

Effective Computation of Generalized Abelian Complexity for Pisot Type Substitutive Sequences

(Part 1/2)

Words and Subwords, Liège

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Pisot Type Substitutive Sequences

It all starts with a finite **alphabet** A of **letters**

$$A = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

We **concatenate** letters to obtain (finite) **words**

denoted by u, v, w

The **empty word** ε is the only word of length 0.

Let A^n denote the set of words w of **length** $|w| = n$

The set of **all finite words** is $A^* = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} A^n$

Concatenation extends to words, $(A^*, \cdot, \varepsilon)$ is a monoid.

Let $A^{\mathbb{N}}$ denote the set of (infinite) **sequences** denoted in bold like \mathbf{x}

If $\mathbf{x} \in A^* \cup A^{\mathbb{N}}$, let $\mathbf{x}[i]$ denote the letter in **position** $0 \leq i < |\mathbf{x}|$ inside \mathbf{x}

Pisot Type Substitutive Sequences

A **morphism** is a map $\tau : A^* \rightarrow B^*$ compatible with concatenation, i.e., such that $\tau(uv) = \tau(u)\tau(v)$ for all $u, v \in A^*$.

A **substitution** $\tau : A \rightarrow A^*$ is the restriction of a morphism $\tau : A^* \rightarrow A^*$.

A **fixed point** of a substitution τ is a sequence $\mathbf{x} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $\tau(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}$.

A substitution τ is **prolongable** on a letter $a \in A$ if $\tau(a) = au$ for some $u \in A^*$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\tau^n(a)| = +\infty$. The **associated fixed point** $\tau^\omega(a)$ is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau^n(a) = a \prod_{n \geq 0} \tau^n(u)$.

In this talk, we focus on the famous **Tribonacci sequence**, the associated fixed point $\mathbf{t} = \tau^\omega(0)$ of the substitution $\tau : 0 \mapsto 01, 1 \mapsto 02, 2 \mapsto 0$.

$\mathbf{t} = 010201001020101020100102010201001020101020100102010010 \dots$

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The **incidence matrix** of a substitution $\tau : A \rightarrow A^*$ is the matrix $M_\tau \in \mathbb{N}^{A \times A}$, the (i, j) entry of which is $|\tau(a_i)|_{a_j}$ where $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$.

A **Pisot-Vijayaraghavan number** θ is an algebraic integer, which is the dominant root of its minimal monic polynomial $P(X)$ with integer coefficients, where $P(X)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z} and admits n complex roots $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n$, all distinct, satisfying $\theta = \theta_1 > 1 > |\theta_2| \geq \dots \geq |\theta_n| > 0$.

A substitution is of **Pisot type** if the characteristic polynomial of its incidence matrix is the minimal polynomial of a Pisot number.

Remark The **Tribonacci substitution** is **Pisot**.

$$M_\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(X) = X^3 - X^2 - X - 1$$

Generalized Abelian Complexity

A **factor** u , of length n , of $\mathbf{x} \in A^* \cup A^{\mathbb{N}}$ is a subblock of \mathbf{x} , formally if $u = \mathbf{x}[i] \cdots \mathbf{x}[i + n - 1]$ for some position i .

A **prefix** is a factor occurring at position 0.

The **set of all factors** of \mathbf{x} is denoted by $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})$ and $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) \cap A^n$.

Definition Let \mathbf{x} be a sequence. The **factor complexity** of \mathbf{x} is the map $p_{\mathbf{x}} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, n \mapsto \#\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x})$ that counts the factors for a given length.

Theorem (Morse-Hedlund 1938) The **factor complexity** of \mathbf{x} is **bounded** if and only if \mathbf{x} is **ultimately periodic**.

$$p_{\mathbf{t}}(n) = 2n + 1$$

Generalized Abelian Complexity

The **Parikh vector** $\psi(u) \in \mathbb{N}^A$ of a word $u \in A^*$ is defined, for all $a \in A$, by $\psi(u)[a] = |u|_a$, where $|u|_a$ is the **number of occurrences** of a in u .

The **abelian complexity** of a sequence counts the number of different Parikh vectors obtained on factors for a given length.

Definition Let \mathbf{x} be a sequence. The **abelian complexity** of \mathbf{x} is the map $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{\text{ab}} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, n \mapsto \#\{\psi(u) \mid u \in \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x})\}$.

Remark The **abelian complexity** of the **Tribonacci sequence** has been extensively studied (**Richomme et al 2010**), (**Turek 2013**), (**Shallit 2021**).

$$\rho_{\mathbf{t}}^{\text{ab}}(n) \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

Generalized Abelian Complexity

A generalization of the abelian complexity is the so-called **k -abelian complexity** for some positive integer $k \geq 1$ (Karhumäki et al 2013).

Let $|w|_x$ denote the **number of occurrences** of the factor x in the word w .

Definition Two words u and v are **k -abelian equivalent**, denoted by $u \sim_k v$, if $|u|_x = |v|_x$ for every word x of length at most k .

When $k = 1$, we simply talk about **abelian equivalence**.

Definition The **k -abelian complexity** of a sequence $\mathbf{x} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ is $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n) = \#\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x}) / \sim_k$ that counts factors of \mathbf{x} for a given length up to \sim_k .

Generalized Exact Abelian Complexity

Two same-length words u, v are **exactly- k -abelian equivalent**, denoted by $u \sim_{=k} v$, if $|u|_x = |v|_x$ for every word x of length **exactly** k .

We define the **exact k -abelian complexity** of \mathbf{x} as $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{=k}(n) = \#\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x}) / \sim_{=k}$.

Lemma Let $k \geq 1$. Two words $u, v \in A^*$ are **k -abelian equivalent** if and only the following conditions are satisfied:

1. $|u| = |v|$;
2. if $|u| < k$, then $u = v$;
3. if $|u| \geq k$, then $u \sim_{=k} v$ and $u[i] = v[i]$ for all $i < k - 1$.

Thanks to this, we can focus on computing the **exact k -abelian complexity**!

Relations between complexities

Lemma Let \mathbf{x} be a sequence. We have $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{\text{ab}} = \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^1 = \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{\overline{1}}$. For each integer $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have

1. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n) \leq \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{k+1}(n)$;
2. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{\overline{k}}(n) \leq \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n) \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^{\overline{i}}(n)$;
3. For all $n < k$, $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n) = p_{\mathbf{x}}(n)$.

Bounded abelian complexity

Let C be a positive integer.

Definition A sequence $\mathbf{x} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ is **C -balanced** if, for all factors u, v of \mathbf{x} of equal length and for every letter $a \in A$, we have $||u|_a - |v|_a| \leq C$.

When $C = 1$, we simply call \mathbf{x} **balanced**.

Lemma (folklore) A sequence \mathbf{x} has **bounded abelian complexity** if and only if \mathbf{x} is **C -balanced** for some positive integer C .

Corollary (using Adamczewski 2003) The **abelian complexity** of the fixed point of a substitution of **Pisot type** is **bounded** by a constant.

Bounded generalized abelian complexity

Let k and C_k be positive integers.

Definition A sequence $\mathbf{x} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ is (k, C_k) -balanced if, for all factors u, v of \mathbf{x} of equal length and for each $w \in A^k$, we have $||u|_w - |v|_w| \leq C_k$.

The boundedness of the generalized abelian complexity is related to the generalized balancedness as follows.

Lemma (Karhumaki et al. 2013) Let k be a positive integer. A sequence \mathbf{x} has **bounded k -abelian complexity** if and only if \mathbf{x} is (k, C_k) -balanced for some positive integer C_k .

If $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k$ is bounded by C_k , then \mathbf{x} is $(k, C_k - 1)$ -balanced

If \mathbf{x} is (k, C_k) -balanced, then $\rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k \leq (C_k + 1)^k$.

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We consider 3 representations for sequences:

- **\mathcal{S} -automatic** sequences;
- **\mathcal{S} -synchronized** sequences;
- **\mathcal{S} -regular** sequences.

where \mathcal{S} denotes a **regular numeration system**.

Abstract Numeration Systems (with zeros)

Definition (Lecomte, Rigo 2000) A **numeration system (NS)** \mathcal{S} is a tuple $(L, A, <, 0)$ with A the alphabet, ordered by $<$, minimal element $0 \in A$, and $L \subseteq A^*$ such that $\varepsilon \in L$ and $w \in L \Leftrightarrow 0w \in L \quad \forall w \in A^*$.

The **encoding** $\text{rep}_{\mathcal{S}}(n)$ of $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the n th element of $L \setminus 0^+L$ (in radix order).

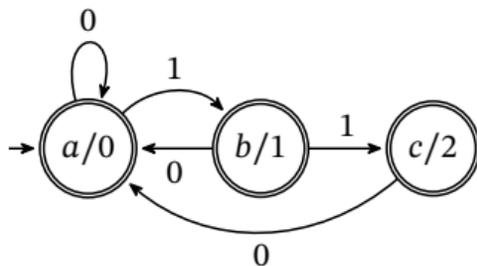
The **valuation** $\text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(u)$ of $u \in L$ is $\text{rep}_{\mathcal{S}}^{-1}(v)$ where $u \in 0^*v$.

Let $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ be the **canonical isomorphism** between $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} (A^n \times B^n)$ and $(A \times B)^*$.

In this talk, we only consider **regular** NS, for which both L and the **addition relation** $\{\langle x, y, z \rangle \mid \text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(x) + \text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(y) = \text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(z)\}$ are **regular**.

Automatic sequences

Definition A sequence $\mathbf{x} \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ is **\mathcal{S} -automatic** if \mathbf{x} can be computed by a **deterministic finite automaton with output (DFAO)** in the NS \mathcal{S} : on input $u \in L_{\mathcal{S}}$, its output is equal to $\mathbf{x}[\text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(u)]$.



The Tribonacci sequence in its DTNS

(Rigo and Maes 2002) proved that **morphic sequences** are captured by **automatic sequences** in various NS. We focus on **Dumont-Thomas NS (DTNS)** that capture **substitutive sequences** and are **regular** for substitutions of **Pisot type**.

Regular sequences

Definition (Allouche, Shallit 1992) A sequence $\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is **\mathcal{S} -regular** if there exist a row vector λ , a column vector γ , and a morphism $\mu : A_{\mathcal{S}}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{m \times m}$ such that $\mathbf{x}[n] = \lambda \mu(\text{rep}_{\mathcal{S}}(n)) \gamma$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

The triple (λ, μ, γ) is called a **linear representation** of \mathbf{x} . They are stable under several operations: sum, external product, Hadamard product, ...

A **reduced representation** is a representation of **minimal dimension**.

Theorem Let $\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a sequence of integers.

If \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -automatic then \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -regular.

If \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -regular and $\mathbf{x}(\mathbb{N})$ is **finite** then \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -automatic.

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Walnut implements the classical **Büchi-Bruyère** compilation of **predicates** $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ into **deterministic finite automata** (DFA). It also permits to **directly manipulate DFA** and use DFA-defined predicates into formulas.

Büchi Arithmetic characterizes the expressivity of **DFA** in base k .

Synchronized sequences

Synchronized relations and sequences capture the expressive power of DFA with input in a given NS. **Walnut** manipulates them in regular NS.

Definition (Carpi and Maggi 2001) A sequence $s : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^m$ is **\mathcal{S} -synchronized** if the following language is regular:

$$\{\langle x, y_1, \dots, y_m \rangle \mid s(\text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(x)) = (\text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(y_1), \dots, \text{val}_{\mathcal{S}}(y_m))\} \quad .$$

Theorem Let $\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be a sequence of integers.
If \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -automatic then \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -synchronized.
If \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -synchronized then \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -regular.

Long standing conjecture

Conjecture (Parreau, Rigo, Rowland and Vandomme 2015)

The abelian complexity of a \mathcal{S} -automatic sequence is \mathcal{S} -regular.

Some examples:

- The abelian complexity of the Thue-Morse sequence is **automatic**;
- The abelian complexity of the Rudin-Shapiro sequence is **regular**;
- The abelian complexity of the paperfolding sequence is **2-regular** and **unbounded**.
(Madill and Rampersad 2013)

Our contribution

Part 1 (this talk)

Theorem Let \mathbf{x} be a **uniformly factor-balanced** \mathcal{S} -automatic sequence. Its **abelian equivalence relation** is \mathcal{S} -synchronized and its **2D generalized abelian complexity** $(k, n) \mapsto \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n)$ is \mathcal{S} -regular.

Part 2 (Pierre on Wednesday)

Theorem The **abelian complexity** of the fixed point of a prolongable primitive substitution of ultimately **Pisot** type is an automatic sequence in its DTNS and the DFAO computing it is **effectively computable**.

Theorem Previous theorem extends to the computation of the **generalized** abelian complexity under some **sliding-block code** condition.

Uniform factor-balancedness

Definition A sequence \mathbf{x} is **uniformly factor-(C -)balanced** for some uniform bound C if $||u|_w - |v|_w| \leq C$ for all $u, v \in \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{x})$, for all $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x})$, and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

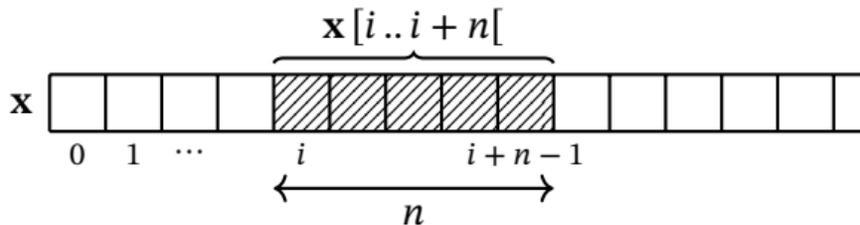
How common is this property?

For **Sturmian sequences**, in the general case, (**Fagnot and Vuillon 2002**) proved **(k, k)-balancedness**, which is unbounded.

Combining (**Fagnot and Vuillon 2002**) with (**Vandeth 2000**), a Sturmian sequence of slope $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ is **uniformly factor-balanced** when the continued fraction of $\alpha/(1 - \alpha)$ has bounded partial quotients.

Identifying factors and their relations

The **factors** of an automatic sequence are well captured by their appearance inside the sequence given by an **index** and a **length**.



Let $\mathbf{x}[i..i+n[$ denote the length- n factor of \mathbf{x} starting at position i .

Let's formalize a few relations:

$$\text{feq}_{\mathbf{x}} = \{(i, j, n) \mid \mathbf{x}[i..i+n[= \mathbf{x}[j..j+n[\}$$

$$\text{abexeq}_{\mathbf{x}} = \{(i, j, k, n) \mid \mathbf{x}[i..i+n+k[\sim_{=k} \mathbf{x}[j..j+n+k[\}$$

$$\text{abeq}_{\mathbf{x}} = \{(i, j, k, n) \mid \mathbf{x}[i..i+n[\sim_k \mathbf{x}[j..j+n[\}$$

Computing the balance function

The **balance function** compares **factor occurrences**:

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n) = \left| \mathbf{x}[j_1 .. j_1 + n + k] \Big|_{\mathbf{x}[i..i+k]} - \left| \mathbf{x}[j_2 .. j_2 + n + k] \Big|_{\mathbf{x}[i..i+k]} \right|$$

Lemma The balance function $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n)$ of a **uniformly factor-balanced** \mathcal{S} -automatic sequence \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -automatic.

1. As $\text{freq}_{\mathbf{x}}$ is \mathcal{S} -synchronized, $\text{occ}_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j, k, n, u)$ that tests if $j \leq u \leq j + n$ and $\text{freq}_{\mathbf{x}}(i, u, k)$ is also \mathcal{S} -synchronized;
2. Count accepting paths in a DFA computing $\text{occ}_{\mathbf{x}}$ to obtain a \mathcal{S} -regular linear representation for $\left| \mathbf{x}[j .. j + n + k] \Big|_{\mathbf{x}[i..i+k]} \right|$;
3. Combine to get a \mathcal{S} -regular linear representation for $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n)$;
4. Apply the **semigroup trick** to obtain \mathcal{S} -automaticity of $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}$.

Using balancedness to conclude

The **balancedness relation** identifies zeros the **balance function**:

$$\text{bal}_{\mathbf{x}} = \{(i, j_1, j_2, k, n) \mid \Delta_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n) = 0\}$$

Lemma If the balance function $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}$ of a sequence \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -automatic then its balancedness relation $\text{bal}_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n)$ is \mathcal{S} -synchronized.

Lemma If the balancedness relation of a sequence \mathbf{x} is \mathcal{S} -synchronized, then $\text{abeq}_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j, k, n)$ and $\text{abexeq}_{\mathbf{x}}(i, j, k, n)$ are \mathcal{S} -synchronized, and the 2D function $(k, n) \mapsto \rho_{\mathbf{x}}^k(n)$ is \mathcal{S} -regular.

1. Write first-order formulae for $\text{abexeq}_{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\text{abeq}_{\mathbf{x}}$ using $\text{bal}_{\mathbf{x}}$ and $\text{feq}_{\mathbf{x}}$;
2. Write a first-order formula for first occurrences of equivalent factors and derive a linear representation using accepting paths counting.

Effective computation

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Implementation and experiments

Our **implementation** combines several tools:

1. licofage for DTNS and fixpoints <https://pypi.org/project/licofage/>
2. Walnut for first-order predicates <https://github.com/Walnut-Theorem-Prover>
3. Awali C++ weighted automata library <http://vaucanson-project.org/Awali/>

We ported the exact rational representation of GMP to Awali and wrote an **efficient OpenMP parallel reduction** to reduce regular sequences in parallel.

Experiments were conducted on a cluster where nodes with 96 OpenMP threads were available to parallelize the computations.

(two 24-core Intel Xeon Gold 6248R @3GHz processors with 256 GB of RAM)

Computing the balance function

Walnut is first used to produce a DFA as follows (notice the j_2 trick):

```
def occ_tri "?msd_tri j1<=u & u<=j1+n & $feq_tri(i,u,k) & j2=j2":
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The first C++ program applies path counting to obtain a linear representation for $\mathbf{t} [j_1 .. j_1 + n + k]_{\mathbf{t}[i..i+k]}$.

Combining the linear representation with itself, permuting j_1 and j_2 , it computes a **reduced** linear representation for $\Delta_{\mathbf{t}}(i, j_1, j_2, k, n)$.

The semigroup trick is applied. When the sequence is **uniformly factor-balanced**, the program terminates with an automatic representation and a **tight bound** is obtained.

For the Tribonacci sequence \mathbf{t} , it took **16 hours** on our cluster, produced a **920 931-state** DFAO, proving that \mathbf{t} is uniformly factor-**2**-balanced.

Computing the equivalence relations

Walnut is used to capture the zeros:

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def sametri "?msd_tri Dequitri[i][j1][j2][k][n] = @0":
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For the Tribonacci sequence **t**, it took Walnut **75 seconds** to compute the corresponding **487 964-state** DFA.

Walnut is used to derive the 2D equivalence relations:

```
def abeqextri "?msd_tri Ai $sametri(i,j1,j2,k,n)":  
def abeqtri "?msd_tri (n<k & $feq_tri(i,j,n))  
  | (n>=k & $feq_tri(i,j,k-1) & $abeqextri(i,j,k,n-k))":
```

Computing the 2D complexity function

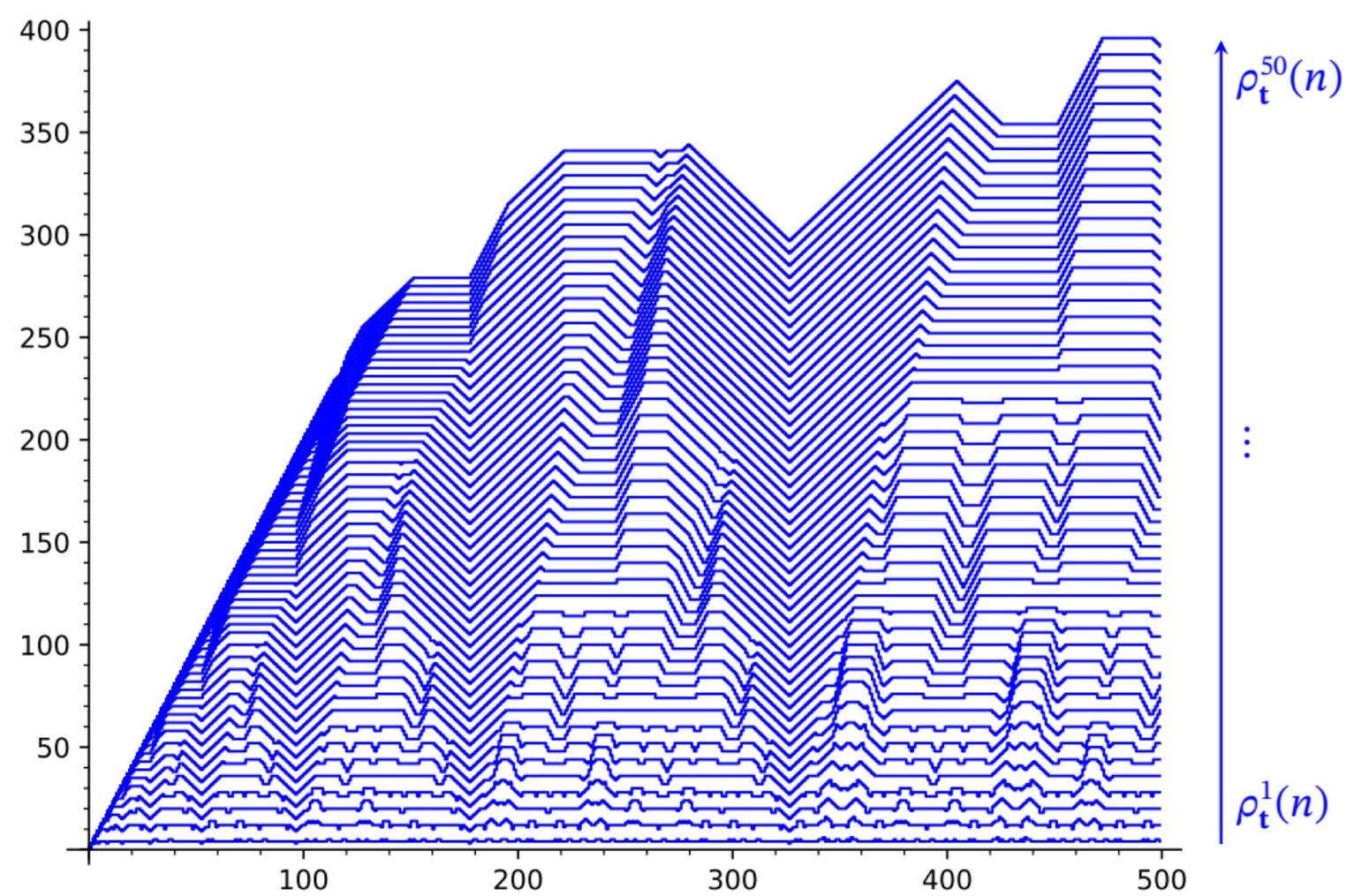
Walnut is used to identify the first occurrence of each equivalence class:

```
def abfirsttri "?msd_tri k>0 & ~Ej j<i & $abeqtri(i,j,k,n)":
```

The second C++ program applies path counting to obtain a reduced linear representation for the 2D generalized abelian complexity function $\rho_{\mathbf{t}}^k(n)$.

For the Tribonacci sequence \mathbf{t} , we obtain a linear representation of dimension **264** with integer coefficients.

<https://github.com/nopid/abcomp/blob/main/section3/out/matri.sage>



Trust issues

For the Tribonacci sequence \mathbf{t} , it took **16 hours** on our cluster, produced a **920 931-state** DFAO, proving that \mathbf{t} is uniformly factor-**2**-balanced.

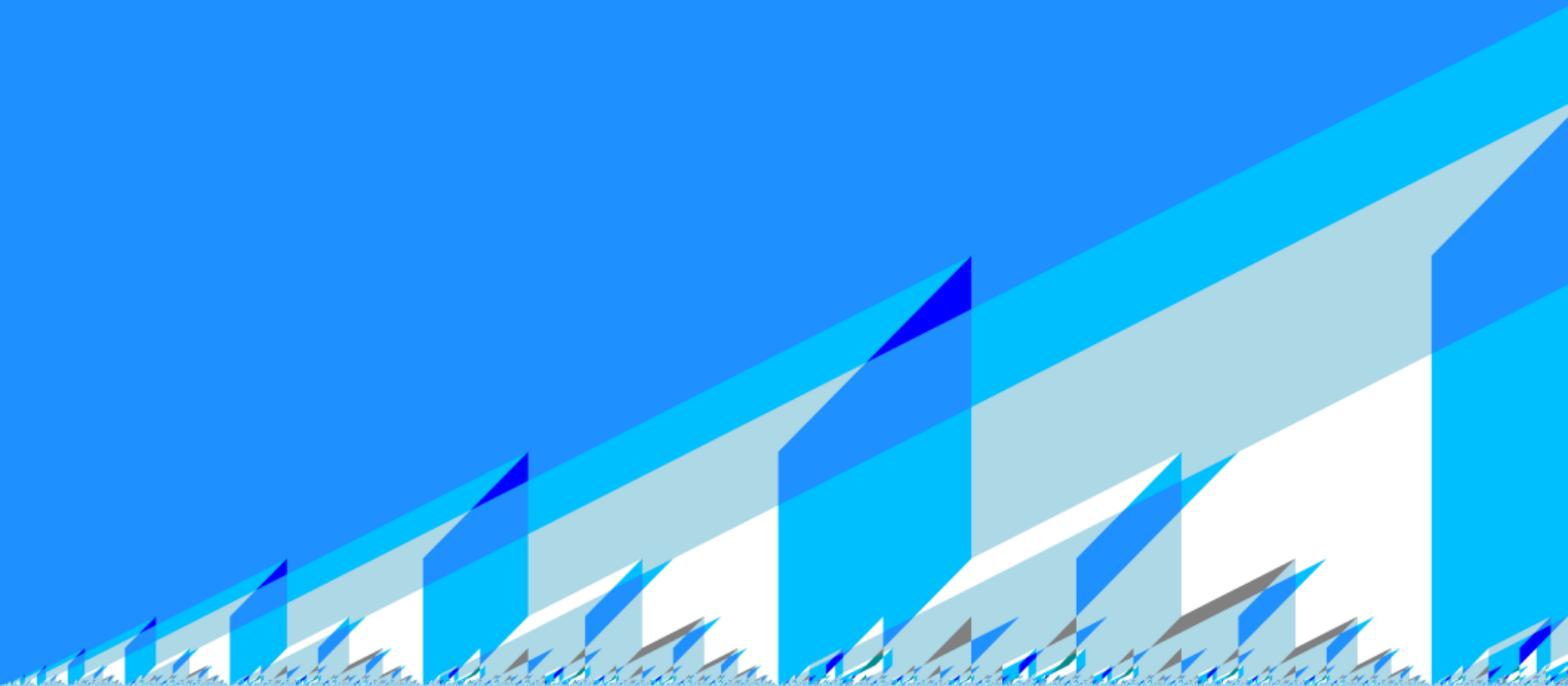
Can we trust this result? Maybe there is a **bug** ~~it~~ somewhere? Maybe the computation is incorrect?

Theorem The validity of the DFAO computing $\Delta_x(i, j_1, j_2, k, n)$ can be **checked inductively** on n with first-order predicates.

For the Tribonacci sequence \mathbf{t} , it took only **45 minutes** to check the **920 931-state** DFAO.

$$\Delta_n \rho_t : (n, k) \mapsto \rho_t^k(n+1) - \rho_t^k(n)$$

is **automatic**



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Open Problems and Questions

More Problems to come at the end of **Pierre's talk!**

Open Problem Find a **5 minutes blackboard proof** to replace the **16 hours** and **920 931-state** DFAO proof of the Tribonacci sequence uniform factor-2-balancedness!

Open Problem Prove that the generalized abelian complexity of the Tribonacci sequence is **not synchronized**.

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