Expansive Automata Networks Journées SDA2 2019

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■ twisted lexicographic order: $00 \rightarrow 01 \rightarrow 02 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 21 \rightarrow 00$

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Then τ_i^n is a linear bijective map:

$$\tau_i^n = \begin{pmatrix} M_{1,i} & \cdots & M_{n,i} \\ \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ M_{1,i}^n & \cdots & M_{n,i}^n \end{pmatrix}$$

where $F^t = (M_{i,j}^t)$ for *F* linear:

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• for which G is there F expansive with $G_F = G$?







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■ Singleton bound: #words ≤ *q*^{length-distance+1}

■ In our case:
$$q^n \le q^{n^2 - (n^2 - n + 1) + 1}$$

Going further

expansion frequency

block-sequential update schedules

link with other "topological" properties

observability in general