Asymptotic Density of Properties in Cellular Automata

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$$(\{0,1\},\{-1,0,1\},\delta_{184})$$
 with $\delta_{184}:$

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Definition (Nilpotency)

$$\mathcal{A} \in \mathsf{Nil} \quad \stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle def}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \Omega_{\mathcal{A}} = \{c\}$$

"The CA always converges to this single configuration."

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Remarks :

- Central notion in CA litterature,
- Stronger than Turing universality in CA,
- ► Elements of Univ are maximal elements in the preorder induced by ≼_□.

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- $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{K} \quad \stackrel{def}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \stackrel{\forall x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k \in Q,}{\delta_{\mathcal{A}}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}}$
 - Introduced by G. Theyssier (2004),
 - under some conditions most captive CA are universal (2005).



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 $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{MS} \quad \stackrel{\mathsf{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \textit{for all permutation } \pi: \{1, \dots k\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots k\},$ $\delta_{\mathcal{A}}(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k) = \delta_{\mathcal{A}}(x_{\pi(1)}, x_{\pi(2)}, \ldots, x_{\pi(k)})$

- Captures the idea of *isotropy*.
- Other interesting properties (*rescalings*...).



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 $C_{n,k}$ elements of size (n, k) of the family C, \mathcal{P} a property.

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Proposition

Density is path-independent in the surjective case.

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