Toral automorphisms, Markov Partitions and fractals

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• Then we have: a symbolic representation of (X,T) by \mathcal{P} :





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Codings \iff decimal expansions Valid codings: $\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}} = \{0, \dots, 9\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$



Remark: coding $\varphi : \Sigma_{\mathcal{P}} \to X$ is not injective: $0.999 \cdots = 1.000 \cdots$ or $0.46999 \cdots = 0.47000 \cdots$ (every decimal number has two preimages)

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• $(\Sigma_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{shift})$ is then a subshift of finite type • \mathcal{P} is a Markov partition

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We have a general result:

Theorem [Berg 67, Adler-Weiss 67]

There exists a Markov partition for every 2×2 matrix $M \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ s.t.:

- $det(M) = \pm 1;$
- ▶ *M* is hyperbolic (one expanding e.v., one contracting e.v.).

► Explicit construction with two rectangles!

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We need new tools to explain further.

Rauzy fractals

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Properties: tilings

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Periodic tiling :



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