Tilings, Towers and Linear repetitivity
(On Jean-Marc’s relationship with Chile)

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Main motivation

- Let $(\Omega, T)$ be the dynamical system associated with a non-periodic tiling or Delone set. Can we understand/compute its ergodic/mixing properties? What about its eigenvalues?
Some History: Minimal Cantor Systems

- A minimal Cantor system is a pair \((X, T)\) where \(X\) is a Cantor set, \(T : X \to X\) is a minimal homeomorphism, i.e., every orbit is dense in \(X\).
- \(\lambda\) in \(S^1\) is an eigenvalue of \((X, T)\) if there exists \(f \in L^2(X, S^1)\) s.t.
  \[ f(Tx) = \lambda f(x) \quad \text{a. e.} \]
- If \(f\) is continuous and the latter equation holds everywhere, the eigenvalue is continuous.
- \((X, T)\) is (topol.) weakly mixing if there are no non-trivial (continuous) eigenvalues.
A Rohlin tower of \((X, T)\) is a family of pairwise disjoint measurable sets of the form
\[
\{ C, T^{-1}C, \ldots, T^{-h}C \}
\]
A Kakutani-Rohlin partition is a partition that is a finite union of disjoint Rohlin Towers.
Kakutani-Rohlin partitions: (incomplete) history

- In the 40’s, Kakutani-Rohlin towers were introduced in the ergodic setting by Kakutani and Rohlin (independently).
- In 1992, Hermann, Putnam and Skau introduced clopen KR partitions in the context of minimal Cantor systems.
- In 1999, Durand, Host and Skau used KR partitions to understand substitution dynamical systems.
- In 2003, Cortez, Durand, Host and Maass gave a first characterization of eigenvalues for linearly recurrent cantor systems.
- In 2000, Gambaudo and Martens described Minimal Cantor systems as inverse limits that are parallel to Kakutani Rohlin partitions.
- In 2000, Gambaudo, Beneddetti and Bellissard using tower systems proved the Gap Labelling conjecture.
Kakutani-Rohlin partitions: (The Chile papers)

- Jean-Marc and Elisabeth move to Chile and bring along Samuel with them.
- Gambaudo, Guiraud and Petite studied Frenkel Kontorova models on 1D-quasicrystals by using Kakutani-Rohlin partitions.
- Cortez, Gambaudo and Maass characterized rotation factors for actions of $\mathbb{Z}^d$ over the Cantor set.
- Jean-Marc and Elisabeth move back to France and bring along Daniel, Guillermo and José with them.
Alejandro’s and Jean-Marc’s pictures for the towers of Fibonacci

- Draw picture here.
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Repetitive and Linearly Repetitive Delone sets

- A $R$-patch of $X$ is the configuration of points in a ball of radius $R$ centered at a point of $X$. A Delone set $X$ is repetitive if for each patch $P$ of $X$ there is a radius $M$ such that every ball of radius $M$ contains the center of a translated copy of $P$.
- If $M \leq LR$, for some constant $L$ then $X$ is linearly repetitive.
- Some substitutions and cut-and-project Delone sets are linearly repetitive.
Delone dynamical systems

Let $X$ be a repetitive Delone set. The Delone dynamical system is defined by

$$\Omega = \{ X - t \mid t \in \mathbb{R}^d \}$$

dedowed with a "good" topology and where $\mathbb{R}^d$ acts on $\Omega$ by translations.
If we only consider Delone sets such that 0 belongs to the set, then we get a Cantor set, called the transversal.

**Theorem (???)**

$\Omega$ has the structure of a lamination with Cantor transversal.

**Theorem (Gambaudo, Bennedetti, Bellissard)**

$\Omega$ has the structure of a flat lamination.
Box decompositions and tower systems

- Kakutani Rohlin partitions can be generalized to box decompositions. A Box is a set $B$ in $\Omega$ homeomorphic to $C \times D$ where $C$ is a Cantor set and $D$ is a closed disc (or a polygon).
- a Box decomposition is a cover of $\Omega$ by boxes whose interiors are pairwise disjoint.
- a Tower system is a sequence of box decompositions that are "transversally finer" and "horizontally finer"
Derived tilings and Tower systems

- If we intersect a box with the orbit of a Delone set $X$ in $\Omega$, by drawing the boundary of the box on the orbit (which is $\mathbb{R}^d$), and doing the same for all the boxes in a box decomposition, we get a tiling of $\mathbb{R}^d$ which is locally derived from $X$.

- Transversally ”Finer” for tower systems mean that the transversals of the finer box decomposition are included in the transversals of the coarser box, and horizontally finer means that the derived tilings of the finer box decomposition are supertilings of the coarser box decomposition.
Derived tilings from a box decomposition
Making a box decomposition horizontally finer than another
Tower systems or Delone dynamical systems as inverse limits

- From a Box decomposition, by collapsing the transversal one gets a branched manifold with flat structure (Gambaudo, Benedetti, Bellisard).
- From this one deduces that the Delone system can be viewed (geometrically) as the inverse limit of branched flat manifolds.
Tower systems for linearly repetitive systems

- The main idea of linearly repetitive is that one has uniform bound on the number of boxes in each box decomposition in a tower system. This allows for bounding the growth of the size of the faces in the branched manifolds as well as the number of faces.

- With this we give a new proof for a well-known theorem of Lagarias Pleasants that establishes the unique ergodicity of linearly repetitive DElone systems and also give some bounds for the rate of convergence.
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The locally compact Abelian group $H$ is called the internal space and the set $W$ is called the window.
From a CPS \((H, \tilde{L}, W)\) one define a *cut and project set or model set* \(\Lambda\) by projecting the intersection \(\tilde{L} \cap \mathbb{R}^d \times W\) on \(\mathbb{R}^d\).

If \(\text{meas}(\partial W) = 0\) we say that the model set is *regular*.
Dynamical eigenvalues

- Assume that $(X, \mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$ is an ergodic dynamical system.

- $k$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$ is an eigenvalue of $(X, \mathbb{R}^d, \mu)$ if and only if there is $f$ in $L^2(X, \mu)$ with $f \neq 0$ such that for $\mu$ almost every $\Lambda'$ in $X$ and for every $t$ in $\mathbb{R}^d$,

  $$f(\Lambda' - t) = \exp(i2\pi k \cdot t)f(\Lambda').$$

  $f$ is called the eigenfunction to $k$.

- An eigenvalue is continuous or topological if it has a continuous eigenfunction.
Theorem (Hof 1995, Schlottmann 2000)

The hull of every regular model set is uniquely ergodic and pure point. Moreover, all the eigenvalues are topological and the maximal equicontinuous factor is \((T := (\mathbb{R}^d \times H)/\widetilde{L}, \mathbb{R}^d)\).
Meyer sets

Definition
A Delone set \( \Lambda \) is a Meyer set if and only if there is a finite set \( F \) such that

\[
\Lambda - \Lambda \subset \Lambda + F.
\]

Examples: \( \mathbb{Z}^d \), lattices, Delone sets in lattices, some substitutions, model sets.

Theorem (Lagarias 1995)
\( \Lambda \) is a Meyer set if and only if \( \Lambda - \Lambda \) is a Delone set.
Theorem (Baake - Lenz - Moody 2006)

Let $X$ be the hull of a repetitive Delone set $\Lambda$ with finite local complexity. The following are equivalent:

(i) $X$ is the hull of a regular model set.

(ii) $\Lambda$ is a Meyer set and the set of points in its maximal equicontinuous factor with a unique preimage under the factor map has full measure.
Charaterization of model sets

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Address map

- Let $\Lambda$ be a FLC Delone set in $\mathbb{R}^d$ with $0 \in \Lambda$.
- The Abelian group $\Gamma := \langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle$ is finitely generated.
- We say that $\Lambda$ has rank $r$ if $\Gamma$ has rank $r$.
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Let $\{v_1, \ldots, v_r\}$ be a basis for $\langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle$.

The address map $\varphi : \langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle \to \mathbb{Z}^r$, 
\[
    x = \sum_{j=1}^{r} n_j v_j \in \langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle \mapsto (n_1, \ldots, n_r)^T.
\]
Theorem (Lagarias 1999)

A Delone set \( \Lambda \) in \( \mathbb{R}^d \), with \( 0 \in \Lambda \), is a Meyer set if and only if it has finite local complexity and the address map

\[
\varphi : \langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle \to \mathbb{Z}^r
\]

is almost linear, that is, there is a linear map \( \ell : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^r \) and a constant \( C > 0 \) such that

\[
\forall x \in \Lambda, \quad \| \varphi(x) - \ell(x) \| \leq C.
\]
Theorem (Allendes-C.)

For every repetitive Meyer set $\Lambda$ of rank $r$ with $0 \in \Lambda$, and every address map $\varphi$ of $\Lambda$, the linear map $\ell$ approximating $\varphi$ gives $r \geq d$ continuous eigenvalues, all of them $\mathbb{Z}$-linearly independent.
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More precisely, the columns of the representative matrix of $\ell$ in the canonical bases are continuous eigenvalues.
Theorem (Kellendonk - Sadun 2012)

A repetitive Delone set in $\mathbb{R}^d$ with local finite complexity has $d$ linearly independent topological eigenvalues if and only if it is topologically conjugate to a repetitive Meyer set.

In particular, every repetitive Meyer set has $d$ linearly independent topological eigenvalues.
Charaterization of model sets

Theorem (Allendes-C.)

Let $X$ be the hull of a repetitive aperiodic Delone set $\Lambda$ with finite local complexity. The following are equivalent:

(i) $X$ is the hull of a model set with Euclidean internal space.

(ii) $\Lambda$ is a Meyer set with rank $r > d$, there is a point in its maximal equicontinuous factor with a unique preimage under the factor map, and the maximal equicontinuous factor is topologically conjugate to the factor induced by the address map.
Charaterization of regular model sets

Theorem (Allendes-C.)

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(i) $X$ is the hull of a regular model set.

(ii) $\Lambda$ is a Meyer set with rank $r > d$, the set of points in its maximal equicontinuous factor with a unique preimage under the factor map has full measure, and the maximal equicontinuous factor is topologically conjugate to the factor induced by the address map.
Feliz Cumpleaños Jean-Marc
Let $X$ be the hull of a repetitive aperiodic Delone set. The transversal of $X$ is the set

$$\Xi := \{\Lambda \in X : 0 \in \Lambda\}.$$

It is a Cantor set.
The transverse groupoid

Consider the set

\[ \mathcal{G} := \{(\Lambda, t) \in \Xi \times \mathbb{R} : \Lambda - t \in \Xi\}. \]

Two elements \((\Lambda_1, t_1)\) and \((\Lambda_2, t_2)\) in \(\mathcal{G}\) are composable if \((\Lambda_2 = \Lambda_1 - t_1)\), in this case we define

\[ (\Lambda_1, t_1) \cdot (\Lambda_2, t_2) := (\Lambda_1, t_1 + t_2). \]

With the induced topology and this local operation \(\mathcal{G}\) is a topological groupoid.
A continuous and bounded cocycle

Since the dynamical system $(X, \mathbb{R}^d)$ is minimal the groupoid $\mathcal{G}$ is also minimal.

For every $\Lambda$ in $\Xi$ the group $\langle \Lambda - \Lambda \rangle$ is independent of $\Lambda$. Choose a basis for this group and define all the address maps $(\varphi^\Lambda)_{\Lambda \in \Xi}$ with this basis.

By Lagarias Theorem for every $\Lambda$ in $\Xi$ there is a linear map $\ell^\Lambda$ and a constant $C^\Lambda$ such that for every $(\Lambda, t)$ in $\mathcal{G}$ we have

$$\| \varphi^\Lambda(t) - \ell^\Lambda(t) \| \leq C^\Lambda.$$
A continuous and bounded cocycle

Lemma
The map $\ell_\Lambda$ is independent of $\Lambda$ and we denoted it by $\ell$.

For every $(\Lambda, t)$ in $\mathcal{G}$ put

$$\Phi(\Lambda, t) = \phi_\Lambda(t) - \ell(t).$$

$\Phi$ is a cocycle on $\mathcal{G}$: given two composable elements $(\Lambda_1, t_1)$ and $(\Lambda_2, t_2)$ we have

$$\Phi((\Lambda_1, t_1) \cdot (\Lambda_2, t_2)) = \Phi(\Lambda_1, t_1) + \Phi(\Lambda_2, t_2).$$
Hypotheses of Gottchalk-Hedlund Theorem:

- The groupoid $G$ is minimal.
- The cocycle $\Phi$ is continuous.
- There is $\Lambda_0$ in $\Xi$ such that $\Phi$ is bounded on the orbit of $\Lambda_0$:
  \[ \{ \Phi(\Lambda_0, t) : \text{for every } t \in \Lambda_0 \} \] is bounded.

Conclusion: There is a continuous map $F : \Xi \to \mathbb{R}^r$ such that for every $(\Lambda, t)$ in $G$ we have

\[ \Phi(\Lambda, t) = F(\Lambda) - F(\Lambda - t). \]
Topological eigenvalues

In each coordinate we have

$$\varphi(\Lambda, t)_j - \ell(t)_j = F(\Lambda)_j - F(\Lambda - t)_j.$$

Then,

$$e^{-i2\pi \ell(t)_j} = e^{i2\pi F(\Lambda)_j} e^{-i2\pi F(\Lambda - t)_j}.$$

Putting $f_j(\Lambda) = e^{i2\pi F(\Lambda)_j}$ we get

$$f_j(\Lambda - t) = e^{i2\pi \ell(t)_j} f_j(\Lambda), \text{ for every } t \in \Lambda.$$