forall x \in X, \varphi(g \cdot x) = g \cdot \varphi(x).$$

Two examples of (SIO):

- $\text{Sym}_f(\mathbb{N}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{N}$ .
- $PL_+(\mathbb{Q}) =$  group of piecewise linear order preserving bijections of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
finitely many pieces.

$$PL_+(\mathbb{Q}) \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q} \text{ is (SIO).}$$

- Thompson's group  $F < \text{Homeo}([0, 1])$

$F$  is the group of PL oriented preserving homeo of  $[0, 1]$

with break pts in  $\mathbb{Z}[1/2]$   
slopes

$$F \simeq \mathbb{Z}[1/2] \cap ]0,1[ \quad (\text{SIO}).$$

Context:  $G \leq \text{Sym}(\Omega)$  closed subgroup.  $\Omega$  ctkle set,  $G \curvearrowright \Omega$  transitively

(SIO):  $G_a \curvearrowright \Omega \setminus \{a\}$  has only infinite orbits. Fix two std prob spaces  $(Z_1, \mathcal{S}_1), (Z_2, \mathcal{S}_2)$ . Then TFAE:

i) The spatial pmp actions  $G \curvearrowright (Z_i, \mathcal{S}_i)^{\mathbb{Q}}$  are spatially isom.

ii) The Borel pmp actions  $G \curvearrowright (Z_i, \mathcal{S}_i)^{\mathbb{Q}}$  are Borelly isom

iii) The prob. spaces  $(Z_i, \mathcal{S}_i)$  are isom.



### Boolean actions

$G$  top group.

continuous morphism  $G \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Aut}(X, \mu)}_{\text{initial topology associated}}$

with  $T_1 \rightarrow T(A)$

$\forall A \in \mathcal{MAlg}(X, \mu)$

Borel isomorphism:

$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are Borelly isomorphic

if there exists a isomorphism  $\phi$

between the measure algebras

$\mathcal{MAlg}(X_i, \mu_i)$  st.

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{MAlg}(X_2, \mu), \forall g \in G, \phi(\alpha_1(g)A) = \alpha_2(g)\phi(A)$$

### Spatial actions

$G$  top group.

Borel action  $G \times X \rightarrow X$

with a  $\mu \in \text{Prob}_G(X)$

Spatial isomorphism:  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  spatially isom

$\exists \Phi: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  Borel bijection,  $\Phi_* \mu_1 = \mu_2$

and  $\exists X_0 \subseteq X_1, \mu(X_0) = 1$ , st  $\forall g \in G, \forall x \in X_0$   
satisfying  $\alpha_1(g)x \in X_0$

$$\phi(\alpha_1(g)x) = \alpha_2(g)\phi(x).$$

From the definition, one sees that if  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  spatial pmp actions,  $\phi$  spatial isomorphism from  $\alpha_1$  to  $\alpha_2$  induces  $\phi^*: \text{MAlg}(X_2, \mu_2) \rightarrow \text{MAlg}(X_1, \mu_1)$  Boolean isomorphism from (the Boolean algebra induced by)  $\alpha_2$  to (the Boolean algebra induced by)  $\alpha_1$ . Hence  $\phi^*([\mathcal{A}]) = [\phi^{-1}(\mathcal{A})]$

Remark: every spatial pmp action induces a Boolean pmp action.

The converse is not always true in general.

But for countable groups (loc. compact) closed subgroups of  $\text{Sym}(\Omega)$ , for every Boolean pmp action  $\alpha$ ,  $\exists$  a spatial pmp action whose induced Boolean pmp action is  $\alpha$ . [SGW]

Remark: For  $\text{Sym}(\Omega)$ ,  $\exists$  two spatial pmp actions  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  which are NOT spatially isomorphic but whose induced Boolean pmp actions are Booleanly isomorphic.

Proof of the corollary:

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii)  $\phi: \text{MAlg}((Z_2, \mathcal{I}_2)^{\mathbb{Z}_2}) \rightarrow \text{MAlg}((Z_1, \mathcal{I}_1)^{\mathbb{Z}_1})$

Boolean isom between  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_1$ .

Claim:  $\exists \Gamma \leq G$  ctble group and dense in  $G$ .

Proof:  $G$  is Polish: Take  $S$  ctble  $\leq G$ , let  $\Gamma = \langle S \rangle$  [SI]

$\Gamma$  and  $G$  have the same orbits on  $\Omega^{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

Since  $G$  has (SIO) then  $\Gamma$  has (SIO)

Since  $\Gamma$  is dble,  $\Phi$  descends a spatial isomorphism between  $\alpha_1|_{\Gamma}$  and  $\alpha_2|_{\Gamma}$ . (because  $\Gamma$  is dense and dble).

Use the theorem to get that  $(\mathcal{Z}_i, \mathcal{S}_i)$  are isomorphic. □

Let's prove the theorem.

$\Gamma$  acts on  $\Omega$ .

For  $\alpha: \Gamma \curvearrowright (X, \mu)$  pmp, and  $a \in \Omega$ , define

$$\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha) = \{ Y \text{ measurable subset of } X \mid \forall g \in \Gamma_a, \mu(\alpha(g)Y \Delta Y) = 0 \}$$

sub  $\sigma$ -alg of the  $\sigma$ -alg on  $X$ .

I can also define

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_a(\alpha) := \{ \psi \in \text{MA}(\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha)) \mid \forall g \in \Gamma_a, \alpha(g)\psi = \psi \}$$

Fact:  $\alpha_i: \Gamma \curvearrowright (X_i, \mu_i)$  pmp. Then every  $\Phi: (X_1, \mu_1) \rightarrow (X_2, \mu_2)$  pmp isomorphism from  $\alpha_1$  to  $\alpha_2$  induces a measure algebra isomorphism between  $\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha_1)$  and  $\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha_2)$ ,  $\forall a \in \Omega$ .

Proof of the theorem:

If  $(\mathcal{Z}_i, \mathcal{S}_i)$  are isom. then  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (\mathcal{Z}_i, \mathcal{S}_i)^{\mathcal{S}_i}$  are isomorphic.

Assume that  $\Gamma \curvearrowright (\mathcal{Z}_i, \mathcal{S}_i)^{\mathcal{S}_i}$  are isomorphic.

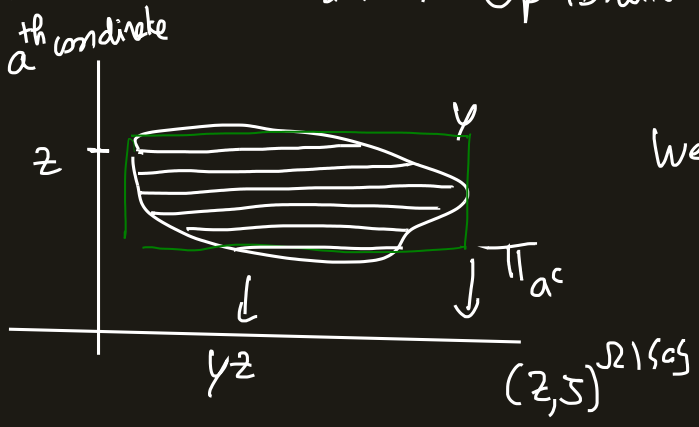
By the above fact,  $\forall a \in \Omega$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_a(\alpha_1) \cong \tilde{\mathcal{F}}_a(\alpha_2)$ .

Lemma:  $\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha_i) \cong \text{MA}(\mathcal{F}_a(\alpha_i))$ .

Proof: fix  $a \in \Omega$ .  $\pi_a: (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})^{\Omega} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})$  projection onto the  $a^{\text{th}}$  coordinate. This induces  $\pi_a^*: \text{NAlg}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S}) \rightarrow \text{NAlg}((\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})^{\Omega})$  morphism (always surjective). Let's prove that  $\pi_a^*(\text{NAlg}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})) = \mathcal{F}_a(\alpha)$

•  $\subseteq$  straight forward: take  $Y \in \text{NAlg}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})$ . Then  $\pi_a^{-1}(Y)$  is  $\Gamma_a$ -invariant up to null set.

•  $\supseteq$ : take  $Y \in \mathcal{F}_a(\alpha)$ . Up to null set,  $Y$  can be chosen to be truly  $\Gamma_a$ -inv.



We want  $Y$  as a product of something in  $\text{NAlg}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})$  in the  $a^{\text{th}}$  coordinate and  $(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})^{\Omega \setminus \{a\}}$

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}, Y^z = \pi_{a^c} \left( \{ (z_n) \in Y \mid z_a = z \} \right).$$

$Y^z$  is  $\Gamma_a$ -inv for the action  $\Gamma_a \curvearrowright (\mathbb{Z}^{\Omega \setminus \{a\}}, \mathbb{S}^{\Omega \setminus \{a\}})$ .

(SIO) implies that this action  $\curvearrowright$  is ergodic.

So  $\mathbb{Z}^{\Omega \setminus \{a\}}(Y^z) \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Use Fubini to say that up to null set,  $Y \in \pi_a^*(\text{NAlg}(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S}))$ .



Examples: for  $\text{Sym}(\Omega) = S_{\Omega}$

•  $S_{\Omega} \curvearrowright (\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{S})^{\Omega}, \text{Bel}(\rho^{\mathbb{Z}})$  are never isomorphic (either spatially or Booleanly)

•  $S_\infty \curvearrowright (\{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)}, \text{Ber}(p)^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)})$  are never isomorphic  
 (use the Galois group with  $S_\infty \curvearrowright \mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)$  which is (SIO)).

Question: Is  $\alpha \cdot S_\infty \curvearrowright (\{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)}, \text{Ber}(p)^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)})$  isom to  $\beta \cdot S_\infty \curvearrowright (\{0,1\}^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)}, \text{Ber}(p)^{\mathcal{P}_2(\Omega)})$ ?

No: neither spatially, nor Booleanly.

Argument:  $\mathcal{F}_{G_a}(\alpha)$  is non-trivial whereas  $\mathcal{F}_{G_a}(\beta)$  is trivial for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## II Kolmogorov and Hewitt-Savage 0-1 Laws.

with Rémi BARRETAUT and Colin JAHTEL.

Theorem: Let  $\alpha: S_\infty \rightarrow \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$  be a Boolean pmp action.

The tail measure algebra of  $\alpha$  is equal to the invariant measure algebra of  $\alpha$ .

Take  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  iid, real valued r.v. Then Kolmogorov 0-1 laws says that

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots) = \{\emptyset, E\} \text{ a.s.}$$

$\nu \in \text{Prob}(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}})$  law of  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ . Look at  $\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \sigma(\overset{\text{projection}}{\pi_n} |_{h \geq n})$   
 $\mu = \nu^{\mathbb{N}}$  because  $(X_n)$  are iid.

Then  $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$   $\mu$ -o.s.

$$= \bigcap_{n \geq 0} \sigma(\mathcal{F}_n, \mathcal{F}_{n+1}, \dots)$$

$(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  iid, real valued. Hewitt Savage says that  
 $\text{Law}(X_n) = \nu$

$$\mathcal{E} = \left\{ A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \text{ measurable, exchangeable} : \forall \sigma \in \text{Sym}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N}), (z_n) \in A \right. \\ \left. \Leftrightarrow (z_{\sigma(n)}) \in A \text{ a.s.} \right\} = \{ \emptyset, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}} \} \text{ a.s.}$$

Remark:  $\mathcal{E} = \sigma$ -alg of  $\text{Sym}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbb{N})$ -invariant subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$   
a.s.

$$= \sigma\text{-alg of } S_{\infty}\text{-invariant subsets of } \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}, \\ \text{a.s.}$$

because  $S_{\infty} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}, \nu^{\mathbb{N}})$  is continuous.

Take  $\alpha: S_{\infty} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$  Boolean pmp action

$$\text{Define } \mathcal{E} = \left\{ Y \text{ measurable in } X \mid \forall g \in S_{\infty}, \mu(gY \Delta Y) = 0 \right\}.$$

Define the tail  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\alpha$ :

$$\mathcal{T} = \bigcap_{\substack{B \text{ finite} \\ \text{subset of } \mathbb{N}}} \sigma(\mathcal{F}_A \mid A \subseteq B \text{ finite})$$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{F}_A = \left\{ Y \text{ measurable in } X \mid \forall g \in (S_{\infty})_A, \mu(\alpha(g)Y \Delta Y) = 0 \right\} \\ \parallel \\ \left\{ g \in S_{\infty}, g|_A = \text{id} \right\}$$

Theorem:  $\alpha: S_{\infty} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$  Boolean pmp. Then  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{E}$   
a.s.

One inclusion is easy: if  $Y \in \mathcal{E}$  then  $Y \in \mathcal{F}_A$  for every  $A$  finite.

so  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$  a.s.

Remark: <sup>without the theorem</sup> we can prove very easily <sup>disjoint</sup> that  $\forall A, B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  finite, then  $\mathcal{F}_A$  and  $\mathcal{F}_B$  are independent conditionally on  $\mathcal{T}$ .

This last theorem is useful:  $\alpha: S_\infty \rightarrow \text{Aut}(X, \mu)$  is ergodic, then  $\mathcal{E} = \{\emptyset, X\}$  a.s. we get from the remark independence:  $\mathcal{F}_A \perp \mathcal{F}_B$ .  
(JAHTEL, TSANKOV)

$S_\infty \simeq (\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}, \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})^{\mathbb{N}})$        $\phi: \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$   
 $(x_n) \rightarrow (y_n)$        $y_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_n = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

compact factor associated to  $\phi$ , not isomorphic to  $S_\infty \simeq (\mathbb{Z}, \mathcal{S})^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

$S_\infty \simeq (\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}, \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})^{\mathbb{N}}) / (x_n) \sim \phi(x_n)$