

# Rare events and extremal indices via spectral perturbation

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- $f$  probab. density w.r.t.  $m$ :  $T_*(f \cdot m) =: Pf \cdot m$
- $P_\epsilon f := P(f \cdot 1_{M \setminus A_\epsilon})$  linear operator,  $P_0 = P$
- $P_\epsilon^n 1 = P^n 1 \cap_{k=0}^{n-1} T^{-k}(M \setminus A_\epsilon) = P^n 1_{\{\tau_\epsilon \geq n\}}$
- $m\{\tau_\epsilon \geq n\} = \int 1_{\{\tau_\epsilon \geq n\}} dm = \int P^n 1_{\{\tau_\epsilon \geq n\}} dm = \int P_\epsilon^n 1 dm$
- Idea:  $P_\epsilon$  has leading eigenvalue  $\lambda_\epsilon$ ,  $\lambda_0 = 1$ ,  

$$\lambda_\epsilon = 1 - (1 - \lambda_\epsilon) \sim e^{-(1-\lambda_\epsilon)}.$$

Then:

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and

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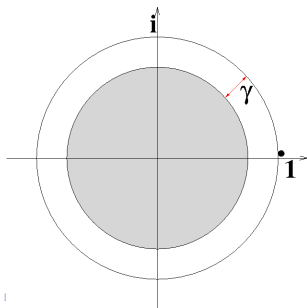
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- $(P - P_\epsilon)(f) = P(f \cdot 1_{A_\epsilon})$
- For Ass. 5 observe:

$$\Delta_\epsilon = \int P(\varphi_0 \cdot 1_{A_\epsilon}) dm = \int_{A_\epsilon} \varphi_0 dm = \mu_0(A_\epsilon)$$

5  $\Leftrightarrow |m(1_{A_\epsilon} f)| \leq C \cdot \|f\| \cdot |m(1_{A_\epsilon} \varphi_0)| \leq C \cdot \|f\| \cdot |\mu_0(A_\epsilon)|$  for all  $f \in V$

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Basic identity:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_0 - \lambda_\epsilon &= \lambda_0 m(\varphi_\epsilon) - m(\lambda_\epsilon \varphi_\epsilon) = (m P)(\varphi_\epsilon) - m(P_\epsilon \varphi_\epsilon) \\ &= m((P - P_\epsilon)\varphi_\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

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  - (A)  $\sigma(P_\epsilon) \cap \{|z| > \alpha\}$  contains only isolated eigenvalues.
  - (B)  $|P_\epsilon^n f|_w \leq D \cdot |f|_w$
  - (C)  $\|P_\epsilon^n f\| \leq D \cdot (\alpha^n \|f\| + |f|_w)$
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## Exchange rates

- $T : I \rightarrow I$  continuous, p.w. expanding with inv. density  $h > 0$
- ergodic decomposition  $I = J_1 \cup J_2$ ,  $J_1 \cap J_2 = \{z\}$
- stochastic perturbation with a kernel  $(x, y) \mapsto \epsilon^{-1}K(\epsilon(y - x))$ .
- $V = \{f \in L^1_{Leb} : \int f = 0\}$ ,  $\varphi_0(x) = h\psi$ ,  $m_0 = \psi m$  with  $\psi = 1_{J_1} - 1_{J_2}$ .
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$Z$  a random variable distributed with density  $K$ ,  
 $Z_0, Z_1, \dots$  independent copies,

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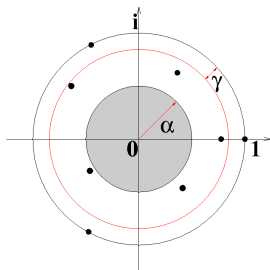
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**Spectral Perturbation Theorem** [Keller/Liverani, Ann. Sc. N. Pisa '99]

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where  $\rho = \rho(z) \in (0, 1)$ .

**Corollary:** (A) - (D) plus mixing implies ① - ④