

On random walks with dependence of its past

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- ▶ Martingale theory allows to prove many limit theorem for this model and its generalization.

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Almost sure convergence (C.G.S.)

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$$\frac{X_n}{n^{2p-1}} \rightarrow M \text{ a.s. ,}$$

where M is a non-degenerate mean zero random variable, but not a normal r.v..

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Law of iterated logarithm (C, Gava and Schütz)

- **Corollary:** Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be the ERW and let $p \leq 3/4$.
- a) If $p < 3/4$, then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|X_n|}{\sqrt{n \log \log n}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3 - 4p}} \text{ a.s.}$$

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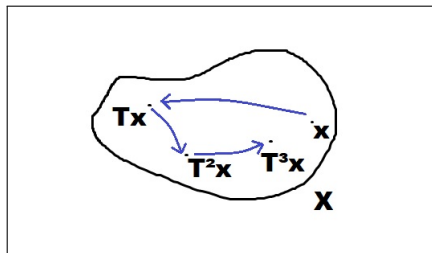
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- ▶ We call (E, Σ, μ, T) a dynamical system.

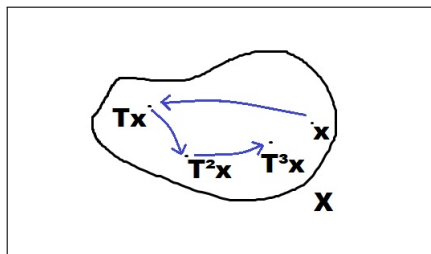
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There is a unique point $x \in [0, 1]$, depending on β , such that,

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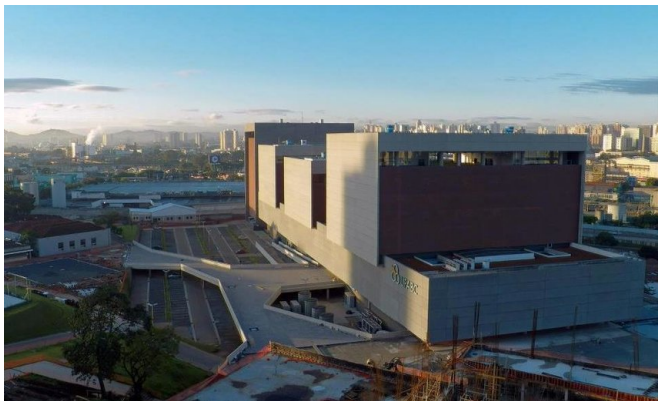


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