

# $\mu$ -Equicontinuity and weak convergence in zero-dimensional spaces

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- A zero-dimensional dynamical system (ZDS)  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is a continuous transformation (Cantor endomorphisms are ZDS).  $X \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$  is a subshift if it is compact and  $\sigma$ -invariant, shifts of finite type (SFT) are a special kind of subshifts. Let  $X$  be a shift space. We define a cellular automaton (CA) as a  $\sigma$ -commuting ZDS  $\phi : X \rightarrow X$ .

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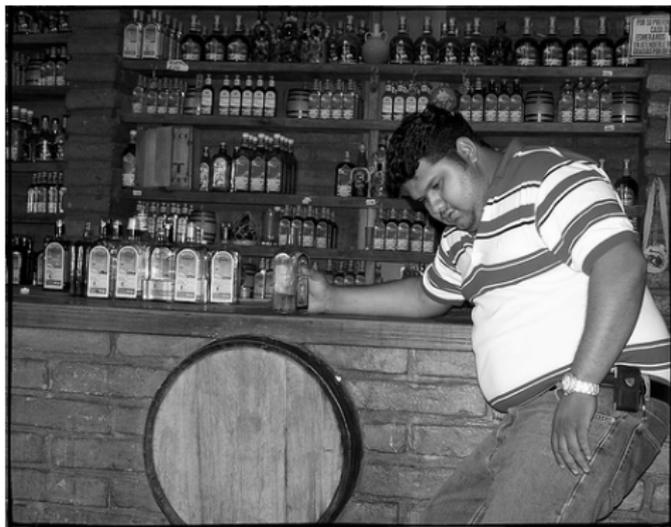
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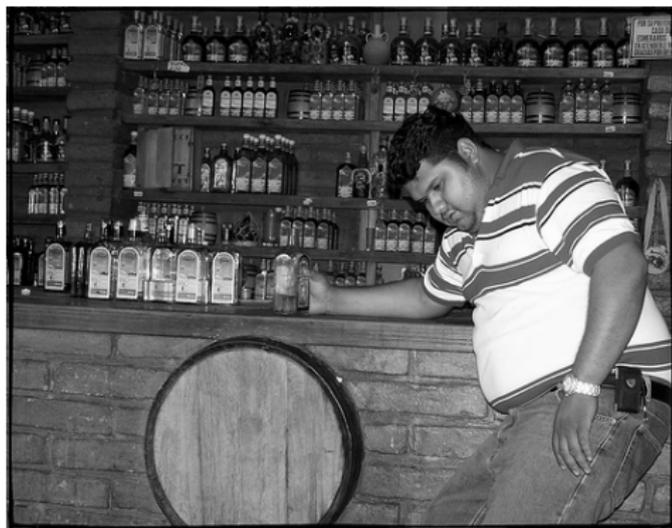
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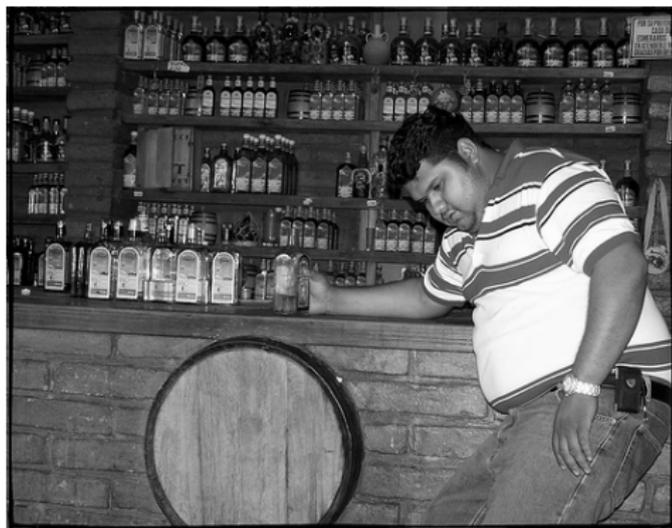


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- Using this result we get that if  $X$  is a subshift with a unique measure of maximal entropy then  $\mu_\infty$  is the measure of maximal entropy if and only if  $\mu$  is the measure of maximal entropy and  $\phi$  is surjective. Hence  $\mu$ -LEP CA does not randomize measures.

# Topological dynamical systems

- A topological dynamical system (TDS) is a continuous transformation on a compact metric space. The concepts of  $\mu$ -equicontinuity and  $\mu$ -LEP can be defined for TDS.

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*Let  $T$  be a TDS and  $\mu$  a Borel probability measure. The following are equivalent:*

- 1)  $T$  is  $\mu$ -equicontinuous*
- 2) For every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a compact set  $M$  (not necessarily invariant) such that  $\mu(M) > 1 - \epsilon$  and  $T \upharpoonright_M$  is equicontinuous.*

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