

Tilings with S -adic Rauzy fractals

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Codings of translations on the torus

Sturmian words are codings of rotations on \mathbb{T}^1

Rauzy'82:

Tribonacci word is the coding of a translation on \mathbb{T}^2

Conjecture by Arnoux and Rauzy:

each Arnoux-Rauzy word is the coding of a translation on \mathbb{T}^2

Cassaigne–Ferenczi–Zamboni'00:

there are Arnoux-Rauzy words that are not codings of translations

We show that almost all Arnoux-Rauzy words are codings of translations on \mathbb{T}^2

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Example

Arnoux-Rauzy words on $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$: $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\}$,

$$\begin{array}{lll} \alpha_1 : & 1 \mapsto 1 & \alpha_2 : 1 \mapsto 21 & \alpha_3 : 1 \mapsto 31 \\ & 2 \mapsto 12 & 2 \mapsto 2 & 2 \mapsto 32 \\ & 3 \mapsto 13 & 3 \mapsto 23 & 3 \mapsto 3 \end{array}$$

e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= 1121131121112113112111211311211211311211121131121 \dots \\ &= \alpha_1(1213121121312112131212131211213121 \dots) \\ &= \alpha_1 \alpha_1(2321232123223212321 \dots) \\ &= \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2(3131323131 \dots) \\ &= \alpha_1 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3(11211 \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Periodic case (fixed point of a substitution)

If $\omega^{(p)} = \omega$, then

$$\omega = \sigma_0 \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{p-1}(\omega)$$

has a periodic directive sequence $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Example

Tribonacci sequence

$$\omega = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3(\omega) = \tau(\omega)$$

$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 :$	1	\mapsto	1213121	$\tau :$	1	\mapsto	12
	2	\mapsto	121312		2	\mapsto	13
	3	\mapsto	1213		3	\mapsto	1

$$\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = \tau^3$$

Broken line

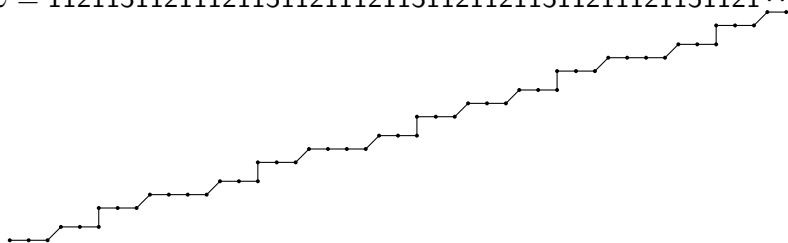
The *abelianisation map* on A^* is

$$\ell: A^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^d, \quad w \mapsto {}^t(|w|_1, |w|_2, \dots, |w|_d),$$

where $|w|_j$ denotes the number of occurrences of the letter j in w . The *broken line* associated with $\omega = \omega_0\omega_1 \cdots \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$ has vertex set

$$\{\ell(\omega_{[0,n)}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}, \quad \text{where } \omega_{[0,n)} = \omega_0\omega_1 \cdots \omega_{n-1}.$$

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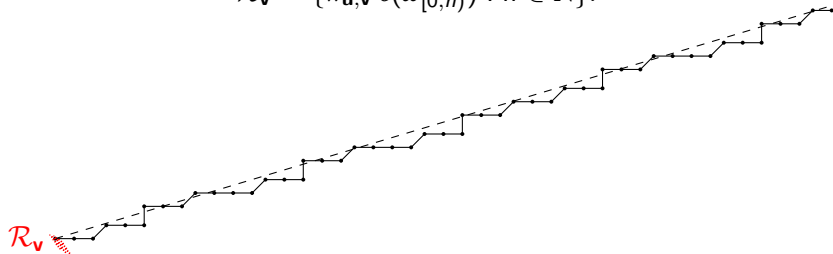
Rauzy fractal

If the letter frequencies $f_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\omega_{[0,n]}|_i}{n}$ exist, let

$$\mathbf{u} = {}^t(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_d)$$

be the *frequency vector* of ω . Let $\pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}}$ be the projection along \mathbf{u} onto a hyperplane \mathbf{v}^\perp , $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$. The *Rauzy fractal* (in \mathbf{v}^\perp) is

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}} = \overline{\{\pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \ell(\omega_{[0,n]}) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}}.$$



A particular role will be played by $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{1}}$, $\mathbf{1} = {}^t(1, \dots, 1)$.

Subtiles and domain exchange

The Rauzy fractal has *subtiles*

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i) = \overline{\{\pi_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} \ell(\omega_{[0,n)}) : n \in \mathbb{N}, \omega_n = i\}}.$$

$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(1)$

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$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(3)$

domain exchange $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i) \mapsto \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i) + \pi_{\mathbf{u},\mathbf{v}} \ell(i)$

$$\ell(i) - \ell(j) \in \mathbf{1}^{\perp} \cap \mathbb{Z}^d \quad \Rightarrow \quad \pi_{\mathbf{u},1} \ell(i) \equiv \pi_{\mathbf{u},1} \ell(j) \pmod{\mathbf{1}^{\perp} \cap \mathbb{Z}^d}$$

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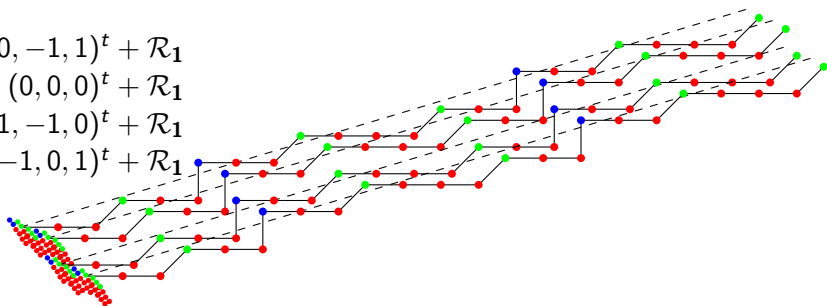
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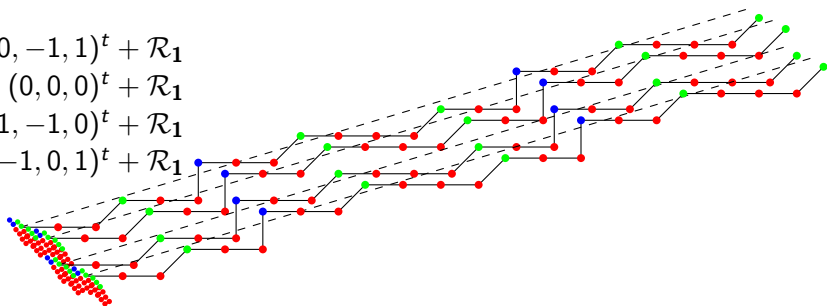
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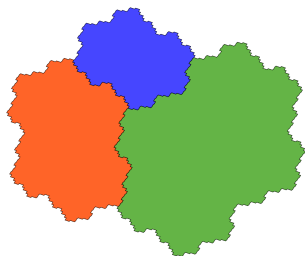


For which $\omega \in A^{\mathbb{N}}$, the collection

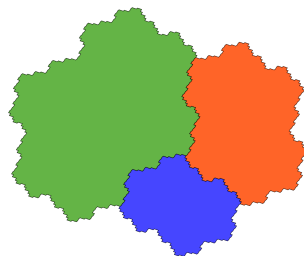
$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{R}_1(i) : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{1}^\perp \cap \mathbb{Z}^d, i \in A\}$$

forms a *tiling* of $\mathbf{1}^\perp$?

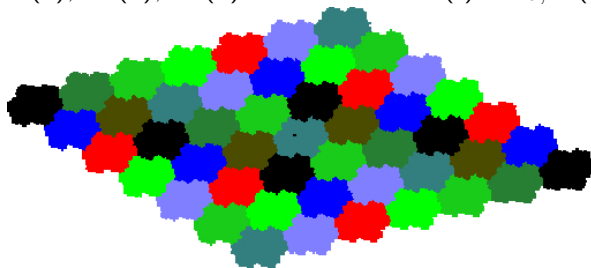
Domain exchange and tiling for the Tribonacci sequence



$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(1), \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(2), \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(3)$$



$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i) + \pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \ell(i)$$



$$\{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{R}_1 : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{1}^\perp \cap \mathbb{Z}^d\}$$

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Lemma

If \mathcal{C}_1 forms a tiling of $\mathbf{1}^\perp$ and φ is well defined, then (X_ω, Σ) is measurably conjugate to $+\pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{1}} \ell(i)$ on $\mathbf{1}^\perp / (\mathbf{1}^\perp \cap \mathbb{Z}^d) \simeq \mathbb{T}^{d-1}$, hence (X_ω, Σ) has purely discrete spectrum. (cf. Pisot conjecture)

Balanced words

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Examples (Berthé–Cassaigne–St '13)

Let ω be an Arnoux-Rauzy word on $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $\sigma_n = \alpha_{t_n}$.

- ▶ If $\nexists n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $t_n = t_{n+1} = \dots = t_{n+k}$ (i.e., weak partial quotients are bounded by h), then ω is $(2h+1)$ -balanced.
- ▶ Let X be the set $\{1121, 1122, 12121, 12122\}$ together with the words obtained by permutations of letters.
If $t_0 t_1 t_2 \dots$ has no factor in X , then ω is 2-balanced.
- ▶ Cassaigne–Ferenczi–Zamboni '00 construct unbalanced Arnoux-Rauzy words on 3 letters.

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} M_{[0,n)} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

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 $\ell(p_1) = \ell(p_2), \sigma_{[0, k)}(j_1) \in p_1 i A^*, \sigma_{[0, k)}(j_2) \in p_2 i A^*$
(strong coincidence condition), then the $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{v}(i), i \in A$, are mutually disjoint in measure, and (X_ω, Σ) is measurably conjugate to an exchange of domains on $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{v}$.
- ▶ \mathcal{C}_1 forms a tiling of $\mathbf{1}^\perp$ iff the geometric coincidence condition holds. Then (X_ω, Σ) is measurably conjugate to a translation on \mathbb{T}^{d-1} ; in particular, its spectrum is purely discrete.

(Multiple) tiling of \mathbf{v}^\perp by (subtiles of) Rauzy fractals

The *discrete hyperplane* approximating \mathbf{v}^\perp is

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}) = \{[\mathbf{x}, i] \in \mathbb{Z}^d \times A : 0 \leq \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x} \rangle < \langle \mathbf{v}, \ell(i) \rangle\}.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}} = \{\pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i) : [\mathbf{x}, i] \in \Gamma(\mathbf{v})\}.$$

Since $\Gamma(\mathbf{1}) = \{[\mathbf{x}, i] \in \mathbb{Z}^d \times A : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{1}^\perp\}$ and $\pi_{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{v}^\perp$, this definition is consistent with that of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{1}}$ above.

Theorem

Under the conditions of the main theorem, $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}}$ is a multiple tiling of \mathbf{v}^\perp for all $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^d \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$, and the covering degree of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}}$ does not depend on \mathbf{v} . (In particular, we have aperiodic and periodic multiple tilings with same covering degree.)

Set equations

Let $\pi_n = \pi_{(M_{[0,n)})^{-1}\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}^{(n)}}$ with $\mathbf{v}^{(n)} = {}^t(M_{[0,n)})\mathbf{v}$, and

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If $\sigma_{[0,n]}$ is unimodular, i.e., $|\det M_{[0,n]}| = 1$, then

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}^{(n)}) = E_1^*(\sigma_{[0,n]})(\Gamma(\mathbf{v})),$$

thus $(M_{[0,n]})^{-1} \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}}$ is a collection of supertiles of $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}}^{(n)}$.

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- ▶ $\partial \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i)$ has zero measure,
- ▶ $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{v}}^{(n)}$ is a multiple tiling with covering degree independent of n ,
- ▶ unions in the set equations are disjoint in measure,
- ▶ strong coincidence condition implies disjointness of the $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{v}}(i)$.

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Arnoux-Rauzy words

Arnoux-Rauzy substitutions on $A = \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$

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Theorem (Avila–Delecroix, Delecroix–Hejda–St)

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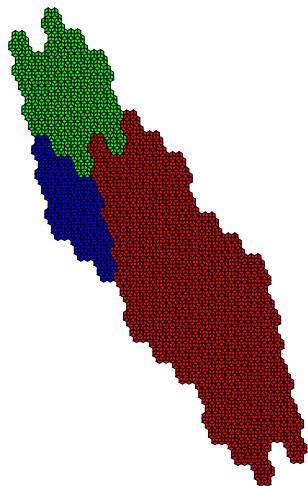
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An example



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 $\varphi : 1 \mapsto 1123, 2 \mapsto 23, 3 \mapsto 123$ (Chacon)

Berthé–Cassaigne–St '13:
 $\omega^{(n)}$ is 2-balanced $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$E_1^*(\sigma_{[0,13)})[\mathbf{0}, i]$ for $i = 1$ (red), $i = 2$ (green), $i = 3$ (blue)