

# Symbolic dynamical systems and representations

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# Outline

- Symbolic...
- ...dynamics
- Arithmetic dynamics and representations
  - Sturmian words
  - Numeration
  - Continued fractions
- Computational issues

# Symbolic dynamics

# Words and symbols

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but one can also add more **structure**

- Topological and measure-theoretic  $\leadsto$  **Symbolic dynamics and ergodic theory**
- Algebraic  $\leadsto$  **Formal languages**    From free monoids to free groups

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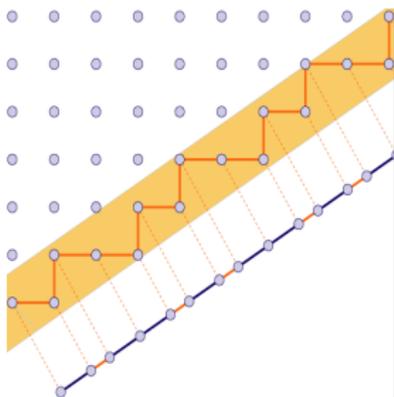
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The Fibonacci word yields a **quasicrystal**

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Why the terminology **Fibonacci word**?

$$\sigma^{n+1}(1) = \sigma^n(12) = \sigma^n(1)\sigma^n(2)$$

$$\sigma^n(2) = \sigma^{n-1}(1)$$

$$\sigma^{n+1}(1) = \sigma^n(1)\sigma^{n-1}(1)$$

The length of the word  $\sigma^n(1)$  satisfies the **Fibonacci recurrence**

# Factors and language

Let  $u \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be an infinite word

$$u = abaababaabaababaababaab \dots$$

$$u = abaababaab \underbrace{aa}_{\text{factor}} babaababaab \dots$$

$aa$  is a factor,  $bb$  is not a factor

Let  $\mathcal{L}_u$  be the set of factors of  $u$  :  $\mathcal{L}_u$  is the **language** of  $u$

## Statistical vs. recurrence properties

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite **alphabet** and  $u \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$

One can consider which factors occur in  $u$  and count them for a given length

The **factor complexity** of  $u$  counts the number of factors of a given length

$$p_u(n) = \text{Card}\{\text{factors of } u \text{ of length } n\}$$

But one can also look at these factors from a statistical viewpoint

How often do they occur?

# Word combinatorics vs. symbolic dynamics

Let  $u \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be an infinite word.

- **Word combinatorics**

Study of the number of factors of a given length (factor complexity), frequencies, repetitions, pattern avoidance, powers

- **Symbolic dynamics**

Let  $X_u := \overline{\{S^n u \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}}$  with the shift  $S((u_n)_n) = (u_{n+1})_n$

$(X_u, S)$  is a **symbolic dynamical system**

Study of invariant measures, recurrence properties, finding geometric representations, spectral properties

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- **Topological dynamics** describes the qualitative/topological asymptotic behaviour of **trajectories/orbits**

The map  $T$  is continuous and the space  $X$  is compact

- **Ergodicity** describes the long term **statistical behaviour** of **orbits**

The space  $X$  is endowed with a probability measure and  $T$  is measurable  $(X, T, \mathcal{B}, \mu)$

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How well are the orbits distributed?

According to which measure?

What are the orbits relevant for computer science?

## Ergodic theorem

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$$\mu(B) = \mu(T^{-1}B) \quad T\text{-invariance}$$

$$T^{-1}B = B \implies \mu(B) = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \text{ergodicity}$$

- **Average time values** : one particle over the long term **Orbit**
- **Average space values** : all particles at a particular instant, average over all possible sets

Ergodic theorem      space mean = average mean

Theorem     $f \in L_1(\mu)$      $\lim_N \frac{1}{N} \sum_{0 \leq n < N} f(T^n x) = \int f d\mu \quad \text{a.e. } x$

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# Subshifts

- **Topology** for  $u \neq v \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $d(u, v) = 2^{-\min\{n \in \mathbb{N}; u_n \neq v_n\}}$
- $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is complete as a compact metric space.
- $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is a **Cantor set**, that is, a totally disconnected compact set without isolated points.
- The shift map  $S((u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) = (u_{n+1})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is continuous.
- A **subshift** is a closed shift invariant system included in some  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$ .
- Let  $X_u := \overline{\mathcal{O}(u)}$  be the orbit closure of the infinite word  $u$  under the action of the shift  $S$ .

$$\overline{\mathcal{O}(u)} = \{v \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}, \mathcal{L}_v \subset \mathcal{L}_u\},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_v$  is the set of factors of the sequence  $v$ .

- For a word  $w = w_0 \dots w_r$ , the **cylinder**  $[w]$  is the set

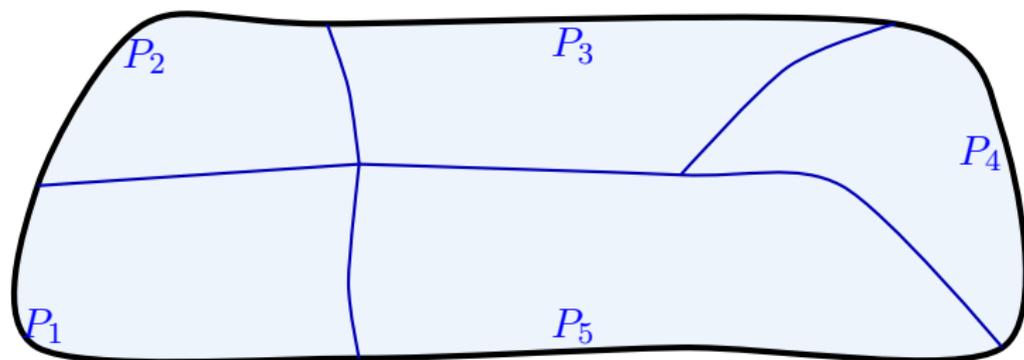
$$\{v \in X_u \mid v_0 = w_0, \dots, v_r = w_r\}.$$

- Cylinders are **clopen** (open and closed) sets and form a basis of open sets for the topology of  $X_u$ .
- A clopen set is a finite union of cylinders.

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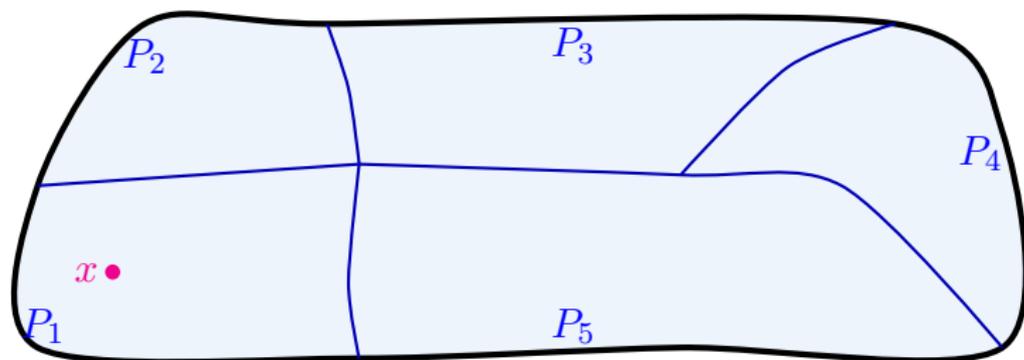


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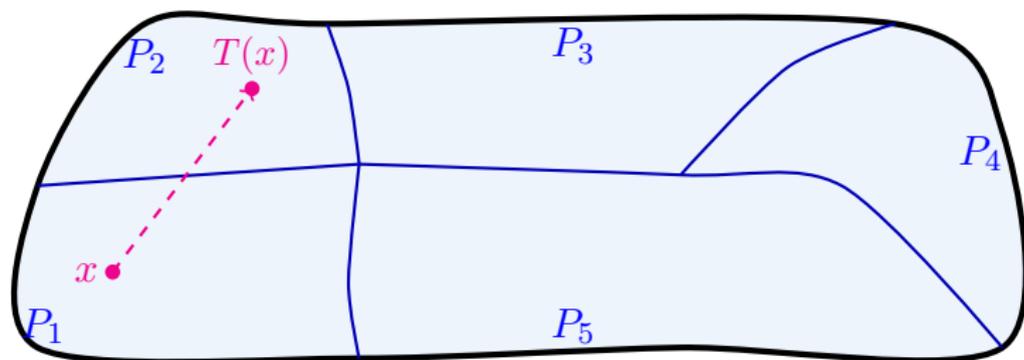
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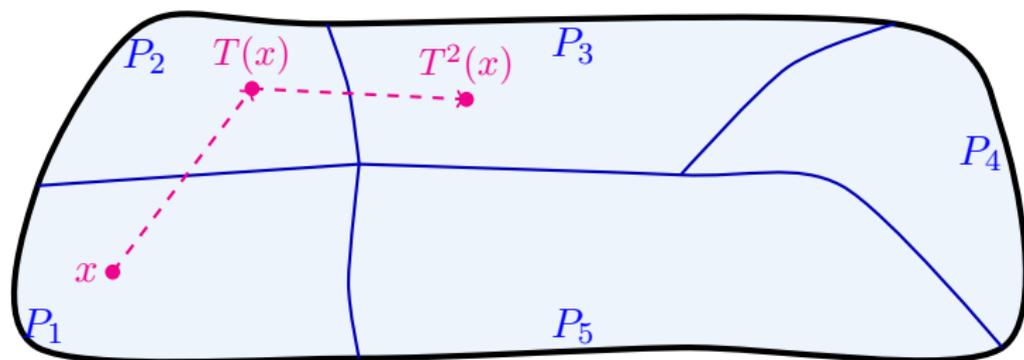
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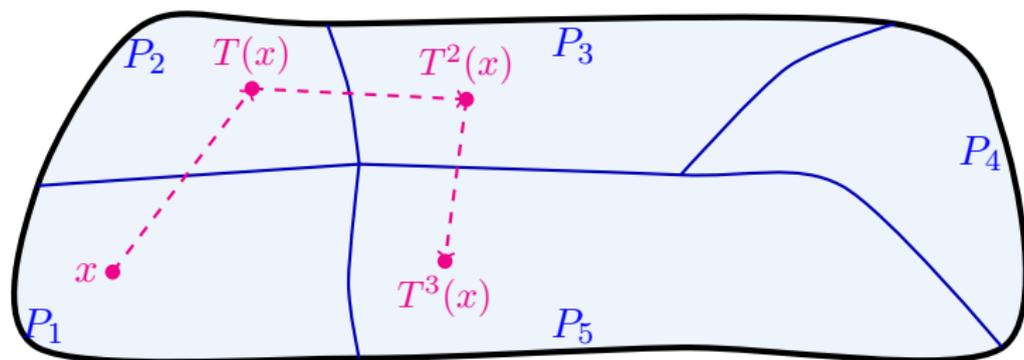
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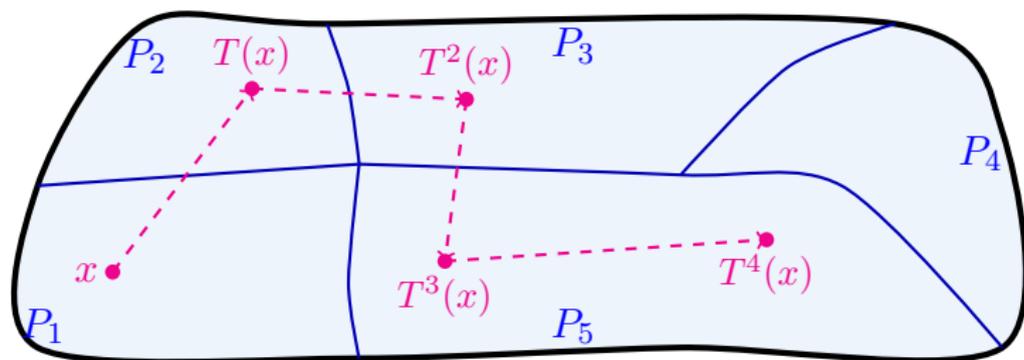
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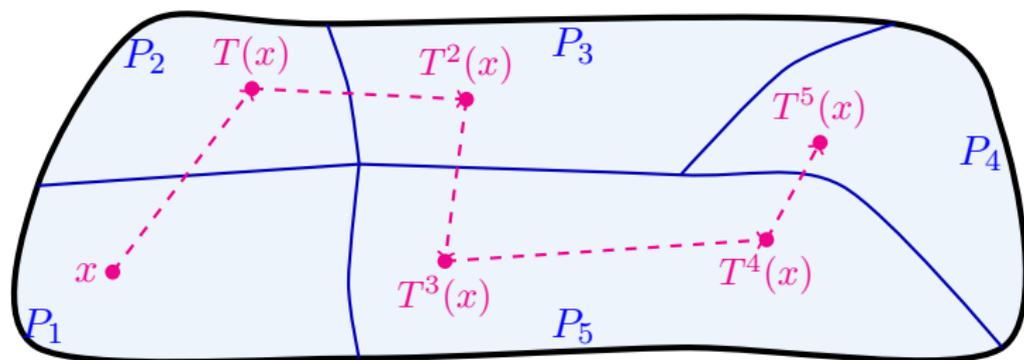
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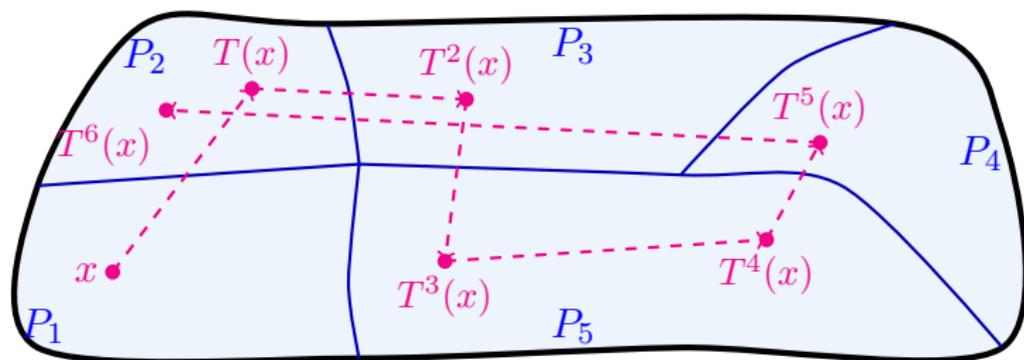
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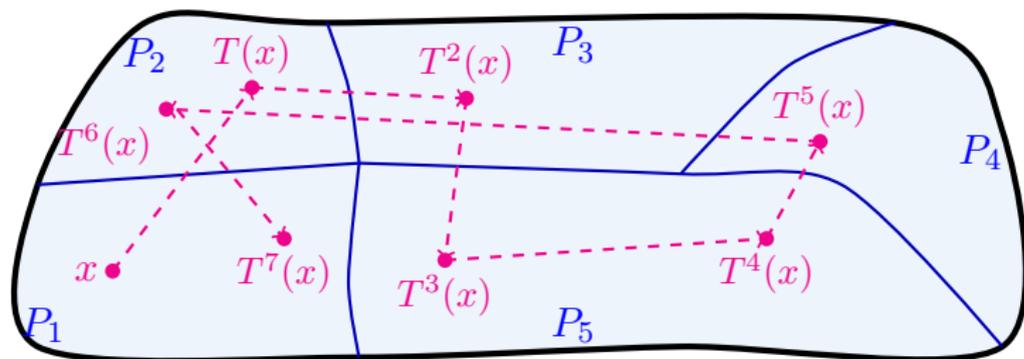
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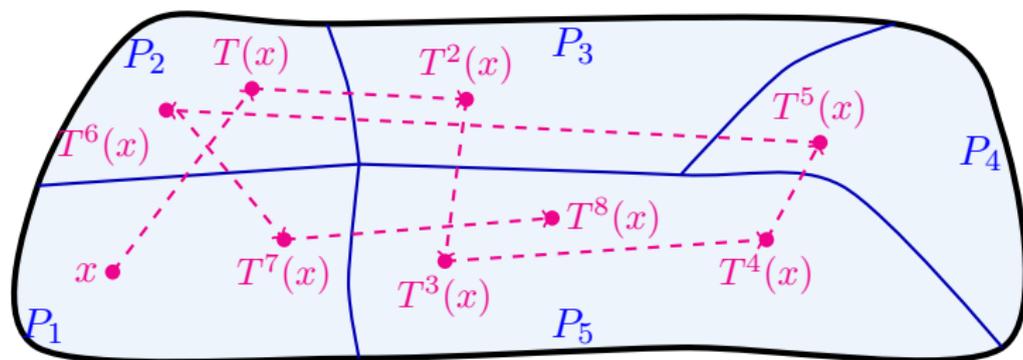
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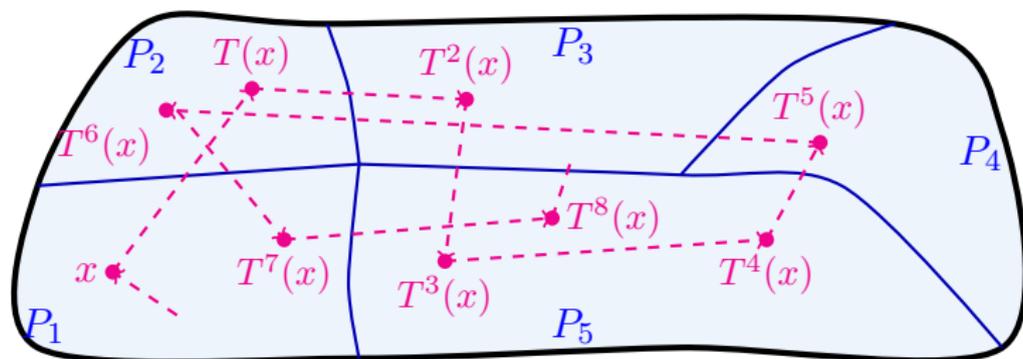
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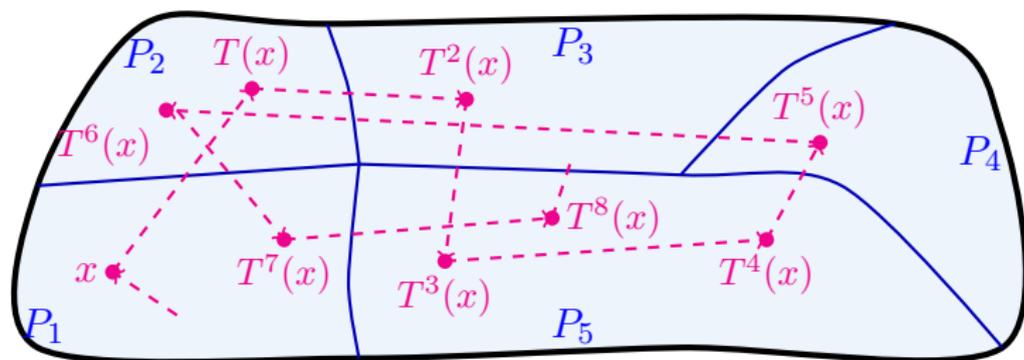
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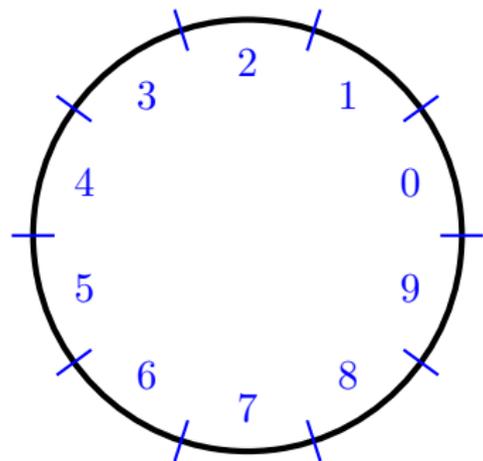
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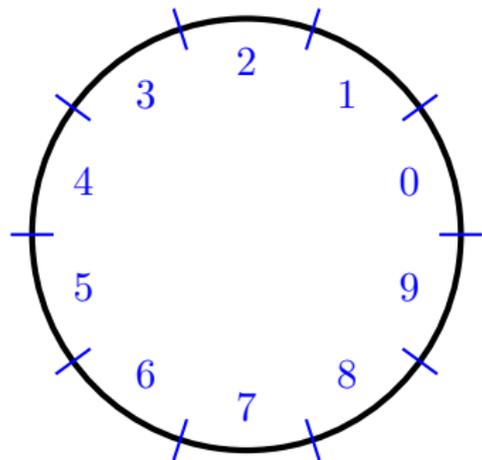
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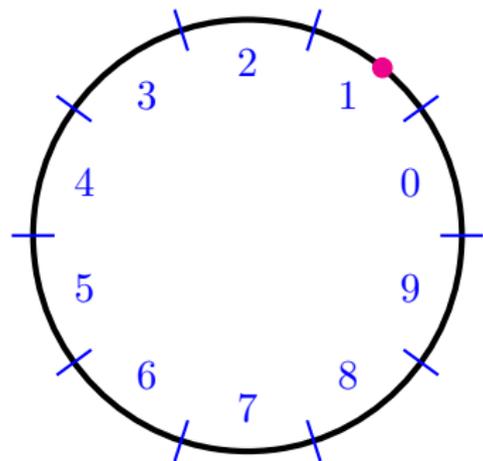


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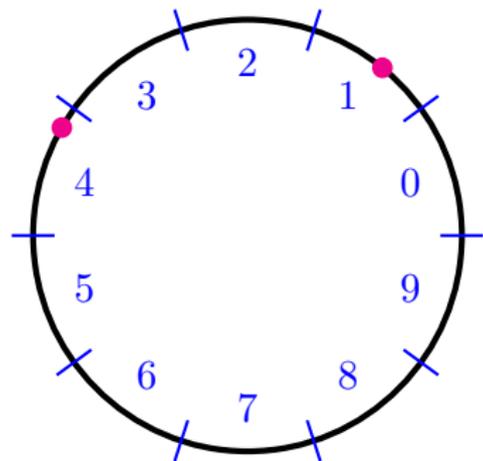


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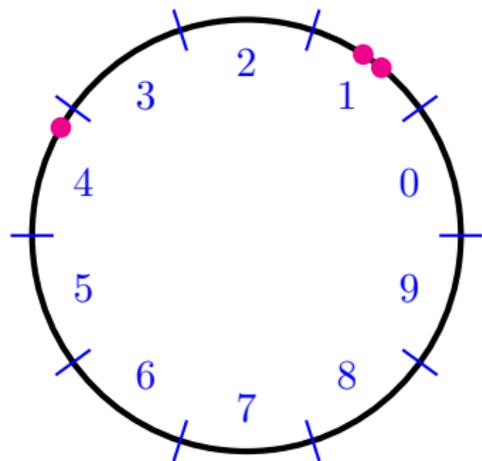


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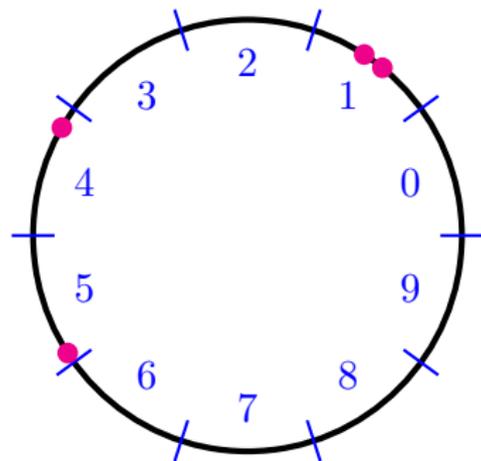


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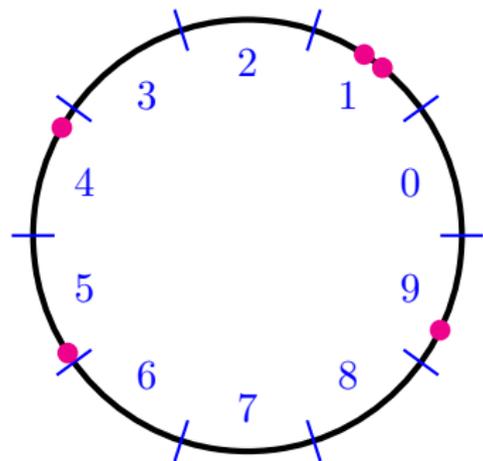


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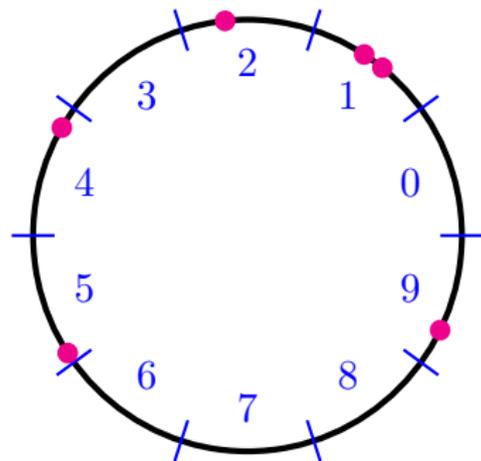


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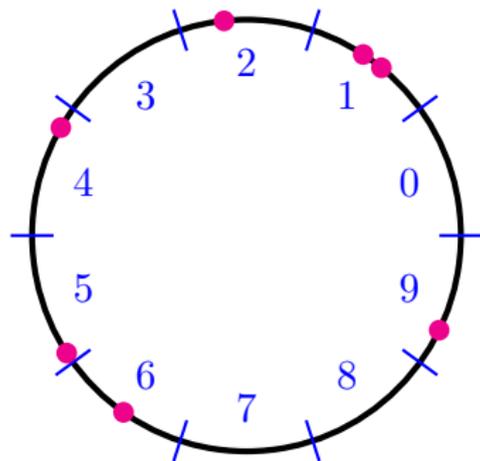


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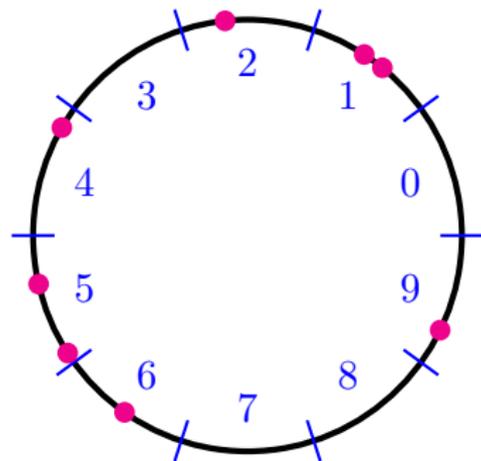


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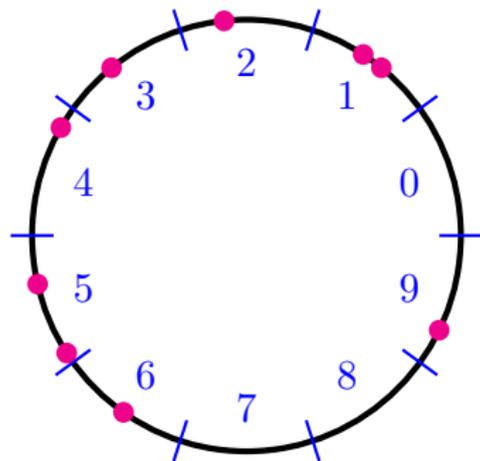


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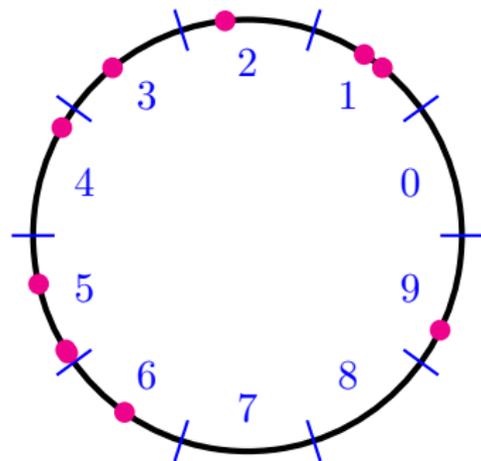


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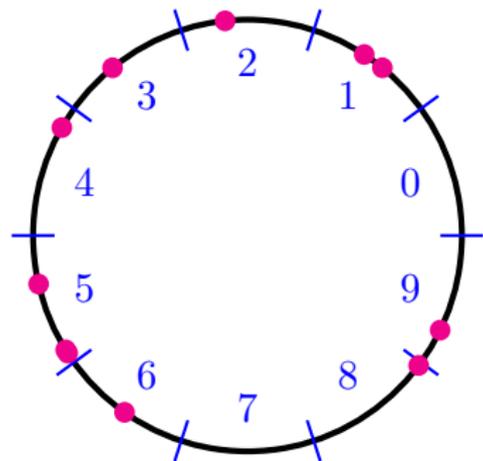


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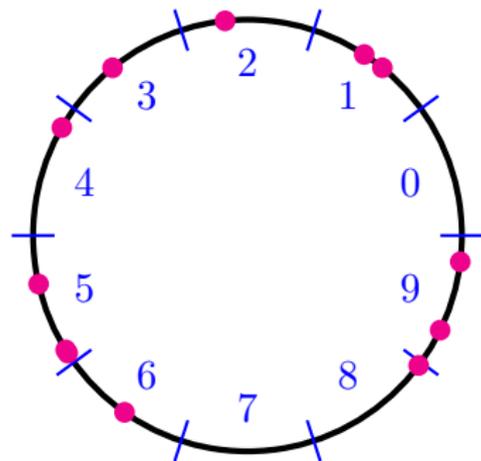


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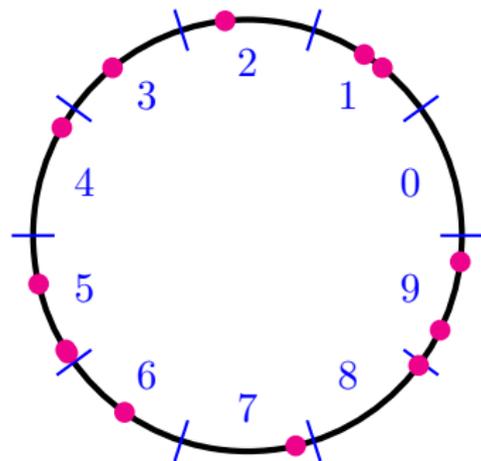


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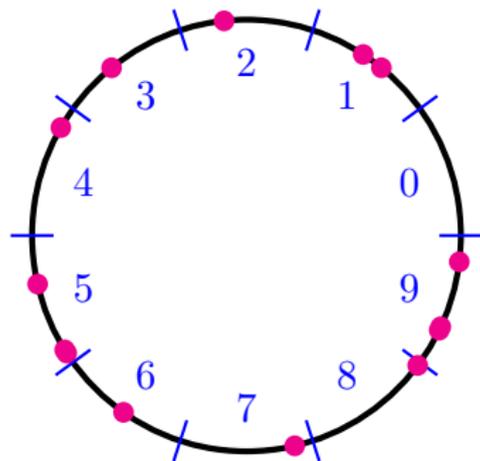


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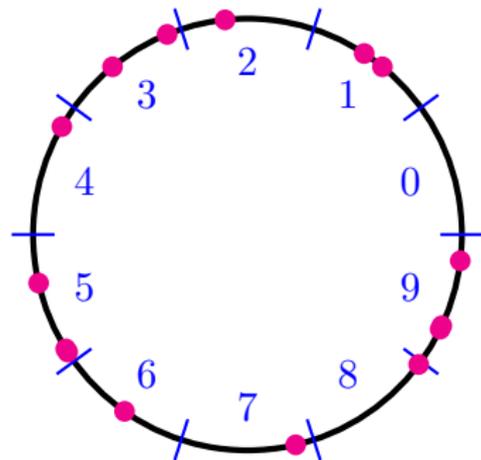
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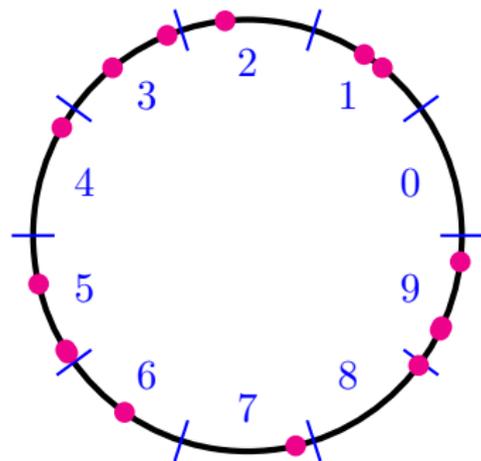
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The coding  $\varphi : \{0, \dots, 9\}^{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow X$  is not one-to-one

$0.999\dots = 1.000\dots$  or  $0.46999\dots = 0.47000\dots$

(decimal numbers have two preimages)

# Symbolic dynamics

- 1898, Hadamard : Geodesic flows on surfaces of negative curvature
- 1912, Thue : Prouhet-Thue-Morse substitution

$$\sigma : a \mapsto ab, b \mapsto ba$$

- 1921, Morse : Symbolic representation of geodesics on a surface with negative curvature. Recurrent geodesics

From **geometric** dynamical systems to  
**symbolic** dynamical systems and backwards

- Given a geometric system, can one find a good partition ?
- And vice-versa ?

# Symbolic dynamics and computer algebra

- Sage and word combinatorics
- Sage and interval exchanges etc...
- Computation of densities for invariant measures, Lyapunov exponents etc...
- Roundoffs for numerical simulations,
- Finite state machine simulations
- Computer orbits

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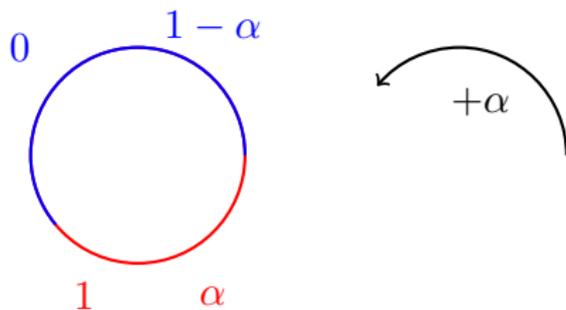
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One **codes** trajectories according to the finite partition

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**Theorem** Sturmian words [Morse-Hedlund]

Let  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a Sturmian word. There exist  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, u_n = i \iff R_\alpha^n(x) = n\alpha + x \in I_i \pmod{1},$$

with

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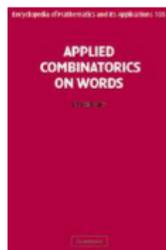
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{R_\alpha} & \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X_\alpha & \xrightarrow{S} & X_\alpha \end{array}$$

where  $S$  is the shift and  $X_\alpha \subset \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$

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[Lothaire, Algebraic combinatorics on words,  
N. Pytheas Fogg, Substitutions in dynamics, arithmetics and  
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CANT Combinatorics, Automata and Number theory]

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Which trajectories?

- $\alpha$  **real number** generic ones
- $\alpha$  **quadratic** substitutive words
- $\alpha$  **rational** discrete geometry/Christoffel words

**Example** In the Fibonacci case

$$\sigma: a \mapsto ab, b \mapsto a$$

$(X_\sigma, S)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}, R_{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}})$

$$R_{\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}: x \mapsto x + \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \pmod{1}$$

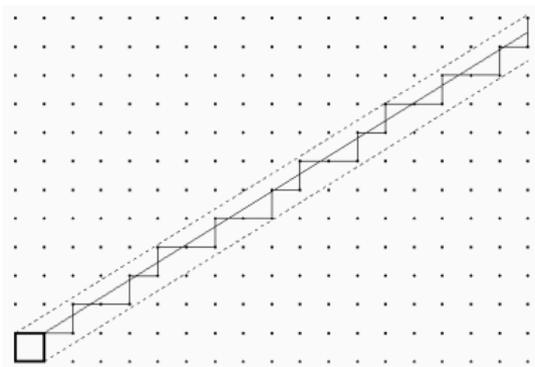
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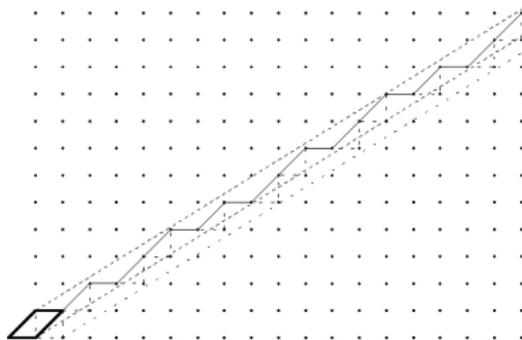
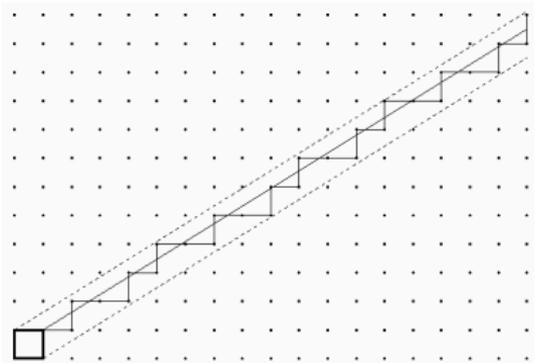
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sigma_0^{a_1} \sigma_1^{a_2} \cdots \sigma_{2n}^{a_{2n}} \sigma_{2n+1}^{a_{2n+1}}(0)$$

where the  $a_i$  are produced by the continued fraction expansion of the slope  $\alpha$

Such a composition of substitutions is called *S-adic*

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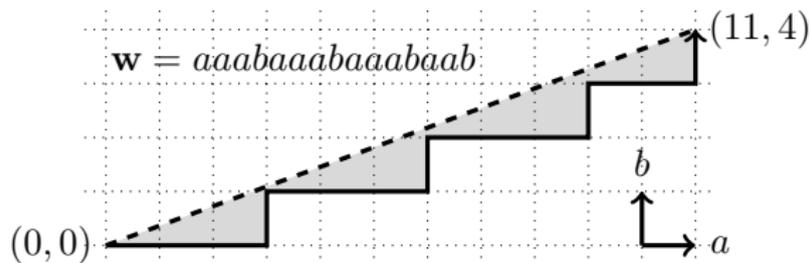
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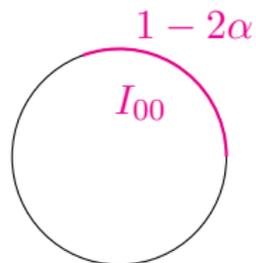
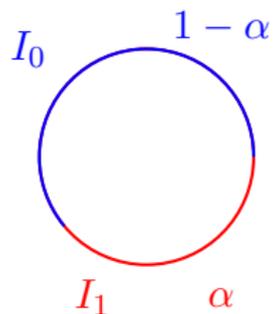
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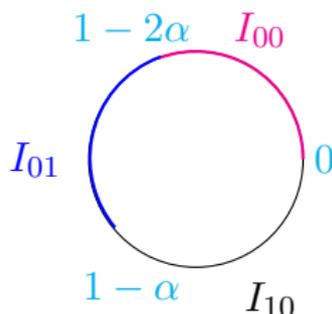
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## Balance and frequencies

A word  $u \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$  is said to be **finitely balanced** if there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that for any pair of factors of the same length  $v, w$  of  $u$ , and for any letter  $i \in A$ ,

$$||v|_i - |w|_i| \leq C$$

$|x|_j$  stands for the number of occurrences of the letter  $j$  in the factor  $x$

Sturmian words are exactly the 1-balanced words

**Fibonacci word**  $\sigma: a \mapsto ab, b \mapsto a$

$$\sigma^\infty(a) = abaababaabaababaababaababaababaabab\dots$$

The factors of length 5 contain 3 or 4  $a$ 's

$abaab, baaba, aabab, ababa, babaa, aabaa$

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The symbolic shift  $(X_u, S)$  is said to be **uniquely ergodic** if  $u$  has uniform factor frequency for **every factor**.

Equivalently, there exists a unique shift-invariant probability measure on the symbolic shift  $(X_u, S)$ .

**Theorem** Let  $f$  be continuous  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{0 \leq n < N} f(T^n x) = \int f d\mu$  for a

## Symbolic discrepancy

An infinite word  $u \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is finitely **balanced** if and only if

- it has **uniform letter frequencies**
- there exists a constant  $B$  such that for any factor  $w$  of  $u$ , we have

$$||w|_i - f_i|w|| \leq B \quad \text{for all } i$$

**Definition** The **discrepancy** of the word  $u$  is defined as

$$\Delta_u = \sup_{i \in A, n} ||u_0 \cdots u_{n-1}|_i - f_i \cdot n|$$

If  $u$  has letter frequencies

bounded discrepancy  $\iff$  finite balance

Particularly good convergence of frequencies

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$$-C \leq N_p - pf_i \leq 0 \quad (q \rightarrow \infty)$$

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- Intervals  $I_w$  have bounded discrepancy **Bounded remainder sets**
- **Kesten's theorem**  $I$  has bounded discrepancy iff  $|I| \in \mathbb{Z} + \alpha\mathbb{Z}$

# How to compute frequencies and balances

## For primitive substitutions

$\sigma \rightsquigarrow M_\sigma \rightsquigarrow$  Perron-Frobenius eigenvector [Adamczewski]

$M_\sigma[ij]$  counts the number of occurrences of  $i$  in  $\sigma(j)$

## For $S$ -adic words

$\lim \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_n(a) \rightsquigarrow \cap_n M_1 \cdots M_n \mathbf{e}_a$  Hilbert projective metric [Furstenberg]

## For codings of dynamical systems

One uses equidistribution (=unique ergodicity)

Ex : Sturmian words and  $(n\alpha)_n \pmod 1$

Lyapunov exponents and ergodic deviations

# Entropy

# Dynamical systems

They can be

- chaotic
- deterministic (zero entropy)

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- A dynamical system is said to be **topologically transitive** if there **exists** a point  $x$  such that  $\{T^n x\}$  is dense in  $X$
- A map is said to be **sensitive to initial conditions** if close initial points have **divergent orbits**, with the separation rate being exponential
  
- $T_\varphi: x \mapsto \varphi \cdot x \pmod 1$  is **chaotic**
- $T_\varphi: x \mapsto \varphi + x \pmod 1$  is **not chaotic**

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Substitutive dynamical systems

The **golden mean shift** (words over  $\{0, 1\}$  with no 11) has positive entropy

Subshift of finite type

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The **measure-theoretic entropy** of the shift  $(X, S, \mu)$  is then defined as

$$H_\mu(X) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{w \in \mathcal{L}_X(n)} L(\mu[w])$$

where  $L(x) = -x \log_d(x)$  for  $x \neq 0$ , and  $L(0) = 0$  ( $d$  stands for the cardinality of the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ )

## Lyapounov exponent

It measures the **rate of separation** of orbits

$$\lambda(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln (|(T^n)'(x)|)$$

when this limit exists

with  $T$  being defined on the unit interval

$$|T(x) - T(y)| \sim T'(x) \cdot |x - y|$$

$$|T^n(x) - T^n(y)| \sim \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} |T'(T^i x)| \cdot |x - y|$$

$$|T^n(x) - T^n(y)| \sim \exp n\lambda(x) \cdot |x - y|$$

# Numeration and representation

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# Numeration systems

Numeration is inherently **dynamical**

- How to produce the **digits**?
- If one knows how to represent a number, how to represent the next **one**?
- The representation of arbitrarily large numbers requires the iteration of a recursive algorithmic process

## Base $q$ numeration

How to produce the digits of the expansion of  $N$  in base  $q$ ?

$$N = a_k q^k + \cdots + a_0, \quad \text{for all } i, a_i \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}$$

- Greedy algorithm

let  $k$  s.t.  $q^k \leq N < q^{k+1}$ ,  $a_k := \lfloor N/q^k \rfloor$ ,  $N \mapsto N - a_k q^k$

$$a_k \rightarrow a_{k-1} \cdots \rightarrow a_0$$

- Dynamical algorithm

$$T: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \quad n \mapsto \frac{n - (n \bmod q)}{q}$$

$$a_0 \rightarrow a_1 \cdots \rightarrow a_k$$

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$$[10x] = a_1 + \sum_{i \geq 1} a_{i+1} 10^{-i}$$

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$$T: \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1], \quad x \mapsto 10x - [10x] = \{10x\}$$

Let  $a/b \in [0, 1]$  with  $b$  coprime with 10

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We thus introduce

$$T_b: x \mapsto 10 \cdot x \bmod b$$

$$T_b(a) \rightsquigarrow \text{numerator of } T(a/b)$$

We conclude by noticing that  $T_b$  is **onto** and thus **one-to-one** since we work on a **finite set**

# Continued fractions

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One **subtracts** the smallest number to the largest as much as we can

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## Continued fractions

We represent real numbers in  $(0, 1)$  as

$$\frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \frac{1}{a_4 + \dots}}}}$$

with **partial quotients** (digits)  $a_i \in \mathbb{N}^*$

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$$\alpha = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \cdots}}}$$

in order to find **good** rational approximations of  $\alpha$

$$\frac{p_n}{q_n} = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \frac{1}{a_3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{a_n}}}}$$

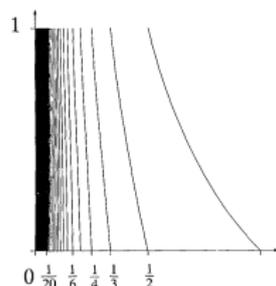
$$|\alpha - p_n/q_n| \leq 1/q_n^2$$

[<http://images.math.cnrs.fr/Nombres-et-representations.html>]

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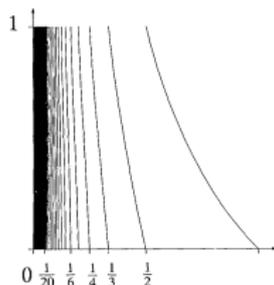
$$x_1 = T(x) = \{1/x\} = \frac{1}{x} - \left[ \frac{1}{x} \right] = \frac{1}{x} - a_1$$

$$x = \frac{1}{a_1 + x_1}$$

# Continued fractions and measure-theoretic dynamical systems

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A **measure** is said to be  **$T$ -invariant** if  $\mu(B) = \mu(T^{-1}B), \forall B \in \mathcal{B}$   
The **Gauss measure** is defined as

$$\mu(B) = \frac{1}{\log 2} \int_B \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

The Gauss measure is  $T$  invariant

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**Ergodic theorem** For a.e.  $x$  (=on a set of measure 1)

$$\lim_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} f(T^j x) = \int f d\mu, \quad \forall f \in L_1(\mu)$$

Take  $f = \mathbf{1}_B$  for some measurable set  $B$

**Time mean** = Mean value along an orbit =  
= mean value of  $f$  w.r.t.  $\mu$  = **Spatial mean**

## Measure-theoretic results

Sets of **zero measure** for the Gauss measure = sets of zero measure for the Lebesgue measure

Almost everywhere (a.e.) = on a set of measure 1

- For a.e.  $x \in [0, 1]$

$$\lim \frac{\log q_n}{n} = \frac{\pi^2}{12 \log 2}$$

- For a.e.  $x$  and for  $a \geq 1$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \{k \leq N; a_k = a\} = \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \frac{(a+1)^2}{a(a+2)}$$

- **Gauss measure**

$$\mu(A) = \frac{1}{\log 2} \int_A \frac{dx}{1+x}$$

## Continued fractions vs. decimal expansions

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- “The  $n$  first decimals determine the  $n$  first partial quotients”
- The first 1000 decimals of  $\pi$  give the first 968 partial quotients
- The continued fraction is only slightly more efficient at representing real numbers than the decimal expansion

Formal power series  
with coefficients in  $\mathbb{F}_q$

# Formal power series

Let  $q$  be a power of a prime number  $p$

We have the correspondence

- $\mathbb{Z} \sim \mathbb{F}_q[X]$
- $\mathbb{Q} \sim \mathbb{F}_q(X)$
- $\mathbb{R} \sim \mathbb{F}_q((X^{-1}))$

$$f = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \cdots + a_0 + a_{-1} X^{-1} + \cdots$$

Laurent formal power series

# Formal power series

Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q((X^{-1}))$        $f \neq 0$

$$f = a_n X^n + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + \dots \quad a_n \neq 0$$

- Degree       $\deg f = n$
- Distance       $|f| = q^{\deg f}$

## Ultrametric space

$$|f + g| \leq \max(|f|, |g|)$$

No carry propagation !

## Continued fractions

One can expand series  $f$  into continued fractions

$$f = a_0(X) + \frac{1}{a_1(X) + \frac{1}{a_2(X) + \dots}}$$

The **digits**  $a_i(X)$  are polynomials of **positive degree**

$$a_k \geq 1 \rightsquigarrow \deg a_k(X) \geq 1$$

- **Unique** expansion even if  $f$  does not belong to  $\mathbb{F}_q(X)$
- **Finite expansion** iff  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q(X)$
- But there exist explicit examples of algebraic series with bounded partial quotients [[Baum-Sweet](#)]
- Roth's theorem does not hold for algebraic series (see e.g. [[Lasjaunias-de Mathan](#)])

[[B.-Nakada, Expositiones Mathematicae](#)]

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- Hence, understanding the **polynomial case** can help the understanding of the **integer case**

# Dynamical analysis

# Rational vs. irrational parameters

Euclid algorithm  $\rightsquigarrow$  gcd  $\rightsquigarrow$  rational parameters

Continued fractions  $\rightsquigarrow$  irrational parameters

Is it relevant to compare generic orbits  
and orbits for integer parameters?

## Rational vs. irrational parameters

- When computing a gcd, we work with **integer/rational parameters**
- This set has **zero measure**
- **Ergodic methods** produce results that hold only **almost everywhere**

Average-case analysis vs. a.e. results

Fact **Orbits of rational points** tend to behave like **generic orbits**

And their probabilistic behaviour can be captured thanks to the methods of **dynamical analysis of algorithms**

# Number of steps for the Euclid algorithm

Consider

$$\Omega_m := \{(u_1, u_2) \in \mathbb{N}^2, 0 \leq u_1, u_2 \leq m\}$$

endowed with the uniform distribution

- **Theorem** The mean value  $\mathbb{E}_m[L]$  of the number of steps satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}_m[L] \sim \frac{2}{\pi^2/(6 \log 2)} \log m = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \log m$$

$\pi^2/(6 \log 2)$  is the **entropy**

[Heilbronn'69, Dixon'70, Hensley'94, Baladi-Vallée'03...]

# Number of steps for a generalized Euclid algorithm

Consider parameters  $(u_1, \dots, u_d)$  with  $0 \leq u_1, \dots, u_d \leq m$

To be expected

$$\mathbb{E}_m[L] \sim \frac{\text{dimension}}{\text{Entropy}} \times \log m$$

- Formal power series with coefficients in a finite field and polynomials with degree less than  $m$

$$\frac{2}{2^{\frac{q}{q-1}}} m = \frac{q-1}{q} m$$

- Brun [B.-Lhote-Vallée]

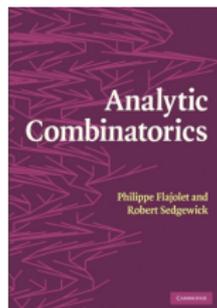
# Dynamical analysis of algorithms [Vallée]

It belongs to the area of

- **Analysis of algorithms** [Knuth'63]

probabilistic, combinatorial, and analytic methods

- **Analytic combinatorics** [Flajolet-Sedgewick]



generating functions and complex analysis,  
analytic functions, analysis of the singularities

# Dynamical analysis of algorithms [Vallée]

It mixes tools from

- **dynamical systems** (transfer operators, density transformers, Ruelle-Perron-Frobenius operators)
- **analytic combinatorics** (generating functions of Dirichlet type)

the **singularities** of (Dirichlet) generating functions  
are expressed in terms of **transfer** operators

# Average analysis of algorithms

- [mean value] Computation of the asymptotic mean

$$\mathbb{E}_n[X] \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} a_n$$

*ex : what is the average bit complexity of the algorithm when the input size  $n$  is large ? Is it linear in  $n$  ? Quadratic in  $n$  ? . . .*

- [variance]  $\mathbb{V}_n[X] \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} b_n$

*ex : what is asymptotically the probability to be far from the mean value ?*

- [limit law] What is the limit law of  $X$

$$\mathbb{P}_n \left[ \frac{X - a_n}{\sqrt{b_n}} \in [x, x + dx] \right] \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} f(x)$$

*ex : what is asymptotically the probability that  $X$  is in the interval  $[a, b]$  ?*

## Distributional dynamical analysis

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Theorem [Baladi-Vallée'05]

$$\mathbb{E}_N[\text{Cost}] = \frac{12 \log 2}{\pi^2} \cdot \hat{\mu}(c) \cdot \log N + O(1)$$

The distribution is asymptotically Gaussian (CLT)

$$\hat{\mu}(c) = \int_0^1 c([1/x]) \cdot \frac{1}{\log 2} \frac{1}{1+x} dx$$

$$C_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c(a_i(x)) \quad a_i = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{T^{i-1}(x)} \right\rfloor$$

Discrete case/Euclid Continuous case/truncated trajectories

## Finite state simulation

By **finite state machine simulation** of the dynamical system  $(X, T)$ , we mean the following : we consider

- a finite set  $\hat{X}$ , which is a set of finite sequences, this is a **discretization** of the space  $X$ ,
- a coding map  $\varphi: X \rightarrow \hat{X}$ , i.e., a projection onto the discretized space  $\hat{X}$ ,
- and a map  $\hat{T}$  that acts on  $\hat{X}$  with  $\hat{T}(\hat{X}) \subset \hat{X}$ , whose action is defined as a finite state machine
- we also want the behavior of  $\hat{T} \circ \varphi$  to be close to  $\varphi \circ T$

# Dynamics and computation

One can consider uniform or nonuniform (floating point) discretizations

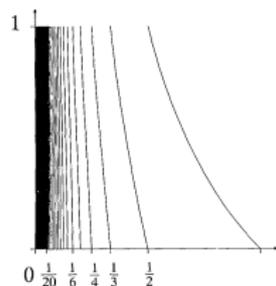
Consider a **finite state machine simulation** of a dynamical system

- all the orbits are ultimately periodic
- Are there **generic** orbits among computable orbits?
- How far are **computed** orbits from exact ones?
- How far are computed orbits from generic orbits?
- How far are periodic orbits from generic ones?
- **Round-off** errors
- Which **invariants** can be computed numerically (entropy, Lyapounov exponents)?

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- Are there orbits which do not go to 0? How do the orbits behave nearby 0?
- How far are calculated orbits from exact orbits?

**Theorem** Orbits under the floating-point Gauss map are close to corresponding exact orbits

[R. M. Corless, Continued fractions and Chaos

[P. Góra, A. Boyarsky, Why do computers like Lebesgue measure]

[P.-A. Guihéneuf, Dynamical properties of spatial discretizations of a generic homeomorphism]

# Random mappings on finite sets

[Knuth, Flajolet-Odlyzko'89]

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In summary, one has a **one giant component and few large trees**

Methods come from

analysis of algorithms/ combinatorial analysis  
singularities of (exponential) **generating functions**

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