

Height Functions for Hom Shifts

undirected graph

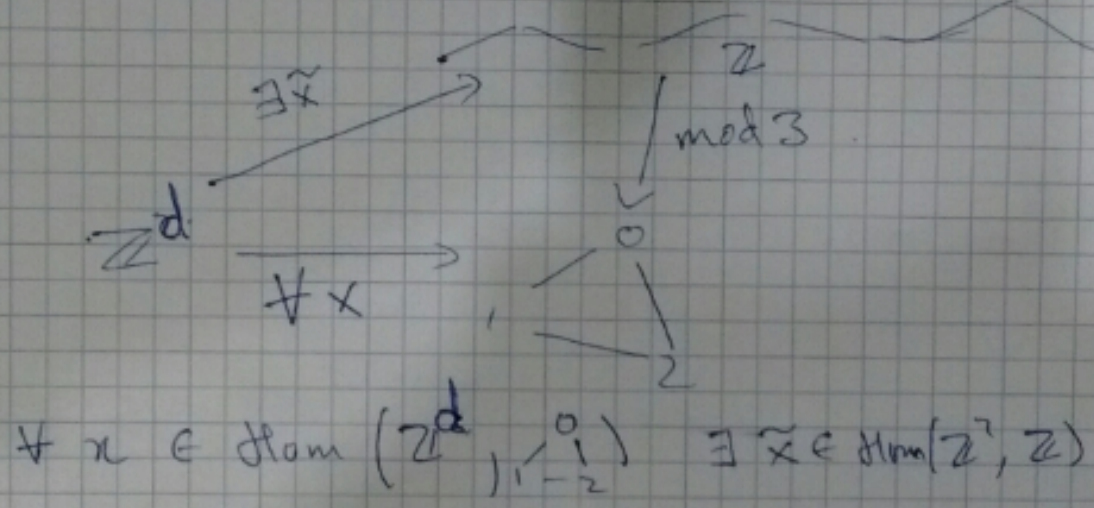
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$$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, H) = \{ \alpha: \mathbb{Z}^d \rightarrow H \mid \vec{I} \sim \vec{J} \Rightarrow \alpha(\vec{I}) \sim_H \alpha(\vec{J}) \}$$



\mathbb{Z}^2 K_n - complete graph with n vertices
 $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, K_n)$ - proper n -colourings of \mathbb{Z}^d

$\text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix})$ - hard square model



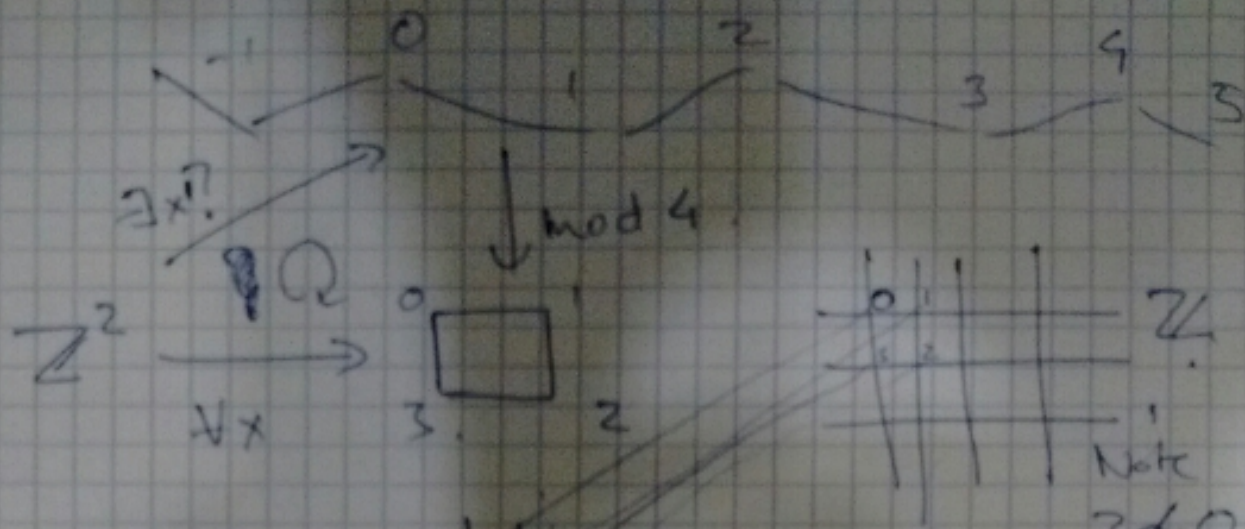
such that

$$\tilde{\alpha} \text{ mod } 3 = \alpha$$

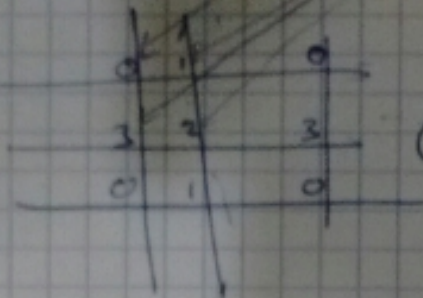
- useful → computing the entropy
- unique mine in 2 dimensions
- multiple mines in high enough dimension.

* A shift space X is called SI if $\exists n$ st $\forall A, B \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ $d(A, B) \geq n$ $x, y \in X \exists z$ st $x|_A = z|_A, z|_B = y|_B$

→ determines uniform mixing properties.
 → \mathbb{Z} infit $\Rightarrow \text{ker}(\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix})$ not SI



Consider x :



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Thus $\nexists x'$
st $x' \bmod 4 = x$.

$\rightarrow x =$

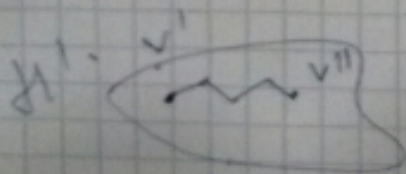
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Defn: $\pi: H' \rightarrow H$ covering map.

we say H lifts to H' if

the induced map $\pi: \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, H') \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}^d, H)$ is surjective.

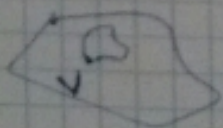
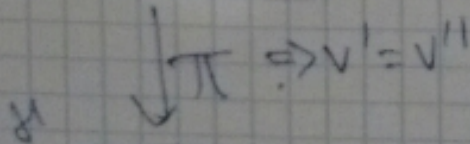
$\rightarrow H$ lifts to H' iff \exists for all walks in H

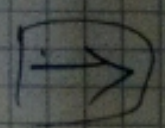


v', v_1, v_2, v_3, v'' in H'

$\nexists \pi(v') = \pi(v'')$

$\Rightarrow v' = v''$





There is a maximal H' .

Call it H_{max} .

How to obtain H_{max} ?

$H_{max} \rightarrow$ ① H

\rightarrow ② Construct M_H : stick 2-cells on all 4-cycles in H .

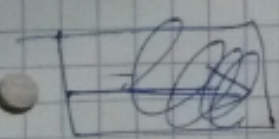
\rightarrow ③ Consider universal cover of M_H .

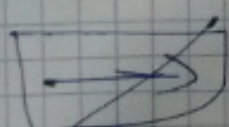
$\leadsto M_{uni, H}$

\rightarrow ④ Remove 2-cells.

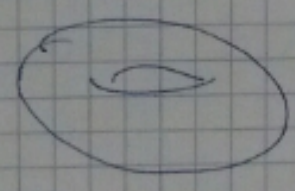
$\leadsto H_{max}$.

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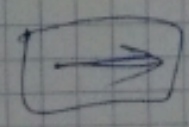
 $\text{Deg Deg } [H_{max} : H] = |\pi_1(M_H)|$

 $|H_{max}| = \infty \Rightarrow \text{rank}(\mathbb{Z}^2, H)$ is

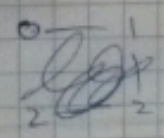
Ex:



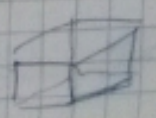
$\text{rank } H_{max} = 2$



$H_{max} = H_{uni}$ iff H has no four-cycles



H_{max}



~~Given a finitely present~~

⇒ Given any finitely presentable groups G .

$\exists H$ st $\pi_1(M_H) = G$ & her
~~Def~~

$$\text{Def } [H_{\max} : H] = |G| \rightarrow$$

⇒ It is undecidable whether

$$\rightarrow H_{\max} = H.$$

$$\rightarrow H_{\max} = \infty$$

Conj. It is undecidable whether ~~H_{\max}~~
 $\pi_1(M_{\mathbb{Z}^2}, H) = 1$ or S^1 .

⇒ $[H_{\max} : H] \rightarrow$ gives
a ~~quant~~ geometric
topological
constraint

⇒ there is a more
quantitative
obstruction
which is
harder to
understand