The multicolour East model Rencontres de Probabilités 2022

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- Diagonal cannot remove itself.
- Despite closeness, no relaxation.

Ergodicity

Theorem (Y.C.'22)

The two-colour East model has positive spectral gap for any $\{q_h\}_{h \in \{\bullet, \bullet\}}$ such that min $q_h > 0$.



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Target can a.s. be removed if correct colour is met at some point, follows by Borel-Cantelli if q., q. > 0.

Ergodicity results

On \mathbb{Z}^d we can add up to 2^d colours.

Theorem (Y.C. '22)

The multicolour East model on \mathbb{Z}^d

- ▶ with 2^d colours is not ergodic.
- has positive spectral gap if
 - ▶ all colours share a propagation direction (max colours 2^{d-1}).
 - there is a central colour that shares d 1 propagation direction with all other colours (max colours d + 1).

For d = 2 completely characterized ergodicity landscape.
For d > 2 large gaps.

Spectral gap bounds

For simplicity: Only two-colour East model

Assume w.l.o.g. that $q_{\bullet} < q_{\bullet}$ and let $\theta_q := \log_2(1/q)$.

Theorem (Y.C. '22)

Fix $\Delta > 0$. If $p > \Delta$ we have

$$\lim_{q_{\bullet} \to 0} \frac{\gamma(2\text{-}colour)}{\gamma_{2D-East}(q_{\bullet})} = 1$$

If either:

▶ $\lim_{q_\bullet \to 0} q_\bullet \theta_\bullet^3 = 0$, *i.e. "there is no frequent colour".*

▶ $\lim_{q_\bullet \to 0} q_\bullet \theta_\bullet^3 / \log_2(\theta_\bullet) = \infty$, *i.e. "there is a frequent colour".*

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Bounding λ_D : Finding spectral gap minimizing $V \subset \Lambda$

Proposition (Y.C., F. Martinelli '22)

We find V subset of a square Λ containing both the lower left and top right corner s.t.

$$\lim_{q o 0} rac{\gamma_{\min}(V)}{\gamma_{2D-East}(q)} = 1.$$



- Generalizes to d dimensions.
- Previously only known on boxes with maximal boundary conditions.





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