# Computing the entropy of two-dimensional shifts of finite type

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  - **Theorem** (Lind, 1983)): A number *h* is the entropy of a one-dimensional SFT if and only if *h* is the log of a root of a Perron number (special kind of algebraic integer).

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# Motivation for 2-dimensional SFT's: Holographic storage



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- Even worse: given *F*, it is algorithmically undecidable whether or not X = ∅!

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- Current best estimates (Friedland, 2007): 0.58789116177534  $\leq h(G^{(2)}) \leq 0.58789116177535$ .

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 λ(M<sub>n</sub>) is lower bounded by Rayleigh quotient: Let 1<sub>n</sub> denote the vector of all 1's. For any p

$$\lambda((M_n)^p) \geq rac{\mathbf{1}_n (M_n)^p \mathbf{1}_n^{\mathtt{t}}}{\mathbf{1}_n \cdot \mathbf{1}_n^{\mathtt{t}}},$$

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$$\Gamma^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \Gamma^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} - & + \\ + & - \end{pmatrix}$$

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• Unfortunately, the previous Lemma does not generalize to larger dimension:



- Γ∈B<sub>n×n×...×n</sub>(X) iff every row of Γ is either a phase-0 or a phase-1 sequence.
- $\mathbf{r} = (r_i)$ : binary vector with an entry for each row of  $\{0, \dots, n-1\}^D$ .
- $A(\mathbf{r}) = \{\Gamma \in B_{n \times n \times ... \times n}(X) : \text{ row } i \text{ of } \Gamma \text{ has phase } r_i\}$

$$\stackrel{\text{Lemma } 1}{\Longrightarrow} B_{n \times n \times ... \times n}(X) = \bigcup_{\mathbf{r}} A(\mathbf{r}).$$

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$$M_{\mathbf{r},i}(\mathbf{x}) = (x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}, T_{\phi(\mathbf{r},i,\mathbf{X})}(x_i), x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_D),$$
  
$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_D).$$

•  $G_{\mathbf{r}} = (V = \{0, 1, ..., n-1\}^{D}, E).$ **u** - **v**  $\in E$  iff **v** =  $M_{\mathbf{r},i}(\mathbf{u}).$ 

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- $\implies$  There are at most  $n^D/2^D$  such components.

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