

*Ornstein isomorphism theorem  
for n-to-1 extended Bernoulli transformations*

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## Setup

- $(X_1, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$  a probability space or a Lebesgue space.
- $T : X \rightarrow X$  a measure-preserving transformation.

We say that  $T_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  and  $T_2 : X_2 \rightarrow X_2$  defined on  $(X_1, \mathcal{B}_1, \mu)$  and  $(X_2, \mathcal{B}_2, \nu)$ , are *isomorphic* if there are  $A_1 \in \mathcal{B}_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{B}_2$  such that

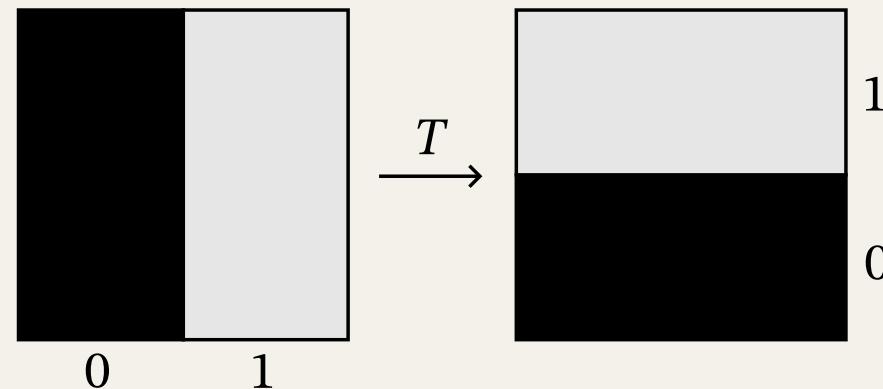
- $\mu(A_1) = \nu(A_2) = 1$
- $T_1(A_1) \subset A_1, T_2(A_2) \subset A_2$
- $\exists \varphi : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  invertible measure preserving map such that

$$\varphi \circ T_1 = T_2 \circ \varphi.$$

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## Baker's map

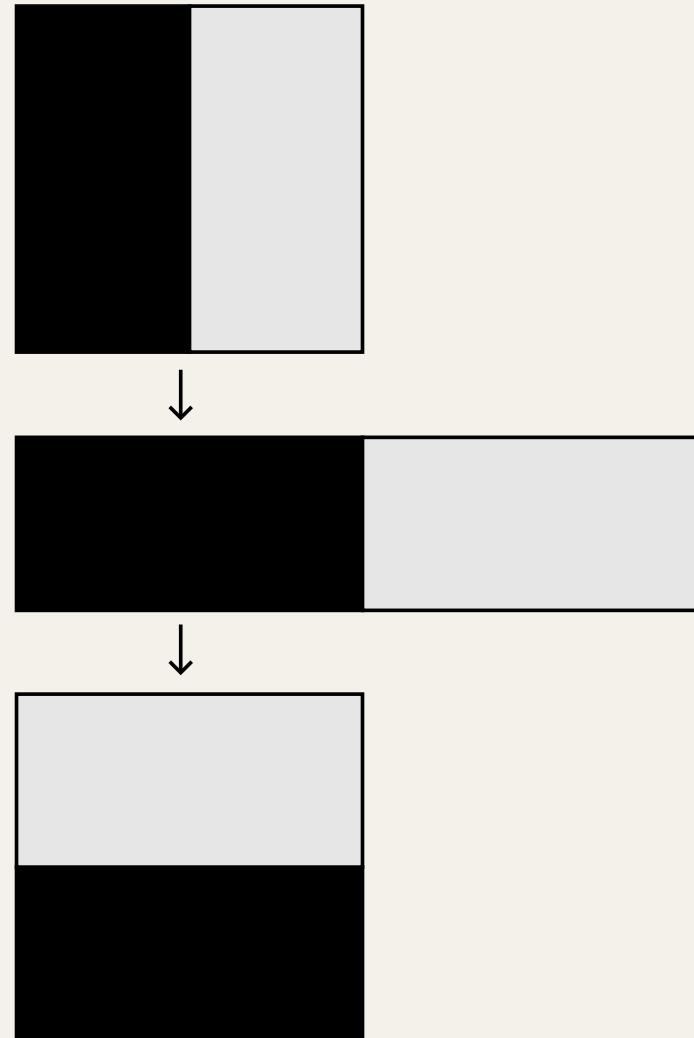
$$X = [0, 1]^2, \quad T(x, y) = \begin{cases} (2x, y/2) & \text{if } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}) \\ (2x - 1, (y + 1)/2) & \text{if } x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$



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# Baker's map

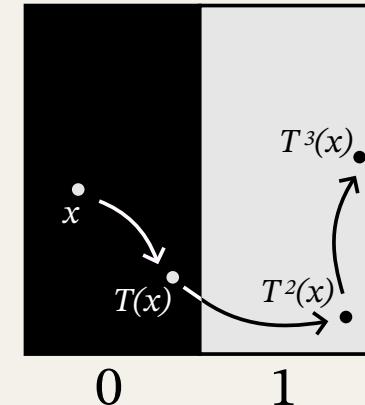
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## Coding the baker's map

To each orbit  $\{\dots, T^{-1}(x), x, T(x), \dots\}$  we relate a sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of zeros and ones:

- if  $T^n x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}) \times [0, 1]$ , code  $x_n = 0$
- if  $T^n x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \times [0, 1]$ , code  $x_n = 1$



$$\mathcal{O}(x) = (\dots ; 0011\dots)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(T(x)) = (\dots 0 ; 011\dots)$$

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# Symbolic Dynamics

$A$  is a finite alphabet

$$\Sigma_A = A^{\mathbb{Z}} = \left\{ (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} : x_n \in A \right\}$$

$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} = (\dots x_{-2}x_{-1}; x_0x_1\dots) \in \Sigma_A$$

$\Sigma_A$  is a compact metric space with

$$d((x_n), (y_n)) = 2^{-\inf \{|i| : x_i \neq y_i\}}$$

The *Bernoulli shift*  $\sigma : \Sigma_A \rightarrow \Sigma_A$  is the map

$$\sigma(\dots x_{-2}x_{-1}; x_0x_1\dots) = (\dots x_{-1}x_0; x_1x_2\dots).$$

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# Symbolic Dynamics

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the cylinder sets

- $C_i[s] = \{(x_n) \in \Sigma : x_i = s\}$
- $C_i[s_i \dots s_k] = \{(x_n) \in \Sigma : x_i = s_i, \dots, x_k = s_k\}$   
 $(\dots x_{i-1} \boxed{s_i s_{i+1} \dots s_k} x_{k+1} \dots) \in C_i[s_i \dots s_k]$

Given a probability distribution  $(p_\alpha : \alpha \in A)$  in  $A$ , we define a probability measure by

- $\mu(C_i[s]) = p_s$
- $\mu(C_i[s_i \dots s_k]) = \mu(C_i[s_i]) \dots \mu(C_k[s_k]) = p_{s_i} \dots p_{s_k}.$

$(\Sigma, \mathcal{C}, \mu)$  is a probability space.

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# Symbolic Dynamics

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A measurable map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a *Bernoulli transformation* if it is isomorphic to a Bernoulli shift.

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# Kolmogorov-Sinai Entropy

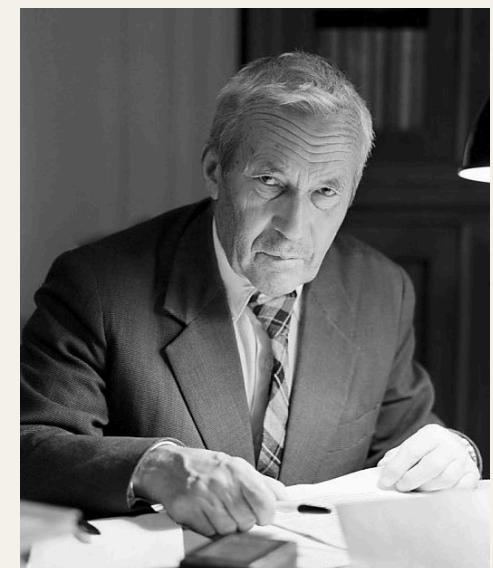
Entropy of a partition,

$$H_\mu(\mathcal{P}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}} -\mu(P) \log \mu(P).$$

Entropy of a transformation,

$$h_\mu(T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{\mathcal{P}} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k} H_\mu \left( \bigvee_{i=0}^{k-1} T^{-i} \mathcal{P} \right).$$

$$T_1 \simeq T_2 \Rightarrow h_\mu(T_1) = h_\mu(T_2).$$



Andrei Kolmogorov

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# Ornstein isomorphism theorem

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*Ornstein, 1970*

*Bernoulli shifts with the same entropy  
are isomorphic.*

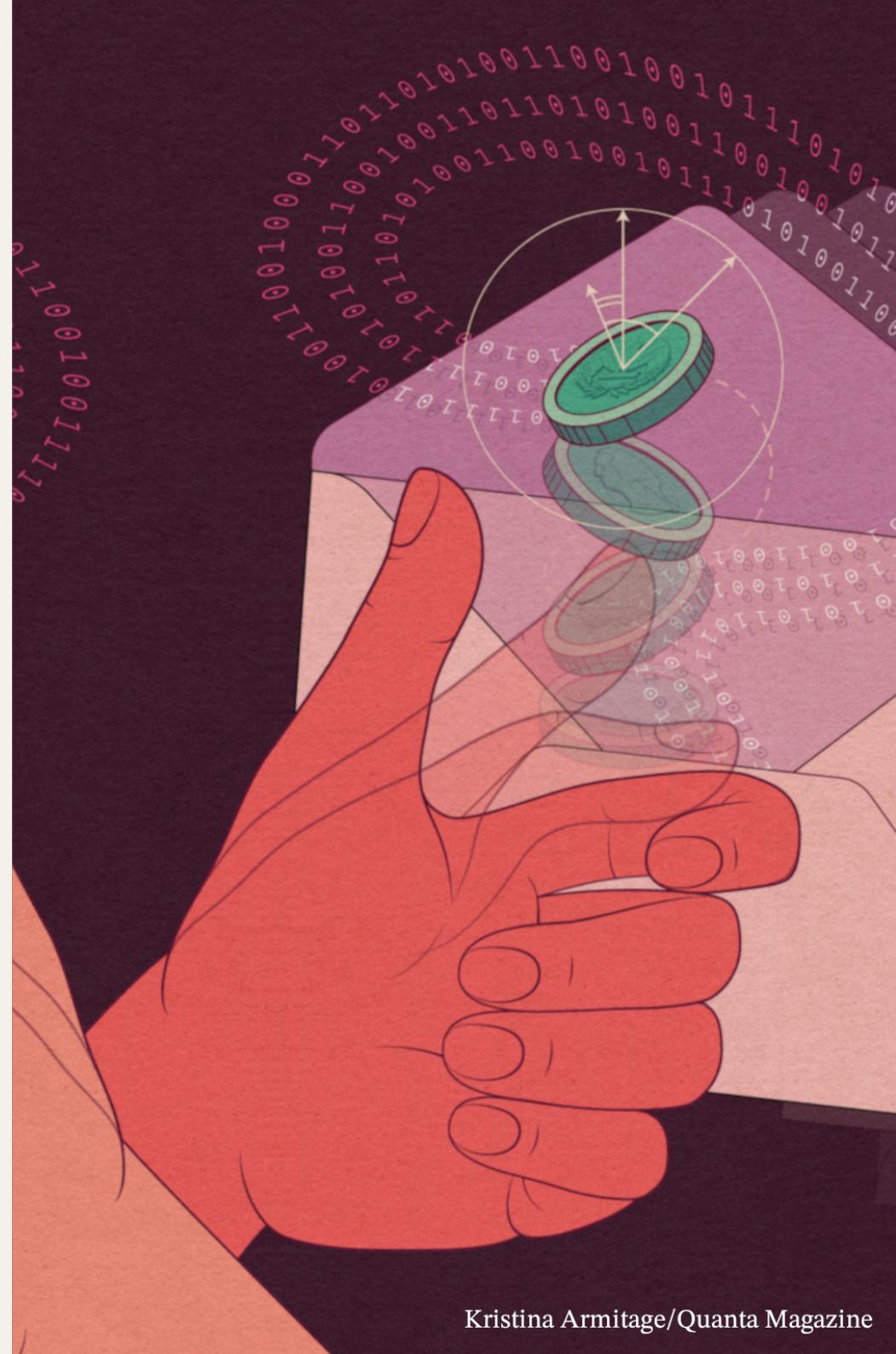


Donald Ornstein

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# Enconding n-to-1 baker's maps

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## Zip shifts

- A and B be two alphabets with  $|A| \geq |B|$
- $\kappa : A \rightarrow B$  a surjective map
- $\Sigma$  the space of all sequence of letters

$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} = (\dots x_{-2} x_{-1} ; x_0 x_1 \dots)$$

with  $x_{-1}, x_{-2}, \dots \in B$  and  $x_0, x_1, \dots \in A$ .

The (full) *zip shift* map is  $\sigma_\kappa : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  with

$$\sigma_\kappa(\dots x_{-1} ; x_0 x_1 \dots) = (\dots x_{-1} \kappa(x_0) ; x_1 x_2 \dots).$$

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## Zip shift space

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by the cylinder sets

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- $C_i[s_i \dots s_k] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x_n) \in \Sigma : x_i = s_i, \dots, x_k = s_k\}$

Given a probability distribution  $(p_\alpha : \alpha \in A)$  in  $A$ , we define  $(p_\beta : \beta \in B)$

$$p_\beta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{\alpha \in \kappa^{-1}(\beta)} p_\alpha.$$

The measure  $\mu$  is defined by

- $\mu(C_i[s]) = p_s$
- $\mu(C_i[s_i \dots s_k]) = \mu(C_i[s_i]) \dots \mu(C_k[s_k]) = p_{s_i} \dots p_{s_k}.$

$(\Sigma, \mathcal{C}, \mu)$  is the *zip shift space*.

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# Some properties of zip shifts

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- $\sigma_\kappa$  is a local homeomorphism
- $\sigma_\kappa$  preserves the measure  $\mu$
- $\sigma_\kappa$  is mixing and ergodic
- $\sigma_\kappa$  has density of periodic points

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## LM-Bernoulli property

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A map is a *LM-Bernoulli transformation* if is isomorphic to a zip shift map.

When we want to highlight or consider fixed cardinalities  $m = |A|, \ell = |B|$ , we refer to LM-Bernoulli by  $(m, \ell)$ -Bernoulli transformation.

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## The n-to-1 baker's maps

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$T : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]^2$  given by

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} (2nx, \frac{1}{2}y) & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2^n} \\ (2nx - 1, \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}) & \text{if } \frac{1}{2^n} \leq x < \frac{2}{2^n} \\ (2nx - 2, \frac{1}{2}y) & \text{if } \frac{2}{2^n} \leq x < \frac{3}{2^n} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ (2nx - (2n - 1), \frac{1}{2}y + \frac{1}{2}) & \text{if } \frac{2n-1}{2^n} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

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## The 2-to-1 baker's maps

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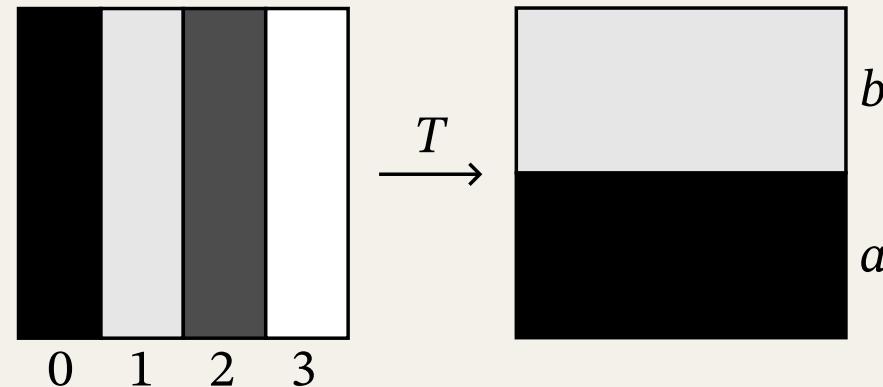
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# The n-to-1 baker's maps are LM-Bernoulli

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## Theorem

*The n-to-1 baker's map is a  $(2, 2n)$ -Bernoulli transformation.*



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# The n-to-1 baker's maps are chaotic

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## Theorem

*The n-to-1 baker's map  $\bar{T} : \overline{X} \rightarrow \overline{X}$  is chaotic in the sense of Devaney.*

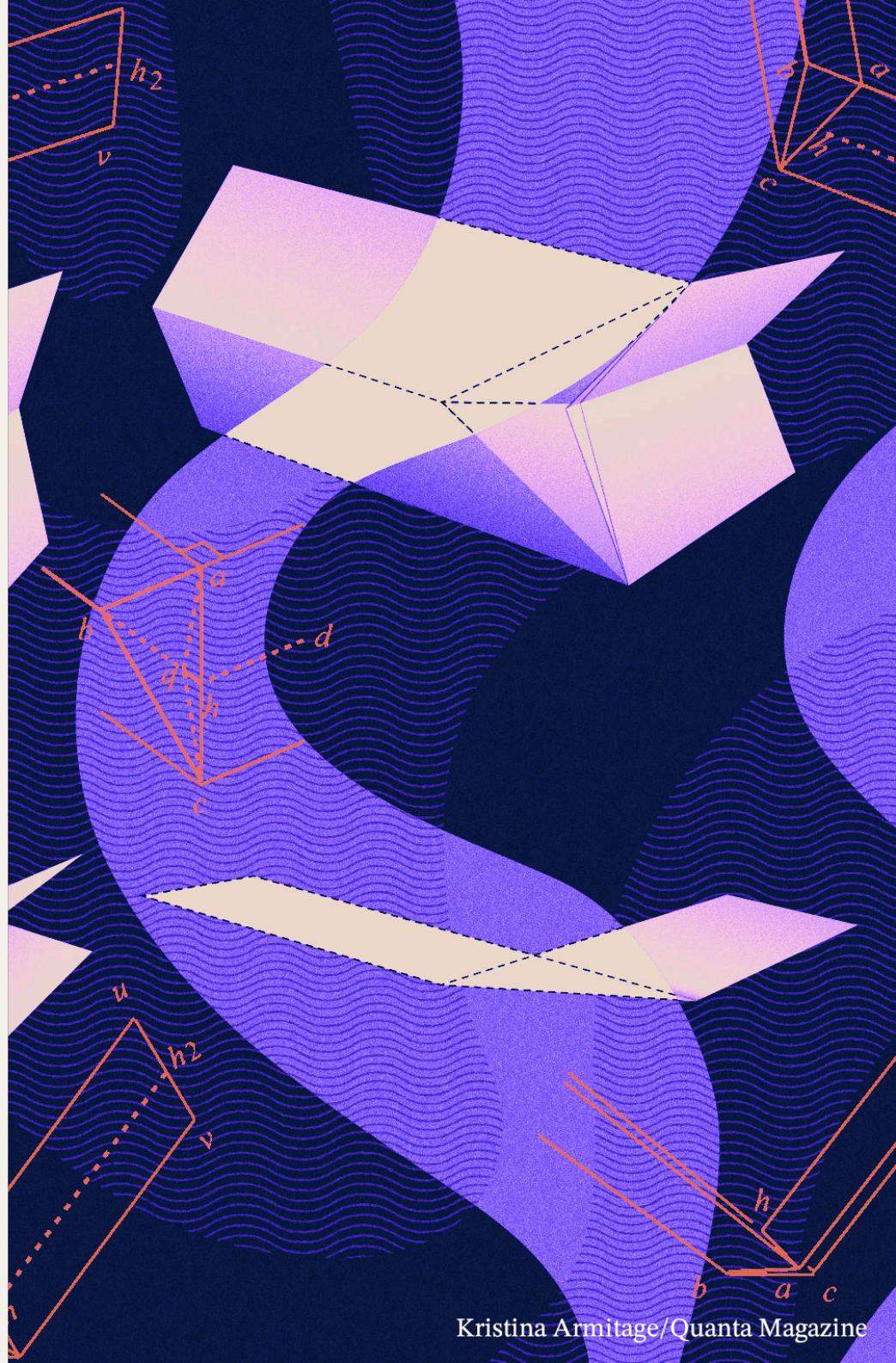
## Devaney's chaos

- Topologically transitive
- Density of periodic points
- Sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

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# Folding and Metric Entropies for Extended Shifts

Martins, N., Mattos, P.G., Varão, R.  
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## Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy of zip shifts

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$$h_\mu(\sigma_\kappa) = H_\mu(\mathcal{C}_0).$$

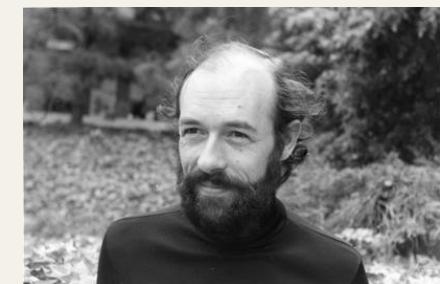
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## Folding entropy

$$\mathcal{F}_\mu(T) := H_\mu(\mathcal{E}/T^{-1}\mathcal{E}).$$

$$H_\mu(\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{R}) := \int_{R \in \mathcal{R}} H_{\mu_R}(\mathcal{P}/R) \ \mu_R(dR),$$

where  $\{\mu_R\}_{R \in \mathcal{R}}$  is a disintegration of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\mathcal{R}$ .



David Ruelle

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# Folding entropy of zip shifts

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## Theorem

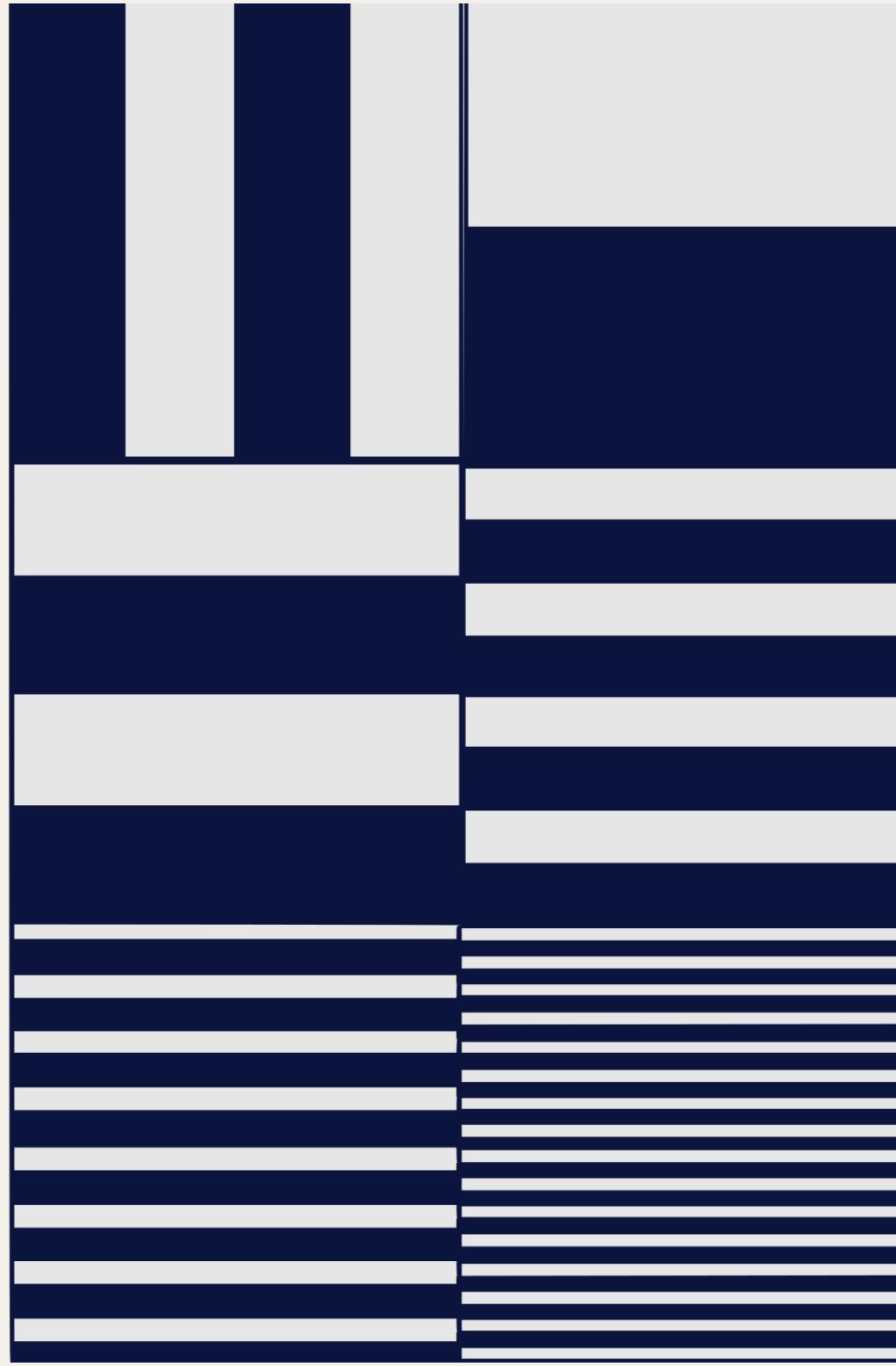
$$\mathcal{F}_\mu(\sigma_\kappa) = H_\mu(\mathcal{C}_0) - H_\mu(\mathcal{C}_{-1}).$$

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# Ornstein isomorphism theorem for n-to-1 LM-Bernoulli transformations

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*Preprint (2026).*



**Main Theorem**

*Two  $n$ -to-1 LM-Bernoulli transformations of same entropy are isomorphic.*

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# Ornstein characterization of Bernoulli shifts

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*Ornstein, 1974*

*An automorphism  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is isomorphic to a Bernoulli shift  $\sigma : \Sigma_A \rightarrow \Sigma_A$  with distribution  $\rho_A = (p_\alpha : \alpha \in A)$  if, and only if, there is a partition  $\mathcal{P}$  such that*

- a)  $\text{dist}(\mathcal{P}) = \rho_A$
- b)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a generating for  $T$
- c)  $\{T^k \mathcal{P}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a independent sequence.

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# Ornstein characterization of Bernoulli shifts

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*Ornstein, 1974*

*Two Bernoulli transformations are isomorphic if, and only if, there are partitions  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  such that*

$$\text{dist} \left( \bigvee_{i=0}^k T_1^{-i} \mathcal{P} \right) = \text{dist} \left( \bigvee_{i=0}^k T_2^{-i} \mathcal{R} \right), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

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## Domain and image partitions

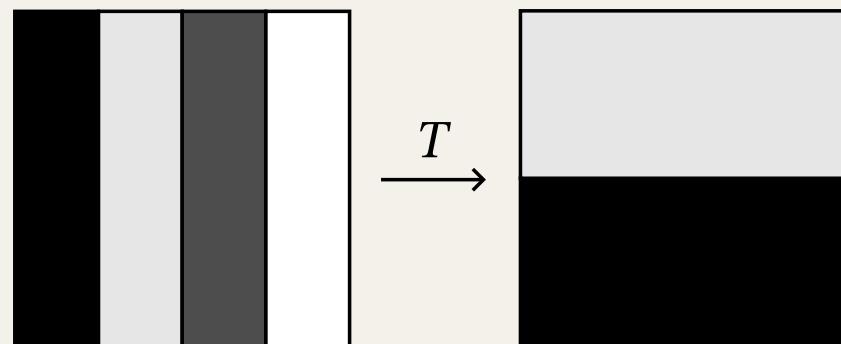
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- A image partition  $\mathcal{Q} = \{Q_1, \dots, Q_m\}$  of a n-to-1 local isomorphism a partition such that for all  $P_i \in T^{-1}Q_j$ , the map

$$T|_{P_i} : P_i \rightarrow X$$

is an automorphism.

- The collection  $\mathcal{P}$  of all  $P_i$  is a domain partition



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## Characterization of n-to-1 LM Bernoulli

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An  $n$ -to-1 local isomorphism  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a LM-Bernoulli transformation with distribution  $\rho_A = (p_\alpha : \alpha \in A)$  if, and only if, there is a domain partition  $\mathcal{P}$  such that

- a)  $\text{dist}(\mathcal{P}) = \rho_A$
- b)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a generating for  $T$
- c) The sequences  $\{T^k \mathcal{P}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{T^{-k} \mathcal{P}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  are independent.

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## The copying condition

Let  $T_1, T_2$  to be two n-to-1 LM-Bernoulli transformations and  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  be partitions of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , respectively.

The *process*  $(T_1, \mathcal{P})$  is a *copy* of the process  $(T_2, \mathcal{R})$ , and we denote by

$$(T_1, \mathcal{P}) \sim (T_2, \mathcal{R})$$

when, for all  $k \geq 0$ ,

$$\text{dist} \left( \bigvee_{-k}^k T_1^{-i} \mathcal{P} \right) = \text{dist} \left( \bigvee_{-k}^k T_2^{-i} \mathcal{R} \right).$$

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## The copying condition

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*Let  $T_1, T_2$  to be two  $n$ -to-1 LM-Bernoulli transformations and  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  to be the domain generating partitions, respectively. Then,*

$$(T_1, \mathcal{P}) \sim (T_2, \mathcal{R}) \Leftrightarrow T_1 \simeq T_2.$$

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