

THE CIRCLE IS NOT THE BOUNDARY OF THOMPSON'S GROUP T AND SPACE OF SUBGROUPS OF WREATH PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT.

1. THOMPSON'S GROUP T

Thompson's group T acts on the circle S^1 , and for any probability measure μ on T there is a unique μ -stationary measure on S^1 . **are there any assumptions on the measure? non-degenerate probably? some moment assumption?** The objective of this section is to prove that (S^1, ν) is not the Poisson boundary of the μ -random walk on T . This answers a question asked in the second item of Section 6 of [Der13], and which is asked again in [Nav18, Question 19] for finitely supported, non-degenerate and symmetric probability measures on T .

Theorem 1.1. *Let μ be a non-degenerate finitely supported probability measure on Thompson's group T . Let ν be the unique stationary measure on the circle S^1 such that (S^1, ν) is a μ -boundary of T . Then (S^1, ν) is not the Poisson boundary of (T, μ) .*

2. THE CONDITIONAL ENTROPY CRITERION AND NON-MAXIMALITY OF A μ -BOUNDARY

The following criterion goes back to [Kai85, Theorem 2] (see also [Kai00, Theorem 4.6])

Theorem 2.1 (Kaimanovich's conditional entropy criterion). *Let G be a countable group and let μ be a probability measure on G with $H(\mu) < \infty$. Consider a μ -boundary (X, λ) of G . Then (X, λ) is the Poisson boundary of (G, μ) if and only if for λ -almost every $\xi \in X$ we have $h^\xi(\mu) = 0$.*

3. STRATEGY FOR THE PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

- (1) Consider a finitely supported non-degenerate probability measure μ on T , and denote by (S^1, ν) the associated μ -boundary given by the circle endowed with the corresponding stationary measure.
- (2) We are going to prove the following statement.

Proposition 3.1. *For λ -almost every $\xi \in S^1$ we have $h^\xi(\mu) > 0$.*

- (3) We just need to prove that for λ -almost every $\xi \in S^1$ there is $C > 0$ such that for every n sufficiently large, we have $H_\xi(w_n) \geq Cn$.
- (4) Note that $h^\xi(\mu^{*N}) = Nh^\xi(\mu)$. Hence, since μ is non-degenerate, we may assume that the support of μ contains:
 - The identity element,
 - a non-trivial element supported on $[1/4, 3/4]$,
 - a non-trivial element supported on $[1/2, 1]$,
 - a non-trivial element supported on $[3/4, 1] \cup [0, 1/4]$, and
 - a non-trivial element supported in $[0, 1/2]$.
- (5) Let us consider boundary points $\xi \in [3/8, 5/8]$. Let a be the identity element, and b be the non-trivial element supported on $[3/4, 1] \cup [0, 1/4]$.

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- (6) Let us consider trajectories of the μ -random walk for which ξ is the boundary point of S^1 .

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