

# ON BERNOULLI CONVOLUTIONS AND THE PROJECTION OF ERGODIC MEASURES

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ABSTRACT. This paper is concerned with the question of absolute continuity of distributions  $\mu_\lambda$  of random series  $\sum \pm \lambda^n$  given as a projection of shift-ergodic probability measures  $\mu$  on the sequence space  $\{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and the answer's dependence upon  $\lambda \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . In [8], Y. Peres and B. Solomyak proved that given a shift-ergodic probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  with Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy  $h$ , its projection  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for *Leb*-a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h}, \alpha)$ , where  $\alpha \approx 0.668475$ . It is conjectured that this is true for *Leb*-a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h}, 1)$ . Employing the techniques developed by Solomyak and Peres along with a decomposition of  $\mu$  allows significantly extending the area of almost-sure absolute continuity for measures with high entropy. In Particular, the conjecture is confirmed for Markov measures satisfying some conditional entropy bounds, such as the Markov measures given by marginal  $\begin{pmatrix} p & 1-p \\ 1-p & p \end{pmatrix}$  for any  $p \in [0.433, 0.567]$ .

In addition, general properties of the projection of ergodic measures are established - Law of pure types and the set of  $\lambda$ 's corresponding to singular measures being  $G_\delta$ .

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## 1. BACKGROUND AND HISTORICAL NOTES

**1.1. Setting and Background.** Consider the sequence space  $\Omega = \{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  equipped with the shift map  $\sigma : (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots) \mapsto (\omega_2, \omega_3, \dots)$  and the metric  $d(\omega, \tau) = 2^{-|\omega \wedge \tau|}$ ,  $|\omega \wedge \tau| = \min_k \{\omega_k \neq \tau_k\}$ . Given a parameter  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  we define the projection

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map  $\pi_\lambda : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by:

$$\pi_\lambda(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega_n \lambda^n$$

This map is clearly continuous and measurable. Given some measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$  we denote its projection by  $\mu_\lambda = \pi_\lambda \mu$ . We are concerned with the question - *For which  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  is  $\mu_\lambda$  absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure  $\mathcal{L}$ ?*

A first answer can be given by considering the geometry of  $\text{supp} \mu_\lambda$ . By definition, the projected measure is supported on  $\pi_\lambda(\Omega)$  which can be viewed as the attractor of the IFS  $\Phi_\lambda = \{\varphi_-^\lambda, \varphi_+^\lambda\}$  with  $\varphi_\pm^\lambda(x) = \lambda x \pm 1$ , since:

$$\varphi_\pm^\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\omega)) = \pm 1 + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \omega_n \lambda^{n+1}$$

and consequently:

$$\varphi_-^\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\Omega)) \cup \varphi_+^\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\Omega)) = \pi_\lambda([-1]) \cup \pi_\lambda([+1]) = \pi_\lambda(\Omega)$$

where we use the notation  $[i]$ , for any  $i \in \{\pm 1\}^k$ , to represent the corresponding cylinder set  $[i] = \{\omega \in \Omega \mid \omega_1 \omega_2 \dots \omega_k = i\}$ .

In the case where  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ , the IFS  $\Phi_\lambda$  and its attractor satisfy:

$$\varphi_-^\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\Omega)) \cap \varphi_+^\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\Omega)) = \emptyset$$

a condition called strong separation. This condition implies the Hausdorff dimension of  $\pi_\lambda(\Omega)$  is equal to the similarity dimension of  $\Phi_\lambda = \frac{-1}{\log_2 \lambda} < 1$  (see theorem 5.16 in [4]), meaning  $\mu$  is supported on a set of zero Lebesgue measure. Therefore, all measures on  $\Omega$  will project onto singular measures by  $\pi_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ .

The question remains - what happens when  $\lambda \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $\pi_\lambda(\Omega) = [\frac{-1}{1-\lambda}, \frac{1}{1-\lambda}]$ ?

**1.II. Bernoulli Convolutions<sup>1</sup>.** The case where  $\mu$  is taken to be the Bernoulli measure  $\nu^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})^{\mathbb{N}}$  on  $\Omega$  has been fruitfully studied since the 1930's. In this case  $\nu_\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is the infinite convolution of the measures  $\frac{1}{2}(\delta_{-\lambda^n} + \delta_{\lambda^n})$ , hence the name 'Infinite Bernoulli Convolutions'. Denote by  $S_\perp$  the set of  $\lambda \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$  for which  $\nu_\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}} = \pi_\lambda \nu^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is singular. The only elements known to be found in  $S_\perp$  are reciprocals of Pisot numbers in  $(1, 2)^2$ . The proof is due to Erdős (1939) using harmonic analysis. It is conjectured that these are the only elements of  $S_\perp$ . The first important result in that direction is also due to Erdős (1940) where he proved that  $S_\perp \cap (a, 1)$  has zero Lebesgue measure for some  $a < 1$ . Kahane later indicated the argument actually implies that the Hausdorff dimension of  $S_\perp \cap (a, 1)$  tends to 0 as  $a \nearrow 1$ . In [11], Boris Solomyak showed  $S_\perp$  is of zero Lebesgue measure using a certain transversality property of the family of functions  $\mathcal{F} = \{f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \mid a_k \in \{\pm 1, 0\}\}$  and a sub-family. Solomyak together with Yuval Peres later published a simpler proof [7]. Recently Pablo Shmerkin[9], relying on work by Michael Hochman[3], proved the set  $S_\perp$  is actually of Hausdorff dimension 0, the strongest result yet. Both the Erdős-Kahane and the Hochman-Shmerkin approaches rely heavily upon the infinite convolution structure of  $\nu_\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , something one cannot assume when dealing

<sup>1</sup>The historical background goes along the lines of [6] with some recent updates.

<sup>2</sup>Those algebraic numbers whose Galois conjugates are of modulus  $< 1$

with the projection of a general ergodic measure. This paper will employ the techniques developed by Peres and Solomyak.

1.III. **General Ergodic Measures.** In [8], Peres and Solomyak effectively proved the following theorem (in a much broader context):

**Theorem.** *Given a  $\sigma$ -ergodic probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $\mu_\lambda$  is:*

- (1) *absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, 0.668475)$*
- (2) *singular for all  $\lambda < 2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}$*

The value 0.668475 is due to the transversality property. This property will be discussed in detail in section 5. We will give the proof of claim 2 here and deduce claim 1 later, as a consequence of theorem 3.2.

*Proof.* Using the Shannon-McMillan-Breiman theorem we know that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{n} \log(\mu([\omega]_n)) = h_\mu(\sigma)$$

where  $[\omega]_n = [\omega_1 \dots \omega_n]$ . Hence by Billingsley's lemma the Hausdorff dimension of  $\mu$  in  $\Omega$  is equal to  $h_\mu(\sigma)$ .

Notice that the map  $\pi_\lambda$  is  $(-\log \lambda)$ -Hölder since:

$$|\pi_\lambda(\omega) - \pi_\lambda(\tau)| \leq C \lambda^{-|\omega \wedge \tau|} \leq C (d(\omega, \tau))^{-\log \lambda}$$

Using this fact we receive:

$$\dim_{\mathcal{H}} \mu_\lambda \leq \frac{-1}{\log \lambda} \dim_{\mathcal{H}} \mu = -\frac{h_\mu(\sigma)}{\log \lambda}$$

When  $\lambda < 2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}$  we have  $\dim_{\mathcal{H}} \mu_\lambda < 1$  and consequently  $\mu_\lambda$  is singular.  $\square$

It is naturally conjectured that:

**Conjecture.** *Given a  $\sigma$ -ergodic probability measure  $\mu$ , its projection  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, 1)$ .*

In [8] the authors tackle this conjecture for the biased Bernoulli convolutions, where  $\mu$  is taken to be the Bernoulli measure  $\nu^p = (p, 1-p)^{\mathbb{N}}$  for some  $p \in (0, 1)$ , and prove the following theorem:

**Theorem.**  $\nu_\lambda^p$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (p^p(1-p)^{1-p}, 1)$ , for any  $p \in [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}]$ ,<sup>3</sup>

## 2. LAW OF PURE TYPES

In question of absolute continuity, a measure is said to be of *pure type* if its Lebesgue decomposition with respect to  $\mathcal{L}$  is trivial, i.e. it is either absolutely continuous or singular. Jessen and Wintner (1935) showed that any convergent infinite convolution of discrete measures is of pure type. In [6] is given a proof that any self-similar probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is of pure type. We give two proofs to the following proposition:

<sup>3</sup>Note that  $h_{\nu^p}(\sigma) = H(p, 1-p) = -p \log p - (1-p) \log(1-p)$

**Proposition 2.1.** *Given a  $\sigma$ -ergodic probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$  and some  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , the projected measure  $\mu_\lambda$  is of pure type with respect to Lebesgue measure, i.e.  $\mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{L}$  or  $\mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{L}$ .*

The following proofs can be extended to suit a wider variety of IFS symbols space projections and can also be adapted to proving pure type with respect to any  $\alpha$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure, as been done in 6.I.

**Elementary Proof.**

*Proof.* Denote  $\Phi_\lambda = \{\varphi_-^\lambda, \varphi_+^\lambda\}$  with  $\varphi_\pm^\lambda(x) = \lambda x \pm 1$ . assume there exists a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mu_\lambda(A) > 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}(A) = 0$ . For every finite sequence  $i \in \{\pm 1\}^n$  the map  $\varphi_{i_1}^\lambda \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{i_n}^\lambda$  is affine thus giving  $\mathcal{L}((\varphi_{i_1}^\lambda \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{i_n}^\lambda)(A)) = 0$  and consequently:

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\bigcup_n \bigcup_{i \in \{-1, 1\}^n} (\varphi_{i_1}^\lambda \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{i_n}^\lambda)(A)\right) = 0$$

On the other hand:

$$\bigcup_n \bigcup_{i \in \{-1, 1\}^n} (\varphi_{i_1}^\lambda \circ \dots \circ \varphi_{i_n}^\lambda)(A) = \pi_\lambda\left(\bigcup_n \sigma^{-n}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}A)\right) = A'$$

Since  $\pi_\lambda^{-1}A \subseteq \Omega$  is a set of positive  $\mu$ -measure, by ergodicity:

$$\mu\left(\bigcup_n \sigma^{-n}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}A)\right) = 1$$

meaning  $\mu_\lambda(A') = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}(A') = 0$ . □

**Sketch of Proof Using the Density Function.**

*This proof is due to Michael Hochman.*

**Definition.** *The upper 1-dimensional density of a measure  $\nu$  at  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is:*

$$D_1^+(\nu, x) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nu(B_r(x))}{2r}$$

where  $B_r(x)$  is the closed ball of radius  $r$  around  $x$ .

Denote:

$$A_\infty^1 = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid D_1^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda(\omega)) < \infty \right\} = \pi_\lambda^{-1} \circ (D_1^+)^{-1}([0, \infty))$$

*Sketch of proof:* Using the affine nature of  $\varphi_\pm^\lambda$  and the Lebesgue-Besicovitch density theorem (see 2.14 in [5]) it can be shown that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D_1^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda \omega) &\geq C_+(\omega) \cdot D_1^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda(1\omega)) \\ D_1^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda \omega) &\geq C_-(\omega) \cdot D_1^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda(-1\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

where the functions  $C_+, C_-$  are positive  $\mu$ -a.e., proving  $\sigma^{-1}A_\infty^1 = A_\infty^1$ . The ergodicity of  $\mu$  implies either:

$$\mu(A_\infty^1) = 0 \implies \mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{L}$$

or:

$$\mu(A_\infty^1) = 1 \implies \mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{L}$$

□

A full proof is given in appendix 6.I

### 3. ENTROPY AND ABSOLUTE CONTINUITY

We begin the main proof with some notations:  $\mathcal{P} = \{[-1], [1]\}$  is the generating partition for  $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \sigma)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_n = \bigvee_{i=0}^{n-1} \sigma^{-i}\mathcal{P}$ . Given a set of indices  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  we denote:

$$\mathcal{A}_E = \bigvee_{i \in E} \sigma^{-i}\mathcal{P}$$

the  $\sigma$ -algebra controlling all the  $E$ -indices and:

$$\mathcal{F}_E = \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \in \mathcal{F} \mid \forall k \in E \ a_k = 0 \right\}$$

the corresponding sub-family of:

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\{ f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k \mid a_k \in \{\pm 1, 0\} \right\}$$

with all  $E$ -indices set to 0.

$E$  is said to be  $N_0$ -periodic if  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \ i \in E \iff i + N_0 \in E$ . We refer to the empty set  $\emptyset$  as 1-periodic, with  $\mathcal{F}_\emptyset = \mathcal{F}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Given a set of indices  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we say the interval  $I \subseteq [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family of functions  $\mathcal{F}_E$  if for any sub-interval  $I_0 = [\lambda_0, \lambda_1] \subseteq I$  and all  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}_E$  and  $r > 0$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\{x \in I_0 \mid |\phi(x)| \leq r\} \leq 2\delta^{-1} \lambda_0^{-\wedge(\phi)} r$$

where we denote  $\wedge(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k) = \inf_k (a_k \neq 0) \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

*Remark.* This definition of  $\delta$ -transversality is different than the one used by Peres and Solomyak in [7]. This is only in order to postpone some technicalities arising from fixing the  $E$ -indices to section 5 where we show how the original condition of  $\delta$ -transversality implies our definition.

#### 3.I. Main Theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  be an  $N_0$ -periodic set of indices with  $I$  an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_E$ . Let  $\mu$  be a probability measure on  $\Omega$  with:

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{l \cdot N_0} \log(\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\omega]_{l \cdot N_0})) \geq \alpha$$

for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  where  $\mu = \int \mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E} d\mu(\omega)$  is the decomposition of  $\mu$  with respect to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_E$ . Then  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-\alpha}, 1) \cap I$ .

*Proof.* We will use a decomposition of  $\mu_\lambda$  induced by the decomposition of  $\mu$ :

$$\mu_\lambda = \int_{\Omega} \mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega} d\mu(\omega)$$

where  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega} = \pi_\lambda \mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}$ . If we show that for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in I_h = (2^{-h}, 1) \cap I$  the measure  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  then for all such  $\lambda$  the measure  $\mu_\lambda$  is also absolutely continuous. Consider the function:

$$D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) = \liminf_{r \searrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\tau)))}{2r}$$

For any fixed  $\lambda$  and  $\omega$ ,  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \cdot)$  is the lower density function of  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$ . The measure  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$  is absolutely continuous if and only if  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \cdot) < \infty$   $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$ -a.e. (see theorem 2.12 in [5]). Therefore it would suffice to show that for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in I_h$  the function  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau)$  receives finite value for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega$  and  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$ -a.e.  $\tau \in \Omega$ . Using Fubini's theorem and the measurability of  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) : I_h \times \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$  (established in lemma 6.6) we can reduce to proving that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega$ :

$$D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) < \infty$$

for  $\mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}$ -a.e.  $\tau$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in I_h$ . As assumed:

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{l \cdot N_0} \log(\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\omega]_{l \cdot N_0})) \geq \alpha$$

for all  $\omega$  in a set  $\Omega'$  of full  $\mu$ -measure. For  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega$ ,  $\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\Omega') = 1$  meaning there exists a set  $\Omega''$  of full  $\mu$ -measure for which all  $\omega$  in  $\Omega''$ , satisfy property 3.1 for  $\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}$ -a.e.  $\tau$ . Fix such an  $\omega \in \Omega''$ .

Using Egoroff's theorem there exists a sequence of sets  $A_n \subseteq \Omega$  with:

$$\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E} \left( \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \right) = 1$$

for which the convergence in (3.1) is uniform<sup>4</sup>. Assuming  $I_h \neq \emptyset$  we denote  $\lambda_0 = \inf I_h$  and for all  $0 < \varepsilon < |I_h|$ ,  $\lambda_{0, \varepsilon} = \lambda_0 + \varepsilon$  and  $I_h^\varepsilon = I_h \cap [\lambda_{0, \varepsilon}, 1]$ . Using Fatou's lemma and Fubini's theorem we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{I_h^\varepsilon} \int_{A_n} D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) d\lambda &\leq \liminf_{r \searrow 0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{I_h^\varepsilon} \int_{A_n} \mu_\lambda^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\tau))) d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) d\lambda = \\ &= \liminf_{r \searrow 0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{I_h^\varepsilon} \int_{A_n} \int_{\Omega} \chi_{\left\{ (\tau, \tau') \mid |\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau')| \leq r \right\}} d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau') d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) d\lambda = \\ &= \liminf_{r \searrow 0} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{A_n} \int_{\Omega} \mathcal{L} \left\{ \lambda \in I_h^\varepsilon \mid |\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau')| \leq r \right\} d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau') d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) = (\star) \end{aligned}$$

Recall at this point that the measure  $\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}$  is supported on  $[\omega]_{\mathcal{A}_E}$ , the  $\omega$ -atom with respect to  $\mathcal{A}_E^5$ , meaning that for  $\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}$ -a.e.  $\tau \forall k \in E \tau_k = \omega_k$  which consequently

<sup>4</sup>meaning that  $\forall \beta < \alpha \exists k \forall l > k \frac{-1}{l \cdot N_0} \log(\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\omega]_{l \cdot N_0})) > \beta$

<sup>5</sup> $\mathcal{A}_E$  is clearly a countably generated  $\sigma$ -algebra

assures  $\frac{1}{2}(\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau')) \in \mathcal{F}_E$ . Due to the  $\delta$ -transversality on  $I$  we insert:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L} \left\{ \lambda \in I_h^\varepsilon \mid |\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau')| \leq r \right\} = \\ & = \mathcal{L} \left\{ \lambda \in I_h^\varepsilon \mid \left| \frac{1}{2}(\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau')) \right| \leq \frac{r}{2} \right\} \leq \delta^{-1} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-\wedge(\phi)} r \end{aligned}$$

to conclude:

$$\begin{aligned} (\star) & \leq (2\delta)^{-1} \int_{A_n} \int_{\Omega} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-\wedge(\pi_\lambda(\tau) - \pi_\lambda(\tau'))} d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau') d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) = \\ & = (2\delta)^{-1} \int_{A_n} \int_{\Omega} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-|\tau \wedge \tau'|} d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau') d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) = \\ & = (2\delta)^{-1} \int_{A_n} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-l} \mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\tau]_l) d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) \leq \\ & \leq (2\delta)^{-1} \left( \sum_{\substack{s \in E^c \\ s < N_0}} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-s} \right) \int_{A_n} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-l \cdot N_0} \mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\tau]_{l \cdot N_0}) d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $A_n$  there exists a  $k$  for which all  $l > k$  admit:

$$\frac{-1}{l \cdot N_0} \log(\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\tau]_{l \cdot N_0})) > \beta > -\log \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}$$

assuring:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-l \cdot N_0} \mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}([\tau]_{l \cdot N_0}) & < C + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} \lambda_{0,\varepsilon}^{-l \cdot N_0} 2^{-\beta \cdot l \cdot N_0} \\ & = C + \sum_{l=k+1}^{\infty} 2^{-l \cdot N_0(\beta + \log \lambda_{0,\varepsilon})} < C' < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and consequently:

$$\int_{I_h^\varepsilon} \int_{A_n} D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) d\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\tau) d\lambda < \infty$$

Taking  $\varepsilon \searrow 0$  will give  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) < \infty$  for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in I_h$  and  $\mu_\omega^{\mathcal{A}_E}$ -a.e.  $\tau \in A_n$ . This being true for all  $n$  concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  be an  $N_0$ -periodic set of indices with  $I$  an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_E$ . Let  $\mu$  be  $\sigma$ -ergodic with  $\frac{1}{N_0} h_\mu(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E) \geq \alpha$ , then the projection  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-\alpha}, 1) \cap I$ .*

*Proof.* In the case where  $\mu$  is also  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -ergodic, the conditional Shannon-McMillan-Breiman theorem for the m.p.s.  $(\Omega, \mu, \sigma^{N_0})$ <sup>6</sup> assures the conditions of theorem 3.2 are fulfilled, thus proving the claim.

When  $\mu$  is not  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -ergodic, we can decompose  $\mu$  to its ergodic components. Let  $A \subseteq \Omega$  be some non-trivial  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -invariant set.  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -ergodic meaning:

$$\mu \left( \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \sigma^{-k} A \right) = 1$$

<sup>6</sup>See appendix B in [1]. Notice  $\mathcal{A}_E$  is  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -sub-invariant.

since  $\sigma^{-N_0}A \subseteq A$  we receive:

$$\mu \left( \bigcup_{k=0}^{N_0-1} \sigma^{-k}A \right) = 1$$

and consequently  $\mu(A) \geq \frac{1}{N_0}$ . This shows that there are a finite number,  $d$ , of components in the ergodic decomposition of  $\mu$  with respect to  $\sigma^{N_0}$ , all of which are supported on sets of the same measure  $\frac{1}{d}$ . Denote these components by  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_d$ , receiving  $\mu = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \mu_i$ . Proving the claim for all the  $\mu_i$ 's concludes the proof.

Let  $\psi_E : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be the map projecting  $(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots)$  onto its  $E$ -indices:

$$\psi_E(\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots) = (\omega_{e_1}, \omega_{e_2}, \dots)$$

where  $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . Denoting  $s = |\{e \in E \mid e < N_0\}|$ , we receive  $\psi_E$  is a factor map of dynamical systems:

$$\psi_E : (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \sigma^{N_0}) \rightarrow (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \sigma^s)$$

By definition  $\mathcal{A}_E = \psi_E^{-1}\mathcal{A}$  and by the Abramov-Rokhlin formula:

$$h_\mu(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E) = h_\mu(\sigma^{N_0}) - h_{\psi_E \mu}(\sigma^s)$$

The ergodic decomposition of  $\psi_E \mu$  with respect to  $\sigma^s$  is  $\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \psi_E \mu_i$  hence we can decompose the respective entropies<sup>7</sup>:

$$h_\mu(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E) = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d [h_{\mu_i}(\sigma^{N_0}) - h_{\psi_E \mu_i}(\sigma^s)] = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d h_{\mu_i}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E)$$

Showing there exists some  $1 \leq i_0 \leq d$  for which:

$$h_{\mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E) \geq h_\mu(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E)$$

The measure  $\mu_{i_0}$  is  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -ergodic with  $\frac{1}{N_0} h_{\mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E) \geq \alpha$  and thus projects as required.

Notice that since  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -invariant and ergodic, the map  $\sigma$  induces a transitive permutation  $\Pi_\sigma : \{1, \dots, d\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, d\}$  for which  $\sigma : (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \sigma^{N_0}, \mu_i) \rightarrow (\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \sigma^{N_0}, \mu_{\Pi_\sigma(i)})$  is a factor map of m.p.s. Since entropy only decreases by factorization we receive  $h_{\mu_i}(\sigma^{N_0}) \geq h_{\mu_{\Pi_\sigma(i)}}(\sigma^{N_0})$  and transitivity assures that for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq d$ :

$$h_{\mu_i}(\sigma^{N_0}) = h_{\mu_j}(\sigma^{N_0})$$

Let  $j \neq i_0$ , there exists some  $k_j$  with  $\mu_j = \sigma^{k_j} \mu_{i_0}$ . The  $N_0$ -periodicity of  $E$  yields the following identity:

$$\sigma^s \circ \psi_{E-k_j} = \sigma^l \circ \psi_E \circ \sigma^{N_0-k_j}$$

where  $\psi_{E-k_j}$  is the projection onto the  $E - k_j = \{e - k_j \mid e \in E\}$  indices and  $l = |\{e \in E \mid e - k_j < 0\}|$ . Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\mu_j}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_{E-k_j}) &= h_{\mu_j}(\sigma^{N_0}) - h_{\psi_{E-k_j} \mu_j}(\sigma^s) = \\ &= h_{\mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^{N_0}) - h_{(\sigma^l \circ \psi_E \circ \sigma^{N_0-k_j}) \mu_j}(\sigma^s) = (\star) \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $\psi_{E-k_j} \mu_j = \sigma^s \psi_{E-k_j} \mu_j$ . Notice that due to the  $\sigma^{N_0}$ -invariance of  $\mu_{i_0}$ ,  $\mu_{i_0} = \sigma^{N_0-k_j} \mu_j$  hence:

$$(\star) = h_{\mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^{N_0}) - h_{\sigma^l(\psi_E \mu_{i_0})}(\sigma^s)$$

<sup>7</sup>Theorem 5.27 in [13]



Relying again on the decreasing property of entropy under factorization we receive:

$$h_{\sigma^l(\psi_E \mu_{i_0})}(\sigma^s) \leq h_{\psi_E \mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^s)$$

and consequently:

$$h_{\mu_j}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_{E-k_j}) \geq h_{\mu_{i_0}}(\sigma^{N_0} | \mathcal{A}_E)$$

Notice that  $I$  is an interval of  $\frac{\delta}{2^{k_j}}$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_{E-k_j}$  thus concluding the proof.  $\square$

**3.II. Results for General Measures.** In section 5 we will establish the following results regarding transversality:

- $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_1]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}$ , with  $\alpha_1 = 0.668475$ .
- $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_2]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_{\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}}$ , with  $\alpha_2 = 0.713549$ .

*Remark.* Note that the value of  $\delta > 0$  did not play a role in the proof of theorems 3.2 and 3.3 allowing us to disregard it.

**Proposition 3.4.** *Let  $\mu$  be  $\sigma$ -ergodic,  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in [2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, \alpha_1]$ .*

*Proof.* Apply theorem 3.3 for  $E = \emptyset$ . The proof in this case is identical to the one given by Peres and Solomyak in [8].  $\square$

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $\mu$  be  $\sigma$ -ergodic,  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in [2^{-\frac{1}{3}\tilde{h}}, \alpha_2]$  where  $\tilde{h} = h_\mu(\sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}})$ .*

*Proof.* Apply theorem 3.3 for  $E = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.6.** *Let  $\mu$  be  $\sigma$ -ergodic with  $h = h_\mu(\sigma)$ ,  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda$  in  $[2^{-(h - \frac{N-1}{N})}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}}]$  and  $[2^{-(h - \frac{3N-2}{3N})}, \alpha_2^{\frac{1}{N}}]$ , for all such  $N$  rendering these intervals non-empty.*

*Proof.* Denote  $E_1^N = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \neq 0 \pmod{N}\}$  and  $E_2^N = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \neq N, 2N \pmod{3N}\}$ . The fact that:

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_1^N} = \{\phi(x^N) \mid \phi \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{E_2^N} = \{\phi(x^N) \mid \phi \in \mathcal{F}_{\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}}\}$$

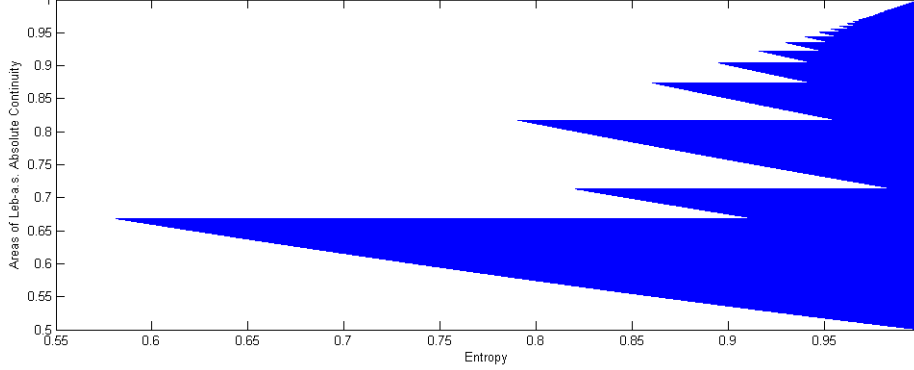
means  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}}]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for  $\mathcal{F}_{E_1^N}$  and  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_2^{\frac{1}{N}}]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for  $\mathcal{F}_{E_2^N}$ . Using the Abramov-Rokhlin formula we can give crude lower bounds, depending only on  $h$ , for the corresponding conditional entropies:

$$h_\mu(\sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N}) \geq h_\mu(\sigma^N) - (N-1) = N \cdot h - (N-1)$$

$$h_\mu(\sigma^{3N} | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^N}) \geq 3N \cdot h - (3N-2)$$

Using theorem 3.3 implies the claim.  $\square$

Below is a graph depicting the areas of almost-sure absolute continuity assured for each value of  $h_\mu(\sigma)$ :



**Corollary 3.7.** *Given  $\mu$   $\sigma$ -ergodic with  $h_\mu(\sigma) \geq 0.986916$  the measure  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in \left[2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{M}}\right]$  where:*

$$M = \max \left\{ 3 \leq N \in \mathbb{N} \mid h \geq 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N-1} \right\}$$

*Proof.* The Intervals  $[2^{-h}, \alpha_1]$  and  $[2^{-(h-\frac{1}{3})}, \alpha_2]$  intersect when  $h \geq -\log \alpha_1 + \frac{1}{3}$ , this is maintained since  $-\log \alpha_1 + \frac{1}{3} \leq 0.915 \leq h$ .

The intervals  $[2^{-(h-\frac{1}{3})}, \alpha_2]$  and  $[2^{-(h-\frac{1}{2})}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{2}}]$  intersect when  $h \geq -\log \alpha_2 + \frac{1}{2}$ , this is also maintained since  $-\log \alpha_2 + \frac{1}{2} \leq 0.9869156 \leq h$ .

The interval  $[2^{-(h-\frac{N-1}{N})}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}}]$  is non-empty whenever  $h \geq 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N}$ .

The intervals  $[2^{-(h-\frac{N-2}{N-1})}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N-1}}]$  and  $[2^{-(h-\frac{N-1}{N})}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}}]$  intersect whenever  $h \geq 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N-1}$ . Assuming  $3 \leq N \leq M$  assures<sup>8</sup>:

$$h \geq 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N-1}$$

and consequently:

$$h \geq 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N-1} > 1 - \frac{1}{N} + \frac{-\log \alpha_1}{N}$$

rendering the intersecting intervals non-empty.  $\square$

**Example.** Given a  $\sigma$ -ergodic measure  $\mu$  with entropy  $h_\mu(\sigma) > 0.99$ , its projection  $\mu_\lambda$  will be absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, 0.98998)$ .

Assuming lower bounds on the elements of the sequence  $h_\mu(\sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N})$  can yield stronger claims:

<sup>8</sup>Notice that for  $N = 2$  this amounts to  $h > 1$  which is impossible.

**Proposition 3.8.** *Given  $\mu$   $\sigma$ -ergodic with  $h_\mu(\sigma) > 0.986916$  and:*

$$h_\mu\left(\sigma^N|_{\mathcal{A}_{E_1^N}}\right) \geq -\frac{N}{N-1} \log \alpha_1$$

for all  $N \geq 3$ , the measure  $\mu_\lambda$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-h_\mu(\sigma)}, 1)$ .

*Proof.* The proof is the same as in 3.7 with condition  $h_\mu\left(\sigma^N|_{\mathcal{A}_{E_1^N}}\right) \geq -\frac{N}{N-1} \log \alpha_1$  assuring the intervals  $\left[2^{-\frac{1}{N-1}h_\mu\left(\sigma^{N-1}|_{\mathcal{A}_{E_1^{N-1}}}\right)}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N-1}}\right]$  and  $\left[2^{-\frac{1}{N}h_\mu\left(\sigma^N|_{\mathcal{A}_{E_1^N}}\right)}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}}\right]$  are non-trivial and intersect for all  $N \geq 3$ .  $\square$

**3.III. Markov Measures.** Denote by  $\mu_{p,P}$  the Markov measure with marginal  $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j \in \{\pm 1\}}$  and initial probability vector  $p = \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_{-1} \end{pmatrix}$ . We know:

$$h_{\mu_{p,P}}(\sigma) = -\sum_i p_i \sum_{i,j} p_{ij} \log p_{ij}$$

Denote by  $\psi_N : (\{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}, \sigma^N) \rightarrow \left(\left(\{\pm 1\}^{N-1}\right)^{\mathbb{N}}, \sigma\right)$  the factor map projecting  $\{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  onto the  $E_1^N = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \neq 0 \pmod{N}\}$  vector coordinates:

$$\psi_N((i_0, i_1, \dots, i_{N-1}, i_N, \dots, i_{2N-1}, \dots)) = \left( \begin{pmatrix} i_1 \\ \vdots \\ i_{N-1} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} i_{N+1} \\ \vdots \\ i_{2N-1} \end{pmatrix}, \dots \right)$$

The projected measure  $\psi_N \mu^p$  is itself a Markov measure with initial probability vector  $\underline{q} = (p_{i_1} p_{i_1 i_2} \cdots p_{i_{N-2} i_{N-1}})_{\underline{i} \in \{\pm 1\}^{N-1}}$  and marginal matrix:

$$P = \left( \left[ \sum_{k=\pm 1} p_{i_{N-1}k} p_{kj_1} \right] \cdot p_{j_1 j_2} \cdots p_{j_{N-2} j_{N-1}} \right)_{\underline{i}, \underline{j} \in \{\pm 1\}^{N-1}}$$

We will Calculate the entropy of the factor,  $h_{\psi_N \mu_{p,P}}(\sigma)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & - \sum_{\underline{i} \in \{\pm 1\}^{N-1}} p_{i_1} p_{i_1 i_2} \cdots p_{i_{N-2} i_{N-1}} \sum_{\underline{j} \in \{\pm 1\}^{N-1}} \left[ \sum_k p_{i_{N-1}k} p_{kj_1} \right] \cdot p_{j_1 j_2} \cdots \\ & \cdots p_{j_{N-2} j_{N-1}} \log \left( \left[ \sum_k p_{i_{N-1}k} p_{kj_1} \right] \cdot p_{j_1 j_2} \cdots p_{j_{N-2} j_{N-1}} \right) = \\ & = - \sum_{i_{N-1}} p_{i_{N-1}} \sum_{j_1} \left( \sum_k p_{i_{N-1}k} p_{kj_1} \right) \log \left( \sum_k p_{i_{N-1}k} p_{kj_1} \right) \\ & \quad - \sum_{k=1}^{N-2} \sum_{j_k} p_{j_k} \sum_{j_{k+1}} p_{j_k j_{k+1}} \log p_{j_k j_{k+1}} = \\ & = h_{\mu^{p,P^2}}(\sigma) + (N-2) \cdot h_{\mu^{p,P}}(\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Using the Abramov-Rokhlin formula we receive:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\mu^{p,P}} \left( \sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N} \right) &= h_{\mu^{p,P}} (\sigma^N) - h_{\psi_N \mu^{p,P}} (\sigma) = \\ &= 2 \cdot h_{\mu^{p,P}} (\sigma) - h_{\mu^{p,P^2}} (\sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Notice the value is independent of  $N$ .

In addition:

$$h_{\mu^{p,P}} \left( \sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1} \right) = 3 \cdot h_{\mu^{p,P}} (\sigma) - h_{\mu^{p,P^3}} (\sigma)$$

Using this we can state the following claim:

**Proposition 3.9.** *Given a  $\sigma$ -ergodic Markov measure  $\mu^{p,P}$  with:*

$$3 \cdot h_{\mu^{p,P}} (\sigma) - h_{\mu^{p,P^3}} (\sigma) \geq -3 \log \alpha_1 \approx 1.7431634$$

$$2 \cdot h_{\mu^{p,P}} (\sigma) - h_{\mu^{p,P^2}} (\sigma) \geq -2 \log \alpha_2 \approx 0.9738312$$

*its projection  $\mu_\lambda^{p,P}$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a. e.  $\lambda \in \left( 2^{-h_{\mu^{p,P}}(\sigma)}, 1 \right)$ .*

*Proof.* Denote  $C = h_{\mu^{p,P}} \left( \sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N} \right)$ . The Intervals  $[2^{-h(\sigma)}, \alpha_1]$  and  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{1}{3}h_{\mu^{p,P}}(\sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1})}, \alpha_2 \right]$

intersect when  $h_{\mu^{p,P}} \left( \sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1} \right) \geq -3 \log \alpha_1$ .

The intervals  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{1}{3}h_{\mu^{p,P}}(\sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1})}, \alpha_2 \right]$  and  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{1}{2}C}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]$  intersect when  $C \geq -2 \log \alpha_2$ .

The interval  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{1}{N}C}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}} \right]$  is non-empty whenever  $C \geq -\log \alpha_1$ .

For all  $N \geq 3$ , the intervals  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{C}{N-1}}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N-1}} \right]$  and  $\left[ 2^{-\frac{C}{N}}, \alpha_1^{\frac{1}{N}} \right]$  intersect whenever  $C \geq -\frac{3}{2} \log \alpha_1$ . Since  $-2 \log \alpha_2 \geq -\frac{3}{2} \log \alpha_1$  all these conditions are satisfied.  $\square$

Denote by  $\mu^p$  the Markov measure changing signs with probability  $1-p$  and leaving signs unchanged with probability  $p$ , i.e. the Markov measure with marginal  $\begin{pmatrix} p & 1-p \\ 1-p & p \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Corollary 3.10.** *The projection  $\mu_\lambda^p$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a. e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-H(p,1-p)}, 1)$ , given any  $p \in [0.432455, 0.567545]$*

*Proof.* In this case:

$$C = h_{\mu^p} \left( \sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N} \right) = 2H(p, 1-p) - H(p^2 + (1-p)^2, 2p(1-p))$$

$$h_{\mu^p} \left( \sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1} \right) = 3 \cdot H(p, 1-p) - H(p^3 + 3p(1-p)^2, (1-p)^3 + 3(1-p)p^2)$$

Calculation shows:

$$h_{\mu^p} \left( \sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1} \right) \geq -3 \log \alpha_1 \iff p \in [0.329101, 0.670899]$$

$$C \geq -2 \log \alpha_2 \iff p \in [0.432455, 0.567545]$$

Hence the conditions of proposition 3.9 hold for all  $p \in [0.432455, 0.567545]$ , as stated.  $\square$

Another simple family of Markov Measures are the biased Bernoulli measures. The result received here is strictly weaker than the one by Peres and Solomyak in [8].

**Corollary 3.11.** *For the biased Bernoulli convolution  $\nu^p$  with  $p \in [0.405058, 0.594942]$ , the projection  $\nu_\lambda^p$  is absolutely continuous for  $\mathcal{L}$ -a.e.  $\lambda \in (2^{-H(p,1-p)}, 1)$ .*

*Proof.* Denote  $h = h_{\nu^p}(\sigma) = H(p, 1-p)$  and notice that  $h(\sigma^3 | \mathcal{A}_{E_2^1}) = 2h$  and for all  $N$ ,  $h_\mu(\sigma^N | \mathcal{A}_{E_1^N}) = h$ . The assumption assures  $h > 0.973832$ , implying the conditions of proposition 3.9 are satisfied.  $\square$

#### 4. EXCEPTIONAL SET IS $G_\delta$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $\mu$  be a non-atomic  $\sigma$ -invariant measure on  $\Omega$ , if  $\mu_\lambda$  has an atom then  $\lambda$  is a root of a polynomial with coefficients in  $\{\pm 1, 0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Denote:

$$A_0^\lambda = \{(\omega, \tau) \mid \pi_\lambda(\omega) = \pi_\lambda(\tau)\} \subseteq \Omega \times \Omega$$

Assuming  $\mu_\lambda$  has an atom assures  $\mu \times \mu(A_0^\lambda) > 0$ . The measure  $\mu \times \mu$  is  $\sigma \times \sigma$ -invariant and hence for  $\mu \times \mu$ -a.e.  $(\omega, \tau) \in A_0^\lambda$  there exists a sequence  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$  for which  $\forall k$   $(\sigma \times \sigma)^{n_k}(x) \in A_0^\lambda$ . This means that:

$$\pi_\lambda(\omega) - \pi_\lambda(\tau) = \pi_\lambda(\sigma^{n_k}\omega) - \pi_\lambda(\sigma^{n_k}\tau) = 0$$

Denoting  $a_l = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_l - \tau_l)$  we receive:

$$0 = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} a_l \lambda^l = \sum_{l=0}^{n_k-1} a_l \lambda^l + \lambda^{n_k} \overbrace{\left( \sum_{l=n_k}^{\infty} a_l \lambda^{l-n_k} \right)}^{=0} = \sum_{l=0}^{n_k-1} a_l \lambda^l$$

This being true for all  $n_k \rightarrow \infty$  leaves two options: either  $\lambda$  is a root of a polynomial with coefficients in  $\{\pm 1, 0\}$  or  $\forall l \in \mathbb{N}$   $a_l = 0$ .

The latter cannot hold for  $\mu \times \mu$ -a.e.  $(\omega, \tau) \in A_0^\lambda$  since that would mean:

$$A_0^\lambda \underset{\mu \times \mu}{\subseteq} \Delta = \{(\omega, \omega) \mid \omega \in \Omega\}$$

whereas  $\mu \times \mu(\Delta) = 0$  by Fubini and the non-atomicity of  $\mu$ .  $\square$

Denote  $\mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \text{ is a root of a polynomial with coefficients in } \{\pm 1, 0\}\}$ . The rest of the proof goes along the lines of proposition 8.1 in [6]:

**Proposition 4.2.** *Given an interval  $(a, b)$  the function  $\lambda \mapsto \mu_\lambda(a, b)$  is continuous on  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1) \setminus \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}}$ .*

*Proof.* For  $a < b$ :

$$\mu_\lambda(a, b) = \int \chi_{\{\eta \mid \pi_\lambda(\eta) \in (a, b)\}} d\mu$$

Given a sequence  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$  where  $\lambda \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \setminus \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}}$ , we need to show  $\mu_{\lambda_n}(a, b) \rightarrow \mu_\lambda(a, b)$  and in order to do so we will use the dominated convergence theorem. All we need to show is that the functions:

$$f_n = \chi_{\{\eta \mid \pi_{\lambda_n}(\eta) \in (a, b)\}} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

converge pointwise  $\mu$ -a.e. to:

$$f = \chi_{\{\eta \mid \pi_\lambda(\eta) \in (a,b)\}}$$

Fix an  $\omega \in \Omega$  and denote the function  $\varphi_\omega(\lambda) = \pi_\lambda(\omega)$ . This Function is continuous and thus if  $\varphi_\omega(\lambda) \in (a,b)$  then there exists an  $N$  for which  $\forall n > N$   $\varphi_\omega(\lambda_n) \in (a,b)$  meaning  $f_n(\omega) \equiv 1$  for all  $n > N$  and evidently  $f_n(\omega) \rightarrow f(\omega)$ .

The same argument holds when  $\varphi_\omega(\lambda) \in \text{int}(\mathbb{R} \setminus (a,b))$ . The case where  $\varphi_\omega(\lambda) = \pi_\lambda(\omega) \in \partial(a,b) = \{a,b\}$  can be avoided since  $\mu(\{\omega \mid \varphi_\omega(\lambda) \in \{a,b\}\}) = 0$  as a consequence of lemma 4.1 and the assumption  $\lambda \notin \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1,0\}}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.3.**  $S_\perp^\mu = \left\{ \lambda \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \mid \mu_\lambda \text{ is singular} \right\}$  is a  $G_\delta$  set.

*Proof.* Denote  $X = (\frac{1}{2}, 1) \setminus \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1,0\}}$ . If we show  $S_\perp^\mu \cap X$  is  $G_\delta$  with respect to the induced metric on  $X$  we will conclude  $S_\perp^\mu$  is  $G_\delta$ , since if:

$$S_\perp^\mu \cap X = \bigcap_i (U_i \cap X)$$

where  $U_i$  are open in  $\mathbb{R}$ , then:

$$S_\perp^\mu = \left( \bigcap_i U_i \right) \cap \left( \bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1,0\}} \setminus S_\perp} \left( \left( \frac{1}{2}, \alpha \right) \cup (\alpha, 1) \right) \right)$$

as required (recall  $\mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1,0\}}$  is countable).

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the collection of all finite unions of open intervals  $(a,b) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . By proposition 4.2, for any  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  the set  $\{\lambda \in X \mid \mu_\lambda(G) > \frac{1}{2}\}$  is open in  $X$  and thus:

$$\bigcap_n \bigcup_{\substack{G \in \mathcal{G} \\ \mathcal{L}(G) < 2^{-n}}} \left\{ \lambda \in X \mid \mu_\lambda(G) > \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

is a  $G_\delta$  set in  $X$ . We will prove:

$$(4.1) \quad S_\perp^\mu \cap X = \bigcap_n \bigcup_{\mathcal{L}(G) < 2^{-n}} \left\{ \lambda \in X \mid \mu_\lambda(G) > \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

Let  $\lambda \in S_\perp^\mu$ , there exists a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mu_\lambda(A) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{L}(A) = 0$ . Due to the properties of Lebesgue measure, for any  $n$  there exists a cover by open intervals  $\{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $A$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |U_i| < 2^{-n}$ . On the other hand, there exists a  $k$  for which  $\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_\lambda(U_i) > \frac{1}{2}$  giving us the required set  $G = \cup_{i=1}^k U_i \in \mathcal{G}$ .

Now assume  $\lambda$  is an element of the right hand side of (4.1). For every  $n$  denote  $G_n \in \mathcal{G}$  to be a finite union of open intervals with  $\mathcal{L}(G_n) < 2^{-n}$  and  $\mu_\lambda(G_n) > \frac{1}{2}$ . Let  $A$  be the limit superior of the sequence  $G_n$ :

$$A = \bigcap_n \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} G_k$$

On the one hand, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   $A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} G_k$  giving:

$$\mathcal{L}(A) \leq \mathcal{L} \left( \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} G_k \right) \leq \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}(G_k) = 2^{-n+1}$$

and consequently  $\mathcal{L}(A) = 0$ . On the other hand, by the reverse Fatou lemma:

$$\mu_\lambda(A) = \int \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \chi_{G_n} d\mu_\lambda \geq \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int \chi_{G_n} d\mu_\lambda = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\lambda(G_n) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Using the fact that  $\mu_\lambda$  is of pure type assures  $\lambda \in S_{\perp}^{\mu}$ , as required.  $\square$

## 5. ESTABLISHING TRANSVERSALITY

**5.I. Simple Proof of Transversality.** This proof is identical to the one in [7] with slight changes of notation and terminology. Recall our definition of  $\delta$ -transversality:

**Definition 5.1.** Given a set of indices  $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ , we say the interval  $I \subseteq [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family of functions  $\mathcal{F}_E$  if for any sub-interval  $I_0 = [\lambda_0, \lambda_1] \subseteq I$  and all  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}_E$  and  $r > 0$ :

$$\mathcal{L}\{x \in I_0 \mid |\phi(x)| \leq r\} \leq 2\delta^{-1} \lambda_0^{-\wedge(\phi)} r$$

where  $\wedge(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k) = \inf_k (a_k \neq 0) \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Notice that any  $\phi \in \mathcal{F}_E$  can be presented as:

$$\phi(x) = \pm x^s \cdot g(x)$$

where  $s = \wedge(\phi)$  and  $g$  is of the form:

$$g(x) = 1 + \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 0 \leq i}} a_i x^i$$

where  $a_i \in \{\pm 1, 0\}$  and  $E^c = \mathbb{N} \setminus E$ . In this case we say that  $g$  is of the form  $(E, s)$ . When  $E$  is  $N_0$ -periodic there are a finite number of such  $(E, s)$ -forms corresponding to different  $s \in \{e \in E^c \mid e < N_0\}$ .

Notice that proving that for all  $s \in \{e \in E^c \mid e < N_0\}$ , all functions of  $(E, s)$ -form satisfy:

$$(5.1) \quad \mathcal{L}\{x \in I \mid |g(x)| \leq r\} \leq 2\delta^{-1} r$$

for some  $\delta > 0$  and any  $r > 0$ , implies  $\delta$ -transversality for the whole family  $\mathcal{F}_E$  on  $I$ , since:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\{x \in I_0 \mid |\phi(x)| \leq r\} &\leq \mathcal{L}\{x \in I_0 \mid |g(x)| \leq \lambda_0^{-s} r\} \leq \\ &\leq \mathcal{L}\{x \in I \mid |g(x)| \leq \lambda_0^{-s} r\} \leq 2\delta^{-1} \lambda_0^{-s} r \end{aligned}$$

for any  $I_0 \subseteq I$ .

**Definition 5.2.** Let  $g$  be a function of  $(E, s)$ -form satisfying for all  $x \in I$ :

$$g(x) < \delta \implies g'(x) < -\delta$$

Then we say  $g$  satisfies the  $\delta$ -transversality condition on  $I$ .

*Remark.* This is the original  $\delta$ -transversality condition as defined in [7].

**Lemma 5.3.** *Let  $g$  be a function of  $(E, s)$ -form satisfying the  $\delta$ -transversality condition on  $I$ , then  $g$  satisfies condition 5.1 for all  $r > 0$ .*

*Proof.* When  $r \geq \delta$  the claim is trivially true since:

$$\mathcal{L}\{\lambda \in I \mid |g(x)| \leq r\} \leq |I| < 2$$

Given some  $r < \delta$ , by assumption whenever  $|g(x)| \leq r$  it is monotone decreasing with slope  $< -\delta$  so the function  $g$  intersects  $[-r, r]$  at most once and for time  $\leq 2\delta^{-1}r$  as required.  $\square$

**Definition 5.4.** A power series  $h(x)$  is called an  $(E, s) - (*)$ -function if for some  $k \geq 1$  and  $a_k \in [-1, 1]$ :

$$h(x) = 1 - \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 0 \leq i \leq k-1}} x^i \right) + a_k x^k + \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ k+1 \leq i}} x^i \right)$$

**Lemma 5.5.** *Suppose that an  $(E, s) - (*)$ -function  $h$  satisfies:*

$$h(x_0) > \delta \quad \text{and} \quad h'(x_0) < -\delta$$

for some  $x_0 \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$  and  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . Then all functions of  $(E, s)$ -form satisfy the  $\delta$ -transversality condition on  $[\frac{1}{2}, x_0]$ .

*Proof.*  $h'(0) < -\delta$ , since either  $h'(0) = -1$  when  $k > 1$  or:

$$h'(0) = a_1 \leq a_1 + \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 2 \leq i}} ix^i = h'(x_0) < -\delta$$

when  $k = 1$ . Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} h'(x) = \infty$ , assuming  $h'(x) \geq -\delta$  for some  $x \in [0, x_0]$  would imply  $h''$  has at least two zeros in  $[0, 1)$  contradicting the fact that  $h''$  is a power series with at most one coefficient sign change. Hence  $h'(x) < -\delta$  for all  $x \in [0, x_0]$ . Adding the fact that  $h(0) = 1$  implies  $h(x) > \delta$  for all  $x \in [0, x_0]$ .

Let  $g$  be a power series of form  $(E, s)$  and denote  $f = g - h$ . By definition  $f$  is of the form:

$$f(x) = \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 1 \leq i \leq l}} c_i x^i - \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ l+1 \leq i}} c_i x^i$$

where  $l \in \{k-1, k\}$  and all  $c_i \geq 0$ . Hence for all  $x \in [0, x_0]$ :

$$g(x) < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow g'(x) < -\delta$$

Where the middle implication is a consequence of one coefficient sign change:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) < 0 &\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 1 \leq i \leq l}} c_i x^i \right) < \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ l+1 \leq i}} c_i x^i \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ 1 \leq i \leq l}} c_i i x^{i-1} \right) < \left( \sum_{\substack{i \in (E^c - s - 1) \\ l+1 \leq i}} c_i i x^{i-1} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\square$



So we have reduced the problem of proving  $\delta$ -transversality for the whole family  $\mathcal{F}_E$  to a problem of finding a finite number ( $|\{e \in E^c \mid e < N_0\}|$ ) of  $(*)$ -functions satisfying the conditions of lemma 5.5.

**Proposition 5.6.**

- (1)  $[\frac{1}{2}, 0.639774]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- (2)  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_2]$  is an interval of  $\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_{\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}}$ , with  $\alpha_2 = 0.713549$ .

*Proof.*

- (1) When  $E = \emptyset$  we only need to check one form of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -functions. The  $(*)$ -function:

$$h_0(x) = 1 - x - x^2 - x^3 + 0.08x^4 + \sum_{i=5}^{\infty} x^i$$

satisfies:

$$h_0(0.639774) > 2 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

$$h'_0(0.639774) < -0.2 < -2 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

proving  $[\frac{1}{2}, 0.639774]$  is an interval of  $2 \cdot 10^{-7}$ -transversality for  $\mathcal{F}$ .

- (2) For  $E = \{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$  we need to address two forms
  - (a)  $(E, 1)$ -form - The  $(*)$ -function:

$$h_1(x) = 1 - x - x^3 - x^4 + 0.855x^6 + x^7 + \frac{x^9 + x^{10}}{1 - x^3}$$

satisfies:

$$h_1(\alpha_2) > 2 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$h'_1(\alpha_2) < -0.3 < -2 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

- (b)  $(E, 2)$ -form - The  $(*)$ -function:

$$h_2(x) = 1 - x^2 - x^3 - x^5 - 0.5x^6 + \frac{x^8 + x^9}{1 - x^3}$$

satisfies:

$$h_2(\alpha_2) > 0.05$$

$$h'_2(\alpha_2) < -2 < -0.05$$

Assuring  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_2]$  is an interval of  $2 \cdot 10^{-9}$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}_E$ .  $\square$

**5.II. Estimation of Double Zeros.** In [10] Pablo Shmerkin and Boris Solomyak extended the interval of transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}$  significantly by addressing the equivalent problem of estimating the minimal double zero attained by a power series of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form:

$$(5.2) \quad 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x^n \quad a_n \in \{\pm 1, 0\}$$

Denote:

$$X_2 = \{x \in (0, 1) \mid \exists f \text{ of } (\emptyset, 0)\text{-form with } f(x) = f'(x) = 0\}$$

The following result was established:

**Theorem 5.7.**

$$\alpha = \min X_2 \in (0.6684755, 0.6684757)$$

We will not elaborate on the proof of this theorem but rather prove its relevance to  $\delta$ -transversality, as done in [11]:

**Lemma 5.8.** *For all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that any function  $g$  of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form satisfies:*

$$\forall x \in [0, \alpha - \varepsilon] \quad |g(x)| < \delta \Rightarrow |g'(x)| < -\delta$$

*Proof.* Assume in contradiction an existence of a sequence of numbers  $x_i \in [0, \alpha - \varepsilon]$  and functions  $g_i$  of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form satisfying  $g_i(x_i) \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} 0$  and  $g'_i(x_i) \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . WLOG we may assume  $x_i \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} x \in [0, \alpha - \varepsilon]$  and  $g_i \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} g$  coefficient by coefficient. The function  $g$  is also of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form, but this would mean:

$$g(x) = \lim_{i \rightarrow 0} g_i(x_i) = 0$$

$$g'(x) = \lim_{i \rightarrow 0} g'_i(x_i) = 0$$

where  $x < \alpha$  in contradiction to the definition of  $\alpha$ . □

In particular, there exists a  $\delta$  for which all  $g$  of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form receiving values in  $(-\delta, \delta)$  somewhere along the interval  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_1]$ , for  $\alpha_1 = 0.668475$ , do so with slope greater than  $\delta$  (in absolute value). As shown in lemma 5.3, this implies that for any  $r < \delta < 1$ , each interval in  $g^{-1}((-r, r))$  is of length  $\leq 2\delta^{-1}r$ .

In order to deduce a condition of the sort:

$$\mathcal{L} \left\{ x \in \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \alpha_1 \right] \mid |g(x)| \leq r \right\} \leq C\delta^{-1}r$$

one only needs to give a bound on the number of intervals in  $g^{-1}((-\delta, \delta))$ :

**Lemma 5.9.** *There exists a constant  $C$  such that for all  $g$  of  $(\emptyset, 0)$ -form,  $U = g^{-1}((-\delta, \delta))$  is a union of at most  $C$  intervals.*

*Proof.* For all  $x \in (0, 1)$ :

$$|g'(x)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ix^{i-1} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \leq \frac{1}{(1-\alpha_1)^2}$$

Every interval  $J \subseteq U$  admits  $g(J) = (-\delta, \delta)$ , since  $g$  is monotone on  $J$  and  $g(0) = 1 > \delta$ . Therefore  $|J| \geq 2\delta(1-\alpha_1)^2$ . The fact that  $\mathcal{L}(U) \leq 1$  assures the required constant is  $C = \lfloor \frac{1}{2\delta(1-\alpha_1)^2} \rfloor$ . □

**Corollary 5.10.**  $[\frac{1}{2}, \alpha_1]$  is an interval of  $C^{-1}\delta$ -transversality for the family  $\mathcal{F}$ .

## 6. APPENDIX

**6.I. Full Proof of Pure Type Using the Density Function.** We denote the  $\alpha$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha$ . We prove the following:

**Proposition 6.1.** *For any  $\sigma$ -ergodic measure  $\mu$  and any  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , the measure  $\mu_\lambda$  is of pure type with respect to  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha$ , i.e. either  $\mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{H}^\alpha$  or  $\mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{H}^\alpha$ .*

*Remark.* We interpret  $\mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{H}^\alpha$  as the property that for any set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathcal{H}^\alpha(E) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu_\lambda(E) = 0$$

and  $\mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{H}^\alpha$  as the existence of a set  $E' \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  for which  $\mu_\lambda(\mathbb{R} \setminus E') = 0$  and  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(E') = 0$ .

**Definition.** *The upper  $\alpha$ -dimensional density of a measure  $\nu$  at  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is:*

$$D_\alpha^+(\nu, x) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nu(B_r(x))}{(2r)^\alpha}$$

where  $B_r(x)$  is the closed ball of radius  $r$  around  $x$ .

Denote:

$$A_\infty^\alpha = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda(\omega)) < \infty \right\} = \pi_\lambda^{-1} \circ (D_\alpha^+)^{-1}([0, \infty))$$

**Lemma 6.2.**  $D_\alpha^+(\mu, \cdot)$  is measurable.

*Proof.* First we notice that  $\frac{\mu(B_r(x))}{(2r)^\alpha}$  is right-continuous with respect to  $r$ , since  $\mu$  is finite and  $\lim_{s \searrow r} B_s(x) = B_r(x)$ . This allows us to restrict the limit to  $r \searrow 0$  along the rationals. Second, for each  $r > 0$  the function  $D_\alpha^r(x) = \frac{\mu(B_r(x))}{(2r)^\alpha}$  is upper semi-continuous with respect to  $x$  and thus measurable. This is seen by noticing that for any  $s > r$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  we have  $B_r(x_n) \subseteq B_s(x)$  for large enough  $n$ , which implies  $D_\alpha^r(x_n) \leq \frac{\mu(B_s(x))}{(2r)^\alpha}$ . But since  $\mu(B_s(x))$  is right-continuous with respect to  $s$ , taking  $s \searrow r$  and a  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  gives:

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} D_\alpha^r(x_n) \leq D_\alpha^r(x)$$

as required. Hence we see that  $D_\alpha^+$  is a limsup of a sequence of measurable functions and thus is itself measurable. □

This show  $A_\infty^\alpha$  is measurable.

**Proposition 6.3.**  $A_\infty^\alpha$  is  $\sigma$ -invariant in  $\Omega$  up to a  $\mu$ -null set.

*Proof.* We will begin by pointing out a few identities.

Since  $\mu = \sigma\mu$  and  $\mu = \mu|_{[1]} + \mu|_{[-1]}$  we get  $\mu = \sigma\mu|_{[1]} + \sigma\mu|_{[-1]}$  and thus:

$$(6.1) \quad \mu_\lambda = \pi_\lambda\mu = \pi_\lambda\sigma\mu|_{[1]} + \pi_\lambda\sigma\mu|_{[-1]}$$

We notice that for any measurable set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  we have:

$$(6.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \pi_\lambda\sigma\mu|_{[1]}(E) &= \mu|_{[1]}(\sigma^{-1}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}E)) = \mu|_{[1]}(\sigma^{-1}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}E) \cap [1]) = \\ &= \mu|_{[1]}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}(\varphi_+E) \cap [1]) = \mu|_{[1]}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}(\varphi_+E)) = \pi_\lambda\mu|_{[1]}(\varphi_+E) \end{aligned}$$

where the crucial equality is given by the fact that for all  $F \subseteq \Omega$ :

$$\sigma^{-1}F \cap [1] = \left\{ 1\omega = (1\omega_0\omega_1\dots) \mid \omega = (\omega_0\omega_1\dots) \in F \right\}$$

hence  $\pi_\lambda(\sigma^{-1}F \cap [1]) = \varphi_+(\pi_\lambda F)$ . A similar identity holds for  $[-1]$ . If we denote  $\mu_\lambda^\pm = \pi_\lambda\mu|_{[\pm 1]}$  we receive from 6.1+6.2 the following identity:

$$(6.3) \quad \mu_\lambda = \varphi_+^{-1}\mu_\lambda^+ + \varphi_-^{-1}\mu_\lambda^-$$

*Remark.* Notice this identity is not equivalent to self-similarity, i.e.  $\sigma$ -invariance does not imply self-similarity of the projected measure.

This shows that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$  and every  $r > 0$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega)) &= \varphi_+^{-1}\mu_\lambda^+(B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega)) + \varphi_-^{-1}\mu_\lambda^-(B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega)) = \\ &= \mu_\lambda^+(\varphi_+B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega)) + \mu_\lambda^-(\varphi_-B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega)) = \\ &= \mu_\lambda^+(B_{\lambda r}(\pi_\lambda(1\omega))) + \mu_\lambda^-(B_{\lambda r}(\pi_\lambda(-1\omega))) \end{aligned}$$

Dividing by  $(2r)^\alpha$  we receive:

$$\frac{\mu(B_r(\pi_\lambda\omega))}{(2r)^\alpha} \geq \frac{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_{\lambda r}(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{(2r)^\alpha} = \lambda^\alpha \frac{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_{\lambda r}(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{(2\lambda r)^\alpha}$$

Taking limsup-s gives:

$$(6.4) \quad D_\alpha^+(\mu, \pi_\lambda\omega) \geq \lambda^\alpha \cdot D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda^\pm, \pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega))$$

Now since  $\mu$  and  $\mu_\lambda^\pm$  are all finite measures we can use Lebesgue's decomposition theorem to decompose  $\mu_\lambda = \nu_{\pm ac} + \nu_{\pm s}$  with respect to  $\mu_\lambda^\pm$ . Since  $\mu_\lambda^+ \perp \nu_{+s}$  and  $\mu_\lambda^- \perp \nu_{-s}$  there exist two measurable sets  $C_+$  and  $C_-$  for which  $\mu_\lambda^\pm(\mathbb{R} \setminus C_\pm) = \nu_{\pm ac}(\mathbb{R} \setminus C_\pm) = 0$  and  $\nu_{\pm s}(C_\pm) = 0$ . This gives  $\mu_\lambda|_{C_\pm} = \nu_{\pm ac}$ . We also notice  $\mathbb{R} = C_+ \cup C_-$ , otherwise there would be a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus (C_+ \cup C_-)$  with  $\mu_\lambda(E) > 0$  such that  $\mu_\lambda|_E \perp \mu_\lambda^+$  and  $\mu_\lambda|_E \perp \mu_\lambda^-$  in contradiction to the fact that  $\mu_\lambda = \mu_\lambda^+ + \mu_\lambda^-$ . Hence WLOG we may assume that  $\mathbb{R} = C_+ \cup C_-$  (strict equality).

If we were to assume that  $\mu_\lambda(C_-) = 0$  we would get  $\mu_\lambda^-(C_-) = 0$  and consequently  $\mu_\lambda^- \equiv 0$ . But this would mean that  $\mu([-1]) = 0$  and thus that  $\mu([1]) = 1$  which would in turn imply  $\mu(\sigma^{-1}[1] \cap [1]) = \mu([11]) = 1$  and so forth, meaning  $\mu \equiv \delta_{11\dots}$ .

In this case  $D_\alpha^+(\pi_\lambda \delta_{11\dots}, \cdot) \equiv 0$  rendering the proposition trivial. The same happens when assuming  $\mu_\lambda(C_+) = 0$ . Therefore we may assume from now on that both  $C_\pm$  are of positive measure.

We will notice in addition that  $[1] \subseteq \pi_\lambda^{-1}C_+$  and  $[-1] \subseteq \pi_\lambda^{-1}C_-$ , since if  $\mu([1] \setminus \pi_\lambda^{-1}C_+) > 0$  then  $\mu|_{[1]}([1] \setminus \pi_\lambda^{-1}C_+) > 0$  and by definition  $\mu_\lambda^+(\pi_\lambda([1] \setminus \pi_\lambda^{-1}C_+)) > 0$ . But this would mean that  $\mu_\lambda^+(\mathbb{R} \setminus C_+) > 0$  in contradiction to the definition of  $C_+$ . Similarly for  $C_-$ .

We denote  $f_\pm = \frac{d\nu_{\pm ac}}{d\mu_\lambda^\pm}$  the Radon derivatives and choose them to take values only in  $[0, \infty)$ .<sup>9</sup>

By Besicovitch's density theorem, since  $\mu_\lambda$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu_\lambda(C_\pm) > 0$  we have:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(x) \cap C_\pm)}{\mu_\lambda(B_r(x))} = 1$$

for  $\mu_\lambda$ -a.e.  $x \in C_\pm$ . Now since  $\mu_\lambda|_{C_\pm} = \nu_{\pm ac}$  we can use the differentiation theorem (see 2.14 in [5]) to receive:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(x) \cap C_\pm)}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(x))} = f_\pm(x)$$

for  $\mu_\lambda$ -a.e.  $x \in C_\pm$ .

This gives us for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega) \in C_\pm$  and:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} \cdot \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \cap C_\pm)}{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \cap C_\pm)}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} = f_\pm(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for  $\mu_\lambda^+$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $x \in \text{supp}(\mu_\lambda^+)$  and thus:

$$\frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(x))}{\mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x))} = \frac{\mu_\lambda^-(B_r(x)) + \mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x))}{\mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x))} \geq \frac{\mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x))}{\mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x))} = 1$$

where we used the fact that:

$$x \in \text{supp}(\mu_+) \implies \forall r > 0 \quad \mu_\lambda^+(B_r(x)) > 0$$

Similarly for  $\mu_\lambda^-$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This amounts to the fact that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} = f_\pm(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \in [1, \infty)$$

So for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_\pm(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \cdot D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda^\pm, \pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) &= f_\pm(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \cdot \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{(2r)^\alpha} = \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{(2r)^\alpha} \cdot \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{\mu_\lambda^\pm(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))} \right) = \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mu_\lambda(B_r(\pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)))}{(2r)^\alpha} = D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda(\pm 1\omega)) \end{aligned}$$

<sup>9</sup>These can only receive the value  $\infty$  at a  $\mu_\lambda^\pm$ -null set at most (see theorem 2.12 in [5])

Leaving us with:

$$(6.5) \quad D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda^\pm, \pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega)) = \frac{1}{f_\pm (\pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega))} D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega))$$

where  $\frac{1}{f_\pm(x)} > 0$ .

Taking (6.4) and 6.5 we conclude that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in \Omega$ :

$$D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda \omega) \geq \lambda^\alpha \cdot D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda^\pm, \pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega)) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{f_\pm (\pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega))} \cdot D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega))$$

and consequently for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $\omega \in A_\infty^\alpha$ ,  $D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda (\pm 1\omega)) < \infty$  or  $\pm 1\omega \in A_\infty^\alpha$  amounting to  $\sigma^{-1}(A_\infty^\alpha) = A_\infty^\alpha$  as required.  $\square$

Recall the following result from geometric measure theory (see 6.31 in [4]):

**Theorem 6.4.** *Let  $\nu$  be a finite measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ . Then:*

$$(6.6) \quad \forall x \in A, D_\alpha^+ (\nu, x) > s \implies \mathcal{H}^\alpha (A) \leq \frac{C}{s} \cdot \nu (A)$$

where  $C$  is a constant depending only on  $d$ . And:

$$(6.7) \quad \forall x \in A, D_\alpha^+ (\nu, x) < t \implies \mathcal{H}^\alpha (A) \geq \frac{1}{2^\alpha t} \cdot \nu (A)$$

**Proposition 6.5.** *For any  $\alpha \geq 0$  either  $\mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{H}^\alpha$  or  $\mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{H}^\alpha$ .*

*Proof.* The set  $A_\infty^\alpha$  is measurable admitting  $\sigma^{-1}(A_\infty^\alpha) = A_\infty^\alpha$  while  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -ergodic hence  $\mu(A_\infty^\alpha) \in \{0, 1\}$ . We will view the two cases:

If  $\mu(A_\infty^\alpha) = 0$ , we know that for all  $x \in \pi_\lambda(\Omega \setminus A_\infty^\alpha)$ ,  $D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda, x) = \infty$  and in particular  $D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda, x) > s$  for any  $s > 0$ . Using (6.6) we deduce that for any  $s$ ,  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\pi_\lambda(\Omega \setminus A_\infty^\alpha)) \leq \frac{C}{s} \cdot \mu_\lambda(\pi_\lambda(\Omega \setminus A_\infty^\alpha))$  thus leading to  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(\pi_\lambda(\Omega \setminus A_\infty^\alpha)) = 0$  while  $\mu_\lambda(\mathbb{R} \setminus \pi_\lambda(\Omega \setminus A_\infty^\alpha)) = \mu(A_\infty^\alpha) = 0$  and by definition  $\mu_\lambda \perp \mathcal{H}^\alpha$ .

If on the other hand  $\mu(A_\infty^\alpha) = 1$ , then we denote for each  $1 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$A_n^\alpha = \left\{ \omega \in \Omega \mid D_\alpha^+ (\mu_\lambda, \pi_\lambda (\omega)) < n \right\}$$

Clearly  $A_\infty^\alpha = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty A_n^\alpha$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A_n^\alpha) = \mu(A_\infty^\alpha) = 1$ . Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a set with  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(E) = 0$ . For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists an  $n$  for which  $\mu(\pi_\lambda^{-1}E \setminus A_n^\alpha) < \varepsilon$ . We denote  $E_n = E \cap \pi_\lambda A_n^\alpha$  and recall that for all  $x \in E_n$ ,  $D_\alpha^+(\mu_\lambda, x) < n$ . Therefore by (6.7) we receive:

$$\mu_\lambda(E_n) \leq s^\alpha n \cdot \mathcal{H}^\alpha(E_n) \leq s^\alpha n \cdot \mathcal{H}^\alpha(E) = 0$$

This in turn implies:

$$\mu_\lambda(E) = \mu_\lambda(E \setminus E_n) = \mu(\pi_\lambda^{-1}E \setminus A_n^\alpha) < \varepsilon$$

Since this is true for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  we conclude that  $\mathcal{H}^\alpha(E) = 0 \implies \mu_\lambda(E) = 0$  or  $\mu_\lambda \ll \mathcal{H}^\alpha$  as required.  $\square$

## 6.II. Proof of Measurability - $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau)$ .

**Lemma 6.6.** *The function  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) : I_h \times \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$  is measurable.*

*Proof.* We will decompose  $D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau)$  and thus reduce the claim to a much simpler one. First we notice that for all  $s > 0$  and  $r_n \searrow s$   $B_{r_n}(x) \rightarrow B_s(x)$  and:

$$\frac{1}{2r_n} \mu_{\lambda}^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_{r_n}(x)) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2s} \mu_{\lambda}^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_s(x))$$

Therefore:

$$D_\mu(\lambda, \omega, \tau) = \liminf_{\substack{q \rightarrow 0 \\ q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)}} \frac{1}{2q} \mu_{\lambda}^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau))$$

Taking lim inf preserves measurability hence we can reduce to proving the sequence of functions:

$$D_\mu^q(\lambda, \omega, \tau) = \mu_{\lambda}^{\mathcal{A}_E, \omega}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau)) = \mu_{\omega}^{\mathcal{A}_E}(\pi_\lambda^{-1}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau)))$$

for  $q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1)$  is measurable. By the increasing Martingale theorem, for any  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ :

$$\mu_{\omega}^{\mathcal{A}_E}(B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu(B \cap [\omega]_{\mathcal{A}_E \cap \mathcal{A}_n})}{\mu([\omega]_{\mathcal{A}_E \cap \mathcal{A}_n})}$$

since  $\mathcal{A}_E \cap \mathcal{A}_n \nearrow \mathcal{A}_E$ . Hence we can reduce once more to proving the functions:

$$D_\mu^{q,n}(\lambda, \omega, \tau) = \sum_{\substack{A \in \mathcal{A}_E \cap \mathcal{A}_n \\ \mu(A) > 0}} \chi_A(\omega) \frac{\mu(\pi_\lambda^{-1}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau)) \cap A)}{\mu(A)}$$

It would suffice to show that given an  $A \in \mathcal{A}_E \cap \mathcal{A}_n$  with  $\mu(A) > 0$  the function:

$$D_\mu^{q,A}(\lambda, \tau) = \mu|_A(\pi_\lambda^{-1}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau))) = \int \chi_{\pi_\lambda^{-1}(B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau) \cap \pi_\lambda(A))}(\tau') d\mu(\tau')$$

is measurable.

Notice that for all  $\lambda, \tau$  the set  $B_q(\pi_\lambda \tau) \cap \pi_\lambda(A)$  is a finite union of intervals. Due to the continuity of  $\pi_\lambda$ , given a converging sequence  $(\lambda_n, \tau_n) \rightarrow (\lambda_0, \tau_0)$ , the set:

$$\left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (B_q(\pi_{\lambda_n} \tau_n) \cap \pi_{\lambda_n}(A)) \right) \Delta (B_q(\pi_{\lambda_0} \tau_0) \cap \pi_{\lambda_0}(A)) \subseteq \partial(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_0} \tau_0) \cap \pi_{\lambda_0}(A))$$

is finite.

Using lemma 4.1, whenever  $\lambda_0 \notin \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}}$ :

$$\mu(\pi_{\lambda_0}^{-1}(\partial(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_0} \tau) \cap \pi_{\lambda_0}(A)))) = 0$$

meaning  $\chi_{\pi_{\lambda_n}^{-1}(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_n} \tau_n) \cap \pi_{\lambda_n}(A))}$  converges pointwise  $\mu$ -a.e. to  $\chi_{\pi_{\lambda_0}^{-1}(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_0} \tau_0) \cap \pi_{\lambda_0}(A))}$  and thus by dominated convergence:

$$\int \chi_{\pi_{\lambda_n}^{-1}(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_n} \tau_n) \cap \pi_{\lambda_n}(A))} d\mu \rightarrow \int \chi_{\pi_{\lambda_0}^{-1}(B_q(\pi_{\lambda_0} \tau_0) \cap \pi_{\lambda_0}(A))} d\mu$$

This proves  $D_\mu^{q,A} \Big|_{\left(\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right) \setminus \mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}}\right) \times \{\pm 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}}$  is continuous. Having  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_{\{\pm 1, 0\}}) = 0$  concludes the proof.  $\square$

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