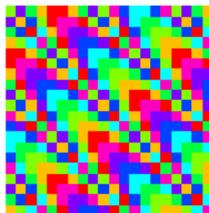


FROM COMBINATORIAL GAMES TO SHAPE-SYMMETRIC MORPHISMS (3)

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FOR THIS THIRD TALK

- ▶ Answering a question I've been asked
- ▶ Quick summary and conclusions on shape-symmetry
- ▶ A bit more about games (and connections with words)
- ▶ Link between morphisms/substitutions and automata
- ▶ Games with a finite set of moves

Recall the following:

PROPOSITION

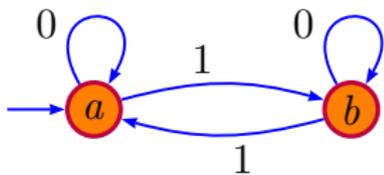
A sequence is k -automatic IFF its k -kernel is finite.

DEFINITION

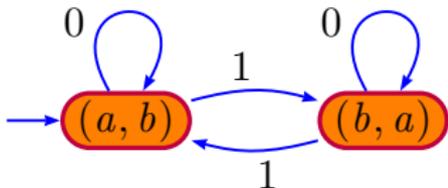
The k -kernel of a sequence $\mathbf{x} = (x(n))_{n \geq 0}$ is a set of subsequences:

$$\text{Ker}_k(\mathbf{x}) = \{(x(k^i n + s))_{n \geq 0} \mid i \geq 0, 0 \leq s < k^i\}.$$

*Thue–Morse word is 2-automatic.
What about the 3-kernel of Thue–Morse?*



Transition monoid



$\Rightarrow \#\text{Ker}_2(\mathbf{t}) = 2$

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Let us conclude with shape-symmetric morphisms

Let's try something...

$$\varphi_W : a \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array} \quad b \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|} \hline e \\ \hline i \\ \hline \end{array} \quad c \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline i & j \\ \hline \end{array} \quad d \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|} \hline i \\ \hline \end{array} \quad e \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline f & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$f \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline h & d \\ \hline g & b \\ \hline \end{array} \quad g \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline h & d \\ \hline f & b \\ \hline \end{array} \quad h \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline i & m \\ \hline \end{array} \quad i \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline h & d \\ \hline i & m \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$j \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|} \hline c \\ \hline k \\ \hline \end{array} \quad k \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline l & m \\ \hline \end{array} \quad l \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline k & m \\ \hline \end{array} \quad m \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|} \hline h \\ \hline i \\ \hline \end{array}$$

and the coding

$$\mu_W : a, e, g, j, l \mapsto 1, \quad b, c, d, f, h, i, k, m \mapsto 0$$

THEOREM [8]

The morphism φ_W and the coding μ_W give the 2-dimensional infinite word coding the \mathcal{P} -positions of Wythoff.

DEFINITION

Let $\gamma: \mathcal{B}_d(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_d(A)$ be a **d -dimensional morphism** having the d -dimensional infinite word x as a fixed point.

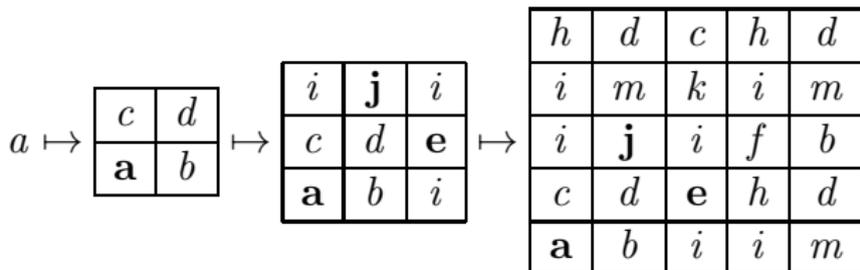
This word is **shape-symmetric with respect to γ** if, for all permutations ν of $\llbracket 1, d \rrbracket$, we have, for all $n_1, \dots, n_d \geq 0$,

$$|\gamma(x(n_1, \dots, n_d))| = (s_1, \dots, s_d)$$

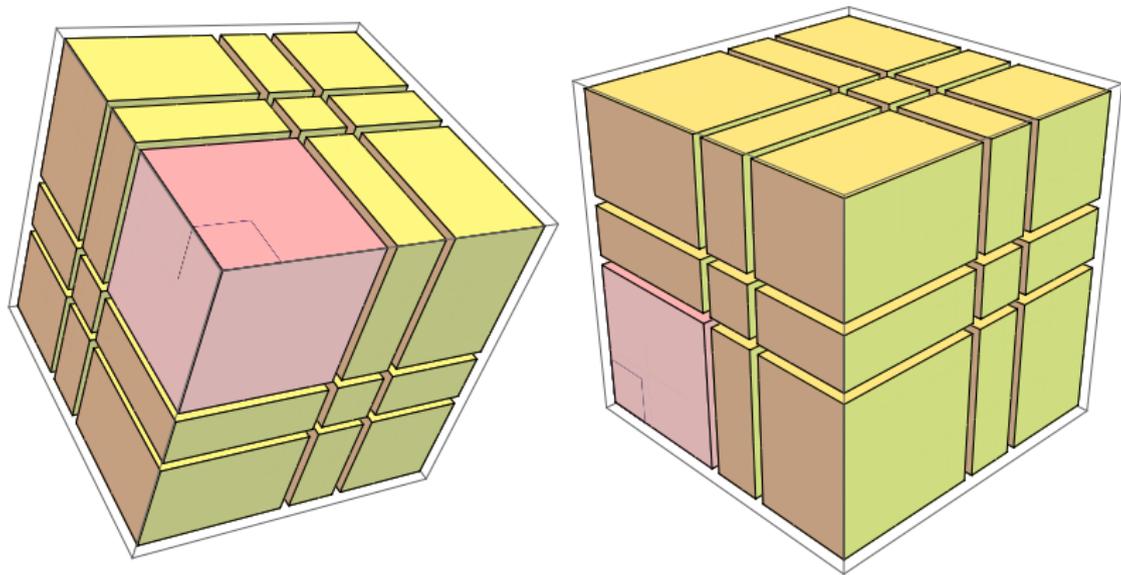
\Downarrow

$$|\gamma(x(n_{\nu(1)}, \dots, n_{\nu(d)}))| = (s_{\nu(1)}, \dots, s_{\nu(d)}).$$

Reconsider our map φ (one can indeed prove that it is a d -dimensional morphism having a shape-symmetric fixed point).

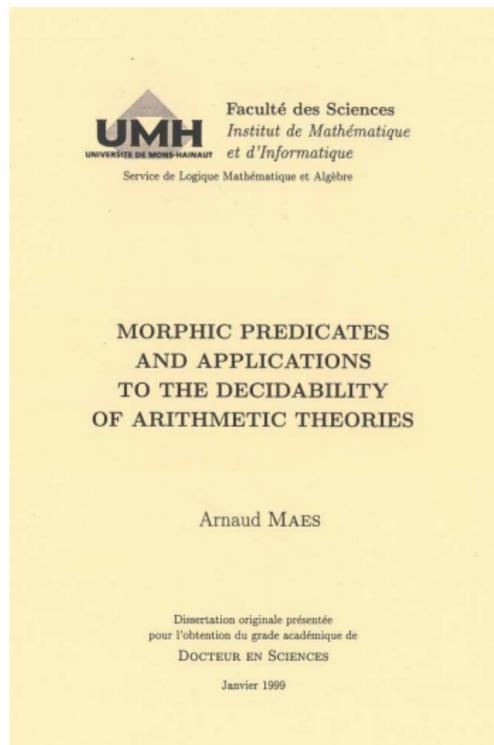


sizes : 1, 2, 3, 5



Initial blocks of some 3-dimensional shape-symmetric picture
[12, Maes' thesis p. 107].

ASSOCIATED DECISION PROBLEMS



Some Results from Maes' papers:

- ▶ Determining whether or not a map $\mu: \mathcal{B}_d(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_d(A)$ is a d -dimensional morphism is a **decidable** problem.
- ▶ If μ is prolongable on a letter a , then it is **decidable** whether or not the fixed point $\mu^\omega(a)$ is shape-symmetric.

[10, 11, 12]

A bit more about games

We have seen that the Fibonacci word is “coding” the \mathcal{P} -positions of Wythoff’s game.

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ADDING OR REMOVING MOVES

↔ How can we alter the **set of moves**  to keep the same set of \mathcal{P} -positions?

REMARK

This means that several rule-sets (different “games”) could lead to the same set of \mathcal{P} -positions.

In a subtraction game, observe that a move can be adjoined (*without altering the set of \mathcal{P} -positions*) if and only if

it does not belong to $\mathcal{P} - \mathcal{P}$.

COROLLARY

We can adjoin the move $(i, j)_{i < j}$ to Wythoff's rule-set iff

$$(i, j) \neq ([n\varphi] - [m\varphi], [n\varphi^2] - [m\varphi^2]) \quad \forall n > m \geq 0$$

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THEOREM (E. DUCHÊNE ET AL. 2010 [8])

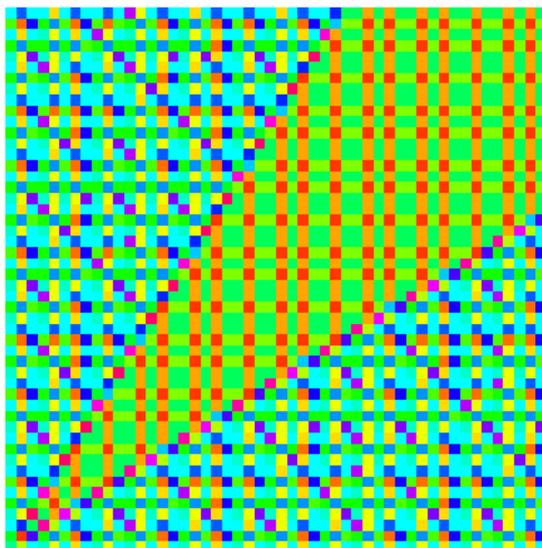
$(i, j)_{i < j}$ may be adjoined iff there exist valid F -representations u, u' such that one the three properties is satisfied :

- ▶ $(\text{rep}_F(i - 1), \text{rep}_F(j - 1)) = (u0, u01)$
- ▶ $(\text{rep}_F(i - 2), \text{rep}_F(j - 2)) = (u0, u01)$
- ▶ $(\text{rep}_F(j - \lfloor i\varphi \rfloor - 2), \text{rep}_F(j - \lfloor i\varphi \rfloor - 2 + i)) = (u1, u'0)$;

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- ▶ There is no redundant move in Wythoff's game.

Question: Does the infinite 2-dimensional word on the previous slide have a shape-symmetric morphic structure?



We conjectured a morphism over 26 letters.

Given a word, e.g. Tribonacci word: $abacabaabacab \cdots$ [9]

- I. Any positive number of tokens from up to two piles can be removed.
- II. Let α, β, γ be three positive integers such that

$$2 \max\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\} \leq \alpha + \beta + \gamma.$$

Then one can remove α (resp. β, γ) from the first (resp. second, third) pile.

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Another direction leads to the concept of *invariant games* [13, 14].

A game $G : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}^n}$ (assigning each position to a set of available moves) is **invariant** if there exists a set $I \subseteq \mathbb{N}^n$ such that, for all positions \mathbf{p} , we have

$$G(\mathbf{p}) = I \cap \{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \mathbf{m} \leq \mathbf{p}\}.$$

Otherwise stated, we may apply exactly the same moves to every position, with the only restriction that there are enough tokens left.

EXAMPLE

The game of Nim is invariant:

$$I_{\text{NIM}} = \{(i, 0) \mid i \geq 1\} \cup \{(0, j) \mid j \geq 1\}.$$

Wythoff's game is invariant:

$$I_{\text{WYTHOFF}} = I_{\text{NIM}} \cup \{(k, k) \mid k \geq 1\}.$$

For an example of non-invariant game, consider the following map,

$$G_{\text{EVEN}} : \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow 2^{\mathbb{N}^2},$$

$$(x, y) \mapsto \begin{cases} \{(i, 0) \mid i \in \llbracket 1, x \rrbracket\}, & \text{if } x + y \text{ is even;} \\ \{(i, i) \mid i \in \llbracket 1, \min\{x, y\} \rrbracket\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

THEOREM (E. DUCHÊNE, A. PARREAU, M.R.) [14]

Under **some conditions**, one can decide whether or not there exists an invariant game for a given morphic word.

Making use of Presburger arithmetic...

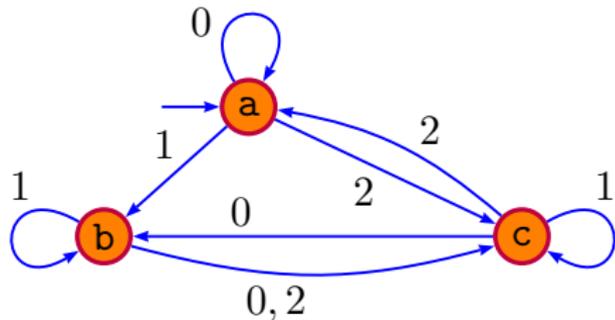
For instance, one can decide if there exists an invariant set of rules for the Tribonacci game.

Back to the link between morphisms and automata

From Lecture 1:

- ▶ Image under a coding of a fixed point of a k -uniform morphism;
- ▶ Sequence of outputs of a DFAO fed with base- k expansions;

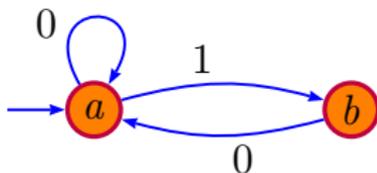
$$f : \begin{cases} a \mapsto abc \\ b \mapsto cbc \\ c \mapsto bca \end{cases}$$



$$f^\omega(a) = abccbcbcabcacbcacbcacbcbaabc \dots$$

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From Lecture 2:

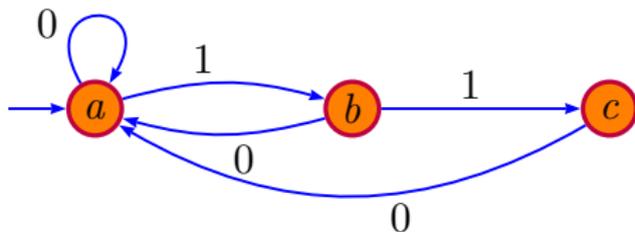


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An extra example: Tribonacci $a \mapsto ab$, $b \mapsto ac$, $c \mapsto a$



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$$t_n = a \cdot \text{rep}_T(n).$$

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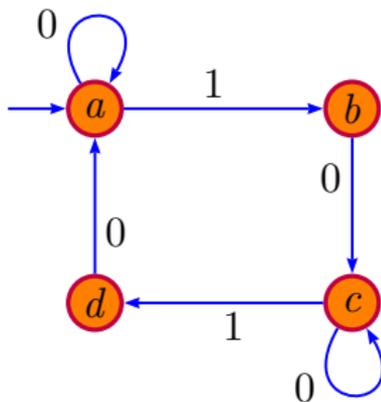
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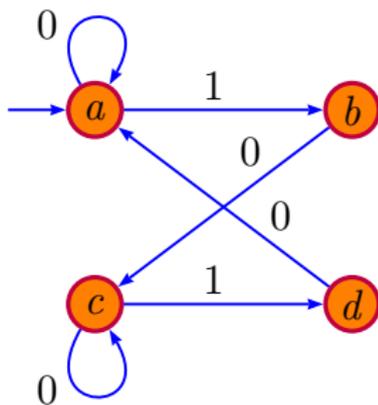
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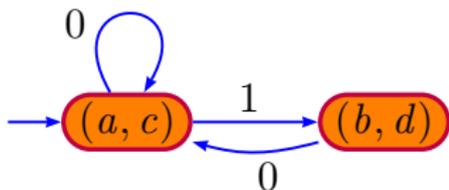
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GENERAL THEOREM “MORPHIC \Rightarrow AUTOMATIC” [5]

Let A be an ordered alphabet. Let $\mathbf{w} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ be an infinite word, fixed point $f^{\omega}(a)$ of a morphism $f : A^* \rightarrow A^*$.

- ▶ associate with f a DFA \mathcal{M} over the alphabet $\{0, \dots, \max |f(b)| - 1\}$;
- ▶ A is the set of states;
- ▶ the initial state is a , all states are final;
- ▶ if $f(b) = c_0 \cdots c_m$, then $b \xrightarrow{j} c_j$, $j \leq m$;
- ▶ consider the language L accepted by \mathcal{M} except words starting with 0;
- ▶ genealogically order L : $L = \{w_0 < w_1 < w_2 < \cdots\}$.

The n th symbol of \mathbf{w} , $n \geq 0$, is $\boxed{\mathcal{M} \cdot w_n}$.

As a summary, we have two ingredients to re-obtain a morphic/substitutive word:

- ▶ A regular language (accepted by \mathcal{M});
base- k , Fibonacci, Tribonacci, ...

One can have the same underlying language for various morphisms.

- ▶ An automaton fed (in a prescribed order) with words from this language. The automaton is given by the morphism.

Actually, we have already seen *Abstract Numeration Systems*...

DEFINITION [15]

An **abstract numeration system** $\mathcal{S} = (L, A, <)$ is a regular language L over a totally ordered finite alphabet $(A, <)$.

- ▶ Enumerating the words in L using genealogical ordering provides a **one-to-one correspondence** between \mathbb{N} and L :

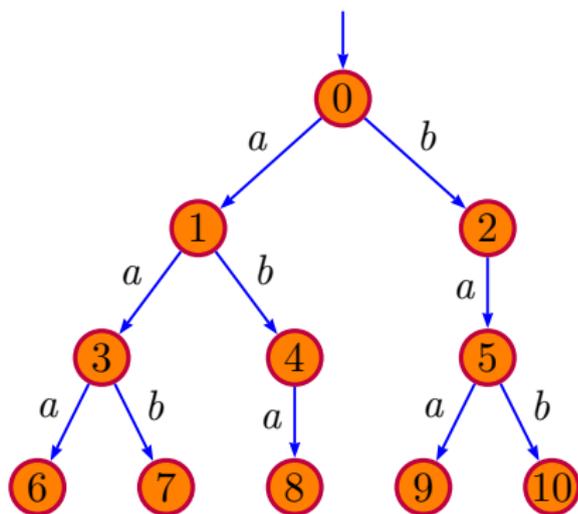
$$\text{rep}_{\mathcal{S}} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow L, \quad \text{val}_{\mathcal{S}} : L \rightarrow \mathbb{N}.$$

- ▶ This generalizes any positional system U for which $\text{rep}_U(\mathbb{N})$ is regular.

P. Lecomte, M.R., Numeration systems on a regular language, *Theory Comput. Syst.* **34** (2001), 27–44.

ABSTRACT NUMERATION SYSTEMS

Example : consider a prefix-closed language $L = \{b, \varepsilon\}\{a, ab\}^*$

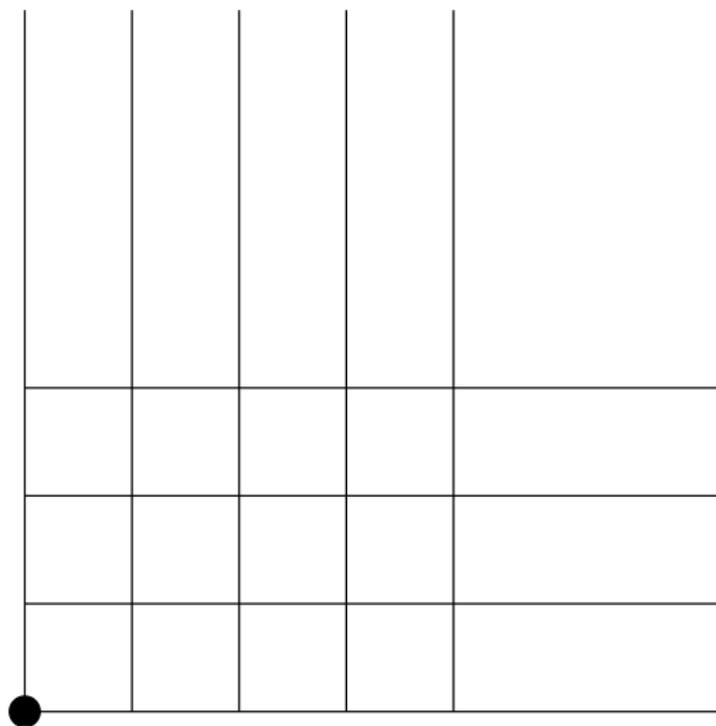


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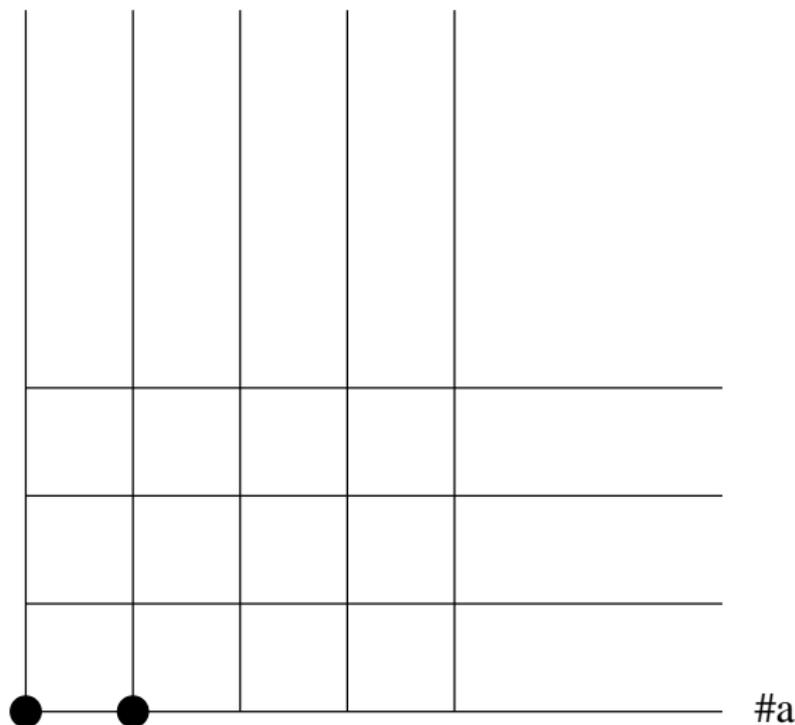
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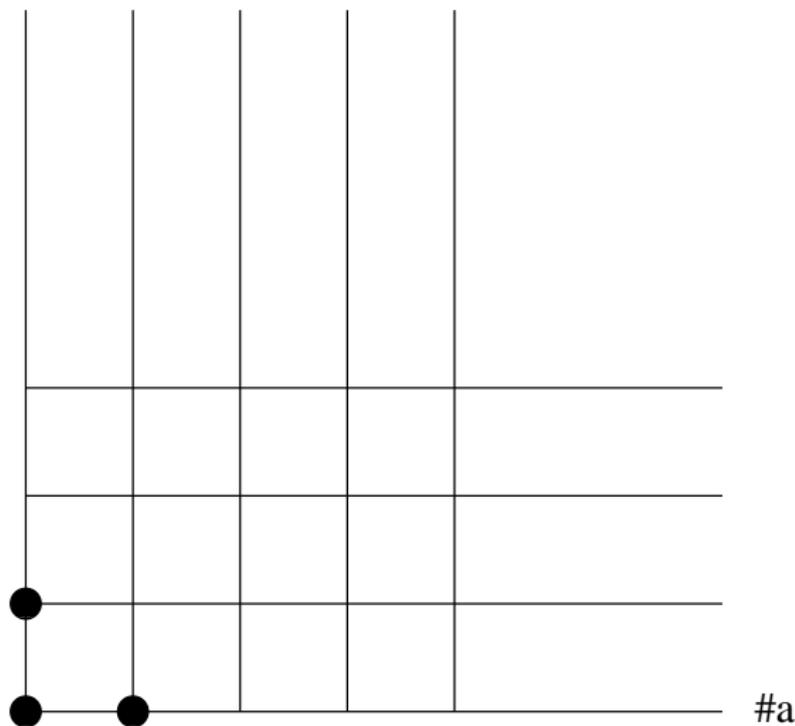


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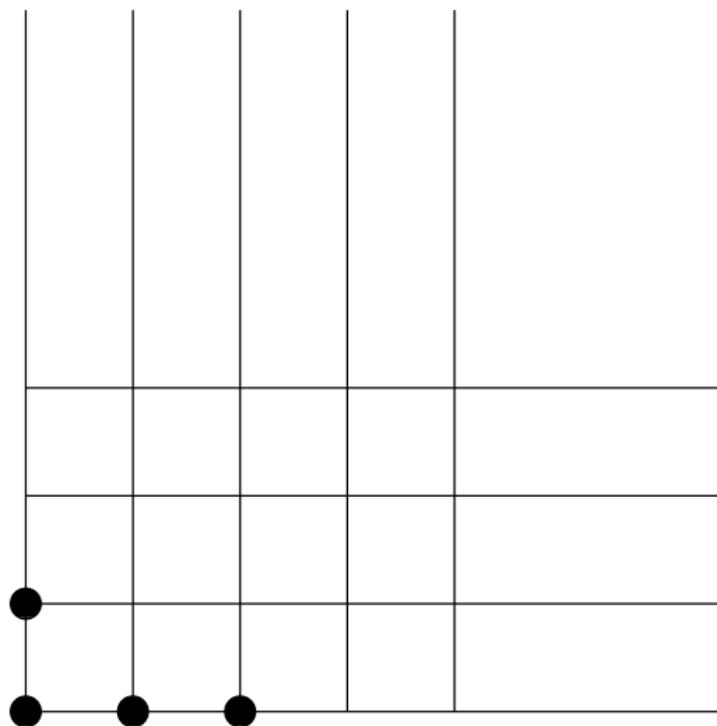


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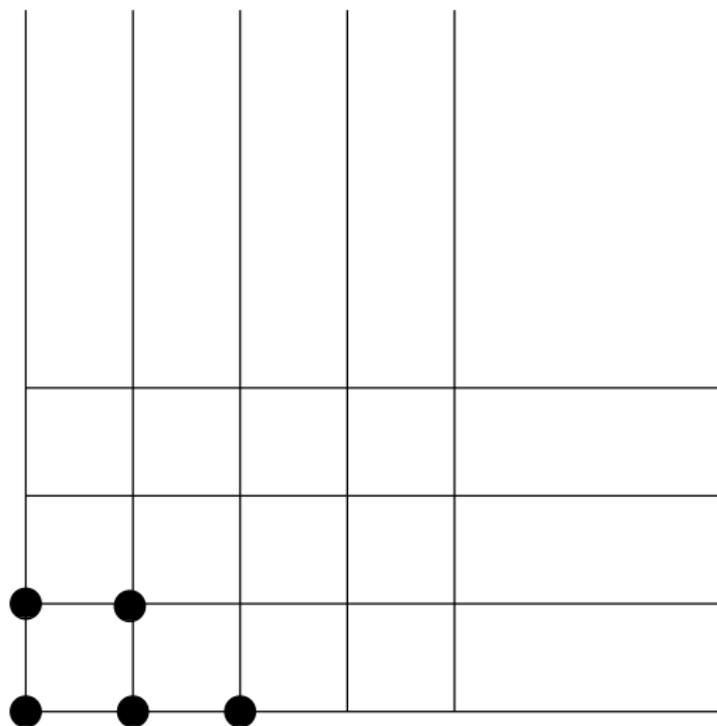
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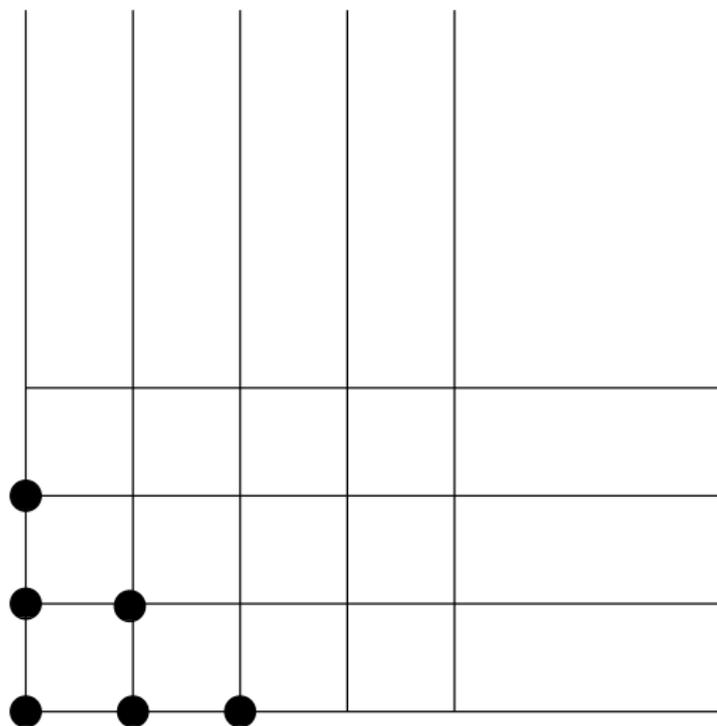
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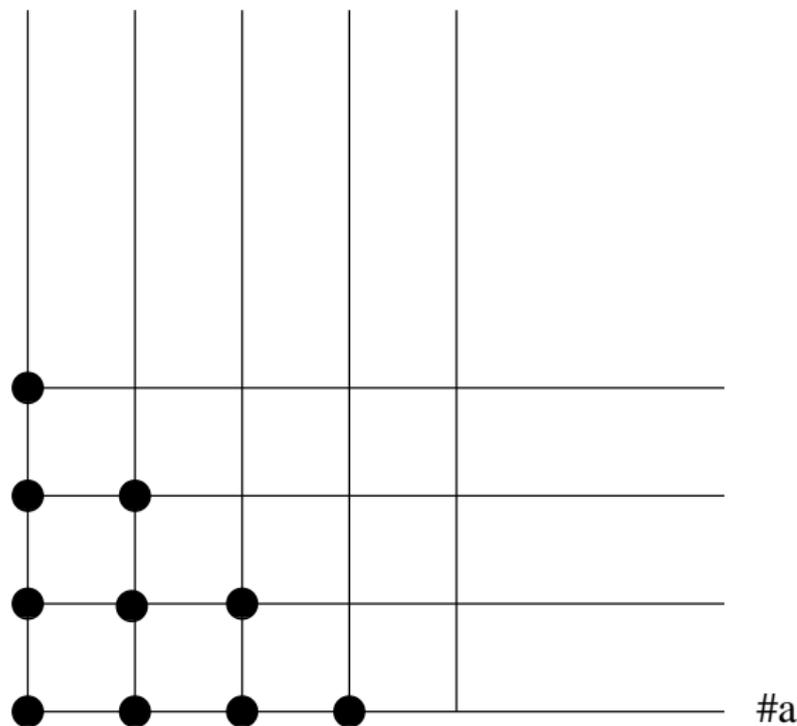


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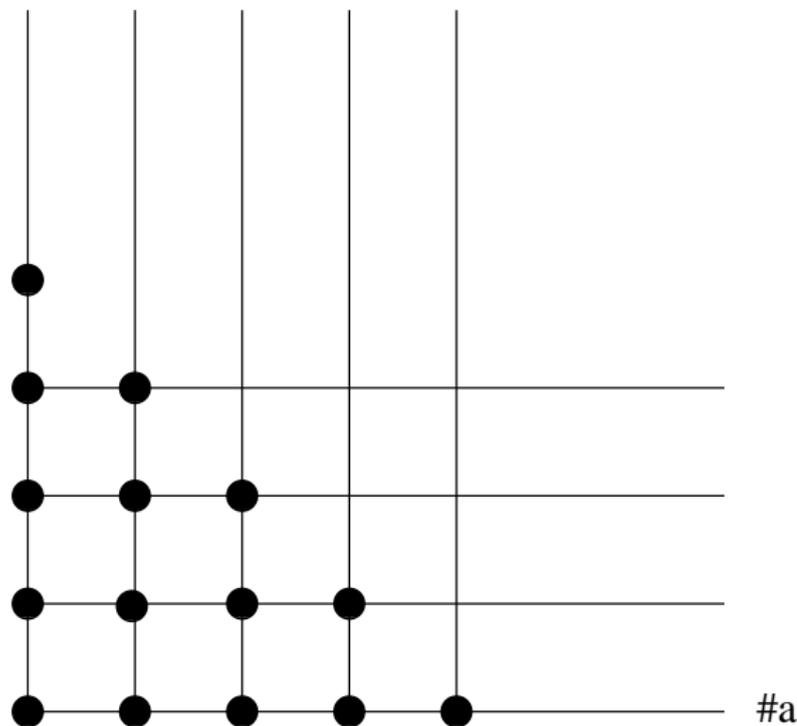
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$$\text{val}_S(a^p b^q) = \frac{1}{2}(p+q)(p+q+1) + q = \binom{p+q+1}{2} + \binom{q}{1}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \varepsilon & a & b & aa & ab & bb & aaa & \dots \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & \dots \end{array}$$

$$U_0 = 1, U_1 = 2, w(a) = 1, w(b) = 2$$

$$\text{Generalization : } \text{val}_\ell(a_1^{n_1} \dots a_\ell^{n_\ell}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \binom{n_i + \dots + n_\ell + \ell - i}{\ell - i + 1}.$$

$$\boxed{\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists z_1, \dots, z_\ell : n = \binom{z_\ell}{\ell} + \binom{z_{\ell-1}}{\ell-1} + \dots + \binom{z_1}{1}}$$

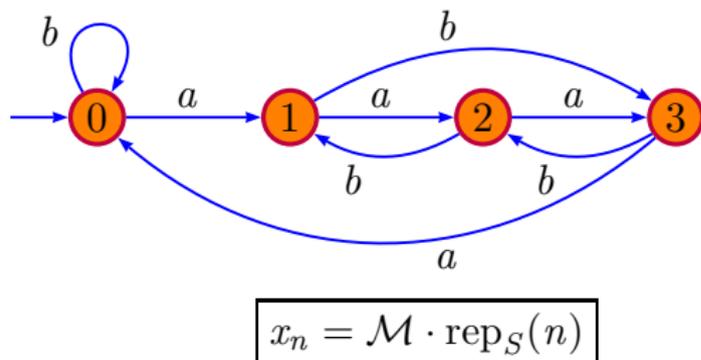
with the condition $z_\ell > z_{\ell-1} > \dots > z_1 \geq 0$

There was already some form of abstract numeration system in Maes' Ph.D. thesis (1999) [12].

Rem. 6.9, p. 134, "*The set of codes of \mathbb{N} given by the above automaton is of course a regular language ... The language read by A is 0^*L . However, the above coding is not a numeration system in the sense of [6]. Indeed, the representation of a natural number is not obtained using a 'Euclidian division' algorithm.*"

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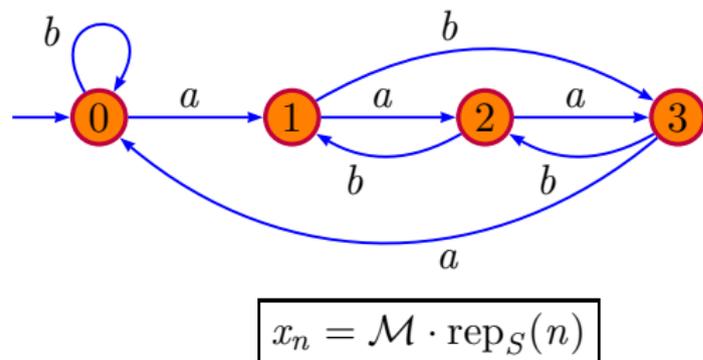
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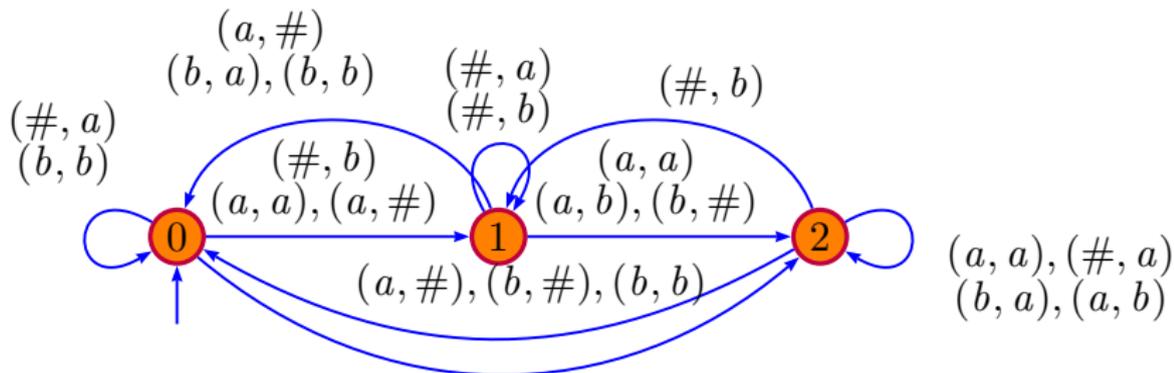


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$(a, b), (b, a), (b, \#)$

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THEOREM (A. MAES, M.R. [5])

An infinite word is morphic if and only if it is S -automatic for some abstract numeration system S .

\Rightarrow Already proven.

\Leftarrow We need to get rid off erasing morphisms.

Simulate the product of the two automata.

THEOREM (É. CHARLIER, T. KÄRKI, M.R. [19])

Let $d \geq 1$. The d -dimensional infinite word x is S -automatic, for some abstract numeration system $S = (L, \Sigma, <)$ where $\varepsilon \in L$, if and only if x is the image by a coding of a shape-symmetric infinite d -dimensional word.

SUMMARY

k -automatic sequence



k -uniform morphism

+ coding

[A. Cobham'72] [2]

\mathcal{S} -automatic sequence



non-erasing morphism

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[A. Maes, M.R.'02] [4, 5]

multidimensional setup

$$x : \mathbb{N}^d \rightarrow A$$

k -automatic sequence



morphism $g : A \rightarrow (A^k)^d$

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[O. Salon'87] [?]

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Some work in progress
It permits me a few words about Presburger arithmetic...

GAMES WITH A FINITE SET OF MOVES

Games like Nim or Wythoff have an infinite set of moves.

IN ONE DIMENSION [1]

Every (invariant) finite subtraction game on one pile, *i.e.*, $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ is finite, has an **ultimately periodic** Grundy function.

Proof:

Let $m = \#I$ (max. number of options), then $\mathcal{G}(n) \leq m$ for all n .

Let $k = \max I$, there are $(m + 1)^k$ possible k -tuples taking values in $\{0, \dots, m\}$. $\mathcal{G}(n)$ depends only on $\mathcal{G}(n - i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Hence, there exist $i < j$

$$\mathcal{G}(i + n) = \mathcal{G}(j + n) \text{ for all } n \in \{0, \dots, k - 1\}.$$

Thus $j - i$ is a period of \mathcal{G} with preperiod i . □

Another similar result

[1, A. SIEGEL, P. 188]

Consider an (invariant) finite subtraction game on one pile, with $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ as set of moves. If there exist $N \geq 0$ and $p \geq 1$ such that

$$\mathcal{G}(n + p) = \mathcal{G}(n), \quad \forall N \leq n < N + \max I$$

then $\mathcal{G}(n + p) = \mathcal{G}(n)$ for all $n \geq N$.

If we may **optionally split** a pile. . .

Definition from Wikipedia:

An **octal game** is played with tokens divided into heaps.

Two players take turns moving until no moves are possible.

Every move consists of selecting just one of the heaps, and either

- ▶ removing **all of the tokens in the heap**, leaving no heap,
- ▶ removing some but not all of the tokens, leaving **one smaller heap**, or
- ▶ removing some of the tokens and **dividing** the remaining tokens into **two nonempty heaps**.

Heaps other than the selected heap remain unchanged.

The last player to move wins in normal play.

Coding of an octal game (Conway code)

$$d_0 \bullet d_1 d_2 d_3 \cdots \quad d_i \in \{0, \dots, 7\}$$

d_i written in base 2: $e_2^{(i)} e_1^{(i)} e_0^{(i)}$ gives the conditions under which i token may be removed.

- ▶ $e_0^{(i)} = 1$, then a (full) heap with i token can be suppressed
- ▶ $e_1^{(i)} = 1$, then a heap with $n > i$ token can be replaced with a heap with $n - i$ token left
- ▶ $e_2^{(i)} = 1$, then a heap with n token can be replaced with two heaps containing respectively a and b token, $a, b \geq 1$,
 $a + b = n - i$.

EXAMPLE

The game of NIM is coded by $0 \bullet 3333 \cdots$, $\text{rep}_8(3) = 011$.

A finite subtraction game $I = \{3, 5, 6\}$ is of the form $0 \bullet 003033$.

THEOREM (OCTAL GAME PERIODICITY [1])

Consider a finite octal game $d_0 \bullet d_1 d_2 \cdots d_k$, $d_k \neq 0$. If there exist $N \geq 0$ and $p \geq 1$ such that

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then $\mathcal{G}(n + p) = \mathcal{G}(n)$ for all $n \geq N$.

Are all finite octal games ultimately periodic? [20, R. Guy]

$0 \bullet 07$ has period 34 and preperiod 53 [Guy, Smith 1956]

$0 \bullet 007$ **no known periodicity**...

$0 \bullet 165$ has period 1550 and preperiod 5181 [21, Austin, 1976]

$0 \bullet 106$ has period $\simeq 3 \cdot 10^{11}$ and preperiod $\simeq 4 \cdot 10^{11}$

[Flammenkamp, 2002]

<http://wwwhomes.uni-bielefeld.de/achim/octal.html>

With more than one pile (let's say two piles).

NATURAL QUESTION

What is the structure of the \mathcal{G} -values for a finite subtraction game over k piles? Do we get a Presburger definable set, i.e., each value determines a semi-linear set?

Cobham–Semenov' theorem: Let $p, q \geq 2$ be multiplicatively independent integers. If $X \subset \mathbb{N}^k$ is both p -recognizable and q -recognizable, then it is definable by a first-order formula in the **Presburger arithmetic** $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$ [3].

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Automatic Theorem Proving in Walnut

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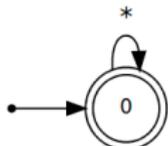
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Up to 97 states in an intermediate step

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rigo@X1:~/Walnut/Walnut/Walnut/bin$ java Main.prover
eval test "~(Ei El l>0 & (Aj j<l => ((T[i+j]=T[(i+j)+l]) & (T[i]=T[((i+l)+l)]))))":
l>0 has 2 states: 14ms
j<l has 2 states: 0ms
T[(i+j)]=T[((i+j)+l)] has 12 states: 136ms
T[i]=T[((i+l)+l)] has 6 states: 39ms
(T[(i+j)]=T[((i+j)+l)]&T[i]=T[((i+l)+l)]) has 72 states: 41ms
(j<l=>(T[(i+j)]=T[((i+j)+l)]&T[i]=T[((i+l)+l)])) has 97 states: 62ms
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total computation time: 506ms
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GraphViz / xdot ../Result/test.gv



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FROBENIUS' PROBLEM

Chicken McNuggets can be purchased only in 6, 9, or 20 pieces.
The largest number of nuggets that cannot be purchased is 43.

$$(\forall n)(n > 43 \rightarrow (\exists x, y, z \geq 0)(n = 6x + 9y + 20z)) \\ \wedge \neg((\exists x, y, z \geq 0)(43 = 6x + 9y + 20z)).$$

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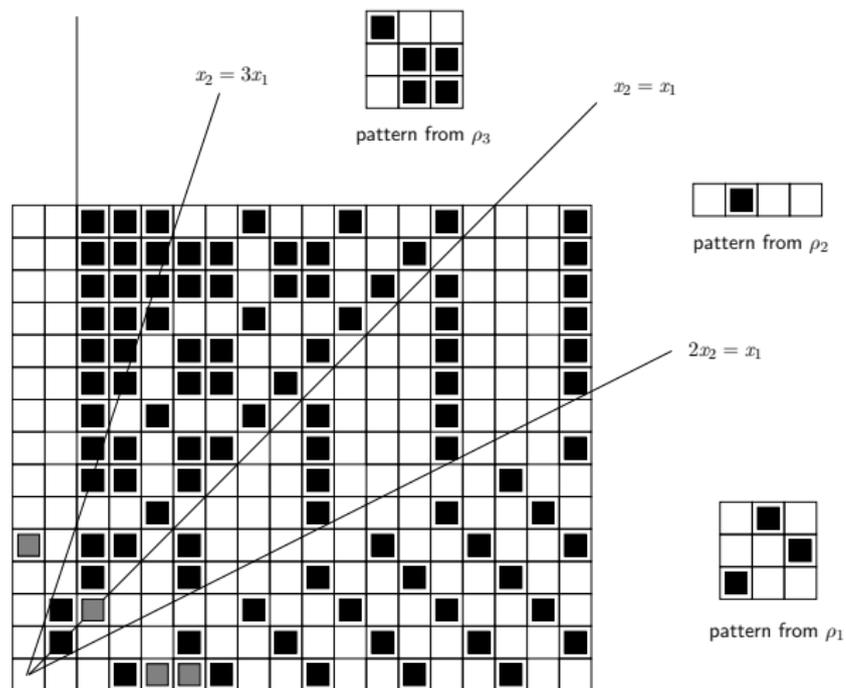
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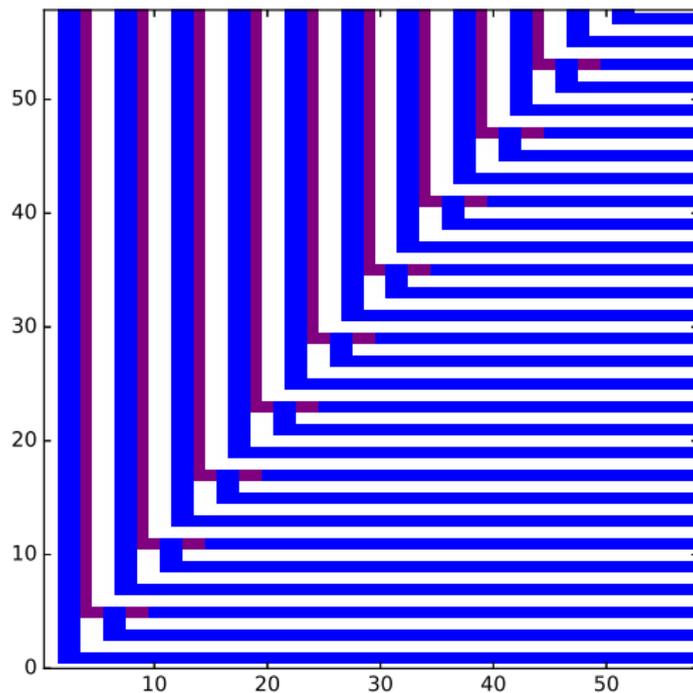
WHAT DOES A SEMI-LINEAR SETS LOOK LIKE?

The subsets of \mathbb{N} definable in $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$ are exactly the ultimately periodic sets.



What about Grundy values for games with a finite set of rules?

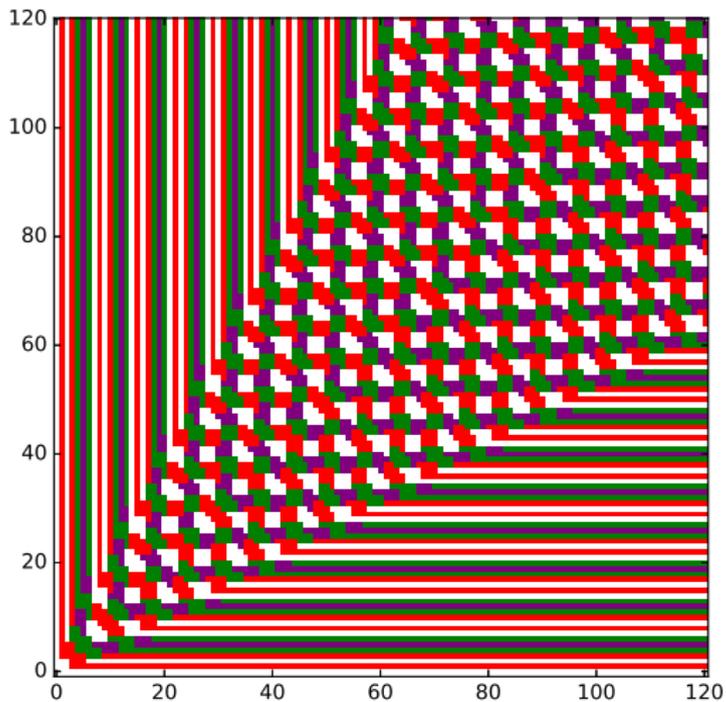
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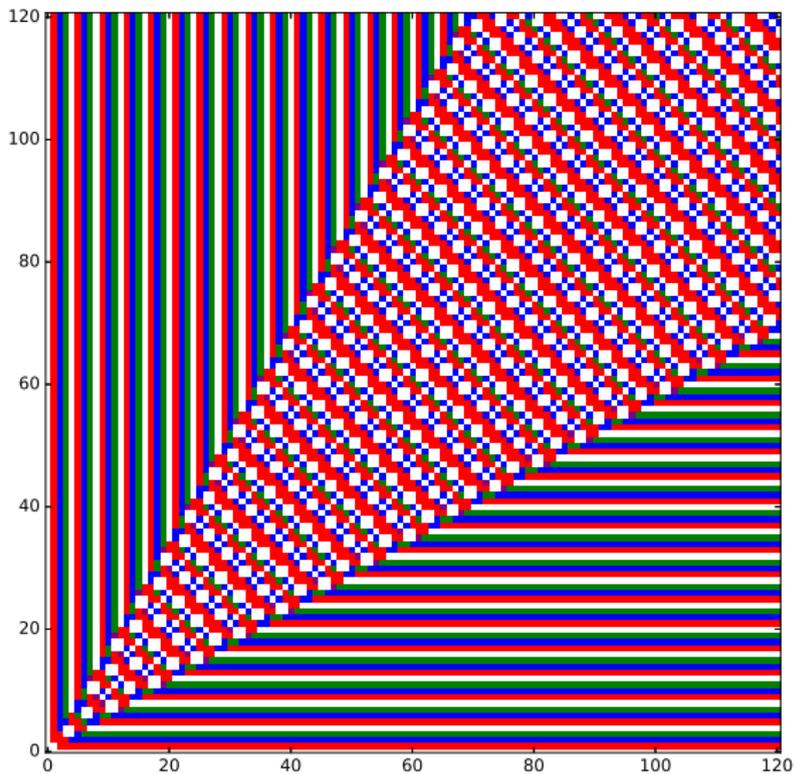
PROPOSITION

If $\#I = 2$, then the set of \mathcal{G} -values is Presburger definable.

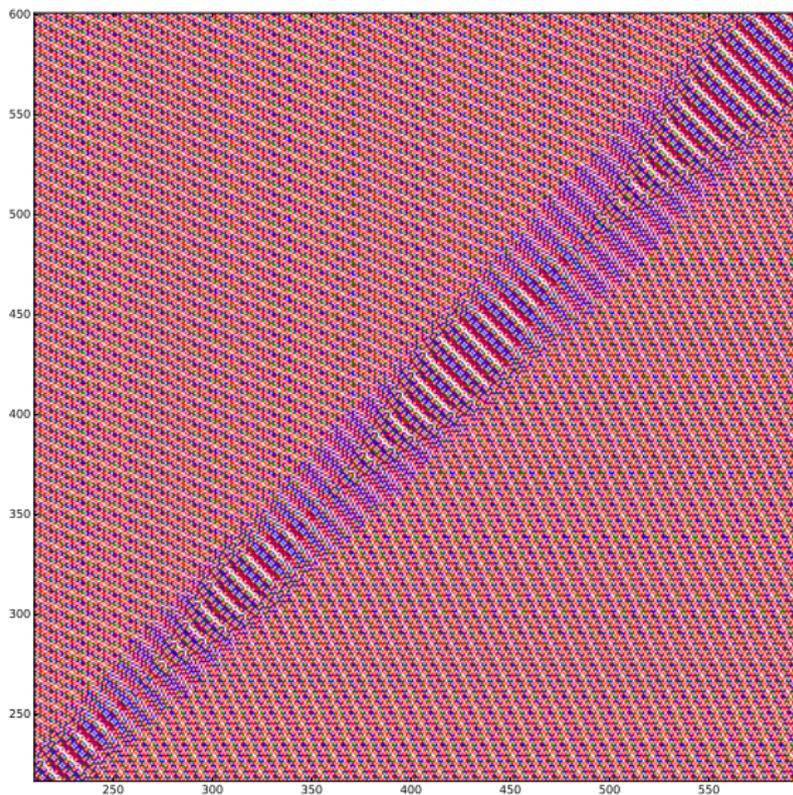
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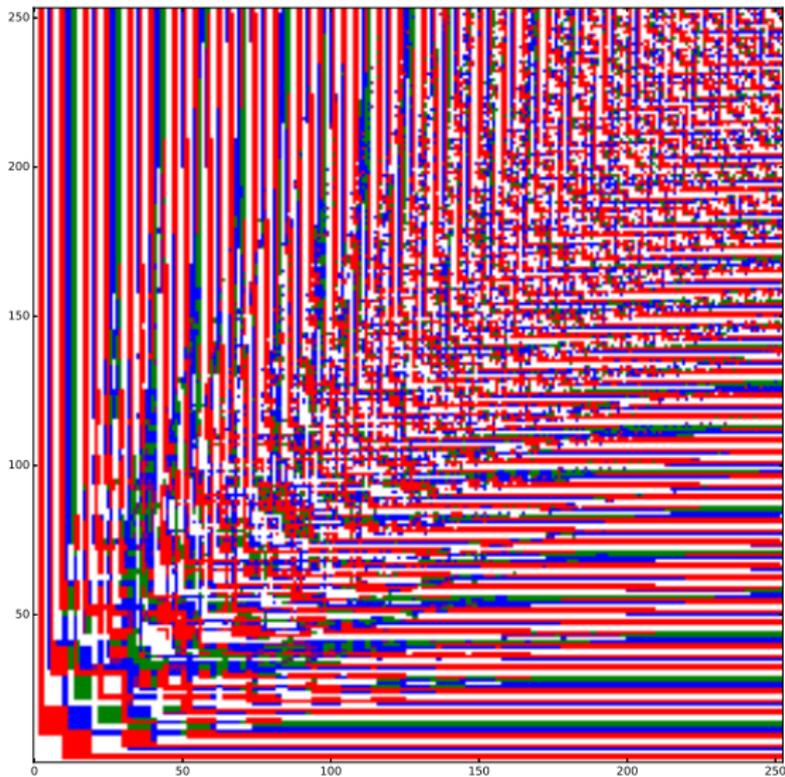


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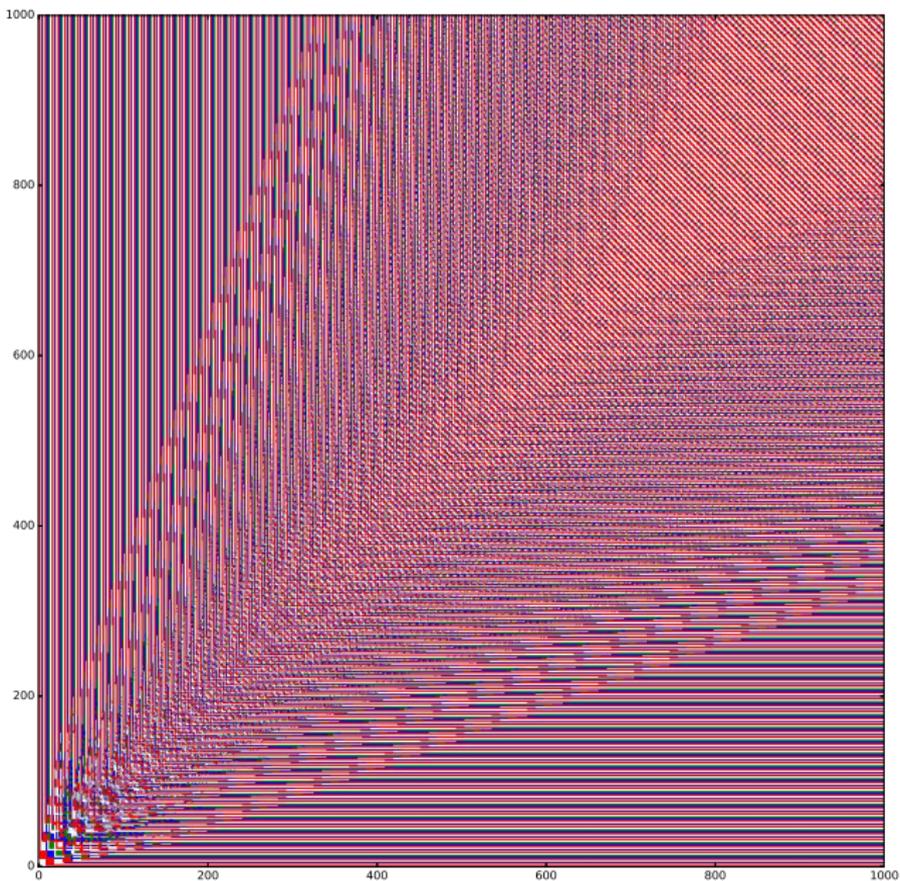


We think that this one is NOT Presburger definable.

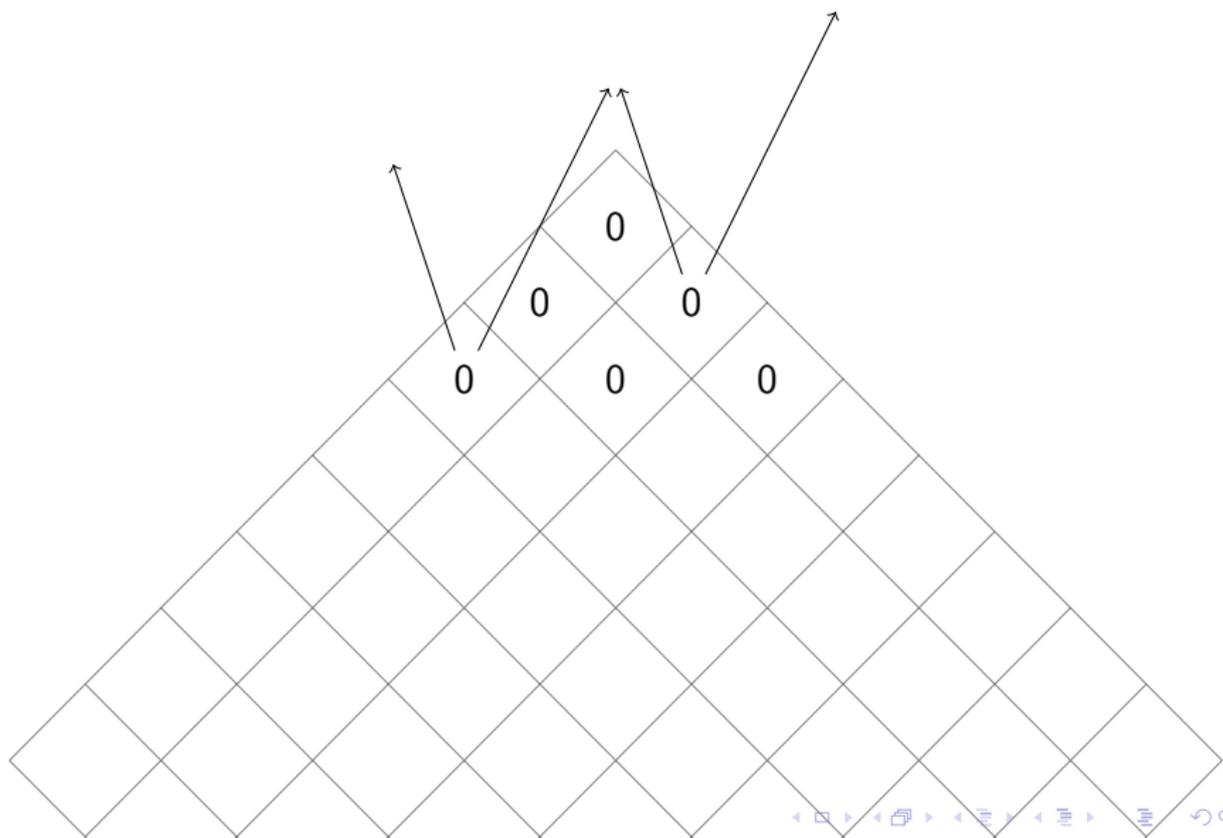
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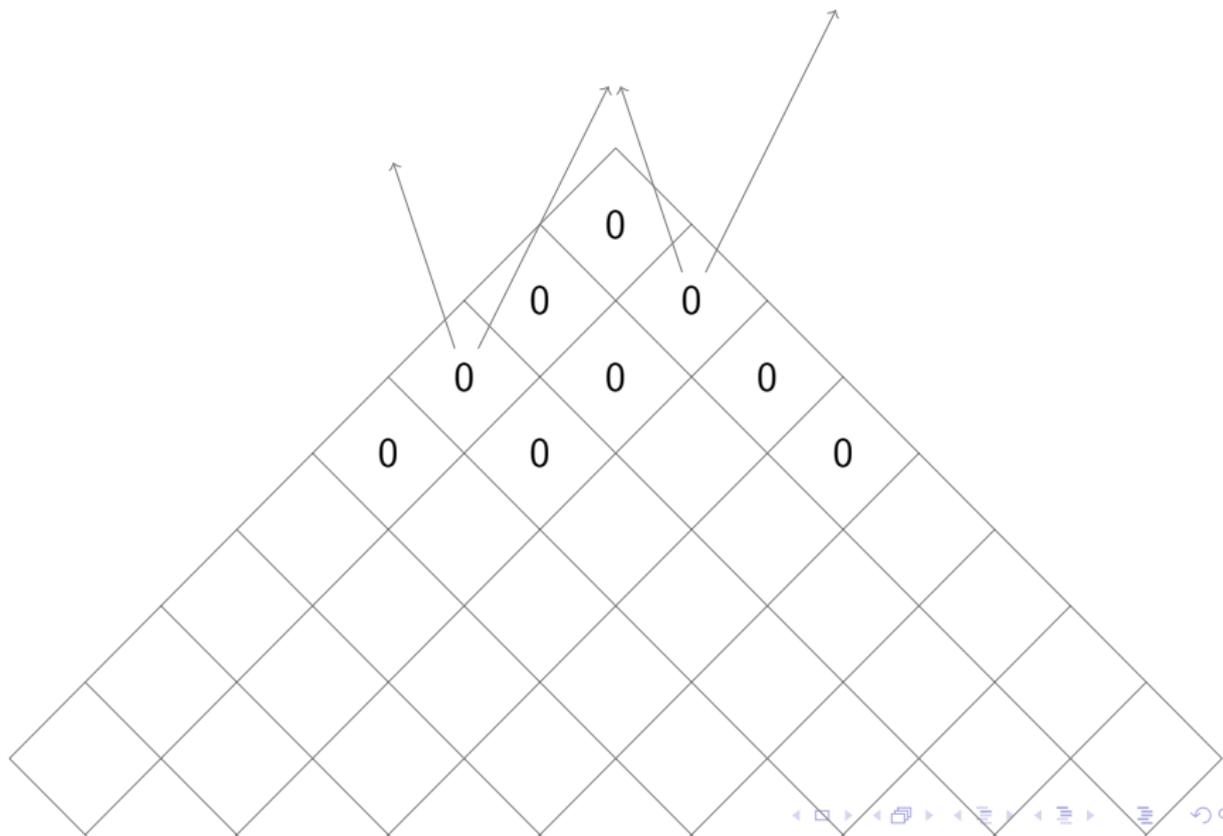
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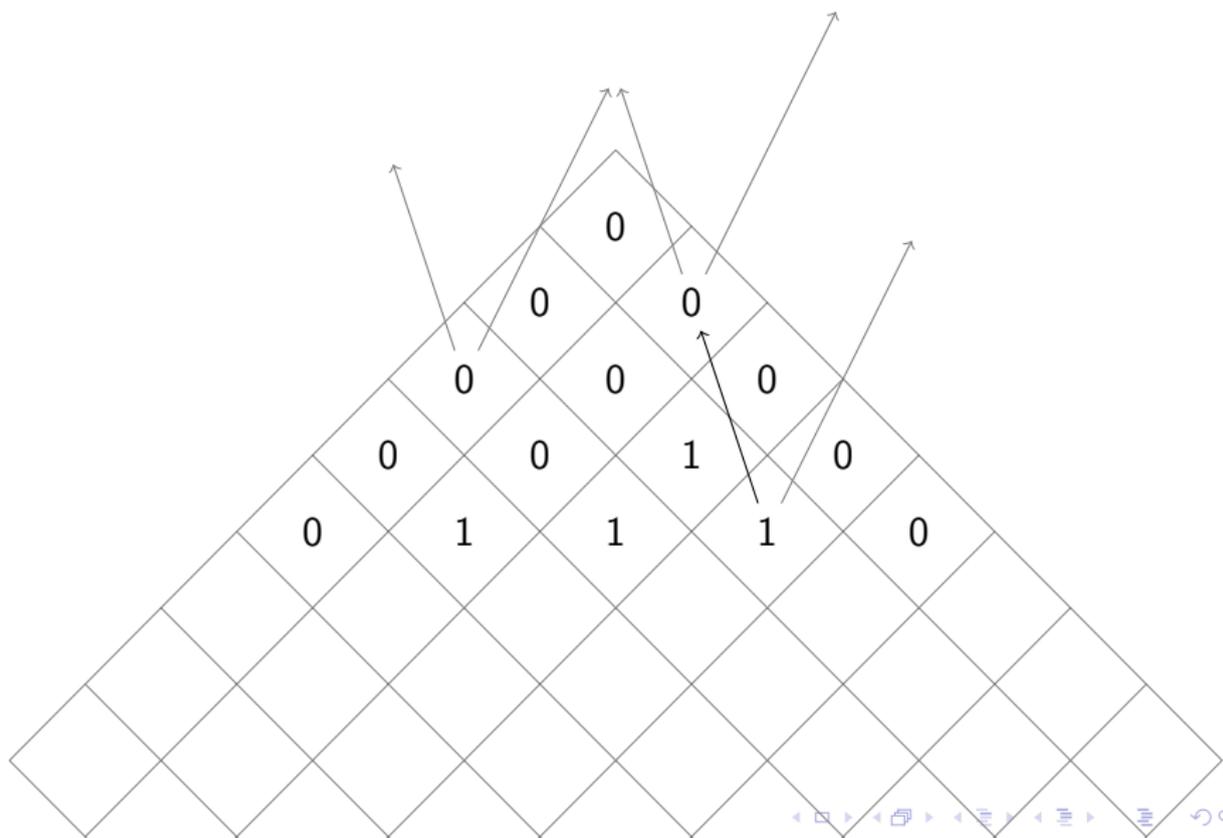
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