# Computing the entropy of two-dimensional shifts of finite type 

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- Theorem (Lind, 1983)): A number $h$ is the entropy of a one-dimensional SFT if and only if $h$ is the log of a root of a Perron number (special kind of algebraic integer).


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- Even worse: given $\mathcal{F}$, it is algorithmically undecidable whether or not $X=\varnothing$ !


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- Current best estimates (Friedland, 2007):
$0.58789116177534 \leq h\left(G^{(2)}\right) \leq 0.58789116177535$.


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- $\lambda\left(M_{n}\right)$ is lower bounded by Rayleigh quotient:

Let $\mathbf{1}_{n}$ denote the vector of all 1 's. For any $p$

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\lambda\left(\left(M_{n}\right)^{p}\right) \geq \frac{\mathbf{1}_{n}\left(M_{n}\right)^{p} \mathbf{1}_{n}^{\mathrm{t}}}{\mathbf{1}_{n} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{n}^{\mathrm{t}}}
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where numerator is a count of admissible $n \times p$ patterns.

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$$
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$$
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- Generally, for arbitrary $D$, consider the two $2 \times 2 \times \ldots \times 2$ checkerboard arrays:

$$
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