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Back to Christian's result. Let ζ be an irreducible substitution on A admitting an infinite fixed point u. Let $\Lambda := \Lambda(u, a)$ be the increasing sequence obtained by indexing the appearances of the letter a in u. Then

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He gets this improvement (and the implication) :

Theorem (Pisot family)

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