

RATE OF APPROXIMATION OF MINIMIZING MEASURES (JOINT WORK WITH A. QUAS)

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For T a continuous map from a compact metric space to itself and f a continuous function, we study the minimum of the integral of f with respect to the members of the family of invariant measures for T and in particular the rate at which this minimum is approached when the minimum is restricted to the family of invariant measures supported on periodic orbits of period at most N . We answer a question of Yuan and Hunt by demonstrating that the error of approximation decays faster than N^{-k} for all $k > 0$, and show that this is sharp by giving examples for which the approximation error does not decay faster than this.