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# Fractal tiles associated to generalised radix representations and shift radix systems

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# Shift Radix Systems

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## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and

$$\tau_{\mathbf{r}} : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d, \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d) \rightarrow (x_2, \dots, x_d, -\lfloor \mathbf{r}\mathbf{x} \rfloor).$$

$\tau_{\mathbf{r}}$  is called a **shift radix system** (SRS) if

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d : \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^n(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Shift Radix Systems have been introduced by Akiyama *et al.* in 2005



# The sets $\mathcal{D}_d$ and $\mathcal{D}_d^0$

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}_d &:= \{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \exists n, l \in \mathbb{N} : \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^k(\mathbf{x}) = \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^{k+l}(\mathbf{x}) \forall k \geq n\} \\ \mathcal{D}_d^0 &:= \{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \tau_{\mathbf{r}} \text{ is SRS}\}\end{aligned}$$

For  $\mathbf{r} = (r_0, \dots, r_{d-1})$  denote by  $R(\mathbf{r}) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  the companion matrix with characteristic polynomial  $x^d + r_{d-1}x^{d-1} + \dots + r_0$ . We have

- $\mathcal{D}_d^0 \subset \mathcal{D}_d$ ,
- $\mathbf{r} \in \text{int}\mathcal{D}_d \Leftrightarrow R(\mathbf{r})$  has spectral radius  $< 1$ ,
- $\mathcal{D}_d \cap (x = 0) = \mathcal{D}_{d-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_d^0 \cap (x = 0) = \mathcal{D}_{d-1}^0$ .



# Periodic points

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## Definition

For  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  a point  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  is called **purely periodic** (with respect to  $\tau_{\mathbf{r}}$ ) if

$$\exists l \in \mathbb{N} : \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^l(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}.$$

## Lemma

*For each  $\mathbf{r} \in \text{int}\mathcal{D}^d$  there exists only finitely many purely periodic points.*

- $\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{D}_d \Leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^n(\mathbf{z})$  is purely periodic.
- $\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{D}_d^0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{0}$  is the only purely periodic point.



# $\mathcal{D}_d$ for small $d$

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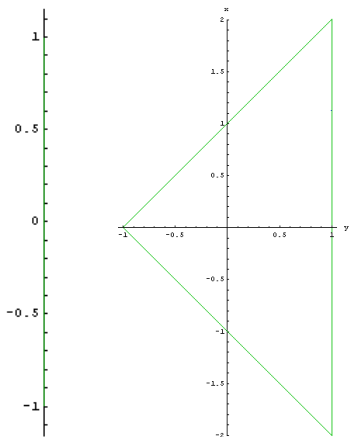


Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_1$

Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_2$

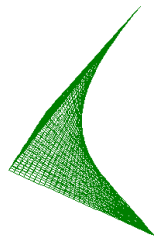


Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_3$



# $\mathcal{D}_d^0$ for small $d$

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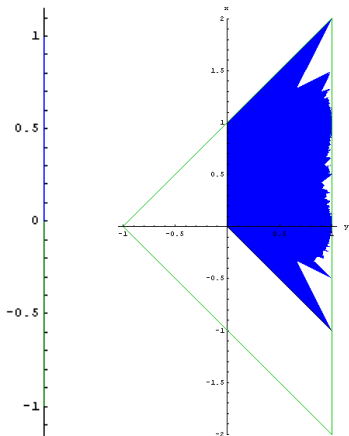


Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_1^0$  Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_2^0$  (approx.)

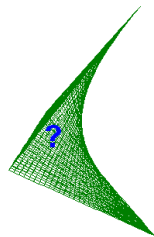


Figure:  $\mathcal{D}_3^0$



## Definition

For  $\mathbf{r} \in \text{int}\mathcal{D}_d$ ,  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  define

$$T_{\mathbf{r},n}(\mathbf{x}) := \left\{ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \mid \tau_{\mathbf{r}}^n(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{x} \right\}.$$

The set

$$T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R(\mathbf{r})^n T_{\mathbf{r},n}(\mathbf{x})$$

(limit with respect to some Hausdorff measure) is called the SRS-tile associated to  $\mathbf{x}$ .  $T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{0})$  is called the central SRS-tile.



# SRS-tiles for $\mathbf{r} = (\frac{3}{4}, 1)$

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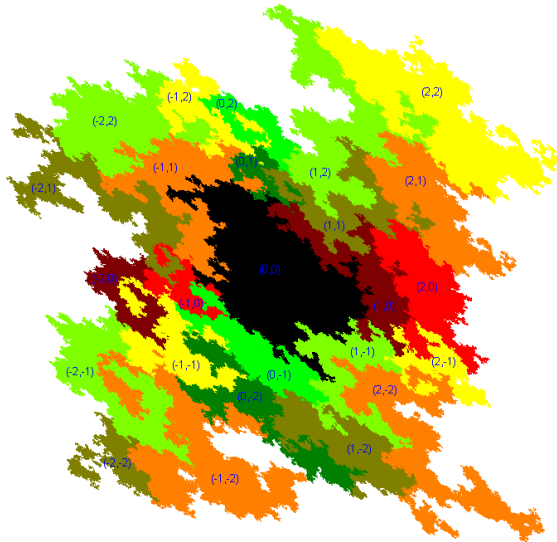
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# Basic properties of SRS-tiles

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- Each SRS-tile is a compact set.
- $\bigcup_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{R}^d$ .
- $T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = \bigcup_{\mathbf{z} \in T_{\mathbf{r},1}(\mathbf{x})} R(\mathbf{r}) T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z})$ .
- $\mathbf{0} \in T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}$  is purely periodic.
- $\tau_{\mathbf{r}}$  is an SRS  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{0}$  is an inner point of the central tile.



# Tiles associated to an expanding polynomial

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## Definition (cf. Kátai, Kőrnyei)

Let  $A(x) = x^d + a_{d-1}x^{d-1} + \dots + a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  an expanding polynomial ( $\Rightarrow |a_0| \geq 2$ ) and  $B$  the transposed companion matrix with characteristic polynomial  $A(x)$ .

$$\mathcal{F} := \left\{ \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \mathbf{t} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} B^{-i}(c_i, 0, \dots, 0)^T, c_i \in \mathcal{N} \right\}$$

( $\mathcal{N} = \{0, \dots, |a_0| - 1\}$ ) is called **tile associated to  $A(x)$** .

## Lemma

- $\mathcal{F}$  is compact and self-affine.
- $\mathcal{F}$  is the closure of its interior.
- $\{\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{F}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}$  defines a tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .



# Examples of tiles

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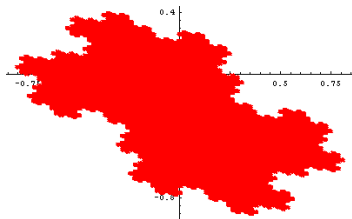


Figure:  $\mathcal{F}$  associated to  
 $x^2 - x + 2$

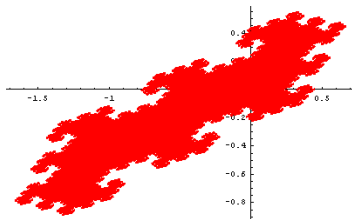


Figure:  $\mathcal{F}$  associated to  
 $x^2 + 2x + 3$



## Relation to SRS-tiles

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$$\mathbf{r} = \left( \frac{1}{a_0}, \frac{a_{d-1}}{a_0}, \dots, \frac{a_1}{a_0} \right), \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{d-1} & \cdots & a_1 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & a_{d-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### Theorem

For all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} F &= VT_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{0}), \\ \mathbf{x} + F &= VT_{\mathbf{r}}(V^{-1}(\mathbf{x})). \end{aligned}$$



## $\beta$ -expansion

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Let  $\beta > 1$  a Pisot number with minimal Polynomial  $P(x) = x^{d+1} + p_d x^d + \dots + p_0$ . Each  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{\beta}] \cap [0, 1)$  has a unique (finite or periodic) representation

$$\gamma = \sum_{i \leq -1} b_i \beta^i, \quad (b_i \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor \beta \rfloor\})$$

which satisfies the greedy condition

$$\sum_{i \leq k} b_i \beta^i < \beta^{k+1}, \quad (\forall k \leq -1).$$

It can be obtained by the  $\beta$ -transformation

$$T_\beta : \gamma \mapsto \gamma\beta - \lfloor \gamma\beta \rfloor.$$



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Let

$\beta = \beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_d$  the galois conjugates of  $\beta$ ,  $d = p + 2q$ ,

$\beta_0, \dots, \beta_p \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$\beta_{p+1} = \overline{\beta_{p+1+q}}, \dots, \beta_{p+q} = \overline{\beta_{p+2q}} \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$\gamma^{(i)}$  the corresponding conjugate of  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Q}(\beta)$ ,  $i \in \{0, \dots, d\}$ .

$$\Phi : \mathbb{Q}(\beta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d, \gamma \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \gamma^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ \gamma^{(p)} \\ \Re(\gamma^{(p+1)}) \\ \Im(\gamma^{(p+1)}) \\ \vdots \\ \Re(\gamma^{(p+q)}) \\ \Im(\gamma^{(p+q)}) \end{pmatrix}$$



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## Definition (cf. Akiyama)

For  $\omega \in \mathbb{Z}[\beta] \cap [0, 1)$  let

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\beta,n}(\omega) = \left\{ \gamma \in \mathbb{Z} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} \right] \cap [0, 1) \mid T_{\beta}^n(\gamma) = \omega \right\}.$$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\beta}(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(\beta^n \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_{\beta,n}(\omega))$$

(with the Hausdorff limit) is called a  $\beta$ -tile.

## Lemma

For units we have exactly

$\left\{ \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[\beta] \mid \exists n \geq 0 : T_{\beta}^n(\gamma) = 1 - \beta \right\}$  tiles up to translation.

Each tile is the closure of its interior.



# Examples of $\beta$ -tiles

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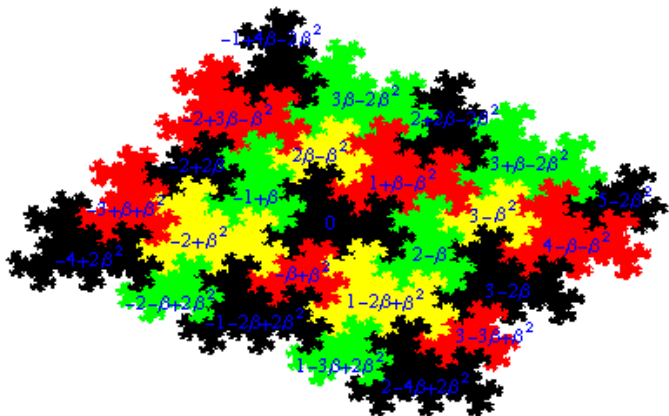


Figure:  $\beta$ -tiles for  $\beta = 1.46557\dots (x^3 - x^2 - 1)$





# $\beta$ -tiles (alternative definition)

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## Definition

For  $\omega \in \mathbb{Z}[\beta] \cap [0, 1)$  let

$$S_{\beta,n}(\omega) = \{ \gamma \in \mathbb{Z}[\beta] \cap [0, 1) \mid T_{\beta}^n(\gamma) = \omega \}.$$

$$S_{\beta}(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(\beta^n S_{\beta,n}(\omega))$$

(with the Hausdorff limit) is called a **new  $\beta$ -tile**.

## Note

$$S_{\beta,n}(\omega) \subseteq \tilde{S}_{\beta,n}(\omega)$$

where equality holds exactly for units.



# Examples of new $\beta$ - tiles

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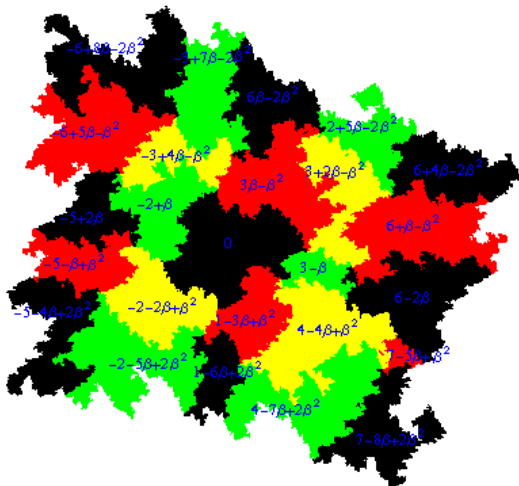


Figure: New  $\beta$ -tiles for  $\beta = 2.89329\dots$  ( $x^3 - 3x^2 + x - 2$ )



## Relation between SRS-tiles and new $\beta$ -tiles

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$$r_{d-1} = p_d + \beta, r_{d-2} = p_{d-1} + \beta r_{d-1}, \dots, r_0 = p_1 + \beta r_1$$

$$\mathbf{r} = (r_0, \dots, r_{d-1})$$

$\Rightarrow R(\mathbf{r})$  has the (distinct) eigenvalues  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d$

$$f : \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\beta] \cap [0, 1), \mathbf{z} \mapsto \mathbf{r}\mathbf{z} - \lfloor \mathbf{r}\mathbf{z} \rfloor \text{ (bijective!)}$$

### Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and  $\omega = f(\mathbf{x})$ . There are matrices  $U, \Lambda_\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ ,  $R(\mathbf{r}) = U^{-1} \Lambda_\beta U$ , with

$$S_\beta(\omega) = U(R(\mathbf{r}) - \beta I_d) T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $I_d$  is the  $d$ -dimensional identity, and

$$S_\beta(\omega) = \bigcup_{\gamma \in S_{\beta,1}(\omega)} \Lambda_\beta S_\beta(\gamma).$$



# Repetition

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- For  $\mathbf{r}$  induced by an expanding Polynomial each SRS-tile is a translate of the central tile.
- For  $\mathbf{r}$  induced by a Pisot unit, there are  $|\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^d \mid \exists n \geq 0 : \tau_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = (0, \dots, 0, 1)^T\}|$  tiles up to translation.
- For other  $\mathbf{r}$  : ?



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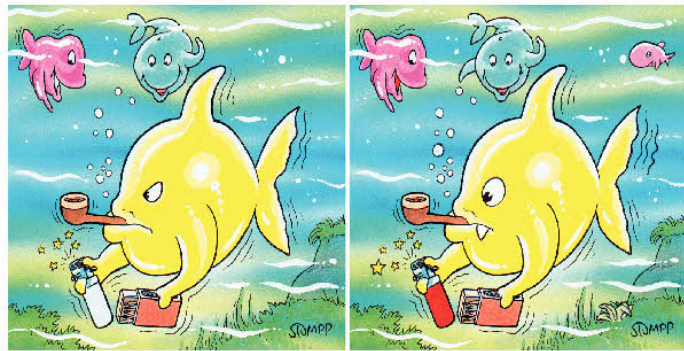


Figure: Find the 10 differences



# Find the differences II

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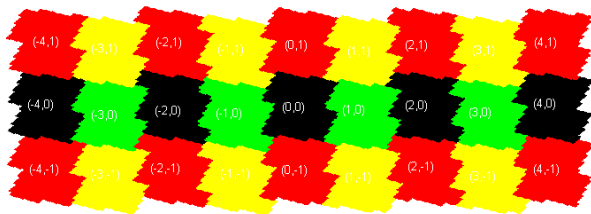
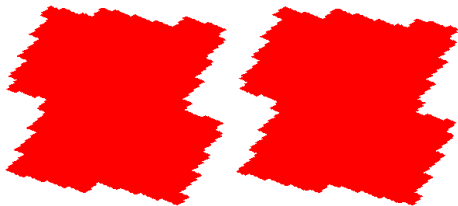


Figure: SRS-tiles for  $\mathbf{r} = \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}\right)$



$T_{\mathbf{r}}(4, -1)$

$T_{\mathbf{r}}(4, 1)$



# Tiling

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- For  $\mathbf{r}$  induced by an expanding Polynomial, SRS-tiles provide a tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .
- For other  $\mathbf{r}$  : There exist no counterexamples that SRS-tiles do not induce a tiling of the  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .



## Closure of the interior

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For  $\mathbf{r}$  induced by an expanding Polynomial or by a Pisot unit, each SRS-tile is the closure of its interior.

This is NOT true for each  $\mathbf{r} \in \text{int}(\mathcal{D}_d)$ .

### Example

Set  $\mathbf{r} = (\frac{9}{10}, -\frac{11}{20})$ . The points  $\mathbf{z}_0 = (-1, -1)$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_1 = (-1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_2 = (1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_3 = (2, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_4 = (1, -1)$  are purely periodic:

$$\tau_{\mathbf{r}} : \mathbf{z}_0 \mapsto \mathbf{z}_1 \mapsto \mathbf{z}_2 \mapsto \mathbf{z}_3 \mapsto \mathbf{z}_4 \mapsto \mathbf{z}_0.$$

But  $T_{\mathbf{r},n}(\mathbf{z}_0) = \{\mathbf{z}_{n \bmod 5}\}$  (the points form an “isolated period”) and

$$T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z}_0) = T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z}_1) = T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z}_2) = T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z}_3) = T_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{z}_4) = \{\mathbf{0}\}.$$





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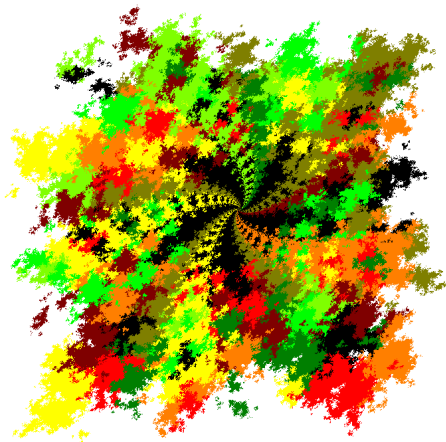


Figure: SRS-tiles for  $\mathbf{r} = \left(\frac{9}{10}, -\frac{11}{20}\right)$



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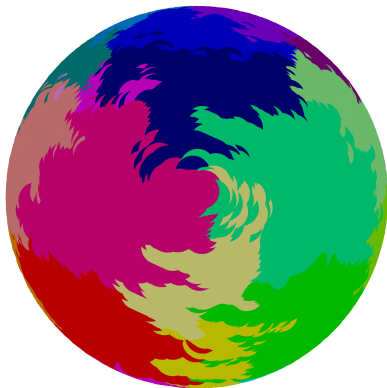
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