

Graphical Approach of Symbolic Dynamics

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Elements of combinatorics on words

\mathcal{A} finite alphabet,

\mathcal{A}^* set of all finite words on \mathcal{A} ,

\mathcal{A}^ω set of all infinite words on \mathcal{A} (ex: $x = x_1 \cdots x_i \cdots \in \mathcal{A}^\omega$),

$u \in \mathcal{A}^*$, $v \in \mathcal{A}^*$ (resp. \mathcal{A}^ω), concatenation $uv \in \mathcal{A}^*$ (resp. \mathcal{A}^ω).

Prefix

u is a *prefix* of w if it exists v such that:

$$w = uv$$

$u \in \mathcal{A}^*$, $w \in \mathcal{A}^*$ (resp. \mathcal{A}^ω), $v \in \mathcal{A}^*$ (resp. \mathcal{A}^ω).

Thompson group V

$W \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ is a *prefix code* (for $X \subseteq \{0, 1\}^\omega$) if:

- every $w \in W$ is a prefix of a word in X ;
- every $x \in X$ has a unique prefix w in W .

Example: $W = (00, 010, 1, 011)$ (with $X = \{0, 1\}^\omega$).

Cylinder map on $X = \{0, 1\}^\omega$

$U = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$, $V = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ two prefix codes of same size n .

Define the *cylinder map* $\tau_{U,V} : X \rightarrow X$ such that:

$$\forall z \in X, 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad \tau_{U,V} : u_k z \mapsto v_k z$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x = \text{---} \overbrace{\text{---} | \text{---}}^{u_k} | \text{---} \overbrace{\text{---} | \text{---}}^z \text{---} \\ \tau(x) = \text{---} \overbrace{\text{---} | \text{---}}^{v_k} | \text{---} \overbrace{\text{---} | \text{---}}^z \text{---} \end{array}$$

The Thompson group is $V := \{\tau \text{ cylinder map on } X\}$.

Example

Let $U = (00, 01, 10, 11)$ and $V = (00, 010, 1, 011)$. Then

$$\tau_{U,V} : \begin{cases} 00z \mapsto 00z \\ 01z \mapsto 010z \\ 10z \mapsto 1z \\ 11z \mapsto 011z \end{cases}$$

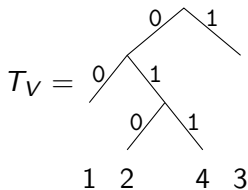
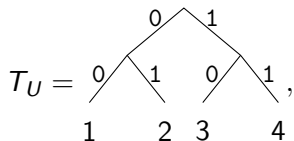
Ex:

$$\begin{aligned} 10100\dots &\mapsto 1100\dots \\ 1100\dots &\mapsto 01100\dots \\ 01100\dots &\mapsto 010100\dots \end{aligned}$$

Graphical representation of cylinder maps

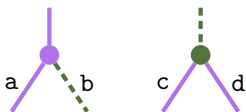
$$U = (00, 01, 10, 11), V = (00, 010, 1, 011) \quad \tau_{U,V} : \begin{cases} 00z \mapsto 00z \\ 01z \mapsto 010z \\ 10z \mapsto 1z \\ 11z \mapsto 011z \end{cases}$$

Fact: the elements of a prefix code are the leaves of a binary tree.



Other families of trees

Colored edges that divide differently, example:



Encode the rules in a graph: $G = a$ $X_G = ?$

For the Thompson group V : $H = 0$ $X_H = \{0, 1\}^\omega$

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Edge shifts

Reminder: subshift

$X \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\omega$ is a *subshift* when:

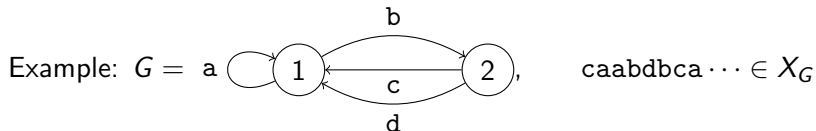
- X is shift-invariant: $\forall x \in X, \sigma(x) \in X$;
(where σ is the shift: $\sigma(x_1x_2x_3 \dots) = x_2x_3 \dots$)
- X is a closed set.

Edge shift

$G = (Q, \mathcal{A})$ a directed graph (Q is the vertex set and \mathcal{A} is the edge set).

$$X_G := \{x \in \mathcal{A}^\omega : x \text{ is an infinite path on } G\}$$

is a subshift, called the *edge shift induced by G* .



Cylinder (???) maps

Let $X = X_G \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\omega$ an edge shift.

Cylinders

Let $u \in \mathcal{A}^*$. The *cylinder* of u in X is the set words having u as prefix.

$$[u] := \{uz \in X : z \in \mathcal{A}^\omega\}$$

Fact 1: the cylinders form a basis of *clopens* for the topology on \mathcal{A}^ω .

Fact 2: if $U = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$ is a prefix code for X , then we have a partition of X :

$$X = \bigsqcup_{k=1}^n [u_k]$$

So $\tau_{U,V}$ maps cylinders: $\tau_{U,V} : [u_k] \mapsto [v_k]$.

Cylinder maps on an edge shift

We generalize cylinder maps on edge shifts.

Let $G = (Q, \mathcal{A})$, $X = X_G \subseteq \mathcal{A}^\omega$.

Let $U = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$, $V = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ two prefix codes for X .

For $\tau_{U,V} : u_k z \mapsto v_k z$ to be defined on X , we need $(\forall 1 \leq k \leq n)$:

$$\forall z \in \mathcal{A}^\omega, u_k z \in X \iff v_k z \in X$$

This is equivalent (in our case) to, $(\forall 1 \leq k \leq n)$:

The paths of the prefixes u_k and v_k in G have the same terminal vertex.

The condition on the prefix codes

Condition:

The paths of the prefixes u_k and v_k in G have the same terminal vertex.

We write:

- $t(u)$ the terminal vertex of u in G ;
- X_q the set of infinite paths on G beginning at the vertex q .

Then the condition is:

$$\forall 1 \leq k \leq n, t(u_k) = t(v_k)$$

Remarks:

- $z \in X_{t(u)} \iff uz \in X_G$
- with Q the set of vertices of G , $X_G = \bigsqcup_{q \in Q} X_q$.

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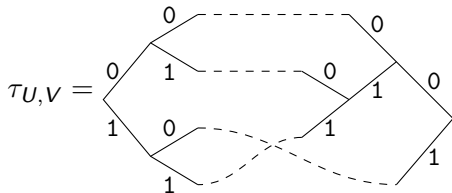
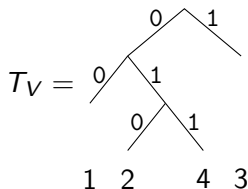
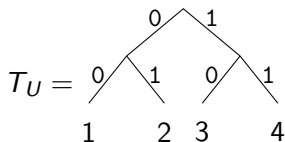
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Diagrams for cylinder maps

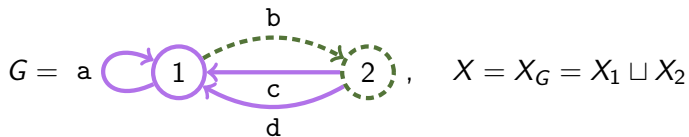
A way to represent an element of the Thompson group is to turn the trees and to join their leaves.

$$U = (00, 01, 10, 11)$$

$$V = (00, 010, 1, 011)$$

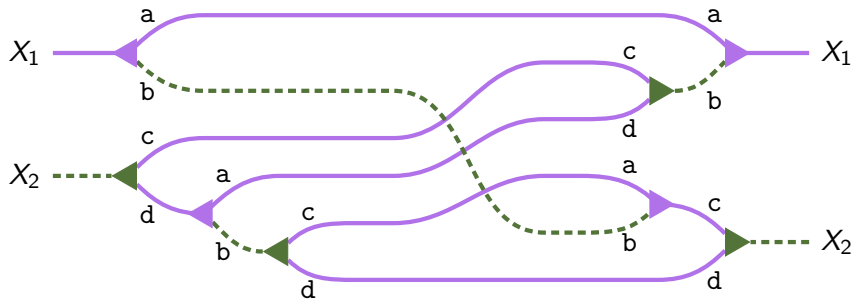


Diagrams for cylinder maps on edge shifts

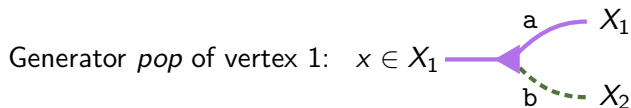
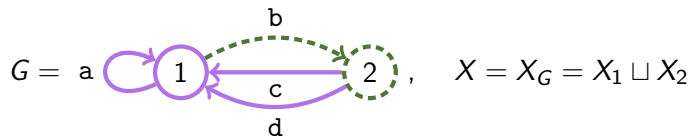


$$U = (a, b, c, da, dbc, dbd)$$

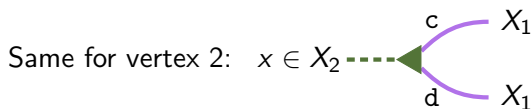
$$V = (a, cb, bc, bd, ca, d)$$



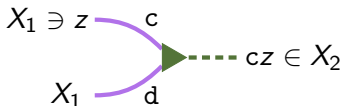
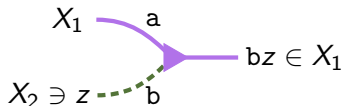
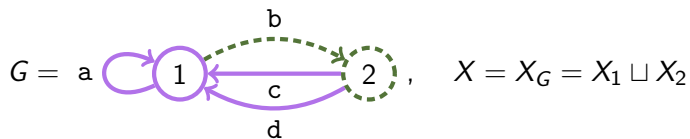
Generators *pop*...



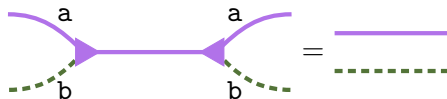
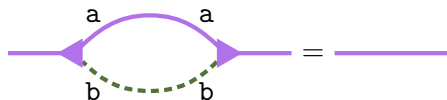
If $x \in X_1$, then $x = \begin{cases} az, z \in X_1 \longrightarrow \text{return } z \in X_1 \text{ in the first wire.} \\ bz, z \in X_2 \longrightarrow \text{return } z \in X_2 \text{ in the second wire.} \end{cases}$



...and generators *push*



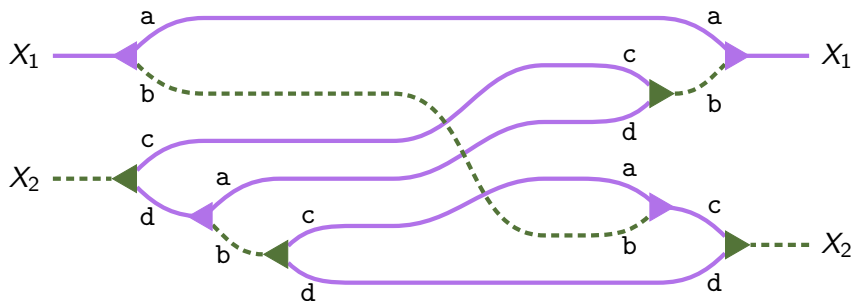
pop_q and $push_q$ are inverse for sequential composition:



Semantic: example

$U = (a, b, c, da, dbc, dbd)$







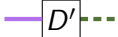



$V = (a, cb, bc, bd, ca, d)$



$\tau_{U,V}(az) = ?$, $\tau_{U,V}(dbcz) = ?$

Colored PROP

Our diagrams are a *colored PROP* (= strict symmetric monoidal category):

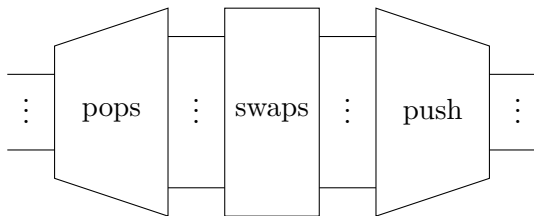
- Identities:  ,  ;
- Sequential composition,   =  ;
- Parallel composition,   =  ;
- Swaps (permutation of wires):  ,  , ...

Such that:  =  ,  =  , ...

- Generators pop_q and $push_q$ ($\forall q \in Q$);
- Relations: $push_q \circ pop_q = id$, $pop_q \circ push_q = id$

Normal form

We can transform every diagram into a normal form:



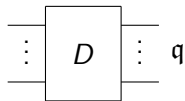
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Isotropy groups

Fix $G = (Q, \mathcal{A})$ and a list of colors $q = \langle q_1, \dots, q_n \rangle$ in Q .

$\mathcal{C}[q, q]$ is the set of morphisms (diagrams) $D : q \rightarrow q$.



Remark: if $q = Q$, then $\mathcal{C}[q, q]$ is the *topological full group*, the group of cylinder maps on X_G .

[Matui 2015]

$\mathcal{C}[q, q]$ is a finitely generated and presented group (and more: F_∞).

It is a group:

- we can compose the diagrams;
- inversion by vertical symmetry and *pop* \leftrightarrow *push*.

Question: what does the generators/relations of the group look like?

- Generalise to bigger classes of subshifts (SFT, sofic, ...).
- Generalise to bi-infinite words.
- Links with conjugacy problem (see Theo's presentation).
Fact: the topological full group is a conjugacy invariant.
- Conjecture: the isomorphisms of topological full groups are conjugacy by specific transductors.

Thank you for listening
Please ask your questions!

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