

# (Projective) Subdynamics of Multidimensional Subshifts, part I.

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  - 2D vs 1D sofic subshifts
  
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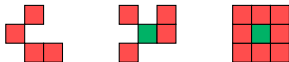
$\{x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2} : x_{(i,j)} = 1 \Leftrightarrow i = j = 0\}$  not  $\sigma$ -invariant !

$\{x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2} : \text{only one 1 appears in } x\}$  not closed !

$\{x \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2} : \text{at most one 1 appears in } x\}$  is a subshift.

# Combinatorial point of view

- A *pattern* is a local function  $p : S \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ , where  $S \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is finite.



- Given a pattern  $u \in \mathcal{A}^S$ , it generates the *cylinder*

$$[u] = \left\{ x \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} : x|_S = u \right\}.$$

- If  $F$  is a set of patterns, the *subshift generated by  $F$*  is

$$X_F = \left\{ x \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} : \text{no pattern of } F \text{ appears in } x \right\}.$$

- A subshift is thus the complement of a union of cylinders

$$X_F = \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \setminus \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^d, u \in F} \sigma_i([u]) \right).$$

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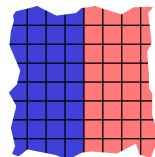
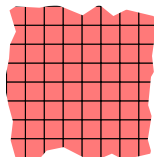
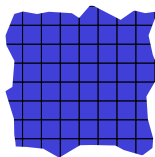
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## Proposition

The topological and combinatorial definitions coincide.

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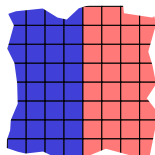
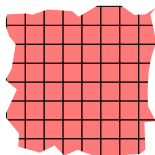
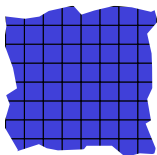
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## Definition

A subshift is *of finite type (SFT)* if it can be defined by a finite set of forbidden patterns. It is of *rank  $k$*  if these finite patterns may be chosen of size  $k$ .

- simplest class for the combinatorial definition
- 2D-SFT  $\equiv$  tilings by Wang tiles
- closely related to cellular automata theory



# Sofic subshifts

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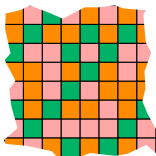
A *sofic subshift* is the image of a SFT under a continuous and  $\sigma$ -commuting map.

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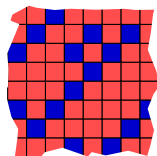
[Hedlund, 1969]

$\Phi : \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$  given by the local function  $\phi$

$x \in \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$



$\Phi(x) \in \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$



- SFT on which information can be erased.
- On  $\mathbb{Z}$ , sofic subshifts are exactly those recognized by finite automata.
- In higher dimension, no characterization is known.

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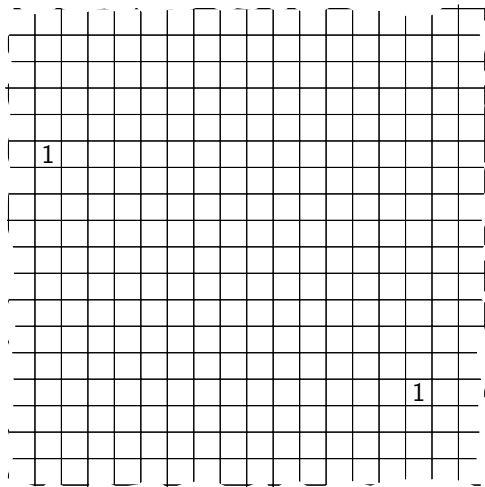
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- Suppose that  $X_{\leq 1}$  is a rank  $k$  SFT.
- Then a configuration that contains two 1's at distance  $2k + 1$  cannot be rejected.

$\Rightarrow X_{\leq 1}$  is not an SFT!

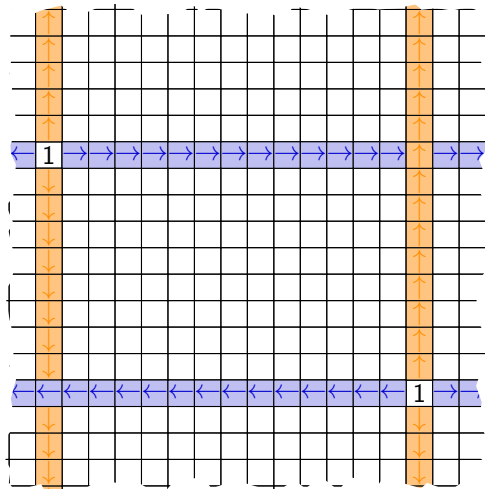
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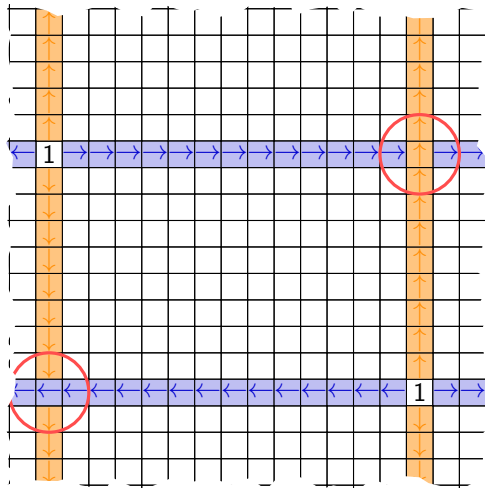
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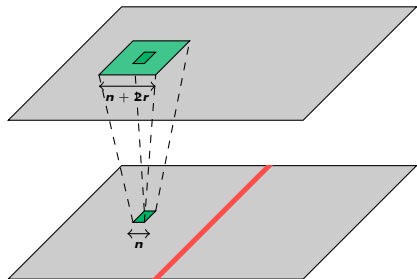
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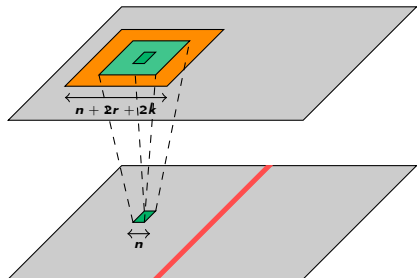
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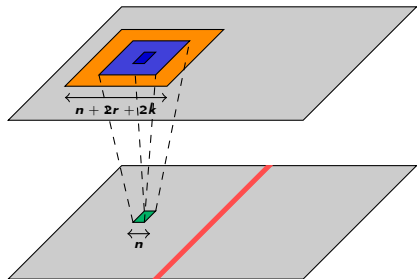
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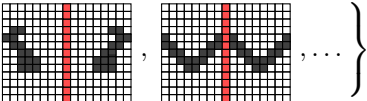
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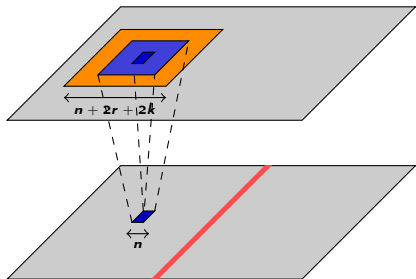
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**Remark:** There exist non effectively closed subshifts (countability argument).

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A *Turing machine* is a tuple  $\mathcal{M} = (Q, \Gamma, \#, q_0, \delta, Q_F)$  where:

- $Q$  is a finite set of states,  $q_0 \in Q$  is the initial state;
- $\Gamma$  is a finite alphabet;
- $\# \notin \Gamma$  blank symbol
- $\delta : Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{\leftarrow, \downarrow, \rightarrow\}$  transition function;
- $F \subset Q_F$  finite set of final states.

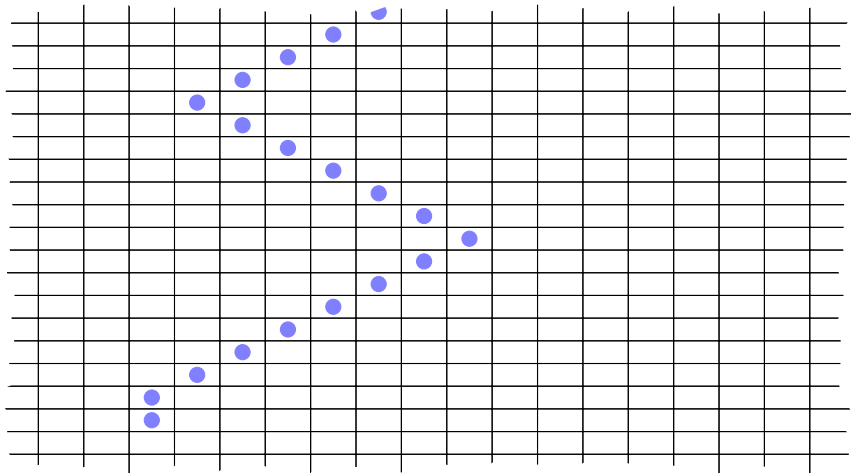
The rule  $\delta(q_1, x) = (q_2, y, \leftarrow)$  will be encoded by the pattern

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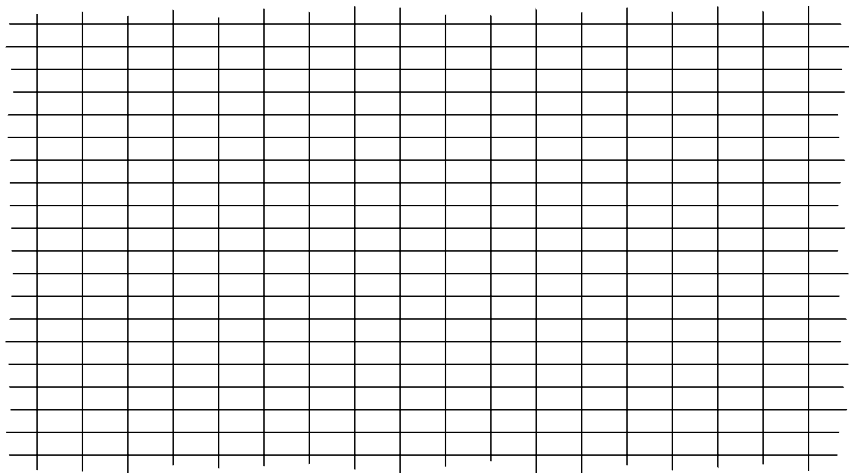
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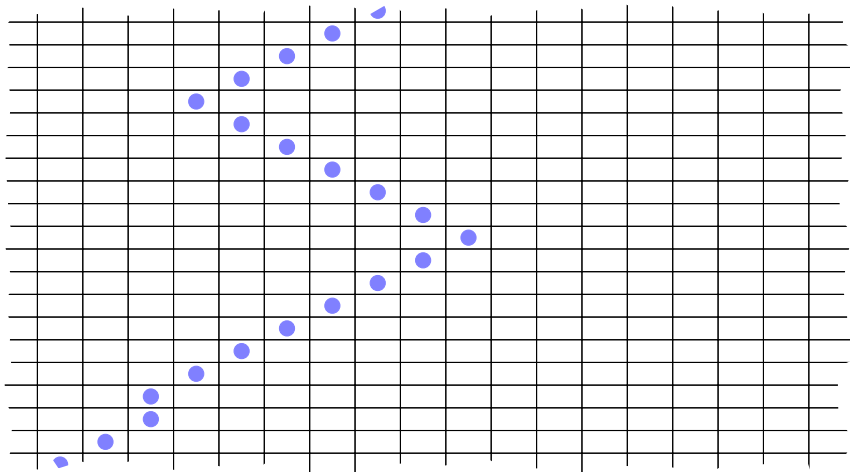
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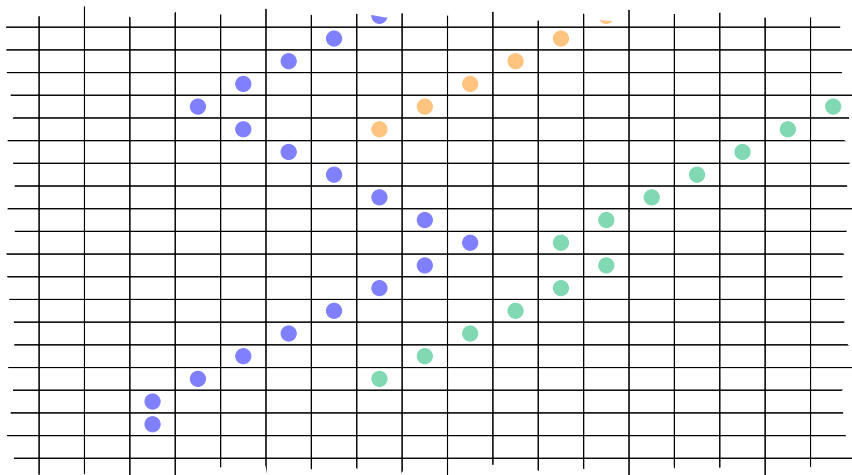
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- ▶ every SFT has a periodic configuration
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## 2D sofic subshifts

- ▶  $X_F = \emptyset?$  is undecidable
- ▶ entropy is not computable  
(right recursively enumerable numbers)
- ▶ representation by Wang tiles, textile systems
- ▶  $\exists$  aperiodic SFT

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- Too many extender sets implies non-soficness. [Kass & Madden 2013] and [Pavlov, 2013]



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# Entropy and PS

Proposition (Johnson, Kass & Madden, 2007)

$$h_{top}(P_{\tilde{e}_1\mathbb{Z}}(X)) \geq h_{top}(X).$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} h_{top}(X) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \log (|\mathcal{L}_n(X)|) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \log (|\mathcal{L}_n(P_{\tilde{e}_1\mathbb{Z}}(X))|^n) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log (|\mathcal{L}_n(P_{\tilde{e}_1\mathbb{Z}}(X))|) \\ &= h_{top}(P_{\tilde{e}_1\mathbb{Z}}(X)) \end{aligned}$$

# Subdynamics

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- Much stronger than projective subdynamics
- The subshift  $Y$  is defined on a possibly non-finite alphabet
- No loss of information

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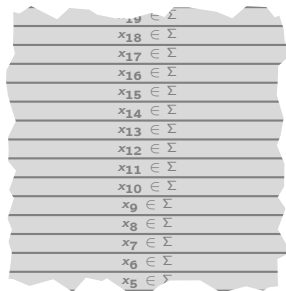
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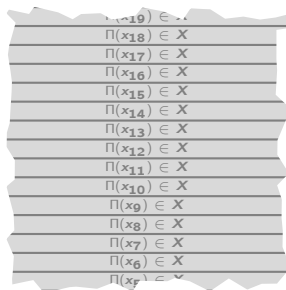
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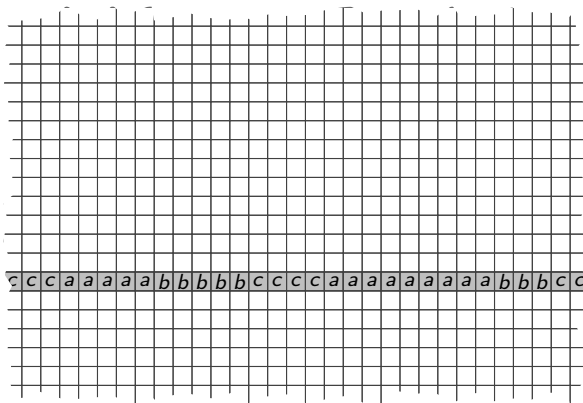
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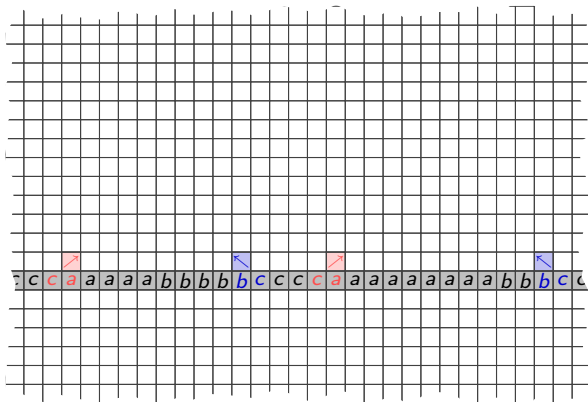
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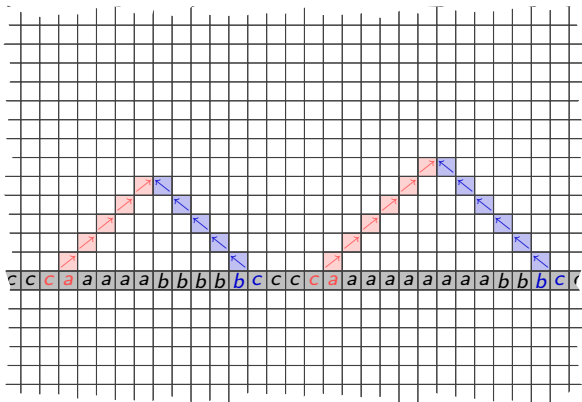
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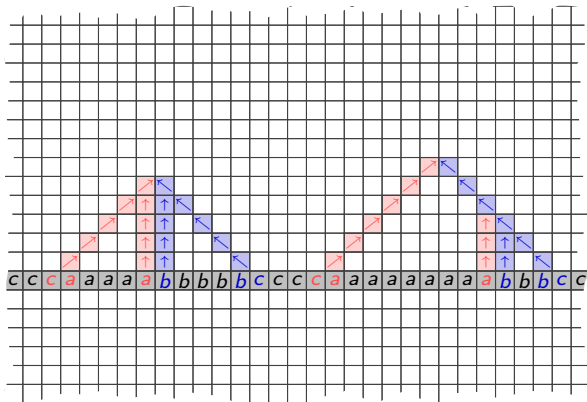
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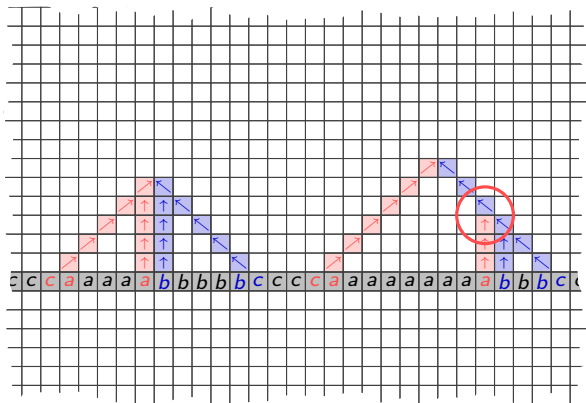
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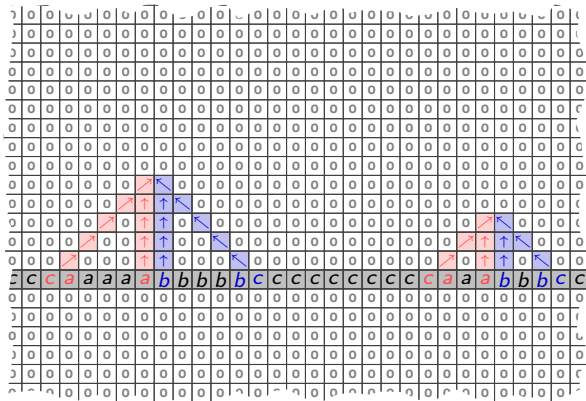






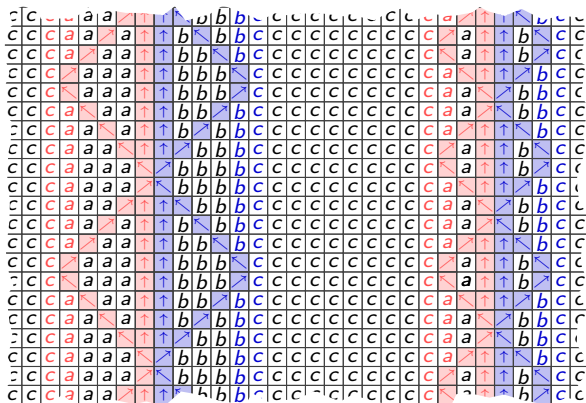
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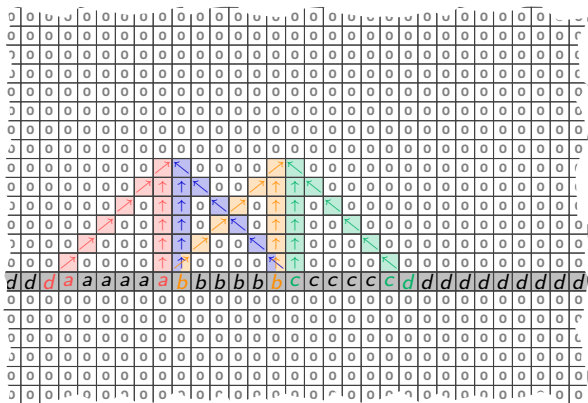
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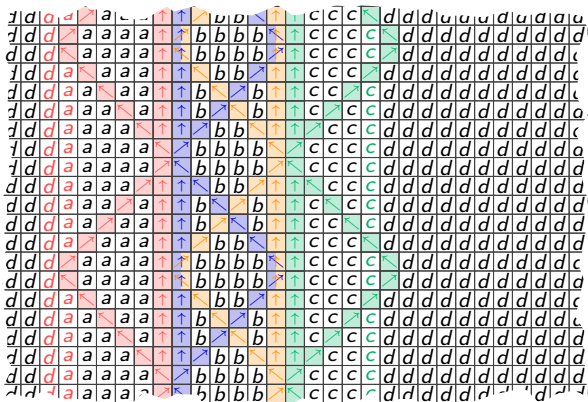
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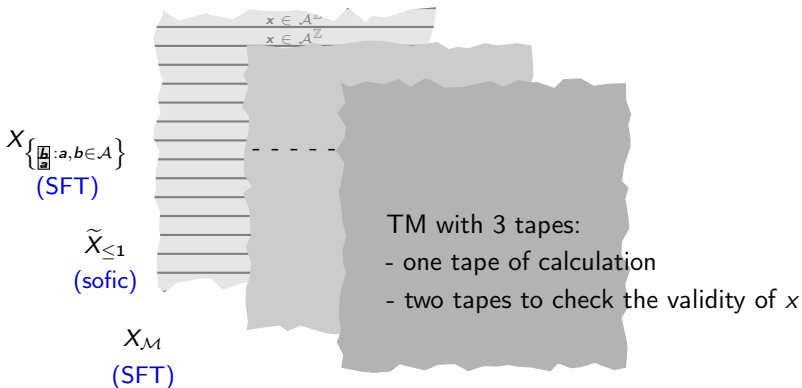






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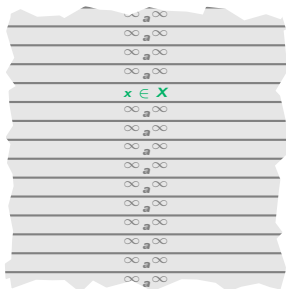
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The proof is based on

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