



Pascal-like triangles: base 2 and beyond

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Classical Pascal triangle

$\binom{m}{k}$	k								
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
m	3	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
4	1	4	6	4	1	0	0	0	
5	1	5	10	10	5	1	0	0	
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1	0	
7	1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1	
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Usual binomial coefficients
of integers:

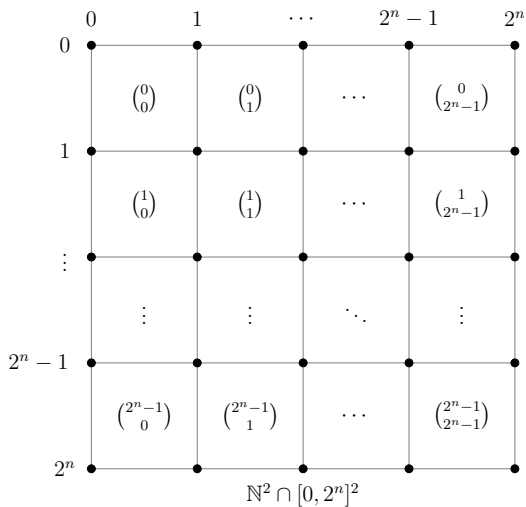
$$\binom{m}{k} = \frac{m!}{(m-k)!k!}$$

Pascal's rule:

$$\binom{m}{k} = \binom{m-1}{k} + \binom{m-1}{k-1}$$

A specific construction

- Grid: first 2^n rows and columns



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Color the first 2^n rows and columns of the Pascal triangle

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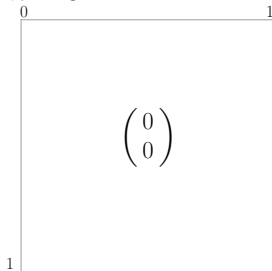
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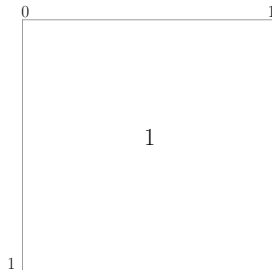
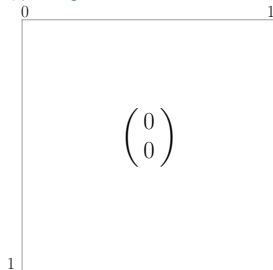
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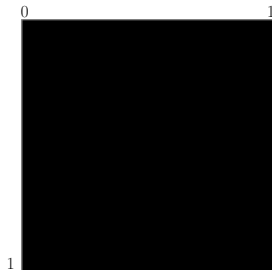
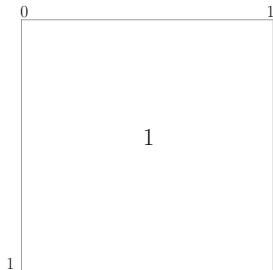
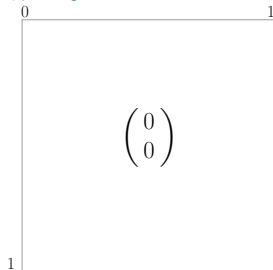
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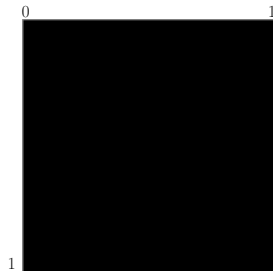
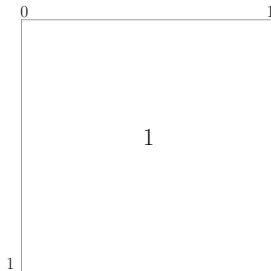
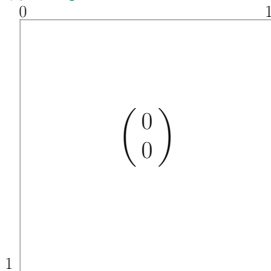
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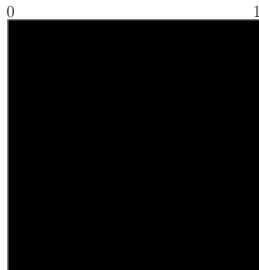
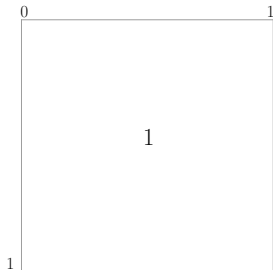
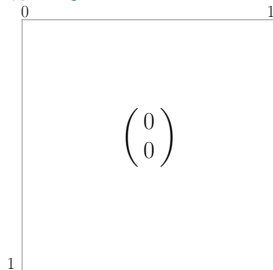
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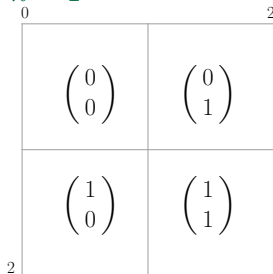
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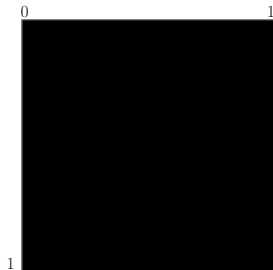
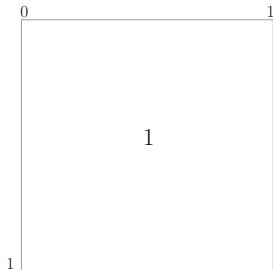
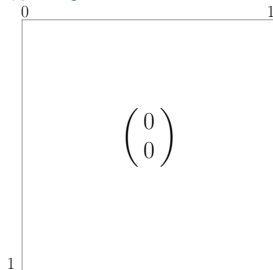


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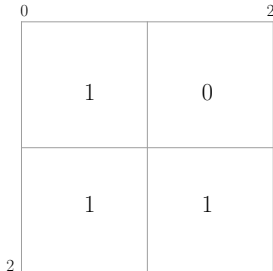
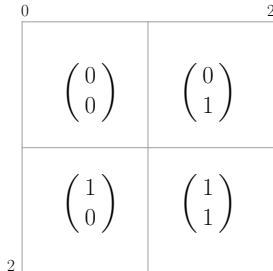


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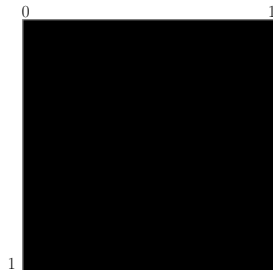
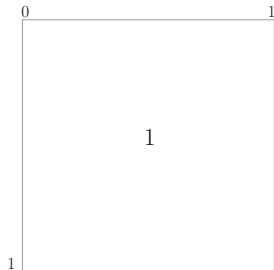
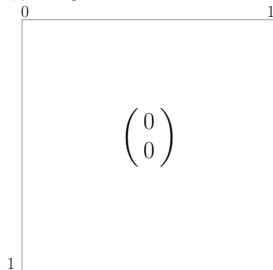


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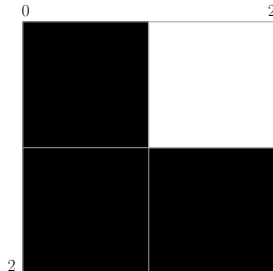
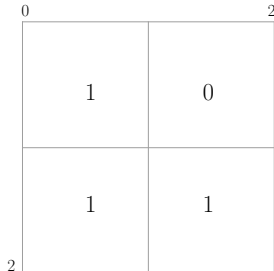
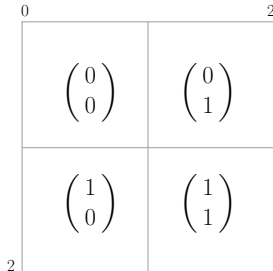


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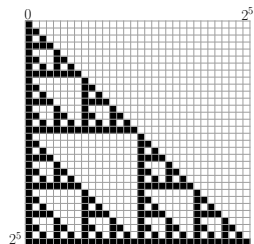
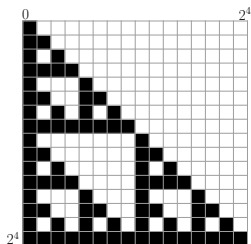
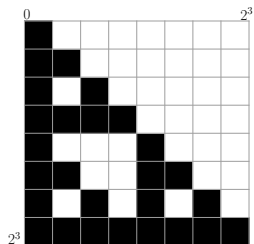
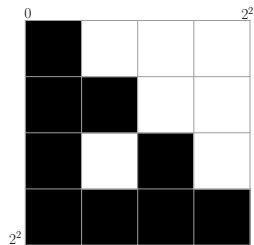
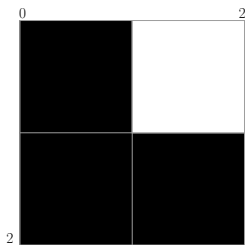
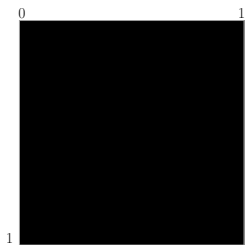
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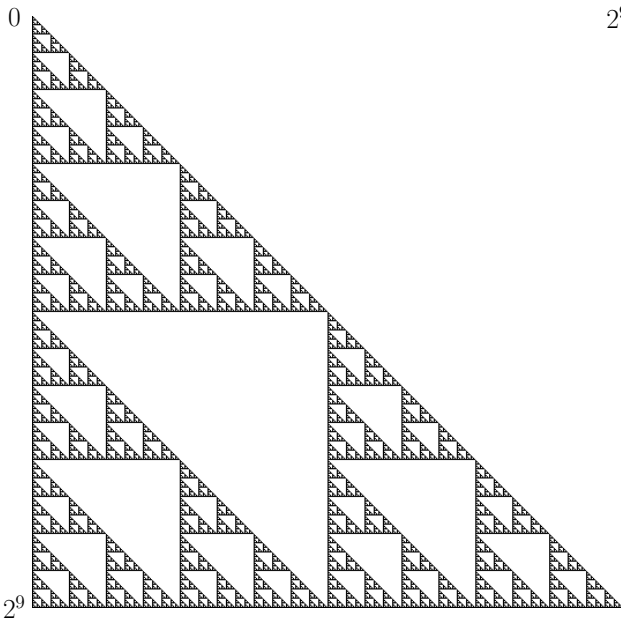
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The first six elements of the sequence



The tenth element of the sequence



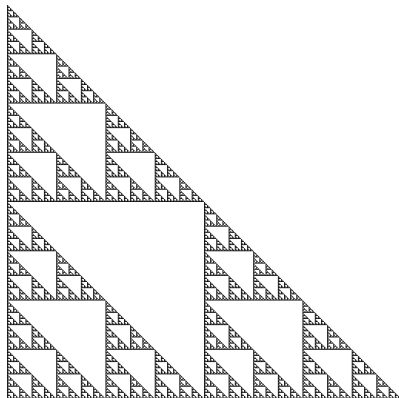
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Definitions:

- ϵ -*fattening* of a subset $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

$$[S]_\epsilon = \bigcup_{x \in S} B(x, \epsilon)$$

- $(\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{R}^2), d_h)$ complete space of the non-empty compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 equipped with the *Hausdorff distance* d_h

$$d_h(S, S') = \min\{\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \mid S \subset [S']_\epsilon \quad \text{and} \quad S' \subset [S]_\epsilon\}$$

Replace usual binomial coefficients of integers by binomial coefficients of **finite words**

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$$\Rightarrow \binom{101001}{101} = 6$$

Remark:

Natural generalization of binomial coefficients of integers

With a one-letter alphabet $\{a\}$

$$\binom{a^m}{a^k} = \binom{\overbrace{a \cdots a}^{m \text{ times}}}{\underbrace{a \cdots a}_{k \text{ times}}} = \binom{m}{k} \quad \forall m, k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Definitions:

- $\text{rep}_2(n)$ greedy base-2 expansion of $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ starting with 1
- $\text{rep}_2(0) = \varepsilon$ where ε is the empty word

n		$\text{rep}_2(n)$
0		ε
1	1×2^0	1
2	$1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$	10
3	$1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$	11
4	$1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$	100
5	$1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$	101
6	$1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0$	110
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
		$\{\varepsilon\} \cup 1\{0, 1\}^*$

Generalized Pascal triangle in base 2

		$\text{rep}_2(k)$								
		ε	1	10	11	100	101	110	111	\dots
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Binomial coefficient
of finite words:

$$\binom{u}{v}$$

Rule (not local):

$$\binom{ua}{vb} = \binom{u}{vb} + \delta_{a,b} \binom{u}{v}$$

Generalized Pascal triangle in base 2

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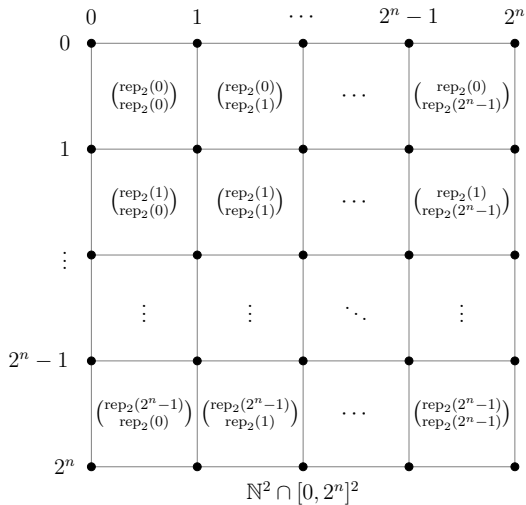
The classical Pascal triangle

Questions:

- After coloring and normalization can we expect the convergence to an analogue of the Sierpiński gasket?
- Could we describe this limit object?

Same construction

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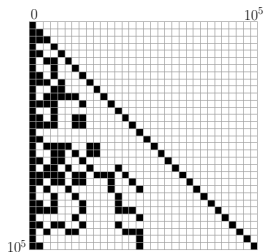
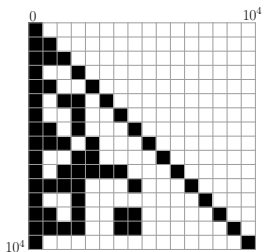
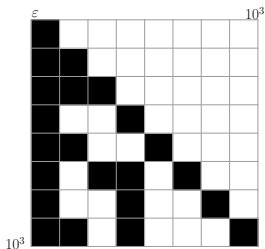
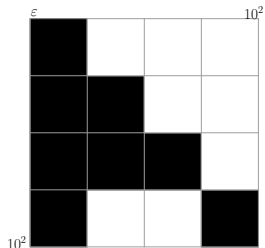
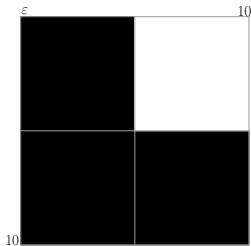
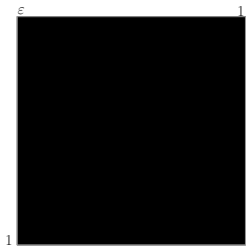
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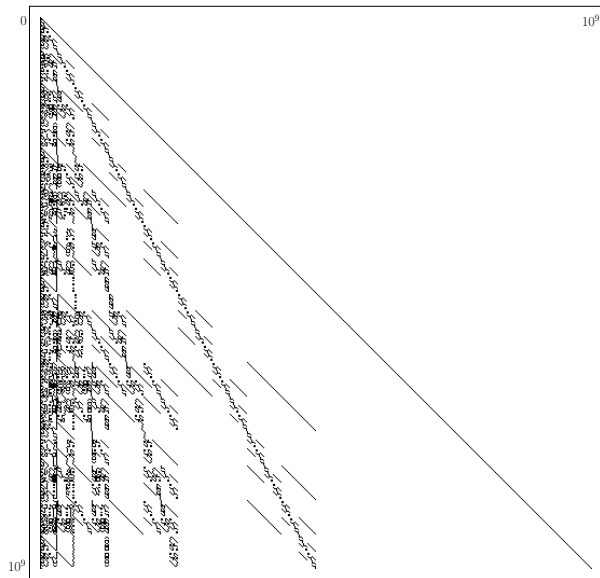
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The elements U_0, \dots, U_5



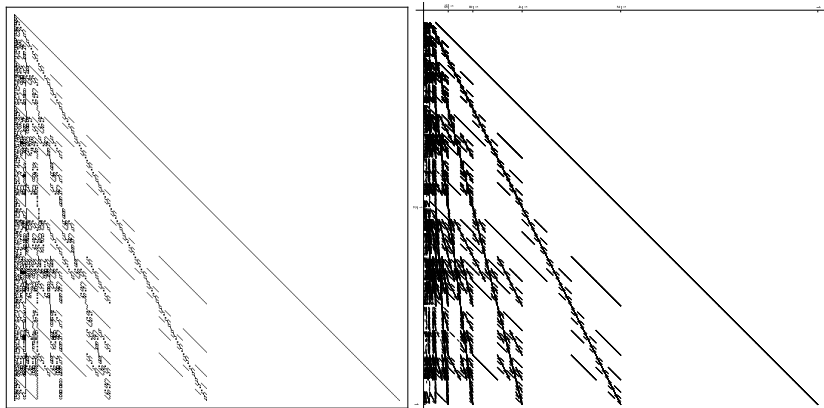
The element U_9



Lines of different slopes...

Theorem (Leroy, Rigo, S., 2016)

The sequence $(U_n)_{n \geq 0}$ of compact sets converges to a limit compact set \mathcal{L} when n tends to infinity (for the Hausdorff distance).



“Simple” characterization of \mathcal{L} : topological closure of a union of segments described through a “simple” combinatorial property

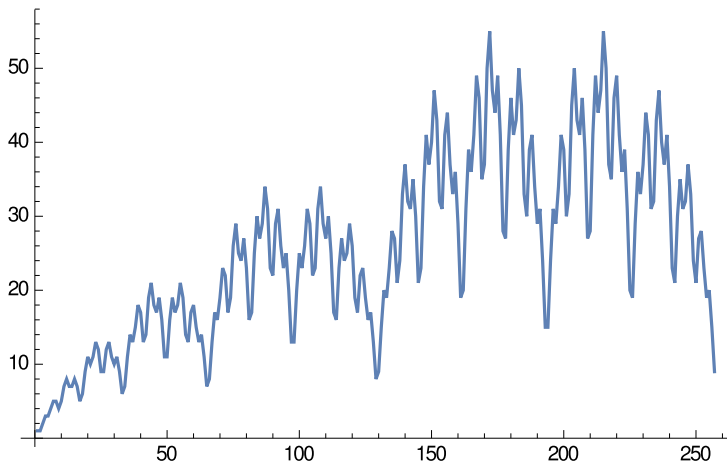
Generalized Pascal triangle in base 2

	ε	1	10	11	100	101	110	111	n	$S_2(n)$
ε	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
11	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
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101	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	5
110	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	6	5
111	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	7	4

Definition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2(n) &= \# \left\{ m \in \mathbb{N} \mid \binom{\text{rep}_2(n)}{\text{rep}_2(m)} > 0 \right\} \quad \forall n \geq 0 \\
 &= \# \text{ (scattered) subwords in } \{\varepsilon\} \cup 1\{0,1\}^* \text{ of } \text{rep}_2(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

The sequence $(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ in the interval $[0, 256]$



Palindromic structure \rightsquigarrow regularity

- 2-kernel of $s = (s(n))_{n \geq 0}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K}_2(s) &= \{(s(n))_{n \geq 0}, (s(2n))_{n \geq 0}, (s(2n+1))_{n \geq 0}, (s(4n))_{n \geq 0}, \\ &\quad (s(4n+1))_{n \geq 0}, (s(4n+2))_{n \geq 0}, \dots\} \\ &= \{(s(2^i n + j))_{n \geq 0} \mid i \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq j < 2^i\}\end{aligned}$$

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- $s = (s(n))_{n \geq 0}$ is 2-*regular* if there exist

$$(t_1(n))_{n \geq 0}, \dots, (t_\ell(n))_{n \geq 0}$$

s.t. each $(t(n))_{n \geq 0} \in \mathcal{K}_2(s)$ is a \mathbb{Z} -linear combination of the t_j 's

Theorem (Leroy, Rigo, S., 2017)

The sequence $(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ satisfies, for all $n \geq 0$,

$$S_2(2n + 1) = 3S_2(n) - S_2(2n)$$

$$S_2(4n) = -S_2(n) + 2S_2(2n)$$

$$S_2(4n + 2) = 4S_2(n) - S_2(2n).$$

Corollary (Leroy, Rigo, S., 2017)

$(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ is 2-regular.

Example: \mathbb{Z} -linear combination of $(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ and $(S_2(2n))_{n \geq 0}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_2(4n + 1) &= S_2(2(2n) + 1) = 3S_2(2n) - S_2(4n) \\ &= 3S_2(2n) - (-S_2(n) + 2S_2(2n)) = S_2(n) + S_2(2n) \end{aligned}$$

Summatory function

Example: $s(n)$ number of 1's in $\text{rep}_2(n)$

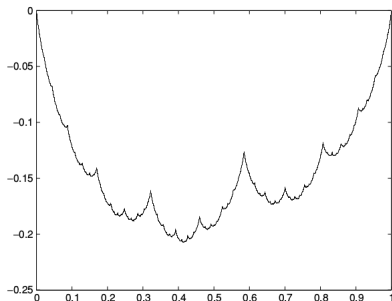
$$s(2n) = s(n) \quad s(2n+1) = s(n) + 1$$

s is 2-regular

Summatory function A :

$$A(0) = 0$$

$$A(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} s(j) \quad \forall n \geq 1$$



Theorem (Delange, 1975)

$$\frac{A(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(n) + \mathcal{G}(\log_2(n)) \quad (1)$$

where \mathcal{G} continuous, nowhere differentiable, periodic of period 1.

Theorem (Allouche, Shallit, 2003)

Under some hypotheses, the summatory function of any k -regular sequence has a behavior analogous to (1).

\rightsquigarrow Replacing s by S_2 : same behavior as (1) but does not satisfy the hypotheses of the theorem

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For all $n \geq 0$, $A_2(2^n) = 3^n$.

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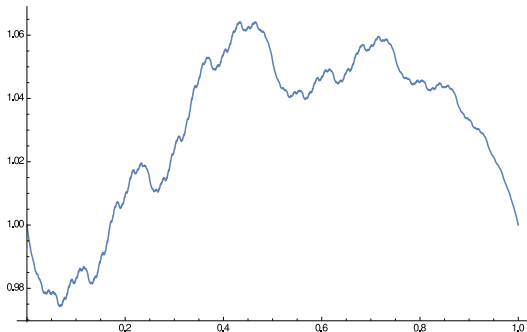
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\rightsquigarrow two numeration systems: base 2 and base 3

Theorem (Leroy, Rigo, S., 2017)

There exists a continuous and periodic function \mathcal{H}_2 of period 1 such that, for all $n \geq 1$,

$$A_2(n) = 3^{\log_2(n)} \mathcal{H}_2(\log_2(n)).$$



The Fibonacci case

Definitions:

- Fibonacci numbers $(F(n))_{n \geq 0}$: $F(0) = 1$, $F(1) = 2$ and $F(n+2) = F(n+1) + F(n) \forall n \geq 0$
- $\text{rep}_F(n)$ greedy Fibonacci representation of $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$ starting with 1
- $\text{rep}_F(0) = \varepsilon$ where ε is the empty word

n		$\text{rep}_F(n)$
0		ε
1	$1 \times F(0)$	1
2	$1 \times F(1) + 0 \times F(0)$	10
3	$1 \times F(2) + 0 \times F(1) + 0 \times F(0)$	100
4	$1 \times F(2) + 0 \times F(1) + 1 \times F(0)$	101
5	$1 \times F(3) + 0 \times F(2) + 0 \times F(1) + 0 \times F(0)$	1000
6	$1 \times F(3) + 0 \times F(2) + 0 \times F(1) + 1 \times F(0)$	1001
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
		$\{\varepsilon\} \cup 1\{0, 01\}^*$

Generalized Pascal triangle in base Fibonacci

$(\text{rep}_F(m))$ $(\text{rep}_F(k))$		$\text{rep}_F(k)$								
		ε	1	10	100	101	1000	1001	1010	...
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	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	100	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	
	101	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	1000	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	
	1001	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	
	1010	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	
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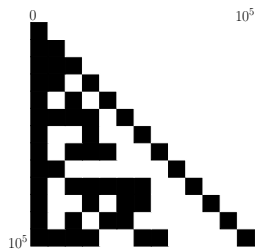
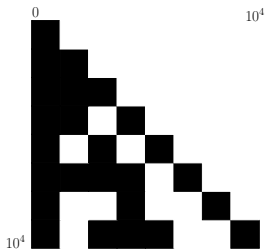
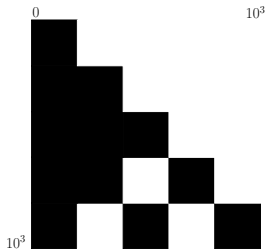
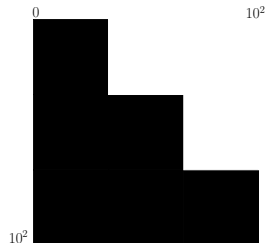
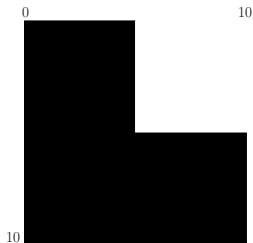
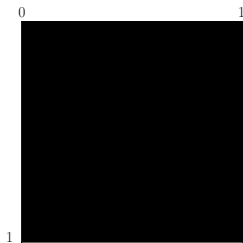
Binomial coefficient
of finite words:

$$\binom{u}{v}$$

Rule (not local):

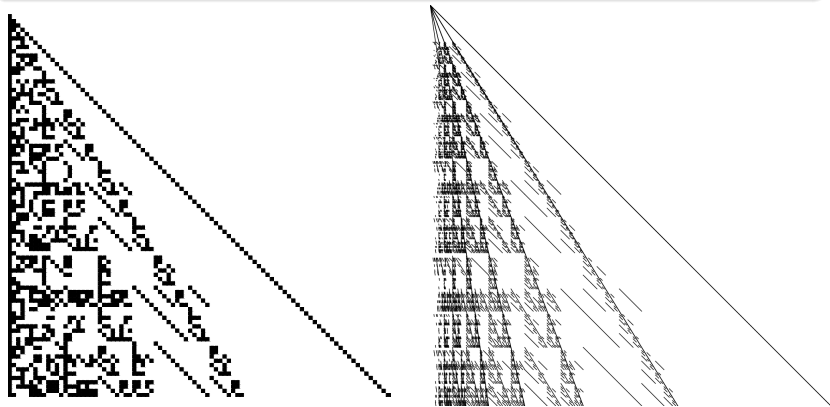
$$\binom{ua}{vb} = \binom{u}{vb} + \delta_{a,b} \binom{u}{v}$$

The first six elements of the sequence $(U'_n)_{n \geq 0}$



Theorem (S., 2018)

The sequence $(U'_n)_{n \geq 0}$ of compact sets converges to a limit compact set \mathcal{L}' when n tends to infinity (for the Hausdorff distance).



“Simple” characterization of \mathcal{L}' : topological closure of a union of segments described through a “simple” combinatorial property

Counting subword occurrences

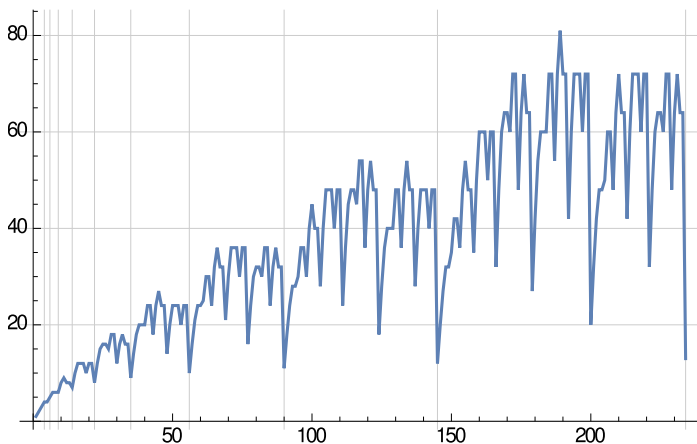
Generalized Pascal triangle in base Fibonacci

	ε	1	10	100	101	1000	1001	1010	n	$S_F(n)$
ε	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
100	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	4
101	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	4
1000	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	5	5
1001	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	6	6
1010	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	7	6

Definition:

$$S_F(n) = \left\{ m \in \mathbb{N} \mid \binom{\text{rep}_F(n)}{\text{rep}_F(m)} > 0 \right\} \quad \forall n \geq 0$$
$$= \# \text{ (scattered) subwords in } \{\varepsilon\} \cup 1\{0,01\}^* \text{ of } \text{rep}_F(n)$$

The sequence $(S_F(n))_{n \geq 0}$ in the interval $[0, 233]$



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- **Select** all the nonnegative integers whose base-2 expansion (with leading zeroes) ends with $w \in \{0, 1\}^*$
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- Let w vary in $\{0, 1\}^*$

$w = 0$		
n	$\text{rep}_2(n)$	$s(n)$
0	ϵ	$s(0)$
1	1	$s(1)$
2	10	$s(2)$
3	11	$s(3)$
4	100	$s(4)$
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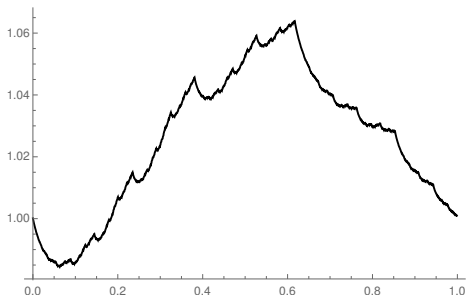
Theorem (Leroy, Rigo, S., 2017)

Let β be the dominant root of $X^3 - 2X^2 - X + 1$, which is the characteristic polynomial of $(B(n))_{n \geq 0}$.

Let c be a constant such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B(n)/c\beta^n = 1$.

There exists a continuous and periodic function \mathcal{H}_F of period 1 such that, for all $n \geq 3$,

$$A_F(n) = c \cdot \beta^{\log_F(n)} \mathcal{H}_F(\log_F(n)) + o(\beta^{\lfloor \log_F(n) \rfloor}).$$



In this talk:

Base 2:

- Generalization of the Pascal triangle in base 2 modulo 2
- 2-regularity of the sequence $(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ counting subword occurrences
- Exact behavior of the summatory function $(A_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$ of the sequence $(S_2(n))_{n \geq 0}$

Base **Fibonacci**:

- Generalization of the Pascal triangle in base Fibonacci modulo 2
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Done:

- Generalization of the Pascal triangle modulo a prime number: extension to any **Parry–Bertrand numeration system**
- Regularity of the sequence counting subword occurrences: extension to any **integer base**
- Behavior of the summatory function: extension to any **integer base** (exact behavior)

To do:

Parry–Bertrand numeration systems,
Apply the methods for sequences not related to Pascal triangles,
etc.

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