## Asymptotic Average Shadowing Versus Vague Specification Joint work with A. Trilles

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- Shadowing property has many (weaker) variants. For example limit shadowing property introduced by Pilyugin et al., average shadowing property introduced by Blank and asymptotic average shadowing property introduced by Gu.

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- For topological dynamics the both notion have strong connections to notions of topological entropy, entropy-density of the set of ergodic measures, intrinsically ergodicity of the system and etc.

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- In fact, we see that weak specification implies vague specification property, but the converse is not true.

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Figure: illustrations of the relations between variants of specification property <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This picture taken from the paper [D. Kwietniak, M. Lacka, and P. Oprocha, Generic points for dynamical systems with average shadowing. Monatsh. Math., 183(4):625–648, 2017]

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• A pair of points (x, y) in a dynamical system (X × X, T × T) is called **proximal** if

$$\liminf_{n\to\infty}\rho\left(T^n(x),\,T^n(y)\right)=0.$$

Moreover, the system (X, T) is called proximal if every pair in  $X \times X$  is proximal.

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We call  $\underline{x} \in X^{\infty}$  a **vague pseudo-orbit** for T if for any open set  $\mathcal{U} \subset X^{\infty}$  containing  $\Gamma_T$  the following holds:

$$d(\{n \in \mathbb{N} : S^n(\underline{x}) \in \mathcal{U}\}) = 1.$$

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### Theorem 1 [C, A. Trilles]

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A system (X, T) has the **vague specification property** if for every vague pseudo-orbit  $\underline{x} \in X^{\infty}$  for T there is  $z \in X$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the following holds:

$$d\left(\{n\in\mathbb{N}_0:\rho(T^n(z),x_n)<\varepsilon\}\right)=1.$$

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- The language of a shift space X is denoted by  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  and defined as

$$\mathcal{L}(X) = \left\{ w \in \mathscr{A}^* \mid w = x_{[i,j)} \text{ for some } x \in X \right\}.$$

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We say that a shift space X has the  $\overline{d}$ -shadowing property if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for every sequence  $\{w^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{L}(X)$  with  $|w^{(i)}| \ge N$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $x \in X$  such that

$$\bar{d}(x,w)$$

where  $w = w^{(1)} w^{(2)} \cdots$ .

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### Theorem 3 [C, A. Trilles]

Assume that  $(X, \sigma)$  is surjective. Then X has vague specification property if and only if X is  $\bar{d}$ -complete, and has  $\bar{d}$ -shadowing property.

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We set  $Z = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} Z_n$ .

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Figure: The graph of the Example with n = 1.

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The shift space Z in the example is  $\overline{d}$ -complete. Hence, it has vague specification property.