

# DECIDABILITY AND PERIODICITY OF LOW COMPLEXITY TILINGS

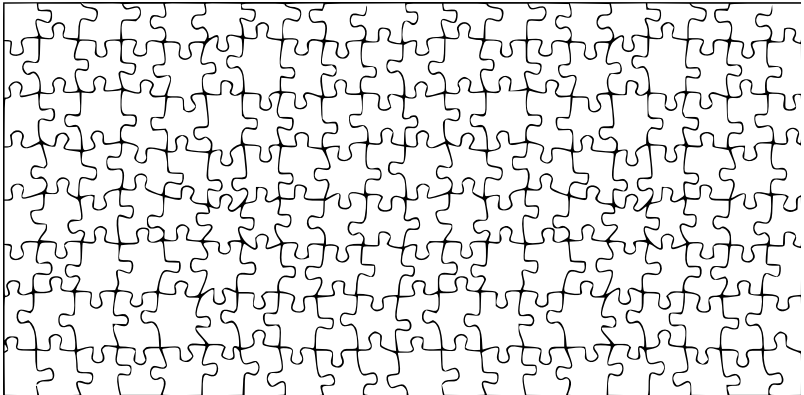
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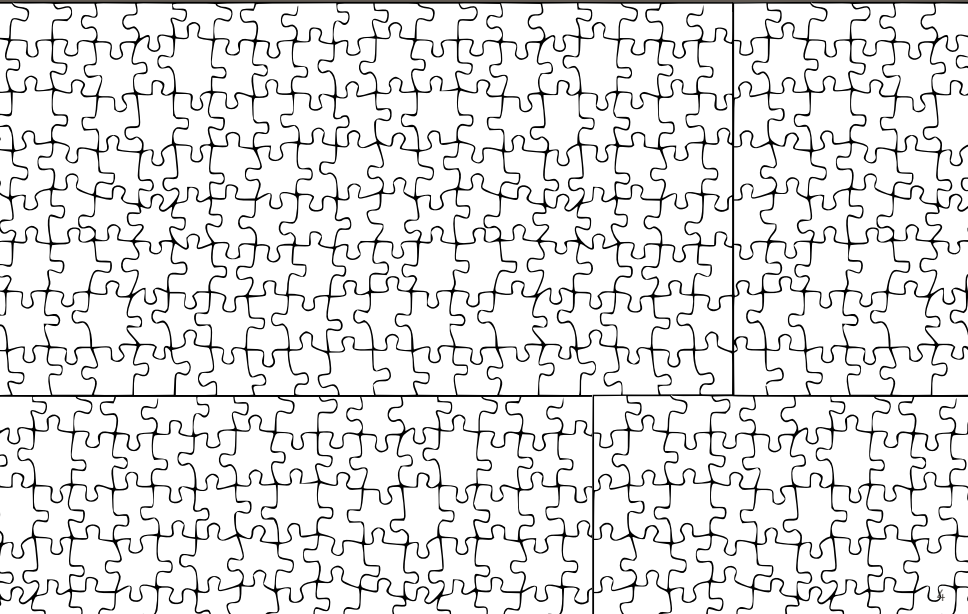
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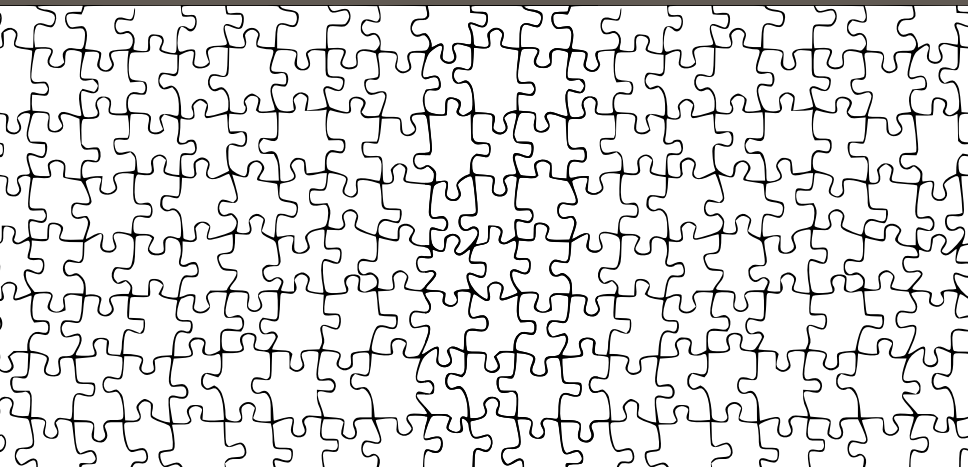
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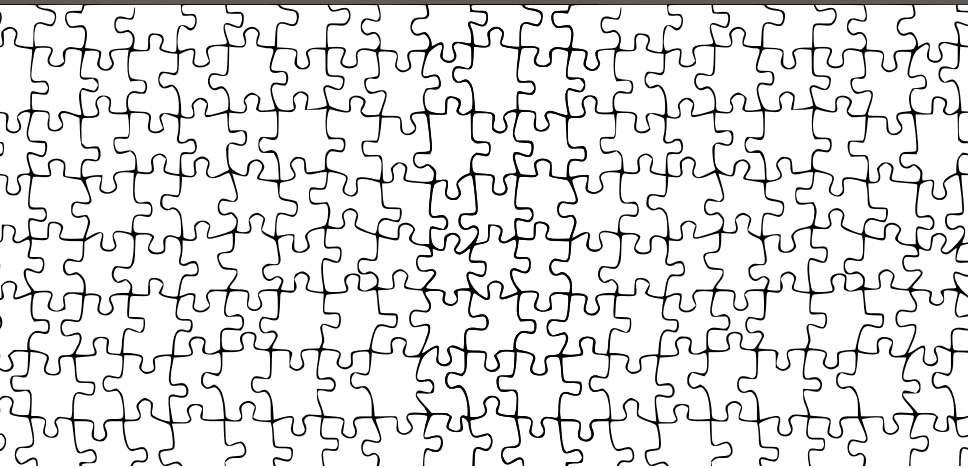
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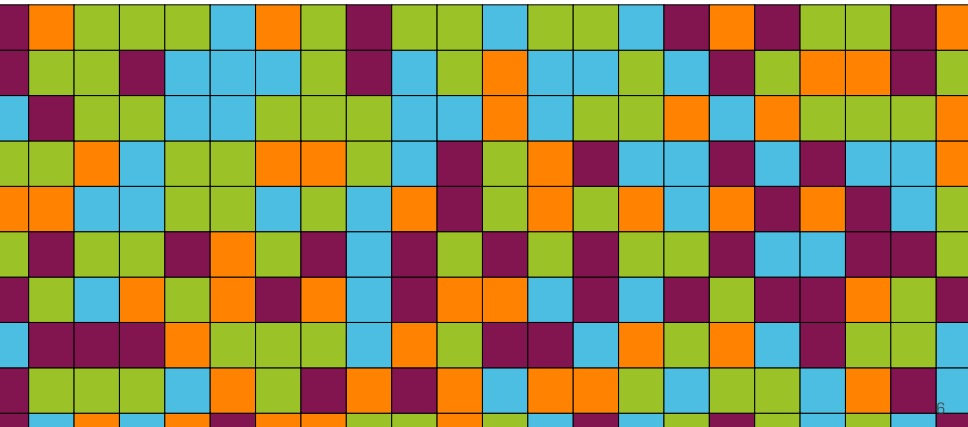
Can we make an infinite puzzle ?

What patterns can appear ?

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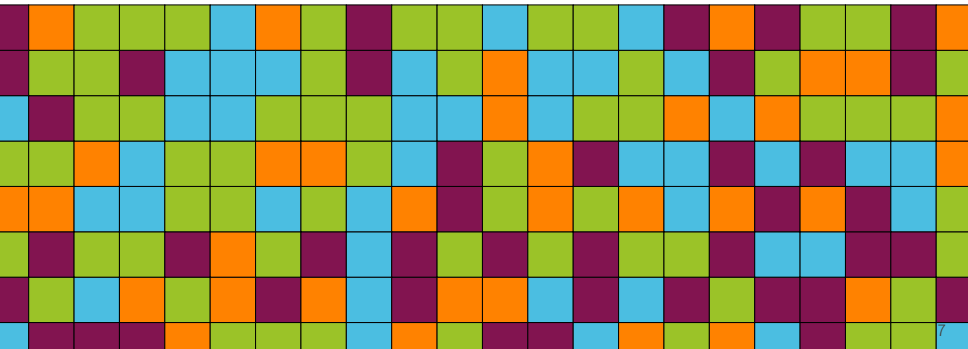


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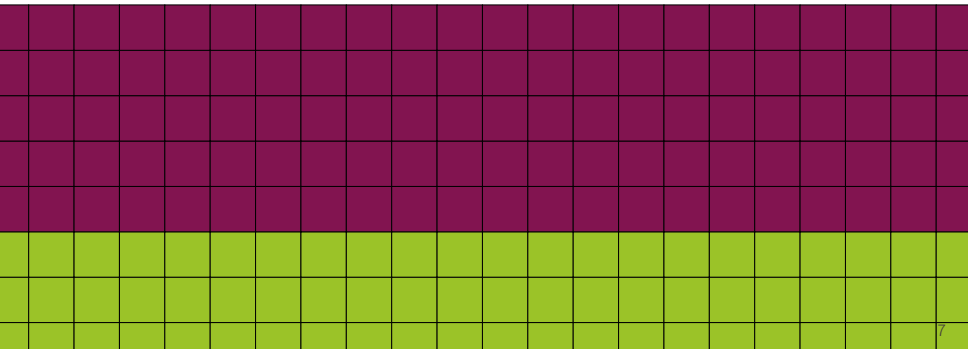


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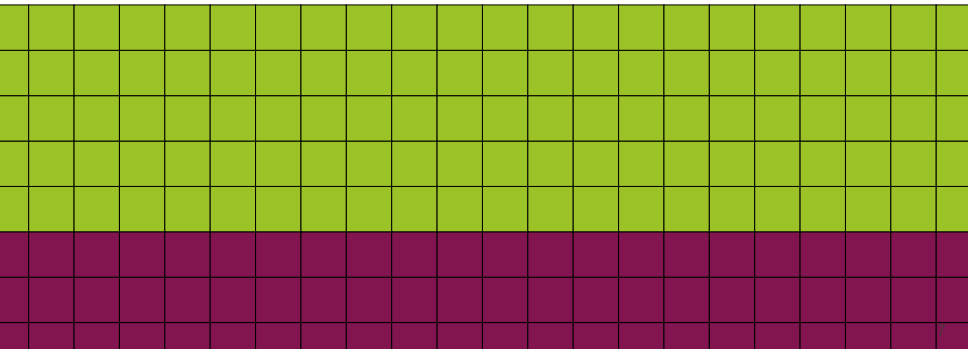


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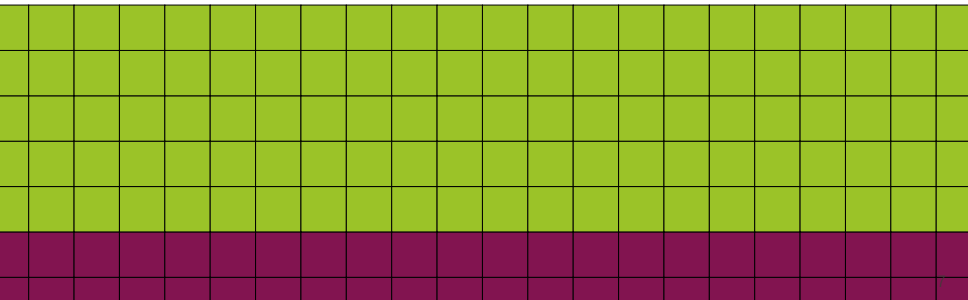
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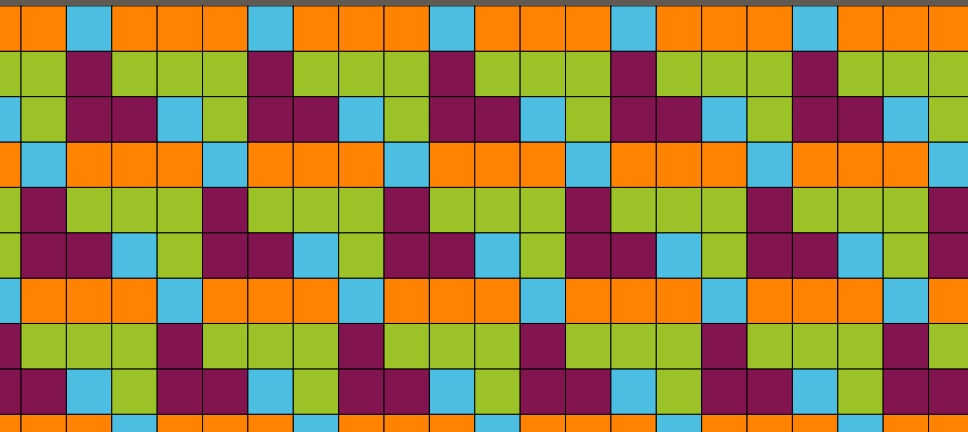
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is a **Subshift of Finite Type (SFT)** if  $F$  is finite



# (A) PERIODICITY



$c \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$  is **periodic** if  $\exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^2, c = \sigma_{\mathbf{u}}(c)$ .

## DOMINO PROBLEM (OR WHY WE CARE ABOUT APERIODICITY)

Input:

### **Subshift of Finite Type (SFTs):**

- Finite Alphabet
- Finite set of forbidden patterns

### **Domino Problem:**

Is there a coloring of  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  with no forbidden patterns ?

Is  $X_F$  non-empty ?

# DECIDABILITY

## Theorem

In dimension 1 ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ), the Domino Problem is **decidable**.



# (UN)DECIDABILITY

Theorem (Berger, 1964)

In dimension 2 ( $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ), the Domino Problem is **undecidable**.

# DP: DECIDING EMPTINESS

## Lemma

There is a semi-algorithm deciding if  $X_F = \emptyset$

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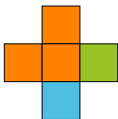


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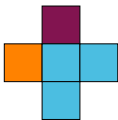


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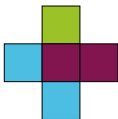


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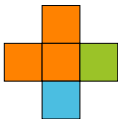


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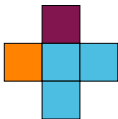
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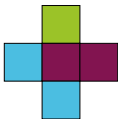


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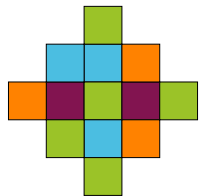


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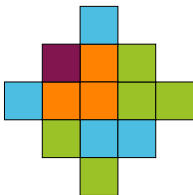


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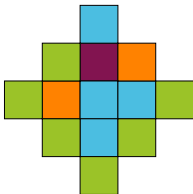


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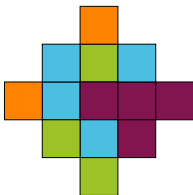


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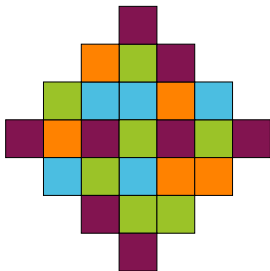


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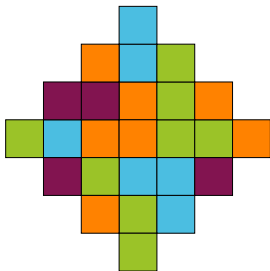


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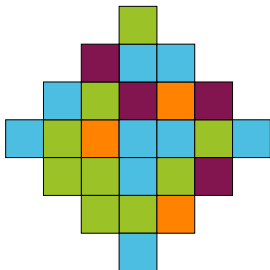


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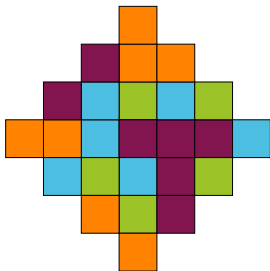


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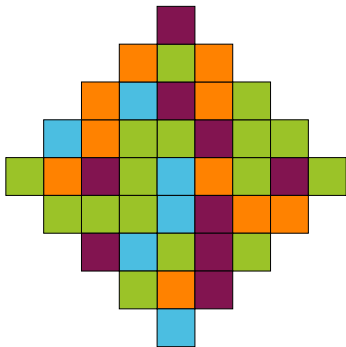


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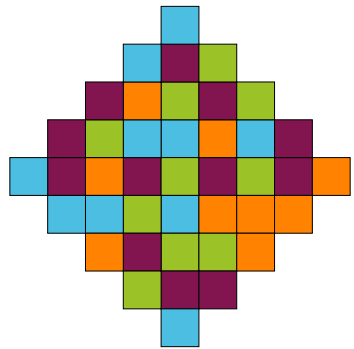


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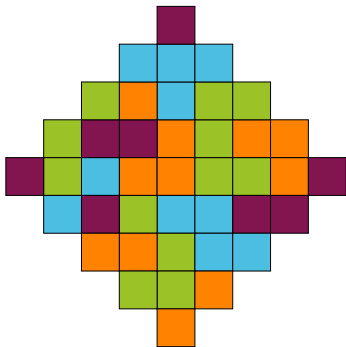


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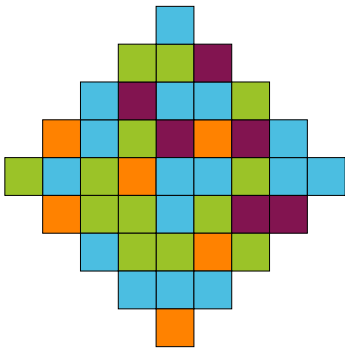
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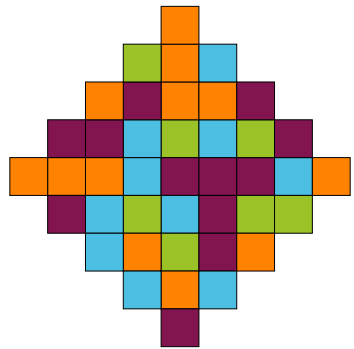


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**X**: Impossible to color one ball:  $X_F = \emptyset$ .

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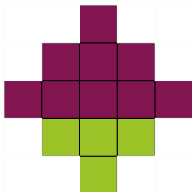
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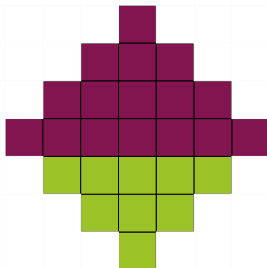


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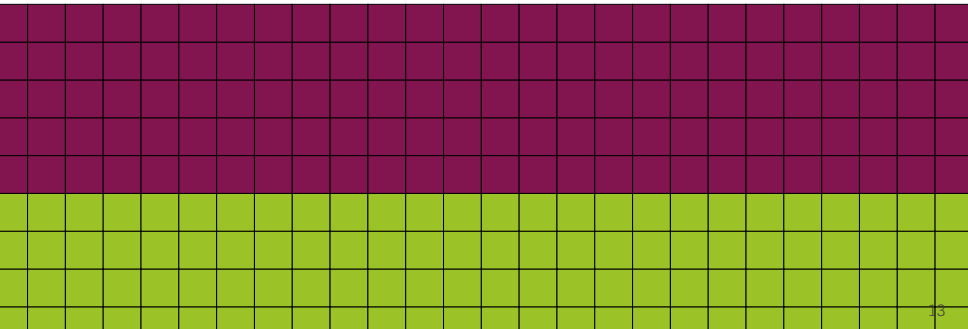
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**Theorem (Berger, 1964)**

There is no semi-algorithm deciding if  $X_F \neq \emptyset$ .

# APERIODIC SFT

Key element of the undecidability: **Aperiodic SFT:**

SFT  $X$  such that all  $c \in X$  are aperiodic.

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Nivat's conjecture: linking **periodicity** and **patterns**

## DIMENSION 1

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ \text{blue square}, \text{green square}, \text{purple square}, \text{orange square} \}$$

$$w \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}}$$



**Complexity** of  $w$ :

$P_w(n)$  = number of patterns of size  $n$

$$P_w(1) = 4$$

$$P_w(2) \geq 11$$

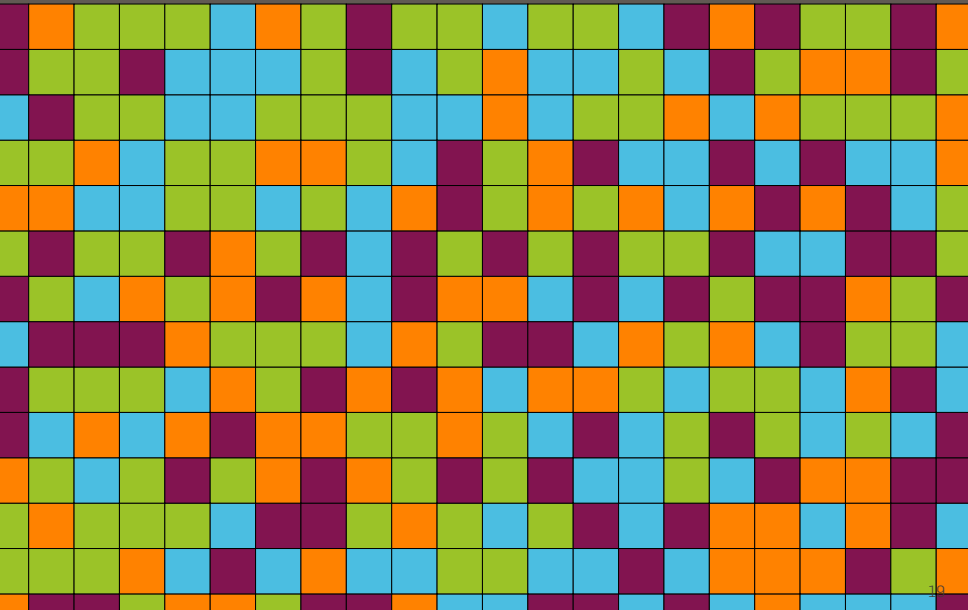
$$P_w(4) \geq 18$$

# DIMENSION 1

## Theorem (Morse, Hedlund, 1938)

$$\forall w \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}},$$
$$\exists n > 0, P_w(n) \leq n \Rightarrow w \text{ periodic}$$

# DIMENSION 2





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$P_c(m, n)$  = number of rectangular patterns of size  $m \times n$

Low complexity:

$$\exists n, m > 0, P_c(m, n) \leq mn$$

# 2D: NIVAT'S CONJECTURE

Conjecture (Nivat, 1997)

$$\forall c \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^2},$$

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# GETTING CLOSE TO NIVAT'S CONJECTURE

→  $P_c(m, n) \leq \frac{mn}{144}$  [Epifanio, Koskas & Mignosi, 2003]

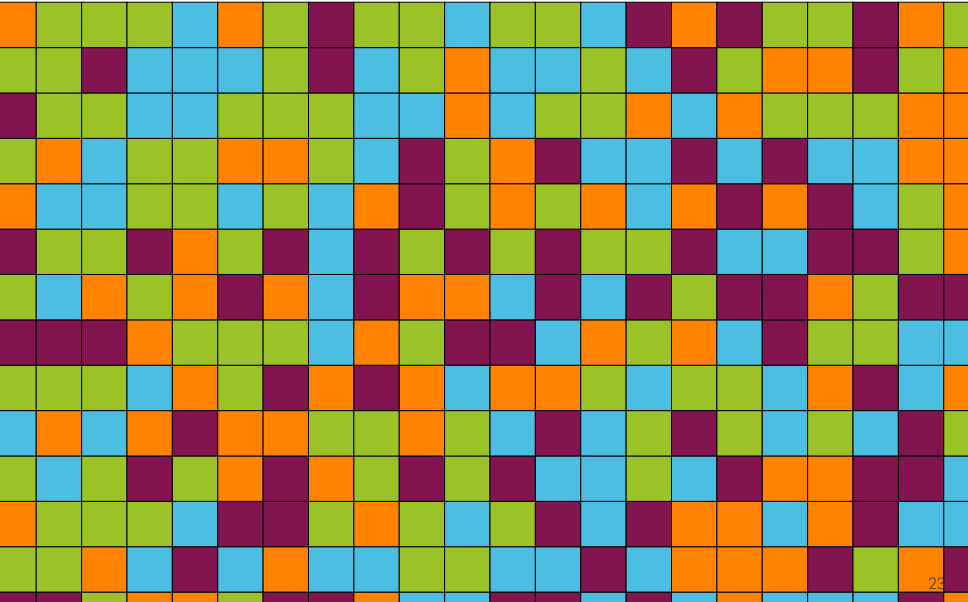
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→  $P_c(m, n) \leq \frac{mn}{2}$  [Cyr & Kra, 2015]

# ALGEBRAIC TOOLS

# CONFIGURATIONS ARE (LAURENT) SERIES



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-10,-1	C-9,-1	C-8,-1	C-7,-1	C-6,-1	C-5,-1	C-4,-1	C-3,-1	C-2,-1	C-1,-1	C0,-1	C1,-1	C2,-1	C3,-1	C4,-1	C5,-1	C6,-1	C7,-1	C8,-1	C9,-1	C10,-1	C11
-10,-2	C-9,-2	C-8,-2	C-7,-2	C-6,-2	C-5,-2	C-4,-2	C-3,-2	C-2,-2	C-1,-2	C0,-2	C1,-2	C2,-2	C3,-2	C4,-2	C5,-2	C6,-2	C7,-2	C8,-2	C9,-2	C10,-2	C11

$$c = \sum_{i,j=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{i,j} X^i Y^j$$

-10,-3	C-9,-3	C-8,-3	C-7,-3	C-6,-3	C-5,-3	C-4,-3	C-3,-3	C-2,-3	C-1,-3	C0,-3	C1,-3	C2,-3	C3,-3	C4,-3	C5,-3	C6,-3	C7,-3	C8,-3	C9,-3	C10,-3	C11
-10,-4	C-9,-4	C-8,-4	C-7,-4	C-6,-4	C-5,-4	C-4,-4	C-3,-4	C-2,-4	C-1,-4	C0,-4	C1,-4	C2,-4	C3,-4	C4,-4	C5,-4	C6,-4	C7,-4	C8,-4	C9,-4	C10,-4	C11
-10,-5	C-9,-5	C-8,-5	C-7,-5	C-6,-5	C-5,-5	C-4,-5	C-3,-5	C-2,-5	C-1,-5	C0,-5	C1,-5	C2,-5	C3,-5	C4,-5	C5,-5	C6,-5	C7,-5	C8,-5	C9,-5	C10,-5	C11
-10,-6	C-9,-6	C-8,-6	C-7,-6	C-6,-6	C-5,-6	C-4,-6	C-3,-6	C-2,-6	C-1,-6	C0,-6	C1,-6	C2,-6	C3,-6	C4,-6	C5,-6	C6,-6	C7,-6	C8,-6	C9,-6	C10,-6	C11
-10,-7	C-9,-7	C-8,-7	C-7,-7	C-6,-7	C-5,-7	C-4,-7	C-3,-7	C-2,-7	C-1,-7	C0,-7	C1,-7	C2,-7	C3,-7	C4,-7	C5,-7	C6,-7	C7,-7	C8,-7	C9,-7	C10,-7	C11

# OPERATIONS: SUM

$$c + d = \sum_{i,j=-\infty}^{\infty} (c_{i,j} + d_{i,j}) X^i Y^j$$

Formal sum  $\leftrightarrow$  Sum of configurations



## OPERATIONS: MULTIPLICATION

$$X^a Y^b c = \sum_{i,j=-\infty}^{\infty} c_{i,j} X^{i+a} Y^{j+b}$$

Multiplication by  $X^a Y^b \leftrightarrow$  Translation of vector  $(a, b)$

# EXPRESSING PERIODICITY

$$(X^a Y^b - 1)c = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$X^a Y^b c = c$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$c$  periodic of period  $(a, b)$

## ALGEBRA IS COMING

$$\text{Ann}(c) = \{p \mid pc = 0\}$$

$$c \text{ periodic} \Leftrightarrow \exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (X^a Y^b - 1) \in \text{Ann}(c)$$

$\text{Ann}(c)$  is a **polynomial ideal**:

$$\rightarrow 0 \in I$$

$$\rightarrow f, g \in I \Rightarrow f + g \in I$$

$$\rightarrow f \in I \text{ and } h \text{ any polynomial} \Rightarrow fh \in I$$

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$$\exists a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_r, b_r \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\left( X^{a_1} Y^{b_1} - 1 \right) \left( X^{a_2} Y^{b_2} - 1 \right) \cdots \left( X^{a_r} Y^{b_r} - 1 \right) \in \text{Ann}(c)$$

## CONSEQUENCES FOR NIVAT'S CONJECTURE

### Theorem (Kari, Szabados, 2015)

If  $\exists$  infinitely many  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_c(m, n) \leq mn$ , then  $c$  is periodic.

### Theorem (Szabados, 2018)

If  $c = c_1 + c_2$  with  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  periodic,  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P_c(m, n) \leq mn$ , then  $c$  is periodic.

# LOW COMPLEXITY SUBSHIFTS

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$A$  a set of  $m \times n$  rectangular patterns

$$X_{\overline{A}} = \{c \mid \text{All patterns of } c \text{ are in } A\}$$

$X_{\overline{A}}$  **of low complexity:**  $|A| \leq mn$  for some  $m, n$



## LOW COMPLEXITY SUBSHIFTS AND NIVAT

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### Conjecture (Nivat)

All  $c \in X_F$  are periodic.

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Theorem (Kari, M., 2020)

There exists  $c \in X_F$  periodic (if  $X_F \neq \emptyset$ ).

# MAIN RESULT

## Theorem (Kari, M., 2020)

If a subshift  $X$  contains a low complexity configuration,  $\exists c \in X$  periodic.

in other words:

## Theorem (Kari, M., 2020)

There is no aperiodic SFT containing a low-complexity configuration.

# DOMINO PROBLEM FOR LOW COMPLEXITY SUBSHIFTS

In general, DP is **undecidable**.

Theorem (Kari, M., 2020)

DP is **decidable** for  $X$  of low complexity.

## DP: DECIDING NON-EMPTINESS (LOW-COMPLEXITY)

## Theorem (Kari, M., 2020)

There is a semi-algorithm deciding if  $X_F \neq \emptyset$   
**for  $X_F$  of low complexity**

1.  $i=1$
2. If a colorings of  $B_i$  with no  $p \in F$  has a period:

$$X_F \neq \emptyset$$

3. Else  $i=i+1$  and repeat

## WHAT NEXT ?

- Nivat's conjecture
- Domino problem still decidable for  $P_c(m, n) \leq mn + 1$ ?  
In other words: *Is there an aperiodic SFT of complexity  $mn + 1$  ?*
- Higher dimensions ?

Thank you !

BONUS:  $MN + 1$ 

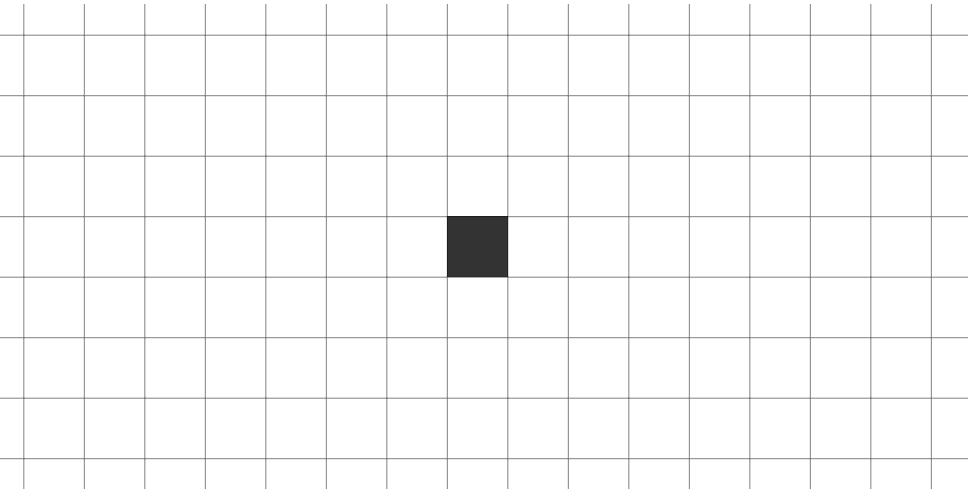
Nivat's conjecture does not hold for  $mn + 1$  bound:

## Theorem

$$\exists c \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^3},$$
$$\forall m, n > 0, P_c(m, n) = mn + 1 \text{ and } c \text{ not periodic}$$



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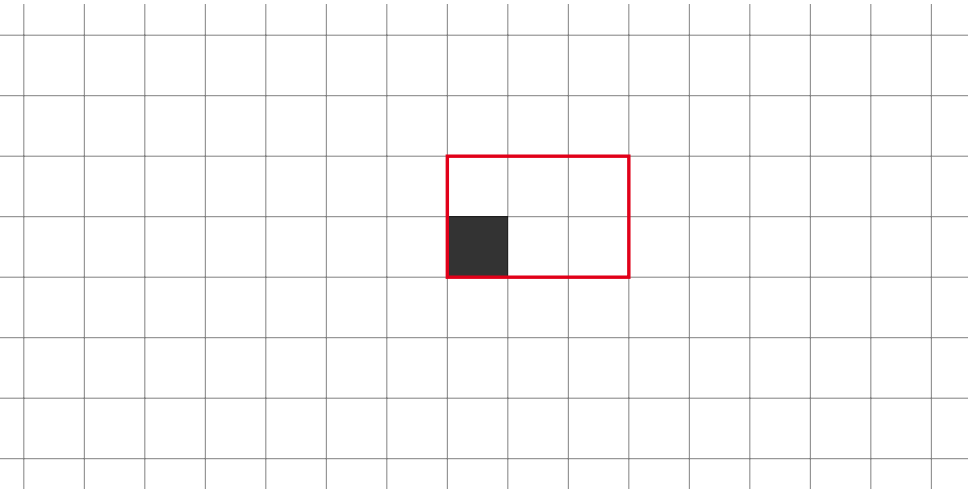
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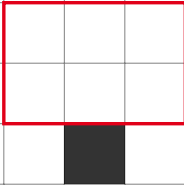
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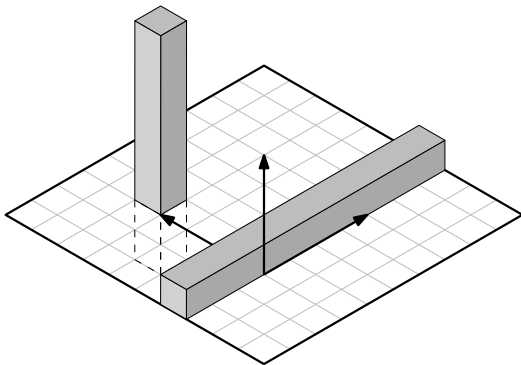
## BONUS: HIGHER DIMENSION

Nivat's conjecture does not hold in 3D and above:

## Theorem

$$\exists c \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^3},$$
$$\exists n > 0, P_c(n, n, n) \leq n^3 \text{ and } c \text{ not periodic}$$

## HIGHER DIMENSION ?



$$P_c(n, n, n) = 2n^2 + 1 < n^3$$

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