

# Dynamical representations of substituted Sturmian sequences

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## 1 Introduction

We announce some theorems about Sturmian words in this report. The proofs and details will be published elsewhere. We need some notations. Let  $L$  be an alphabet, i.e., a non-empty finite set of letters. Now, we set  $L = \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $W = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $W^* = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \{0, 1\}^n \cup \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . For  $x, y \in [0, 1]$  we define  $G(x, y), \hat{G}(x, y) \in W^*$  by

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y) &= G_0(x, y)G_1(x, y) \dots, \\ \hat{G}(x, y) &= \hat{G}_0(x, y)\hat{G}_1(x, y) \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where  $G_j(x, y) = [(j+1)x + y] - [jx + y]$ ,  $\hat{G}_j(x, y) = [(j+1)x + y] - [jx + y]$  for each integer  $j$  and  $[u]$  is an integral part of  $u$  and  $[u] = -[-u]$  for each  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Examples**

$x = \frac{1}{3}$

$$G(x, 0) = 001001 \dots = (001)_{\infty}$$

$x = \sqrt{2} - 1, y = \frac{1}{2}$

$$G(x, y) = 0101001010 \dots$$

For  $w \in L^{\mathbb{N}}$ , we define  $Sub(w)$  by

$$Sub(w) = \{u \in W \mid u \text{ is a subword of } w\}.$$

A Sturmian word is defined to be a word  $w \in L^{\mathbb{N}}$  satisfying

$$||A|_1 - |B|_1| \leq 1$$

for any  $A, B \in Sub(w)$  with  $|A| = |B|$ , where for  $u \in W$   $|u|$  is a length of  $u$  and  $|u|_1$  is a number of the occurrences of the letter 1 in  $u$ . In this lecture we consider only non periodic Sturmian word.

**Theorem.** (Morse and Hedlund [2];Coven and Hedlund[3])  *$w$  is Sturmian if and only if  $w$  is equal to  $G(x, y)$  or  $\hat{G}(x, y)$  for some  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ .*

A transformation  $f$  on  $W^*$  is called substitution on  $W^*$ , if  $f$  satisfies following conditions:

1.  $f(0), f(1) \in W$ ,
2. for any  $a \in W$  and  $b \in W^*$ ,  $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$ .

**Example**

Let  $f$  be a substitution on  $W^*$  defined by

$$f : \begin{cases} 0 \rightarrow 01 \\ 1 \rightarrow 010 \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$f(00101) = f(0)f(0)f(1)f(0)f(1) = 010101001010.$$

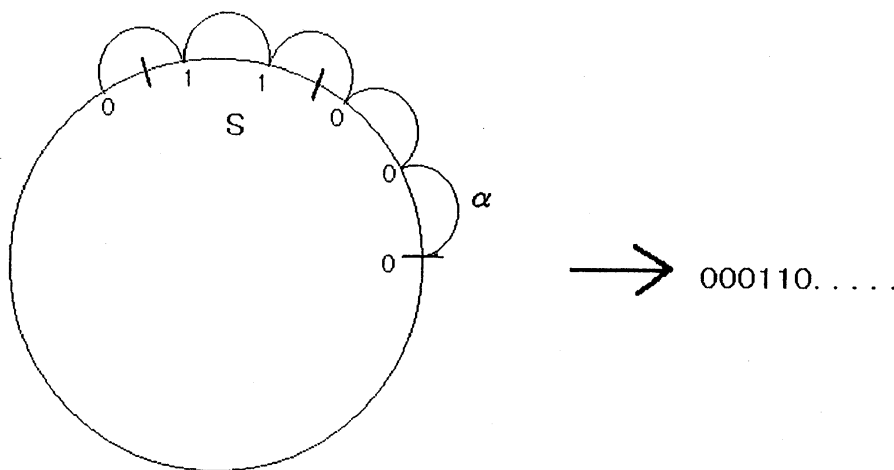
Let  $\alpha$  be a real number. Define right infinite word  $\chi(S, \alpha) \in W^*$  for a set  $S$  in interval  $[0, 1]$  and  $\alpha$  by

$$\chi(S, \alpha) = \lambda(S, \alpha; 0)\lambda(S, \alpha; 1)\dots,$$

where

$$\lambda(S, \alpha; n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \langle n\alpha \rangle \in S, \\ 0 & \text{if } \langle n\alpha \rangle \notin S, \end{cases}$$

where  $\langle x \rangle$  is a fractional part of  $x$ .



**Example of  $\chi(S, \alpha)$**

We define a mod 1 semiclosed interval  $[x, y)^\sim$  for  $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$  by

$$[x, y)^\sim = \begin{cases} [x, y) & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq y, \\ [0, y) \cup [x, 1) & \text{if } 0 \leq y < x. \end{cases}$$

We can define a mod 1 semiclosed interval  $(x, y)^\sim$  in the same manner as above.

Our main result is as follows.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S$  be a Sturmian sequence. Let  $F$  be a substitution with  $\text{GCD}(|F(0)|, |F(1)|) = 1$ . Then, there exist  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}$  and integers  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  and  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  such that  $x$  is irrational and  $0 < x < 1$  and

$$\chi(I, x) = F(S),$$

where

$$I = \bigcup_{i=1}^k [\langle m_i x - y \rangle, \langle n_i x - y \rangle)^\sim,$$

or

$$I = \bigcup_{i=1}^k (\langle m_i x - y \rangle, \langle n_i x - y \rangle]^\sim.$$

The converse is also true.

## 2 An algorithm on inhomogeneous Diophantine approximation

We introduce the following algorithm on inhomogeneous Diophantine approximation to prove main Theorem. Let us define functions  $t_0, t_1, t_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$t_0(x, y) = \left( \frac{x}{1+x}, \frac{y}{1+x} \right),$$

$$t_1(x, y) = \left( \frac{1}{2-x}, \frac{y}{2-x} \right),$$

$$t_2(x, y) = (1-x, 1-y).$$

Let us a domain  $X$  by

$$X = \{(x, y) | 0 \leq x, y \leq 1 \text{ and } y \neq mx + n \text{ for any integers } m, n\}.$$

We define domains  $S_i^0$  ( $i = 0, \dots, 5$ ) by

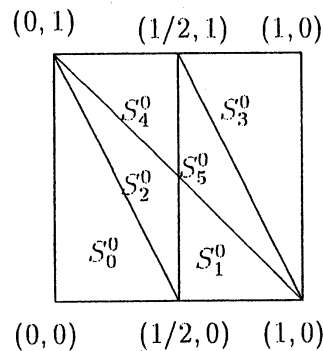


Figure of  $X$

We define transformation  $T_0$  on  $X$  as follows:

$$T_0(x, y) = \begin{cases} t_0^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_0^0, \\ t_1^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_1^0, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_0^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_2^0, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_0^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_3^0, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_1^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_4^0, \\ t_0^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_5^0. \end{cases}$$

We define domains  $S_i^1$  ( $i = 0, \dots, 5$ ) as follows:

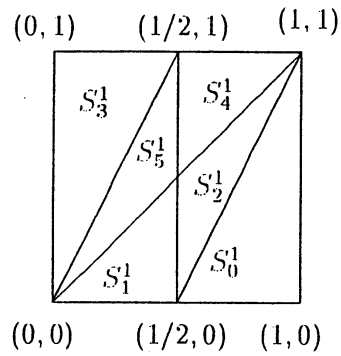
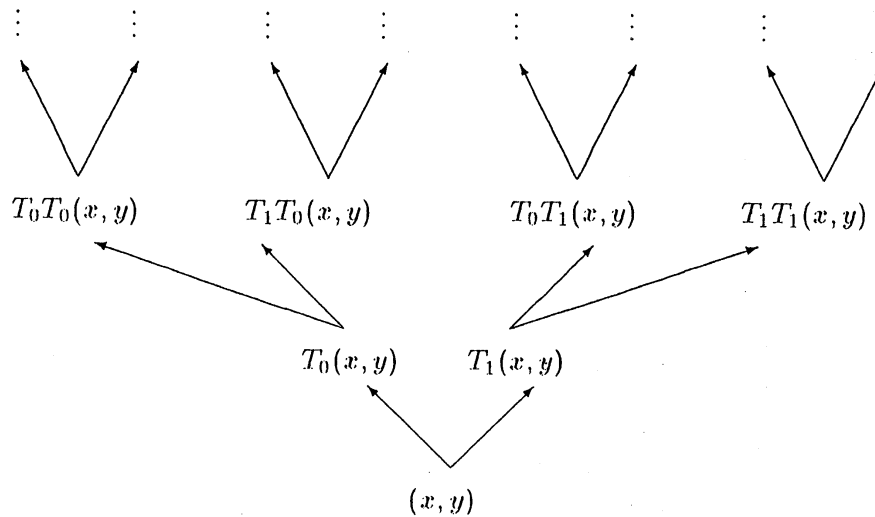


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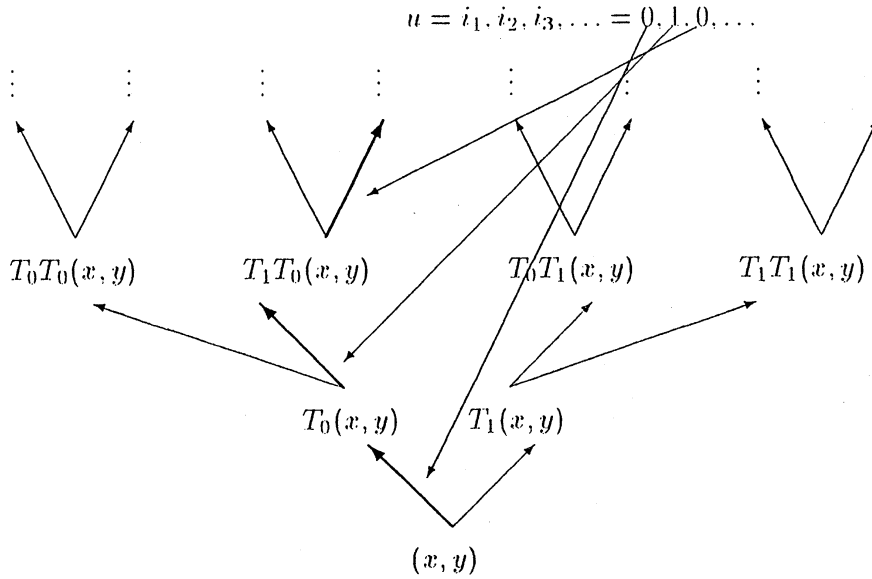
We define transformation  $T_1$  on  $X$  as follows:

$$T_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} t_1^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_0^1, \\ t_0^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_1^1, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_1^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_2^1, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_1^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_3^1, \\ t_2^{-1} \circ t_0^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_4^1, \\ t_1^{-1} \circ t_2^{-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in S_5^1. \end{cases}$$

For  $(x, y) \in X$  we consider the following binary tree:



We associate  $u = \{i_1, i_2, \dots\} \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  with a path in the tree like the following example:

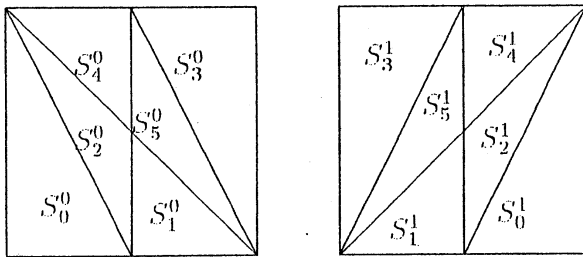


For  $u = \{i_1, i_2, \dots\} \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  and a positive integer  $n$ , we define  $g(u, n, (x, y)) \in X$  by

$$g(u, n, (x, y)) = T_{i_n} \cdots T_{i_1}(x, y).$$

We define a sequence  $S(u, (x, y)) = \{j_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  which is called the name of  $(x, y)$  related to  $u \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  as follows: for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$g(u, n - 1, (x, y)) \in S_{j_n}^{i_n}.$$



Figures of  $S_j^i$  ( $0 \leq j \leq 5, i \in \{0, 1\}$ )

$u = \{i_1, i_2, \dots\} \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  is called good related to  $(x, y)$  if there exists infinitely many positive integers  $k$  such that  $i_k = i_{k+1}$  and  $j_k$  and  $j_{k+1}$  satisfy one of following two conditions (1) and (2):

(1)  $j_k = 1$  and  $j_{k+1} \in \{0, 2\}$ ,

(2)  $j_k = 4$  and  $j_{k+1} \in \{3, 5\}$ .

where  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots\}$  is the name of  $(x, y)$  related to  $u$ .

We define substitutions  $s_0, s_1, e$  on  $L$  by

$$s_0 : \begin{cases} 0 \rightarrow 0 \\ 1 \rightarrow 01 \end{cases}, \quad s_1 : \begin{cases} 0 \rightarrow 01 \\ 1 \rightarrow 1 \end{cases}, \quad e : \begin{cases} 0 \rightarrow 1 \\ 1 \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}.$$

For  $(i, k) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , we define substitutions  $\phi(i, k)$  as follows:

$$\phi(i, j) = \begin{cases} s_0 & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 0), \\ s_1 & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 1), \\ s_0 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 2), \\ e s_0 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 3), \\ e s_1 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 4), \\ e s_0 & \text{if } (i, j) = (0, 5), \\ s_1 & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 0), \\ s_0 & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 1), \\ s_1 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 2), \\ e s_1 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 3), \\ e s_0 e & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 4), \\ e s_1 & \text{if } (i, j) = (1, 5). \end{cases}$$

By the theory [1] we have the following important Lemma:

**Lemma**

$$\phi(i_1, j_1) \cdots \phi(i_n, j_n) G(g(u, n, (x, y))) = G(x, y).$$

For substitutions  $f$  and  $g$  on  $W^*$  we say that  $f$  is equivalent to  $g$ , if for any  $w \in W$   $|f(w)| = |g(w)|$ .

We have the following Theorem 2.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $(x, y) \in X$ . Let  $u = \{i_1, i_2, \dots\} \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  be a good path in the previous tree related to  $(x, y)$ . Let  $I$  be a finite union of intervals  $[(m_1\alpha - \beta), (m_2\alpha - \beta)] \sim (m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{Z})$ . Then, there exist a integer  $k \geq 0$  and a substitution  $\psi$  on  $W^*$  which is equivalent to  $\phi(i_1, j_1) \cdots \phi(i_k, j_k)$  such that*

$$\chi(I, x) = \psi(G(g(u, k, (x, y)))).$$

where  $\{j_1, j_2, \dots\}$  is the name of  $(x, y)$  related to  $u$ . The converse also holds.

From Theorem 2 and considering homogeneous cases ( $y = mx + n$ ), we get Theorem 1.

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