

Stationary measures for automaton rules 90 and 150

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This is a continuation of [3]. Let $\Omega = \{0, +1\}^Z$. A transformation $A: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is defined as follows;

$$Ax(i) = x(i-1) + x(i+1) \pmod{2},$$

where $x \in \Omega$ and $i \in Z$. In [3] A was called *one-dimensional life game*. According to the classification of one-dimensional automata by Wolfram [5], this is rule 90. We are interested in the A -invariant measures on Ω . For $0 \leq p \leq 1$, let β_p be the distribution of the Bernoulli trials with density p . It is shown in [2, 3, 4] that $\beta_{1/2}$, the distribution of coin tossing, is A -invariant.

Furthermore, let M be the set of translation-invariant mixing measures on Ω and let $\text{Conv}(M)$ be the convex hull of M , i.e., the set of convex combinations of measures in M . If we replace the adjective "mixing" with "ergodic", we have the set $\text{Conv}(E)$ of all translation-invariant measures (the ergodic decomposition theorem). The behaviour of $A^n P$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for $P \in \text{Conv}(M)$ is quite different from that for $P \in \text{Conv}(E) \setminus \text{Conv}(M)$. First we see the behaviour for $P \in \text{Conv}(M)$. The following theorem is an improvement of Theorem 3 in [3].

Theorem 1. *Assume $P \in \text{Conv}(M)$. Then, $A^n P$ converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if P is a convex combination of $\beta_0, \beta_{1/2}$ and β_1 .*

Collorary (Theorem 1 in [3]). *Assume $P \in \text{Conv}(M)$. P is A -invariant if and only if P is a convex combination of β_0 and $\beta_{1/2}$.*

Remark that $A^n \beta_p$ does not converge as $n \rightarrow \infty$ unless $p = 0, 1/2, 1$. But Theorem 4 in [3] says that if $0 < p < 1$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 1/N \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} A^n \beta_p = \beta_{1/2}.$$

It is natural to ask if there are any other A -invariant measures outside $\text{Conv}(M)$ [1]. The answer is "Yes, there are infinitely many" [4]. Let us show this in more general setting.

Let $n \geq 3$ be an odd integer. A configuration x_n in Ω is defined as follows;

$$x_n(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This x_n is periodic in space. Furthermore, x_n is periodic in time, i.e., we have the following lemma (see the proof of Theorem 1 in [4]).

Lemma 2. For each odd $n \geq 3$, there exists $m \geq 1$ such that $\Lambda^m x_n = x_n$.

Set $\nu_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \theta^j \delta_{x_n} / n$, where θ is the translation operator, and set $\mu_n = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \Lambda^j \nu_n / m$. It is clear that μ_n is Λ - and translation-invariant. We see that $\Lambda x_3 = x_3$, i.e., x_3 is a fixed point of Λ . The measure $\mu_3 = (\delta_{x_3} + \delta_{\theta x_3} + \delta_{\theta^2 x_3}) / 3$ is, therefore, ergodic. But, if $n \geq 5$,

$$E = \{x_n, \theta x_n, \theta^2 x_n, \dots, \theta^{n-1} x_n\}$$

is a translation-invariant set with $0 < \mu_n(E) < 1$. The inequality $\mu_n(E) < 1$ follows from $\Lambda x_n \notin E$ and $\mu_n(\Lambda x_n) > 0$. Thus we have

Theorem 2. For each odd $n \geq 3$, μ_n is Λ - and translation-invariant. The measure μ_3 is ergodic, but μ_n ($n \geq 5$) are not ergodic.

If $n \geq 5$, μ_n is a convex combination of the ergodic measures $\Lambda^j \nu_n$ ($0 \leq j \leq m - 1$). Thus, the Λ -invariance of $\mu_n \in \text{Conv}(E)$ does not imply the Λ -invariance of its ergodic components. On the contrary, Corollary to Theorem 1 says that the Λ -invariance of a convex combination of mixing measures implies the Λ -invariance of its components. In fact, its components must be β_0 and $\beta_{1/2}$.

We have Λ -invariant ergodic measures $\beta_0, \beta_{1/2}$ and μ_3 . It is natural to ask if there are any other Λ -invariant ergodic measures. The answer is again "Yes, there are infinitely many". Let $p \geq 2$ be an integer. For $1 \leq i \leq 2^p$, set $y_p(i) = 1$. For $i \geq 2^p + 1$, define $y_p(i)$ successively as follows:

$$y_p(i) = \Lambda y_p(i - 2^p + 1) .$$

Lemma 2. 1) y_p can be extended to $\{i \leq 0\}$ so that y_p is periodic in space, i.e., $y_p = \theta^u y_p$ for some $u \geq 1$.

2) $\Lambda y_p = \theta^v y_p$, where $v = 2^p - 1$.

Set $\varepsilon_p = \sum_{j=0}^{u-1} \theta^j \delta_{y_p} / u$. Since y_p is periodic in space, it is clear that

$$\theta \varepsilon_p = \varepsilon_p,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda \varepsilon_p &= \sum_{j=0}^{u-1} \theta^{j+v} \delta_{y_p} / u \\ &= \varepsilon_p . \end{aligned}$$

If $E \subset \Omega$ is translation-invariant and $\varepsilon_p(E) > 0$, then $\varepsilon_p(E) = 1$. Thus we have

Theorem 3. For each $p \geq 2$, ε_p is Λ -invariant and ergodic.

Let us prove Theorem 1 and Lemmata 1, 2. The following lemma plays the key role in the computation of Λ^n .

Lemma 3. For any k it holds that

$$\Lambda^{2^k} x(i) = x(i - 2^k) + x(i + 2^k) \pmod{2}.$$

Proof is easy.

To prove Theorem 1 let us introduce the Fourier transform of a probability measure μ on Ω . Let $\xi = (\xi(i); -\infty < i < +\infty)$ be a sequence of 0 and 1 with only finitely many 1's. For $\omega = (\omega(i); -\infty < i < +\infty) \in \Omega$, set $\langle \xi, \omega \rangle =$

$$\sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \xi(i) \omega(i).$$

Denote the Fourier transform of μ by $F(\mu)$ or $\hat{\mu}$, i.e.,

$$F(\mu)(\xi) = \hat{\mu}(\xi) = \int_{\Omega} (-1)^{\langle \xi, \omega \rangle} \mu(d\omega).$$

We have, by Lemma 3,

$$\begin{aligned} F(\Lambda^{2^n} \mu)(\xi) &= \int_{\Omega} (-1)^{\langle \xi, \Lambda^{2^n} \omega \rangle} \mu(d\omega) \\ &= \int_{\Omega} (-1)^{\langle \xi, \theta^{-2^n} \omega \rangle + \langle \xi, \theta^{2^n} \omega \rangle} \mu(d\omega). \end{aligned}$$

If μ is in M , i.e., if μ is mixing and translation-invariant, then,

$$\lim F(\Lambda^{2^n} \mu)(\xi) = \hat{\mu}(\xi)^2.$$

By the same argument we have

$$\lim F(\Lambda^{2^{2n}+2^n} \mu)(\xi) = \hat{\mu}(\xi)^4.$$

Proof of Theorem 1. Take a probability measure π on M . Set

$$P(\cdot) = \int_M \mu(\cdot) d\pi(\mu) \in \text{Conv}(M).$$

By the above argument we see

$$\begin{aligned} \lim F(\Lambda^{2^n} P)(\xi) &= \int_M \lim F(\Lambda^{2^n} \mu)(\xi) d\pi(\mu) = \int_M \hat{\mu}(\xi)^2 d\pi(\mu), \\ \lim F(\Lambda^{2^{2n}+2^n} P)(\xi) &= \int_M \lim F(\Lambda^{2^{2n}+2^n} \mu)(\xi) d\pi(\mu) = \\ &= \int_M \hat{\mu}(\xi)^4 d\pi(\mu). \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\Lambda^n P$ converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since

$$\lim F(\Lambda^{2^n} P)(\xi) = \lim F(\Lambda^{2^{2n}+2^n} P)(\xi),$$

we have

$$\int_M \{ \hat{\mu}(\xi)^2 - \hat{\mu}(\xi)^4 \} d\pi(\mu) = 0,$$

which implies $\hat{\mu}(\xi) = 0, \pm 1$ for a. a. $(\pi)\mu$.

Since $\lim \Lambda^n \beta_0 = \lim \Lambda^n \beta_1 = \beta_0$, we can assume $\pi(\{\beta_0, \beta_1\}) = 0$. We have $\hat{\mu}(\xi) = 0$ for any $\xi \neq \dots 000 \dots$ and for a. a. $(\pi)\mu$, which means $\mu = \beta_{1/2}$ for a. a. $(\pi)\mu$, i.e., $P = \beta_{1/2}$. The "only if" part of Theorem 1 is thus proved. The "if" part is clear, because $\beta_{1/2}$ is Λ -invariant.

Proof of Lemma 1. Let us prove Lemma 1 for odd $n \geq 3$. We can write

$$\Lambda x(i) = \sum_{j \in \{\pm 1\} + i} x(j) \pmod{2},$$

$$\Lambda^2 x(i) = \sum_{j \in \{\pm 2\} + i} x(j) \pmod{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^3 x(i) &= \Lambda^2 \Lambda x(i) \\ &= \sum_{j \in \{\pm 2\} + i} \Lambda x(j) \pmod{2} \\ &= \sum_{j \in \{\pm 2\} + i} \{x(j-1) + x(j+1)\} \pmod{2} \\ &= \sum_{j \in \{\pm 2\pm 1\} + i} x(j) \pmod{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $m = 2^k - 1 = 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-2} \cdots + 2 + 1$, where k will be specified later. Let

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \{\pm 2^{k-1} \pm 2^{k-2} \cdots \pm 2 \pm 1\} \\ &= \{-2^k + 1, -2^k + 3, \dots, -1, +1, \dots, 2^k - 3, 2^k - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

We can easily see by Lemma 3

$$\Lambda^m(i) = \sum_{j \in S+i} x(j) \pmod{2}.$$

Since S and x_n are symmetric with respect to 0, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^m x_n(0) &= \sum_{j \in S} x_n(j) \pmod{2} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Next we must show that

$$\Lambda^m x_n(i) = 1 \pmod{2} \quad (1 \leq i \leq n-1).$$

We consider the pairs $\{-j+2i, j\}$. Remark that if j is in $S+i$ then $-j+2i$ is in $S+i$ and vice versa. We say that a pair $\{-j+2i, j\}$ in $S+i$ is *positive* if

$$x_n(-j+2i) + x_n(j) = 1 \pmod{2}.$$

If neither $-j+2i$ nor j is divisible by n , then the pair $\{-j+2i, j\}$ is not positive. It is impossible that both $-j+2i$ and j are divisible by n . So that it is sufficient to consider only pairs $\{-tn+2i, tn\}$ and $\{-tn, tn+2i\}$ with $t \geq 0$. Let $\#_+$ ($\#_-$) be the number of pairs $\{-tn+2i, tn\}$ ($\{-tn, tn+2i\}$) in $S+i$ with $t > 0$, i.e., the number of t such that $0 < tn \leq m+i$ ($0 < tn+2i \leq m+i$). We separate the case $t=0$.

In case that i is odd, $S+i \subset 2Z$. Therefore, $\{-0n+2i, 0n\} = \{-0n, 0n+2i\}$ is in $S+i$. Since the pair $\{2i, 0\}$ is positive,

$$\Lambda^m x_n(i) = 1 + \#_+ + \#_- \pmod{2}.$$

We see that

$$\#_+ - \#_-$$

= the number of even t which satisfies $m - i < tn \leq m + i$.

On the other hand we have

Lemma 4. We can choose k so that $m = 2^k - 1$ is divisible by n .

Set $q = m/n$, i.e., $m = nq$. Remark that q is odd. The inequality $m - i < tn \leq m + i$ is equivalent to $-i < n(t - q) \leq i$. Since q is odd but t must be even, it holds $|t - q| \geq 1$, which implies $|n(t - q)| \geq n > i$. Thus the inequality $m - i < tn \leq m + i$ has no solution, i.e., $\#_+ - \#_- = 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^m x_n(i) &= 1 + \#_+ + \#_- \pmod 2 \\ &= 1 + \#_+ - \#_- \pmod 2 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

In case that i is even, $S + i \subset 2Z + 1$. The pair $\{-On + 2i, On\} = \{-On, On + 2i\}$ is not in $S + i$. Therefore,

$$\Lambda^m x_n(i) = \#_+ + \#_- \pmod 2.$$

We have

$$\#_+ - \#_-$$

= the number of odd t which satisfies $m - i < tn \leq m + i$.

The inequality $m - i < tn \leq m + i$, which is equivalent to $-i < n(t - q) \leq i$, has the unique odd solution $t = q$. Thus $\#_+ - \#_- = 1$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^m x_n(i) &= \#_+ + \#_- \pmod 2 \\ &= \#_+ - \#_- \pmod 2 \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1 is thus proved.

Proof of Lemma 4. Let p be a prime and let e be a natural number. Let us regard $Z/p^e Z$ as a group with multiplication. The multiples of p should be taken away, because they are nilpotent. The number of them is p^{e-1} . Therefore, the order of this group is equal to $p^e - p^{e-1} = (p - 1)p^{e-1}$. 2 is an element of this group. Therefore, $2^{(p-1)p^{e-1}} = 1$ in $Z/p^e Z$, hence $2^{s(p-1)p^{e-1}} = 1$ in $Z/p^e Z$ for any $s \geq 0$. Thus

$$2^{s(p-1)p^{e-1}} - 1$$

is divisible by p^e for any $s \geq 0$.

Let $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$ be the factorization of n into prime factors. Set $k = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{e_1 - 1} (p_2 - 1)p_2^{e_2 - 1} \dots (p_r - 1)p_r^{e_r - 1}$. By the above argument $2^k - 1$ is divisible by $p_j^{e_j}$ for $1 \leq j \leq r$, hence it is divisible by n .

Poof of Lemma 2. First remark that by definition of y_p

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(i) &= 1 \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2^p), \\ y_p(i) &= 0 \quad (2^p + 1 \leq i \leq 2^{p+1} - 2), \\ y_p(2^{p+1} - 1) &= y_p(2^{p+1}) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that for $k \geq 1$ and $i > k 2^p$

$$y_p(i) = \Lambda^k y_p(i - k(2^p - 1)) .$$

For $k=2^{p-1}$ and $i > 2^{2p-1}$, we have by Lemma 3

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(i) &= \Lambda^{2^{p-1}} y_p(i - 2^{p-1}(2^p - 1)) \\ &= y_p(i - 2^{p-1}(2^p - 1) - 2^{p-1}) + y_p(i - 2^{p-1}(2^p - 1) + 2^{p-1}) \pmod{2} \\ &= y_p(i - 2^{2p-1}) + y_p(i - 2^{2p-1} + 2^p) \pmod{2} . \end{aligned}$$

Using this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(i + 2^{2p-1}) &= y_p(i) + y_p(i + 2^p) \pmod{2} \\ &= 1 + 0 \pmod{2} \quad (1 \leq i \leq 2^p - 2) \\ &= 1 . \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(2^p - 1 + 2^{2p-1}) &= y_p(2^p - 1) + y_p(2^{p+1} - 1) \pmod{2} \\ &= 1 + 1 \pmod{2} \\ &= 0 , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(2^p + 2^{2p-1}) &= y_p(2^p) + y_p(2^{p+1}) \pmod{2} \\ &= 1 + 1 \pmod{2} \\ &= 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can see that for $1 \leq i \leq 2^p$

$$y_p(i + 2^{2p-1}) = y_p(i + 2) ,$$

which implies that $\{y_p(i) : i \geq 1\}$ has the period $u = 2^{2p-1} - 2$. It is easy to extend y_p to $\{i \leq 0\}$.

The second assertion in Lemma 2 is obvious by definition of y_p .

Analogous arguments are possible also for rule 150:

$$\tilde{\Lambda}x(i) = x(i-1) + x(i) + x(i+1) \pmod{2} .$$

As to $\tilde{\Lambda}$ we have

Lemma 3'. For any k it holds that

$$\Lambda^{2^k} x(i) = x(i - 2^k) + x(i) + x(i + 2^k) \pmod{2} .$$

Theorem 1'. Assume $P \in \text{Conv}(M)$. The following three conditions are equivalent to each other.

- 1) $\tilde{\Lambda}^n P$ converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- 2) P is $\tilde{\Lambda}$ -invariant.
- 3) P is a convex combination of β_0 , $\beta_{1/2}$ and β_1 .

Outline of Proof. Take a probability measure π on M . Set

$$P(\cdot) = \int_M \mu(\cdot) d\pi(\mu) \in \text{Conv}(M) .$$

Assume $\tilde{\Lambda}^n P$ converges as $n \rightarrow \infty$. By the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 1, we see

$$\int_M \{\hat{\mu}(\xi)^3 - \hat{\mu}(\xi)^9\} d\pi(\mu) = 0 .$$

Let ξ_0 be a finite sequence of 0 and 1 and let

$$\xi = \cdots 000\xi_0 0^n \xi_0 000 \cdots .$$

The above equality holds for this ξ . Since μ is mixing, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_M \{ \hat{\mu}(\xi_0)^6 - \hat{\mu}(\xi_0)^{18} \} d\pi(\mu) = 0 .$$

This implies that P is a convex combination of $\beta_0, \beta_{1/2}$ and β_1 .

The convergence of the Cesaro means for $\tilde{A}^n P$ can be proved by the Fourier transformation method [2].

We have infinitely many \tilde{A} -invariant measures outside $\text{Conv}(M)$. Let $n \geq 5$ be an odd integer. A configuration \tilde{x}_n in Ω is defined as follows;

$$\tilde{x}_n(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=0, \pm 1 \pmod n, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 1'. For each odd $n \geq 5$, there exists $m \geq 1$ such that $\Lambda^m \tilde{x}_n = \tilde{x}_n$.

Proof. By Lemma 4 we can choose k so that $m = 2^{2k} - 1$ is divisible by n . By Lemma 3' we see

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}^m \tilde{x}(i) &= \tilde{x}(i) + \sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1} \{ \tilde{x}(3h-1+i) + \tilde{x}(3h+i) \} \\ &\quad + \sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1} \{ \tilde{x}(-3h+i) + \tilde{x}(-3h+1+i) \} \pmod 2. \end{aligned}$$

Setting $\tilde{z}(j) = \tilde{x}_n(j) + \tilde{x}_n(j+1) \pmod 2$, we have

$$\tilde{A}^m \tilde{x}_n(i) = \tilde{x}_n(i) + \sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1} \{ \tilde{z}(3h-1+i) + \tilde{z}(-3h+i) \} \pmod 2 .$$

Remark that $\tilde{z}(3h-1+i) = 1$ if and only if $3h-1+i = -2, +1 \pmod n$ and that $3h-1+i = -2 \pmod n$ means $3(h+1)-1+i = +1 \pmod n$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} h_0 &= \min \{ h; 3h-1+i = -2 \pmod n, h \geq 0 \} , \\ h_1 &= \max \{ h; 3h-1+i = -2 \pmod n, 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1 \} . \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1} \tilde{z}(3h-1+i) &= \sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k}-1, 3h-1+i = -2, +1 \pmod n} \tilde{z}(3h-1+i) \\ &= \tilde{z}(3h_0-1+i) + \tilde{z}(3(h_0+1)-1+i) \\ &\quad + \sum_{h_0 < h < h_1, 3h-1+i = -2 \pmod n} \{ \tilde{z}(3h-1+i) + \tilde{z}(3(h+1)-1+i) \} \\ &\quad + \tilde{z}(3h_1-1+i) + \tilde{z}(3(h_1+1)-1+i) \pmod 2 . \end{aligned}$$

Note that $m = 2^{2k} - 1 = (1+3)^k - 1$ is a multiple of 3 and that three equalities $h_0=0, h_1=2^{2k}-1$ and $i = -1 \pmod n$ are mutually equivalent. In case $h_0=0$, the first and the last terms must be omitted. In any case

$$\sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k} - 1} \tilde{z}(3h - 1 + i) = 0 \pmod{2} .$$

In the same way we can see

$$\sum_{0 < 3h \leq 2^{2k} - 1} \tilde{z}(-3h + i) = 0 \pmod{2} .$$

Thus we have

$$\tilde{A}^m \tilde{x}_n(i) = \tilde{x}_n(i) .$$

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