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**Limit averages of continuous functions under the action of cellular automata.**

(English summary)

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In this paper the authors consider averages of continuous functions under the action of cellular automata, which were proposed by M. Boyle, D. Lind and D. J. Rudolph in 1988 [Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **306** (1988), no. 1, 71–114 (Question 5.3); [MR0927684](#)]. They prove that, at non-shift-periodic points, the averages point-wise converge to the integration with respect to the uniform Bernoulli measure.

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1, \dots, q - 1\}$  ( $q \geq 2$ ), let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of integers, and let  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} = \{(\dots x_{-1}x_0x_1x_2\dots) : x_i \in \mathcal{A}, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  denote the space of bi-infinite sequences over  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\mathcal{CA}(r)$  denote the set of all cellular automata  $F: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  of radius  $r$  on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $\#\mathcal{CA}(r)$  its cardinality. Finally, let  $\varphi: \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. The authors prove that if  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is not periodic under the action of the shift operator  $\sigma$  then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\#\mathcal{CA}(r)} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{CA}(r)} \varphi \circ F(x) = \int_{\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}} \varphi(t) d\lambda(t),$$

where  $\lambda$  is the uniform Bernoulli measure on  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is  $\sigma$ -periodic with minimal period  $p \geq 1$ , then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\#\mathcal{CA}(r)} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{CA}(r)} \varphi \circ F(x) = \frac{1}{q^p} \sum_{v \in \mathcal{A}^p} \varphi(v^\infty).$$

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