

From dual substitutions to Rauzy fractals

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New Advances in Symbolic Dynamics

Previously on New Advances in SD

From Thierry Monteil's lecture

It allowed me to survive a lot of talks on Rauzy Fractals

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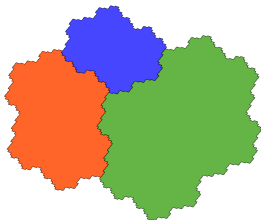
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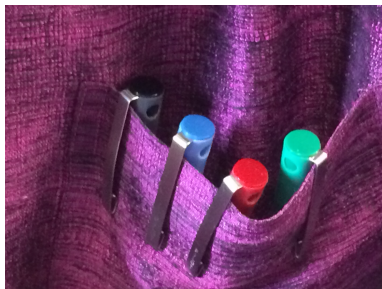
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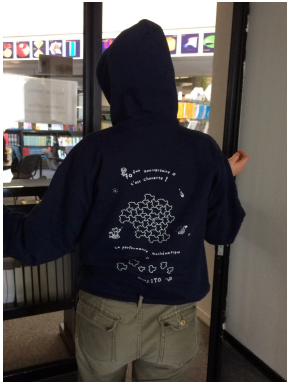
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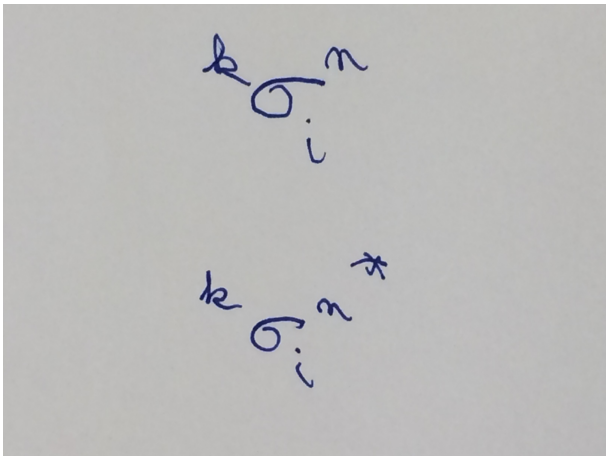


How to survive a talk on
Dual Substitutions?

DS are fun and fashion



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OK... why not trying \hat{E}_1 ?







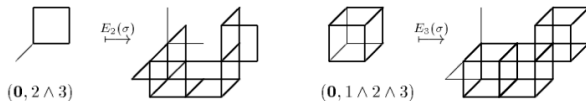
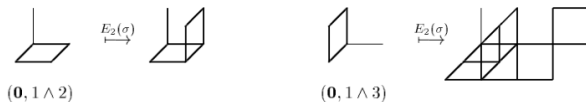
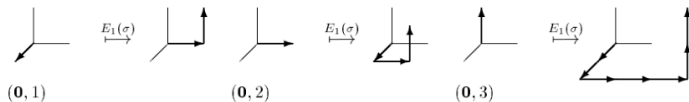




Genesis of a star

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DS like diagrams

The following commutative diagram holds:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & E_0^*(\sigma) & & & \\ & & & \longrightarrow & & & \\ \delta_1^* & & \mathcal{G}_0^* & & \mathcal{G}_0^* & & \delta_1^* \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \delta_2^* & & \mathcal{G}_1^* & & \mathcal{G}_1^* & & \delta_2^* \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \\ \delta_{d-1}^* & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \delta_{d-1}^* \\ & & \mathcal{G}_{d-1}^* & & \mathcal{G}_{d-1}^* & & \\ \delta_d^* & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \delta_d^* \\ & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \mathcal{G}_d^* & & \end{array}$$

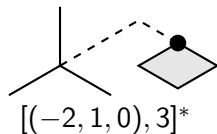
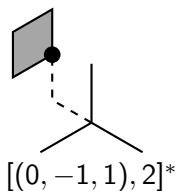
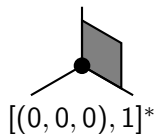
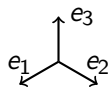
“There is certainly an underlying homological theory”

[Arnoux-Ito-Sano]

Dual substitutions act on unit faces

Unit faces $[\mathbf{x}, i]^*$

- position $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$
- type $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$



Dual substitutions

Let σ be a substitution on the alphabet \mathcal{A}

Abelianisation

Let d be the cardinality of \mathcal{A} . Let $\vec{I}: \mathcal{A}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^d$ be the **abelianisation** map

$$\vec{I}(w) = (|w|_1, |w|_2, \dots, |w|_d)$$

Dual substitutions [P. Arnoux-S. Ito]

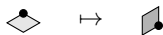
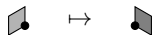
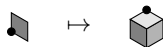
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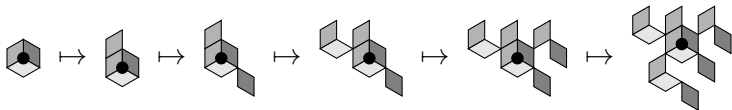
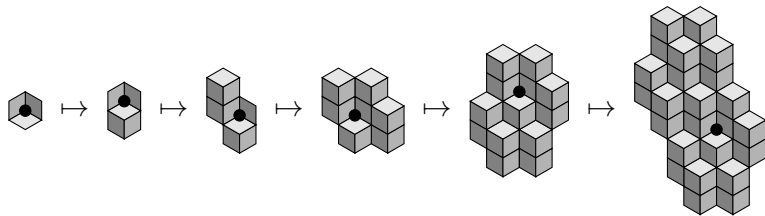
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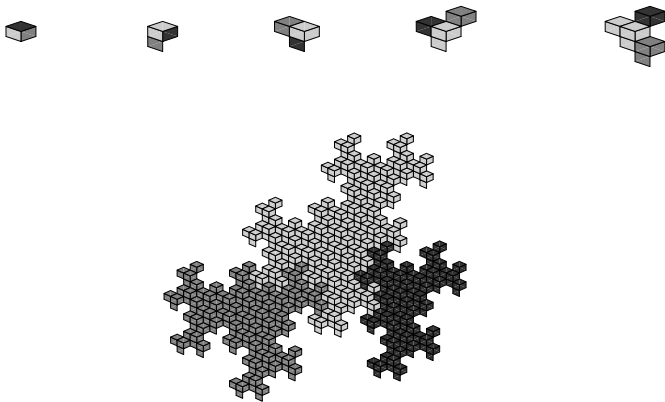
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Examples



DS generate Rauzy fractals



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Looking for symbolic models—Arithmetic dynamics

- We want to find symbolic realizations for a.e. Kronecker maps (toral translations)
- We want to reach nonalgebraic parameters by considering convergent products of matrices
- We consider not only one substitution but a sequence of substitutions S-adic formalism Non-stationary dynamics

Continued fractions algorithm \rightsquigarrow renormalization

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$$|\text{Card} \{0 \leq n \leq N; R_\alpha^n(x) \in A\} - N\mu(A)| \leq C \quad \forall N \quad \text{a.e. } x$$

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- In dimension 1, Sturmian words provide a coding with factor complexity $n + 1$
- (X_α, S) has pure discrete spectrum “**Rauzy fractals tile**”
- For **a.e.** every α , Brun algorithm does the job with a conjectured linear factor complexity [**B.-Steiner-Thuswaldner**]

DS are elegant



DS are algebraically robust and elegant

- They rely on duality
- They behave well with respect to S -adic formalism $\sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_n$

$$M_1 \cdots M_n \rightsquigarrow {}^t(M_1 \cdots M_n)$$

$$E_1^*(\tau \circ \sigma) = E_1^*(\sigma) \circ E_1^*(\tau)$$

- Start from a dynamical system endowed with an induction/renormalization interval exchange transformation toral translation \rightsquigarrow a symbolic S -adic coding
- Exduction \rightsquigarrow build a fundamental domain for a toral translation R_α
- Characterization for pure discrete spectrum
- A geometric version of the IFS satisfied by Rauzy fractals (beyond Peron-Frobenius' arguments)

Exduction

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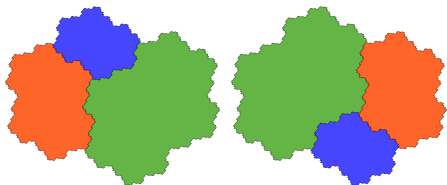
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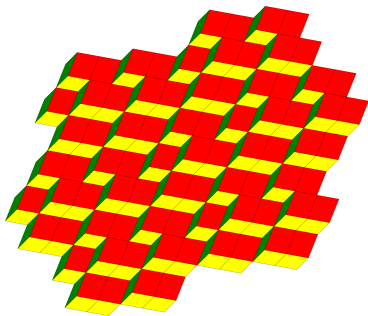
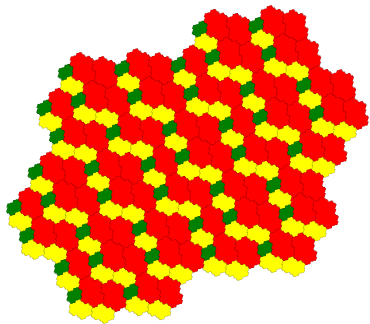


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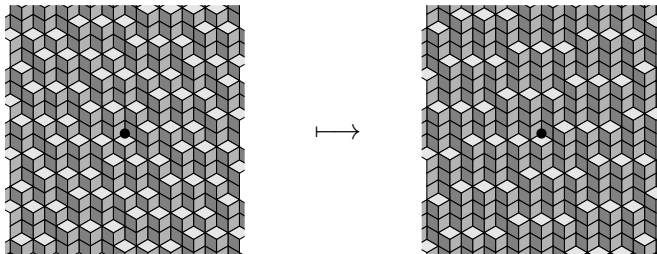




DS are powerful tools in discrete geometry

Theorem [Arnoux-Ito, Fernique]

Let σ be a unimodular substitution. The image of a discrete plane with normal vector v is a discrete plane with normal vector ${}^t M_\sigma v$



\rightsquigarrow **2d Sturmian words**, codings of \mathbb{Z}^2 -actions by rotations on \mathbb{T} ,
Cut and project schemes

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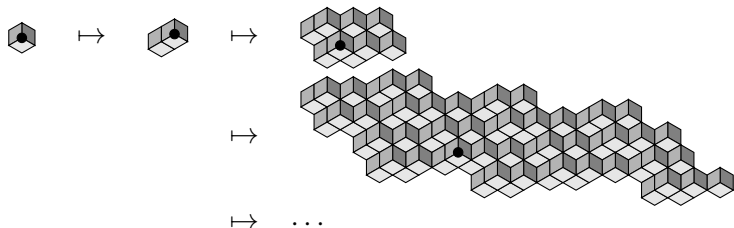
$$v = M_1 \cdots M_n v_n$$

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- Apply the substitutions starting from the unit cube $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{v}}$
- Build increasing pieces of the discrete plane $\mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{v}}$

$$E_1^*(\sigma_1) \cdots E_1^*(\sigma_n)(\mathcal{U}) \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\mathbf{v}}$$











3d continued fraction algorithms Cheat Sheets by S. Labbé

Cassaigane algorithm

Definition

On $\Lambda = \mathbb{R}_+^3$, the map is [4]

$$F(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} (x_1 - x_3, x_3, x_2) & \text{if } x_1 > x_3 \\ (x_2, x_1, x_3 - x_1) & \text{if } x_1 < x_3. \end{cases}$$

Matrix Definition

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The matrices are given by the rule

$$M(x) = M_i \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathbf{x} \in \Lambda_i.$$

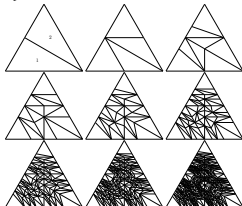
The map F on Λ and the projective map f on $\Delta = \{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda \mid \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = 1\}$ are:

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = M(\mathbf{x})^{-1}\mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{F(\mathbf{x})}{\|F(\mathbf{x})\|_1}.$$

Matrices

$$M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cylinders

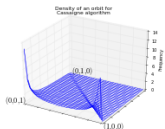


Density function

The density function of the invariant measure of $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ for the Cassaigane algorithm is [1]

$$\frac{1}{(1-x_1)(1-x_2)}$$

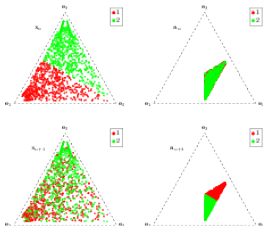
Invariant measure



Natural extension

Two sequences $(\mathbf{x}_{n+1})_{n \geq 0}$ and $(\mathbf{a}_{n+1})_{n \geq 0}$ defined such that

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = M(\mathbf{x}_n)^{-1}\mathbf{x}_n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{a}_{n+1} = M(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{a}_n.$$



Lyapunov exponents

(using 30 orbits of 100000000 iterations each)

	min	mean	max	std
θ_1	0.1824	0.1827	0.1829	0.00013
θ_2	-0.07083	-0.07072	-0.07060	0.000054
$1 - \theta_2/\theta_1$	1.38698	1.38712	1.38725	0.000070

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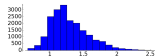
$$w = \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \sigma_1 \sigma_1 \cdots (1) \\ = 2323213232323132323213232321323231323232...$$

Factor Complexity of w is $(p_n(n))_{n \leq 20} =$

$$(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41)$$

Discrepancy

Discrepancy [16] for all 19701 S-adic words with directions $v \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}^3$ such that $v_1 + v_2 + v_3 = 200$:



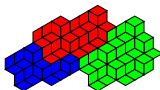
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E one star

Using vector $v = (1, e, \pi)$, the 13-th iteration on the unit cube is:

$$E_1^T(\sigma_2^*)E_1^T(\sigma_1^*)E_1^T(\sigma_2^*)E_1^T(\sigma_1^*)E_1^T(\sigma_2^*) \cdots (1, \pi, e) =$$



Cassaigne/Selmer algorithm

Selmer algorithm Subtract the smallest entry to the largest entry
An absorbing set

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TODO list

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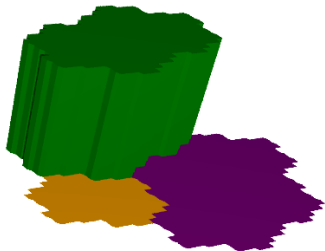
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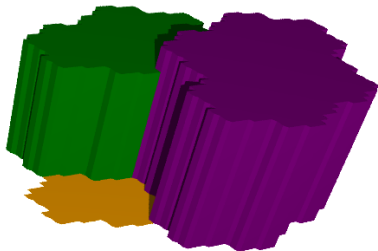
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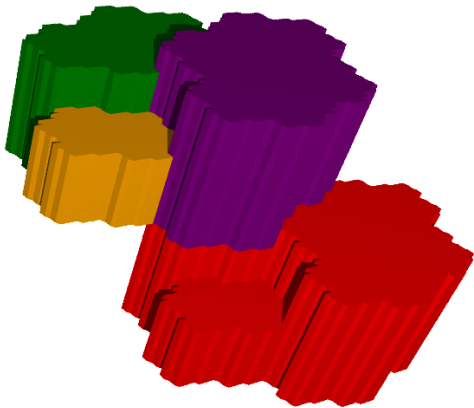
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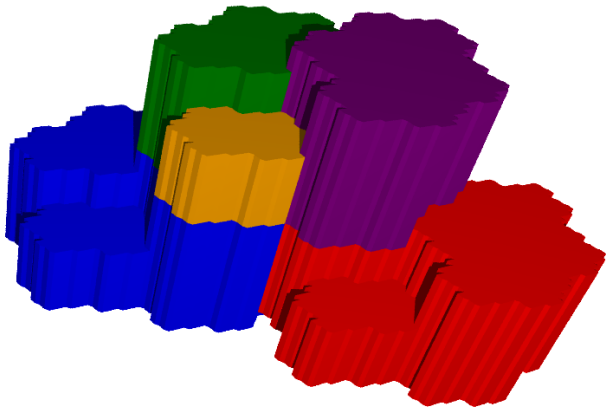
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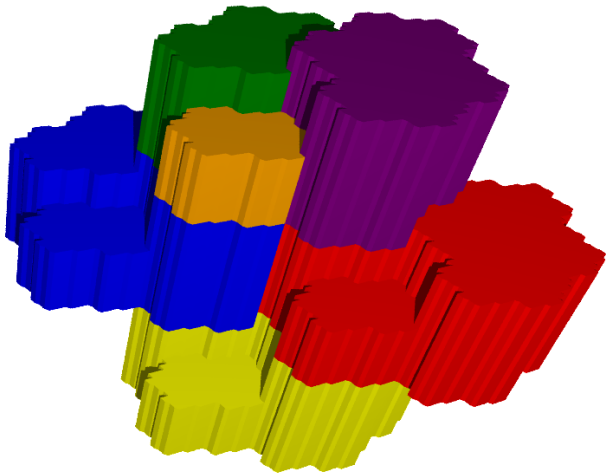
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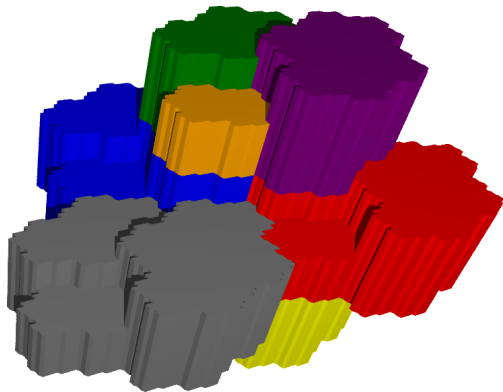
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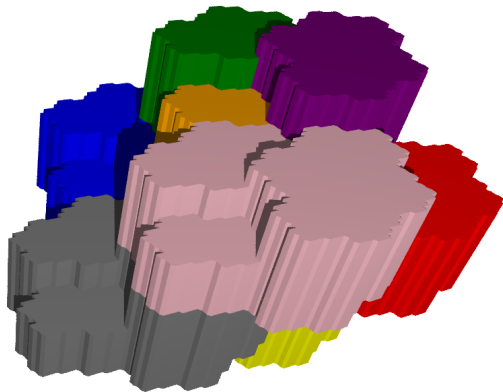
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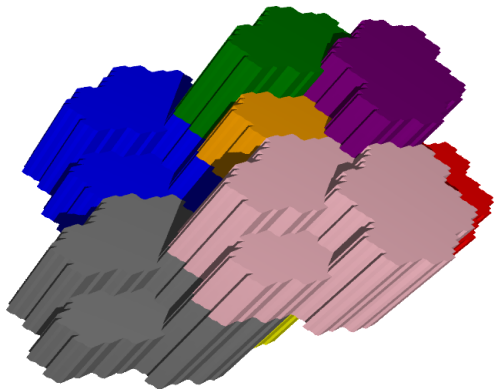
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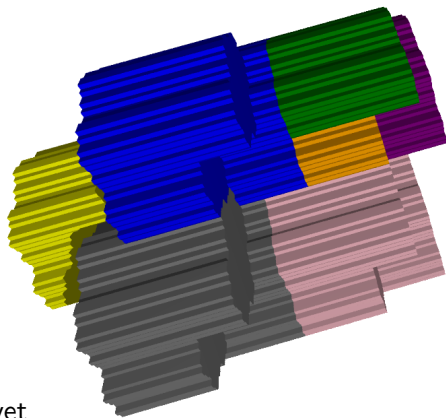
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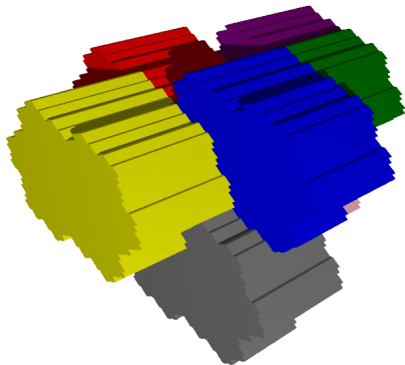
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Dictionary

S-adic description of a minimal symbolic dynamical system \Leftrightarrow multidimensional continued fraction algorithm that governs its
letter frequency vector/ invariant measure

- S-adic expansion
- Unique ergodicity
- Linear recurrence
- Balance and Pisot properties
- Two-sided sequences of substitutions
- Shift on sequences of substitutions
- Continued fraction
- Convergence
- Bounded partial quotients
- Strong convergence
- Natural extension
- Continued fraction map

Continued fractions algorithm \rightsquigarrow renormalization

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Mapping families [Arnoux-Fisher 2005]

Sequence of d -dimensional Riemann manifolds $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$

$$X = \prod_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} X_n$$

Let $f_n : X_n \rightarrow X_{n+1}$ be a C^1 -diffeomorphism and define

$$f : X \rightarrow X \text{ with } f(x) = f_n(x) \text{ for } x \in X_n$$

(X, f) is a **mapping family**.

$$\dots \xrightarrow{f_{-2}} X_{-1} \xrightarrow{f_{-1}} X_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} X_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} \dots$$

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Consider the **non-stationary** composition of toral automorphisms

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$(\mathbf{T}, f_\sigma) =$ mapping family

- Nature of the mapping family, e.g. hyperbolicity?
- Tool: Oseledets' multiplicative ergodic theorem

Eventually Anosov mapping family

Let σ be a two-sided sequence of substitutions over an alphabet of cardinality d

The mapping family associated with σ is **eventually Anosov** if there exist **splittings** $E_s^{(n)} \oplus E_u^{(n)}$ of \mathbb{R}^d so that the following properties hold

- **f -invariance** For all n , $f_n(E_s^{(n)}) = E_s^{(n+1)}$, $f_n(E_u^{(n)}) = E_u^{(n+1)}$
- **Hyperbolicity** For some (and hence for all) $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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Our result $d = 3$

Theorem [Arnoux-B.-Minervino-Steiner-Thuswaldner] For a.e. pair of vectors, the associated two-sided orbit of Brun algorithm yields a **mapping family** which is **eventually Anosov** and whose stable and unstable spaces are provided by this pair of vectors, and the partition made of the **suspensions of the Rauzy fractals form a Markov partition**.

Remark The pieces of the associated Markov partition are connected [B.-Bourdon-Jolivet-Siegel] **Dual substitutions!**

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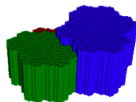
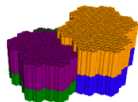
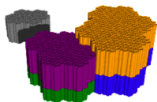
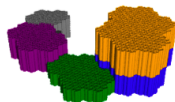
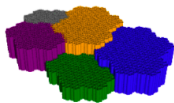
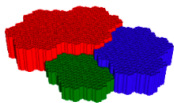
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Toward a flow for Brun algorithm?

DS restack





Un message de la part d'Anne Siegel

Pierre m'a fait découvrir les systèmes dynamiques et a encadré mes premiers pas dans la recherche ; il a gardé un oeil sur moi depuis ma thèse, même si les pistes que j'ai explorées (biologie, topologie ou théorie des nombres) ne sont pas ses thèmes préférés. En plus des règles du métier, il m'a appris à prendre le temps d'identifier l'essentiel derrière une problématique. Il est pour moi un modèle d'intégrité, et je reste admirative de sa capacité à décrire l'essentiel d'un article obscur de 30 pages en moins de 10 lignes limpides.

Pour l'anecdote, les quelques fois où Pierre m'a fait "quelques" suggestions de corrections sur un article, l'article était raturé **INTEGRALEMENT** au feutre rouge toujours présent dans la poche droite.... La déprime à la vue de tout ce qu'il fallait faire... Et 20 ans plus tard je réalise que je fais pareil avec mes doctorant.e.s...





