

*Maximal bifix decoding  
of tree and neutral sets*

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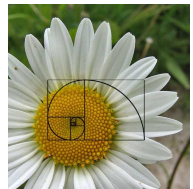
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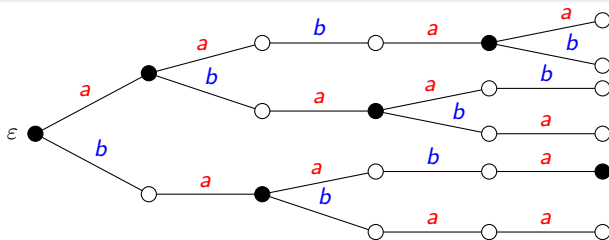


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The *Fibonacci set* (set of factors of  $x$ ) is a Sturmian set.

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A *Sturmian* set  $S$  is a factorial set such that  $p_n = \text{Card}(S \cap A^n) = n + 1$ .



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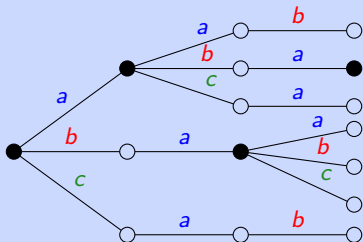


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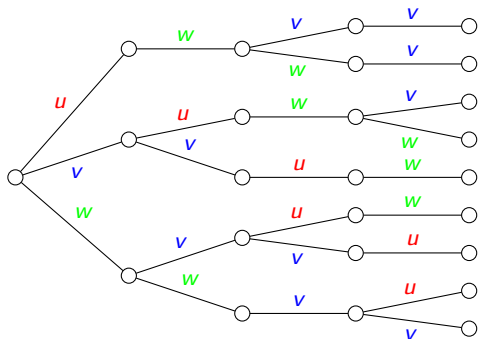
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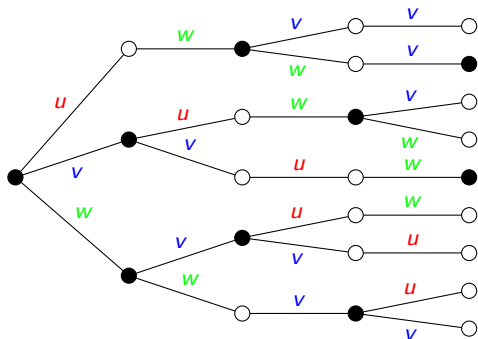


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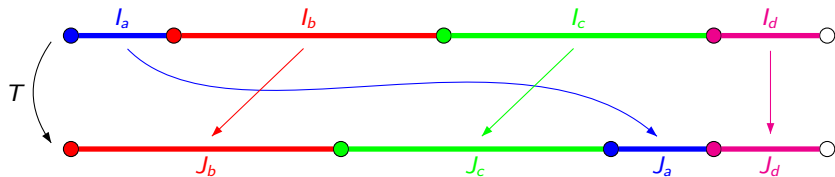
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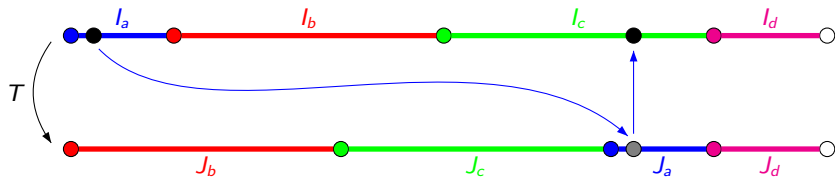


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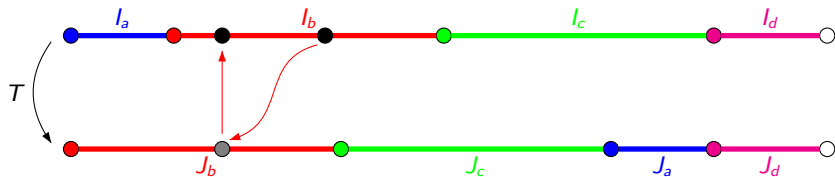


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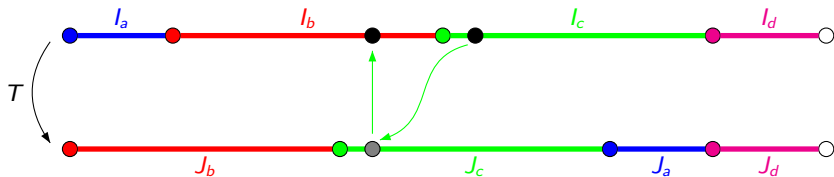


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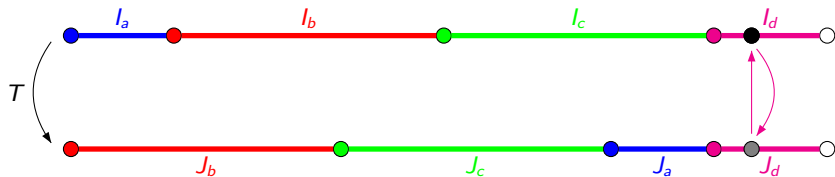


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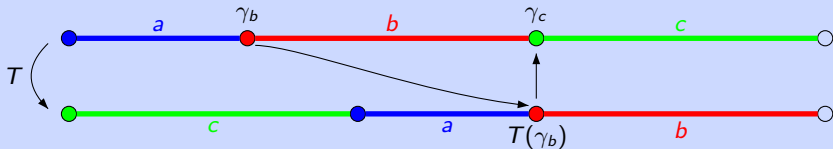
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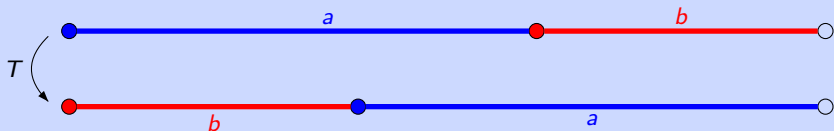


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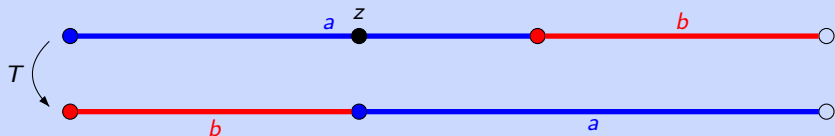


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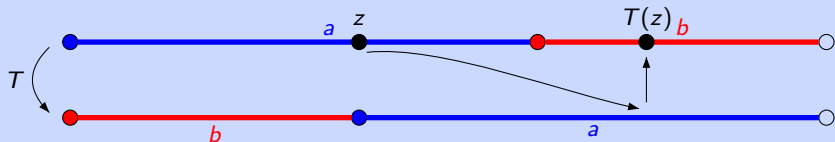
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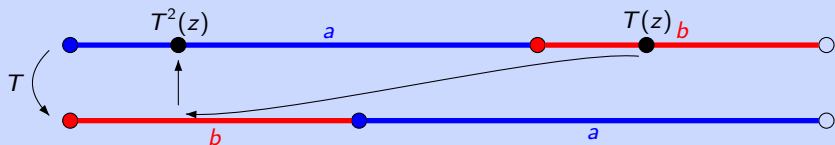
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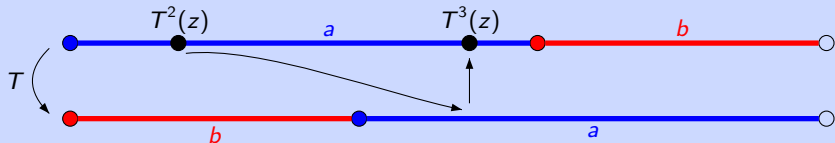
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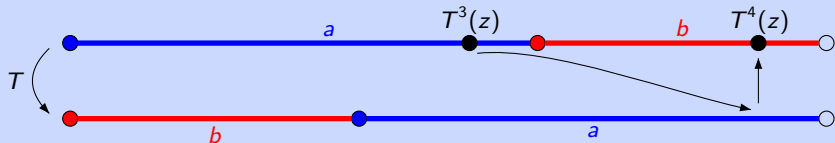


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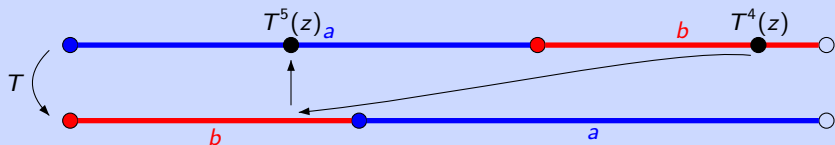
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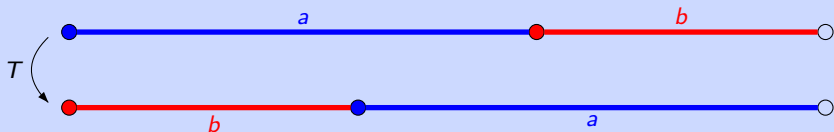
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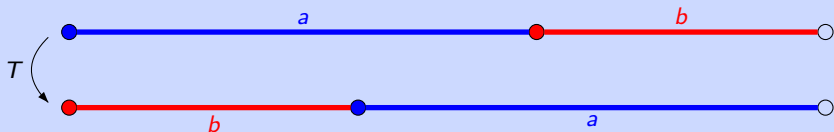
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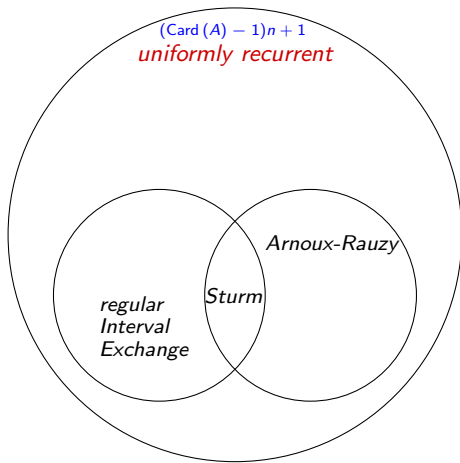


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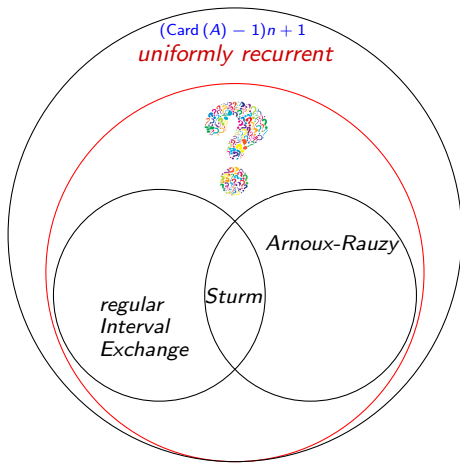
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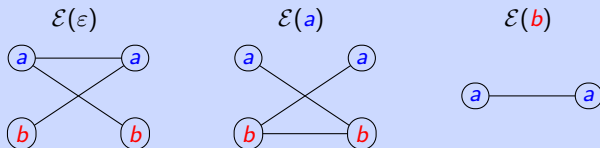


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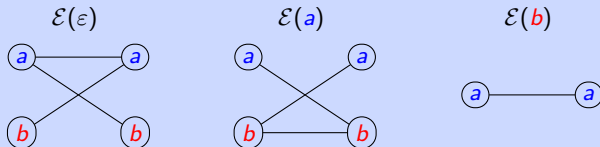
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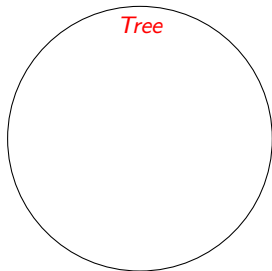




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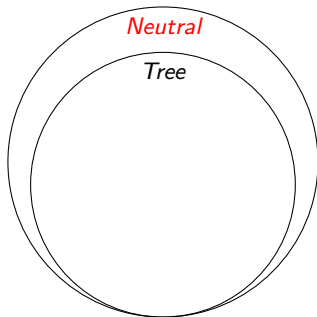
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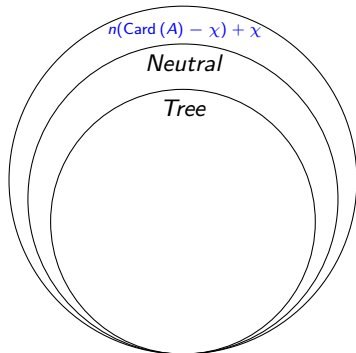


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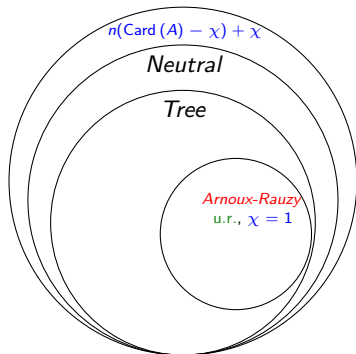
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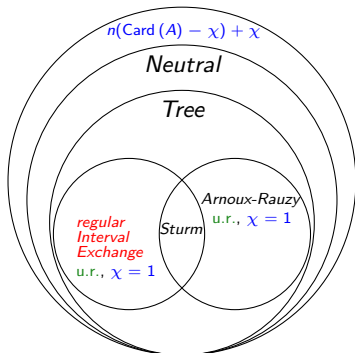
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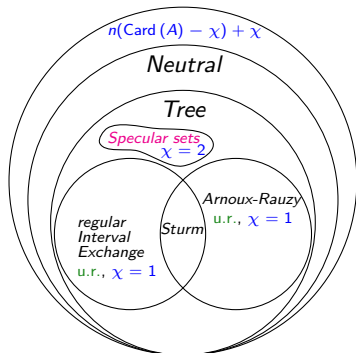
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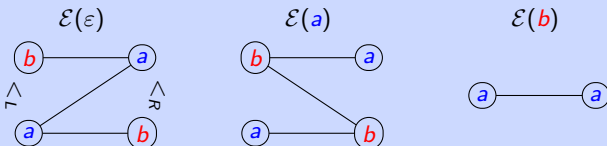
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Let  $<_L$  and  $<_R$  be two orders on  $A$ .

For a set  $S$  and a word  $w \in S$ , the graph  $\mathcal{E}(w)$  is *compatible* with  $<_L$  and  $<_R$  if for any  $(a, b), (c, d) \in B(w)$ , one has

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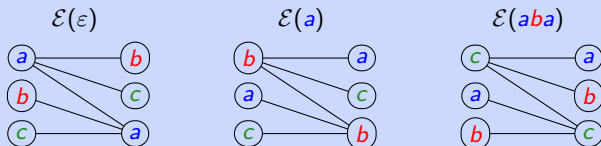
A biextendable set  $S$  is a *planar tree set* w.r.t.  $<_L$  and  $<_R$  on  $A$  if for any nonempty  $w \in S$  (resp.  $\epsilon$ ) the graph  $\mathcal{E}(w)$  is a tree (resp. forest) compatible with  $<_L$  and  $<_R$ .

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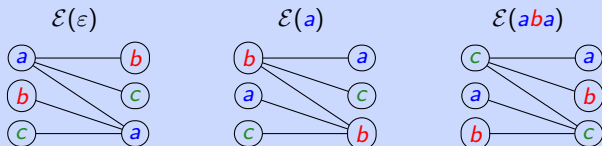


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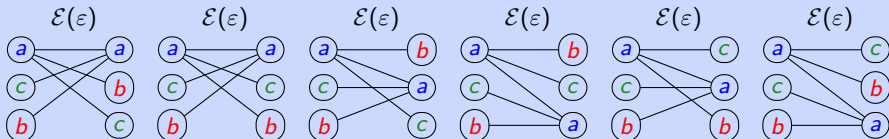
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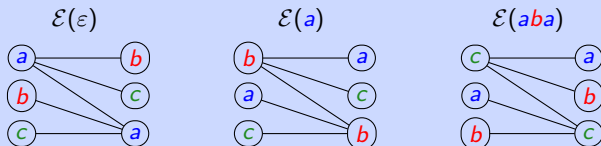


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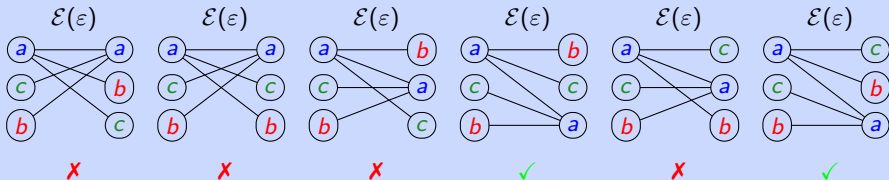
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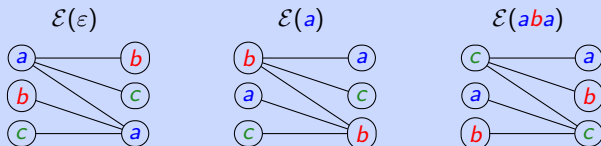


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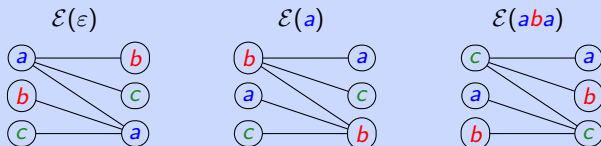


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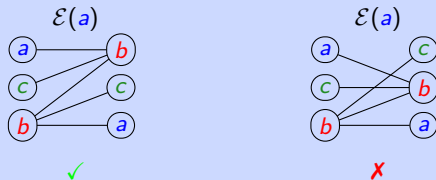
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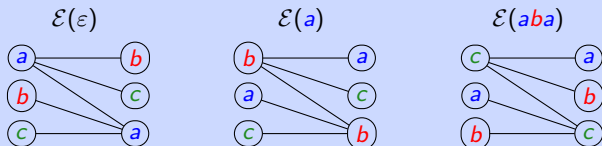


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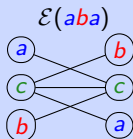
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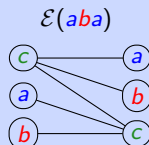
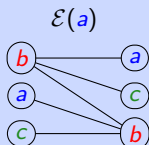
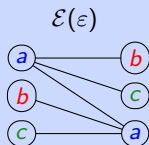


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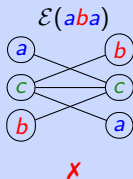
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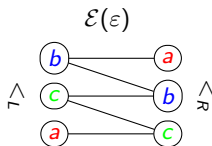
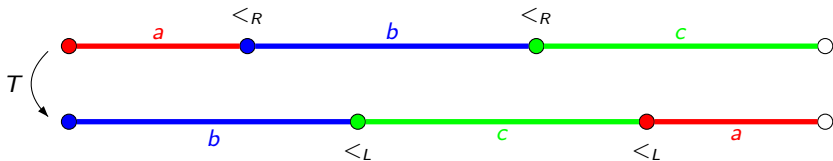


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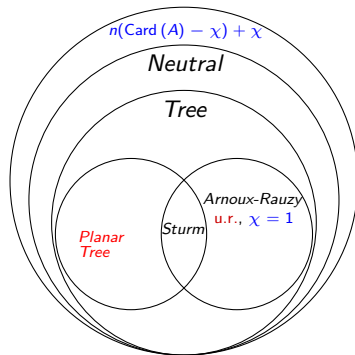


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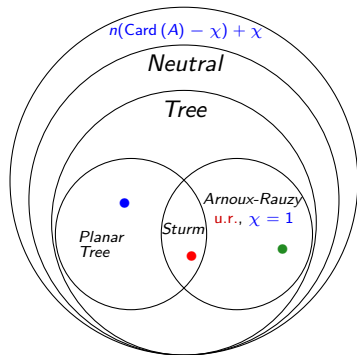
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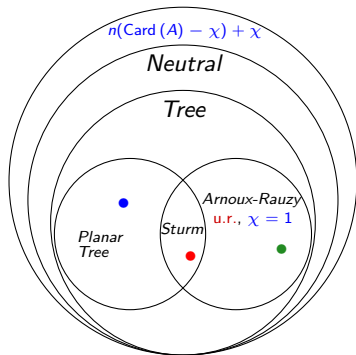


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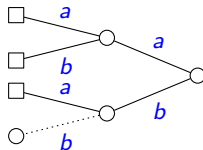
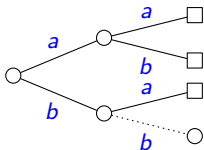
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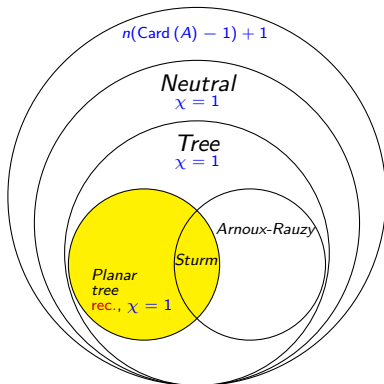
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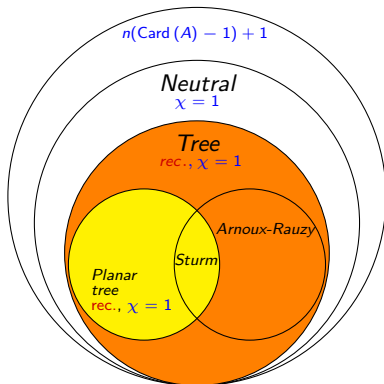
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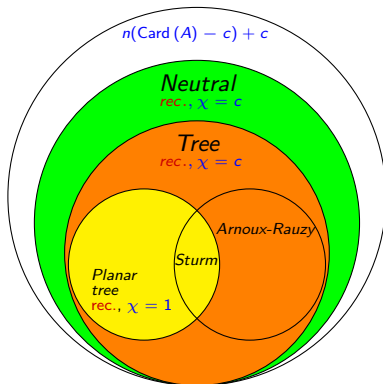
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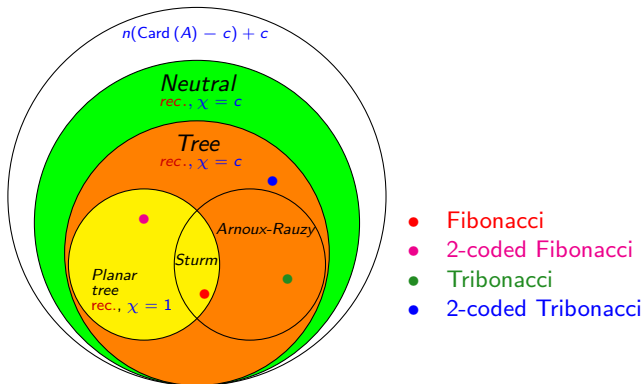
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## Example

Let  $X = \{aa, ab, ba\}$  and  $w = abaaba$ . The two possible parses of  $w$  are :

- $(\varepsilon, abaa, \varepsilon)$ ,
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## Example (Fibonacci)

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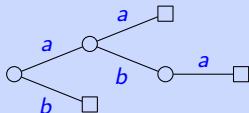
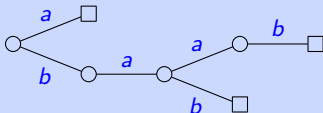
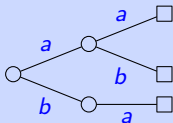
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A uniformly recurrent set satisfying the finite index basis property is a tree sets of characteristic **1**.



## Further research directions

- ▶ Decidability of the tree condition

[ work in progress with [Revekka Kyriakoglou](#) and [Julien Leroy](#) ]

- ▶ Tree sets and palindromes

[  $S$  tree of  $\chi = 1$  closed under reversal  $\implies S$  full  $\left( \implies \text{Pal}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{odd} \\ |A| & \text{even} \end{cases} \right) ]$

- ▶ *Quasi*-neutral (resp. *quasi*-tree) sets

[ sets with a finite number of non-neutral (resp. non-tree) elements. ]



