

# Bound-displacement non-equivalence in substitution tilings

Abstract: Given two Delone sets  $\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  we study the existence of a bounded-displacement (BD) map between them, namely a bijection  $f$  from  $\mathcal{Y}$  to  $\mathcal{Z}$  so that the quantity  $\|y - f(y)\|$ ,  $y$  in  $\mathcal{Y}$ , is bounded.

This notion induces an equivalence relation on collections  $X$  of Delone sets and we study the cardinality of  $BD(X)$ , a set of distinct BD-class representatives.

In this talk we focus on set  $X$  of point sets that correspond to tilings in a substitution tiling space.

We provide a sufficient condition under which  $|BD(X)| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ . In particular, we show that, in the context of primitive substitution tiling,  $|BD(X)|$  can be greater than one.

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• Def. A point set  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is called a Delone set if it is

- (i) Uniformly discrete:  $\exists r > 0 \forall x \neq y \in \Lambda \ \|x - y\| \geq r$ .
- (ii) Relatively dense:  $\exists R > 0 \bigcup_{x \in \Lambda} B(x, R) = \mathbb{R}^d$ .

## Examples:

(I) Lattices / translated lattices.

(II) Perturbed lattices: move each point by at most  $M$  (keeping uniform discreteness).

(III) More constructions: - Random point processes.

- Cut-and-project sets.

- sets of 'return times' to a section in an  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -action on a manifold.

-  $\tau = \text{tiling} \mapsto \Lambda_\tau$  pick a point in each tile (keeping uniform discreteness).

- Note that there is a correspondence  
 tilings  $\longleftrightarrow$  Delone sets

[finitely many tile types  
 with bounded diameter  
 and inradius]

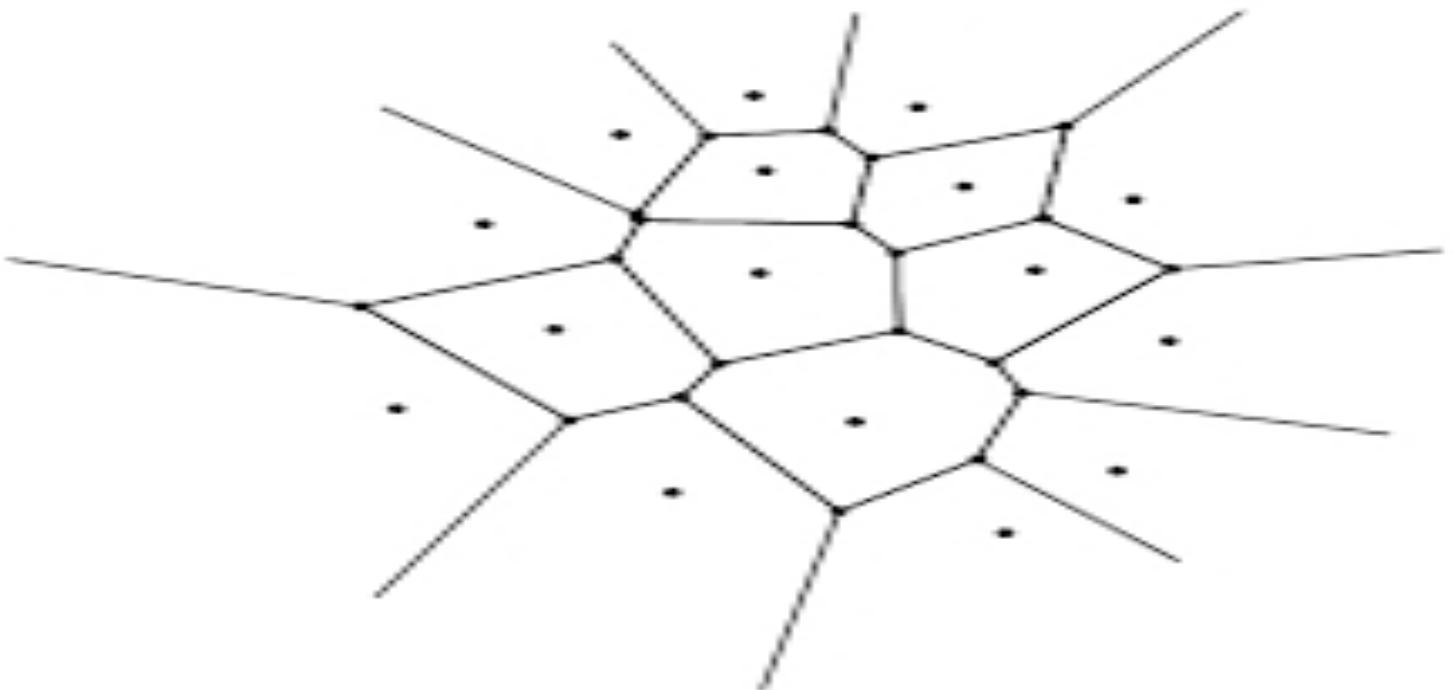
$\rightarrow$ :  $\tau$  tiling  $\mapsto \Delta_\tau$  point from each tile.

$\leftarrow$ : Using "approx. Voronoi cells".

$\Delta$  Delone set.  $\forall y \in \Delta$  define

$$T_y = \bigcup \{ C \mid \forall x \in \Delta \text{ dist}(y, C) \leq \text{dist}(x, C) \}$$

cubes with vertices in  $\frac{r}{2} \mathbb{Z}^d$



- IF  $\tau_\Lambda$  is a tiling obtained from  $\Lambda$  then  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda_{\tau_\Lambda}$  differ by moving each point a bounded distance.

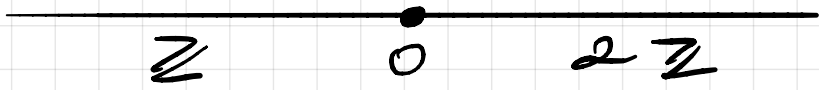
• Def: Two point sets  $\Lambda, \Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$  are bound displacement (BD) equivalent if  $\exists$  a BD-map between them, that is a bijection  $\varphi: \Lambda \rightarrow \Gamma$  with

$$\sup_{x \in \Lambda} \{ \|x - \varphi(x)\| \} < \infty$$

- similarly, tilings  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are BD-equiv. if  $\Lambda_{\tau_1}$  and  $\Lambda_{\tau_2}$  are.



# Observations:

- The definition induces an equivalence relation on collections of Delone sets.
- Every two lattices of the same covolume are BD equivalent.
- Every tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  by tiles of equal volume  $\alpha$  is BD to  $\alpha\mathbb{Z}^d$ .
- $\exists$  Delone sets that are not BD to any lattice, e.g. 

## Previous works

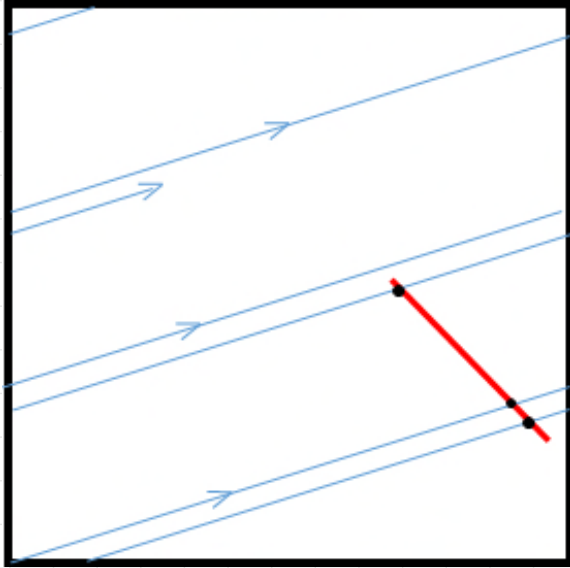
Thm [Laczkovich '91]: TFAE for  $\alpha > 0$  and a discrete set  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ :

- ①  $\exists$  BD-map  $\varphi: \Lambda \rightarrow \alpha^{-1/d} \mathbb{Z}^d$ .
- ②  $\exists C > 0 \forall A \in \mathcal{Q}_d$  [Finite unions of lattice cubes]  
 $|\#(\Lambda \cap A) - \alpha \text{Vol}(A)| \leq C \cdot \text{Vol}_{d-1}(\partial A)$

- ②' For tilings  $\tau$ :  $\exists C > 0 \forall A \in \mathcal{Q}_d$   
 $|\#\{\text{tiles that intersects } A\} - \alpha \text{Vol}(A)| \leq \dots$

- ②''  $\exists C > 0 \forall$  patch  $P$  in  $\tau$   
 $|\#P - \alpha \cdot \text{Vol}(\text{supp}(P))| \leq C \cdot \text{Vol}_{d-1}(\partial P)$

• Thm [Haynes, Kelly, Weiss '14]



$$\mathbb{T}^n, n > d \geq 2$$

$$V \cong \mathbb{R}^d$$

$S =$  Poincaré section  
n-d dimensional.

$$\Lambda_{S, x_0} = \{v \in V \mid v \cdot x_0 \in S\}$$

- For a.e.  $V$ ,  $\forall x_0$ , and  $S$  "nice enough",

$\Lambda_{S, x_0}$  is BD to a lattice.

-  $\exists$  a residual set of  $V$ 's,  $\forall x_0$ ,  
 $S$  "nice enough",  $\Lambda_{S, x_0}$  is not BD to a lattice.

Remark: For linear sections  $S$ ,  $\Lambda_{S, x_0}$  is a cut-and-project set.  $\uparrow$

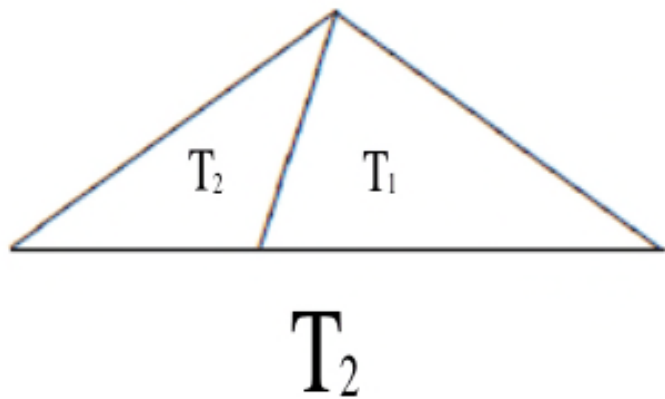
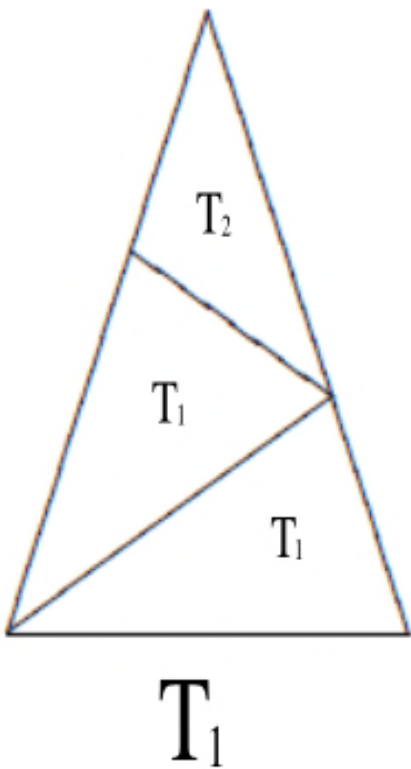
$S = \mathbb{T}(k)$ ,  $k \subseteq \mathbb{U}$  an n-d-dim subspace, transverse to  $V$ , with non-empty interior in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

## Substitution tilings:

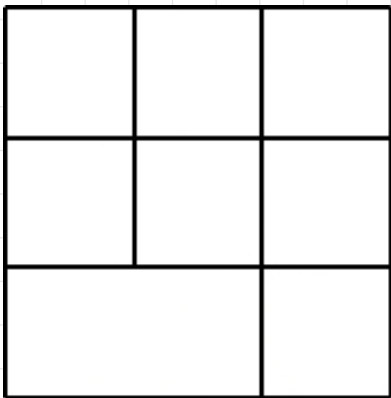
- $\mathcal{T} = \{T_1, \dots, T_n\}$  finite set of tiles in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $\beta > 0$  is a fixed expansion constant, and each  $T_i$  has a tiling by elements of  $\frac{1}{\beta} \mathcal{T} = \{\beta^{-1}T_1, \dots, \beta^{-1}T_n\}$ .
- The substitution rule  $\sigma$  is the operation of expanding by  $\beta$  and substitute by the given rule.
- By applying  $\sigma$  repeatedly and take limits one obtains tilings of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  - substitution tilings
- $X_\sigma$ , the tiling space, is the collection of all these tilings, is usually minimal and uniquely ergodic w.r.t. the  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -action by translations.

# Examples

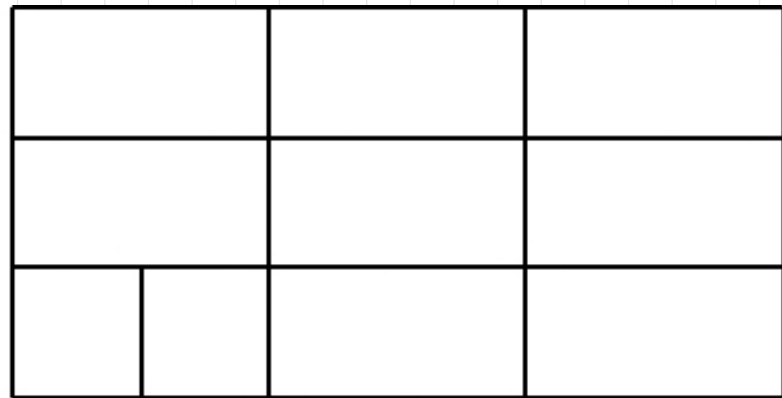
## ① Penrose tiles



## ②



$T_1$



$T_2$

- Substitution matrix:  $M_\sigma = (a_{ij})$

$a_{ij} := \# \text{ tiles of type } i \text{ in } \sigma(T_j).$

-  $\sigma$  is called primitive if  $M_\sigma$  is primitive.

For primitive substitution systems:

- Eigenvalues:  $\lambda_1 > |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_d|$

Thm [S. '11] IF  $|\lambda_2| < 1$  then every  $\tau \in X_\sigma$  is BD to a lattice.

Thm [Aliste-Prieto, Coronel, Gambardo '13]  
IF  $|\lambda_2| < \lambda_1^{1/d} \Rightarrow \forall \tau \in X_\sigma$  is BD to a lattice.

Thm [S. '14] (for polygonal tiles)

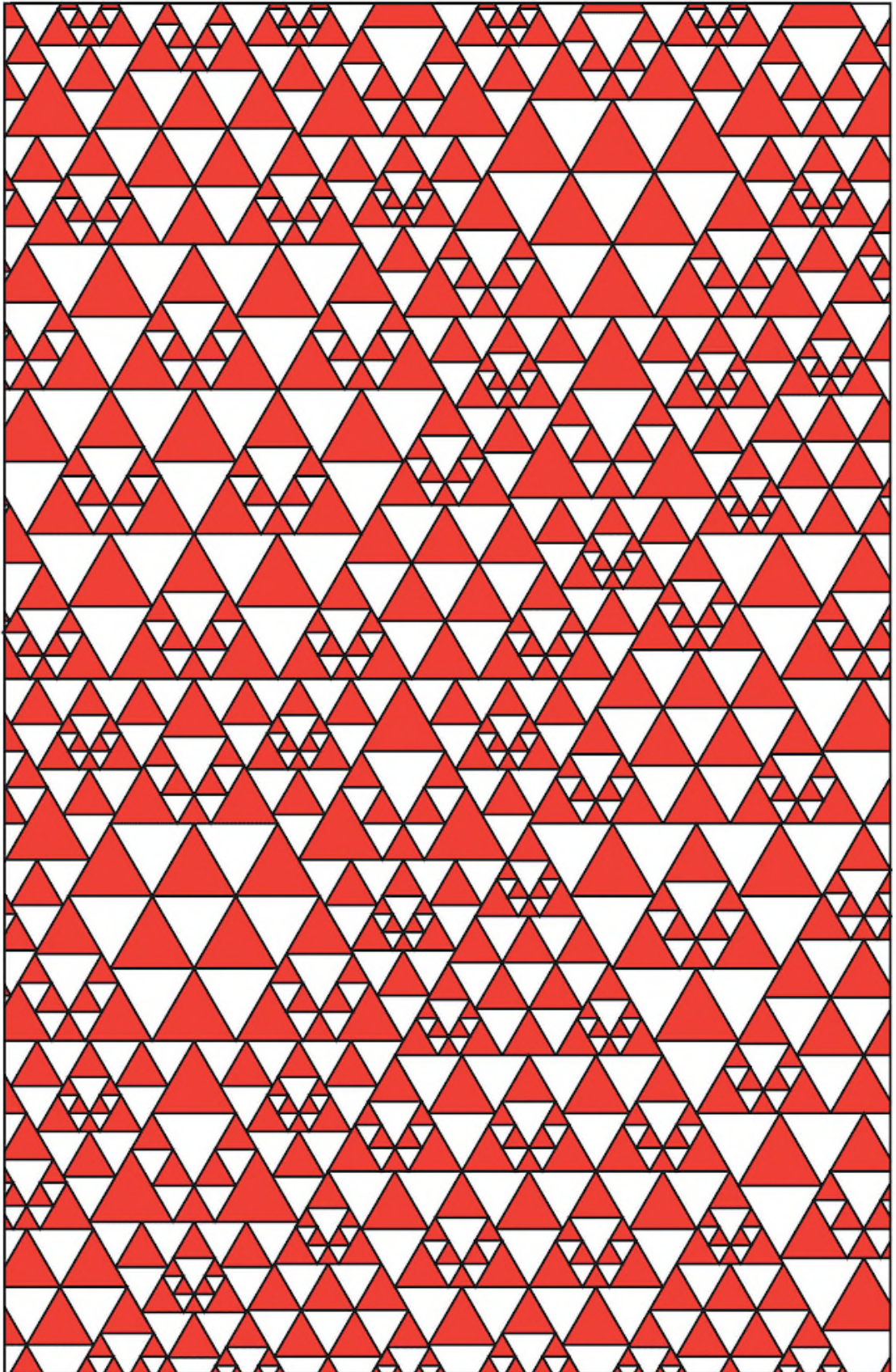
Let  $t \geq 2$  be minimal s.t.  $\forall \lambda_t \notin \mathbb{1}^\perp$ .

-  $|\lambda_t| < \lambda_1^{(d-1)/d} \Rightarrow \forall \tau \in X_\sigma$  is BD to a lattice.

-  $|\lambda_t| > \lambda_1^{(d-1)/d} \Rightarrow \forall \tau \in X_\sigma$  is not BD to a lattice.



Thm [Smilansky, s. '20] Every incommensurable  
multiscale substitution tiling  $\mathcal{T}$  is not  
BD to a lattice.



## BD for non-lattices $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$

Thm [Frettlöh, Smilansky, S. '19] (non-BD condition)

Let  $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2$  be two Delone sets in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and assume  $\exists$  a sequence of sets  $(A_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_d$  s.t.

$$\frac{|\#(A_m \cap \Lambda_1) - \#(A_m \cap \Lambda_2)|}{\text{Vol}_{d-1}(\partial A_m)} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

then  $\Lambda_1$  is not BD to  $\Lambda_2$ .

Thm [FSS '19]

$\exists$  mixed substitution system s.t. the tiling space contains continuously many distinct BD-classes.

Question: Can this happen in systems of Delone sets which are minimal (w.r.t. translations)?



Thm [Frettlöh, Gardar '16]

$\exists$  cut-and-project set  $\Lambda$  whose hull contains a set  $\Gamma$  not BD to  $\Lambda$ .

For primitive substitution  $\sigma$

- Recall, if  $|\lambda_t| < \lambda_1^{d-1/d} \Rightarrow \#BD(X_0) = 1$

- For a patch  $P$  let  $v(P) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be s.t.

$$v(P)_i = \#\{\text{tiles of type } i \text{ in } P\}$$

Thm [S. '20]

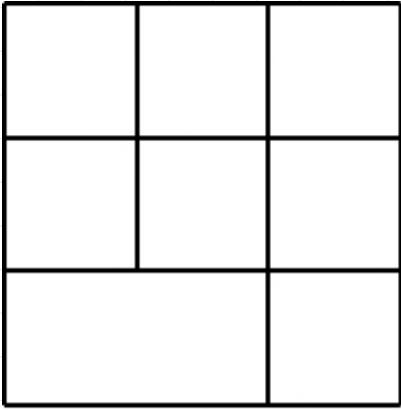
Suppose  $|\lambda_t| > \lambda_1^{d-1/d}$  and let  $v_t \notin \mathbb{1}^\perp$  be an eigenvector of  $\lambda_t$ . Assume that  $\exists$  patches  $P, Q$  s.t.

①  $\text{supp}(P), \text{supp}(Q)$  differ by translation.

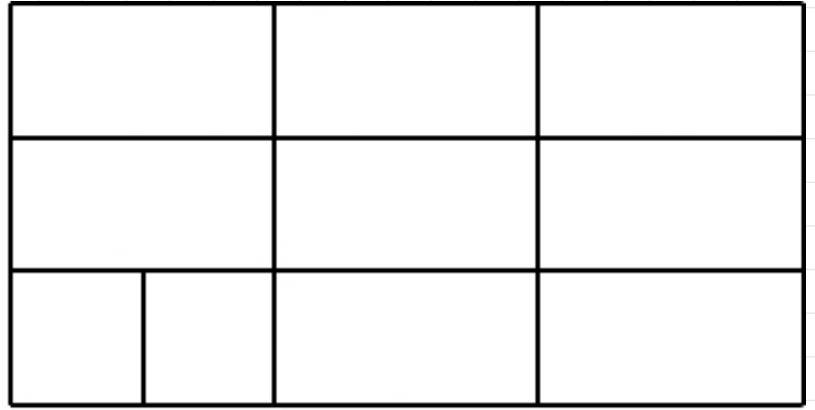
②  $v(P) - v(Q) \notin v_t^\perp$ .

Then  $|BD(X_0)| = 2^{\chi_0}$ .

# Example



$T_1$



$T_2$

$$M_{\alpha} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 9 \quad (\lambda_t =) \quad \lambda_2 = 6$$

$$P = \boxed{\phantom{00}}, \quad Q = \boxed{\phantom{00}} \Rightarrow v_p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad v_q = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$v_p - v_q = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = v_t$$

## Idea of the proof:

- Assumptions ①+②  $\Rightarrow |BD(X_0)| \geq 2$ .

- Recall: if  $\exists$  a sequence of sets  $(A_m)_{m=1}^{\infty}$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_d$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{\times} \frac{|\#(A_m \cap \Lambda_1) - \#(A_m \cap \Lambda_2)|}{\text{Vol}_{d-1}(\partial A_m)} \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

then  $\Lambda_1$  is not BD to  $\Lambda_2$ .

- In the example:  $A_m := \text{supp}(\sigma^m(p))$   
or  $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow$

$$\#\{\text{tiles in } \sigma^m(p)\} = \langle M_{\sigma}^m \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

$$\#\{\text{tiles in } \sigma^m(q)\} = \langle M_{\sigma}^m \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

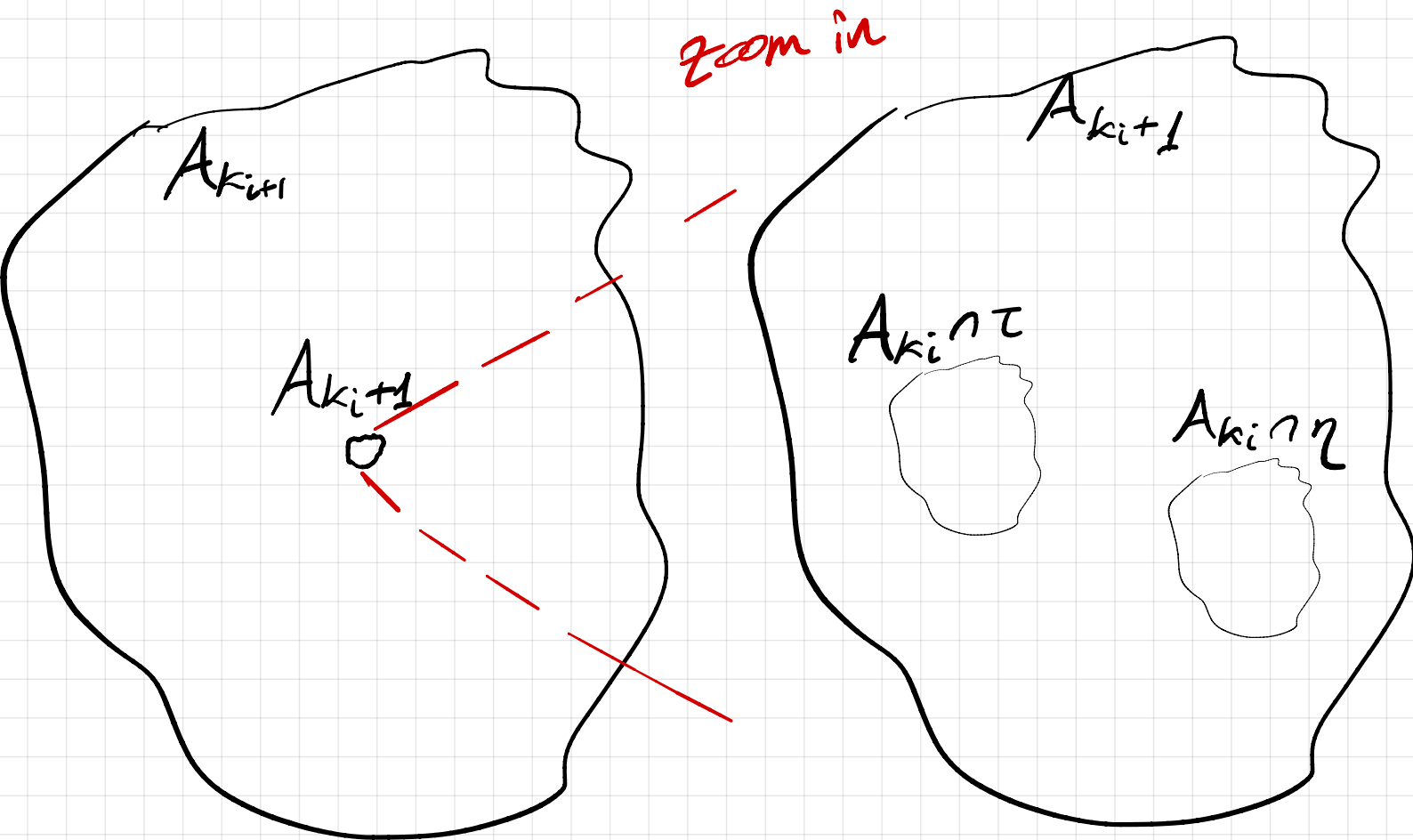
$$\Rightarrow \left| \#\{\text{tiles in } \sigma^m(p)\} - \#\{\text{tiles in } \sigma^m(q)\} \right|$$

$$= \left| \langle M_{\sigma}^m \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle \right| = |\lambda_t|^m \langle v_t, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rangle$$

Step 2:  $|BD(X_0)| \geq 2 \Rightarrow |BD(X_0)| = 2^{X_0}$ :

- Construct inductively a sequence of sets  $H_i$  for the condition  $(*)$ ,  $H_i = A_{k_i}$ . IF  $(k_i)^n$  grows "fast enough", the discrepancy grows faster than the boundary.

- Suppose  $\tau$  &  $\eta$  are two non-BD tilings in  $X_0$



## Three observations:

- (i) It is possible to find the above combination both in  $A_{k_{i+1}} \cap \tau$  and in  $A_{k_{i+1}} \cap \eta$ .
- (ii) We can position the patch in  $A_{k_{i+1}}$  by fixing the position of  $A_{k_i} \cap \tau$  or  $A_{k_i} \cap \eta$  (the one we are interested in).
- (iii) IF  $(k_i)$  grows fast enough then the size of the translation vector that maps  $\text{supp}(A_{k_i} \cap \tau)$  to  $\text{supp}(A_{k_i} \cap \eta)$  is negligible.