

Renormalisation in Spectral Theory: Introduction and Diffraction

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Thue–Morse spectrum

(Wiener 1927, Mahler 1927, Kakutani 1972, Baake & G 2008)

Substitution: $\varrho: \begin{array}{l} 1 \mapsto 1\bar{1} \\ \bar{1} \mapsto \bar{1}1 \end{array} \quad (\bar{1} \hat{=} -1)$

Note that ϱ maps $a \in \{1, \bar{1}\}$ to $a\bar{a}$ (where $\bar{\bar{a}} = a$)

Iteration and fixed point:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\longmapsto 1\bar{1} \\ &\longmapsto 1\bar{1}\bar{1}1 \\ &\longmapsto 1\bar{1}\bar{1}1\bar{1}11\bar{1} \\ &\longmapsto 1\bar{1}\bar{1}1\bar{1}11\bar{1}\bar{1}11\bar{1}\bar{1}1 \\ &\longmapsto \dots \longrightarrow v = \varrho(v) = v_0v_1v_2v_3\dots \end{aligned}$$

Starting from $\bar{1}$ results in the fixed point \bar{v} .

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Fixed point $v = v_0v_1v_2v_3 \dots v_i \dots = \varrho(v)$, so

$$\varrho(v) = \underbrace{\varrho(v_0)}_{v_0v_1} \underbrace{\varrho(v_1)}_{v_2v_3} \underbrace{\varrho(v_2)}_{v_4v_5} \underbrace{\varrho(v_3)}_{v_6v_7} \dots \underbrace{\varrho(v_i)}_{v_{2i}v_{2i+1}} \dots$$

which implies (noting that $\varrho(v_i) = v_i\overline{v_i}$)

$$\boxed{v_{2i} = v_i} \quad \text{and} \quad \boxed{v_{2i+1} = \overline{v_i}}$$

for all $i \geq 0$.

Given v_0 , this determines v recursively.

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Autocorrelation coefficients

$$\eta(m) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} v_i v_{i+m}$$

Consider $\eta(2m)$ and split the sum into two parts:

$$i = 2j \text{ even: } v_i v_{i+2m} = v_{2j} v_{2j+2m} = v_j v_{j+m}$$

$$i = 2j+1 \text{ odd: } v_i v_{i+2m} = v_{2j+1} v_{2j+2m+1} = \overline{v_j} \overline{v_{j+m}} = v_j v_{j+m}$$

This shows that

$$\eta(2m) = \eta(m)$$

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$$i = 2j \text{ even: } v_i v_{i+2m+1} = v_{2j} v_{2j+2m+1} = v_j \overline{v_{j+m}} = -v_j v_{j+m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i = 2j+1 \text{ odd: } v_i v_{i+2m+1} &= v_{2j+1} v_{2j+2m+2} = \overline{v_j} v_{j+m+1} \\ &= -v_j v_{j+m+1} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that

$$\eta(2m+1) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\eta(m) + \eta(m+1) \right)$$

for all $m \geq 0$.

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satisfy

$$\eta(2m) = \eta(m)$$

and

$$\eta(2m+1) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\eta(m) + \eta(m+1) \right)$$

for all $m \geq 0$. Given $\eta(0) = 1$, all coefficients $\eta(m)$ for $m > 0$ are uniquely determined. In particular,

$$\eta(1) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\eta(0) + \eta(1) \right)$$

which implies $\eta(1) = -\frac{1}{3}$.

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Renormalisation relations

Equations contain a self-consistent part (here $m \in \{0, 1\}$) plus recursions (determining coefficients for $m > 1$).

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$$\eta(m) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} v_i v_{i+m}$$

Thue–Morse measure

η positive definite, Herglotz–Bochner theorem implies

$$\eta(m) = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i m y} d\mu(y)$$

with positive measure μ on $[0, 1)$.

Renormalisation relations for η

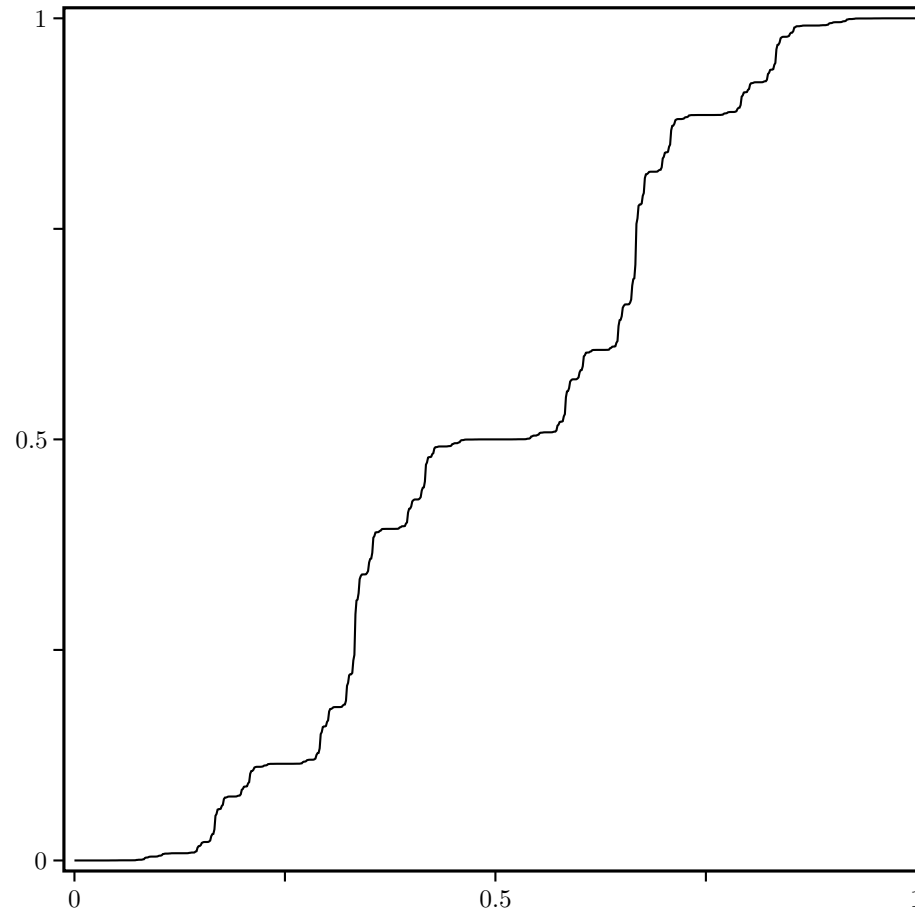
$\implies \mu$ **purely singular continuous** measure

\implies Riesz product $\prod_{\ell \geq 1} (1 - \cos(2^\ell \pi y))$

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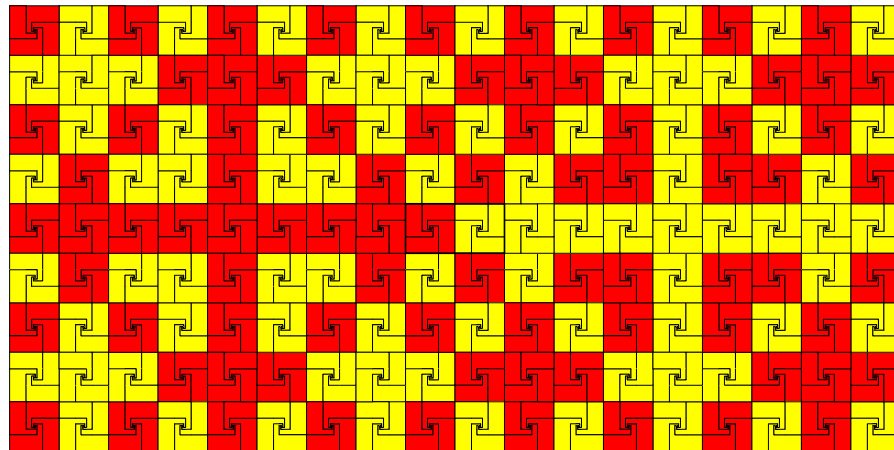
Thue–Morse measure



Plot of distribution function $F(x) = \int_0^x d\mu(y) = x + \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{\eta(m)}{mx} \sin(2\pi mx)$

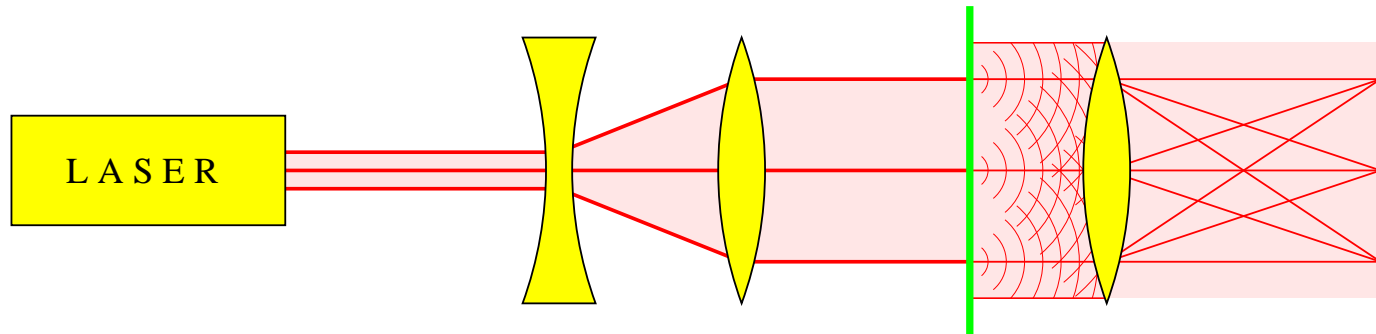
Renormalisation approach

This approach was generalised to show purely singular continuous spectrum for generalised Thue–Morse sequence (Baake, Gähler & G 2012) and higher-dimensional binary bijective block substitution tilings (Baake & G 2014), such as the ‘squirrel’ tiling



More generally, rather than working with autocorrelation coefficients directly, renormalisation relations can be derived using the **pair correlation coefficients** (Baake & Gähler 2015).

Connection with diffraction



Wiener's diagram obstacle $f(x)$, with $\tilde{f}(x) := \overline{f(-x)}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f & \xrightarrow{*} & f * \tilde{f} \\
 \mathcal{F} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{F} \\
 \hat{f} & \xrightarrow{|\cdot|^2} & |\hat{f}|^2
 \end{array}$$

Connection with diffraction

Structure translation bounded measure ω
assumed ‘self-amenable’ (Hof 1995)
(here, $\omega = \delta_\Lambda := \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \delta_x$ for point set $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$)

Autocorrelation $\gamma = \gamma_\omega = \omega \circledast \widetilde{\omega} := \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega|_R * \widetilde{\omega|_R}}{\text{vol}(B_R)}$

Diffraction $\widehat{\gamma} = (\widehat{\gamma})_{\text{pp}} + (\widehat{\gamma})_{\text{sc}} + (\widehat{\gamma})_{\text{ac}}$ (relative to λ_{Leb})

- pp: Bragg peaks
- ac: diffuse scattering with density
- sc: whatever remains ...

Fibonacci inflation

Substitution rule and substitution matrix

$$\varrho: \begin{array}{l} \ell \mapsto \ell s \\ s \mapsto \ell \end{array} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

One-sided **fixed point** $w = \varrho(w)$ by iteration of ϱ on $w^{(0)} = \ell$:

$$\ell \mapsto \ell s \mapsto \ell s \ell \mapsto \ell s \ell \ell s \mapsto \ell s \ell \ell s \ell s \ell \mapsto \cdots \mapsto w^{(n)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} w$$

Fibonacci numbers

$|w^{(n)}| = f_{n+2}$ with $\text{card}_{\ell}(w^{(n)}) = f_{n+1}$ and $\text{card}_s(w^{(n)}) = f_n$
where $f_0 = 0$, $f_1 = 1$ and $f_{n+1} = f_n + f_{n-1}$

Golden ratio

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{f_{n+1}}{f_n} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2} = \begin{cases} \tau \\ \tau' \end{cases}$$

Fibonacci inflation

Recursion: $w^{(n+1)} = w^{(n)}w^{(n-1)}$

Two-sided Fibonacci sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \ell|\ell &\xrightarrow{\varrho} \underline{\underline{\ell s}}|\ell s \xrightarrow{\varrho} \ell \underline{\underline{s \ell}}|\ell s \ell \\ &\xrightarrow{\varrho} \ell s \ell \underline{\underline{\ell s}}|\ell s \ell \ell s \xrightarrow{\varrho} \ell s \ell \ell s \ell \underline{\underline{s \ell}}|\ell s \ell \ell s \ell s \ell \\ &\xrightarrow{\varrho} \ell s \ell \ell s \ell s \ell \ell s \ell \underline{\underline{\ell s}}|\ell s \ell \ell s \ell s \ell \ell s \ell \ell s \xrightarrow{\varrho} \dots \end{aligned}$$

limiting 2-cycle $\xrightarrow{\varrho^2}$ two fixed points under ϱ^2

Geometric realisation



as an inflation rule on one-dimensional tiles (intervals)

Displacement matrix

Inflation rule




Choose **natural tile lengths** according to left Perron–Frobenius eigenvector $(\tau, 1)$ of M

Displacement matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \{0\} & \{0\} \\ \{\tau\} & \emptyset \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\text{card}(T_{ab}) = M_{ab}$.

Consider **fixed-point tiling** obtained by an even number of inflations of the initial patch 

Control point sets $\Lambda_a \subset \mathbb{Z}[\tau]$: sets of left endpoints of intervals of type $a \in \{\ell, s\}$, and $\Lambda = \Lambda_\ell \cup \Lambda_s \subset \mathbb{Z}[\tau]$.

Displacement matrix

Squared inflation rule



Displacement matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \{0, \tau+1\} & \{0\} \\ \{\tau\} & \{\tau\} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $\text{card}(T_{ab}) = M_{ab}^2$.

Fixed point equations for point sets $\Lambda_{\ell,s}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Lambda_\ell &= \tau^2 \Lambda_\ell \cup (\tau^2 \Lambda_\ell + \tau^2) \cup \tau^2 \Lambda_s \\ \Lambda_s &= (\tau^2 \Lambda_\ell + \tau) \cup (\tau^2 \Lambda_s + \tau) \end{aligned} \right\} \Lambda_a = \bigcup_b \tau^2 \Lambda_b + T_{ab}$$



Pair correlations

Pair correlation coefficients

$$\nu_{ab}(z) := \frac{\text{dens}(\Lambda_a \cap (\Lambda_b - z))}{\text{dens}(\Lambda)}$$

satisfying $\nu_{ab}(z) > 0$ for $z \in \Lambda_b - \Lambda_a$ (and $\nu_{ab}(z) = 0$ otherwise)

Autocorrelation coefficients

$$\eta(z) := \text{dens}(\Lambda \cap (\Lambda - z)) = \text{dens}(\Lambda) \sum_{a,b} \nu_{ab}(z)$$

Strategy

- derive renormalisation relations for $\nu_{ab}(z)$
- take the Fourier transform
- obtain conditions on spectral components

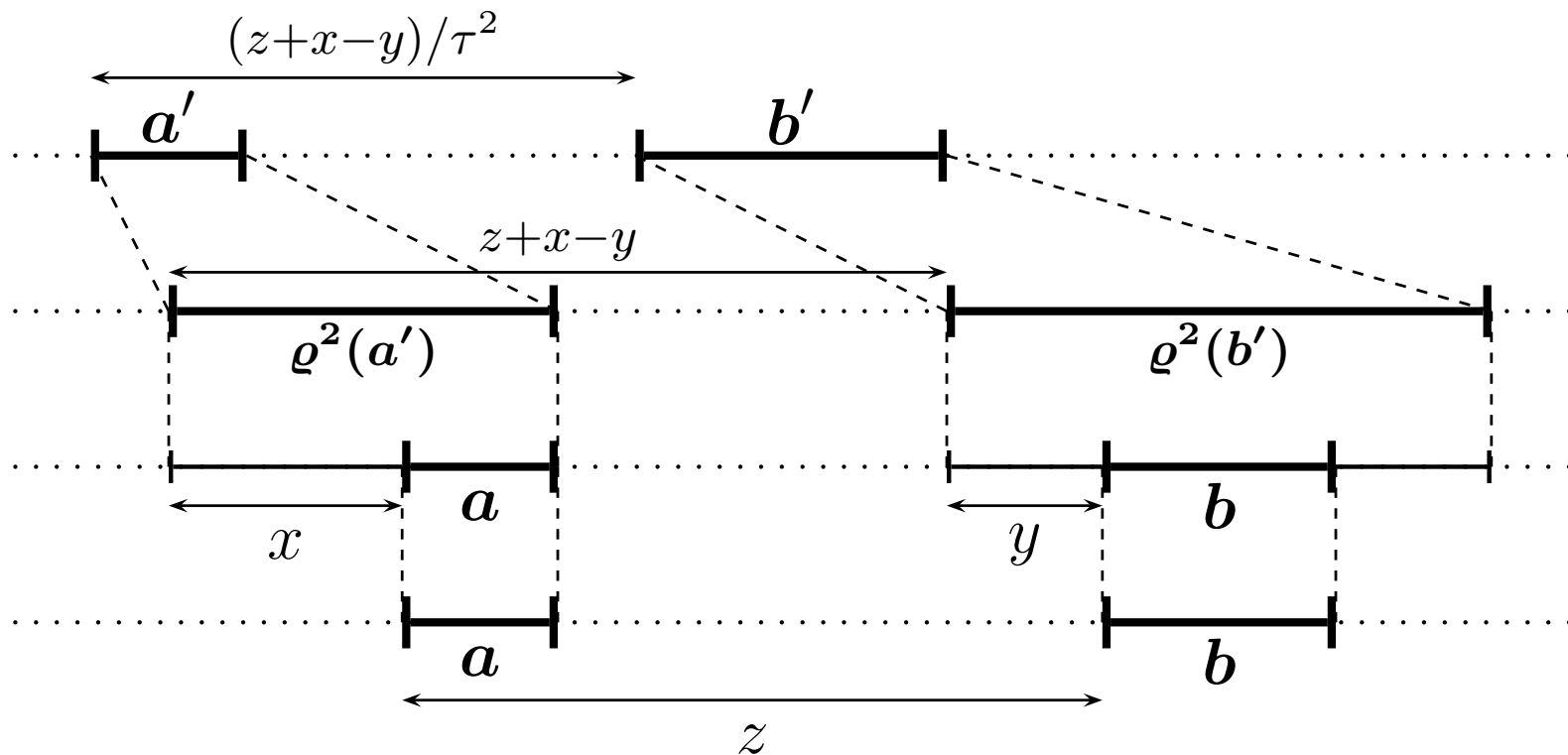
Pair correlations

From the fixed point equation we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_{ab}(z) &= \frac{\text{dens}(\Lambda_a \cap (\Lambda_b - z))}{\text{dens}(\Lambda)} \\
 &= \frac{\text{dens}\left(\left(\bigcup_{a'} \tau^2 \Lambda_{a'} + T_{aa'}\right) \cap \left(\bigcup_{b'} \tau^2 \Lambda_{b'} + T_{bb'} - z\right)\right)}{\text{dens}(\Lambda)} \\
 &= \sum_{a', b'} \sum_{x \in T_{aa'}} \sum_{y \in T_{bb'}} \frac{\text{dens}\left((\tau^2 \Lambda_{a'} + x) \cap (\tau^2 \Lambda_{b'} + y - z)\right)}{\text{dens}(\Lambda)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau^2} \sum_{a', b'} \sum_{x \in T_{aa'}} \sum_{y \in T_{bb'}} \frac{\text{dens}\left((\Lambda_{a'} + \frac{x}{\tau^2}) \cap (\Lambda_{b'} + \frac{y-z}{\tau^2})\right)}{\text{dens}(\Lambda)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\tau^2} \sum_{a', b'} \sum_{x \in T_{aa'}} \sum_{y \in T_{bb'}} \nu_{a'b'}\left(\frac{z+x-y}{\tau^2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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Pair correlation measures

Define **pair correlation measures**

$$\Upsilon_{ab} := \sum_{z \in \Lambda_b - \Lambda_a} \nu_{ab}(z) \delta_z$$

The **autocorrelation measure** γ and the **diffraction measure** $\widehat{\gamma}$ are given by

$$\gamma = \sum_{z \in \Lambda - \Lambda} \eta(z) \delta_z = \text{dens}(\Lambda) \sum_{a,b} \Upsilon_{ab}$$

$$\widehat{\gamma} = \text{dens}(\Lambda) \sum_{a,b} \widehat{\Upsilon_{ab}}$$

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and set $\widehat{\Upsilon} = (\widehat{\Upsilon}_{\ell\ell}, \widehat{\Upsilon}_{\ell s}, \widehat{\Upsilon}_{s\ell}, \widehat{\Upsilon}_{ss})$. Then (with $\lambda = \tau^2$)

$$\widehat{\Upsilon} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \mathbf{A}(\cdot) (f^{-1} \cdot \widehat{\Upsilon})$$

with $f(x) = \lambda x$ and $\mathbf{A}(k) = B(k) \otimes \overline{B(k)}$

$B(\cdot)$ is the **Fourier matrix**

$$B(k) = \widetilde{\delta_T}(k) = \widehat{\delta_T}(-k)$$

Fourier matrix

For the Fibonacci inflation

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \{0, \tau+1\} & \{0\} \\ \{\tau\} & \{\tau\} \end{pmatrix} \implies B(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{2\pi i(\tau+1)k} & 1 \\ e^{2\pi i\tau k} & e^{2\pi i\tau k} \end{pmatrix}$$

For N -fold inflation, the Fourier matrix is ($\lambda = \tau^2$)

$$\begin{aligned} B^{(N)}(k) &= B(k) B^{(N-1)}(\lambda k) \\ &= B(k) B(\lambda k) B(\lambda^2 k) \cdots B(\lambda^{N-1} k) \end{aligned}$$

This cocycle, and in particular its Lyapunov exponents, provides information about the spectral components

—▶ more on this in Neil's talk tomorrow

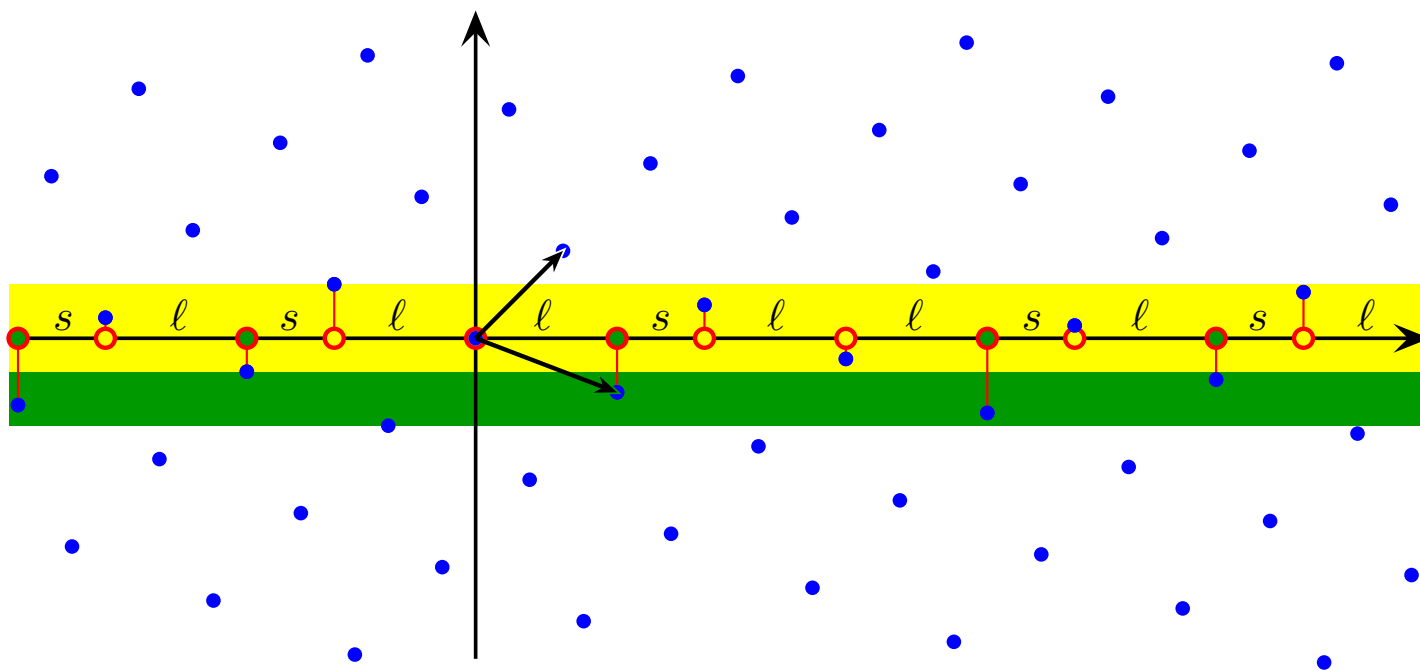
Fibonacci model set

Substitution $\ell \mapsto \ell s, s \mapsto \ell$ (inflation factor $\tau = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$)

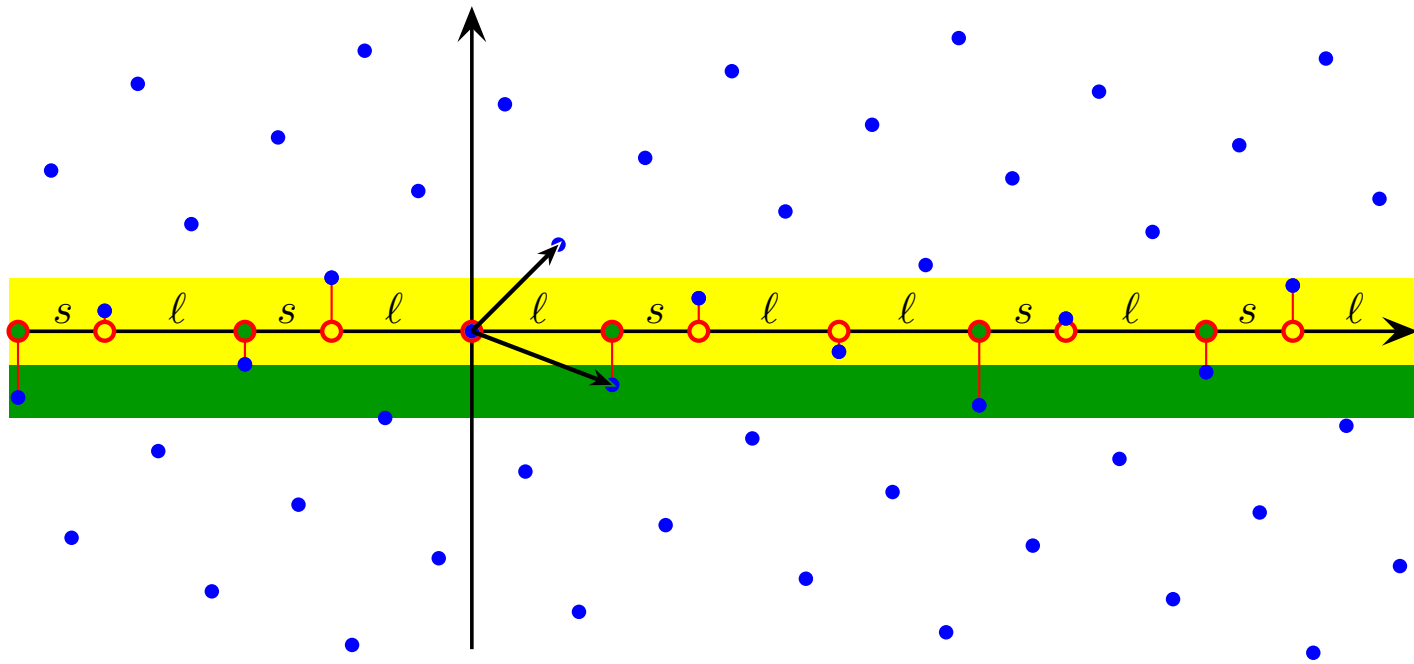
Point set $\Lambda = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}[\tau] : x^* \in W\}$ with $W = (-1, \tau - 1]$

★-map $\sqrt{5} \mapsto -\sqrt{5}$ which means $\tau \mapsto \tau^* = 1 - \tau$

Minkowski embedding $\mathcal{L} = \{(x, x^*) : x \in \mathbb{Z}[\tau]\}$ lattice



Diffraction of Fibonacci chain

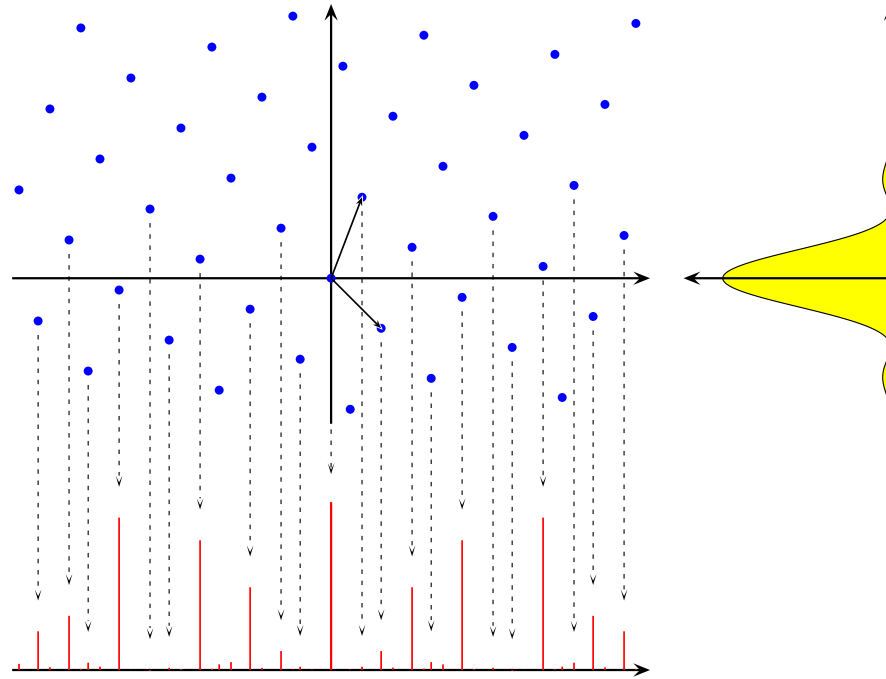


Basis matrices of \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L}^* : $\begin{pmatrix} \tau & 1 \\ 1-\tau & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tau-1 \\ -1 & \tau \end{pmatrix}$

Fourier module: $L^\circledast = L/\sqrt{5}$, Bragg peaks for $k \in L^\circledast$

Intensity: $I(k) = \left| \frac{\text{dens}(\Lambda)}{\text{vol}(W)} \widetilde{1_W}(k^\star) \right|^2 = \left(\frac{\tau}{\sqrt{5}} \text{sinc}(\pi \tau k^\star) \right)^2$

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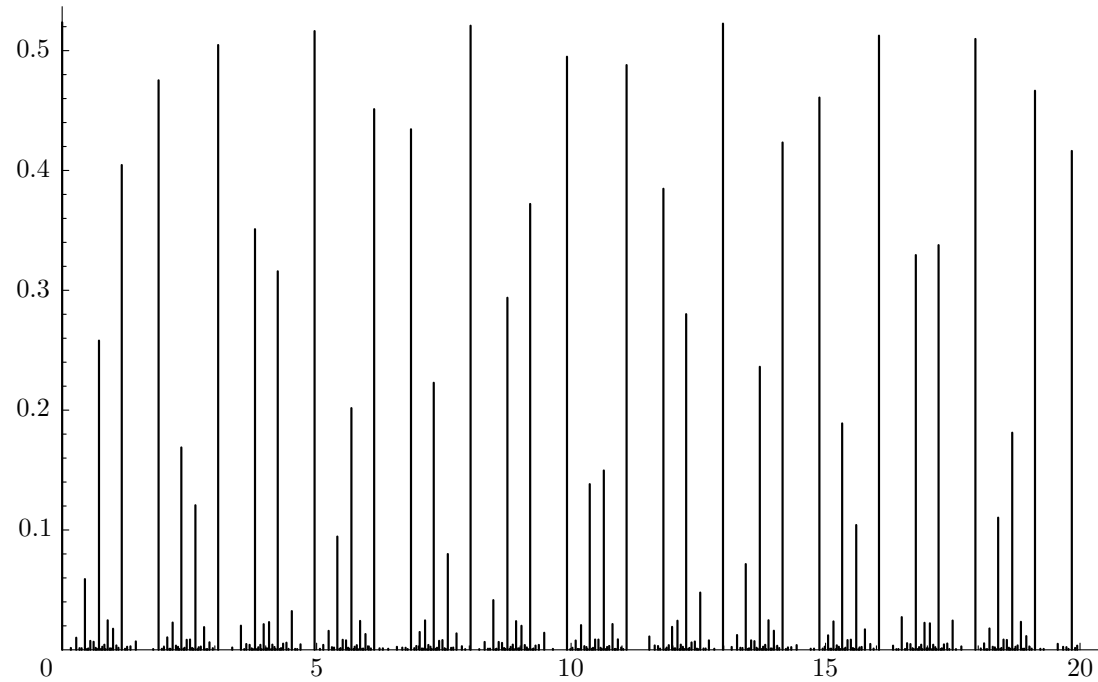


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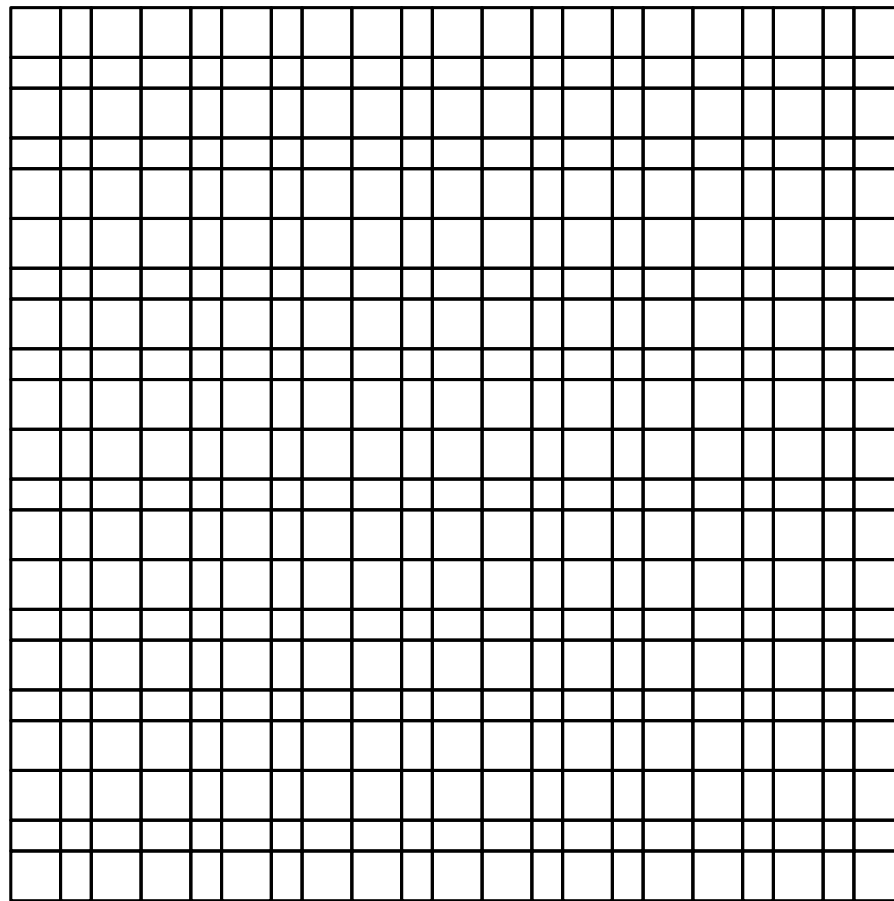
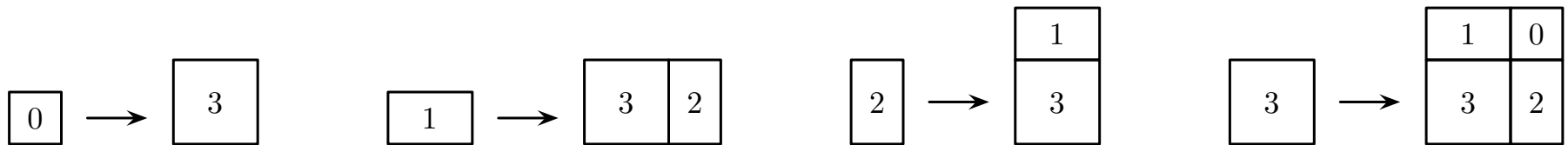


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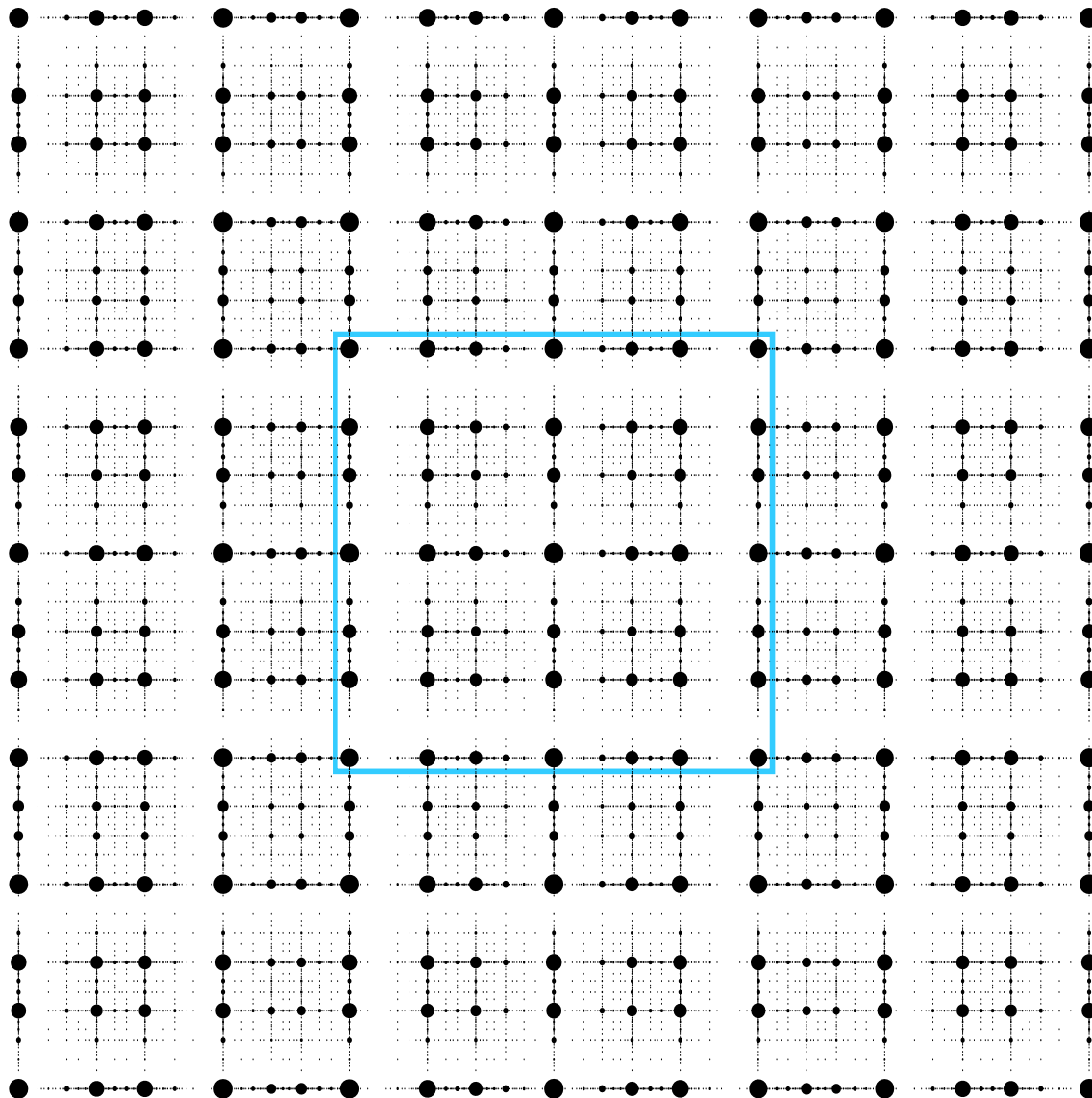
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Square Fibonacci model set



Square Fibonacci model set



Variations

(Baake, Frank & G 2021)

3	2
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0

2	3
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1

1
3

0

3
1

1

1	0
3	2

0

0	1
3	2

1

1	2
3	0

2

0	1
2	3

3

2	1
0	3

4

1	0
2	3

5

2	3
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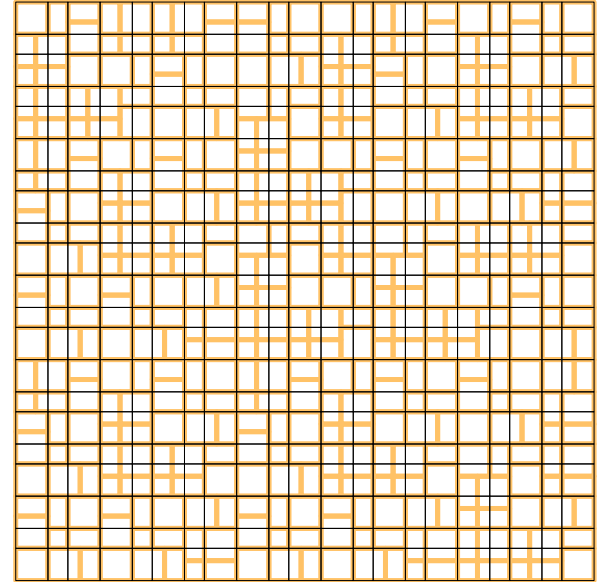
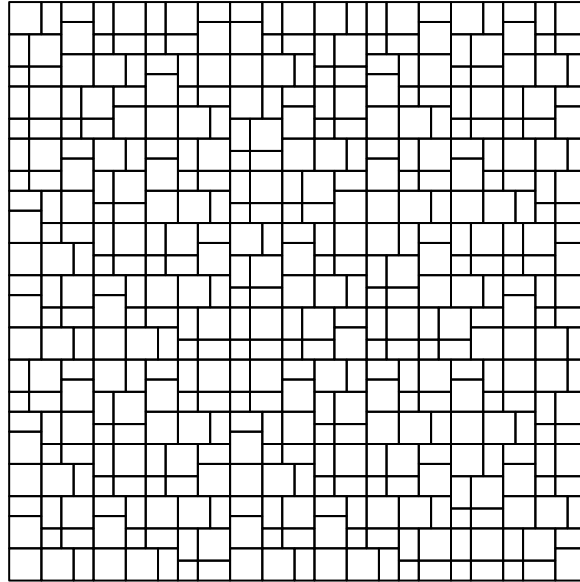
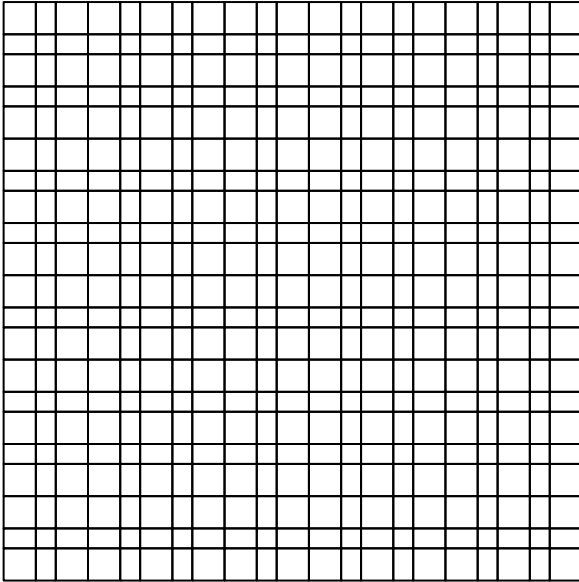
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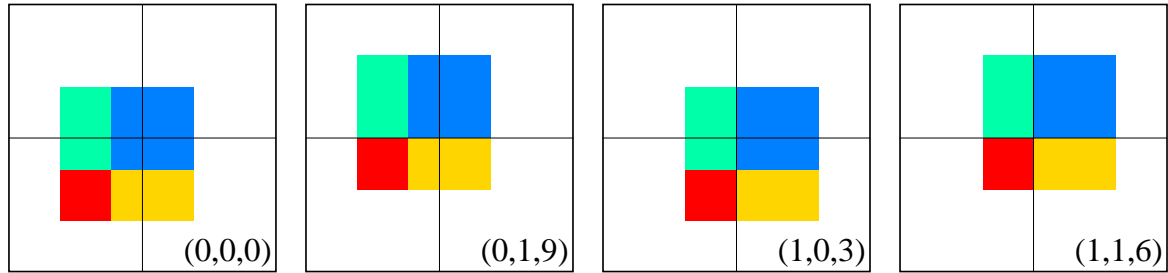
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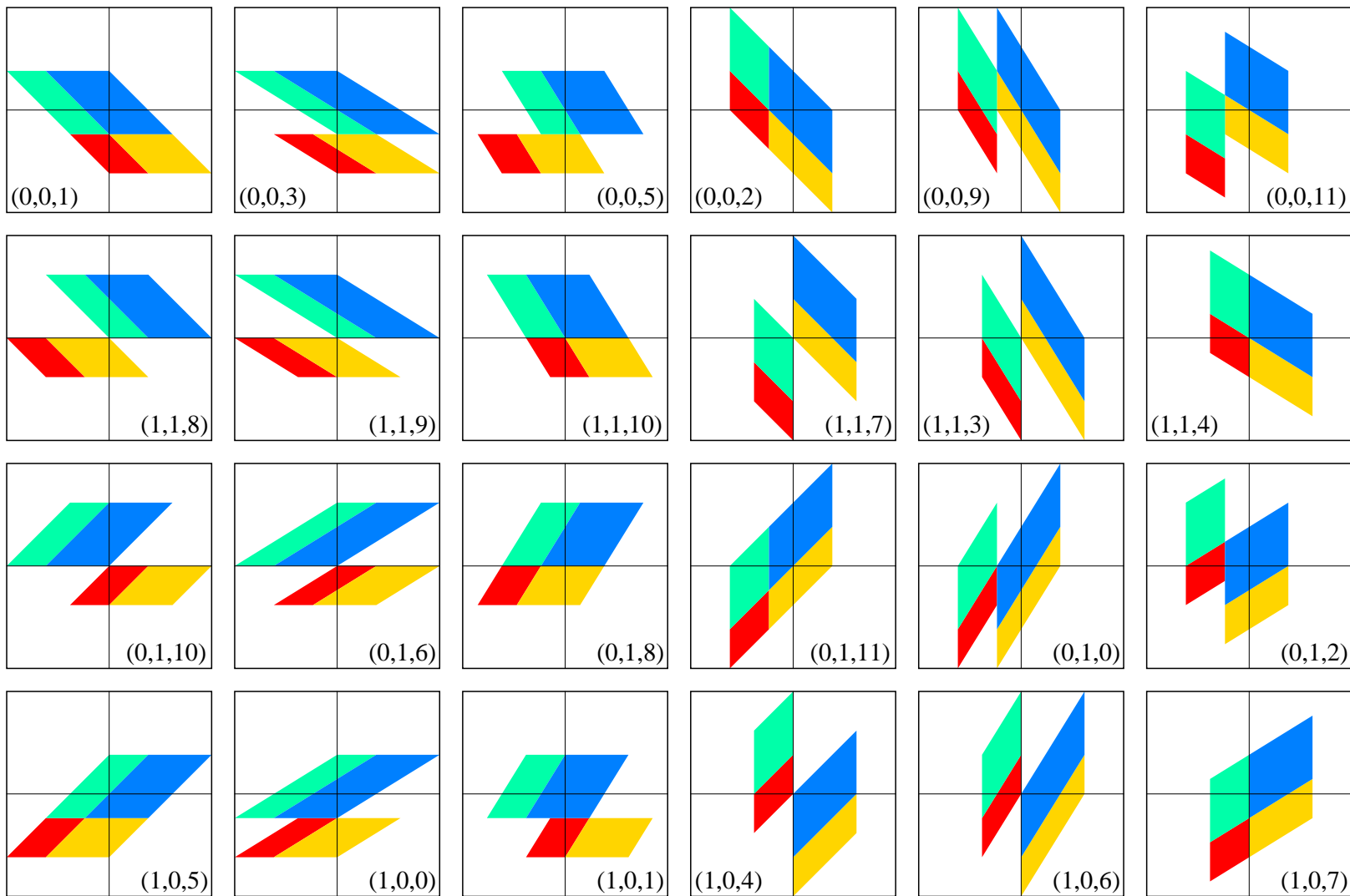
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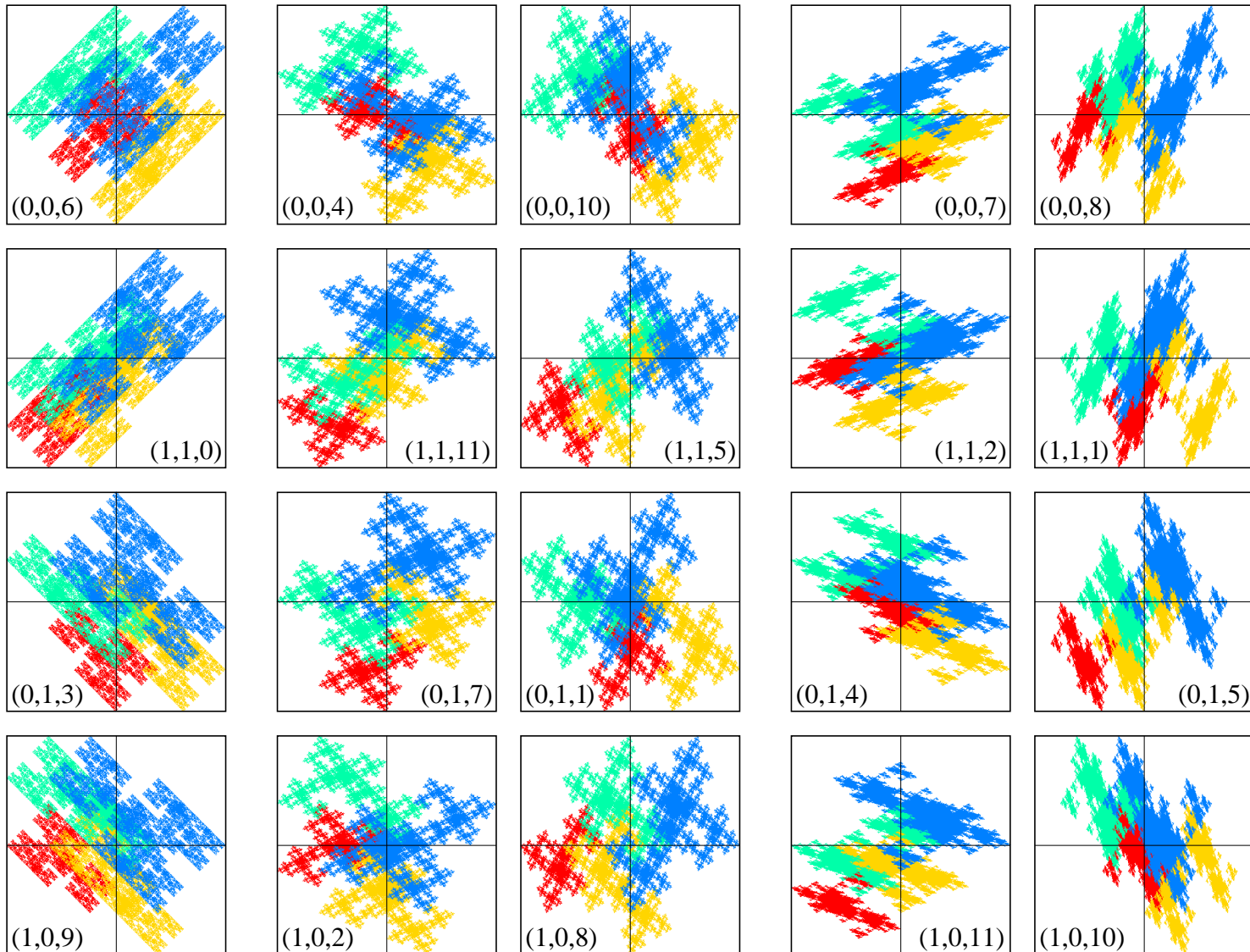
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Diffraction for this case

Diffraction

- ▷ cut and project set, pure point diffractive
- ▷ general diffraction formula applies
- ▷ Fourier module stays the same
- ▷ but how to calculate $\widetilde{1_{W_i}}(y)$ for such windows?
- ▷ integration not feasible

Approach

- ▷ exploit substitution structure: renormalisation
- ▷ renormalisation in **internal** space
- ▷ infinite matrix product expression for $\widetilde{1_W}(y)$
- ▷ can be calculated efficiently

Internal Fourier matrix

Fibonacci square substitution and displacement matrix

$$\varrho^2: \begin{array}{l} \ell \mapsto \ell s \ell \\ s \mapsto \ell s \end{array} \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} \{0, \tau+1\} & \{0\} \\ \{\tau\} & \{\tau\} \end{pmatrix}$$

Fixed-point equations ($\sigma = \tau^* = 1 - \tau$)

$$\Lambda_a = \bigcup_b \tau^2 \Lambda_b + T_{ab} \quad \xRightarrow{\star} \quad W_a = \bigcup_b \sigma^2 W_b + T_{ab}^*$$

implying relations for the (inverse) Fourier transforms of the characteristic functions

$$\widetilde{1_{W_a}}(y) = \sum_b \sum_{x \in T_{ab}} \widetilde{1_{\sigma^2 W_b + x^*}}(y) = \sum_b \sum_{x \in T_{ab}} \sigma^2 e^{2\pi i x^* y} \widetilde{1_{W_b}}(\sigma^2 y)$$

Internal Fourier matrix

$$\widetilde{1_{W_a}}(y) = \sum_b \sum_{x \in T_{ab}} \widetilde{1_{\sigma^2 W_b + x^*}}(y) = \sum_b \sum_{x \in T_{ab}} \sigma^2 e^{2\pi i x^* y} \widetilde{1_{W_b}}(\sigma^2 y)$$

Defining $h = (\widetilde{1_{W_a}}, \widetilde{1_{W_b}})^t$ this becomes a matrix equation

$$h(y) = \sigma^2 \underline{B}(y) h(\sigma^2 y)$$

with **internal Fourier matrix**

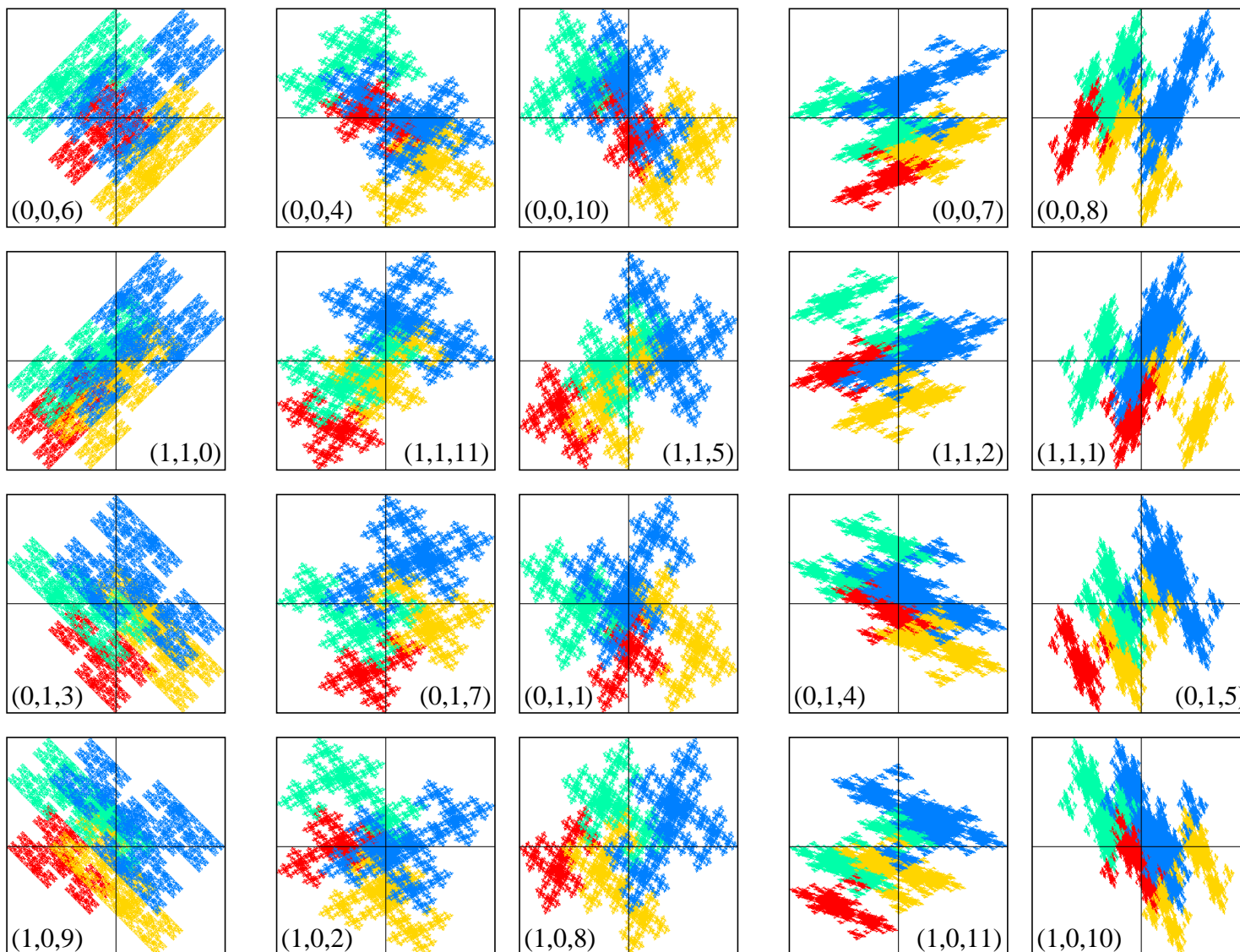
$$\underline{B}(y) = \widetilde{\delta_{T^*}}(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{2\pi i(\sigma+1)y} & 1 \\ e^{2\pi i\sigma y} & e^{2\pi i\sigma y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Internal cocycle

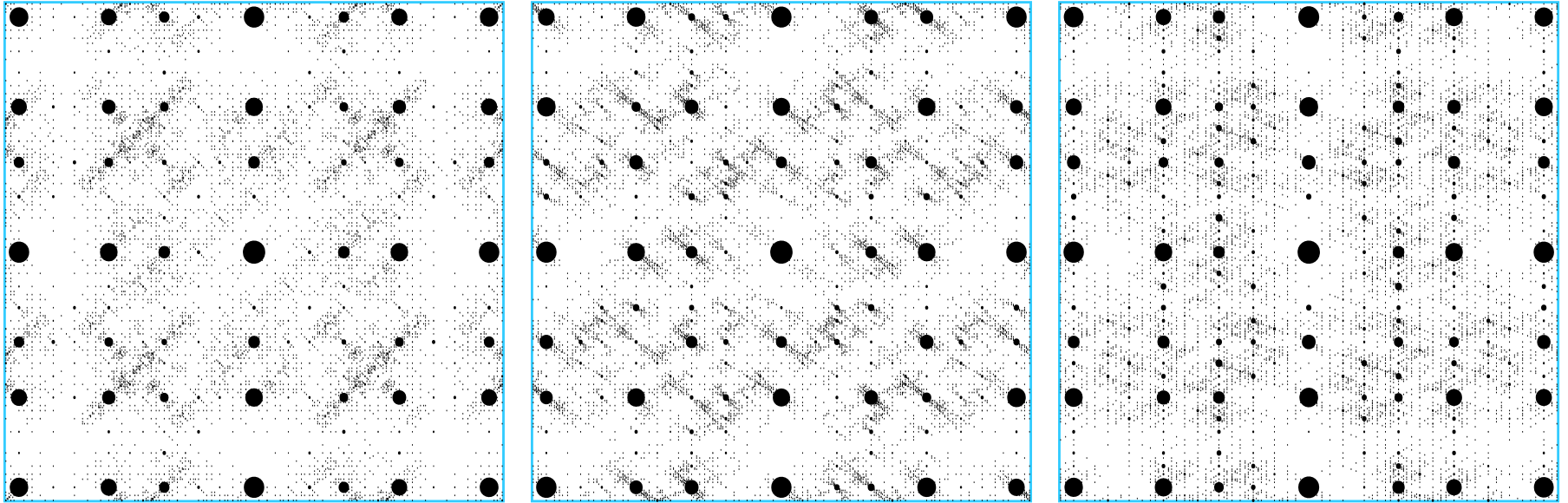
$$\underline{B}^{(N)}(y) = \underline{B}(y) \underline{B}(\sigma^2 y) \underline{B}(\sigma^4 y) \cdots \underline{B}(\sigma^{2(N-1)} y)$$

$$h(y) \text{ encoded in } C(y) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sigma^{2N} \underline{B}^{(N)}(y).$$

Variations



Variations



Summary

- substitution/inflation
- natural renormalisation structure
- pair correlation measures
- Fourier matrix cocycle
- information on spectral components
 - ▷ Neil's talk tomorrow
- model set
 - ▷ internal Fourier matrix cocycle
 - ▷ diffraction for complex windows