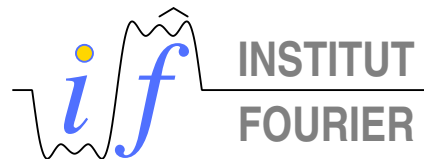


# Correlated Markov Quantum Walks \*

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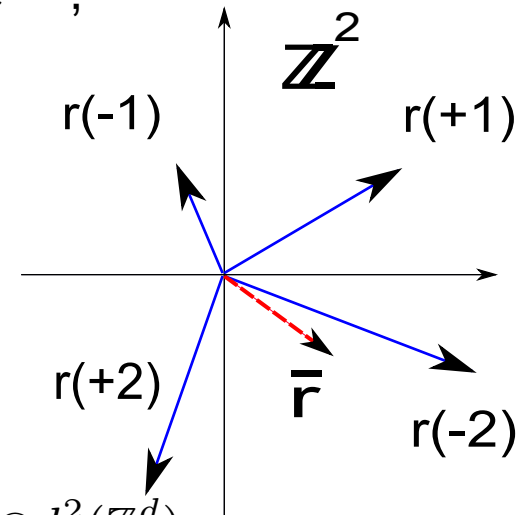
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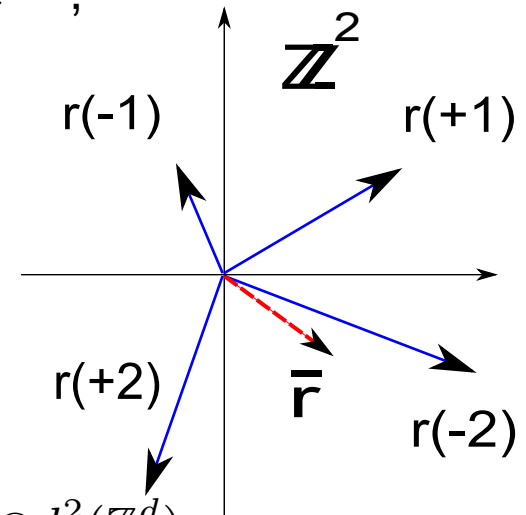
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- Implemented experimentally '09 Meschede et al, '10 Zähringer et al  
Atoms in a tunable optical lattice
- Effective quantum dynamics '88 Chalker Coddington, '96 Meyer  
for "networks systems"
- Used in Quantum Information Theory '03 Shenvi et al, '08 Santha

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$$U_\omega(n, 0) = S(C_n^\omega \otimes \mathbb{I}) \cdots S(C_2^\omega \otimes \mathbb{I}) S(C_1^\omega \otimes \mathbb{I})$$

- Mimicks Anderson model with random time-dependent potential
- $S \simeq \Delta$  and  $C_j^\omega(x) \simeq V_j^\omega(x)$
- Simpler dynamics

'74 Ovchinnikov, Erihman '85 Pillet, '09-10-11 Schenker et al



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 $x \mapsto \sigma_x$

i.e.  $\sigma_{x+y} = \sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \mathbb{I}$

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Random coin matrices Given  $\sigma$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$C_n^\omega(x) = \sigma_x(\omega(n))$$

- $C_n^\omega(x)$  is  $\Gamma$ -periodic,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , where  $\Gamma = \{x \mid \sigma_x = \mathbb{I}\}$
- Distrib. of  $C_n^\omega(x)$  is that of  $\omega(0)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$

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$$\equiv \mathbb{E}_{w(n)} f(X_n), \quad \text{with } X_n \simeq \text{Prob}(X_n = x) := w_x(n).$$

# Ballistic vs. Diffusive Scaling

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**Goal** Understand  $\{w_x(n)\}_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

**Tool** Given  $X_n \simeq \{w_x(n)\}_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ , and  $y \in \mathbb{T}^d$  let

$$\boxed{\Phi_n(y) = \mathbb{E}_{w(n)}(e^{iyX_n}) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} w_x(n) e^{iyx}} \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$-i \partial_{y_j} \Phi_n(y/n^\alpha) \Big|_{y=0} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} w_x(n) x_j / n^\alpha = \mathbb{E}_{w(n)}((X_n)_j / n^\alpha)$$

$\alpha = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  ballistic scaling     $\alpha = 1/2 \Leftrightarrow$  diffusive scaling

**Rem:**  $\Phi_n(y)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .

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with  $\widehat{M}(k, p)$  explicit and

$$\|\widehat{M}(k, p)\|_{l^2} \leq 1, \text{ for all } (k, p), \quad \text{as op. on } l^2(B_\Gamma \times \Omega; M_{2d}(\mathbb{C}))$$

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**High Powers**

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where  $\lambda_1(y, p)$  e.v. of **largest modulus**,  $P(y, p)$  spectr. proj.

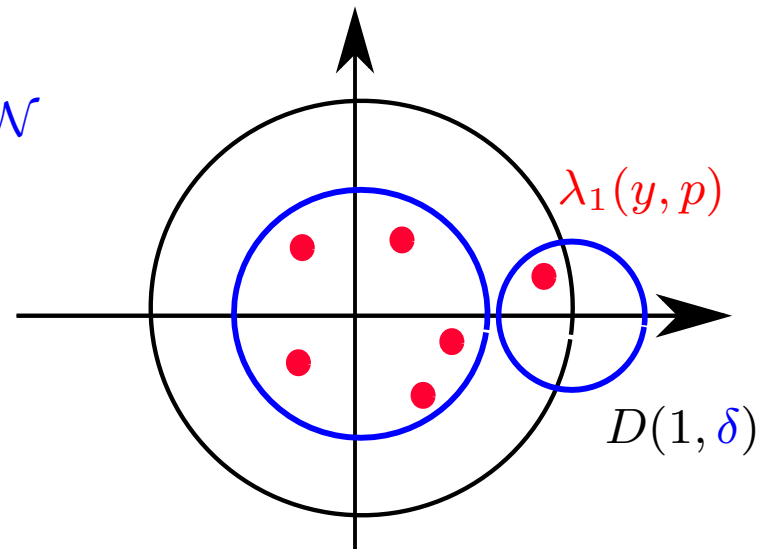
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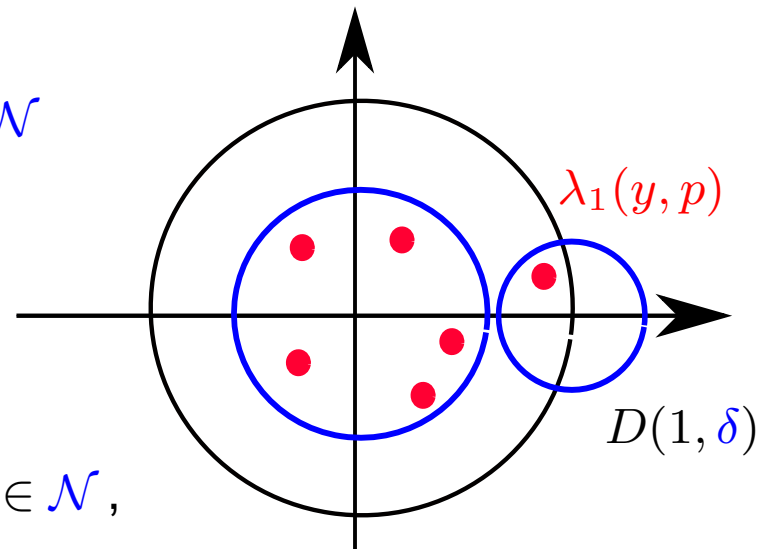
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The map  $p \mapsto \mathbb{D}(p) \in M_d(\mathbb{C})$  is **real analytic**, and  $\mathbb{D}(p) \geq 0$ .



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Drift

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Diffusion Matrix

$$\frac{X_n - n\bar{r}}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbb{D}), \quad \text{if } \mathbb{D}(p) \equiv \mathbb{D} > 0$$

CLT

## Assumption D

$\mathbb{D}(p) > 0$  and  $p \mapsto \langle y | \mathbb{D}(p) y \rangle$  has a non-deg. max  $p^*(y)$ , in  $\mathbb{T}_\Gamma^d$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d \setminus \{0\}$

**Rate Funct.** For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\Lambda^*(x) := \sup_{y \in \mathbb{R}^d} (\langle y | x \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \langle y | \mathbb{D}(p^*(y)) y \rangle) \in [0, \infty]$

## Theorem

Under D, for all  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^\alpha} \ln \mathbb{P}((X_n - n\bar{r}) \in n^{(\alpha+1)/2} \Gamma) = - \inf_{x \in \Gamma} \Lambda^*(x)$$

i.o.w.

$$\mathbb{P}((X_n - n\bar{r}) / n^{(\alpha+1)/2} \in \Gamma) \simeq \exp(-n^\alpha \inf_{x \in \Gamma} \Lambda^*(x))$$

# Generalizations

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- **Random Case**  $e^{-iy\bar{r}\sqrt{n}}\Phi_n^\omega(y/\sqrt{n}) \longrightarrow e^{iyX^\omega}$ ,  $X^\omega \simeq \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$

$$\frac{\langle (X_n^\omega - n\bar{r})_i (X_n^\omega - n\bar{r})_j \rangle_{\psi_0}}{n} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_{ij}^\omega \simeq (X^\omega)_i (X^\omega)_j$$

- **Density matrices**  $\varphi_0 \otimes |0\rangle \mapsto \rho_0 \in \mathcal{B}_1(\mathcal{H})$

- Under stronger assumptions, **moderate / large deviations estimates**

- Case  $\sigma_x \equiv \mathbb{I}$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  dealt with in '11 Ahlbrecht et al & '11 J.

- **i.i.d.**  $C_n^\omega(x)$  in space and time can be dealt with

- Random coin op's in **space** and **localization** properties for  $d \geq 1$

d=1 dealt with in '10 J.-Merkli and '11 Ahlbrecht et al  
d>1 dealt with in '12 J.