## Dynamics and Multivalued Groups

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- In different areas of research, multivalued products on spaces appear
- The literature on multivalued groups and their applications is large and includes articles since XIX century mostly in the context of hypergroups
- In 1971, S. P. Novikov and V. M. Buchstaber gave the construction, predicted by characteristic classes. This construction describes a multiplication, with a product of any pair of elements being a non-ordered multiset of n points

- It led to the notion of *n*-valued groups which was given axiomatically and developed by V. M. Buchstaber
- At present, a number of authors are developing *n*-valued (finite, discrete, topological or algebra geometric) group theory together with applications in various areas of Mathematics and Mathematical Physics

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#### Buchtaber

- Since 1996, A. P. Veselov and V. M. became develop some applications of *n*-valued group theory to discrete dynamical systems
- In 2010, V. Dragović showed the associativity equation for 2-valued group explains the Kovalevskaya top integrability mechanism

#### We will talk about

- Symbolic Dynamics
- Tiling theory
- Multivalued Group theory

results

• their connections and some author's observations

### Combinatorics on Words Preliminaries

- *Alphabet A* is a finite set, consisting of letters
- $A^*$  stands for the *monoid of finite words* in an alphabet A
- $A^{\omega}$  stands for the set of *right infinite words*
- A word  $w \in A^{\omega}$  is *periodic* if it is of the form w = uvvv... for some  $u, v \in A^*$
- A word  $w \in A^{\omega}$  is *aperiodic* if it is not periodic
- Factor is a finite continuous subword u in w = ...u...
- Denote by |w| the length of a word  $w \in A^*$

### Combinatorics on Words Preliminaries

пусть А и В — алфавиты

• *Morphism* is a map  $\mathcal{F}: A^* \to B^*$  satisfying

$$\mathcal{F}(xy) = \mathcal{F}(x)\,\mathcal{F}(y)$$

for all words  $x, y \in A^*$ 

• A morphism is defined by the images  $\mathcal{F}(a)$  of the letters  $a \in A$ 

### Combinatorics on Words Preliminaries

• In some cases, one can define a limit

$$a \to \mathcal{F}(a) \to \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(a)) \to \dots \to \mathcal{F}^{\infty}(a)$$

• It is easy to see that the word  $w = \mathcal{F}^{\infty}(a)$  will be *a fixed* point, i. e.,  $\mathcal{F}(w) = w$ 

## Examples of Morphisms

### Example (Fibonacci Morphism)

$$\mathcal{F}: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^*, \ 0 \mapsto 01, \ 1 \mapsto 0$$

The infinite Fibonacci word  $\Phi := \mathcal{F}^{\infty}(0)$  is

 $\Phi = 01001010010010100101001001010010...$ 

## Examples of Morphisms

### Example (Thue-Morse Morphism)

$$\mathcal{F}: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^*, \ 0 \mapsto 01, \ 1 \mapsto 10$$

The Thue-Morse sequence  $\mathcal{F}^{\infty}(0)$  is

T = 01101001100101101001011001101001...

## Examples of Morphisms

### Example (Tribonacci Morphism)

$$\mathcal{F}: \{a, b, c\}^* \to \{a, b, c\}^*$$

$$\mathcal{F}: \begin{cases} a \mapsto abc, \\ b \mapsto ac, \\ c \mapsto b \end{cases}$$

The infinite tribonacci word  $\mathcal{F}^{\infty}(a)$  is

abcacbabcbacabcacbacabcb...

### The Factor Complexity

- The factor complexity of a word w is the function  $f_w(n)$ defined as the number of its factors of length *n*
- One can show that an infinite word w is there exists  $C \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$f_w(n) \leqslant C$$

for evey  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

## The Factor Complexity

### Theorem (M. Morse and G. Hedlund, 1940)

Let w be an aperiodic infinite word. Then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ 

$$f_w(n) \geqslant n+1$$

#### Definition

In the case of equality  $f_w(n) = n + 1$ , a word w is called *Sturmian* 

#### Some easy properties:

- $f_w(n) \leq |A|^n$  where A is an alphabet
- $f_w(n)$  is non-decreasing function

### Once Again: The Fibonacci Word

- ullet There is another way to construct  $\Phi$
- Consider the following recursive sequence  $\{\Phi_k\}$  of *finite Fibonacci words*

$$\Phi_{k+1} = \Phi_k \Phi_{k-1}$$
, where  $\Phi_0 = 0$ ,  $\Phi_1 = 01$ 

•  $\{|\Phi_k|\}$  is the *Fibonacci sequence*:

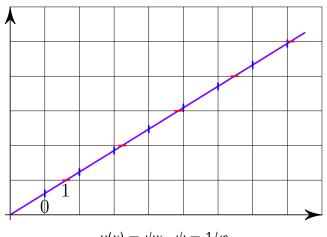
$$|\Phi_k| = F_{k+2}, \ F_{k+2} = F_{k+1} + F_k, \ F_0 = 0, \ F_1 = 1$$

• In this setting  $\Phi = \lim_{n} \Phi_n$ 

$$\Phi_2 = 010$$
 $\Phi_3 = 01001$ 
 $\Phi_4 = 01001010$ 

### The Fibonacci Word is Sturmian

- It turns out that the Fibonacci word is Sturmian
- It follows from the geometric interpretation of Sturmian words



$$y(x) = \psi x$$
,  $\psi = 1/\varphi$  вставить \phi  $\Phi_5 = 0100101001001$ 

### Some Properties of the Fibonacci Word

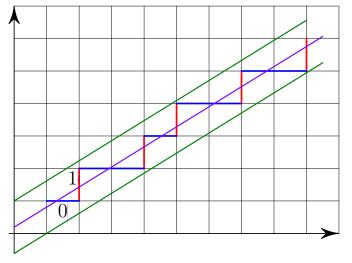
- The factors 11 and 000 are absent in  $\Phi$
- The last two letters of a Fibonacci word are alternately 01 and 10
- The *n*th digit of  $\Phi$  is

$$2 + \lfloor n\varphi \rfloor - \lfloor (n+1)\varphi \rfloor$$
,

where  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is the golden rartio

# Fibonacci Word and Quasi-Quasicrystals

#### Cut-and-projection method gives



$$y(x) = \psi x + \frac{1-\psi}{2}, \ \psi = 1/\varphi$$

#### Balanced Words

#### Definition

An infinity word w in the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  is called balanced if for any two factors u and v of the same length n

$$||u|_a - |v|_b| = 1$$

where  $|-|_a$  denotes the number of letters a (the Hamming weight).

The Fibonacci word is an example of balanced word

$$\Phi = 01001010010010100100100100100100100100\dots$$

 $\bullet$  For the Thue-Morse word, however, it is not the case:  $\overset{\text{see, for example}}{00}$ and 11

$$T = 01101001100101101001011001101001...$$

#### Geometric Words

#### Definition

An infinity word in two-letter alphabet is called *geometric* if it encodes intersections of a fixed line  $y = \alpha x + \rho$  with vertical and horizontal lines of integer lattice

- If  $\alpha$  is rational the dynamics is periodic
- If  $\alpha$  is irrational one have a 1-dimensional quasicrystal model

quasi-periodic

### Sturmian Words are Geometric

### Corollary

For an infinity word in 2-letter alphabet the following conditions are equivalent

- $f_w(n) = n + 1$
- w is aperiodic and balanced

### Markov's Result

#### Theorem (A. A. Markov, 1882)

Let  $\alpha = [0; a_1, a_2, ...]$  be the continued fraction expansion,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . Then the word  $S(\alpha)$  encoded by a line  $y = \alpha x$  can be written as follows

$$S(\alpha) = \lim_{k} S_k(\alpha)$$

where

$$S_k = S_{k-1}^{a_k} S_{k-2}$$

with the initial conditions  $S_{-1} = b$  u  $S_0 = a$ . The letters a and b correspond to vertical and horizontal intersections respectively

For the word length sequence  $\{|S_k|\}$  we have  $|S_{-1}|=1$ ,  $|S_0|=1$  and

$$|S_k| = a_k |S_{k-1}| + |S_{k-2}|$$

### Markov's Result

#### Example

• Consider the line  $y = \psi x$  where  $\psi = 1/\varphi$ ,  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ 

$$\psi = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \dots}}}$$

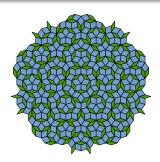
• In this case,  $S_n = S_{n-1}S_{n-2}$  — the Fibonacci word

### Tilings

#### Definition

A simple tiling of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ :

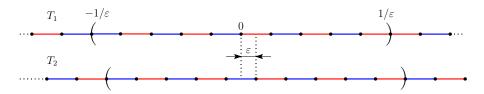
- There are only a finite number of tile types, up to translation
- Each tile is a polytope
- Tiles meet full-edge to full-edge



#### The $\varepsilon$ -closeness

#### Definition

We say that tilings  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are  $\varepsilon$ -close if they are agree on a ball of radius  $1/\varepsilon$  around the origin, up to translation of size  $\varepsilon$  or less



#### Definition

- The *orbit* of a tiling T is the set  $\mathcal{O}(T) := \{T x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$  of translates of T
- ullet A tiling space  $\Omega$  is a set that is closed under translation, and complete in the tiling metric
- The *hull*  $\Omega_T$  of a tiling space T is the closure of  $\mathcal{O}(T)$  with respect to the  $\varepsilon$ -closure property

#### Example

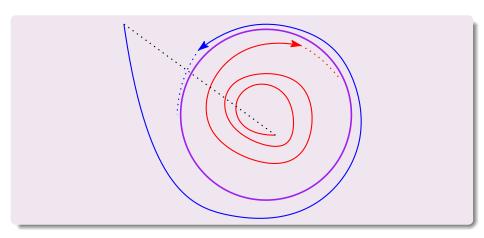
- Consider a simple 1-dimensional tilling  $T_0$  with just one kind of tile. Suppose its length is 1 and its color is blue
- Obviously,  $T_0 = T_0 1$ . So,  $\Omega_{T_0}$  is a circle



#### Example

- Consider a 1-dimensional tilling  $T_1$  with one red tile of length 2 and other blue tiles of length 1
- $\bullet$  Any tiling with one red tile is in  $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{T}_1),$  and hence in  $\Omega_{\mathcal{T}_1}$
- ullet Tilings with no red tiles are also in  $\Omega_{\mathcal{T}_1}$  by simple reasons
- So,  $\Omega_{T_1}$  looks like the circle  $\Omega_{T_0}$  and the line  $\mathcal{O}(T_1)$  with both ends of the line asymptotically approaching the circle





#### Theorem

If T is a simple tiling then  $\Omega_T$  is compact

- For a tiling T one can approximate the space  $\Omega_T$  via CW complexes  $\Gamma_n$  from the *Gähler's construction*
- There is a sequence of forgetful maps  $f_n : \Gamma_{n+1} \to \Gamma_n$ . The space  $\Gamma_n$  knows about surrounding n layers in some sence
- Hence, one can form an inverse limit and it will homeomorphic to  $\Omega_{\mathcal{T}}$

$$\Omega_T = \varprojlim \Gamma_n$$

• In the case of substitution tilings, it is more convenient to use the *Anderson-Putnam construction* of  $\Gamma'_n s$ 

## Topological Invariants of Tiling Spaces

- ullet  $\Omega_{\mathcal{T}}$  has one connected component, but uncountably many path-component
- Each path component in a tiling space is an orbit under  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Such an orbit of an aperiodic tiling is contractible, so  $\pi_n(\Omega_T) = 0$  and  $H_n(\Omega_n; A) = 0$  for n > 0
- Čech cohomology does better

$$\check{H}^*\left(\varprojlim \Gamma_n\right) = \varinjlim \check{H}^*(\Gamma_n) = \varinjlim H^*(\Gamma_n)$$

### Example

 $\check{H}^1$  of the Fibonacci tiling space is  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \varphi \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ 

## Symmetric Powers of a Space

- For a topological space X, let  $(X)^n$  denote its n-fold symmetric power, i.e.,  $(X)^n = X^n/\Sigma_n$  where the symmetric group  $\Sigma_n$  acts by permuting the coordinates
- An element of  $(X)^n$  is called an n-subset of X or just an n-set. It is a subset with multiplicities of total cardinality n

### Example

The spaces  $(\mathbb{C})^n = \mathbb{C}^n/\Sigma_n$  and  $\mathbb{C}^n$  are identified using the map  $\mathcal{S}: \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^n$  whose components are given by

$$(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n) \rightarrow \sigma_r(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_n), \ 1 \leqslant r \leqslant n,$$

where  $\sigma_r$  is the r-th elementary symmetric polynomial

• The projectivisation of the map S induces a homeomorphism between  $(\mathbb{CP}^1)^n$  and  $\mathbb{CP}^n$ 

### *n*-valued Group Structure

An n-valued multiplication on X is a map

$$\mu: X \times X \to (X)^n: \mu(x, y) = x * y = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n], z_k = (x * y)_k$$

• *Associativity*. The  $n^2$ -sets

$$[x * (y * z)_1, x * (y * z)_2, ..., x * (y * z)_n],$$
  

$$[(x * y)_1 * z, (x * y)_2 * z, ..., (x * y)_n * z]$$

are equal for all  $x, y, z \in X$ 

- Unit.  $e \in X$  such that e \* x = x \* e = [x, x, ..., x] for all  $x \in X$
- *Inverse*. A map inv:  $X \rightarrow X$  such that

$$e \in \operatorname{inv}(x) * x$$
 and  $e \in x * \operatorname{inv}(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ 

The map  $\mu$  defines an n-valued group structure on X if it is associative, has a unit and an inverse.

# Example: 2-valued Group Structure on $\mathbb{Z}_+$

- ullet Consider the semigroup of nonnegative integers  $\mathbb{Z}_+$
- Define the multiplication  $\mu \colon \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+ \to (\mathbb{Z}_+)^2$  by the formula x \* y = [x + y, |x y|]
- The unit: e = 0
- The inverse: inv(x) = x.
- ullet The associativity: one has to verify that the 4-subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}_+$

$$[x + y + z, |x - y - z|, x + |y - z|, |x - |y - z|]$$

and

$$[x + y + z, |x + y - z|, |x - y| + z, ||x - y| - z|]$$

are equal for all nonnegative integers x, y, z

## Homomorphisms of *n*-valued Groups

#### Definition

A map  $f: X \to Y$  is called a homomorphism of n-valued groups if

- $f(e_X) = e_Y$
- $f(\operatorname{inv}_X(x)) = \operatorname{inv}_Y(f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$
- $\mu_Y(f(x), f(y)) = (f)^n \mu_X(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$

So, the class of all *n*-valued groups forms a category MultValGrp

## Reducible *n*-valued Groups

• For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , an n-valued group on X, with some multiplication  $\mu$ , can be regarded as an mn-valued group by using as the multiplication the composition

$$X \times X \xrightarrow{\mu} (X)^n \xrightarrow{(D)^m} (X)^{mn}$$
, where D is diagonal

#### Definition

An *n*-valued group on X is called *reducible* if there is an isomorphism  $f: X \to Y$  where Y is an *n*-valued group with a multiplication  $\mu_n = \mu_k^m$ , n = mk

### Homomorphisms of *n*-valued Groups

#### Lemma

Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a homomorphism of n-valued groups. Then

- $\ker(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) = e_Y\}$  is an n-valued group
- $f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Leftrightarrow (f)^n(zx_1) = (f)^n(zx_2)$  for all  $z \in \ker(f)$
- Suppose that the map inv :  $X \to X$  is uniquely defined. Then  $\ker(f) = \{e\}$  if and only if any equality  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$
- $Im(f) = \{y \in Y \mid y = f(x), x \in X\}$  is an n-valued group

## Coset Groups

- Let G be a (1-valued) group with the multiplication  $\mu_0$ , the unit  $e_G$ , and  $\mathrm{inv}_G(u) = u^{-1}$
- Let  $A \hookrightarrow AutG$  be a finite group of order n
- Denote by X the quotient space G/A of G, and denote by  $\pi:G\to X$  the quotient map
- Define the *n*-valued multiplication  $\mu: X \times X \to (X)^n$  by the formula

$$\mu(x, y) = [\pi(\mu_0(u, v^a)) \mid a \in A]$$

where  $u \in \pi^{-1}(x)$ ,  $v \in \pi^{-1}(y)$  and  $v^a$  is the image of the action of  $a \in A$  on  $v \in G$ 

#### Theorem

The multiplication  $\mu$  defines some n-valued coset group structure (G,A) with the unit  $e_X=\pi(e_G)$  and the non-ambiguity defined map  $\mathrm{inv}(u)=\pi(u^{-1})$  where  $\pi(u)=x$ 

# **Examples of Coset Groups**

- **1** The 2-valued group  $(\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Z}_2, \varphi)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_+$
- ② The additive *n*-valued group  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}_n, \varphi)$  on  $\mathbb{C}$
- **3** Consider  $G = \{a, b \mid a^2 = b^2 = e\}$ The interchange of a and b is an element of order 2 of AutGThen we have on the set  $X = G/A = \{u_{2n}, u_{2n+1}\}, n \ge 0$ where

$$u_{2n} = [(ab)^n, (ba)^n], \ u_{2n+1} = \{a(ba)^n, b(ab)^n\}$$

the structure of 2-valued group with the multiplication

$$u_k * u_\ell = [u_{k+\ell}, u_{|k-\ell|}].$$

Thus, X is isomorphic to the 2-valued group on  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  from the point the 1st example

## *n*-valued Dynamics

#### Definition

*n*-valued dynamics T on a space Y is a map  $T: Y \to (Y)^n$ 

• If Y is a state space then the n-valued dynamics T defines possible states  $T(y) = [y_1, \ldots, y_n]$  at the moment (t+1) as a state function of y at the moment t

## Example

- Consider  $F(x,y) = b_0(x)y^n + b_1(x)y^{n-1} + \cdots + b_n(x), x, y \in \mathbb{C}.$
- ② The equation F(x, y) = 0 defines an *n*-valued dynamics

$$T: \mathbb{C} \to (\mathbb{C})^n : \overset{\mathsf{x} \text{ and } \mathsf{b}_{-0}(\mathsf{x}) \setminus \mathsf{neq} \ \mathsf{0}}{T(y) = [y_1, \dots, y_n]}$$

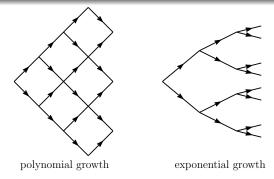
where  $[y_1, \ldots, y_n]$  — n-set of roots of F(x, y) = 0

## *n*-valued Growth Function

• Let  $T: Y \to (Y)^n$  be an n-valued dynamics. For any  $y \in Y$  define the n-valued growth function  $\xi_y \colon \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  where  $\xi_y(k)$  — the number of different points in the set  $T^k(y)$ 

#### **Problem**

Characterize such *n*-valued dynamics T that functions  $\xi_y(k)$  have polynomial growth for any  $y \in Y$ 



#### *n*-valued Actions

An action of n-valued group X on a space Y is defined by the map

$$\varphi \colon X \times Y \to (Y)^n : \varphi(x, y) = x \cdot y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

such that

• for any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  the following  $n^2$ -sets coincide:

$$x_1 \cdot (x_2 \cdot y) = [x_1 \cdot y_1, \dots, x_1 \cdot y_n] \text{ and } (x_1 x_2) \cdot y = [z_1 \cdot y, \dots, z_n \cdot y]$$

where 
$$x_2 \cdot y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$$
 in  $x_1 x_2 = [z_1, \dots, z_n]$ 

•  $e \cdot y = [y, \dots, y]$  for any  $y \in Y$ 

# *n*-valued Cyclic Dynamics

#### Definition

An *n*-valued group  $X:=\langle x\rangle$  is called *cyclic* if it is generated by the only element  $x\in X$ 

#### Definition 1

Consider *n*-valued dynamics  $T: Y \to (Y)^n$  with  $X = \langle a \rangle$ . The generator a is called *the generator of the cyclic dynamics* T

## Theorem (A. A. Gaifullin, P. V. Yagodovskii, 2007)

An n-valued dynamics T has a generator  $a \in X$  if and only if there exists such a dynamics  $T^{-1}: Y \to (Y)^n$  that for any  $y_1$ ,  $y_2 \in Y$  the multiplicity of  $y_2$  in  $T(y_1)$  equals the multiplicity of  $y_1$  in  $T^{-1}(y_2)$ 

# *n*-valued Cyclic Group Growth Problem

- Let  $X = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic *n*-valued group
- Then there is the left action of *X* on itself

$$T: X \to (X)^n$$
,  $T(x) = a \cdot x$ 

• Recall  $\xi_a(k)$  is a number of different elements in  $T^k(a)$ 

#### Notation

Denote by  $\mathbb{G}_{\varphi}(G)$  the  $\overset{\text{coset}}{n}$ -valued group obtained from the construction above for some ordinary group G and some automorphism group element  $\varphi$ 

## The Case of $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3$ with $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \text{Aut}$

## Proposition

For the group  $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3 = \langle a, b \mid a^3 = b^3 = 1 \rangle$  and the automorphism  $\varphi : a \mapsto b$  the corresponding 2-valued group  $\mathbb{G}_{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3)$  has the growth function

$$\xi_{[a,b]}(k) = F_{k+3} - 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{k+3} - \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{k+3} \right) - 1.$$

In particular, the growth is exponential:

$$\xi_{[a,b]}(k) \sim \frac{\varphi^{k+3}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

where 
$$k \to \infty$$
 and  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ .

## *n*-bonacci Sequence

#### Definition

The *n*-bonacci sequence  $\{F_k^{(n)}\}$  is defined recursively as follows:

$$F_k^{(n)} = F_{k-1}^{(n)} + \dots + F_{k-n}^{(n)},$$

initial conditions are  $F_0 = \dots = F_{n-2} = 0$  и  $F_{n-1} = 1$ .

## Example

Fibonacci sequence:

Tribonacci sequence:

## The Case of $\mathbb{Z}/m * \mathbb{Z}/m$ with $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \text{Aut}$

## Proposition

The number  $S_k$  of new words, appearing on the step k, equals

$$S_k = F_{k+m-2}^{(m-1)}$$

when  $k \ge -(m-2)$ .

## The Case of $\mathbb{Z}/m * \mathbb{Z}/m$ with $\mathbb{Z}/2 < \text{Aut}$

## Proposition (M. K.)

For the group  $\mathbb{Z}/m * \mathbb{Z}/m = \langle a, b \mid a^m = b^m = 1 \rangle$ ,  $m \geqslant 3$  with the automorphim  $\varphi : a \mapsto b$  we have

$$\xi_{[a,b]}(k) \sim \frac{r^{k+1}}{mr - 2(m-1)}$$

where  $k \to \infty$  and r is the positive root of the polinomial  $\chi(\lambda) = \lambda^n - \lambda^{n-1} - ... - 1$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{G}_{\varphi}(\mathbb{Z}/m * \mathbb{Z}/m)$  has the polinomial growth if and only if m = 2

# The Case of $(\mathbb{Z}/2)^{*s}$ with $\mathbb{Z}/s < \text{Aut}$

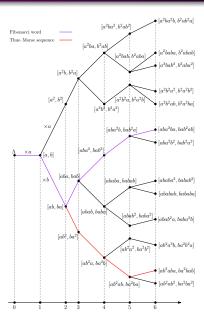
## Proposition

For the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/2)^{*s} = \langle a_1, ..., a_s \mid a_1^2 = ... = a_s^2 = 1 \rangle$  with the automorphism  $a_i \mapsto a_{i+1}$  (indices move modulo s) we have the s-valued group with the growth

$$\xi_{[a_1,\dots,a_s]}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{(s-1)^k - 1}{s-2} + 1, & s \geqslant 3\\ k+1, & s = 2 \end{cases}$$

In particular, the growth is polynomial if and only if s = 2

## $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3$ and Symbolic Dynamics



# $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3$ and Symbolic Dynamics

An algorithm construction of a directed tree  $\Gamma$ , as vertices having the elements of 2-valued group  $\mathbb{G}$ :

- We start with the vertex, corresponding to the empty set  $\Lambda$  the root of our tree
- Add the vertex [a, b] adjacent to the root
- Add two edges to the last vertex: each of them corresponds to an addition a letter (a or b) on the right hand side. Now we have two words of length 2:  $[a^2, b^2]$  and [ab, ba]

# $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3$ and Symbolic Dynamics

#### Definition

We say that a word is *cube-free* (doesn't agree with the common use) if any word in the (natural) normal form of the group  $\mathbb{Z}/3 * \mathbb{Z}/3 = \langle a, b \mid a^3 = b^3 = 1 \rangle$ 

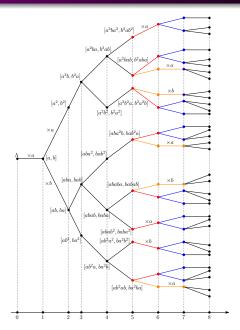
- ① On the step k we start with all cube-free words of length k-1 and add for each vertex 1 or 2 edges according to the principle:
  - If a word ends with the first power of a letter then we will add 2 edges, corresponding to the multiplications with a and b
  - If a word ends with the square of a letter then we will add exactly one edge, corresponding to the remaining letter
  - The edge, corresponding to the multiplication with *a*, lies higher than the other one

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- On the level k of the tree  $\Gamma$  top down, all cube-free words of length k place in lexicographic ascending order and their number is  $F_{k+1}$ . Using the binary notation  $a \leftrightarrow 0$ ,  $b \leftrightarrow 1$ , this order coincides with the natural order on the binary numbers
- If one picts, down to top, the vertex having the number  $F_k$  on each k-level of  $\Gamma$  then the resulting vertex sequence will form the route ab(aab) in  $\Gamma$

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The latter can be formulated more generally in the following

## Proposition (M. K.)

For an infinite cube-free word  $\Psi$ , consider the factor sequence  $\{\Theta_k\}$  of the form

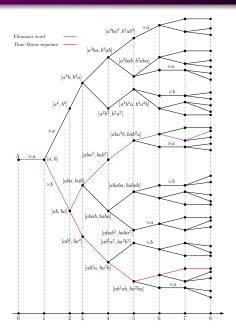
$$\Psi aabaabaab... = \Psi (aab)$$

$$\Theta_1=\Psi,\ \Theta_2=\Psi a,\ \Theta_3=\Psi aa,\ \Theta_4=\Psi aab,\ \Theta_5=\Psi aaba,\ ...$$

where the last letter of pre-period word  $\Psi$  differs from a. Then the number  $Q_k$  of cube-free words satisfies the recursive equality, with words being grater or equal  $\Theta_k$  lexicographically:

$$Q_k = Q_{k-1} + Q_{k-2}.$$

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# Thank you!