

Substitutions et pavages I : indécidabilité et pavabilité

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Avant-propos

Indécidabilité, pavages et polyominos

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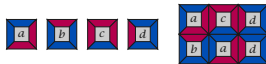
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The Domino Problem (DP)

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(Wang, 1961)



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Undecidability of DP



Theorem[Berger 1964] DP is **recursively undecidable**.

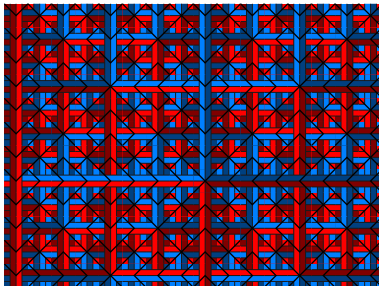
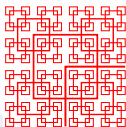
Remark To prove it one needs **aperiodic** tile sets.

Idea of the proof

Enforce an (aperiodic) **self-similar structure** using local rules.

Insert a **Turing machine** computation **everywhere** using the structure.

Remark Plenty of different proofs!



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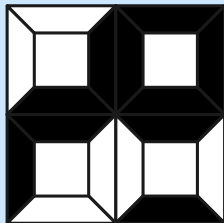
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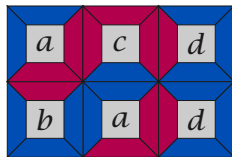
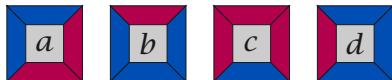


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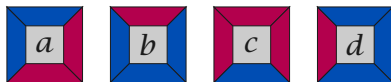


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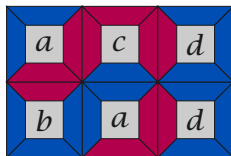
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Wang tiles



A **tile set** $\tau \subseteq \Sigma^4$ is a finite set of tiles with colored edges.

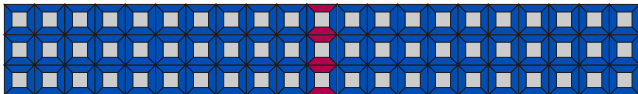


The set of **τ -tilings** $X_\tau \subseteq \tau^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ is the set of colorings of \mathbb{Z}^2 by τ where colors match along edges.

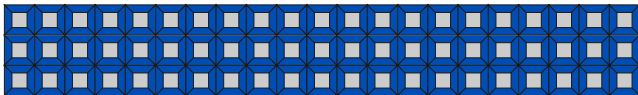
Periodic Tilings



Definition A tiling is **periodic** with period p if it is invariant by a **translation** of vector p .



Lemma If a finite set of tiles admits a **periodic** tiling then it admits a **biperiodic** tiling.

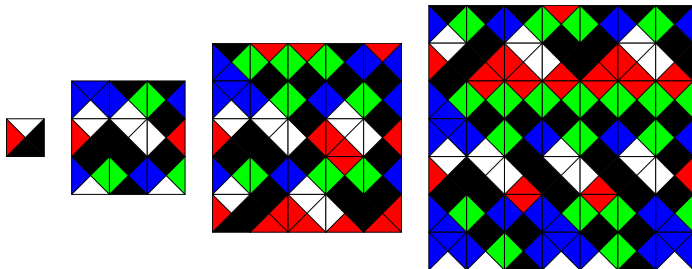


Lemma Finite sets of tiles tiling the plane biperiodically are **re (recursively enumerable)**.



Lemma Finite sets of tiles tiling the plane are **co-re**.

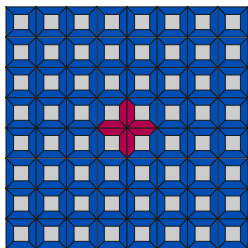
Sketch of the proof Consider tilings of larger and larger square regions. If the set does not tile the plane, by compactness, there exists a size of square it cannot cover with tiles.



Aperiodicity



Definition A tiling is **aperiodic** if it admits no non-trivial period.



Definition A set of tiles is **aperiodic** if it admits a tiling and all its tilings are aperiodic.

Remark If there were **no aperiodic** finite set of tiles, the Domino Problem would be **decidable**.

Undecidability of DP



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Remark To prove it one needs **aperiodic** tile sets.

Seminal self-similarity based proofs (*reduction from HP*):

- Berger, 1964 (*20426 tiles, a full PhD thesis*)
- Robinson, 1971 (*56 tiles, 17 pages, long case analysis*)
- Durand et al, 2007 (*Kleene's fixpoint existence argument*)

Tiling rows seen as transducer trace based proof:

Kari, 2007 (*affine maps, short & concise, reduction from IP*)



A new self-similarity based construction building on classical proof schemes with concise arguments and few tiles:

1. two-by-two substitution systems and aperiodicity
2. an aperiodic tile set of 104 tiles
3. enforcing any substitution and reduction from **HP**

This work combines tools and ideas from:

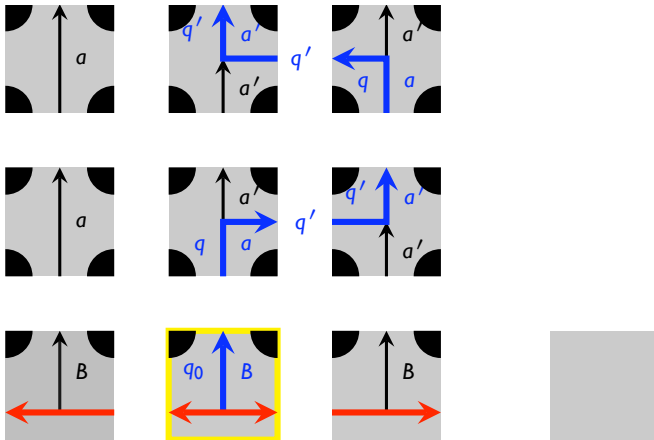
[Berger 64] *The Undecidability of the Domino Problem*

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[Grünbaum Shephard 89] *Tilings and Patterns, an introduction*

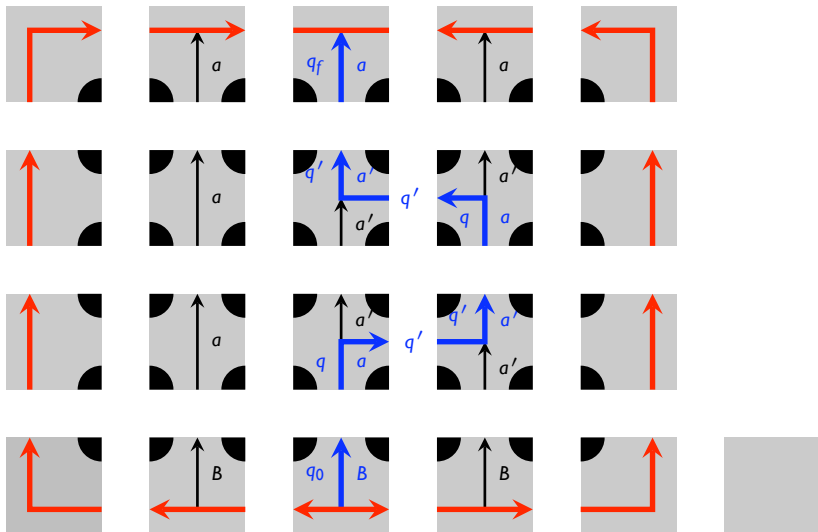
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Tiling with a fixed tile

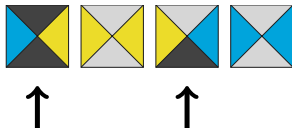
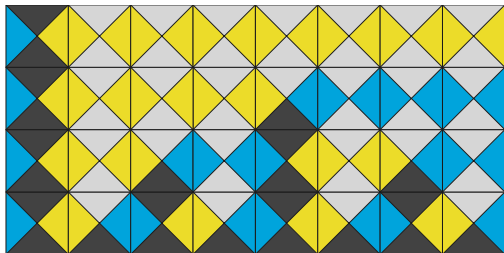


No **halting** tile.

Finite Tiling



Tiling with diagonal constraints



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Topology

Definition A **topological space** is a pair (E, \mathcal{O}) where $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(E)$ is the set of **open** subsets satisfying:

- \mathcal{O} contains both \emptyset and E ;
- \mathcal{O} is closed under union;
- \mathcal{O} is closed under finite intersection.

S is endowed with the **discrete topology**: $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{P}(S)$.

$S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is endowed with the **Cantor topology**: the product topology of the discrete topology.

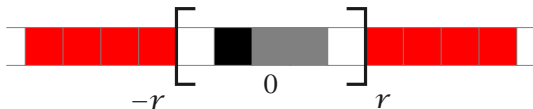
$$\mathcal{O} = \left\{ \prod X_i \mid X_i \subseteq S \wedge \text{Card}(\{i \mid X_i \neq S\}) < \omega \right\}$$

Cantor topology is **metric** and **compact**.

Cylinders

Definition The **cylinder** $[m] \subseteq S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ with radius $r \geq -1$ generated by the pattern $m \in S^{[-r,r]^d}$ is

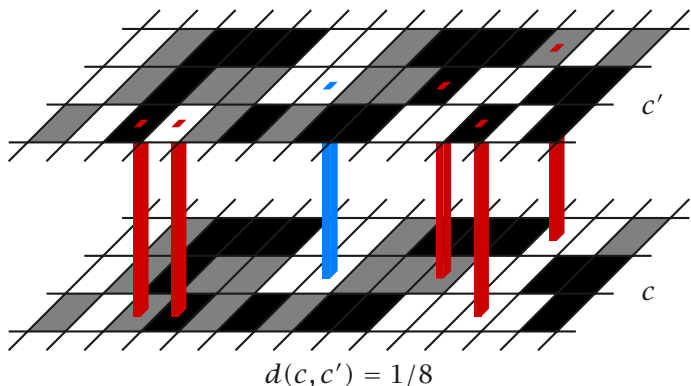
$$[m] = \{c \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \mid \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \|p\|_{\infty} \leq r \Rightarrow c(p) = m(p)\}$$



Proposition Cylinders are a countable **clopen generating set**.

Notation $[m] < [m']$ means $[m]$ is a **sub-cylinder** of $[m']$, i.e. $[m'] \subset [m]$.

Proposition Cantor topology is **metric**



$$\forall c, c' \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}, \quad d(c, c') = 2^{-\min\{\|p\|_\infty \mid c_p \neq c'_p\}}$$

Compact

Proposition Every sequence of configurations $(c_i) \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d \times \mathbb{N}}$ admits a converging subsequence.

Proof by **extraction**:

By recurrence, let $(c_i^0) = (c_i)$.

It is always possible to find:

- a cylinder $[m_n]$ of radius n and
- an infinite subsequence (c_i^{n+1}) de (c_{i+1}^n)

such that for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $c_i^{n+1} \in [m_n]$.

By construction $[m_{n+1}] \subset [m_n]$ and (c_0^{i+1}) is a converging subsequence of (c_i) (to $\bigcap [m_i]$): $\delta(c_0^{n+1}, c_0^{n+2}) \leq 2^{-n}$.

König trees

Remark Cantor topology is essentially **combinatorial**.

Remark Main properties can be obtained using **extraction**.

König's Lemma Every infinite tree with finite branching admits an infinite branch.

Definition The **König tree** \mathcal{A}_C of a set of configurations $C \subseteq S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is the tree (V_C, E_C) where

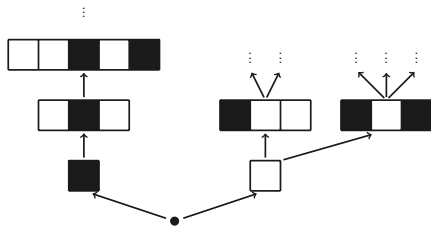
$$V_C = \{[m] \mid C \cap [m] \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$E_C = \{([m], [m']) \mid [m] \prec [m'] \wedge r([m']) = r([m]) + 1\}$$

The root of the tree is the cylinder $[] = S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ of radius -1 .

Toppings

The König tree of a **non empty** set of configurations is an **infinite tree** with finite branching.



To each infinite branch $([m_i])$ is associated a **unique configuration** $\cap [m_i]$.

Definition The **topping** $\overline{\mathcal{A}_C}$ of a König tree is the set of configurations associated to its infinite branches.

König topology

The **König topology** is defined by its closed sets: toppings of König trees.

The **complementary of a closed set** is the **union of cylinders** that are not nodes of the tree.

Cantor and **König** topologies are the **same**.

Most **topological concepts** can be explained using **trees**:

- dense sets;
- closed sets with non empty interior;
- compactity;
- Baire's theorem.

Proposition **clopen** sets are finite unions of cylinders.

Definition A mapping $G : S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is **local** in $p \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ if there exists a radius r such that:

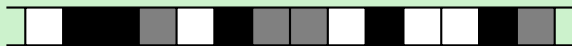
$$\forall c, c' \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}, \quad [c|_r] = [c'|_r] \Rightarrow G(c)_p = G(c')_p \quad .$$

Proposition A mapping $G : S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is **continuous** if and only if it is **local in every point**.

Cellular automata

Definition A **CA** is a tuple (d, S, r, f) where S is a **finite set of states**, $r \in \mathbb{N}$ is the **neighborhood radius** and $f : S^{(2r+1)^d} \rightarrow S$ is the **local rule** of the cellular automaton.

A **configuration** $c \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is a coloring of \mathbb{Z}^d by S .



The **global map** $G : S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ applies f uniformly and locally:

$$\forall c \in S^{\mathbb{Z}}, \forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad F(c)(z) = f(c(z-r), \dots, c(z+r)).$$

Curtis-Hedlund-Lyndon Theorem

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Definition The **translation** $\sigma_k : S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ with vector $k \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ satisfies:

$$\forall c \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}, \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \quad \sigma_k(c)_p = c_{p-k} \quad .$$

Theorem[Hedlund 1969] Continuous mapping commuting with translations are exactly global maps of CA.

A central object in **symbolic dynamics** is the **subshift**.

Definition A **subshift** of $S^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ is a set of configurations both **closed** and **invariant by translation**.

Ex ...*abaababaaa*...

$$X = \{c \in \{a, b\}^{\mathbb{Z}} \mid \forall p \in \mathbb{Z}, c_p = b \Rightarrow c_{p+1} = a\}$$

Language of a subshift

Definition The **language** $L(X)$ of a **subshift** X is the set of finite patterns appearing in X .

Proposition A **subshift** is characterized by its **language**.

$$\bar{L} = \{c \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \mid \forall r \geq 0, \forall m \in S^{[-r,r]^d}, m \prec c \Rightarrow m \in L\}$$

Warning It might be that $L(\bar{L}) \neq L$.

Forbidden words

$a b b$
 $a a b$
 $a a b$

Proposition A subshift is characterized by the set of its **forbidden words**: the complementary of its language.

Proposition Subshifts are in bijection with **minimal sets of forbidden words** (for set inclusion).

Ex $X = S_{\{bb\}}$

Definition A **subshift of finite type (SFT)** is defined by a finite set of forbidden words.

Remark **SFT** correspond to **tilings**: colorings with local uniform constraints.

Definition A **sofic subshift** is the image of a SFT by a CA.

Proposition **1D sofic subshifts** are subshifts that admit a **regular language** of forbidden words.

2D sofic subshifts

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 $a a b$

Proposition **2D sofic subshifts** are tile-by-tile projections of tilings by **Wang tiles**.



Goal Provide tools to manipulate and characterize **2D sofic subshifts**:

- constructions to characterize soficity;
- tools to prove non soficity.

What is a **2D rational language**?

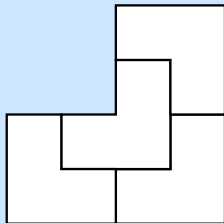
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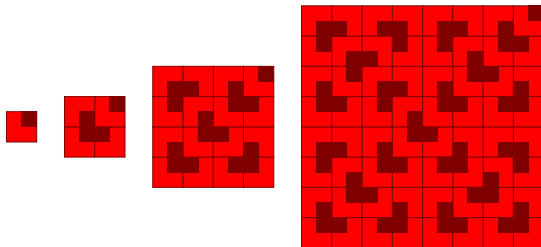


Substitutions



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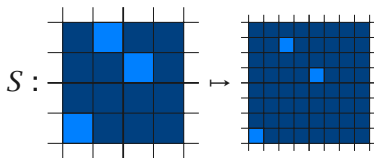
$$s : \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ \hline \blacksquare & \square & \blacksquare \\ \hline \square & \blacksquare & \square \\ \hline \end{array} + \textit{rotations}$$



Two-by-two substitutions



A **2x2 substitution** $s : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^{\boxplus}$ maps letters to squares of letters on the same finite alphabet.



The substitution is extended as a **global map** $S : \Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \rightarrow \Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ on colorings of the plane:

$$\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \forall k \in \boxplus, \quad S(c)(2z + k) = s(c(z))(k)$$



$$\Lambda_S = \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right\} \cup \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}_{x,y \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$$

The diagram shows two 4x4 grids. The first grid is entirely dark blue. The second grid is dark blue with a single square in the center (at coordinates (2,2) if the top-left is (0,0)) colored light blue. The second grid is labeled with 'y' above the top row and 'x' below the left column.

The **limit set** $\Lambda_S \subseteq \Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$ is the maximal attractor of S :

$$\Lambda_S = \bigcap_{t \in \mathbb{N}} \langle S^t(\Sigma^{\mathbb{Z}^2}) \rangle_\sigma$$

The limit set is the set of colorings admitting an **history** $(c_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ where $c_i = S(c_{i+1}) \cdot u_i$.

Unambiguous substitutions



A substitution is **aperiodic** if its limit set Λ_S is aperiodic.

A substitution is **unambiguous** if, for every coloring C from its limit set Λ_S , there exists a unique coloring C' and a unique translation $u \in \mathbb{T}$ satisfying $C = u \cdot S(C')$.

Proposition Unambiguity implies **aperiodicity**.

Sketch of the proof. Consider a periodic coloring with minimal period p , its preimage has period $p/2$. ◇

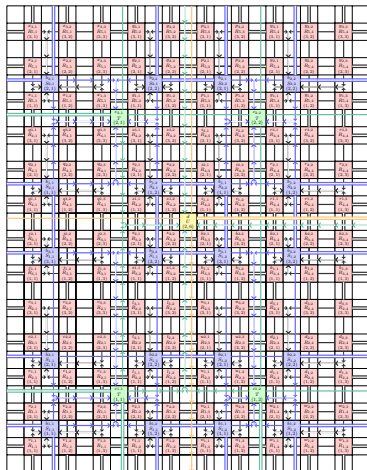
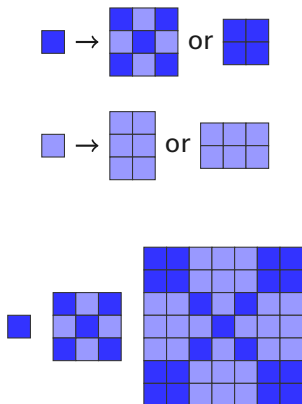
Idea. Construct a tile set whose tilings are in the limit set of an unambiguous substitution system.



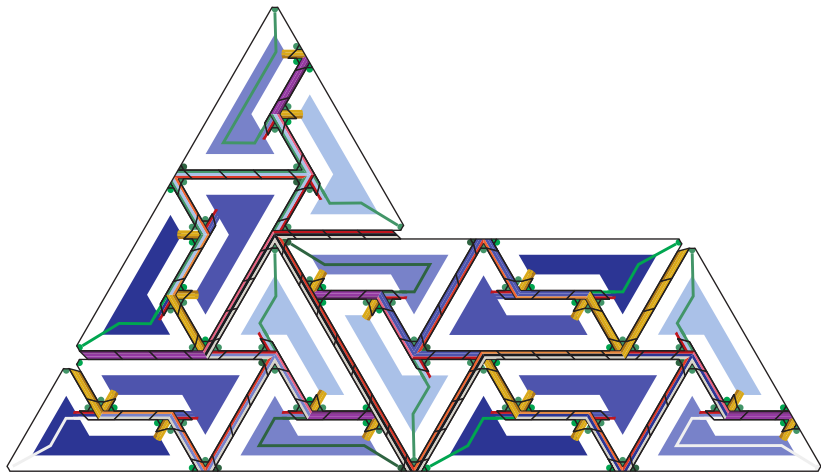
Theorem The **limit set** of a 2x2 substitution is **sofic**.

Idea To encode Λ_s via **local matching rules** decorate s into a **locally checkable** s^\bullet embedding a whole history.

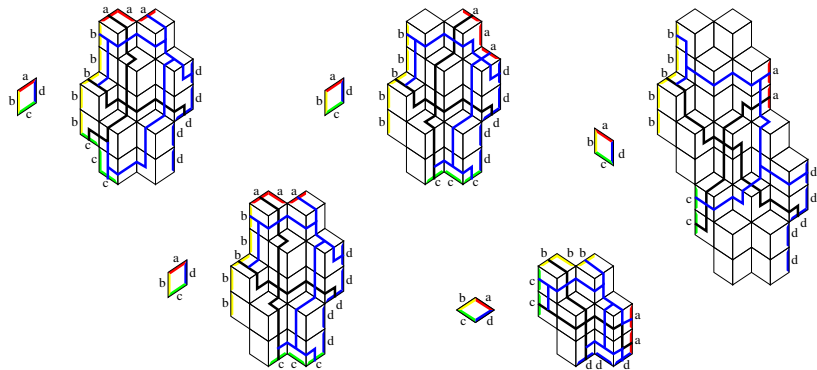
Remark The **key step** is to construct an **aperiodic tile set**.



Theorem[Mozes 1990] The limit set of a **non-deterministic rectangular substitution** (+ some hypothesis) is sofic.



Theorem[Goodman-Strauss 1998] The limit set of **homothetic substitution** (+ some hypothesis) is sofic.



Theorem[Fernique-O 2010] The limit set of a **combinatorial substitution** (+ some hypothesis) is sofic.

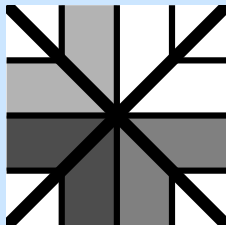
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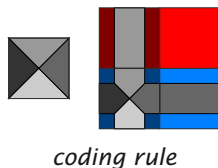
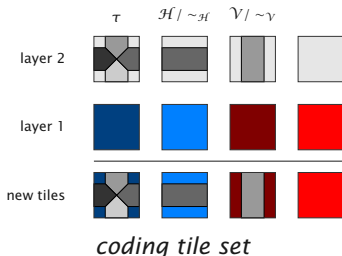
Coding tile sets into tile sets



A **tile set** τ is a triple $(T, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{V})$ where \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{V} define horizontal and vertical matching constraints.

Definition A tile set $(T', \mathcal{H}', \mathcal{V}')$ **codes** a tile set $(T, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{V})$, according to a **coding rule** $t: T \rightarrow T'^{\boxplus}$ if t is injective and

$$X_{T'} = \{u \cdot t(C) \mid C \in X_T, u \in \boxplus\}$$



coding rule



Definition A tile set $(T, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{V})$ **codes** a substitution $s : T \rightarrow T^{\boxplus}$ if it codes itself according to the coding rule s .

Proposition A tile set both admitting a tiling and **coding** an **unambiguous** substitution is **aperiodic**.

Sketch of the proof. $X_T \subseteq \Lambda_S$ and $X_T \neq \emptyset$.



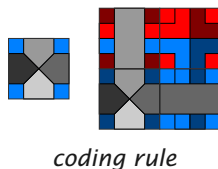
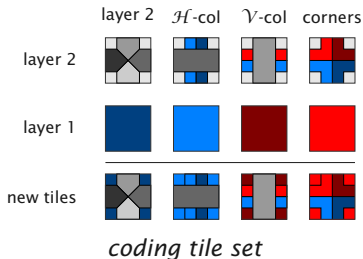
A coding scheme with fixpoint?



Better scheme: **not strictly increasing** the number of tiles.

Problem It **cannot encode any layered tile set**, constraints between layer 1 and layer 2 are checked edge by edge.

Patch Add a **third layer** with one bit of information per edge.



Canonical substitution



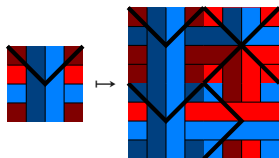
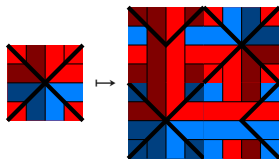
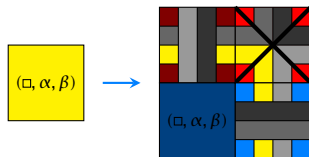
Copy the tile in the SW corner but for layer 1.

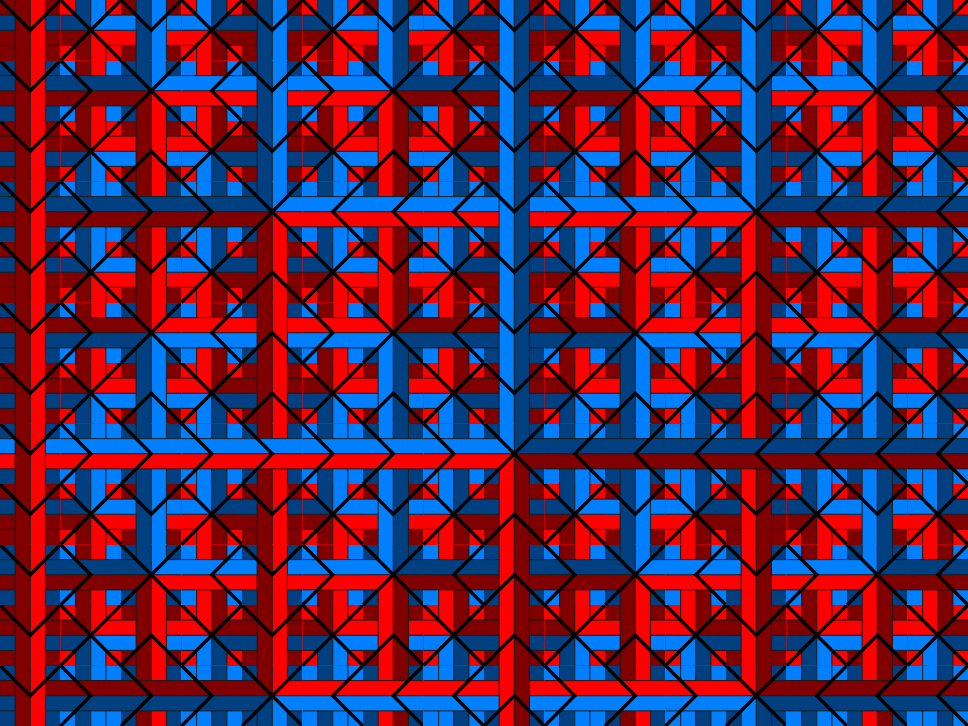
Put the only possible X in NE that carry layer 1 of the original tile on SW wire.

Propagate wires colors.

Let H et V tile propagate layer 3 arrows.

The substitution is injective.







1. The tile set admits a tiling:

Generate a valid tiling by iterating the substitution rule:

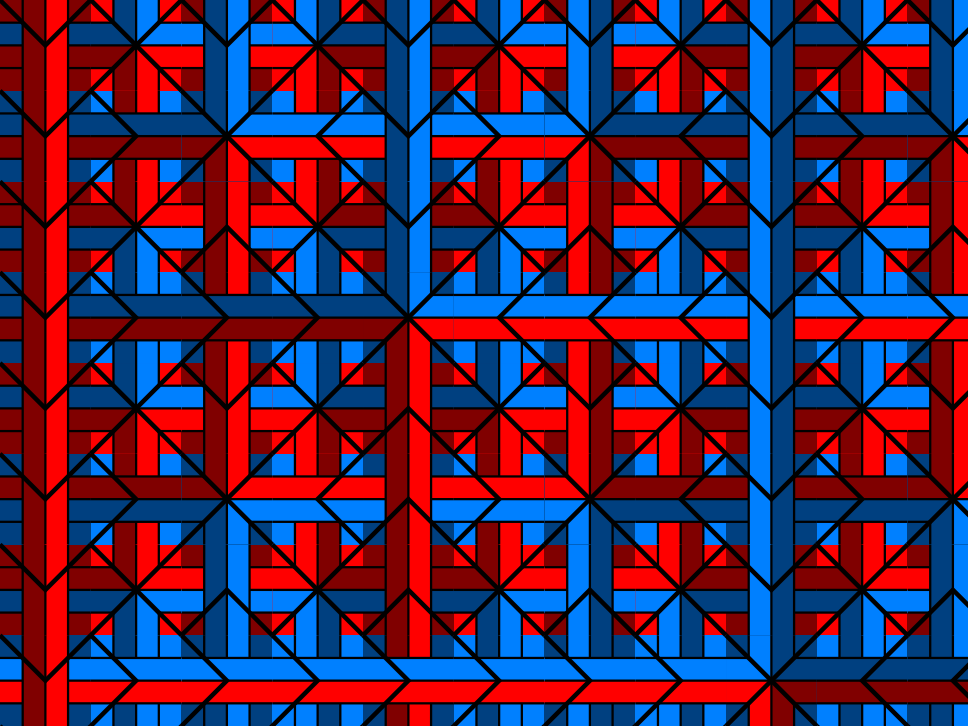
$$X_T \cap \Lambda_S \neq \emptyset.$$

2. The substitution is unambiguous:

It is injective and the projectors have disjoint images.

3. The tile set codes the substitution:

- (a) each tiling is an image of the canonical substitution
Consider any tiling, level by level, short case analysis.
- (b) the preimage of a tiling is a tiling
Straightforward by construction (preimage remove constraints).



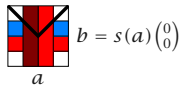
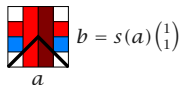
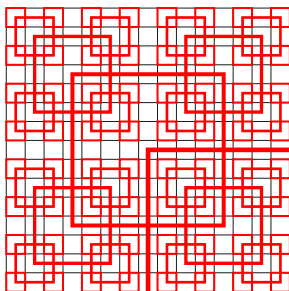
Enforcing substitutions *via* tilings



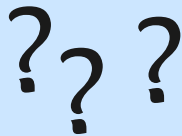
Let π map every tile of $\tau(s')$ to $s'(a)(u)$ where a and u are the letter and the value of \boxplus on layer 1.

Proposition. Let s' be any substitution system. The tile set $\tau(s')$ enforces s' :
 $\pi(X_{\tau(s')}) = \Lambda_{S'}$.

Idea. Every tiling of $\tau(s')$ codes an history of S' and every history of S' can be encoded into a tiling of $\tau(s')$.



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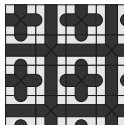
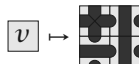
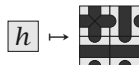
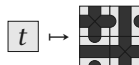
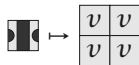
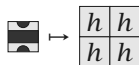
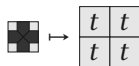
Theorem The **limit set** of a 2×2 substitution is **sofic**.

Theorem[Berger 1964] **DP** is **undecidable**.

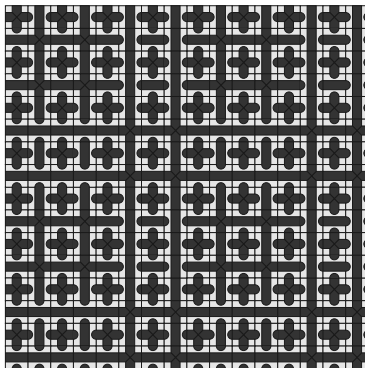
Idea Construct a **2×2 substitution** whose **limit set** contains everywhere **squares** of larger and larger size, insert **Turing computation** inside those squares.

To conclude

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t	t	v	v	t	t	v	v
h	h	t	t	h	h	t	t
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Substitutions et pavages II : soficité directionnelle

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