

More symmetries occurring in an infinite word

Palindromic and G -palindromic defect

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Combinatorics on words

alphabet \mathcal{A}

example

$\{0, 1\}$

infinite word $\mathbf{u} = (u_i)_{i=0}^{+\infty}$, $u_i \in \mathcal{A}$

011010...

factor $w = u_k u_{k+1} \dots u_{k+n-1} \in \mathcal{A}^*$

01, 11, 10

language of \mathbf{u} is the set of its factors, denoted $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u})$

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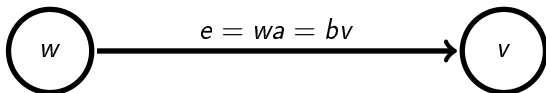
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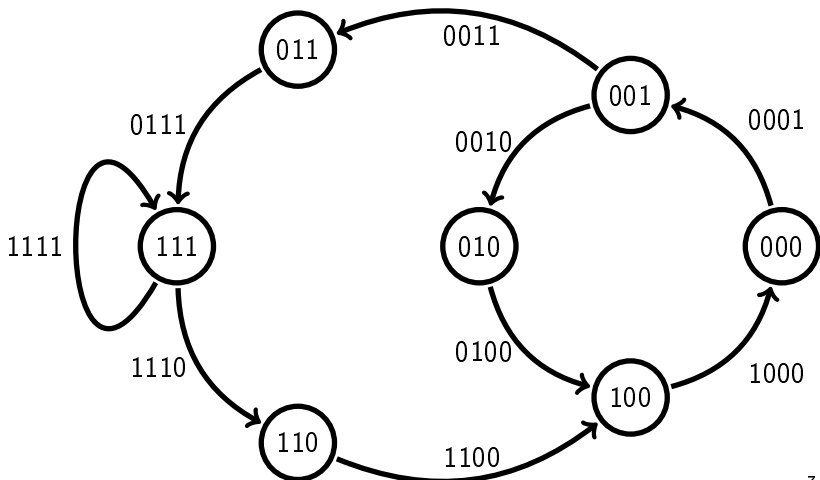
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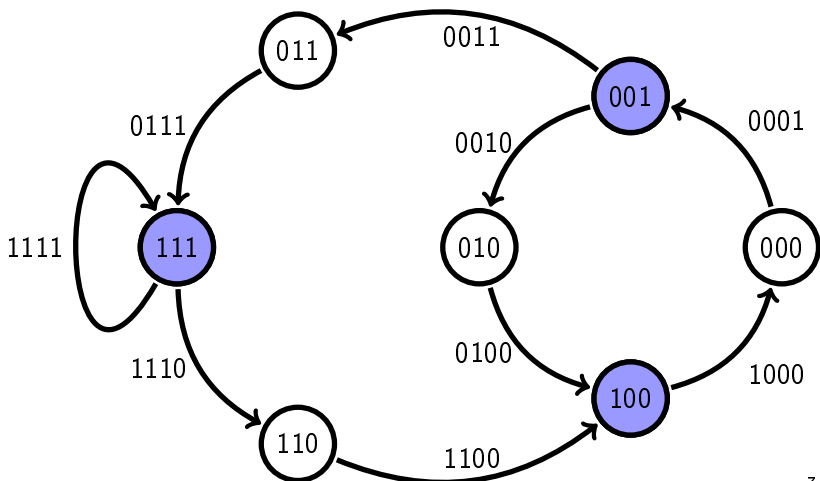
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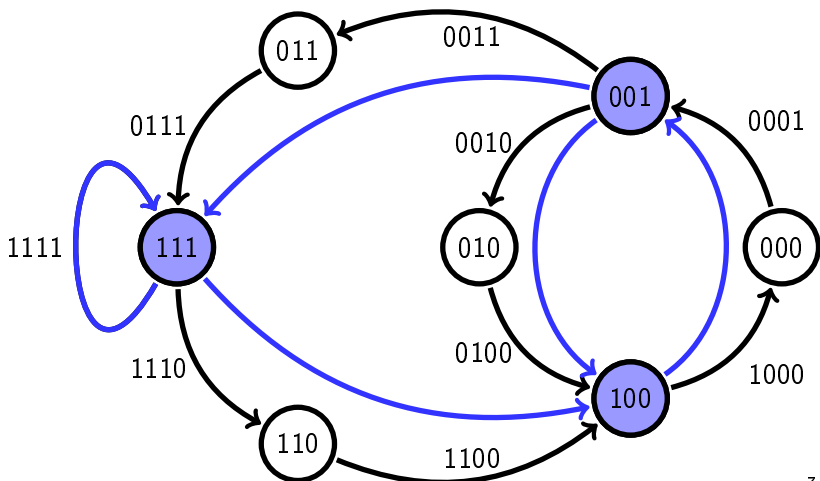
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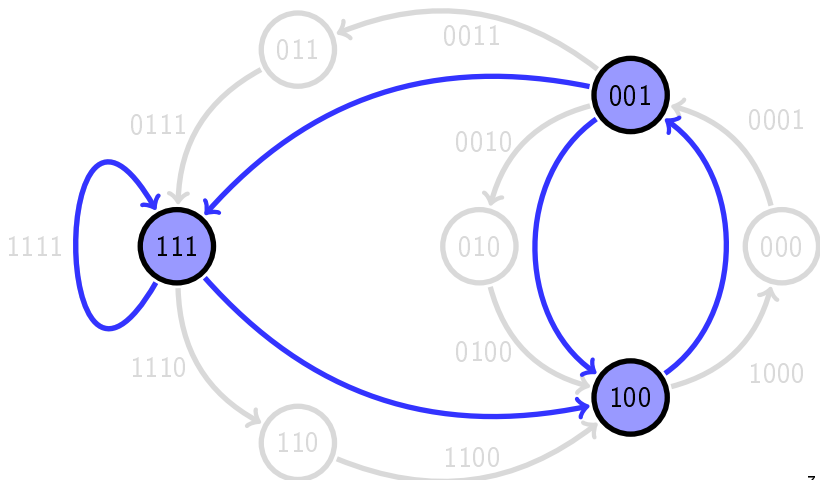
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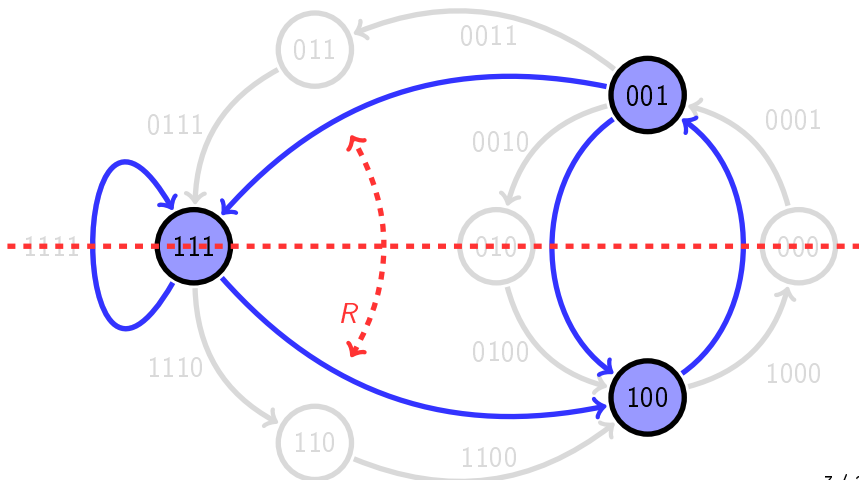
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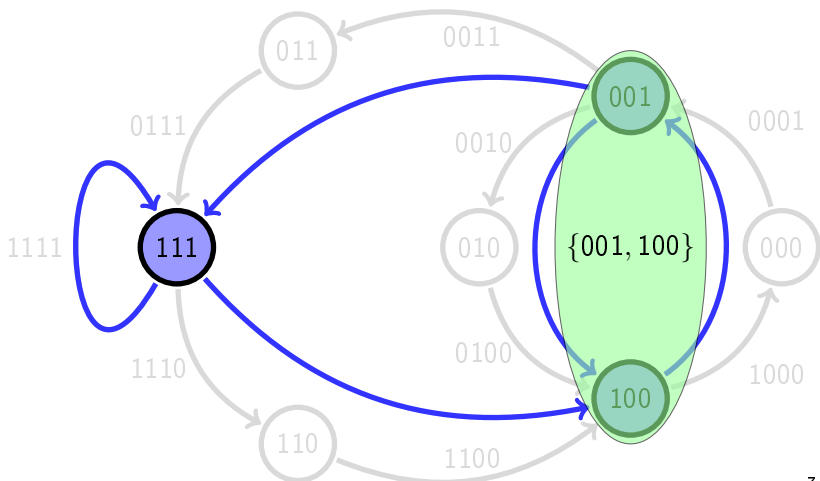
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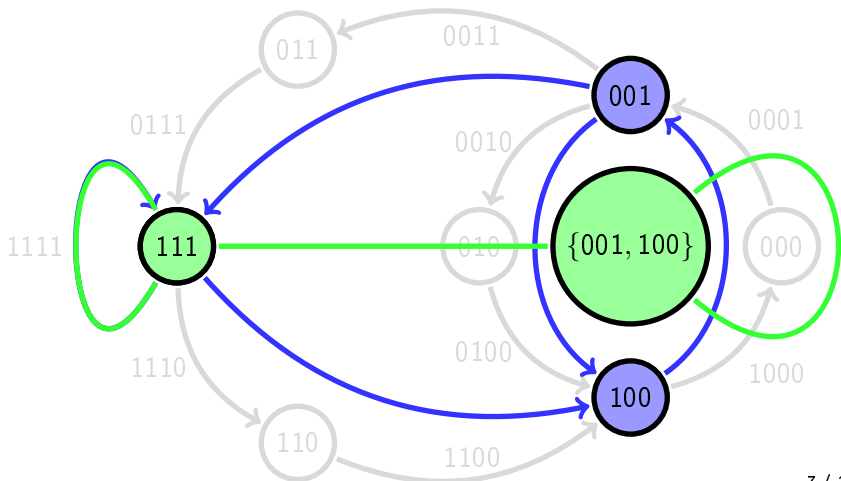
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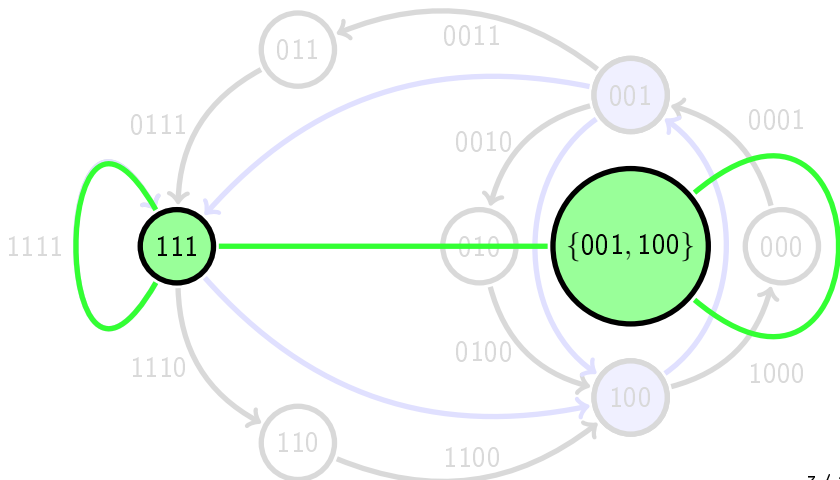
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Characterizations of words with defect 0

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1. \mathbf{u} has palindromic defect 0;
2. the longest palindromic suffix of any factor $w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{u})$ is unioccurrent in w ;
3. any complete return word of any palindromic factor of \mathbf{u} is a palindrome;
4. for any factor w of \mathbf{u} , every factor of \mathbf{u} that contains w only as its prefix and $R(w)$ only as its suffix is a palindrome;
5. for each n the following equality holds

$$\mathcal{C}(n+1) - \mathcal{C}(n) + 2 = \mathcal{P}(n) + \mathcal{P}(n+1).$$

[Droubay et al. 2001, Glen et al. 2009, Bucci et al. 2009]

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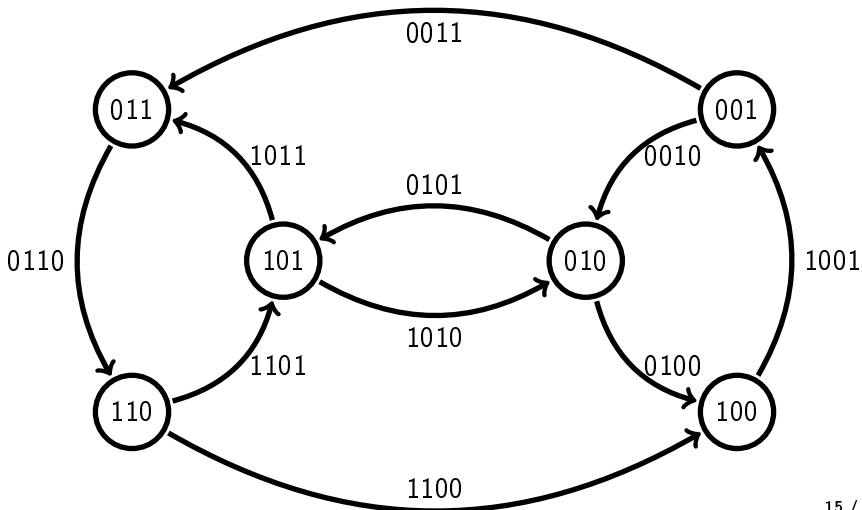
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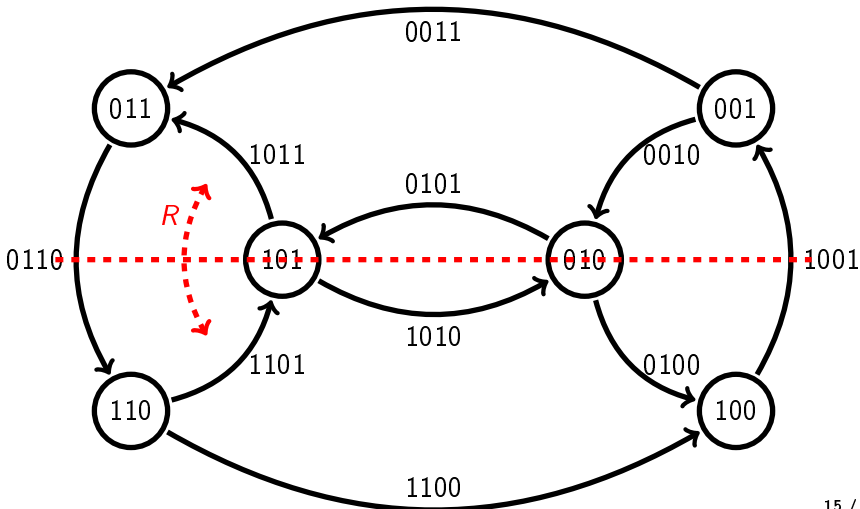
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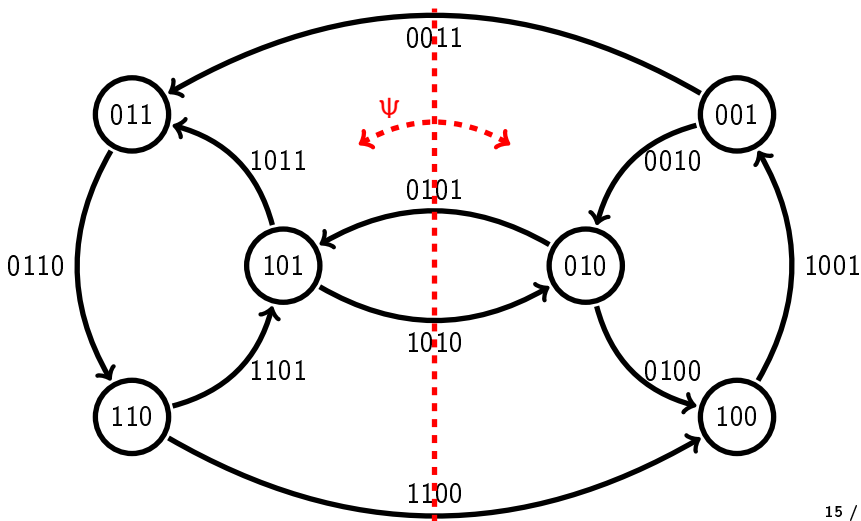
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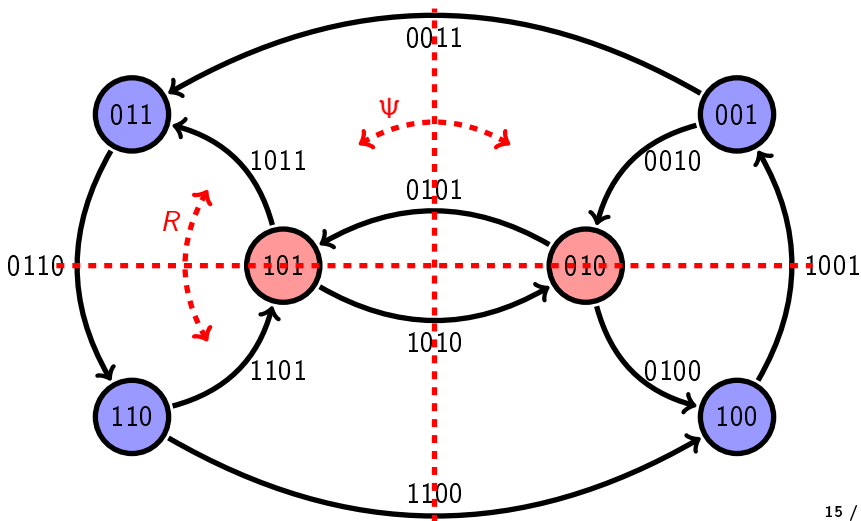
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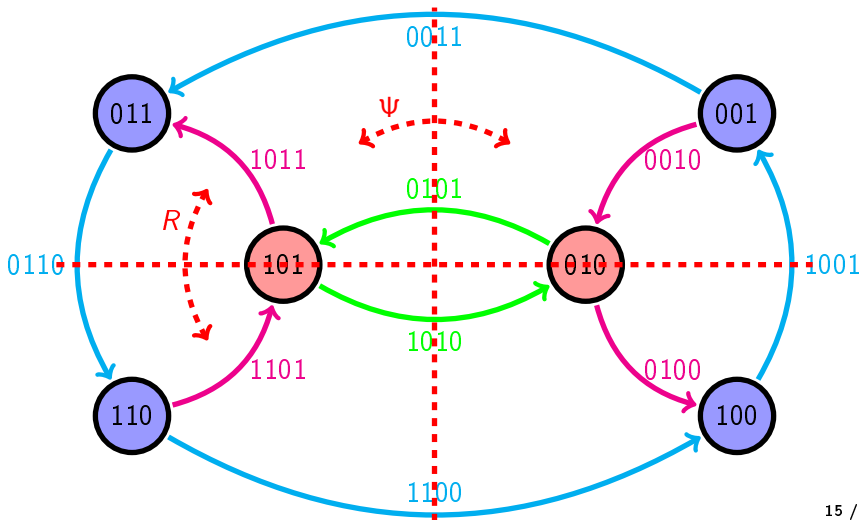
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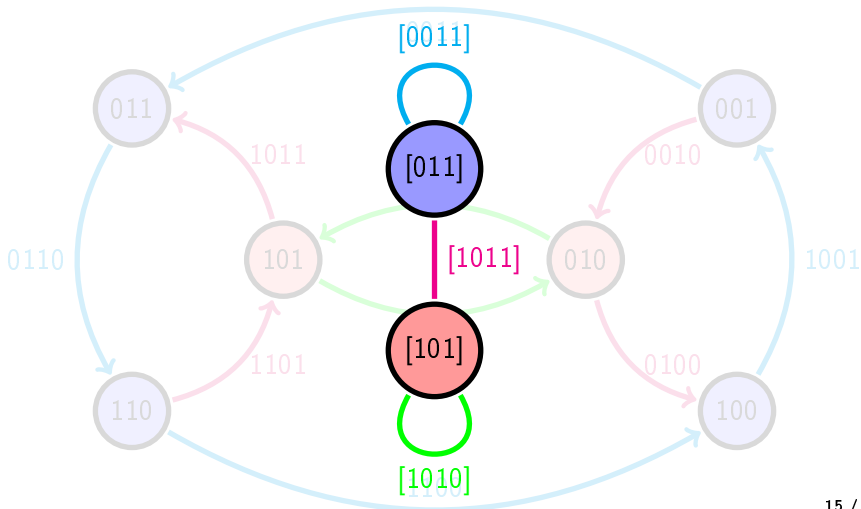
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Characterizations of words with G -defect 0

As in the case of palindromic defect, such words are fully saturated by generalized palindromes.

Theorem

Let \mathbf{u} be an infinite word with language closed under all elements of G . The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1 \mathbf{u} has G -defect 0;
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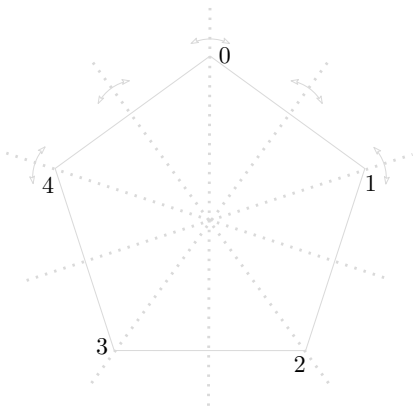
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- ④ there exists an integer N such that

$$\Delta C(n) + \#G = \sum_{\Theta \in G^{(2)}} \left(\mathcal{P}_{\Theta}(n) + \mathcal{P}_{\Theta}(n+1) \right) \quad \text{for all } n \geq N;$$

G -defect and Coxeter groups

If there exists a word with **finite** G -defect, then G is a Coxeter group.

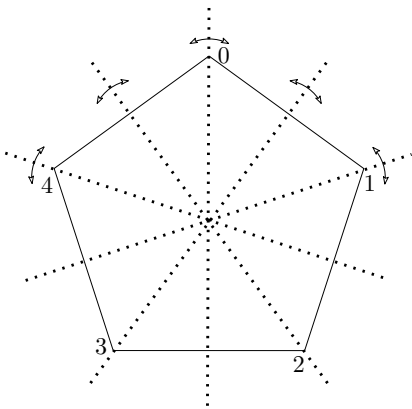
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