

Minicourse on *information, complexity and organisation in  
multidimensional symbolic dynamics*

From unidimensional to multidimensional symbolic  
dynamics; some questions about sofic subshifts

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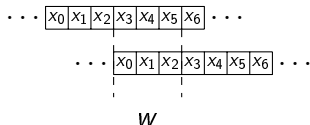
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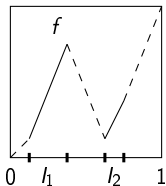
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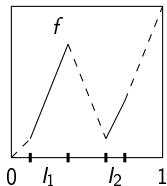
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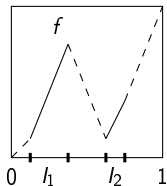


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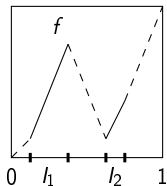
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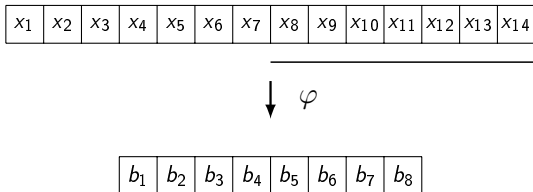
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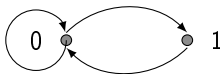
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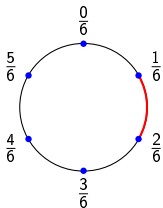
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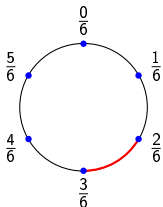
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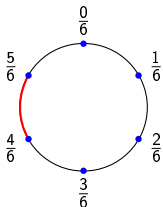
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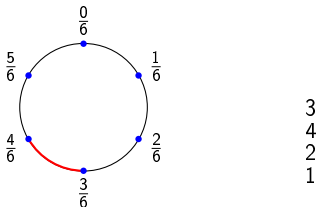
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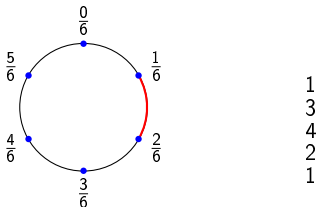
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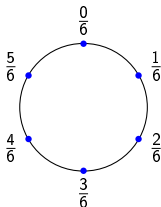
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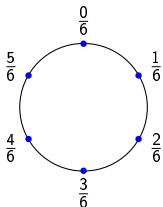
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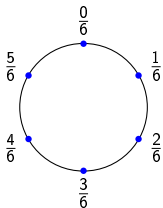
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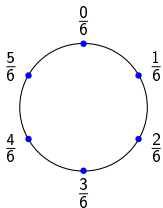
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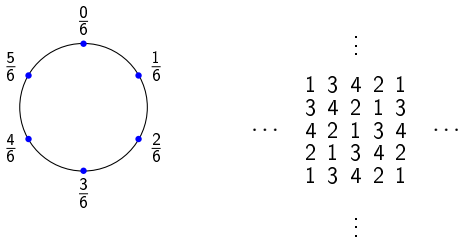
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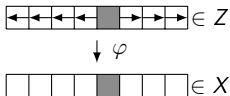
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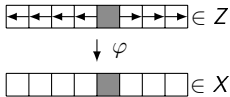
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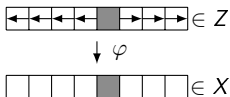


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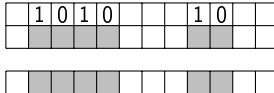


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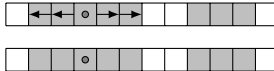
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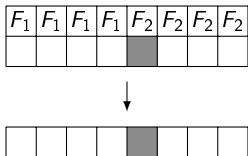
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Determined by words of length 1. Possible connections:  $F_2 \rightarrow F_2$ ,  
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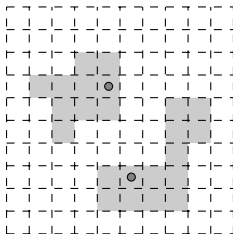
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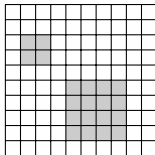
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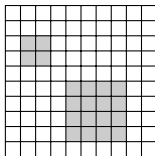
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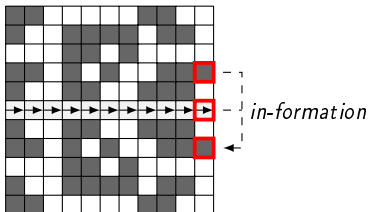
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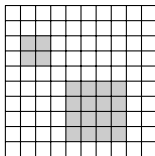


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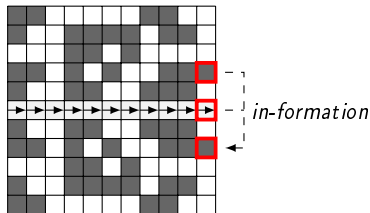




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Some necessary conditions are known (cf. [Romashchenko](#), [Destombes 2018](#)).

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Examples of sofic shifts might be candidate counterexamples, but we lack tools to understand the possible covers, and their entropy.