

lec 5 The Cox - Durrett limit shape theorem.

Recall p_c , the threshold for Bernoulli bond percolation.

Suppose $\mathbb{E}[\min_{i=1, \dots, d} \{t_i\}] < \infty$ (time constant condition) - (#1)
 $F(0) < p_c$ (no percolation of $\mathcal{O}_s \Rightarrow \mu(\mathcal{O}_s) \neq 0$) - (#2)

GOOD measures

holds out form inside the growing cluster!
 $\mathbb{E}[\min_{i=1, \dots, d} \{t_i\}] < \infty$ for $\mu(x) < \infty$

if $\mu(x) < \infty$.
 That there is no occlusion through the origin
 $\mu(x) = 0$
 $\hookrightarrow \mu(\mathcal{O}_s) > 0 \Rightarrow \mu(x) > 0 \forall x \neq 0$
 $0 < \mu(x) < \infty$ (non-trivial)

Theorem: (Cox and Durrett)

Let $B = \{x \mid \mu(x) \leq 1\}$

Let $B(n) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid T(0, x) \leq n\}$

Then for any $\epsilon > 0, \exists N(\omega) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\mathbb{P}(\omega \mid (1-\epsilon)B \subset \frac{B(n)}{n} \subset (1+\epsilon)B \text{ for all } n > N(\omega)) = 1$

$\mathbb{P}(A_n) \rightarrow 1$
 $\mathbb{P}(A_n \text{ ev}) = 1$
 $= \mathbb{P}(\cup A_n) = 1$

Remark: if (#2) fails the limit shape is infinite

Fix any M

$\mathbb{P}(\{x : x \leq M\} \subset \frac{B(n)}{n} \text{ for all large enough } n) = 1$

OK, how do proceed. By the time constant theorem, one may envision the following: Pick $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ (rationals)

Then $\left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, nx)}{n} \text{ exists} \right\} := A_x$

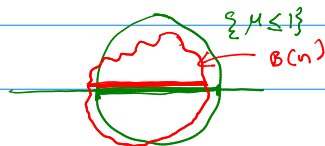
has $\mathbb{P}(A_x) = 1$ ← Kingman's Theorem

and thus $\mathbb{P}(\bigcap_{x \in \mathbb{Q}} A_x) = 1$ | we extended this to all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

So for any ϵ and x , $\exists N_x \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\left| \frac{T(0, nx)}{n} - \mu(x) \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n > N_x(\omega)$$

It's easy to see the 1D projection of the shape theorem.



$$\text{Let } \mathcal{B}_1 = \mathcal{B} \cap \{ \lambda e_1 \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

Then, it's easy to see that if

$$\mathcal{B}_1(n) = \{ x = \lambda e_1 \mid T(0, x) \leq n \}$$

this doesn't make a huge difference

Then with probability 1, we have

$$(1 - \hat{\epsilon}) \mathcal{B}_1 \subseteq \frac{\mathcal{B}_1(n)}{n} \subseteq (1 + \hat{\epsilon}) \mathcal{B}_1$$

This is easy to show and follows directly from

- 1) Existence of $\mu(e_1)$
- 2) Homogeneity of $\mu(\lambda e_1) = \lambda \mu(e_1)$

Fix some $x = \lambda e_1$, and

Assume $\mu(x) = 1$. Then the shape theorem gives

$$(1-\epsilon)n \leq T(0, nx) \leq (1+\epsilon)n \quad \text{for large } n$$

$$\frac{T(0, nx)}{n} \rightarrow \mu(x)$$

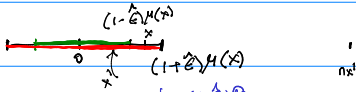
Let $y = nx + ce_1$, then $\mu(y/n) \leq 1 + \epsilon$ (continuity)

$\mu(x + \frac{ce_1}{n}) \rightarrow \mu(x)$ by continuity.

$$\begin{aligned} |T(0, nx) - T(0, ny)| & \leq T(nx, ny) \\ & \leq Kn|x-y| \end{aligned}$$

uniform version.

Now fix $\hat{\epsilon}$ and consider $(1+\hat{\epsilon})B_1$ and $(1-\hat{\epsilon})B_1$,



say $x' = \lambda x$ and $\mu(x') \leq 1 - \hat{\epsilon}$. Then if n sufficiently large, homogeneity

$$\frac{T(0, nx')}{n} \leq (1+\epsilon)\mu(x') \leq (1+\epsilon)(1-\hat{\epsilon}) = 1 + (\epsilon + \hat{\epsilon}) - \epsilon\hat{\epsilon}$$

all I'm saying is that x' is in direction e_1

can arrange for this to be negative if $\epsilon \leq \frac{1-\hat{\epsilon}}{1+\hat{\epsilon}}$ which can certainly be done.

THUS $T(0, nx') \leq n$ and

$$\frac{B_1(n)}{n}$$

so certainly x' is in the set $\{ \frac{y}{n} \mid T(0, y) \leq n, y = \lambda x \}$ ($y = nx'$)

Next, to show $B_1(n) \subset (1+\hat{\epsilon})B_1$,

analogously if we take a $y/n = x''$ in the set above for the sake of contradiction

Suppose $\mu(x'') > (1+\hat{\epsilon})$. Then $\frac{T(0, nx'')}{n} \geq (1-\epsilon)\mu(x'')$ Kingman's theorem.

$$> (1-\epsilon)(1+\hat{\epsilon}) = 1 - \epsilon + \hat{\epsilon} - \epsilon\hat{\epsilon} \quad \#4 \rightarrow T(0, nx'') > n$$

positive for small ϵ , we get that #4 is certainly larger ($1 + \text{positive qty}$)

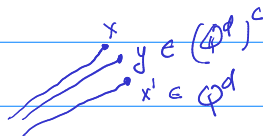
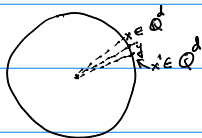
than 1, and thus x'' could not have belonged to the set in question

1D projection of shape theorem is obvious.

All of this choosing n to be large enough can be done by considering $B_{\epsilon} \cap (1-\epsilon) \cap \{|x| > \delta\}$ on the

left hand inclusion and then eventually taking δ to 0.

OK, this can be done for 1 fixed direction for x and perhaps any rational direction. But to do it for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ requires some "uniformity" in our estimates.



Will need good estimates on $T(x,y)$ and $T(x,y')$.

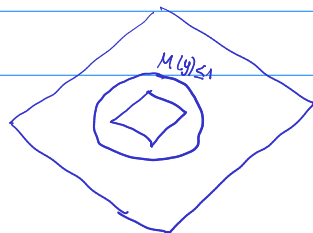
Claim: The shape theorem ^{holding} is equivalent to saying

$$\overline{\lim}_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0,x) - M(x)}{|x|} = 0 \quad \text{--- (#5)}$$

Pf: The 1st step is to use a simple bound on $M(y)$

Since $\mu(y)$ is a nondegenerate norm of \mathbb{R}^d , (all finite dim norms are equivalent):

$$c_1 |y|_1 \leq M(y) \leq c_2 |y|_1, \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad \text{--- (#6)}$$



in the statement of the theorem.

Pf: Suppose (#5) holds and let $y \in \mathcal{B}(n)$

(If #5 holds then the limit shape result also holds)

for $\epsilon > 0 \exists k$ st $|y|_1 > k$ (by #5)

$$M(y) - \epsilon |y|_1 \leq T(0, y) \leq M(y) + \epsilon |y|_1 \rightarrow \lim_{|y|_1 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|T(0, y) - M(y)|}{|y|_1} = 0$$

Let $\sup_{|x| \leq k} |T(0, x) - M(x)| = c_3$ (on k and the randomness)

Take $y \in \mathcal{B}(n)$, $T(0, y) \leq n$. If $|y|_1 > k$, then

(Let's show $\frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n} \subseteq (1 + \epsilon) \mathcal{B}$)

$M(y) - \epsilon |y|_1 \leq n$ and by (#6) (M is a norm on \mathbb{R}^d)

$$M(y) \geq c_1 |y|_1$$

$$|y|_1 \leq \frac{n}{c_1 - \epsilon} \leq c_4 n. \text{ Thus}$$

$$M(y/n) = \frac{1}{n} M(y) \leq \frac{n + \epsilon |y|_1}{n}$$

$$\leq \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon |y|_1}{n}\right) \leq 1 + \epsilon c$$

using the fact that $|y|_1 \leq \max(c_n, k)$

Thus $\frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n} \subseteq (1 + \epsilon c) \mathcal{B}$

$$\left\{ \frac{y}{n} : \overset{\mathcal{B}(n)}{\|y\|_1^n} T(0, y) \leq n \right\} \subseteq (1 + \epsilon) \mathcal{B}$$

Next, show $(1 - \epsilon') \mathcal{B} \subseteq \frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n}$ for all large n

similarly if $y \in \{M(y) \leq 1 - \epsilon'\}$ $|y|_1 \leq \frac{1 - \epsilon'}{c_2}$ (c_1 norm of $|y|_1$ is bounded)

using the fact that M is $1 - \epsilon' \geq M(y) \geq c_2 |y|_1$
a norm.

$$\mu(ny) = n\mu(y)$$

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|T(0, x) - \mu(x)|}{|x|} \rightarrow 0$$

Then by (#5) $|T(0, ny) - n\mu(y)| \leq \epsilon n |y|$

Or $T(0, ny) \leq n(1 - \epsilon') + \frac{n\epsilon(1 - \epsilon')}{c}$ $\rightarrow y \in \mathcal{B}$
 $\leq n \frac{-\epsilon' + \epsilon - \epsilon'\epsilon}{c}$ $\rightarrow |y|$ is bounded.

$$\leq n$$

That can be made \rightarrow by choosing ϵ to be small.

and thus $ny \in \mathcal{B}(n) \Rightarrow y \in \frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n}$

You can thus adjust the ϵ you get from (#5) to prove $(1 - \epsilon')\mathcal{B} \subseteq \frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n} \subseteq (1 + \epsilon')\mathcal{B}$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{We have shown both} \\ \text{inclusions are implied by} \\ \text{\#5.} \end{array} \right\}$

The opposite direction is similar: that is, to prove that

$$(1 - \epsilon)\mathcal{B} \subseteq \frac{\mathcal{B}(n)}{n} \subseteq (1 + \epsilon)\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|T(0, x) - \mu(x)|}{|x|} = 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{\#5} \end{array} \right\}$$

It's easier to prove the contrapositive; suppose

$$\exists x_n \text{ st } \frac{|T(0, x_n) - \mu(x_n)|}{|x_n|} \rightarrow c_1 > 0 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{\#7} \\ \text{as } |x_n| \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \right\}$$

(wlog). We would like x_n to be scaled so that $\frac{x_n}{b_n} \in (1-\epsilon)B$ and yet $T(0, x_n) > n$

This would prove $(1-\epsilon)B \not\subseteq \frac{B(n)}{n}$

This is easily arranged by descending to a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ and arranging $\{b_{n_k}\}$ st can be found.

$$M\left(\frac{x_{n_k}}{b_{n_k}}\right) = 1 - \epsilon \quad (\#7a)$$

Then

$$T(0, x_{n_k}) \geq M(x_{n_k}) + \frac{c}{2} |x_{n_k}|, \text{ for all}$$

large enough n and thus

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq (1+c)M(x_{n_k}) \quad (\#7) \\ &= (1+c)(1-\epsilon)b_{n_k} \geq b_{n_k} \end{aligned}$$

from assumption of the contrapositive in #7

$$c|x_{n_k}| \geq M(x_{n_k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(\lambda x_{n_k}) &= \lambda M(x_{n_k}) \\ \lambda &= \frac{(1-\epsilon)}{M(x_{n_k})} \\ b_{n_k} &= \end{aligned}$$

follows from homo.

M is a norm.
(for ϵ small enough $(1+c)(1-\epsilon) \geq 1$)

with positive probability for small enough ϵ .

So infinitely often (or for infinitely many k , $|x_{n_k}| \rightarrow \infty$ $b_{n_k} \rightarrow \infty$)

$$x_{n_k} \notin B(b_{n_k}) \quad (\text{even though } \frac{x_{n_k}}{b_{n_k}} \in (1-\epsilon)B)$$

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x_{n_k}}{b_{n_k}} \notin \frac{B(b_{n_k})}{b_{n_k}}$ ← we assumed this

$$(1-\epsilon)B \not\subseteq \frac{B(n)}{n}$$

Let me highlight the uniformity in this statement.

$$\overline{\lim}_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{T(0, x) - M(x)}{|x|} \right| = 0$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|x| \geq n} \frac{|T(0, x) - M(x)|}{|x|} = 0$$


satisfy #1 moment condition $E[\min_i \tau_i^d] < \infty$
 #2 $F(0) < \infty$

Lemma Let F be a GOOD measure. Then $\exists \kappa < \infty$ st for ANY $x, z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

$$P\left(\underbrace{\sup_{z \neq x} \frac{T(x,z)}{|x-z|}}_{\text{GOOD}(x) \text{ Time}} < \kappa\right) > 0 \quad \text{--- \#7}$$

We will return to this, but the argument is very similar to the idea we used to show $E[T(0, e_i)] < 1$. We also of course need the Borel Cantelli lemma.

What this is saying that with positive probability


 $T(x,z) \leq \kappa |x-z|$
 FOR all z with some uniform constant κ (non random)

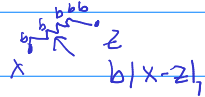
This gives us the "uniform" control on the passage time we desire.

holds for all z

$$T(x,z) < \kappa |x-z|$$

Uniform constant.

Suppose my w.b are bounded. $a < z_e < b$


 $x \quad z$
 $a \quad b$

The difficulty comes when z is unbounded & we just have a moment condition #1.

I'll leave this in your reading list.

Back to the proof of the shape theorem.

We argue by contradiction. Suppose the shape theorem does not hold.

Idea: Let $\{x_i\}$ be st $\frac{T(0, x_i) - M(x_i)}{|x_i|} \rightarrow c > 0$

#5

and since $\frac{x_i}{|x_i|}$ live on the unit ball, $\in \mathcal{E}$,

we may descend to a subsequence and assume

$\frac{x_i}{|x_i|} \rightarrow y \in \mathcal{E}$. (compactness of the finite dimensional unit ball)

By assumption $|T(0, x_i) - M(x_i)| > c|x_i|$,

We will use the "GOOD POINTS" from the lemma

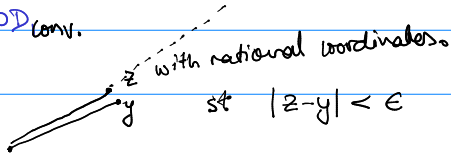
to prove a contradiction to this statement.

Recall that for rational z , Kingman shows that

$$P\left(\bigcap_{z \in \mathbb{Q}^d} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, nZ)}{n} = \mu(z)\right) = 1 \quad (\#8)$$

GOOD_{conv.}

Now fix z



So z is of the form $z = \frac{x}{M}$ where M is an integer and $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

By continuity, $\mu(z) \approx \mu(y)$ and by the ergodic theorem (and total ergodicity)

Infinitely many points of the form $\frac{nMz}{\tilde{n}}$ will be good. Then with $\tilde{n} = nM$

$$\begin{aligned} |T(0, \tilde{n}z) - T(0, \tilde{n}x^*)| &\leq \overset{\text{goodness}}{T(\tilde{n}z, \tilde{n}x^*)} \\ &\leq \tilde{n} |z - \frac{x^*}{\tilde{n}}| \end{aligned}$$

However $\frac{T(0, \tilde{n}z)}{\tilde{n}} \rightarrow \mu(z) \approx \mu(y)$
and $\mu(x^*/\tilde{n}) \approx \mu(y)$

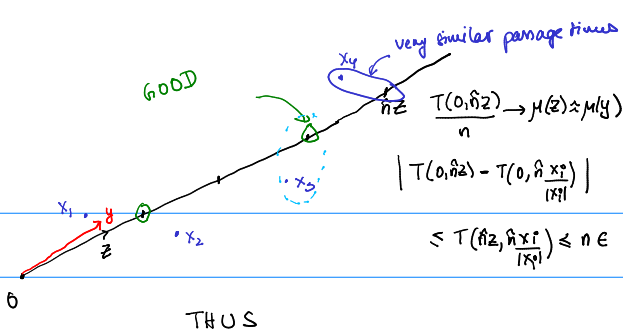
But $\left| \frac{T(0, \tilde{n}x^*)}{\tilde{n}} - \mu(y) \right| > \epsilon$

where $\tilde{n} = \lfloor \tilde{n} \rfloor$ This is a contradiction.

GOOD_{conv.} = the set of configurations in which convergence to the time constant $\mu(z)$ happens for all $z \in \mathbb{Q}^d$



GOOD with prob. $p > 0$
(at large fraction of the points are going to be good)



$$\frac{1}{n} T(0, \hat{n} \frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|}) \approx \frac{1}{n} T(0, \hat{n} z) \approx \mu(z) \approx \mu(y) \approx \mu\left(\frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|}\right)$$

Next, we will see this in full rigor.

POLL: Do you want to see this argument with the epsilonics?

Assume $\left| \frac{T(0, x_i^0) - \mu(x_i^0)}{|x_i^0|} \right| \rightarrow 0$ equivalent to shape Thm.

By compactness

$$\frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|} \rightarrow y \quad \text{The pt}$$

$$\frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|} \in \epsilon^{-1} \text{ ball.}$$

$$\mu\left(\frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|}\right) \approx \mu(y) \approx \mu(z) \quad \epsilon \uparrow$$

$$\frac{T(0, n z)}{n} \rightarrow \mu(z)$$

But frequently 2 IS GOOD

$$\text{So } \left[\frac{T(0, n z) - T(0, n \frac{x_i^0}{|x_i^0|})}{n} \right]$$

is small. This is a contradiction.

$$E[\mathcal{I}] = P(\text{GOOD}_{\text{Times}}(0)) =: \rho > 0 \quad (\text{by the lemma})$$

$$\mathcal{I}(T^k \omega) = \mathbb{1}_{B_0}(T^k \omega) = \mathbb{1}_{B_{i_3}}(\omega) \quad (\text{indicator of the event that } k \mathbb{I} \text{ is GOOD})$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{B_{i_3}}(\omega) \rightarrow \rho \quad \text{a.s. (ergodic)}$$

Let $\{n_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ be the random locations at which

$\text{GOOD}_{\text{Times}}(n_k)$ occurs. Thus by time n_k , (by time n_k there are k GOOD points)

k $\text{GOOD}_{\text{Times}}$ events have occurred.

$$\text{So } \frac{k}{n_k} = \frac{1}{n_k} \sum_{i=1}^{n_k} \mathbb{1}_{B_{i_3}} \rightarrow \rho$$

$$\text{So } \frac{n_{k+1}}{n_k} = \frac{n_{k+1}}{k+1} \frac{k+1}{k} \frac{k}{n_k} \rightarrow \rho \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} = 1$$

$$\frac{n_{k+1} - n_k}{n_k} \rightarrow 0$$

So what this is saying is that GOOD events happen fairly frequently

$$(1-\epsilon)n_k \leq n_{k+1} \leq (1+\epsilon)n_k$$

on large scales.

Assume for the sake of contradiction that (equivalent to the shape theorem)

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|T(0, x) - M(x)|}{|x|} > \delta \text{ for } \omega \in \mathcal{D}_\delta$$

— (#9)

Take some ω in the set where:

1) $\exists \{n_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ st $\text{GOOD}_{\text{Thue}}(n_k, z)$ happens

$$\text{and } \frac{n_{k+1}}{n_k} \rightarrow 1, \quad \frac{k}{n_k} \rightarrow \rho$$

(this has probability one)

2) Shape theorem fails (with pos. probability)

In (#9) $\exists \{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ st

$$|T(0, X_n) - M(X_n)| > \delta |X_n|, \quad \text{—}$$

Since $\frac{x_n}{|x_n|} \rightarrow y$

$$\left| \frac{\mu(x_n)}{|x_n|} - \mu(y) \right| < \frac{\delta}{10} \text{ for large } n \quad (\text{By continuity})$$

and thus

$$\left| T(0, x_n) - |x_n| \mu(y) \right| > \frac{\delta}{2} |x_n|, \quad \text{"large"}$$

We contradict this by showing

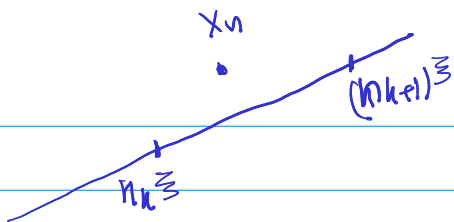
$$\left| \frac{T(0, x_n)}{|x_n|} - \mu(y) \right| \text{ is very small.}$$

For any such x_n , $\exists k(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ st

$$n_{k+1} M > |x_n| \geq n_k M \quad] - (\#9a)$$

This is because we can choose $k(n)$ to be the

largest such k st $n_k M \leq |x_n|$,



(Trapping x_n between GOOD points)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{T(0, x_n)}{|x_n|_1} - M(y) \right| \leq \left| \frac{T(0, x_n) - T(0, n_k Mz)}{|x_n|_1} \right| \quad \#10a \\
 & + \left| \frac{T(0, n_k Mz)}{|x_n|_1} - \frac{T(0, n_k Mz)}{n_k M} \right| \quad \#10b \\
 & + \left| \frac{T(0, n_k Mz)}{n_k M} - M(z) \right| + \underbrace{|M(z) - M(y)|}_{\#10d} \quad \#10c
 \end{aligned}$$

$\left| \frac{T(x_n, n_k Mz)}{|x_n|_1} \right| \leq K \frac{|n_k Mz - x_n|_1}{|x_n|_1} \left(\frac{x_n}{|x_n|} \approx z \right)$
 $\#10d$ is small by construction

$\#10a$ is small since $n_k Mz$ is GOOD

$\#10b$ is small since it's controlled by

$$\left| \frac{n_k Mz - |x_n|_1}{|x_n|_1} \right| \left| \frac{T(0, n_k Mz)}{n_k Mz} \right| \quad \text{follows from \#9a}$$

By construction $|x_n|_1 - n_k Mz \leq n_{k+1} Mz - n_k Mz$

$$\text{Thus } \left| \frac{n_k Mz - |x_n|_1}{|x_n|_1} \right| \leq \left| \frac{n_{k+1} Mz}{n_k Mz} - 1 \right| \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{by previous claim})$$

$\frac{n_{k+1} - n_k}{n_k} \rightarrow 0$

which is small.

I left out one part: Cox and Durrett

also show that the condition is iff. If

$$E \left[\min_i \tau_i^d \right] = +\infty, \text{ then the "holes" we}$$

saw in the simulation form and the theorem

fails to hold.

$$(\mathbb{R}^d, \mathcal{F}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}, \mathbb{P})$$

Ergodic: Then A is invariant

$$\text{if } T^z A \approx A \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^d. \quad \mathbb{P}(T^z A \Delta A) = 0$$

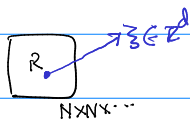
then $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$

Total ergodicity, A is inv.

$$\text{if } T^z A \approx A \text{ for any } z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$$

then $\mathbb{P}(A) \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\frac{1}{|B|} \sum_{x \in B} f(T^x) \rightarrow E[f]$$



$$\frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{x \in R} f(T^x \omega) \rightarrow E[f]$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(T^{i z} \omega) \rightarrow E[f]$$