

# Almost isomorphisms of Markov shifts

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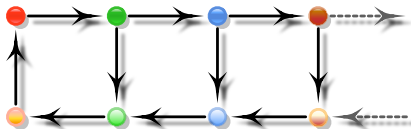
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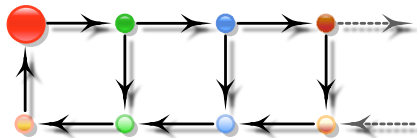
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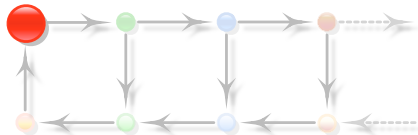
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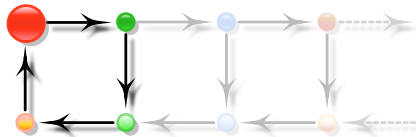
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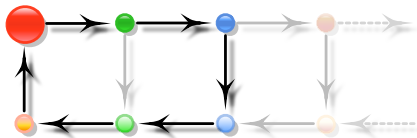
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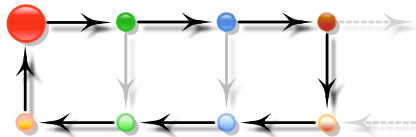
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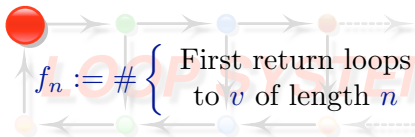
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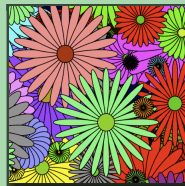


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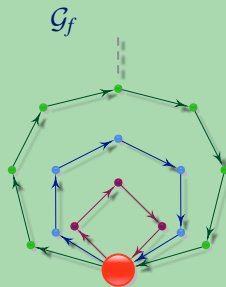


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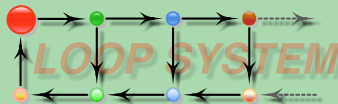
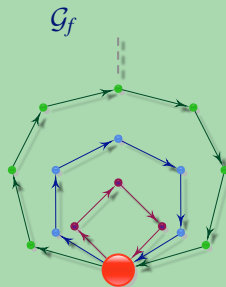


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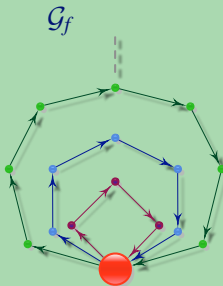


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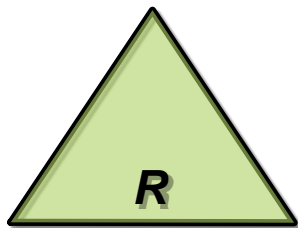
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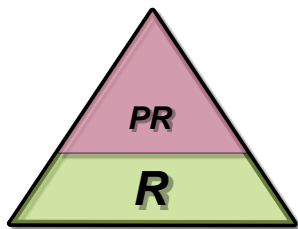


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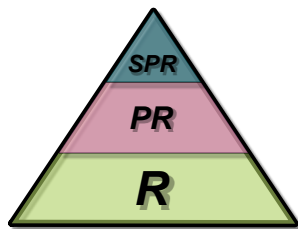


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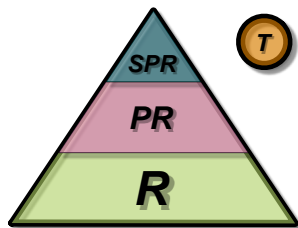


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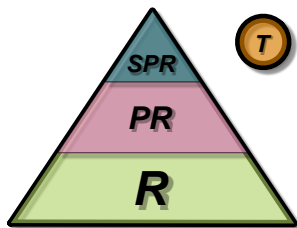


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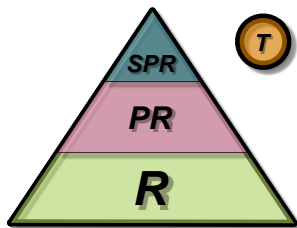


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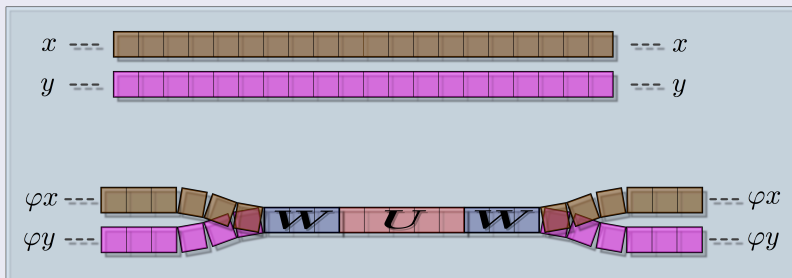


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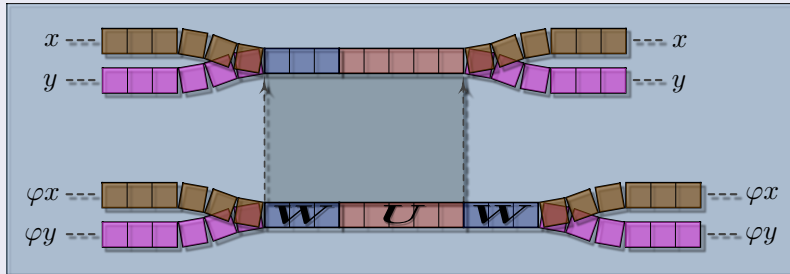


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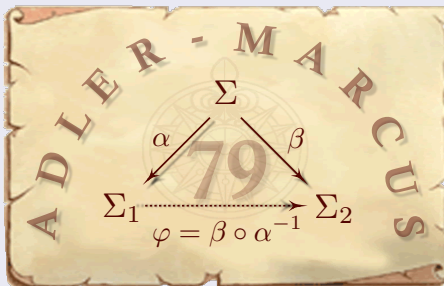
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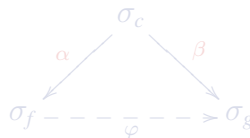
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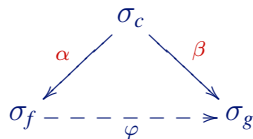
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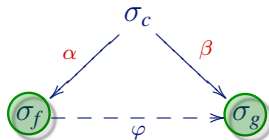
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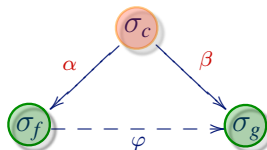
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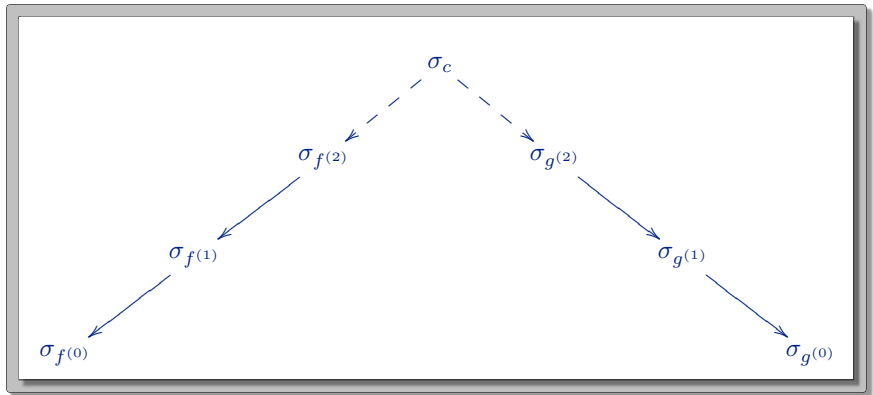
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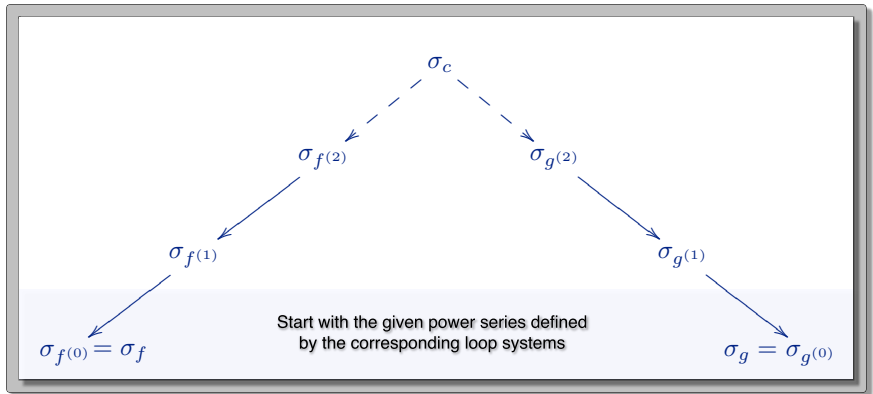
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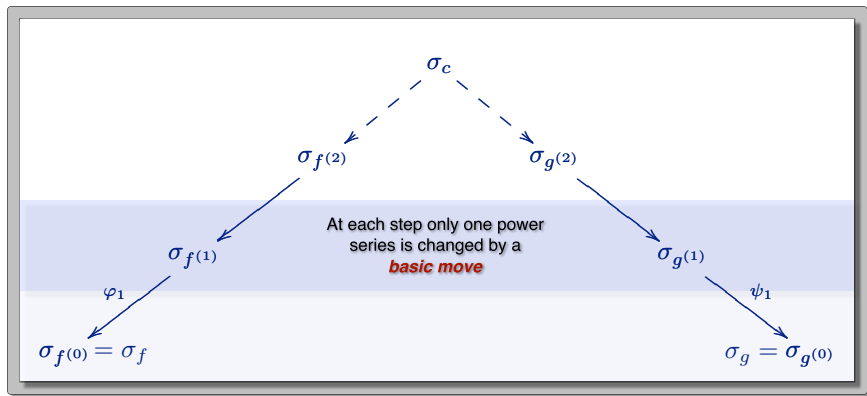
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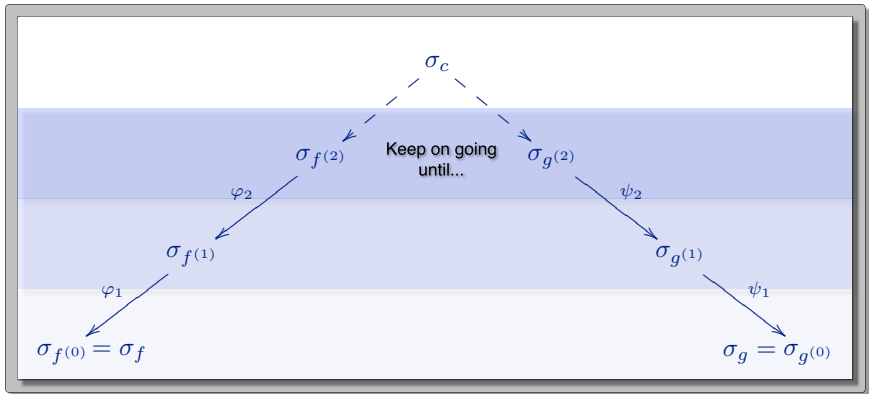
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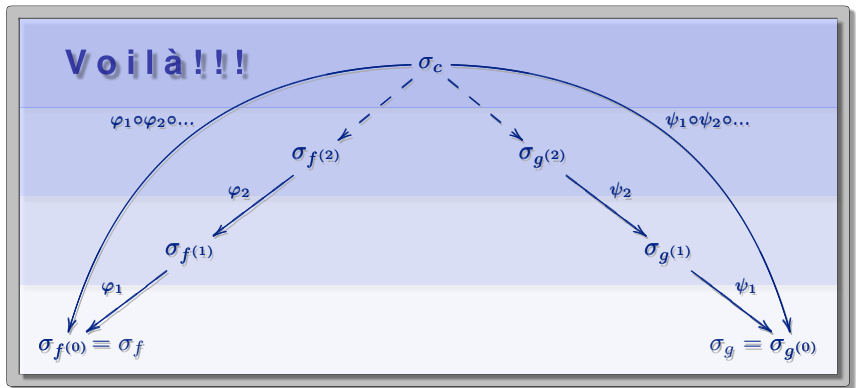
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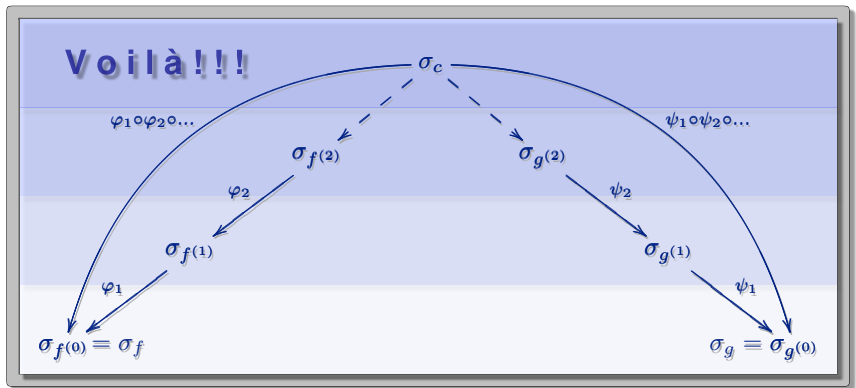
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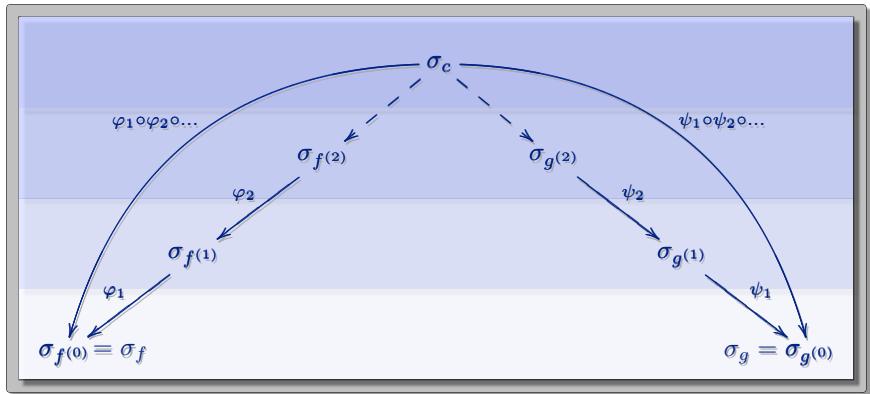
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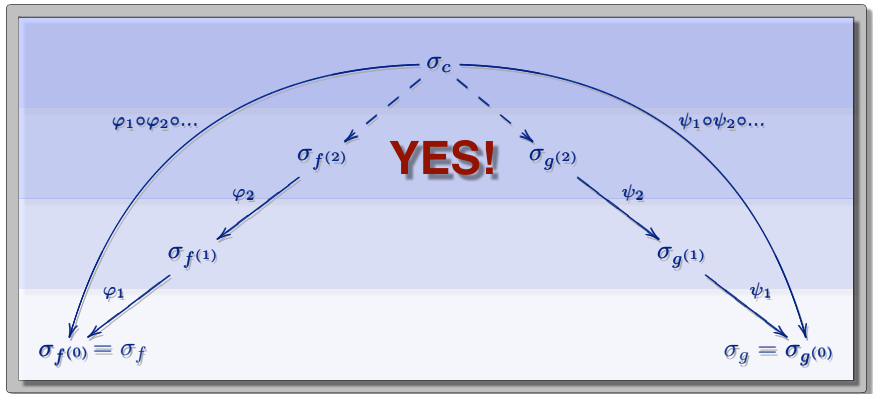
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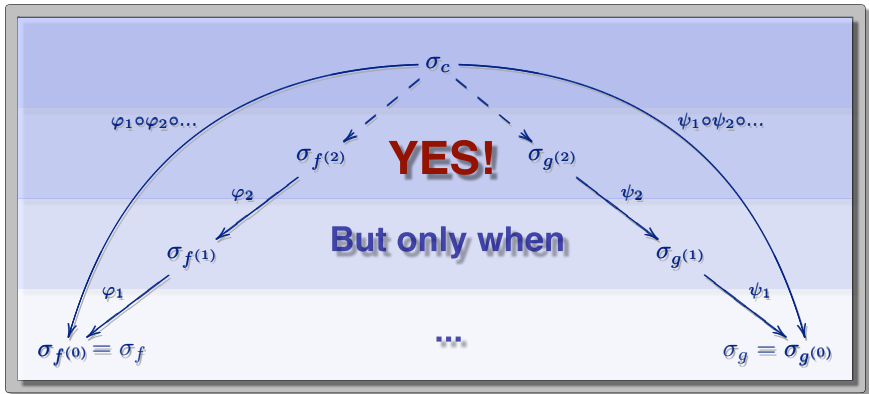
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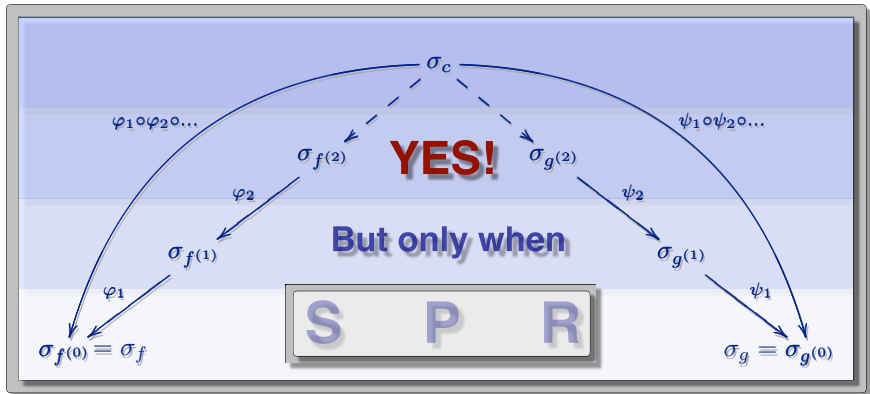
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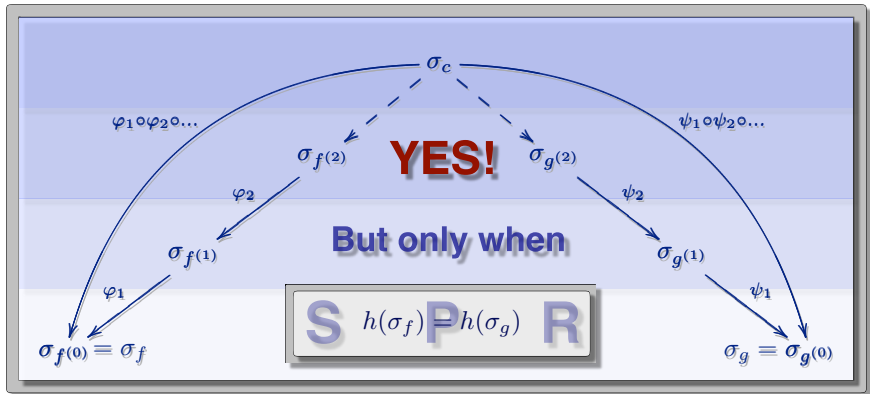
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- ①  $|\mathcal{O}_n(\sigma_f)| = |\mathcal{O}_n(\sigma_g)| = 0$  for all  $n < N$
- ②  $\min\{f_n, g_n\} \geq \beta^n$  for all  $n \geq N$



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## Lemma

If  $\sigma_f$  and  $\sigma_g$  are **strong positive recurrent** loop systems of equal entropy  $\log \lambda > 0$ , then for some  $\kappa < \lambda$

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► SPR-ZETA



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# Applications to other dynamical systems

## Theorem ([BBG-06])

*The following measurable dynamical systems have natural extensions which are entropy-conjugate to the disjoint union of finitely many SPR Markov shifts of equal entropy*

- 1 Subshifts of quasifinite type [Bu-05]
- 2 Piecewise monotonic interval maps with non-zero topological entropy
- 3 The multi-dimensional  $\beta$ -transformations [Bu-97]
- 4  $C^\infty$  smooth entropy-expanding maps



# Beyond...

## I. Beyond strong positive recurrence

### Main question

Are equal entropy irreducible PR Markov shifts entropy-conjugate?

## II. Weights

- 1 Thermodynamic formalism
- 2 Markov chains

► CHAINS



This is the end...

**M E R C I !**



# Local zeta function

## Definition

Let  $\Sigma$  be a Markov shift defined by a graph  $G = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ .

The **local zeta function** at  $v \in \mathcal{V}$  is

$$\zeta_v(z) = \exp \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n} \# \{ \text{Loops through } v \text{ of length } n \} \right)$$



# Exponentially recurrent

## Definition

$(\Sigma, \mu)$  is *exponentially filling* if for every open set  $X \subset \Sigma$  with

$$\mu(X) > 0$$

we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mu \{x \in \Sigma \mid x \notin \cup_{k=1}^n \sigma^{-k}(X)\})^{1/n} < 1$$



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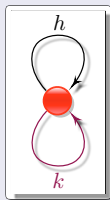
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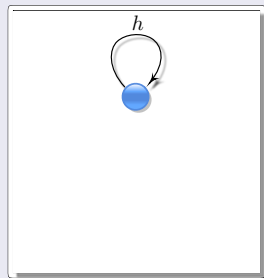
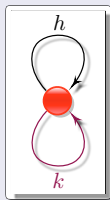
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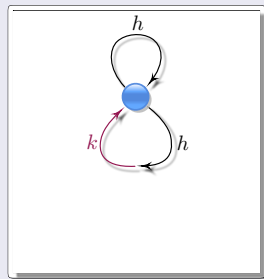
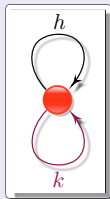
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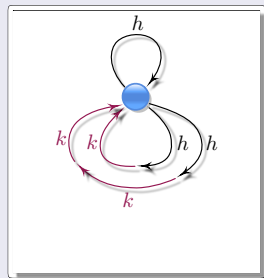
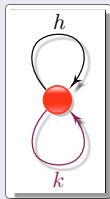
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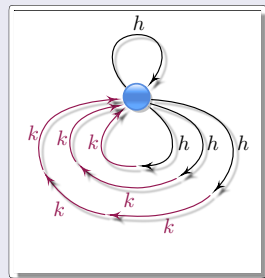
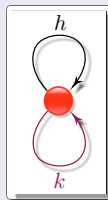
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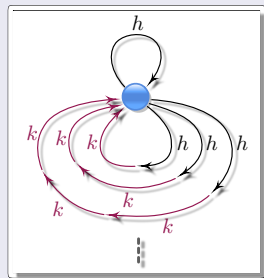
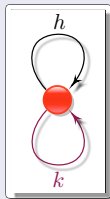
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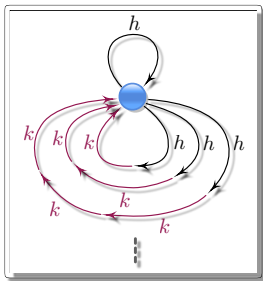
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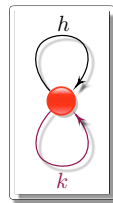


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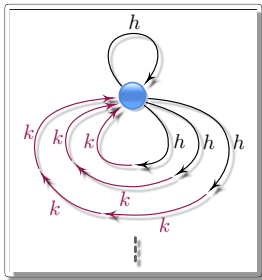


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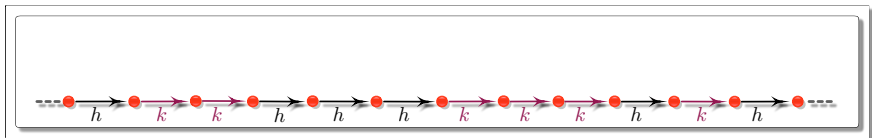
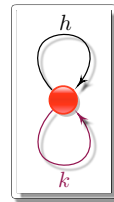


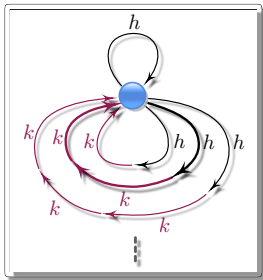
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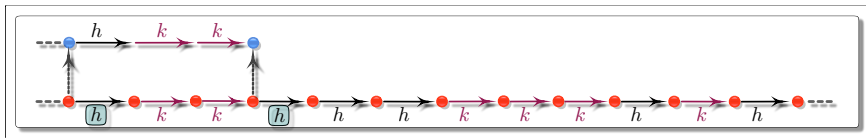
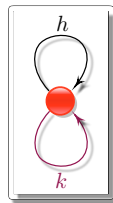


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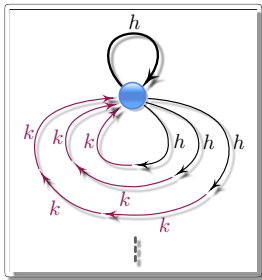
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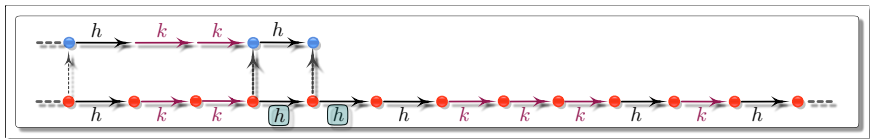
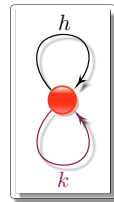


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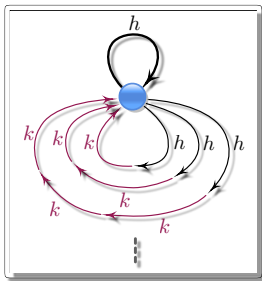


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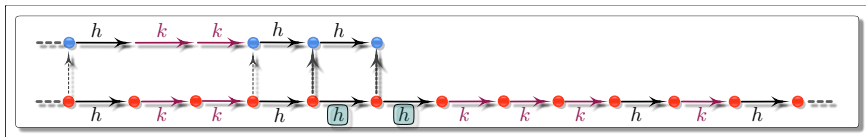
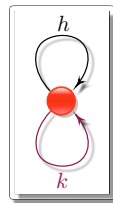


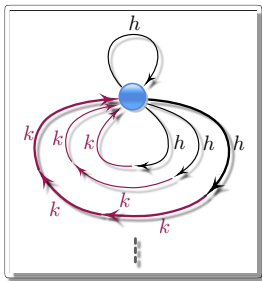
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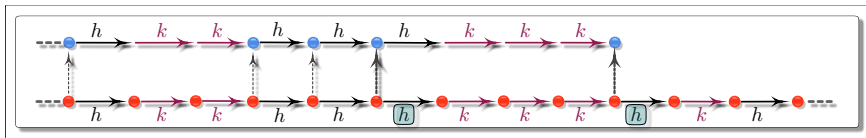
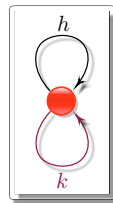


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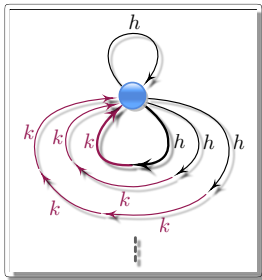
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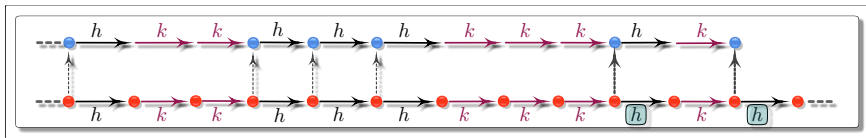
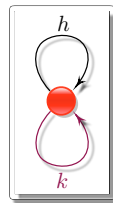


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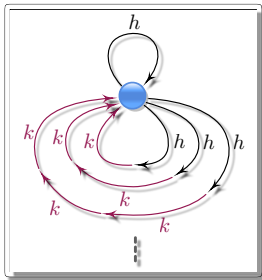


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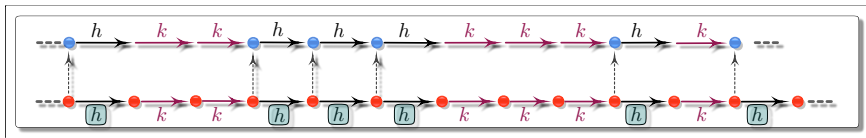
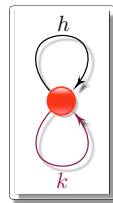


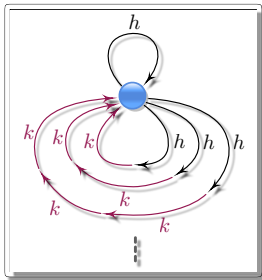
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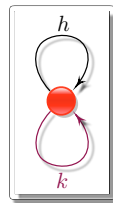


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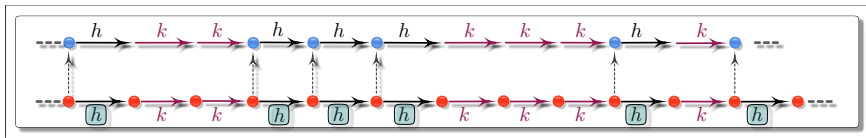


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In this case, for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $x \in \Sigma_1$ , there exists a minimal  $n = n(x)$  such that for  $\mu$ -a.e.  $y \in \Sigma_1$  with

$$x[-n, n] = y[-n, n]$$

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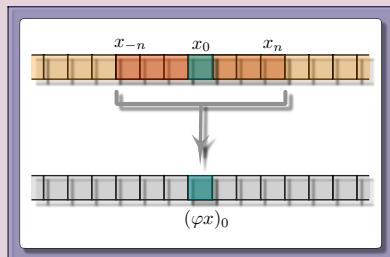
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The *expected coding time* of  $\varphi$  is

$$\int n(x) d\mu(x)$$

The classification of finitary isomorphisms with *finite* expected coding time is *open* (see [P-77])

► POPEY



# Classification of magic word isomorphisms

## Rough idea of the proof

- Reduce to loop shifts

$$\varphi: \sigma_f \rightarrow \sigma_g$$

- Find suitable magic words
- Decompose  $g$  in a *sandwich*-fashion

$$g = l + r + b + h$$

- Find factorization of *basic moves*

$$f = (b + l(l + h)^*(b + r))(r + h(l + h)^*(b + r))^*$$

► END



# Entropy-conjugacy

## Entropy-negligible sets

Measurable system  $S: X \rightarrow X$

$$h(S) = \sup\{h(S, \mu) \mid \mu \text{ is a } S\text{-invariant Borel probability measure}\}$$

$N \subset X$  is *entropy negligible* if there is  $h < h(S)$  such that

$$\mu(N) = 0 \text{ for all ergodic } \mu \text{ for which } h(S, \mu) > h$$

## Entropy conjugacy

Two measurable systems  $S: X \rightarrow X$  and  $T: Y \rightarrow Y$

Entropy negligible subsets  $X_0 \subset X$  and  $Y_0 \subset Y$

Bimeasurable bijection  $\gamma: X \setminus X_0 \rightarrow Y \setminus Y_0$

$$T \circ \gamma = \gamma \circ S \text{ for all } x \in X \setminus X_0$$



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