

# Unimodular Continuum Spaces

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- A unification of the various versions of the MTP.
- Generalizing Palm theory in order to use for studying the dimension of scaling limits.

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# Example: Deterministic Spaces

- $(X, \mu)$ : deterministic.
- When can we find a random  $\mathbf{o} \in X$  s.th.  $[X, \mathbf{o}, \mu]$  is unimodular?
- **Example:** Quasi-transitive graphs.
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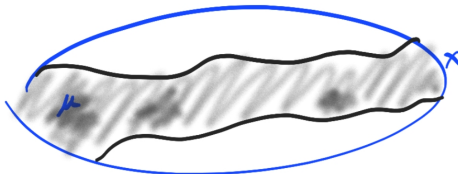
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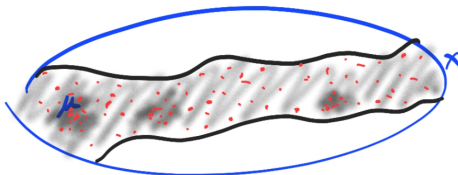
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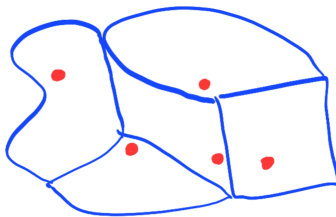
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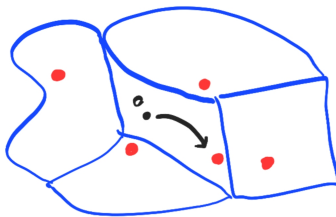
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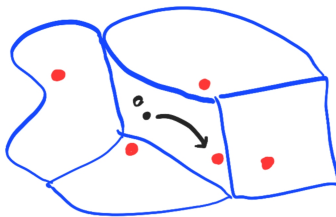
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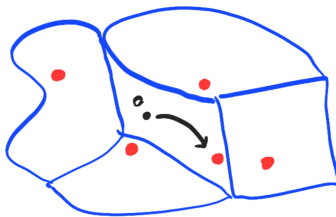
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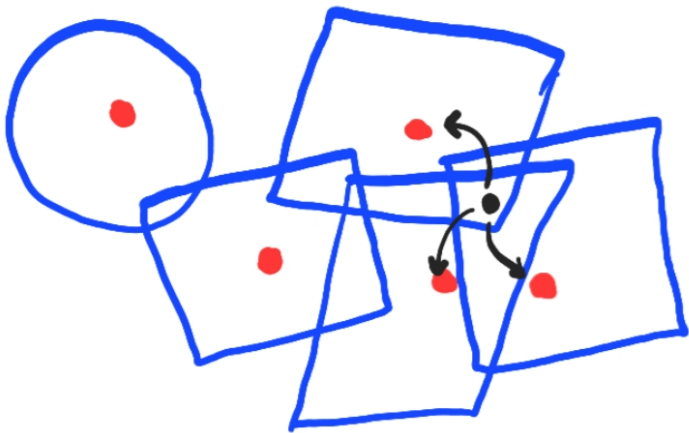


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*The following are equivalent:*

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  - $\forall y \in X : m_{(X, o, \mu)} = m_{(X, y, \mu)}$ .
  - Some measurability condition.
- **Definition:** This is called a **Local mean**.
- To (almost) every  $(X, o, \mu)$ , assign a sequence  $\lambda_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  such that:
  - $\lambda_n$  is isomorphism-invariant and measurable.
  - $\forall y \in X : \int_X \lambda_n(y, \cdot) d\mu = 1$  a.s.
  - $\forall y \in X : \|\lambda_n(o, \cdot) - \lambda_n(y, \cdot)\|_1 \rightarrow 0$  a.s.
- **Definition:** This is called an **approximate mean**.

# Hyperfiniteness

- To (almost) every  $(X, o, \mu)$ , assign a partition  $\Pi$  of  $X$  such that it is invariant, measurable, and every element of  $\Pi$  has **finite mass w.r.t.  $\mu$** .
- Allow  $\Pi$  to be random; e.g., depending on a random measure on  $(X, o, \mu)$ .
- **Definition:** This is called an **equivariant finite partition**.

## Definition (Hyperfiniteness)

Three definitions:

- 1  $\exists$  nested equivariant finite partitions  $\Pi_n$  s.th.  $\mathbb{P}[\bigcup_n \Pi_n(o) = X] = 1$ .
- 2  $\exists$  nested equivariant finite partitions  $\Pi_n$  s.th.  
 $\forall r < \infty : \mathbb{P}[\exists n : B_r(o) \subseteq \Pi_n(o)] = 1$ .
- 3  $\forall r < \infty, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$  an equivariant finite partition  $\Pi$  s.th.  
 $\mathbb{P}[B_r(o) \not\subseteq \Pi(o)] < \epsilon$ .

## Definition

Two definitions:

- ①  $\forall r < \infty, \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists$ , an equivariant finite partition  $\Pi$  s.th.

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\mu(\partial_r \Pi(\mathbf{o}))}{\mu(\Pi(\mathbf{o}))} \right] < \epsilon.$$

- ②  $\exists$  equivariant nested finite partitions  $\Pi_n$  s.th.

$$\forall r : \frac{\mu(\partial_r \Pi_n(\mathbf{o}))}{\mu(\Pi_n(\mathbf{o}))} \rightarrow 0, \quad a.s.$$

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