

The multidimensional East model:
a multicolour model and a front evolution problem
Ph.D. thesis defense

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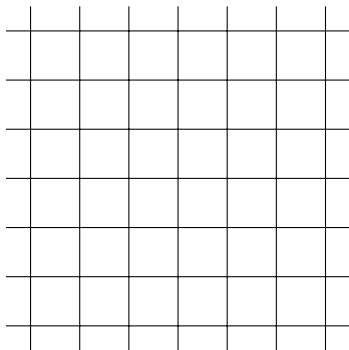


Plan

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- ▶ Front evolution problem
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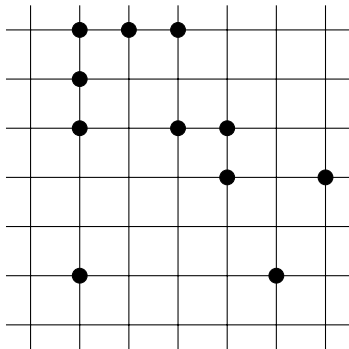
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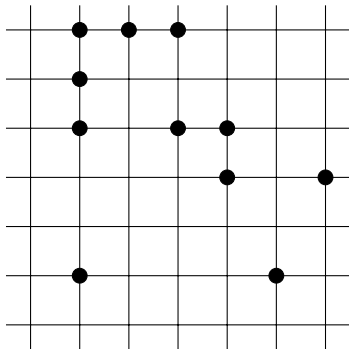


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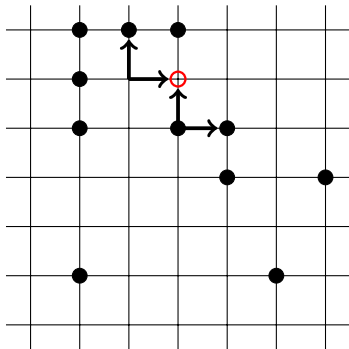


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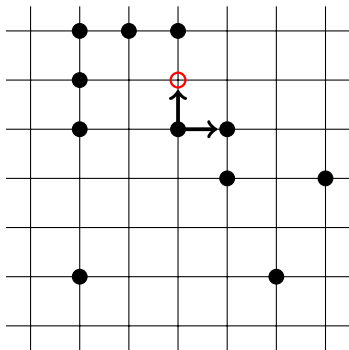


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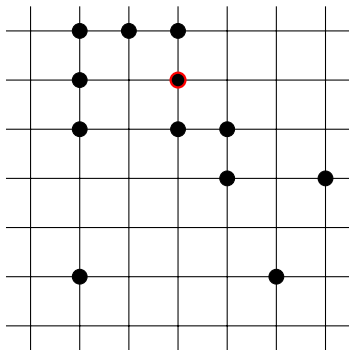


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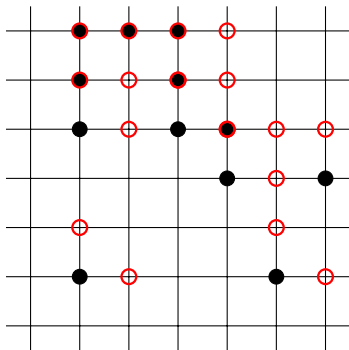


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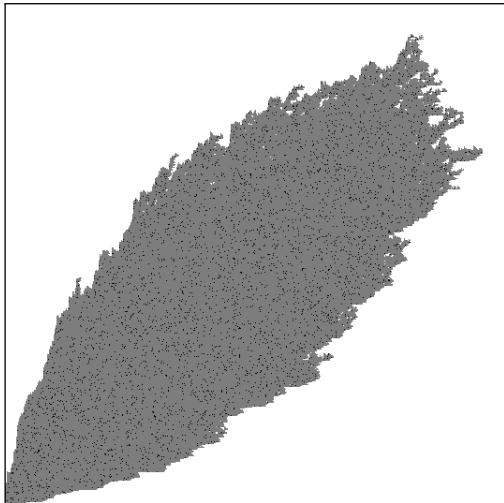
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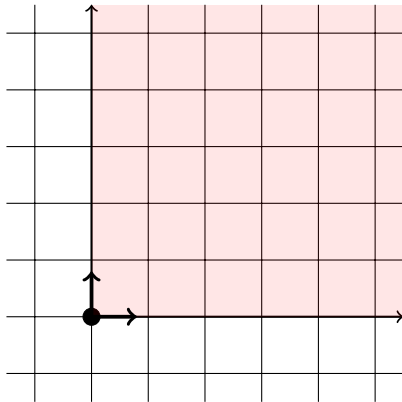
Simulation results



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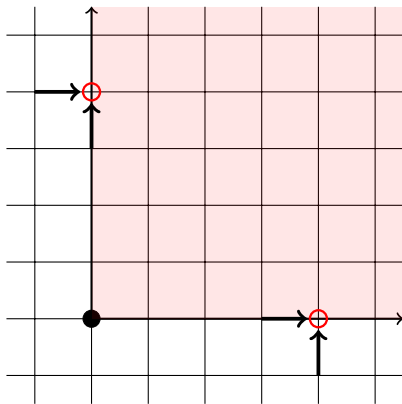
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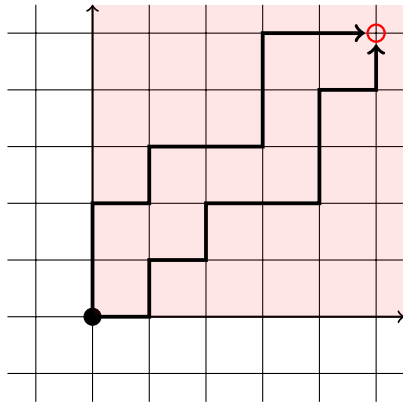
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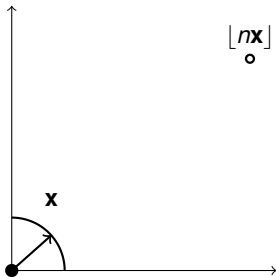
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- ▶ Faster propagation to vertices away from axis.



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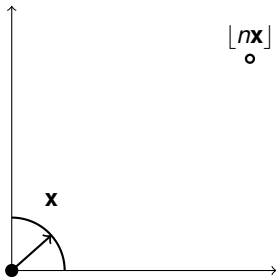


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Main problems

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Harder: Identify \mathbf{x} for which $v_{\min}(\mathbf{x}) = v_{\max}(\mathbf{x})$.

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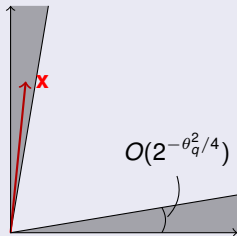
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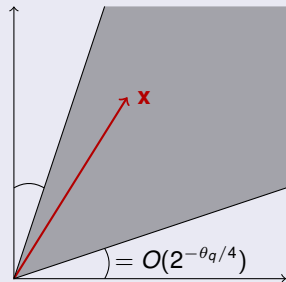
If $d = 2$, \mathbf{x} as in figure, then

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\max}(\mathbf{x}) &= v_{\min}(\mathbf{x})^{1+o(1)} \\ &= 2^{-\frac{\theta_q^2}{2}(1+o(1))} \\ &= \gamma_1(q)^{1+o(1)}, \quad q \ll 1. \end{aligned}$$

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If $d \geq 2$, \mathbf{x} as in figure $\Rightarrow \exists \alpha < 1$ s.t.

$$v_{\min}(\mathbf{x}) \geq 2^{-\frac{\theta_q^2}{2}\alpha} \gg v(\mathbf{e}), \quad q \ll 1.$$

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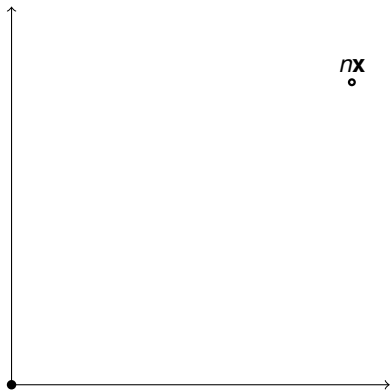
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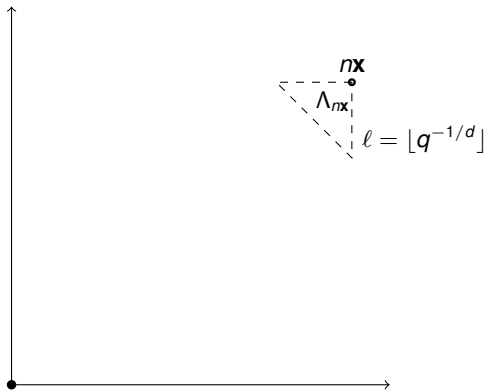
If $d \geq 2$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$ s.t. $\min_i \mathbf{x}_i > 0$. Then

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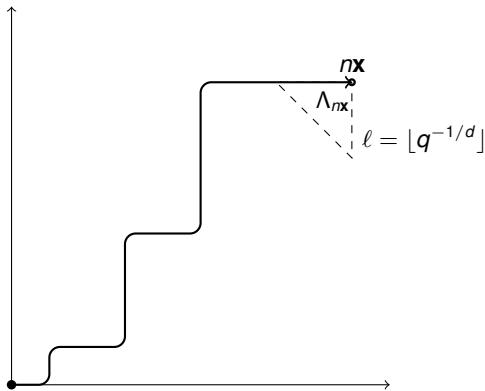
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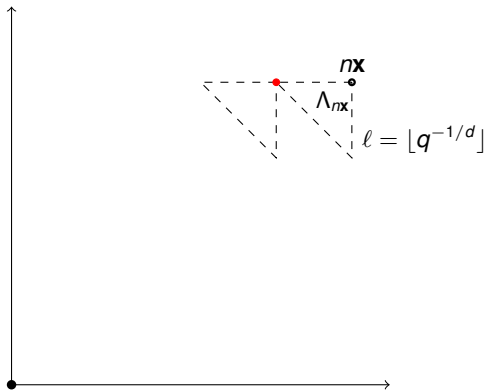
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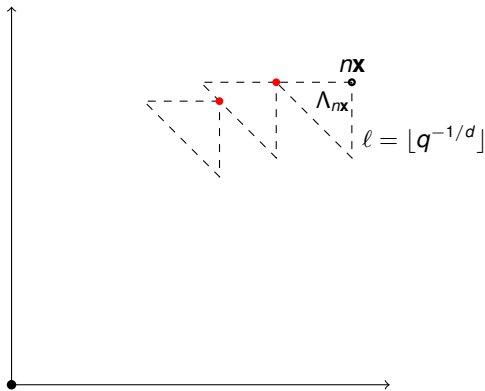
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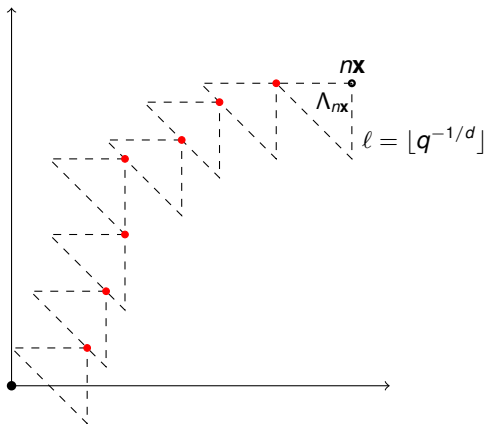
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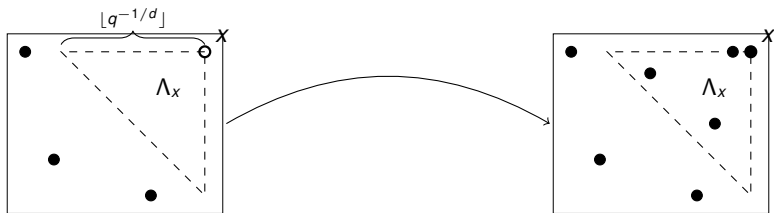


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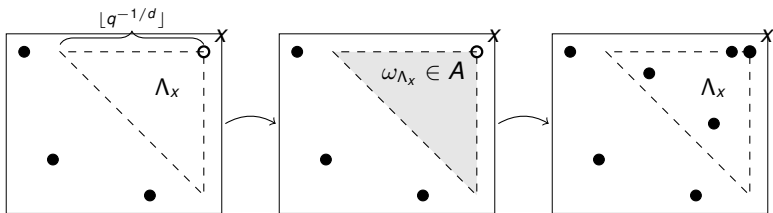
- Show that $\max_{\omega: \text{no } \bullet \text{ in } \Lambda_x} \mathbb{P}_\omega(\tau_X < t) \rightarrow 0$ if $t = o(2^{\frac{\theta^2 q}{2d}})$ as $q \rightarrow 0$.

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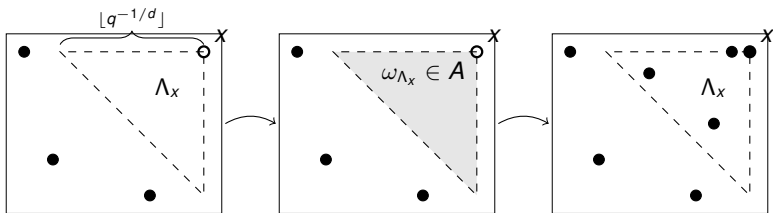
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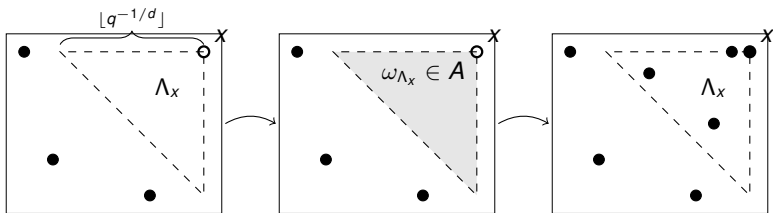
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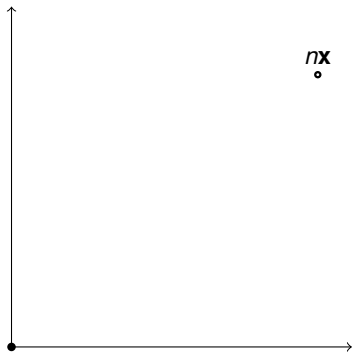
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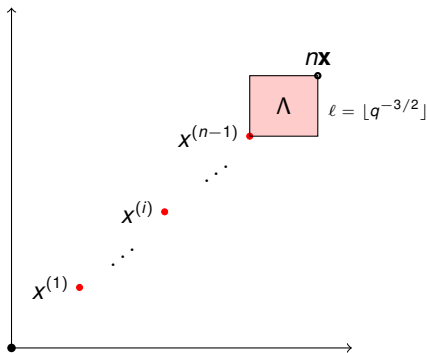
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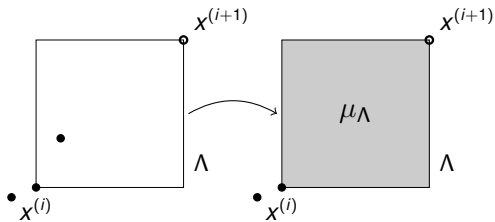
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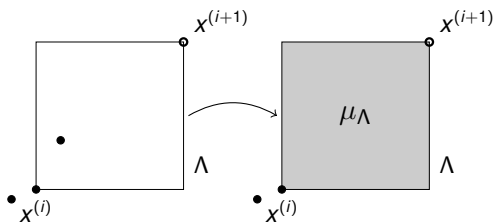
► By SMP show as $q \rightarrow 0$:

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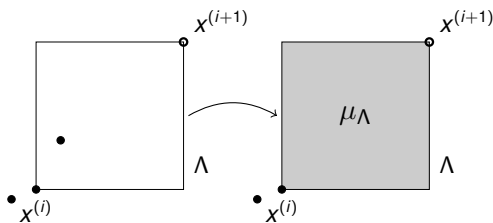
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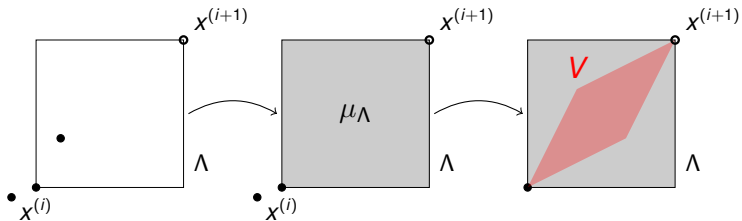


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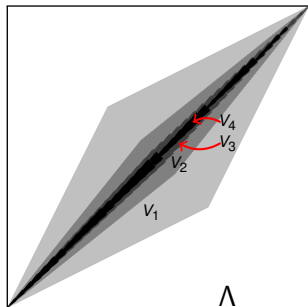
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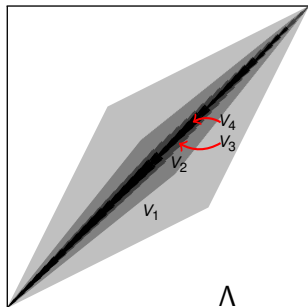


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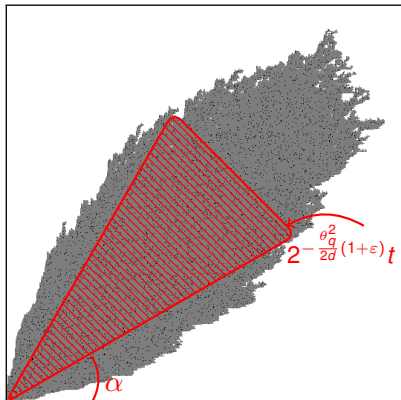
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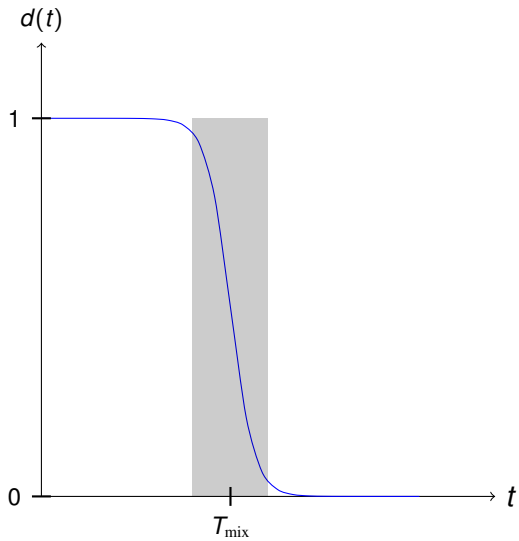
Equilibrium behind front



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

Vertices in red shape in equilibrium for large t and small q if $\alpha > 0$.

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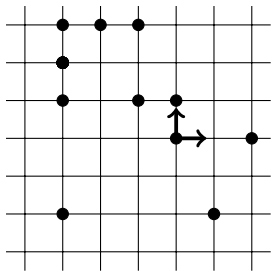
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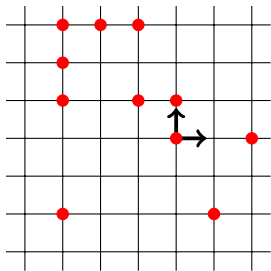
- ▶ Because modes away from axes relax much quicker than axes modes!

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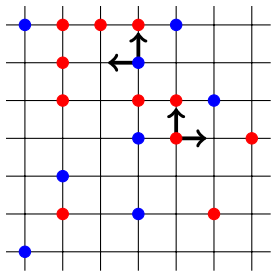
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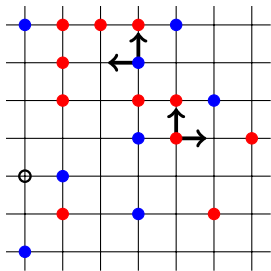
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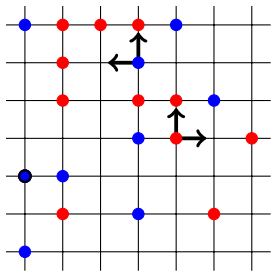
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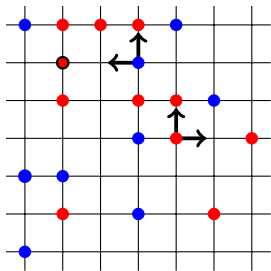
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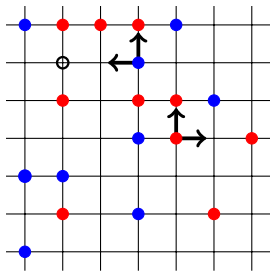
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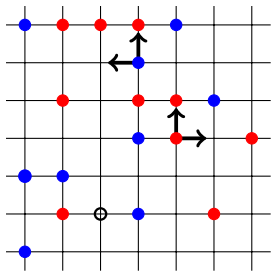
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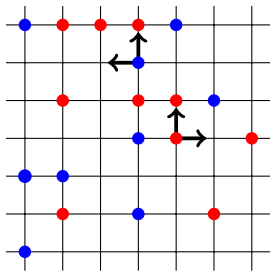
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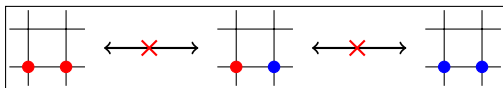
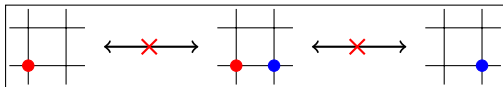
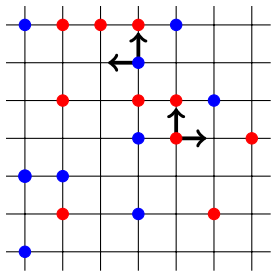
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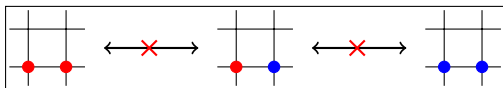
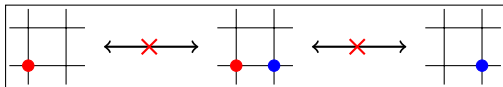
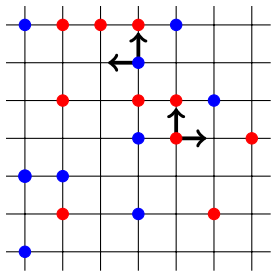
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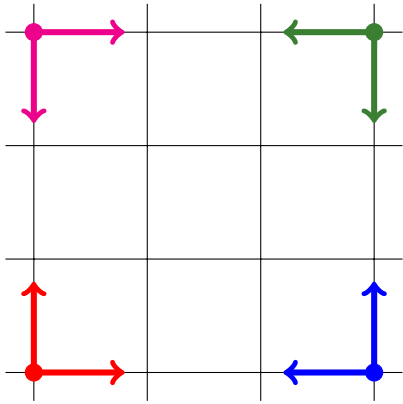


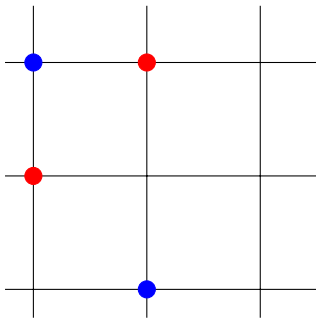
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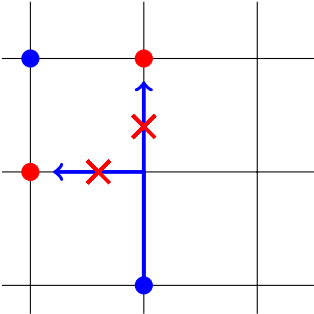
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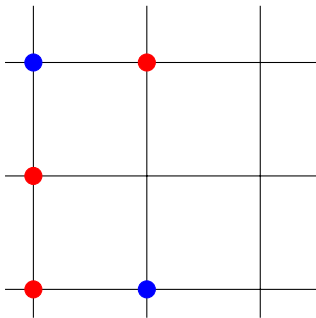


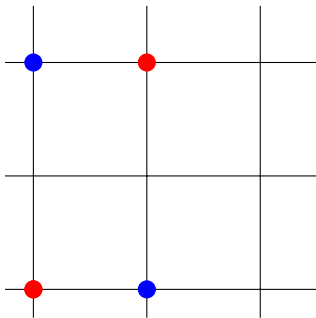
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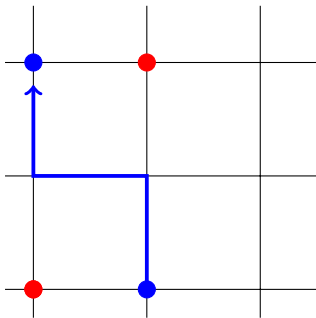












Ergodicity?

Spectral gap behaviour?

Theorem (Y.C. '22)

The multicolour East model on \mathbb{Z}^2 with

- ▶ *four colours is not ergodic.*
- ▶ *three or less colours has positive spectral gap.*

Spectral gap bounds

For simplicity: Two-colour East model with $q_{\bullet} < q_{\circ}$.

Write $\theta_{\bullet} := \log_2(1/q_{\bullet})$, $\theta_{\circ} := \log_2(1/q_{\circ})$.

Theorem (Y.C. '22)

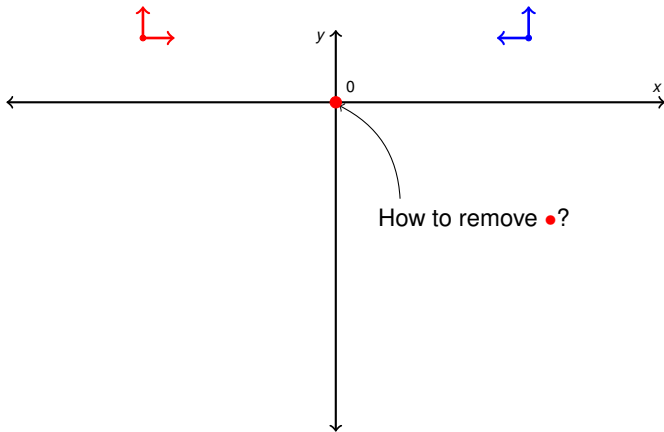
Fix $\Delta > 0$. If $p > \Delta$ we have

$$\lim_{q_{\bullet} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(2\text{-colour})}{\gamma_2(q_{\bullet})} = 1$$

If either $\begin{cases} q_{\bullet} = O(\theta_{\bullet}^{-3}), \text{ i.e. "few } \bullet\text{"}, \\ q_{\circ} \text{ constant, i.e. "many } \circ\text{"}. \end{cases}$

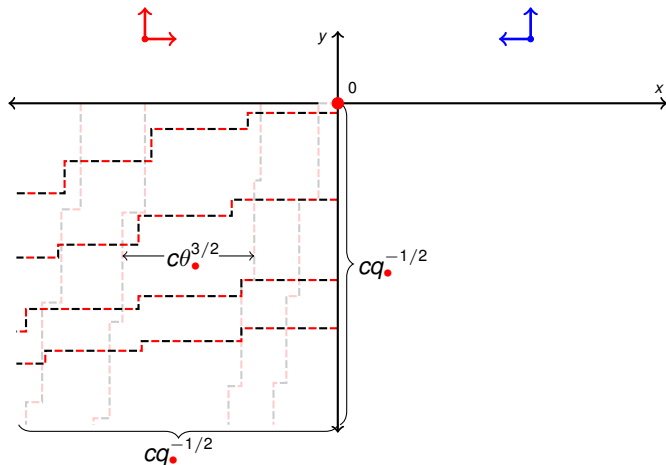
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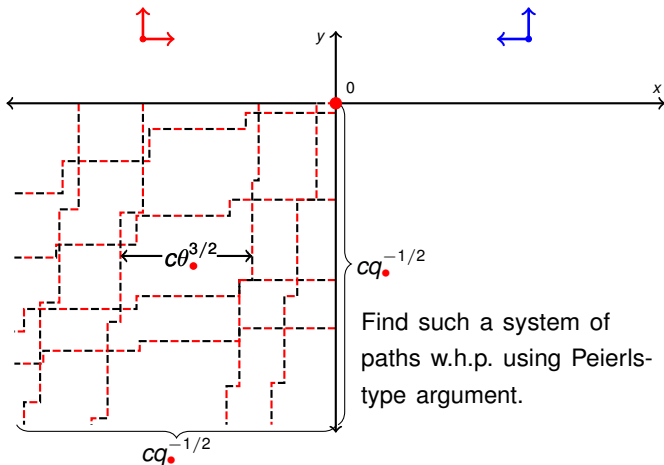
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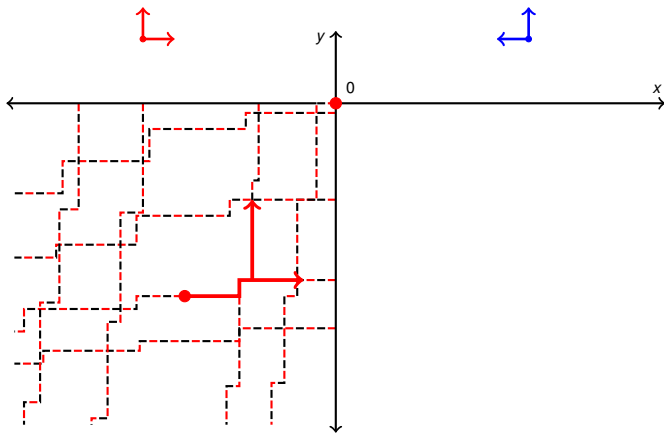
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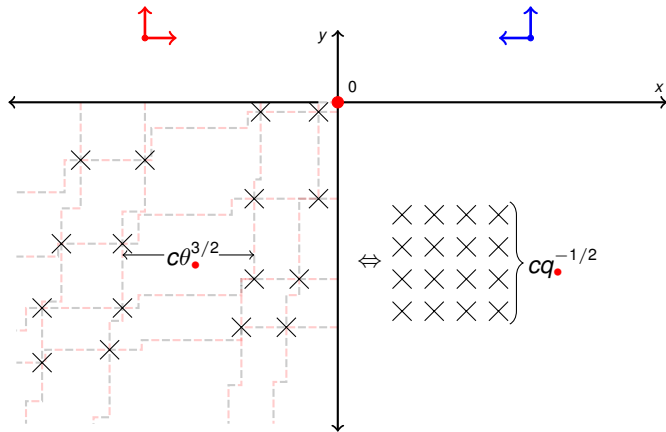
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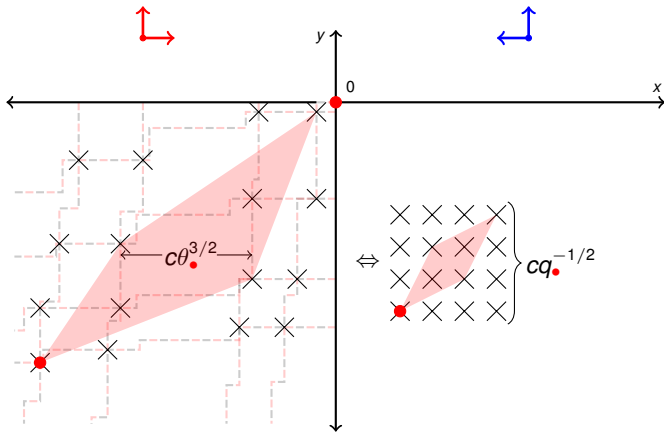
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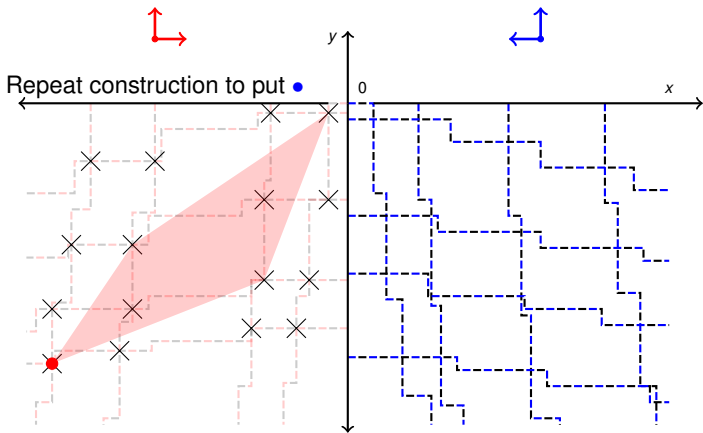
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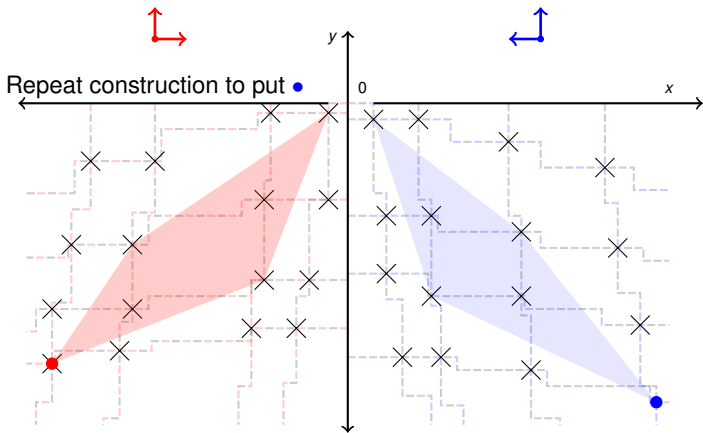
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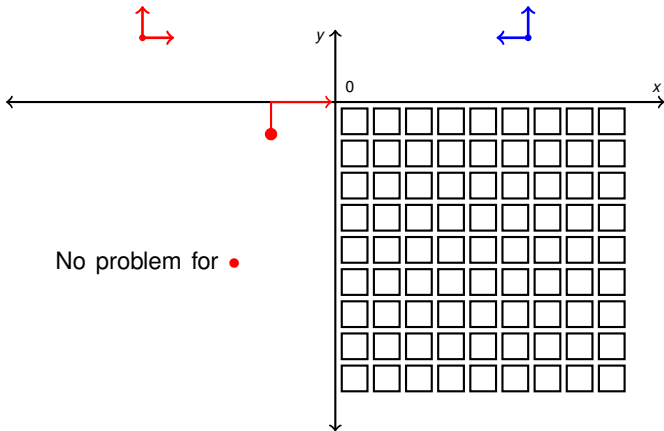
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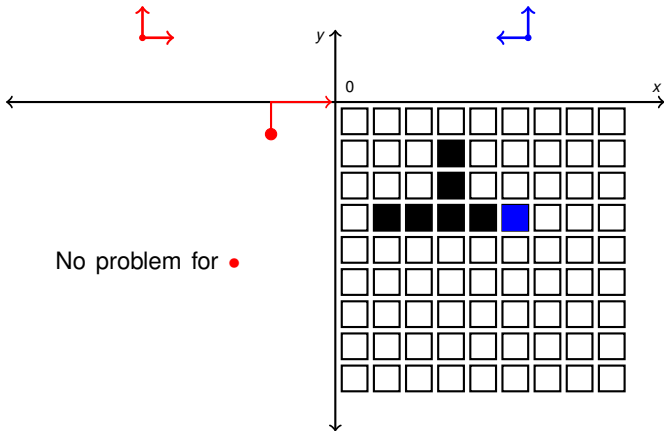


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► Go to renormalized lattice.

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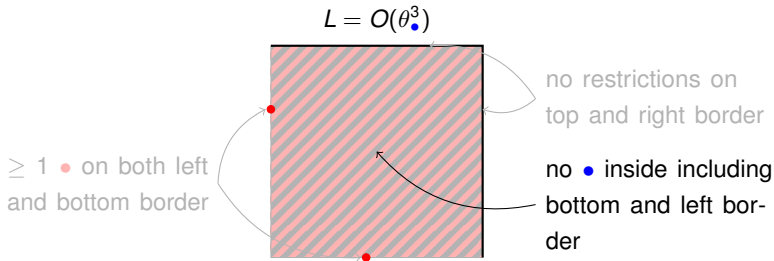


No problem for ●

- ▶ Go to renormalized lattice.
- ▶ Can we identify 'neutral' and 'blue' boxes on which we can repeat the previous construction?

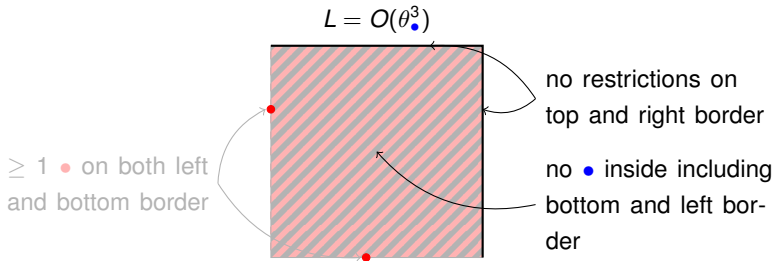
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Construction of 'neutral' and 'blue' boxes



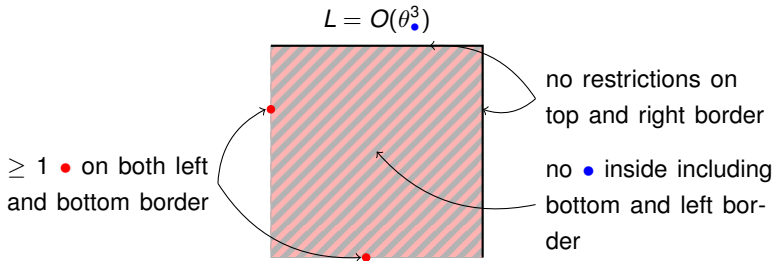
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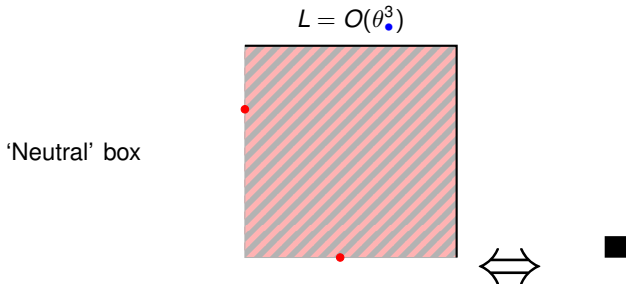
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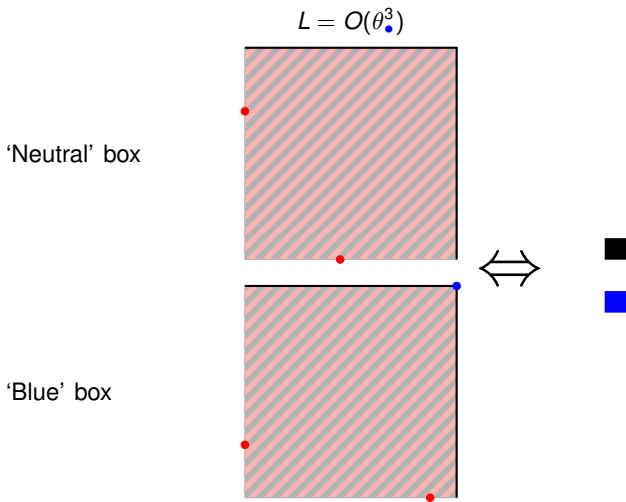
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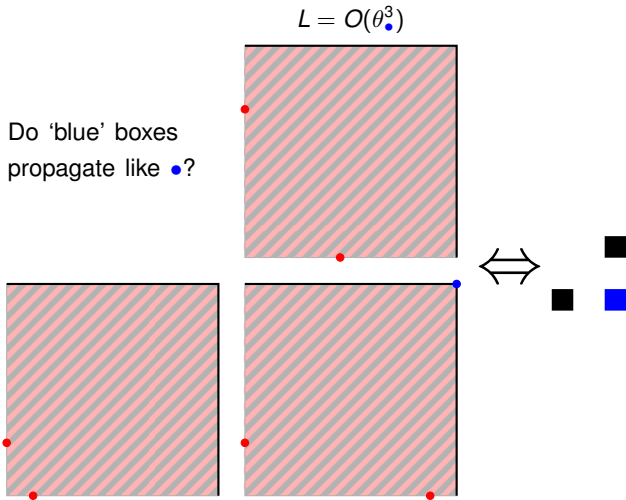
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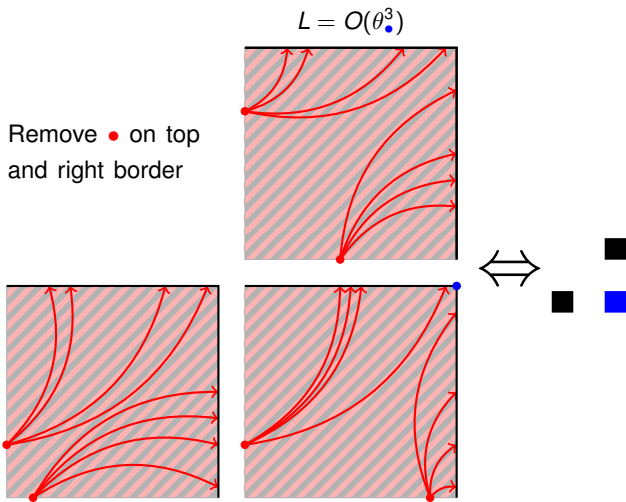
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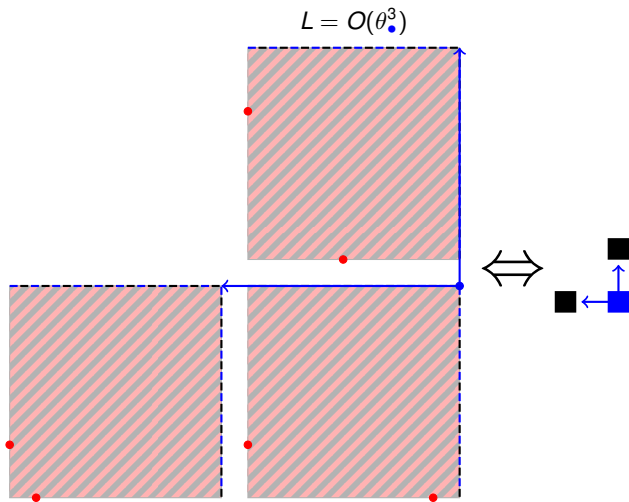
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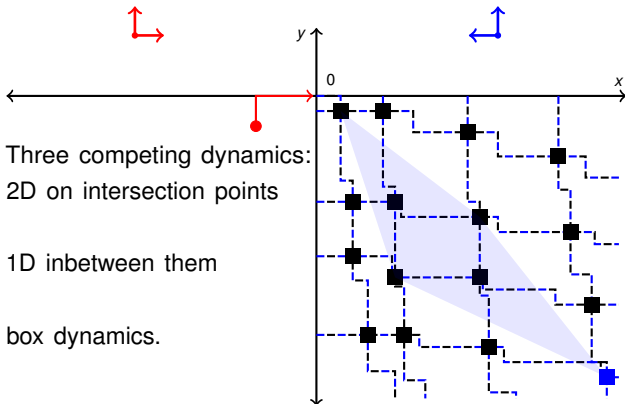
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Further results & open problems

- ▶ Positive spectral gap for $d \geq 3$ + given colour configurations.
 - ▶ Ergodicity landscape not fully explored for $d \geq 3$.

- ▶ Scaling of spectral gap in other two- and three-colour cases.
 - ▶ General spectral gap results unknown.

Thank you.

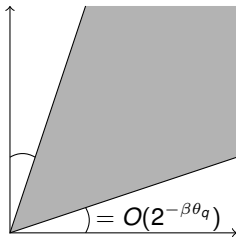
Between bulk and axes

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

Fix $d \geq 2$.

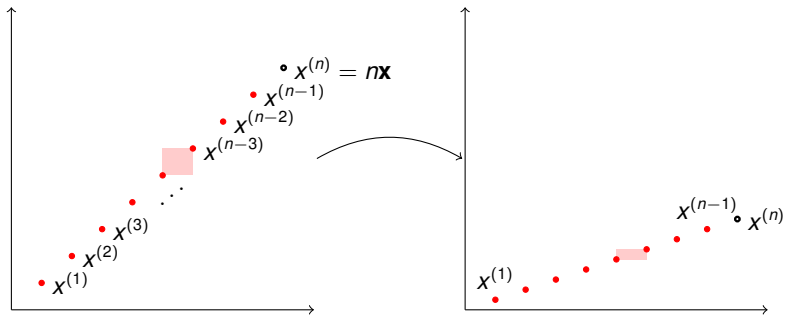
(B) Let $0 < \beta < 1$, $\kappa \geq 1$ and let $\{\mathbf{x}(q)\}_{q \in (0,1)}$ be a family of unit vectors in \mathbb{R}_+^d such that $\max_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_i(q)/\mathbf{x}_j(q) \leq \kappa 2^{\beta\theta q}$. Then

$$\limsup_{q \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2}{\theta^2 q} \log_2(v_{\min}(\mathbf{x}(q))) < 1.$$



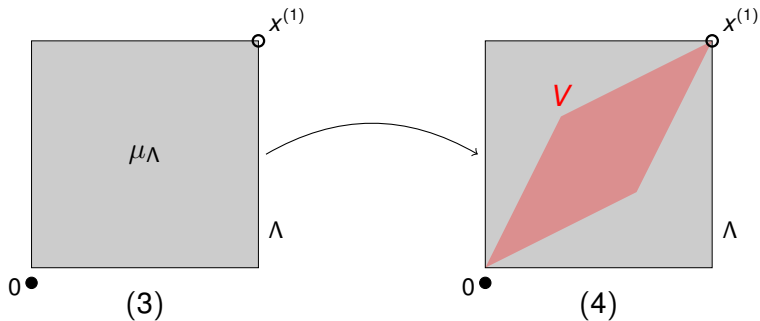
If $\mathbf{x}(q)$ approaches axes slowly enough we have $v_{\min}(\mathbf{x}) \gg v(\mathbf{e})$.

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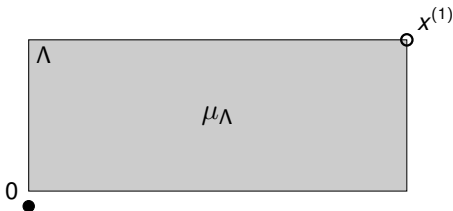
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- ▶ Relate hitting time to spectral gap with min. b.c. on $V \subset \Lambda$
- ▶ RG-techniques: $\gamma(V) = 2^{-\theta_q^2(1 \pm \varepsilon)/2d}$

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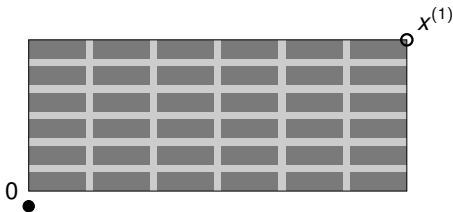
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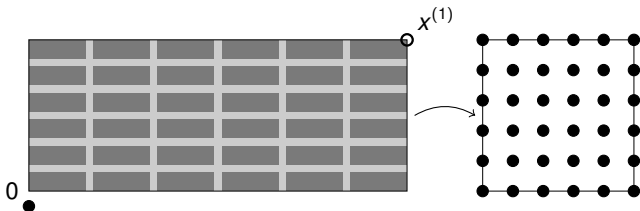
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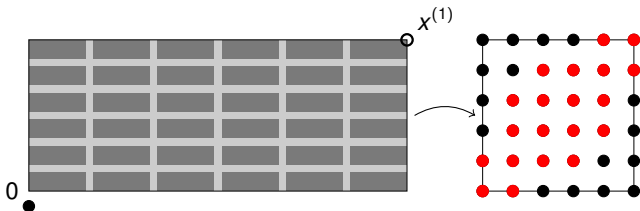
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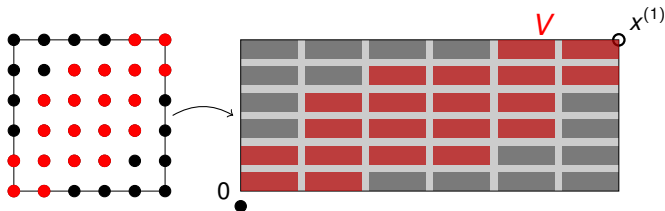
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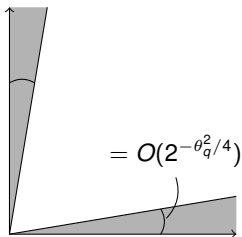
- ▶ Relate hitting time to spectral gap with min. b.c. on $V \subset \Lambda$
- ▶ $\gamma(V) = 2^{-\frac{\theta_q^2}{2d}(1 \pm \epsilon)} \gamma(\text{gray}) > 2^{-\theta_q^2(1 \pm \epsilon)/2}$.

Close to an axis

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

(C) Assume $d = 2$ and let $\mathbf{x}(q)$ be such that $\max_{i,j} \mathbf{x}_i(q)/\mathbf{x}_j(q) \geq 2^{\theta_q^2/4}$. Then

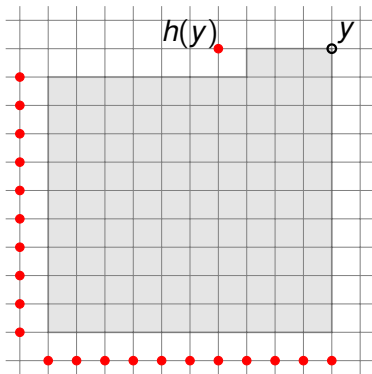
$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2}{\theta_q^2} \log_2(v_{\max}(\mathbf{x}(q))) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 0} -\frac{2}{\theta_q^2} \log_2(v_{\min}(\mathbf{x}(q))) = 1.$$



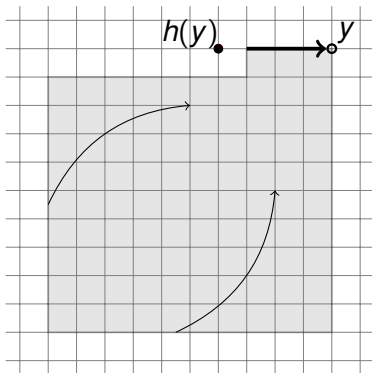
If $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(q)$ approaches one of the coordinate directions fast enough:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{\max}(\mathbf{x}) &= v_{\min}(\mathbf{x})^{1+o(1)} \\ &= v(\mathbf{e}_1)^{1+o(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof of $v_{\max}(\mathbf{x}) = v(\mathbf{e}_1)^{1+o(1)}$

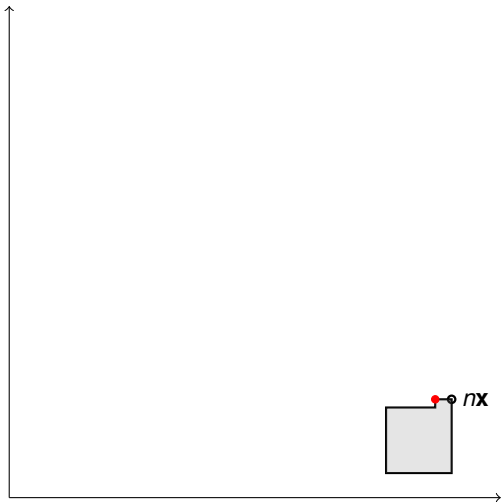


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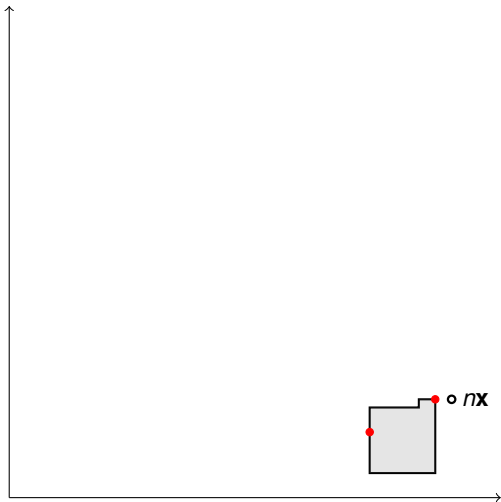


► 1 d -motion unaffected

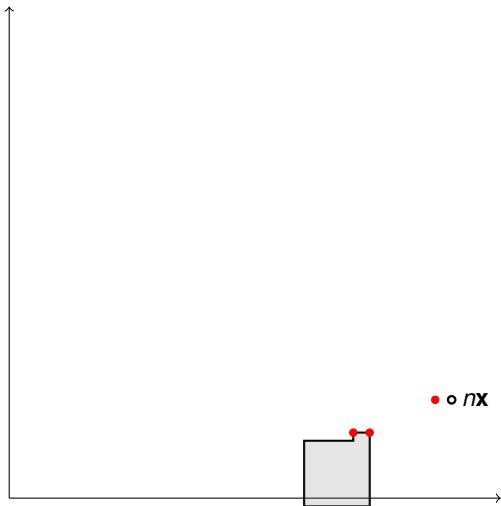
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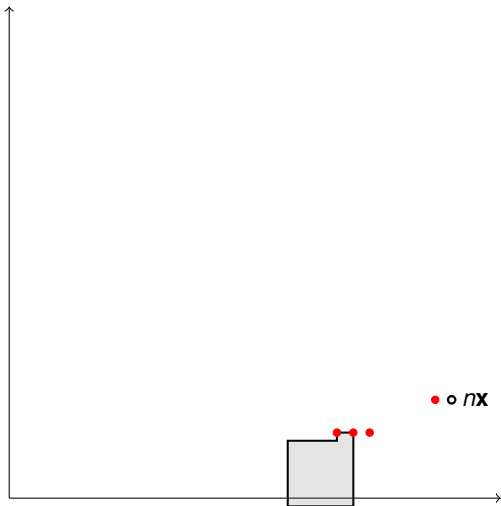
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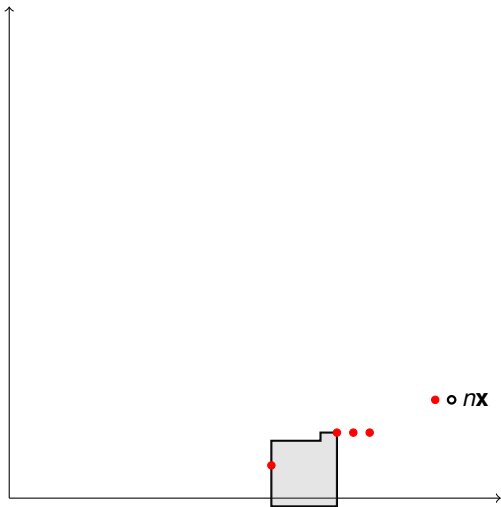
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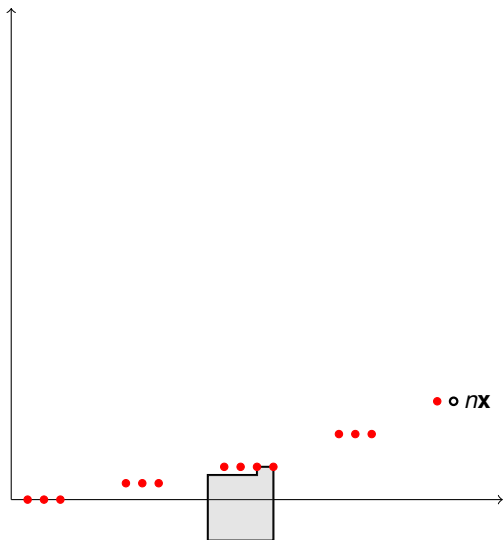
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- Combinatorially lower bound number of good points.

Cutoff

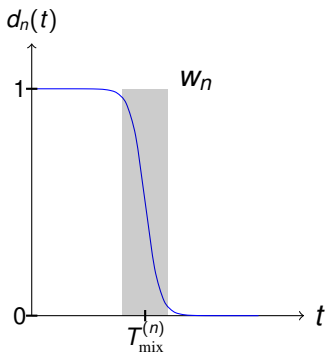
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$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow -\infty} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_n(T_{\text{mix}}^{(n)} + \alpha w_n) = 1$$

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Mixing behind front

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

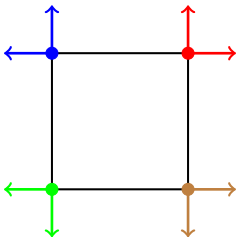
Fix $d \geq 2$, $0 \leq \delta < 1$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. For $t > 0$ let $\nu_t^{\delta, \varepsilon}$ be the marginal on $\Omega_{\Lambda(\delta, \varepsilon, t)}$ of the law of the East process at time t with initial condition ω^* . Then,

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{q \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\nu_t^{\delta, \varepsilon} - \mu_{\Lambda(\delta, \varepsilon, t)}\|_{TV} = 0 \quad \text{if } \delta > 0,$$

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Proof follows from front velocity bounds in first theorem and using CFM'15 to find that if every 'region' in a set has been infected, then equilibrium will spread 'quickly' in a region.

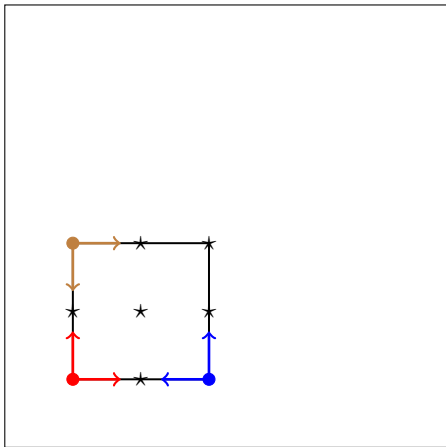
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- ▶ No legal transition possible out of this state.
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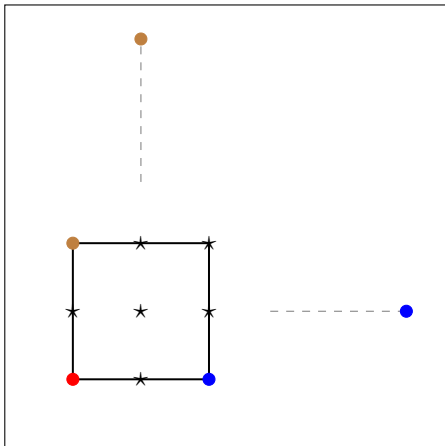
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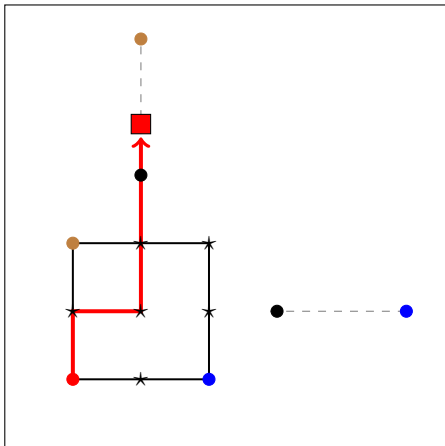
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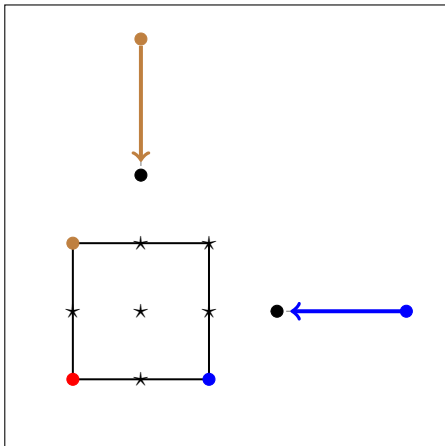
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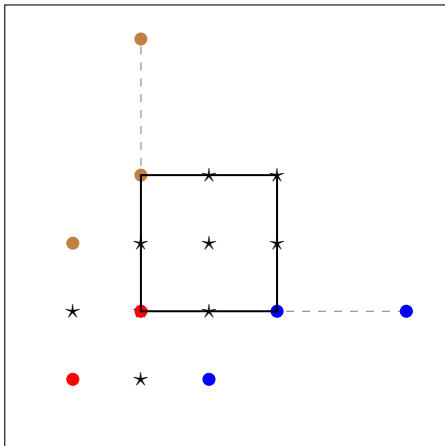
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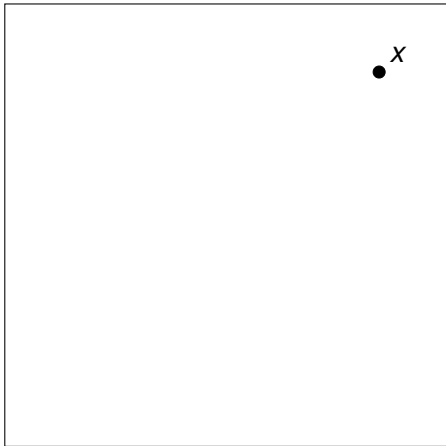
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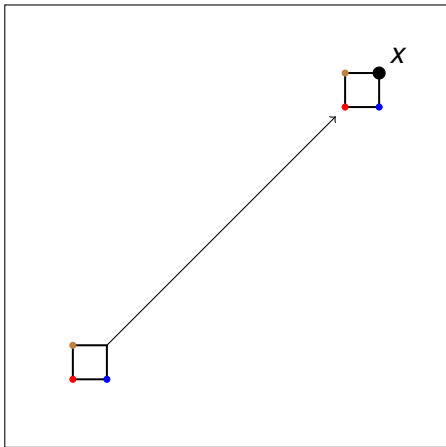
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Theorem

Fix $\Delta > 0$ and consider a G -MCEM on \mathbb{Z}^2 with $|G| \in \{2, 3\}$ and a valid parameter set \mathbf{q} such that $p > \Delta$. Then,

$$\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\gamma(\mathbf{G}; \mathbf{q})}{\gamma_2(q_{\min})} = 1 \quad (1)$$

in the following cases.

- ▶ Any 2-subset G and either one of the following conditions holds:

(2.i) $\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\max} \theta_{q_{\min}}^3 = 0,$

(2.ii) $\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\max} \theta_{q_{\min}}^3 / \log_2(\theta_{q_{\min}}) = \infty.$

- ▶ Any 3-subset $G \subset H_3$ and either one of the following conditions holds:

(3.i) $\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\max} \theta_{q_{\min}}^3 = 0,$

(3.ii) $\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\max} \theta_{q_{\text{med}}}^3 / \log_2(\theta_{q_{\min}}) = \infty$ and

$\lim_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\text{med}} \theta_{q_{\min}}^6 = 0,$

- (3.iii) G is such that the vacancies associated to q_{med} and q_{max} share a propagation direction and $\liminf_{q_{\min} \rightarrow 0} q_{\text{med}} > 0.$