# Uniform Sampling of Subshifts of Finite Type

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But there can be several measures satisfying these properties...



Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1\}$ . The **one-dimensional Fibonacci SFT** is the set of words that do not contain two consecutive 1's. It is given by:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
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Its topological entropy is equal to log  $\varphi$ , where  $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . The Parry measure is the Markov measure given by



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### Proposition [J. Mairesse - I. Marcovici]

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Interpretation of these measures in terms of entropy?

# Sampling using probabilistic cellular automata

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