

LIMIT THEOREMS FOR THE NONATTRACTIVE DOMANY–KINZEL MODEL

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We study the Domany–Kinzel model, which is a class of discrete time Markov processes with two parameters $(p_1, p_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ and whose states are subsets of \mathbf{Z} , the set of integers. When $p_1 = \alpha\beta$ and $p_2 = \alpha(2\beta - \beta^2)$ with $(\alpha, \beta) \in [0, 1]^2$, the process can be identified with the mixed site–bond oriented percolation model on a square lattice with the probabilities of open site α and of open bond β . For the attractive case, $0 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1$, the complete convergence theorem is easily obtained. On the other hand, the case $(p_1, p_2) = (1, 0)$ realizes the rule 90 cellular automaton of Wolfram in which, starting from the Bernoulli measure with density θ , the distribution converges weakly only if $\theta \in \{0, 1/2, 1\}$. Using our new construction of processes based on signed measures, we prove limit theorems which are also valid for nonattractive cases with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$. In particular, when $p_2 \in [0, 1]$ and p_1 is close to 1, the complete convergence theorem is obtained as a corollary of the limit theorems.

1. Introduction. The Domany–Kinzel model is a two parameter family of discrete time Markov processes whose states are subsets of \mathbf{Z} , the set of integers, which was introduced by Domany and Kinzel (1984) and Kinzel (1985). Let $\xi_n^A \subset \mathbf{Z}$ be the state of the process with parameters $(p_1, p_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ at time n which starts from $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$. Its evolution satisfies the following:

- (i) $P(x \in \xi_{n+1}^A | \xi_n^A) = f(|\xi_n^A \cap \{x-1, x+1\}|)$;
- (ii) given ξ_n^A , the events $\{x \in \xi_{n+1}^A\}$ are independent, where $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = p_1$ and $f(2) = p_2$.

If we write $\xi(x, n) = 1$ for $x \in \xi_n^A$ and $\xi(x, n) = 0$ otherwise, each realization of the process is identified with a configuration $\xi \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{S}} = X$ with $\mathbf{S} = \{s = (x, n) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}_+ : x+n = \text{even}\}$, where $\mathbf{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. As special cases the Domany–Kinzel model is equivalent to the oriented bond percolation model ($p_1 = p$, $p_2 = 2p - p^2$) and the oriented site percolation model ($p_1 = p_2 = p$) on a square lattice. The two-dimensional mixed site–bond oriented percolation model with α the probability of an open site and with β the probability of an open bond corresponds to the case of $p_1 = \alpha\beta$ and $p_2 = \alpha(2\beta - \beta^2)$. When $(p_1, p_2) = (1, 0)$, Wolfram’s (1983, 1984) rule 90 cellular automaton is realized. See Durrett [(1988), pages 90–98] for details.

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For any $p_1, p_2 \in [0, 1]$ and $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\xi_{2n}^A \neq \emptyset)$ exists, since \emptyset is an absorbing set. Let $Y = \{A \subset 2\mathbf{Z} : 0 < |A| < \infty\}$, where $|A|$ is the cardinality of A , and we write the connectedness from $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ to $B \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ as

$$\sigma(A, B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\xi_{2n}^A \cap B \neq \emptyset)$$

if the right-hand side exists.

When $0 \leq p_1 \leq p_2 \leq 1$, this process has the following good property called *attractiveness*: if $\xi_n^A \subset \xi_n^B$, then we can guarantee that $\xi_{n+1}^A \subset \xi_{n+1}^B$ by using an appropriate coupling. For the attractive case, it is easy to prove the following:

- (i) If $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$, $B \in Y$, then $\sigma(A, B)$ exists. In particular, $\sigma(2\mathbf{Z}, B)$ exists.
- (ii) Let $\mathbf{0}$ (resp. $\mathbf{1}$) denote the configuration $\eta(x) = 0$ (resp. $= 1$) for any $x \in 2\mathbf{Z}$.

For any $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$,

$$P(\xi_n^A \in \cdot) \Rightarrow (1 - P(\Omega_\infty^A))\delta_{\mathbf{0}} + P(\Omega_\infty^A)\mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where \Rightarrow means weak convergence, $\Omega_\infty^A = \{\xi_n^A \neq \emptyset \text{ for any } n \geq 0\}$, $\delta_{\mathbf{0}}$ is the point mass on the configuration $\mathbf{0}$, and a limit μ_∞ is a stationary distribution of the process ξ_{2n}^A . This complete convergence theorem can be obtained by similar arguments for the lemma in Griffeath (1978) [see also Durrett (1988), Section 5c] which treated a continuous time version. It should be remarked that the complete convergence theorem is equivalent to the equality

$$\sigma(A, B) = \sigma(A, 2\mathbf{Z})\sigma(2\mathbf{Z}, B) \quad \text{for any } A, B \in Y.$$

It is easy to see that the process with $p_1 \in [0, 1/2]$ and $p_2 \in [0, 1]$ starting from a finite set dies out. That is,

$$(1.1) \quad \sigma(A, B) = 0 \quad \text{if } p_1 \in [0, 1/2], p_2 \in [0, 1], A \in Y, B \subset 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

It is concluded by comparison with a branching process.

The purpose of the present paper is to prove limit theorems which are valid also for the nonattractive cases except Wolfram’s rule 90 cellular automaton $(p_1, p_2) = (1, 0)$. For this purpose we introduce $\sigma(\nu, B)$ for a probability distribution ν on X and $B \in Y$ defined by

$$\sigma(\nu, B) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\xi_{2n}^\nu \cap B \neq \emptyset),$$

if the right-hand side exists, where ξ_n^ν is the process with initial distribution ν . We first prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 1. *We assume that $(p_1, p_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$ and $p_2 < 2p_1$. Let ν_θ be the Bernoulli measure with $\theta \in (0, 1]$ and $B \in Y$. Then we have*

$$(1.2) \quad \sigma(\nu_\theta, B) = \begin{cases} \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} \sigma(D, 2\mathbf{Z}), & \text{if } p_2 \neq 0 \text{ or } 0 < \theta < 1, \\ 0, & \text{if } p_2 = 0 \text{ and } \theta = 1, \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha = p_1^2 / (2p_1 - p_2)$.

Remark that (1.1) implies $\sigma(\nu_\theta, B) = 0, B \in Y$ if $p_2 \geq 2p_1$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$. When $(p_1, p_2) = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$, the model is the discrete time voter model and $\sigma(\nu_\theta, B) = \theta$ if $B \in Y$. In Theorem 1 of Katori, Konno and Tanemura (2000), (1.2) for $\sigma(2\mathbf{Z}, B)$ with $p_1 \in [0, 1), p_2 \in (0, 1]$ was given. The present lemma is an extension of it which includes the interesting cases where $p_2 = 0$ or $p_1 = 1$. In the proof of Lemma 1, we use the new construction of the process using a signed measure with $\alpha = p_1^2/(2p_1 - p_2)$ and $\beta = 2 - p_2/p_1$ which was introduced in Katori, Konno and Tanemura (2000). From this lemma we can immediately get the next limit theorem. [The standard argument can be found in Durrett (1988), page 71.]

PROPOSITION 2. *We assume that $(p_1, p_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$ and $p_2 < 2p_1$. Then we have*

$$P(\xi_{2n}^{\nu_\theta} \in \cdot) \Rightarrow \mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where μ_∞ is the translation invariant probability measure such that

$$\mu_\infty(\xi \cap B \neq \emptyset) = \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} \sigma(D, 2\mathbf{Z}),$$

for any $B \in Y$.

We note that $P(\Omega_\infty^{\{0\}}) = \sigma(\{0\}, 2\mathbf{Z}) = 0$ (resp. = 1) is equivalent to $P(\Omega_\infty^A) = \sigma(A, 2\mathbf{Z}) = 0$ (resp. = 1) for any $A \in Y$. It is obvious that if $P(\Omega_\infty^{\{0\}}) = 0$, then $\mu_\infty = \delta_\emptyset$. From this corollary, we obtain the following interesting result, since $\sigma(D, 2\mathbf{Z}) = 1$ for any $D \in Y$ if $p_1 = 1$.

COROLLARY 3. *When $p_1 = 1$ and $p_2 \in (0, 1]$, μ_∞ is the Bernoulli measure ν_α , where $\alpha = \frac{1}{2-p_2}$.*

We should remark that when $(p_1, p_2) = (1, 0)$, that is, in the case of rule 90 of Wolfram’s cellular automaton, Miyamoto (1979) and Lind (1984) proved that, starting from the Bernoulli measure ν_θ , the distribution converges weakly only if $\theta \in \{0, 1/2, 1\}$.

Proposition 2 can be generalized as follows. Let $\mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$, $X = \{0, 1\}^{2\mathbf{Z}}$ and $\mathcal{P}(X)$ be the collection of probability measures on X . We introduce the following conditions (C.1) and (C.2) for $\nu \in \mathcal{P}(X)$:

(C.1) For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$ such that

$$\nu(\xi \cap [x - k, x + k] = \emptyset) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

(C.2) For any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$ such that

$$\nu(\xi^c \cap [x - k, x + k] = \emptyset) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for any } x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

THEOREM 4. (i) Suppose that $p_1 \in [0, 1]$, $p_2 \in (0, 1]$ and $p_2 < 2p_1$. If ν satisfies (C.1), then

$$P(\xi_{2n}^\nu \in \cdot) \Rightarrow \mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(ii) Suppose that $p_1 \in [0, 1)$, $p_2 = 0$. If ν satisfies (C.1) and (C.2), then

$$P(\xi_{2n}^\nu \in \cdot) \Rightarrow \mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let $\mathcal{S}(X) = \{\nu \in \mathcal{P}(X) : \nu \text{ is translation invariant}\}$. We remark that $\nu \in \mathcal{S}(X)$ with $\nu(\{\mathbf{0}\}) = 0$ [resp. $\nu(\{\mathbf{1}\}) = 0$] satisfies (C.1) [resp. (C.2)]. Then we have the following corollary of Theorem 4.

COROLLARY 5. (i) Suppose that $\nu \in \mathcal{S}(X)$. If $p_1 \in [0, 1]$, $p_2 \in (0, 1]$ and $p_2 < 2p_1$, then

$$P(\xi_{2n}^\nu \in \cdot) \Rightarrow \nu(\{\mathbf{0}\})\delta_{\mathbf{0}} + (1 - \nu(\{\mathbf{0}\}))\mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Also, if $P(\Omega_\infty^{\{\mathbf{0}\}}) > 0$, then $\mu_\infty(\{\mathbf{0}\}) = 0$.

(ii) Suppose that $\nu \in \mathcal{S}(X)$. If $p_1 \in [0, 1)$, $p_2 = 0$, then

$$P(\xi_{2n}^\nu \in \cdot) \Rightarrow \nu(\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\})\delta_{\mathbf{0}} + (1 - \nu(\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}))\mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Also, if $P(\Omega_\infty^{\{\mathbf{0}\}}) > 0$, then $\mu_\infty(\{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}) = 0$.

We also obtain the following complete convergence theorem.

THEOREM 6. There exists $\widehat{p}_1 \in (0, 1)$ such that, for any $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$,

$$P(\xi_{2n}^A \in \cdot) \Rightarrow (1 - P(\Omega_\infty^A))\delta_{\mathbf{0}} + P(\Omega_\infty^A)\mu_\infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

when $p_1 \in [\widehat{p}_1, 1]$ and $p_2 \in [0, 1]$, but $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$.

We conjecture that the complete convergence theorem holds for any $(p_1, p_2) \in [0, 1]^2$ except $(p_1, p_2) = (1, 0)$. In attractive particle systems, the block construction arguments have been used to prove the complete convergence theorem; see Durrett [(1984), Section 9] and Durrett [(1988), Section 5b]. One of the essential properties used in the proofs is that if $P(\Omega_\infty^{\mathbf{0}}) > 0$, then the probability $P(\Omega_\infty^A)$ is close to 1 for any sufficiently large initial set A . In general it is unknown whether the property holds for nonattractive systems. Here we can show that it holds for the nonattractive Domany–Kinzel model.

PROPOSITION 7. (i) Suppose that $p_1 \in [0, 1]$, $p_2 \in (0, 1]$ and $P(\Omega_\infty^{\{\mathbf{0}\}}) > 0$. Then

$$(1.3) \quad \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_\infty^A) = 1.$$

(ii) Suppose that $p_1 \in [0, 1)$, $p_2 = 0$ and $P(\Omega_\infty^{[0]}) > 0$. Then

$$(1.4) \quad \lim_{|\partial A| \rightarrow \infty} P(\Omega_\infty^A) = 1,$$

where $\partial A = (A + 1) \Delta (A - 1)$ for $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 is devoted to the proof of Lemma 1. The proof of Theorem 4 is given in Section 3. We prove Theorem 6 and Proposition 7 in Section 4.

2. Proof of Lemma 1. First we introduce these spaces:

$$\mathbf{S} = \{s = (x, n) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}_+ : x + n = \text{even}\},$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \{b = ((x, n), (x + 1, n + 1)), ((x, n), (x - 1, n + 1)) : (x, n) \in \mathbf{S}\},$$

$$\mathcal{X}(\mathbf{S}) = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{S}}, \quad \mathcal{X}(\mathbf{B}) = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbf{B}}, \quad \mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}(\mathbf{S}) \times \mathcal{X}(\mathbf{B}),$$

where $\mathbf{Z}_+ = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. For given $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in \mathcal{X}$, we say that $s = (y, n + k) \in \mathbf{S}$ can be reached from $s' = (x, n) \in \mathbf{S}$ and write $s' \rightarrow s$, if there exists a sequence s_0, s_1, \dots, s_k of members of \mathbf{S} such that $s' = s_0$, $s = s_k$ and $\zeta_1(s_i) = 1$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, k$, $\zeta_2((s_i, s_{i+1})) = 1$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$. We also say that $G \subset \mathbf{S}$ can be reached from $G' \subset \mathbf{S}$ and write $G' \rightarrow G$ (resp. $G' \not\rightarrow G$), if there exist $s \in G$ and $s' \in G'$ such that $s' \rightarrow s$ (resp. if not). Furthermore we define

$$\mathbf{S}^{(N)} = \{s = (x, n) \in \mathbf{S} : |x|, n \leq N\},$$

$$\mathbf{B}^{(N)} = \{(s, s') \in \mathbf{B} : s, s' \in \mathbf{S}^{(N)}\}$$

and let $\mathcal{F}^{(N)}$ be the σ -field generated by the events of configurations depending on $\mathbf{S}^{(N)}$ and $\mathbf{B}^{(N)}$.

For given $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$, we introduce the signed measure $m^{(N)}$ on $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}^{(N)})$ defined by

$$m^{(N)}(\Lambda) = \alpha^{k_1} (1 - \alpha)^{j_1} \beta^{k_2} (1 - \beta)^{j_2},$$

for any cylinder set

$$\Lambda = \{(\zeta_1, \zeta_2) \in \mathcal{X} : \zeta_1(s_i) = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, k_1, \zeta_1(s'_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, j_1, \\ \zeta_2(b_i) = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, k_2, \zeta_2(b'_i) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, j_2\},$$

where $s_1, \dots, s_{k_1}, s'_1, \dots, s'_{j_1}$ are distinct elements of $\mathbf{S}^{(N)}$ and $b_1, \dots, b_{k_2}, b'_1, \dots, b'_{j_2}$ are distinct elements of $\mathbf{B}^{(N)}$. We define the conditional signed measures on $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{F}^{(N)})$ as follows:

$$m_k^{(N)}(\cdot) = m^{(N)}(\cdot | \zeta_1(s) = 1, s \in \mathbf{S}_k^{(N)}),$$

$$m_{k,j}^{(N)}(\cdot) = m^{(N)}(\cdot | \zeta_1(s) = 1, s \in \mathbf{S}_k^{(N)} \cup \mathbf{S}_j^{(N)}),$$

where $\mathbf{S}_k^{(N)} = \{(x, n) \in \mathbf{S}^{(N)} : n = k\}$. We should remark that $\mathcal{F}^{(N)} \subset \mathcal{F}^{(N+1)}$ and, for any $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}^{(N)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} m^{(N)}(\Lambda) &= m^{(N+1)}(\Lambda), \\ m_k^{(N)}(\Lambda) &= m_k^{(N+1)}(\Lambda), \\ m_{k,j}^{(N)}(\Lambda) &= m_{k,j}^{(N+1)}(\Lambda). \end{aligned}$$

From this consistency property, there exist the unique real-valued additive functions m, m_k and $m_{k,j}$ on $\bigcup_{N=1}^\infty \mathcal{F}^{(N)}$ such that, for any $\Lambda \in \mathcal{F}^{(N)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} m(\Lambda) &= m^{(N)}(\Lambda), \\ m_k(\Lambda) &= m_k^{(N)}(\Lambda), \\ m_{k,j}(\Lambda) &= m_{k,j}^{(N)}(\Lambda). \end{aligned}$$

See Figure 1. In this paper, we take $\alpha = p_1^2 / (2p_1 - p_2)$ and $\beta = 2 - p_2 / p_1$.

For $A, B \subset \mathbf{Z}, k, j \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ with $A \times \{k\}, B \times \{j\} \subset \mathbf{S}$ we write $A \times \{k\} \rightrightarrows B \times \{j\}$ if $A \times \{k\} \rightarrow (x, j)$ for any $x \in B$ and $A \times \{k\} \dashrightarrow B^c \times \{j\}$. Then the observation shown by Figure 2 and the Markov property of the Domany–Kinzel model give

$$P(\xi_{n+1}^A = B | \xi_n^A = D) = m_n(D \times \{n\} \rightrightarrows B \times \{n+1\})$$

and

$$P(\xi_n^A = B) = m_0(A \times \{0\} \rightrightarrows B \times \{n\}),$$

where B is finite. From the above equation, the following equations can be quickly derived:

$$(2.1) \quad P(\xi_n^A \ni y) = m_0(A \times \{0\} \rightarrow (y, n)),$$

$$(2.2) \quad P(\xi_n^A \cap B \neq \emptyset) = m_0(A \times \{0\} \rightarrow B \times \{n\}).$$

If $p_2 < 2p_1$ and $p_2 > 2p_1 - p_1^2$, then $\alpha > 1$ and $\beta \in (0, 1)$. If $p_2 \leq 2p_1 - p_1^2$ and $p_2 \geq p_1$, then $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$. This case corresponds to the mixed site–bond oriented percolation with α the probability of an open site and with β the probability of an open bond, where $p_1 = \alpha\beta$ and $p_2 = \alpha(2\beta - \beta^2)$. That is why we choose $\alpha = p_1^2 / (2p_1 - p_2)$ and $\beta = 2 - p_2 / p_1$ in our construction. Moreover, if $p_2 < p_1$, then $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta \in (1, 2]$.

For a fixed even nonnegative number k , we introduce the map r_k from \mathbf{S} to \mathbf{S} defined by

$$r_k(x, n) = \begin{cases} (x, k - n), & n = 0, 1, \dots, k, \\ (x, n), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and the map R_k from x to x defined by

$$R_k \zeta = ((R_k \zeta)_1, (R_k \zeta)_2),$$

where $(R_k \zeta)_1(s) = \zeta_1(r_k s)$ and $(R_k \zeta)_2((s, s')) = \zeta_2((r_k s', r_k s))$. Note that m is R_k -invariant. To prove Lemma 1 we use the following lemma.

(a) $m(\{x-1, x+1\} \times \{n\} \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1-\alpha)(1-\beta)\alpha\beta\alpha + \alpha(1-\beta)\alpha\beta\alpha + (1-\alpha)\beta\alpha\beta\alpha \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} \\
 \\
 &+ \alpha\beta(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)\alpha + \alpha\beta\alpha(1-\beta)\alpha + \alpha\beta(1-\alpha)\beta\alpha + \alpha\beta\alpha\beta\alpha \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{cccc}
 \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad 1-\beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad 1-\alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad 1-\beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad 1-\alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} \\
 \\
 &= \{1-(1-\alpha\beta)^2\} \alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) $m_n(\{x-1, x+1\} \times \{n\} \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1-\beta)\beta\alpha + \beta(1-\beta)\alpha + \beta^2\alpha \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad 1-\beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} \\
 \\
 &= \{1-(1-\beta)^2\} \alpha
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) $m_{n, n+1}(\{x-1, x+1\} \times \{n\} \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (1-\beta)\beta + \beta(1-\beta) + \beta^2 \\
 &\quad \begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad 1-\beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \quad \alpha \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} \\
 \\
 &= 1-(1-\beta)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

FIG. 1.

LEMMA 8. Suppose that $p_1, p_2 \in [0, 1]$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$. Then, for any positive integer ℓ and $A \subset 2\mathbb{Z}$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(1 \leq |\xi_n^A| \leq \ell, \Omega_\infty^A) = 0.$$

When $p_1 \neq 1$, the lemma was proved in Katori, Konno and Tanemura [(2000), Lemma 4]. When $p_1 = 1$, the lemma is derived from Lemma 10, which is given in Section 4.

Now we prove Lemma 1. Suppose that n is even. Let ν be a probability measure on X and let A_ν be a random variable with distribution ν which is independent

(a) $P(\xi(x, n+1)=1 \mid \xi(x-1, n)=0, \xi(x+1, n)=1)$

$$= P \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \circ \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \circ \bullet \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} \end{array} \right) = p_1$$

$m_n((x+1, n) \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$= \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \beta^2 \alpha \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} = (p_2-p_1)+(2p_1-p_2) = p_1$$

(b) $P(\xi(x, n+1)=1 \mid \xi(x-1, n)=1, \xi(x+1, n)=0)$

$$= P \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \circ \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \circ \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} \end{array} \right) = p_1$$

$m_n((x-1, n) \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$= \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \beta \quad 1-\beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \beta^2 \alpha \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} = (p_2-p_1)+(2p_1-p_2) = p_1$$

(c) $P(\xi(x, n+1)=1 \mid \xi(x-1, n)=1, \xi(x+1, n)=1)$

$$= P \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \bullet \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \bullet \bullet \\ (x-1, n)(x+1, n) \end{array} \end{array} \right) = p_2$$

$m_n(\{x-1, x+1\} \times \{n\} \rightarrow (x, n+1))$

$$= \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ 1-\beta \quad \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \beta(1-\beta)\alpha \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} (x, n+1) \\ \bullet \\ \beta^2 \alpha \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ (x-1, n) \quad (x+1, n) \end{array} = 2(p_2-p_1)+(2p_1-p_2) = p_2$$

FIG. 2.

of ξ_n^D , $D \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$. Then from (2.2) we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi_n^v \cap B \neq \emptyset) &= \int_X v(d\eta) P(\xi_n^\eta \cap B \neq \emptyset) \\ &= \int_X v(d\eta) m_0(\eta \times \{0\} \rightarrow B \times \{n\}) \\ &= \int_X v(d\eta) \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} m_{0,n}(\eta \times \{0\} \rightarrow D \times \{n\}) \alpha^{|D|} (1-\alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} \\ &= \int_X v(d\eta) \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} m_{0,n}(D \times \{0\} \rightarrow \eta \times \{n\}) \alpha^{|D|} (1-\alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& m_{0,n}(D \times \{0\} \rightarrow \eta \times \{n\}) \\
&= \sum_{0 < |C| < \infty} m_0(D \times \{0\} \rightrightarrows C \times \{n-1\}) m_{n-1,n}(C \times \{n-1\} \rightarrow \eta \times \{n\}) \\
&= \sum_{0 < |C| < \infty} m_0(D \times \{0\} \rightrightarrows C \times \{n-1\}) [1 - (1 - \beta)^{|\eta \cap (C+1)| + |\eta \cap (C-1)|}] \\
&= P(\xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset) - E[(1 - \beta)^{|\eta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |\eta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset].
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad P(\xi_n^v \cap B \neq \emptyset) &= \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} P(\xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset) \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} \\
&\quad - \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} E[(1 - \beta)^{|A_v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |A_v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] \\
&\quad \quad \quad \times \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, to prove

$$\sigma(v, B) = \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} \sigma(D, 2\mathbf{Z}) \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|}$$

for $B \in Y$, it is enough to show that, for any $D \subset B$ with $D \neq \emptyset$,

$$(2.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(1 - \beta)^{|A_v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |A_v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] = 0.$$

We show (2.4) for $v = v_\theta$ to prove Lemma 1. We set $A_\theta = A_{v_\theta}$. If $p_1 \in [0, 1]$ and $p_2 \in (0, 1]$, we see that $1 - \beta \in (-1, 1)$. So (2.4) is derived from Lemma 8. If $p_1 \in [0, 1)$ and $p_2 = 0$, then $1 - \beta = -1$. Since

$$|A_\theta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |A_\theta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)| = |A_\theta \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D| \pmod{2}$$

and ξ_{n-1}^D and A_θ are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E[(-1)^{|A_\theta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |A_\theta \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] &= E[(-1)^{|A_\theta \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] \\
&= E[(1 - 2\theta)^{|\partial \xi_{n-1}^D|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset].
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that $1 - 2\theta \in (-1, 1)$ for $\theta \in (0, 1)$, and that $\partial \xi_{n-1}^D \supset \xi_{n-1}^D$, we obtain (2.4) from Lemma 8.

3. Proof of Theorem 4. In this section we show equation (2.4) under condition (C.1) if $p_2 \neq 0$, and under conditions (C.1) and (C.2) if $p_2 = 0$. Then, we obtain Theorem 4. Since $P(\xi_{n+k} \in \cdot) = P(\widehat{\xi}_n^v \in \cdot)$, $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$, it is enough to show that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$ such that

$$(3.1) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(1 - \beta)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] \leq \varepsilon,$$

for any $D \in Y$, where $\widehat{\xi}_k^v$ is an independent copy of ξ_k^v .

First we consider the case $p_2 \neq 0$. By (C.1), for any $\delta \in (0, 1)$ there exists $k = k(\delta) \in 2\mathbf{N}$ so that

$$v(\eta \cap [x - k, x + k] = \emptyset) \leq \delta \quad \text{for any } x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

If $\eta \cap [x - k, x + k] \neq \emptyset$, then $P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 1) \geq (p_1 \wedge p_2)^k$. Put $\gamma = 1 - (p_1 \wedge p_2)^k$. Then

$$v(\eta : P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 0) > \gamma) = v(\eta : P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 1) \leq 1 - \gamma) \leq \delta, \quad x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

Put $h_k(\zeta) = P(\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta = \emptyset)$ for $\zeta \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ with $|\zeta| < \infty$. If ζ satisfies $\Delta(\zeta) = \min_{x, y \in \zeta, x \neq y} |x - y| \geq 2k$, then

$$\begin{aligned} h_k(\zeta) &= \int_X v(d\eta) E \left[\prod_{x \in \zeta} (1 - \widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x)) \right] \\ &= \int_X v(d\eta) \prod_{x \in \zeta} P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 0). \end{aligned}$$

Here we refer to Lemma 9.13 in Harris (1976).

LEMMA 9 (Harris). *Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k be random variables with $0 \leq X_i \leq 1$ and $P(X_i > \gamma) \leq \varepsilon$ for any $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. Then we have*

$$E[X_1 X_2 \cdots X_k] \leq \varepsilon + \gamma^k.$$

Applying Lemma 9 implies that if $\Delta(\zeta) \geq 2k$, then

$$h_k(\zeta) \leq \delta + \gamma^{|\zeta|}.$$

From the fact that, for $\zeta \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ with $|\zeta| < \infty$, $\max\{l \geq 1 : \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_l\} \subset \zeta, y_i + 2k \leq y_{i+1} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, l - 1)\}$ is bounded from below by $|\zeta|/k$, we see that

$$P(\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta = \emptyset) \leq \delta + \gamma^{|\zeta|/k}.$$

Let $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$ and $\zeta_i \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ with $|\zeta_i| < \infty \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, \ell)$ satisfying $\zeta = \bigcup_{i=1}^\ell \zeta_i$ and $\zeta_i \cap \zeta_j = \emptyset \ (i \neq j)$. Then

$$(3.2) \quad P(|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta| < \ell) \leq \ell\delta + \sum_{i=1}^\ell \gamma^{|\zeta_i|/k}.$$

Since $1 - \beta \in (-1, 1)$ if $p_2 \neq 0$, for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can take $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$ with $(1 - \beta)^\ell \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ and then take $k(\delta)$ such that $\ell\delta \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Then,

$$(3.3) \quad \lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty} E[(1 - \beta)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta|}] \leq \varepsilon.$$

Combining this with Lemma 8 gives (3.1).

Next, we consider the case $p_2 = 0$ and $p_1 \in (0, 1)$. In this case $\beta = 2$ and (3.1) is rewritten as

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D|}; \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] \leq \varepsilon.$$

By (C.1) and (C.2), for any $\delta \in (0, 1)$ there exists $k = k(\delta) \in 2\mathbf{N}$ so that

$$v(\eta(y) = \eta(y + 2), y \in [x - k, x + k - 2] \cap 2\mathbf{Z}) \leq \delta, \quad x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

If $\eta(y) \neq \eta(y + 2)$ for some $y \in [x - k, x + k - 2] \cap 2\mathbf{Z}$, then $P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 1) \geq p_1^k(1 - p_1)^{2k}$. Put $\gamma = 1 - p_1^k(1 - p_1)^{2k}$. Then

$$v(\eta : P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 0) > \gamma) = v(\eta : P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta(x) = 1) \leq 1 - \gamma) \leq \delta, \quad x \in 2\mathbf{Z}.$$

Using the same argument as in the case of $p_2 \neq 0$, we obtain (3.2) in the present case. Since $\widehat{\xi}_k^v \subset \partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v$, we have

$$(3.5) \quad P(|\partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap \zeta| < \ell) \leq \ell\delta + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \gamma^{|\zeta_i|/k}.$$

By the Markov property we have

$$\begin{aligned} E[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta|}] &= E\left[\prod_{x \in \zeta} (-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v(x)|}\right] \\ &= \sum_{S \subset (\zeta \pm 1)} E\left[\prod_{x \in \zeta} (-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v(x)|} \mid \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap (\zeta \pm 1) = S\right] \\ &\quad \times P(\widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap (\zeta \pm 1) = S) \\ &= \sum_{S \subset (\zeta \pm 1)} (1 - 2p_1)^{|\partial S \cap \zeta|} P(\widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap (\zeta \pm 1) = S) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (1 - 2p_1)^j P(|\partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap \zeta| = j), \end{aligned}$$

where $\zeta \pm 1 = (\zeta + 1) \cup (\zeta - 1)$. Then

$$(3.6) \quad E[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta|}] \leq P(|\partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^v \cap \zeta| < \ell) + (1 - 2p_1)^\ell.$$

From (3.5) and (3.6), for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can take $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$ and $k(\delta) \in 2\mathbf{N}$ such that

$$(3.7) \quad \lim_{|\zeta| \rightarrow \infty} E[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_k^v \cap \zeta|}] \leq \varepsilon.$$

From Lemma 8 and the fact that $\partial \xi_{n-1}^D \supset \xi_n^D$ we have

$$(3.8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\partial \xi_{n-1}^D| \leq \ell; \Omega_\infty^D) = 0, \quad D \in Y.$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8), we have the desired conclusion (3.4).

4. Proofs of Theorem 6 and Proposition 7. We consider a collection of random variables $\{w(x, n) : (x, n) \in \mathbf{S}\}$ with values in $\{0, 1\}$ having the following property: if any sequence (x_j, n_j) , $1 \leq j \leq \ell$, satisfies $|x_i - x_j| > 4$ whenever both $i \neq j$ and $n_i = n_j$, then $P(w(x_j, n_j) = 1, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq \ell) = q^\ell$ with $q \in [0, 1]$. Let $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ and

$$W_k^A = \{z : \text{there is an open path from } (y, 0) \text{ to } (z, k) \text{ for some } y \in A\}.$$

This is called a 2-dependent oriented site percolation. The following result can be obtained by a slight modification of argument in Durrett and Neuhauser [(1991), Appendix] for 1-dependent oriented site percolation. [See also Bramson and Neuhauser (1994), Lemma 2.3.] For any $\delta > 0$, there exists $\widehat{q}(\delta) \in [0, 1]$ such that if $q \in [\widehat{q}(\delta), 1]$, then

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|W_n^A|}{n} > 1 - \delta \quad \text{a.s. on } \Omega_\infty^{A,W},$$

where $\Omega_\infty^{A,W} = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \{W_n^A \neq \emptyset\}$.

Now we prove Theorem 6. When $p_2 = 0$, Bramson and Neuhauser (1994) developed block construction method and compared the process with the 2-dependent oriented site percolation. Their technique and argument can be extended to the case $p_2 \neq 0$. Then we have the following.

LEMMA 10. *For any $\delta > 0$, there exists $\widehat{p}_1(\delta) \in (0, 1)$ such that if $p_1 \in (\widehat{p}_1(\delta), 1]$ and $p_2 \in [0, 1]$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$, then there exists $k \in 2\mathbf{N}$ so that*

$$(4.1) \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \#\{x \in 2k\mathbf{Z} \cap [-kn, kn) : \xi_{nk}^A \cap [x - k, x + k) \neq \emptyset\} > 1 - \delta \quad \text{a.s. on } \Omega_\infty^A,$$

for any $A \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$.

A sufficient condition for the proof of Theorem 6 is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\xi_{2n}^A \cap B \neq \emptyset) = \mu_\infty(\xi \cap B \neq \emptyset) P(\Omega_\infty^A), \quad B \in Y.$$

Since $P(\xi_{2n} \in \cdot) = P(\xi_n^{\widehat{\xi}_n^A} \in \cdot)$, by the same way we obtained (2.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi_{2n}^A \cap B \neq \emptyset) &= P\left(\xi_n^{\widehat{\xi}_n^A} \cap B \neq \emptyset\right) \\ &= E\left[m_0(\widehat{\xi}_n^A \times \{0\} \rightarrow B \times \{n\}); \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} P(\xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset) \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|} P(\widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset) \\
 &\quad - \sum_{D \subset B, D \neq \emptyset} E \left[(1 - \beta)^{|\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \right. \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad \left. \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset, \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset \right] \alpha^{|D|} (1 - \alpha)^{|B \setminus D|}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then it is sufficient to show that

$$(4.2) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \left[(1 - \beta)^{|\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D + 1)| + |\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap (\xi_{n-1}^D - 1)|}; \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset, \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset \right] = 0,$$

for $D \subset B$. By Lemma 10 if $p_1 \in [\widehat{p}_1(\frac{2}{3}), 1]$ and $p_2 \in [0, 1]$ with $(p_1, p_2) \neq (1, 0)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.3) \quad &\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \#\{x \in 2k\mathbf{Z} \cap [-kn, kn) : [x - k, x + k) \cap \widehat{\xi}_{nk}^A \neq \emptyset, \\
 &\qquad \qquad \qquad [x - k, x + k) \cap \xi_{nk}^D \neq \emptyset\} \\
 &> \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{a.s. on } \widehat{\Omega}_\infty^A \cap \Omega_\infty^D,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\widehat{\Omega}_\infty^A = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty \{\widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset\}$. Suppose that $\eta, \zeta \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ satisfy $[x_i - k, x_i + k) \cap \eta \neq \emptyset$ and $[x_i - k, x_i + k) \cap \zeta \neq \emptyset$ for some $x_i \in 2k\mathbf{Z}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then

$$(4.4) \quad P(\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta \cap (\xi_{k-1}^\zeta + 1) \ni x_i) \geq (p_1 \wedge p_2)^{2k-1}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

and

$$(4.5) \quad \{\widehat{\xi}_k^\eta \cap (\xi_{k-1}^\zeta + 1) \ni x_i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \text{ are independent.}$$

From (4.3), (4.4) and (4.5) we see that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\widehat{\xi}_k^A \cap (\xi_{k-1}^D + 1)| \leq \ell, \widehat{\Omega}_\infty^A \cap \Omega_\infty^D) = 0,$$

for any $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$. Hence we have (4.2) when $p_2 \neq 0$.

When $p_2 = 0$ and $p_1 \in (0, 1)$, (4.2) is rewritten as

$$(4.6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D|}; \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset, \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset] = 0.$$

Suppose that $\eta, \zeta \subset 2\mathbf{Z}$ satisfy $(x_i - k, x_i + k) \cap \partial \eta \neq \emptyset$ and $(x_i - k, x_i + k) \cap \partial \zeta \neq \emptyset$ for some $x_i \in 2k\mathbf{Z}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Then

$$(4.7) \quad P(\partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^\eta \cap \partial \xi_{k-1}^\zeta \ni x_i) \geq p_1^{2k-2}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

and

$$(4.8) \quad \{\partial \widehat{\xi}_{k-1}^\eta \cap \partial \xi_{k-1}^\zeta \ni x_i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \text{ are independent.}$$

From (4.3), (4.7) and (4.8) we see that

$$(4.9) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\partial \widehat{\xi}_{n-1}^A \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D| \leq \ell, \widehat{\Omega}_\infty^A \cap \Omega_\infty^D) = 0,$$

for any $\ell \in \mathbf{N}$. By the same procedure used to get (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E\left[(-1)^{|\widehat{\xi}_n^A \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D|}; \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset, \partial \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset\right] \\ & \leq P(|\partial \widehat{\xi}_{n-1}^A \cap \partial \xi_{n-1}^D| < \ell, \widehat{\xi}_n^A \neq \emptyset, \partial \xi_{n-1}^D \neq \emptyset) + (1 - 2p_1)^\ell. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain (4.6) from (4.9).

Next we prove Proposition 7:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\xi_{2n}^A \cap 2\mathbf{Z} \neq \emptyset) &= m_0(A \times \{0\} \rightarrow 2\mathbf{Z} \times \{2n\}) \\ &= \int_X v_\alpha(d\eta) m_{0,2n}(A \times \{0\} \rightarrow \eta \times \{2n\}) \\ &= \int_X v_\alpha(d\eta) m_{0,2n}(\eta \times \{0\} \rightarrow A \times \{2n\}) \\ &= \int_X v_\alpha(d\eta) \sum_{D \subset (A \pm 1), D \neq \emptyset} m_0(\eta \times \{0\} \rightrightarrows D \times \{2n - 1\}) \\ & \quad \times m_{2n-1,2n}(D \times \{2n - 1\} \rightarrow A \times \{2n\}) \\ &= P(\xi_{2n-1}^{A_\alpha} \cap (A \pm 1) \neq \emptyset) \\ & \quad - E\left[(1 - \beta)^{|\xi_{2n-1}^{A_\alpha} \cap (A+1)| + |\xi_{2n-1}^{A_\alpha} \cap (A-1)|}; \xi_{2n-1}^{A_\alpha} \cap (A \pm 1) \neq \emptyset\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$, by Lemmas 1 and 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(A, 2\mathbf{Z}) &= \mu_\infty(\eta : (\eta - 1) \cap (A \pm 1) \neq \emptyset) \\ & \quad - \int_{(\eta-1) \cap (A \pm 1) \neq \emptyset} \mu_\infty(d\eta) (1 - \beta)^{|\eta-1 \cap (A+1)| + |\eta-1 \cap (A-1)|}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\xi_{2n-1}^{A_\alpha} \cap B \neq \emptyset) = \mu_\infty(\eta : (\eta - 1) \cap B \neq \emptyset), \quad B \in Y.$$

It is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\infty(\eta : (\eta - 1) \cap (A + 1) \neq \emptyset) &= \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\infty(\eta : \eta \cap (A + 2) \neq \emptyset) = 1, \\ \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\infty(\eta : (\eta - 1) \cap (A - 1) \neq \emptyset) &= \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\infty(\eta : \eta \cap A \neq \emptyset) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Then, to prove Proposition 7 it is sufficient to show that

$$(4.10) \quad \lim_{|A| \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \mu_\infty(d\eta) (1 - \beta)^{|\eta \cap (A+2)| + |\eta \cap A|} = 0,$$

for the case of $p_2 \neq 0$, and

$$(4.11) \quad \lim_{|\partial A| \rightarrow \infty} \int_X \mu_\infty(d\eta) (-1)^{|\eta \cap \partial(A+1)|} = 0,$$

for the case of $p_2 = 0$. Note that μ_∞ is an invariant probability distribution satisfying (C.1) and (C.2). Then we have

$$\int_X \mu_\infty(d\eta) (1 - \beta)^{|\eta \cap (A+2)| + |\eta \cap A|} = E[(1 - \beta)^{|\xi_k^{\mu_\infty} \cap (A+2)| + |\xi_k^{\mu_\infty} \cap A|}]$$

and

$$\int_X \mu_\infty(d\eta) (-1)^{|\eta \cap \partial(A+1)|} = E[(-1)^{|\xi_k^{\mu_\infty} \cap \partial(A+1)|}],$$

for any $k \in 2\mathbf{Z}$, and (4.2) and (4.3) are derived from (3.3) and (3.7), respectively.

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