The Stability of Noisy Tilings in the Arithmetical Hierarchy

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Crash Course on Noisy Tilings

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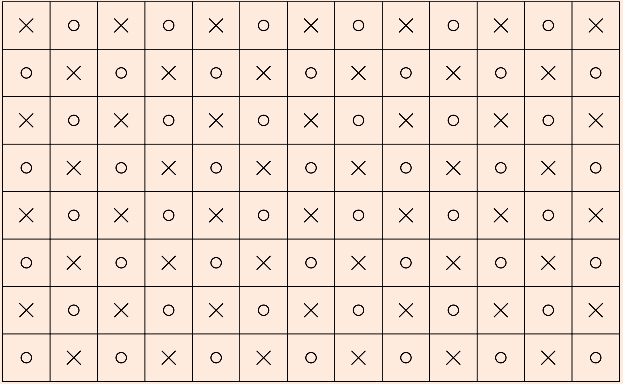

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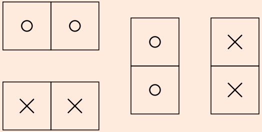

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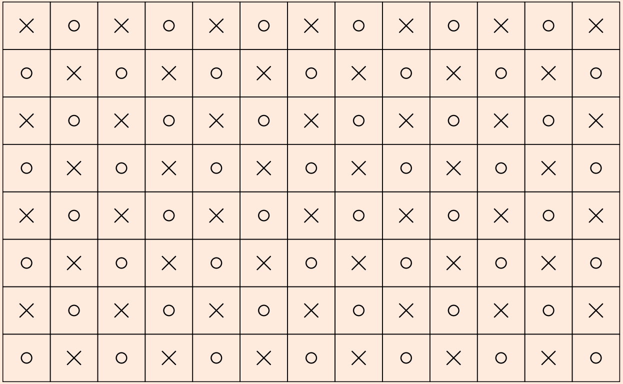

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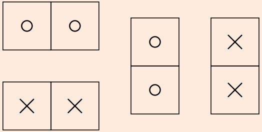

The SFT is the space $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}} \subset \mathcal{A}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ of such configurations.

Denote $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}$ the σ-invariant measures on $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$.

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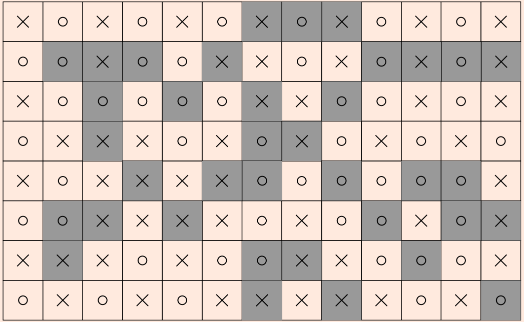

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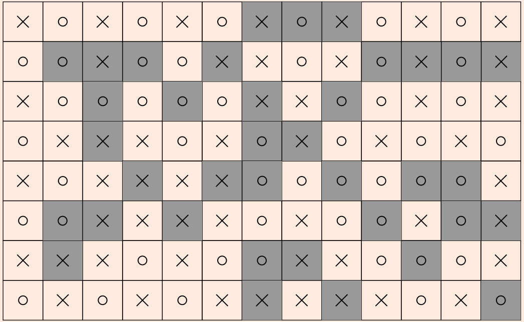

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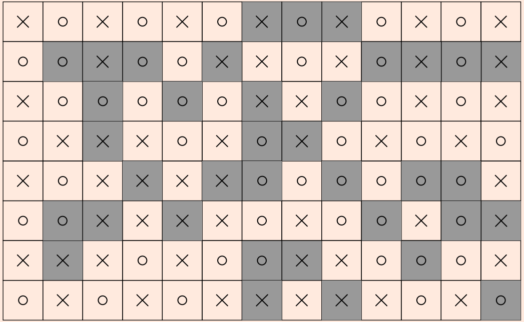

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Reminder (Weak-* Convergence)

We say that $\mu_n \xrightarrow{*} \mu$ *when* $\mu_n([w]) \to \mu([w])$ *for any finite pattern* w*.*

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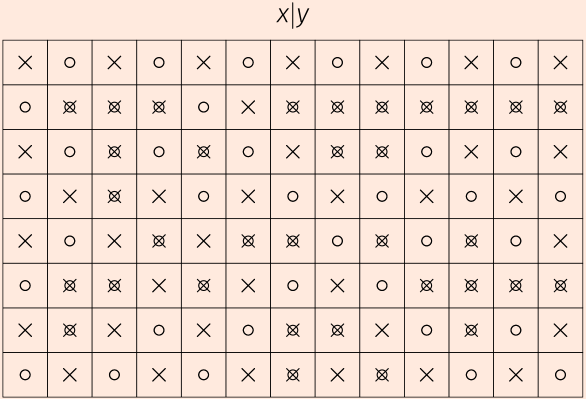

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Besicovitch distance on σ-invariant measures:

$$d_B(\mu,\nu) = \inf_{\lambda \text{ a coupling}} \int d_H(x,y)\mathrm{d}\lambda(x,y)$$

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Stability for Periodic Tilings

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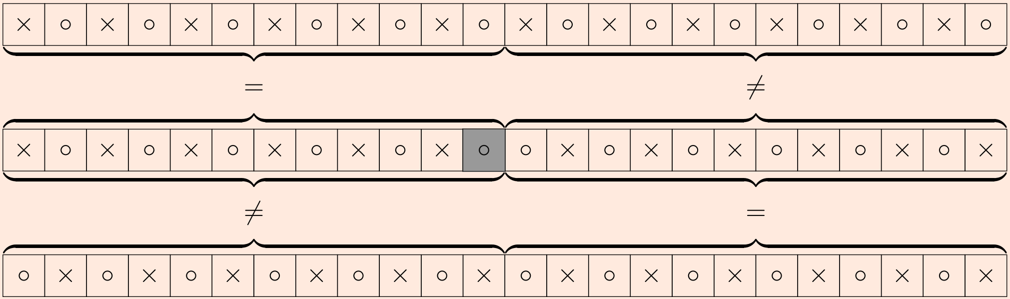

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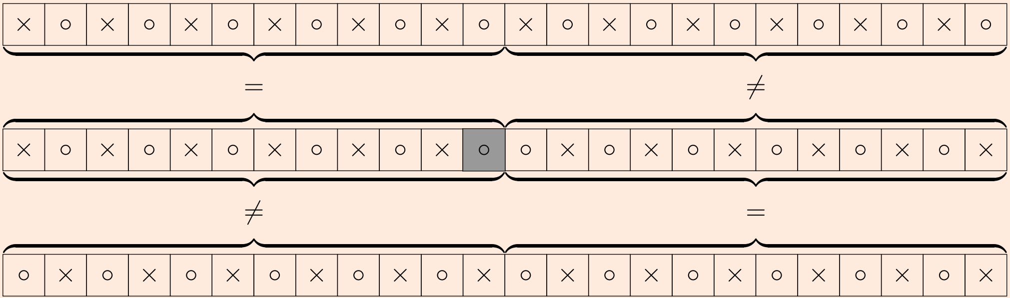

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Theorem [Gayral and Sablik, 2021, Theorem 4.8 and Theorem 4.9]

Consider $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ a 1D SFT. Then $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ is (linearly) stable on Bernoulli noises iff it is mixing.

Most notably, p-periodic SFTs (with $p \geq 2$) are unstable.

Periodic Tilings in Higher Dimensions

A SFT $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ is (strongly) periodic if there exists an integer N such that any configuration is invariant for any translation in $(N\mathbb{Z})^d$.

Theorem [Gayral and Sablik, 2021, Theorem 5.7]

Consider $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ a 2D+ periodic SFT.

Then $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$ is f-stable on Bernoulli noises, with linear speed $f(\varepsilon) = 2C^d_{c(\mathcal{F})}\varepsilon$.

Reconstruction Function

Lemma [Gayral and Sablik, 2021, Lemma 5.3]

Consider a 2D+ periodic SFT $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$.

There exists $c(\mathcal{F}) \geq \lceil \frac{N}{2} \rceil$ such that, for any connected cell window $I \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$, if $w \in \mathcal{A}^{I+B_c}$ is locally admissible, then $w|_I$ is globally admissible.

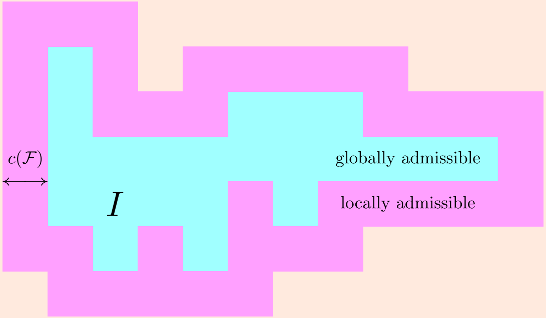

Figure 5: Here, the whole domain contains no forbidden pattern, but only the blue zone is guaranteed to be the restriction of an actual configuration.

Thickened Percolation

Consider $\varphi_n(b)_x = \max_{\|y-x\|_\infty \leq n} b_y$ for $b \in \{0,1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$.

Starting from a site percolation ν, we obtain the n-thickened percolation $\varphi_n^*(\nu)$.

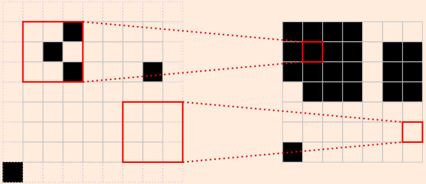

Figure 6: Illustration of the mapping φ_1.

Proposition [Gayral and Sablik, 2021, Proposition 5.6]

Consider $I \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$ the random infinite component of the n-thickened $\mathcal{B}(\varepsilon)^{\otimes \mathbb{Z}^d}$-percolation.

Then $C_n^d = 48(2n+1)^d$ is such that $\mathbb{P}(0 \notin I) \leq C_n^d \times \varepsilon$.

Stability for Aperiodic Tilings

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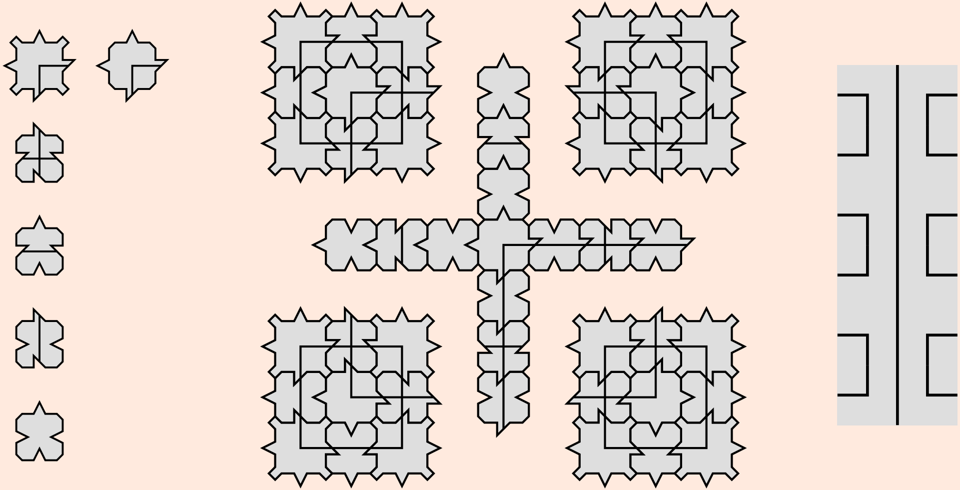

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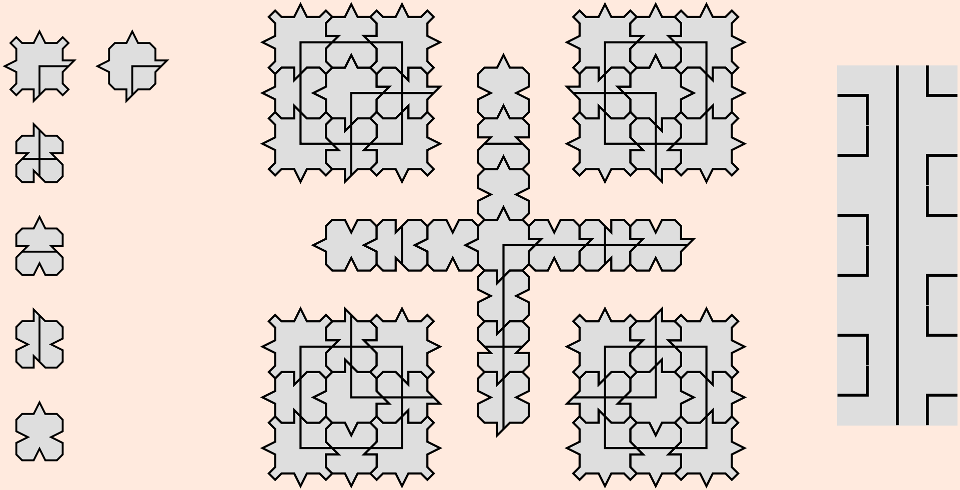

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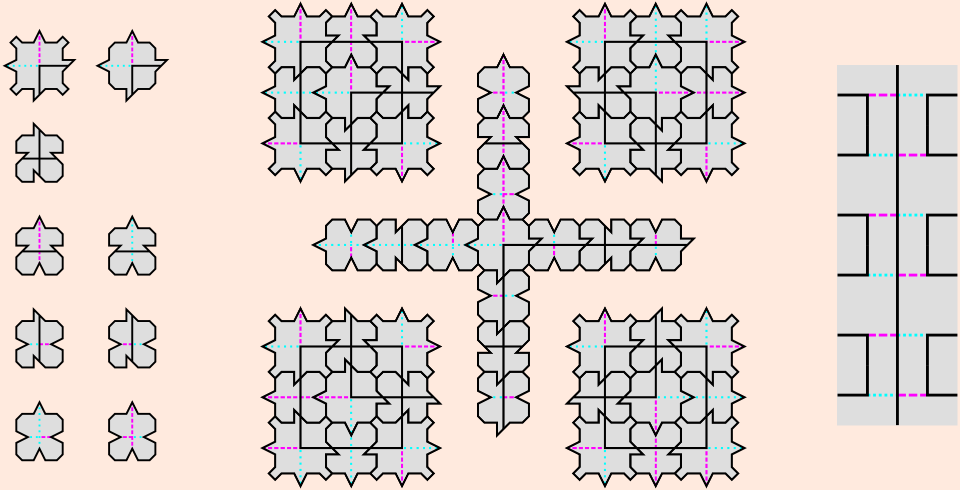

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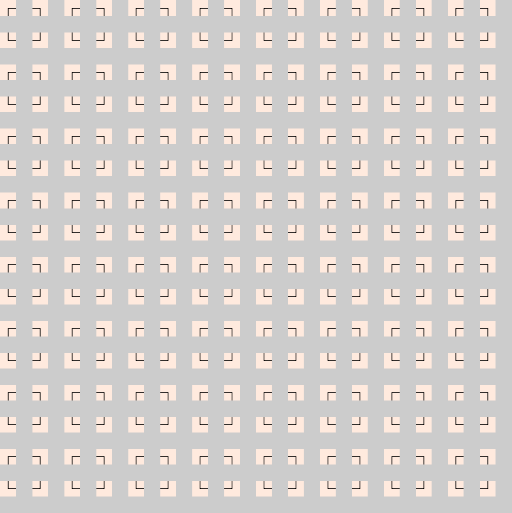

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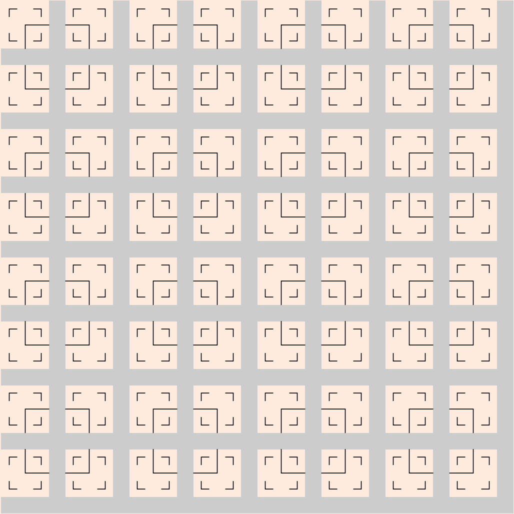

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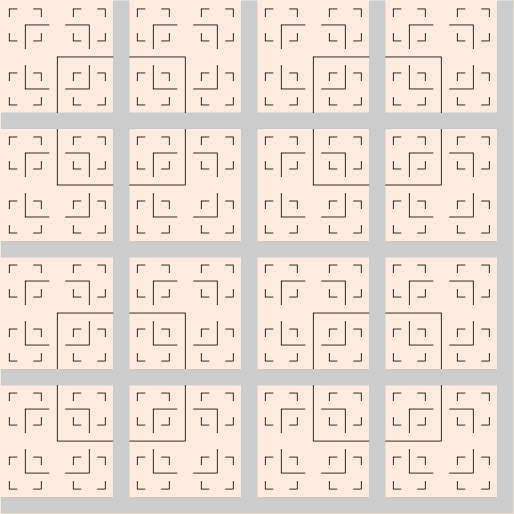

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Reconstruction Function for the Enhanced Tiling

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For any scale $N \geq 2$, the constant $C_N = 2^N - 1$ is such that for any integer n and any clear locally admissible pattern w on B_{n+C_N}, $w|_{B_n}$ is almost globally admissible, in the sense that up to a low-density grid, $w|_{B_n}$ is made of well-aligned and well-oriented N-macro-tiles.

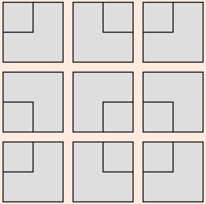

Figure 9: Family of well-aligned and well-oriented tiles.

Non-linear Polynomial Stability

Theorem [Gayral and Sablik, 2021, Proposition 7.8 and Theorem 7.9]

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, any scale N, and any measure $\mu = \pi_1^*(\lambda)$ with $\lambda \in \widetilde{\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathcal{B}}}(\varepsilon)$:

$$d_B\left(\mu, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}\right) \leq 96\left(2^{N+2}+1\right)^2 \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2^{N-1}}.$$

Hence, the SFT is f-stable with $f(\varepsilon) = 48\sqrt[3]{6\varepsilon}$.

Could we obtain faster bounds for an aperiodic tiling ?

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Aperiodic Unstability

A Two-Coloured Robinson Tiling

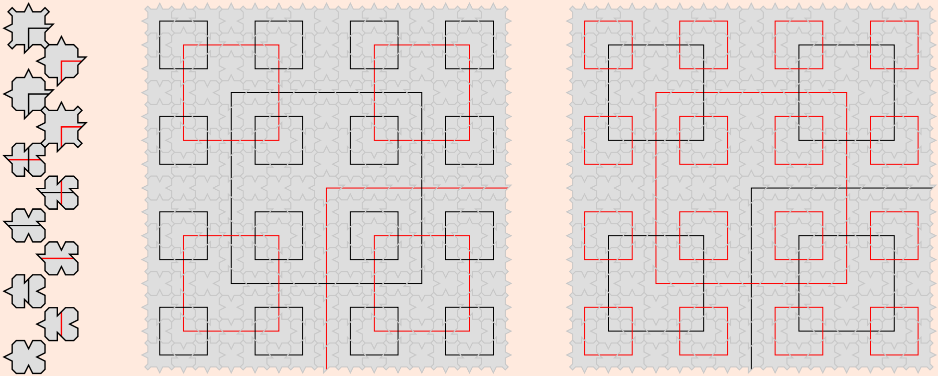


Figure 10: Two-coloured Robinson structure.

Unstable Colour Flips

Proposition [Gayral, 2021, Proposition 1]

The SFT Ω_{RB} is unstable.

More precisely, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $\mu \in \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{B}}_{RB}(\varepsilon)$ such that $d_B(\mu, \mathcal{M}_{RB}) \geq \frac{1}{8}$.

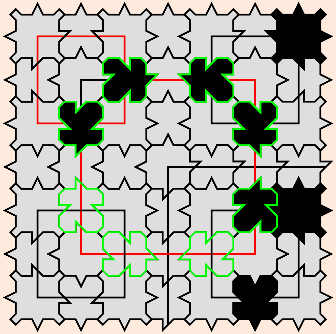


Figure 11: The Red-Black alternating structure allows for colour flips.

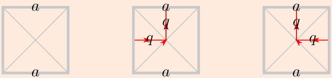
Undecidability of the Stability

Σ_1-Hardness of the Problem

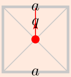
Turing Machine Space-Time Diagrams as Tilings

Consider a Turing machine $(Q, \Gamma, I, F, \delta)$ and define the following Wang tiles:

- For any letter $a \in \Gamma$ and any state $q \in Q$:

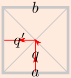


- For any letter $a \in \Gamma$ and initial state $q \in I$:



- For any letter $a \in \Gamma$ and final state $q \in F$:

- For any transition $\delta(a, q) = (b, q', L)$:



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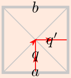

Embedding Space-Time Diagrams into Robinson Tilings

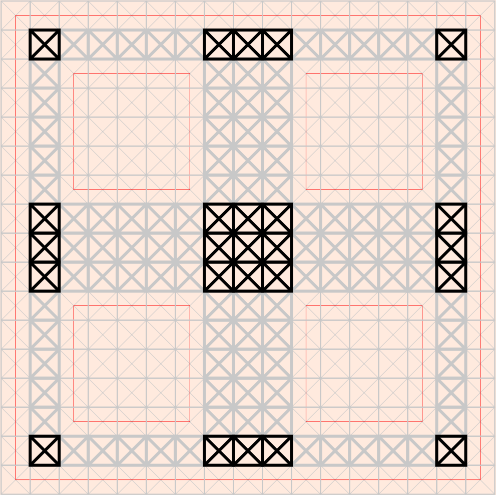

Figure 12: The free black tiles encode the diagram, the grey ones are communication channels.

A Four-Coloured Enhanced Robinson Tiling

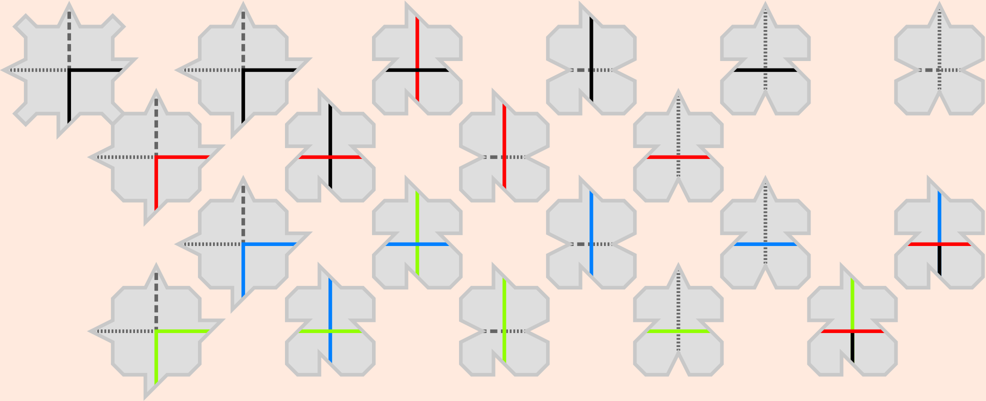

Figure 13: The tiling uses an enhanced Robinson structure.
It starts with Black bumpy tiles, alternates between Red and Black,
then may transition to an unstable Blue-Green regime.

Transition from the Red-Black to the Blue-Green Phase

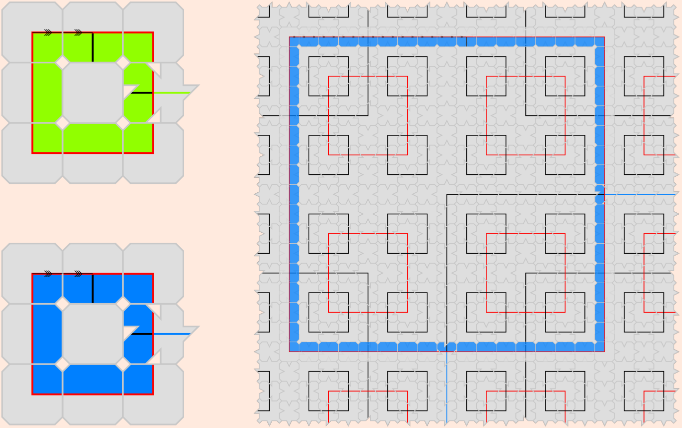

Figure 14: The flow layer appears *iff* there is a final state, and propagates the colour on the border.

Undecidability of the Stability

Theorem [Gayral, 2021, Theorem 1]

Denote $\mathcal{F}_T$ the SFT that embeds the Turing machine T into a Robinson tiling.

Then $\mathcal{F}_T$ is stable (for d_B on the class $\mathcal{B}$) iff T does not halt on the empty input.

In the stable case, $\mathcal{F}_T$ is polynomially stable.

Because the halting problem is Σ_1-hard, so is the question of unstability.

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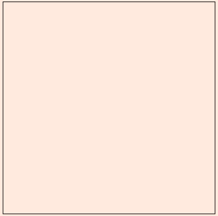

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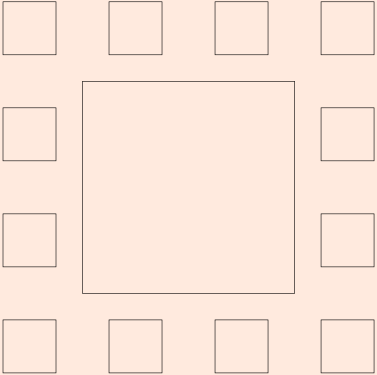

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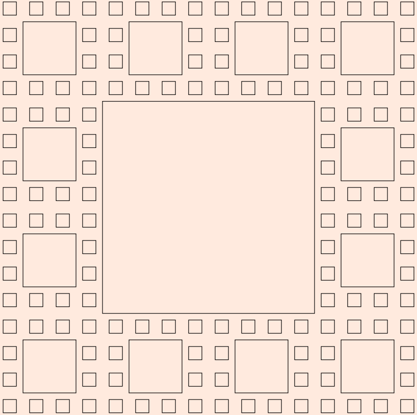

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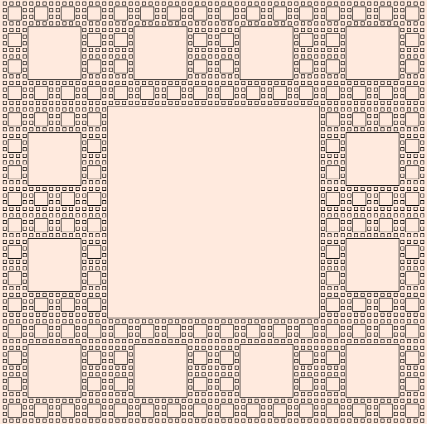

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Idea for the Unstable Case: Two Kinds of Widely Different N-Macro-Tiles

We can do the same Blue-Green colour flip as in our Red-Black unstable example.

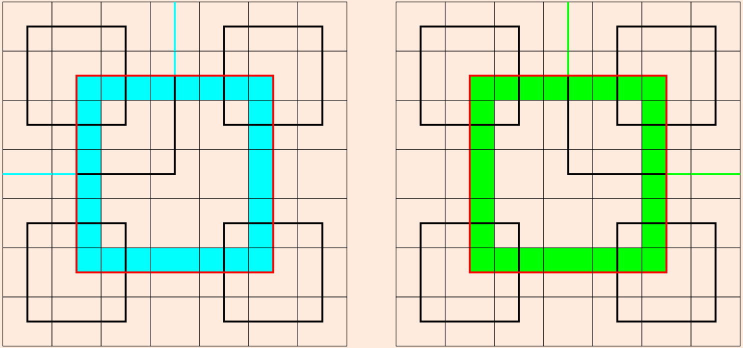

Figure 16: The transition scale plays the role of 1-macro-tiles for the Blue-Green phase.

If the Turing machine stops in the $2N$-macro-tiles,
we guarantee a $\Omega\left(\frac{1}{16^N}\right)$ density of differences between Blue and Green.

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Climbing the Arithmetical Hierarchy

Toeplitz Encoding of a Sequence

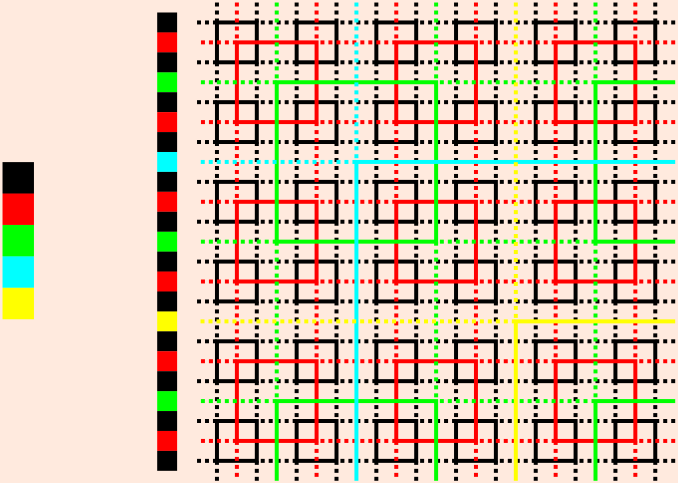

Figure 17: Toeplitz encoding of the sequence of colours on the left into the Robinson hierarchy.

Toeplitz Encoding of a Sequence

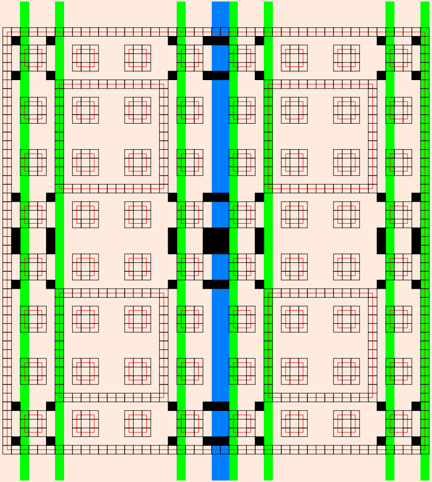

Figure 18: In practice, we see a finite prefix of the Toeplitz encoding as a read-only input.

Generalising the Σ_1-Hard Construction on Toeplitz Inputs

Consider a Turing machine T with the alphabet $\Gamma = \Sigma \sqcup \{\#\}$.

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We have three phases in the Robinson hierarchy:

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Finding an Upper Bound

Could the Problem be Π_2-Complete?

Stability of $\Omega_{\mathcal{F}}$: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathcal{B}}(\delta)} d_B(\mu, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}) \leq \varepsilon.$

By monotonicity we can consider $\varepsilon, \delta \in \mathbb{Q}^{+*}$.

How could we decide $\sup_{\mu \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}^{\mathcal{B}}(\delta)} d_B(\mu, \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{F}}) \leq \varepsilon$? Is it in Σ_1?

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