

A dynamical invariant for subshifts of recursive nature

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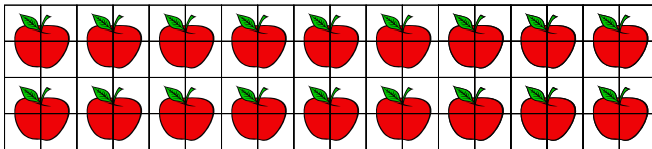
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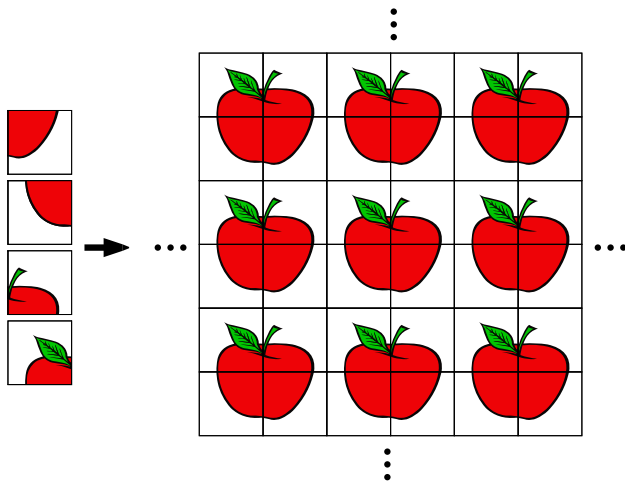


Figure: Four tiles with pictures, from which we obtain a set of infinite tilings of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

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Figure: One tile with pictures, from which we obtain a set of infinite tilings of \mathbb{Z} .

Shift spaces on \mathbb{Z}^d

- 1 Alphabet A = a finite set (of colors, tiles, symbols, etc).
- 2 Configuration = $x: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow A$.
- 3 Subshift \mathbb{Z}^d = topologically closed subset of $\{x: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow A\}$ for some alphabet A , which is invariant under the action $\mathbb{Z}^d \curvearrowright \{x: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow A\}$ by translations:

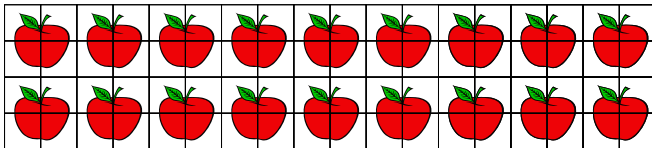
$$x \mapsto \sigma^n x$$

$$(\sigma^n x)(\mathbf{m}) = x(\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{n}).$$

- 4 These definitions can be easily extended to a countable group.

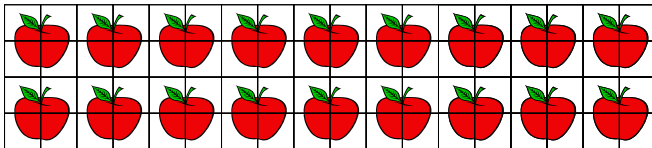
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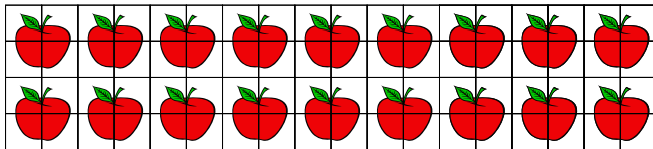
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Formally, a subshift is of finite type if it can be defined by a finite set of forbidden patterns ($p : \{0, \dots, n\}^d \rightarrow A$).

Periodicity and computability

Motivation I: Periodicity and computability



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Theorem (Hanf and Myers, 1974)

In \mathbb{Z}^2 there is an uncomputable SFT, that is, all its configurations are uncomputable.

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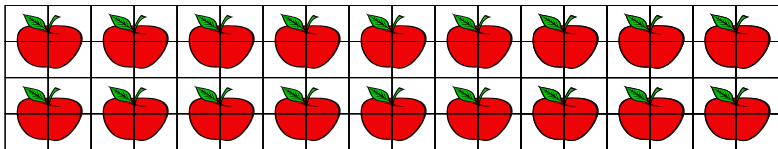
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A periodic configuration in $A^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ (the infinite repetition of a $n \times m$ pattern) is also computable.



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For subshifts, uncomputable \Rightarrow aperiodic (no configuration has finite orbit)

These properties are valid for finitely generated groups!

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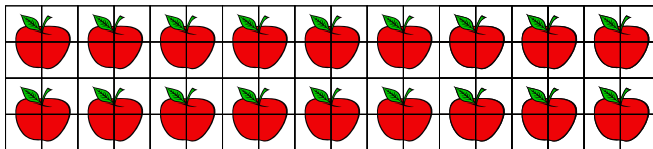
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In many groups, the techniques which have allowed to answer one question, have also allowed to answer the other.

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Motivation II: The space of all subshifts and its isolated points



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$$d(X, Y) = 2^{-n}, \quad n = \max\{k \mid L_k(X) = L_k(Y)\}$$

$$L_k(X) = \{x|_{B_k} : x \in X\}, \quad B_k = \{-k, \dots, k\}^d \subset \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

The space S^1

Theorem (Pavlov and Schmieding 2022)

The set of isolated points of S^1 is dense in S^1 , and in particular generic.

The space S^2

Theorem (C, Núñez, y Sablik)

The set of isolated points in S^2 is not dense.

El espacio S^2

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If X is an uncomputable SFT, then it has a neighborhood with no isolated points.

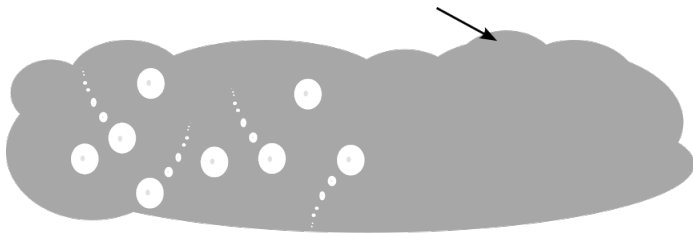
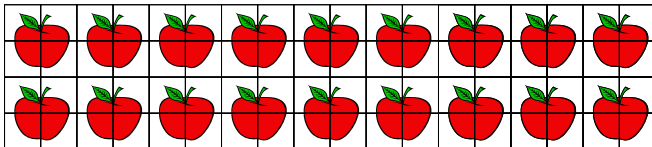


Figure: *The space S^2*

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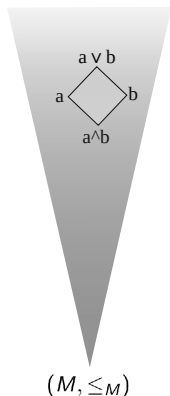


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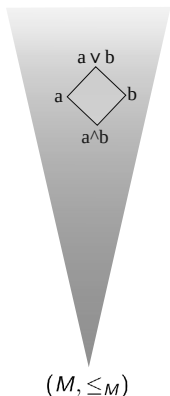
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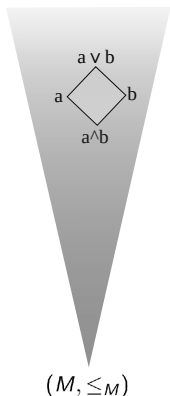
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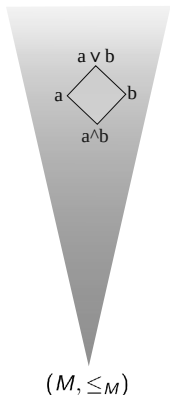
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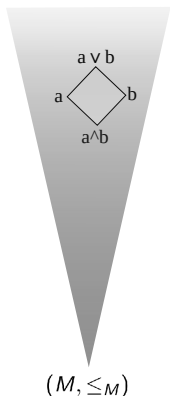
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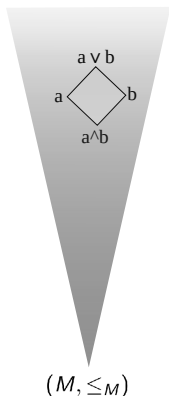
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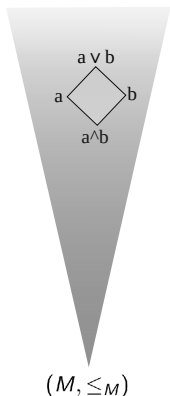
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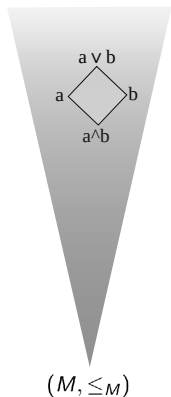
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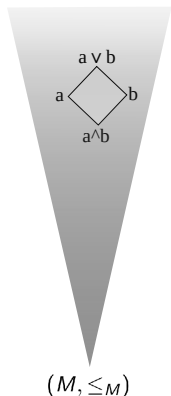
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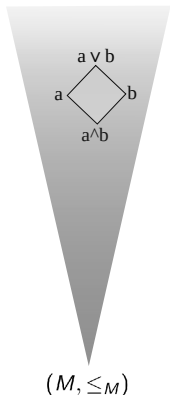
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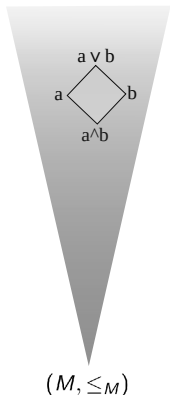
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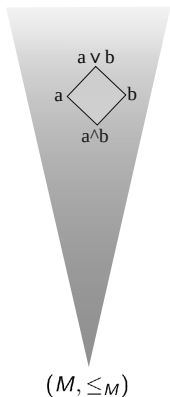
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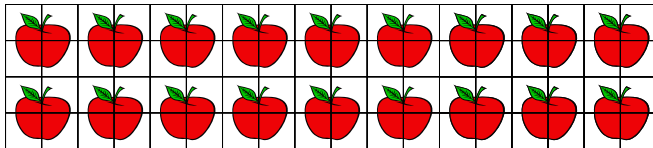
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What is it known about m as dynamical invariant for subshifts?



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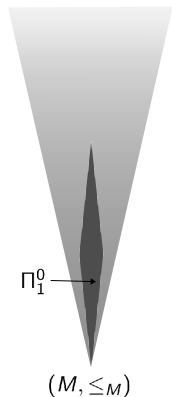
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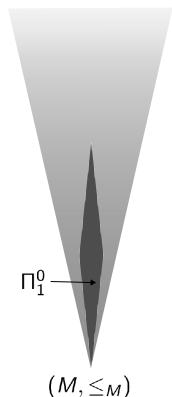
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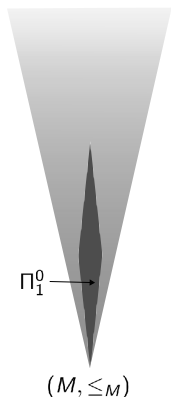
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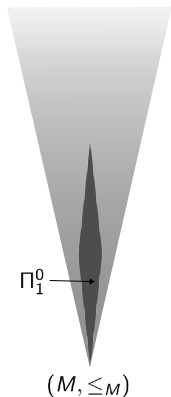
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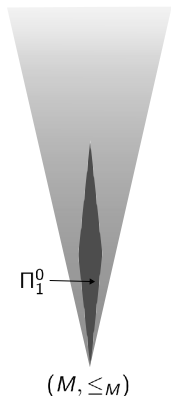
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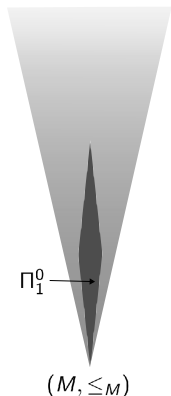
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