

# Asymptotic poissonity for the number of visits to a small ball

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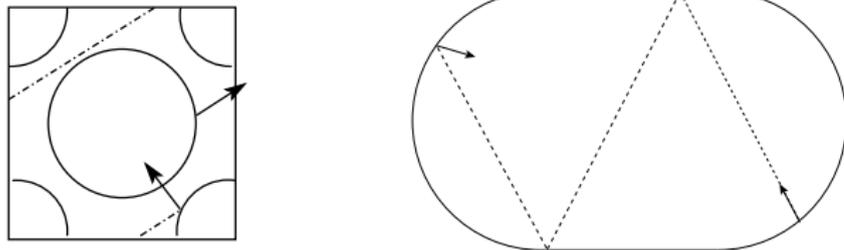


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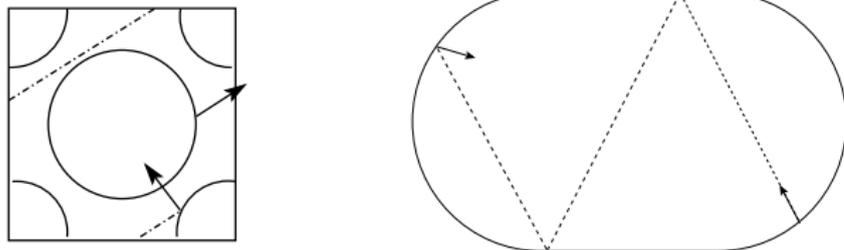


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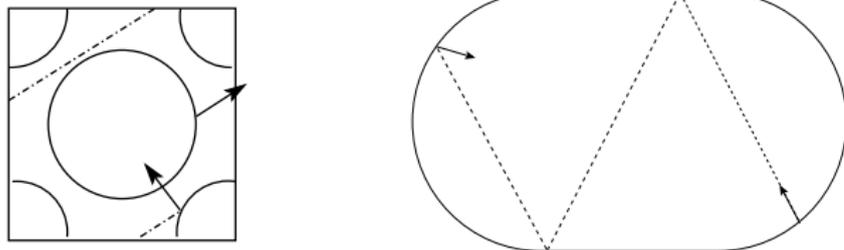


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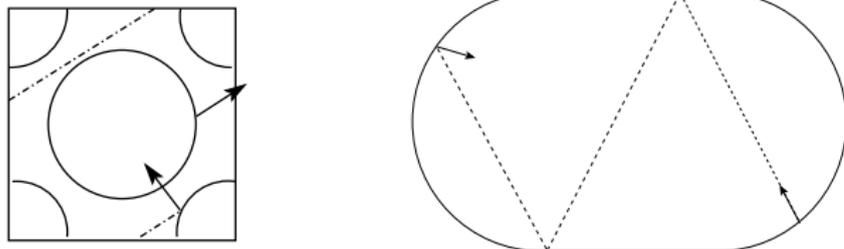


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- ▶ Let  $0 < \theta < 1/(1 + \|g'\|_\infty)$ . Let  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$ . We endow  $\mathcal{M} := \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{D}$  with the max norm. Let  $f : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  by  $f(x, z) = (g(x), \frac{e^{2i\pi x}}{2} + \theta z)$ .

- ▶ We define  $\mathcal{M}_0 := \bigcap_{n \geq 0} f^n \mathcal{M}$ . **picture**

$f$  is invertible on  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and preserves a probability measure  $\mu$  supported on  $\mathcal{M}_0$ , whose first projection is  $\nu$ . So  $d \geq 1$ .

**Proposition.** *If  $\gamma < 1/\sqrt{2}$ , we have Poissonity for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ .*

- ▶ [\[Alves,Pinheiro2008\]](#): Young tower,  $\mu(R > n) = O(n^{-\zeta})$ ,  $\zeta = 1/\gamma > 1$ ,  
 $\text{diam}(f^n \gamma^s), \text{diam}(f^{-n} \gamma^u) \leq Cn^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma}$  so  $\alpha \cdot d > 1$ .
- ▶ last point: negligibility of coronas.

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for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $X \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $p < \min(2, 1/\gamma)$ .

Take a point  $X \in \mathcal{M}_0$  such that if  $f^{-m}(X) \in [0, 1/2] \times \mathbb{D}$ , the series of consecutive integers  $k$  containing  $m$  such that

$f^{-k}(X) \in [0, 1/2] \times \mathbb{D}$  has length in  $o(m^{\frac{1}{p}})$

(this is true  $\mu$ -a.s. due to [[Dedecker, Gouëzel, Merlevède2010](#)])

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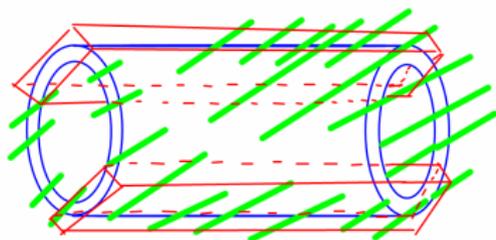


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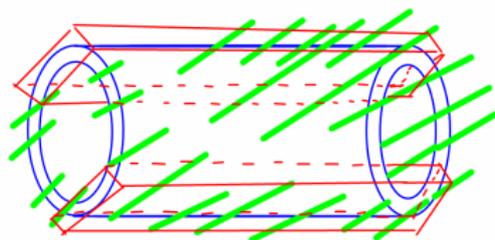


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