Renormalizable Rectangle Exchange Maps

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Domain exchange map (DEM)

- A dynamical system defined on a **smooth Jordan domain** which is a piecewise translation
- Joint work with Richard Kenyon and Ren Yi



Definition

Let X be a **Jordan domain** partitioned into smaller Jordan domains, with disjoint interiors, in two different ways

$$X = \bigcup_{k=0}^{N} A_k = \bigcup_{k=0}^{N} B_k$$

such that for each k = 0, ..., N, $\exists v_k \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with

$$A_k + v_k = B_k$$

A domain exchange map is the dynamical system

$$T(x) = x + v_k$$
 for $x \in \mathring{A}_k$.

The map is not defined for points $x \in \bigcup_{k=0}^{N} \partial A_k$.

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Previous Work on DEMs

- Keane's minimality condition generalized to REMs (Haller '81)
 - Difficult to verify in practice
- Piecewise isometries in any dimension have zero topological entropy (Buzzi '01)
- Hooper found a 2-dimensional family of renormalizable REMs with periodic points ('13)
- Schwartz used multigraphs to construct polytope exchange transformations (PETs) in every dimension and developed a renormalization theory for the Octagonal PETs ('14)
- Yi constructed renormalizable triple lattice PETs ('17)

Our Goal

Find a large family of minimal DEMs and develop their renormalization theory

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Cut-and-Project Sets

L a full-rank lattice in ℝ³ *X* a domain in the *xy*-plane
Define:

$$egin{aligned} & \Lambda(X,L) = \{x \in L: \pi_{xy}(x) \in X\} \ & P = \{\pi_z(p) \ : \ p \in L ext{ and } \pi_{xy}(p) \in X\}. \end{aligned}$$



Figure: Lattice points $\Lambda(X, L)$

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DefinitionP is a cut-and-project set if $\ensuremath{\mathbb{I}}_{z}|_{L}$ is injective $\ensuremath{\mathbb{I}}_{xy}(L)$ is dense in \mathbb{R}^{2} .

• $\Lambda(X, L)$ has a natural ordering: {..., $x_{-1}, x_0, x_1, ...$ } where $\pi_z(x_i) < \pi_z(x_j)$ for i < j

• Define $\widetilde{T} : \Lambda(X, L) \to \Lambda(X, L)$ by $\widetilde{T}(x_i) = x_{i+1}$



Figure: \tilde{T} and the partition associated to the induced DEM T

T has finitely many translation vectors *E* = {η_i}^N_{i=0}
π_{xy} ∘ *T* induces a DEM *T* : *X* → *X* with translations v_i = π_{xy}(η_i), i = 0,..., N with inherited ordering

Proposition

T is a DEM on X

Proof.

Partition X greedily into finitely many sets on which $\pi_{xy} \circ \tilde{T}$ is constant



Figure: Constructing the partition induced by $\pi_{xy} \circ \widetilde{T}$

Let
$$f_{v}(x) = x + v$$
 for $x \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$ denote translation by $v \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$
 $A_{0} = f_{v_{0}}^{-1}(X) \cap X$ and $A_{k} = (f_{v_{k}}^{-1}(X) \cap X) \setminus \bigcup_{j=0}^{k-1} A_{j}$ for $k = 1, \dots, N$

Theorem

Every well-defined orbit is dense and equidistributed in X

Proof:

$$egin{aligned} &i:X o \mathbb{R}^3/L \ &\Phi_t(x,y,z)=(x,y,z+t)\mod L \ & au_p=\inf\{t>0\mid \Phi_t(i(p))\in i(X)\} \end{aligned}$$

T is conjugate to the first return map to *X* of the vertical linear flow on ℝ³/*L*:

$$(i \circ T)(p) = (\Phi_{\tau_p} \circ i)(p)$$

 Orbits of vertical linear flow are dense and equidistributed by Weyl's Equidistribution Theorem

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- $\lambda = \lambda_3$ a PV number with Galois conjugates $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$
- Let *L* be the Galois embedding $\mathbb{Z}[\lambda] \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$L = \langle (1, 1, 1), (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3), (\lambda_1^2, \lambda_2^2, \lambda_3^2) \rangle$$

$\implies \Lambda(X, L)$ is a cut-and-project set

• $\mathbb{Z}[\lambda]$ can be identified with \mathbb{Z}^3

 $(a, b, c) \mapsto a + b\lambda + c\lambda^2.$

 $\pi_{xy}(a+b\lambda+c\lambda^2) = (a+b\lambda_1+c\lambda_1^2, a+b\lambda_2+c\lambda_2^2)$ $\pi_z(a+b\lambda+c\lambda^2) = a+b\lambda_3+c\lambda_3^2$

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 Choose the domain X = [0, 1] × [0, 1] ⇒ DEMs are REMs with rectilinear tiles

$$S = \left\{ M_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -n & n+1 \end{bmatrix}, \ n \ge 6 \right\}$$
$$\det(\lambda I - M_n) = \lambda^3 - (n+1)\lambda^2 + n\lambda - 1$$

Fact:
$$0 < \lambda_1(M_n) < \lambda_2(M_n) < 1 < \lambda_3(M_n)$$

 $\lambda_3(M_n)$ is a PV number and determines a PV REM T_{M_n}

Theorem

The PV REMs $\{T_{M_n}\}_{n\geq 6}$ all have the same combinatorics



Figure: Two REMs with the same combinatorics

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Coordinates of the tiles for the PV REM T_{M_n} , $\lambda_i = \lambda_i(M_n)$

$$\begin{split} &\mathcal{A}_{0} = [1 - \lambda_{1}, 1] \times [1 - \lambda_{2}, 1] \\ &\mathcal{A}_{1} = [0, 1 - \lambda_{1}] \times [0, 1 - \lambda_{2}] \\ &\mathcal{A}_{2} = ([1 - 2\lambda_{1}, 1 - \lambda_{1}] \times [1 - \lambda_{2}, 2 - 2\lambda_{2}]) \cup ([1 - \lambda_{1}, 1] \times [0, 1 - \lambda_{2}]) \\ &\mathcal{A}_{3} = [0, 3\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}] \times [-1 + 3\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}, 1] \\ &\mathcal{A}_{4} = [3\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}, 1 - \lambda_{1}] \times [2\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}, 1] \\ &\mathcal{A}_{5} = [0, 2\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}] \times [1 - \lambda_{2}, -1 + 3\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}] \\ &\mathcal{A}_{6} = ([1 - 2\lambda_{1}, 3\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}] \times [2 - 2\lambda_{2}, -1 + 3\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}]) \\ &\cup ([2\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}, 1 - 2\lambda_{1}] \times [1 - \lambda_{2}, -1 + 3\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}]) \\ &\cup ([3\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{1}^{2}, 1 - \lambda_{1}] \times [2 - 2\lambda_{2}, 2\lambda_{2} - \lambda_{2}^{2}]). \end{split}$$

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Renormalization scheme



Figure: PV REM T_{M_6} and the partition induced by the first return map $\hat{T}_{M_6}|_Y$ to $Y = A_0$

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Theorem

Let

- $M \in S$ a matrix with eigenvalues $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 1 < \lambda_3$
- T_M the associated PV REM
- Y ⊂ X the tile in the partition corresponding to the rectangle [1 − λ₁, 1] × [1 − λ₂, 1].

T_M is renormalizable with

$$\widehat{T}_M|_Y = \phi^{-1} \circ T_M \circ \phi$$

where $\phi: X \to Y$ is the affine map

$$\phi: (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto \left(\frac{\mathbf{x} + \lambda_1 - \mathbf{1}}{\lambda_1}, \frac{\mathbf{y} + \lambda_2 - \mathbf{1}}{\lambda_2}\right).$$

Proof of the renormalization scheme



$$egin{aligned} & \Lambda(X,L) = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \mid \pi_{xy}(x,y,z) \in X\} \ & \Lambda_Y = \{(x,y,z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \mid \pi_{xy}(x,y,z) \in Y\} \end{aligned}$$

Define a bijection $\Psi : \Lambda(X, L) \to \Lambda_Y$

$$\Psi: \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \mapsto (M_n)^T \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which preserves the ordering of $\Lambda(X, L)$

 $\pi_z(\omega_i) < \pi_z(\omega_j)$ if and only if $\pi_z \circ \Psi(\omega_j) < \pi_z \circ \Psi(\omega_j)$.

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Multi-stage REMs

Combine PV REMs to form a **multistage** REM whose renormalization scheme has multiple stages



Figure: The 4-dimensional parameter space of multi-stage REMs

Conjecture

The closure of the parameter space of all renormalizable multistage REMs is a Cantor set in \mathbb{R}^4 .

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Key lemma

As before let
$$S = \left\{ M_n = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -n & n+1 \end{bmatrix}, n \ge 6 \right\}$$

Define the monoid $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, \cdot \rangle$

Lemma

If $W \in M$ then its eigenvalues λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3 are real and satisfy the inequalities

$$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 1 < \lambda_3.$$

${\mathcal M}$ is a Pisot monoid of Pisot matrices

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- Find a change of basis *S* so that $S^{-1}M_nS$ is primitive (has a positive power with positive entries)
- Perron-Frobenius theorem $\implies \lambda_3 > 1$
- Find a change of basis Q so that $Q^{-1}M_n^{-1}Q$ is primitive
- Perron-Frobenius theorem $\implies \lambda_1 > 0$
- Let $P \in \mathcal{M}$ with characteristic polynomial

$$q_P(x) = x^3 - \text{Tr}(P)x^2 + b(P)x - 1$$

- Use induction on the length of the product and Cramer's rule to show b(P) < Tr(P)
- Conclude $\lambda_2 < 1$

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Admissible REMs

- A REM with the same combinatorics as the family of PV REMs associated to S
- Let *L* be the Galois embedding of the eigenvalues of *M_n* ∈ S
- Let *E* = {η_i}⁶_{i=0} be the translation vectors associated to the dynamical system *T*_{M_n} : Λ(*X*, *L*) → Λ(*X*, *L*)
- Let $W \in \mathcal{M}$ with normalized eigenvectors

$$\xi_1 = (1, x, x')$$
 and $\xi_2 = (1, y, y')$,

associated to eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 respectively The REM T_W defined by the translation vectors

$$V = \{v_i = \pi_{xy}(\eta_i), \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots 6\}$$

where $\pi_{xy} : x \mapsto (x \cdot \xi_1, x \cdot \xi_2)$ is admissible if it has the same combinatorics as T_{M_n}

The tiles in the partition are given by

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircledleft \label{eq:A0} \blacksquare A_0 = [1-x,1] \times [1-y,1] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A1} A_1 = [0,1-x] \times [0,1-y] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A2} = \\ ([1-2x,1-x] \times [1-y,2-2y]) \cup ([1-x,1] \times [0,1-y]) \\ \textcircledleft \label{A3} \blacksquare [0,3x-x'] \times [-1+3y-y',1] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A3} A_3 = [0,3x-x'] \times [-1+3y-y',1] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A4} A_4 = [3x-x',1-x] \times [2y-y',1] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A5} A_5 = [0,2x-x'] \times [1-y,-1+3y-y'] \\ \textcircledleft \label{A6} A_6 = ([1-2x,3x-x'] \times [2-2y,-1+3y-y']) \\ \cup ([2x-x',1-2x] \times [1-y,-1+3y-y']) \\ \cup ([3x-x',1-x] \times [2-2y,2y-y']). \end{array}$$

where

$$\xi_1 = (1, x, x')$$
 and $\xi_2 = (1, y, y')$.

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Theorem

Admissible REMs are minimal.

Proof.

Let $T: X \to X$ be an admissible REM

• Let ξ_3 be the eigenvector with eigenvalue λ_3 . Define

 $\pi_z : x \mapsto x \cdot \xi_3 \text{ and } P = \{\pi_z(p) : p \in L \text{ and } \pi_{xy}(p) \in X\}$

- P is a cut-and-project set
- T defines the same REM as the cut-and-project REM constructed using Λ(X, L)
- Apply proof of minimality for cut-and-project REMs



• Let $W = M_{n_L} \cdots M_{n_1} \in \mathcal{M}$ and T_W be an admissible REM

- ξ_1, ξ_2 be appropriately normalized eigenvectors of W
- Define $W_1 = M_{n_1}, W_2 = M_{n_2}M_{n_1}, \dots W = W_L = M_{n_L} \cdots M_{n_1}$

•
$$\xi_i^k = W_k \xi_i$$
, for $i = 1, 2$

• Consider projections $\pi_{xy}^k : x \mapsto (x \cdot \xi_1^k, x \cdot \xi_2^k)$

For each k, $V_k = \{v_i^k = \pi_{xy}^k(\eta_i), \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots 6\}$ defines a REM T_k

Definition

An admissible REM T_W is a **multistage REM** if the induced REMs $T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_{L-1}, T_L$ all have the same combinatorics

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Let T_W be a multi-stage REM with $W = M_{n_L} \cdots M_{n_2} M_{n_1}$.

Theorem

The multistage REM T_W is renormalizable, i.e., for each k there exists $Y_k \subset X$ and an affine map $\phi_k : Y_k \to X$ such that

$$\widehat{T}_k|_{Y_k} = \phi_k^{-1} \circ T_{k+1} \circ \phi_k.$$



Figure: The multistage REM T_W and associated REMs T_{W_1} , T_{W_2} , T_{W_3} and $T_{W_4} = T_W$ with $W = M_7 M_7 M_8 M_6$.

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Each affine map has the form

$$\phi_k: (x, y) \mapsto \left(\frac{x + x_k - 1}{x_k}, \frac{y + y_k - 1}{y_k}\right)$$

where x_k and y_k are the dimensions of the tile in the partition corresponding to the rectangle $[1 - x_k, 1] \times [1 - y_k, 1]$.

$$W_{1} = M_{n_{1}}, W_{2} = M_{n_{2}}M_{n_{1}}, \dots W = W_{L} = M_{n_{L}} \cdots M_{n_{1}}$$
$$\xi_{i}^{k} = W_{k}\xi_{i}, \text{ for } i = 1, 2$$
$$\xi_{i}^{k} = (1, x_{k}, x_{k}') \text{ and } \xi_{2}^{k} = (1, y_{k}, y_{k}')$$

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- 6 Further Work on REMs

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Extend cut-and-project DEMs to rank 4 lattices and degree 4 **Perron numbers**



Figure: Lattice determined by roots of $x^4 - 4x^2 + x + 1$



(a) REM induced by previous figure (b)

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(b) REM induced by previous figure (c)

Figure: Two REMs associated to $x^4 - 4x^2 + x + 1$

Open problems

- Study the full parameter space of REMs associated to matrices in \mathcal{M}
- Find a renormalization scheme for REMs associated to rank 4 lattices
- Use the renormalization scheme to construct minimal but non-uniquely ergodic REMs



Figure: The 4-dimensional parameter space of multi-stage REMs

Thank you!