

**Combinatorial aspects in  
recurrent sequences over finite  
alphabets**

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## MOTTO

.... wir haben die Kunst, damit wir nicht an  
der Wahrheit zugrunde gehen .....

Friedrich Nietzsche

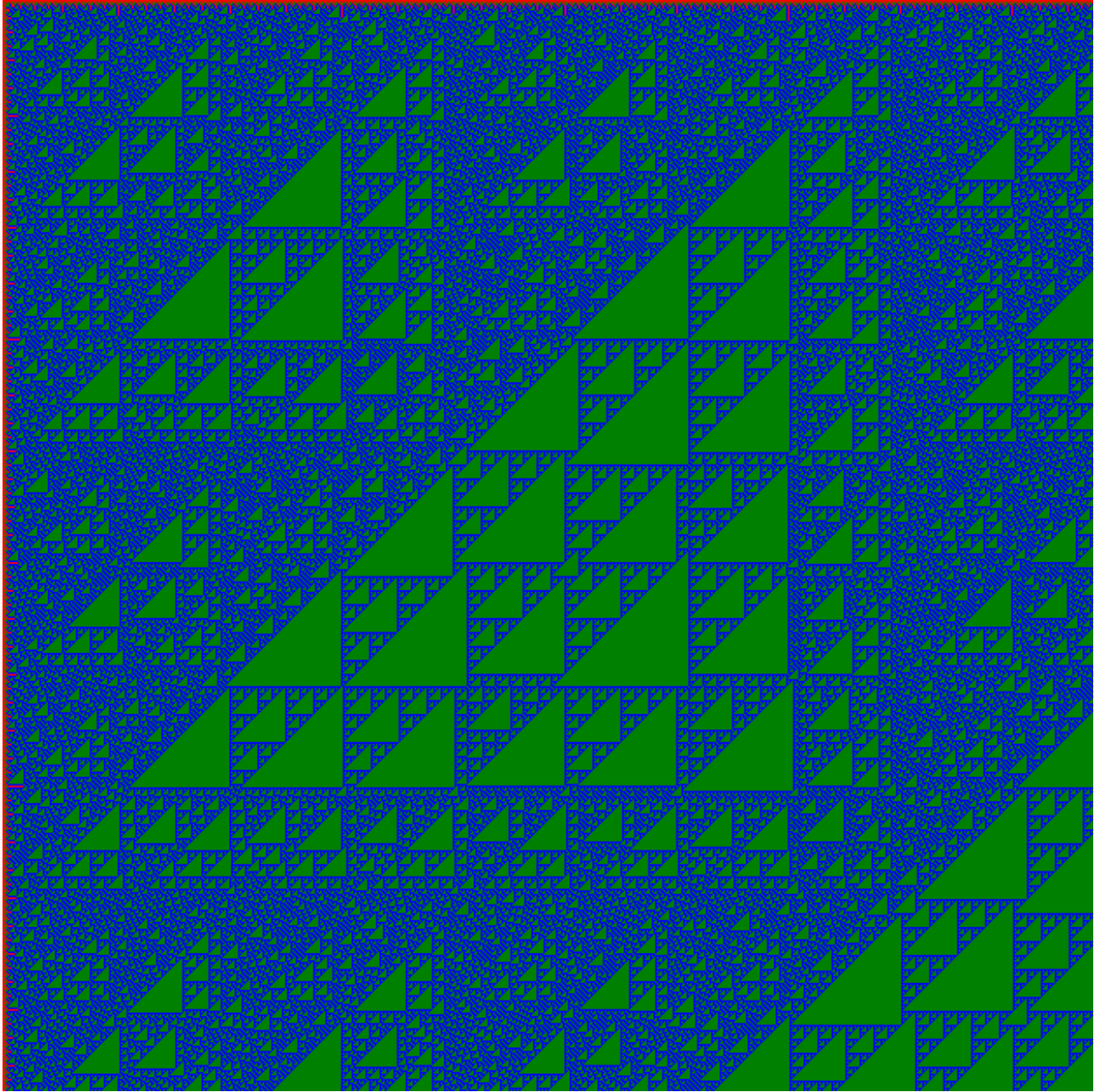
## Definition

$(A, f, 1)$ :  $A$  finite,  $f : A^3 \rightarrow A$ ,  $1 \in A$

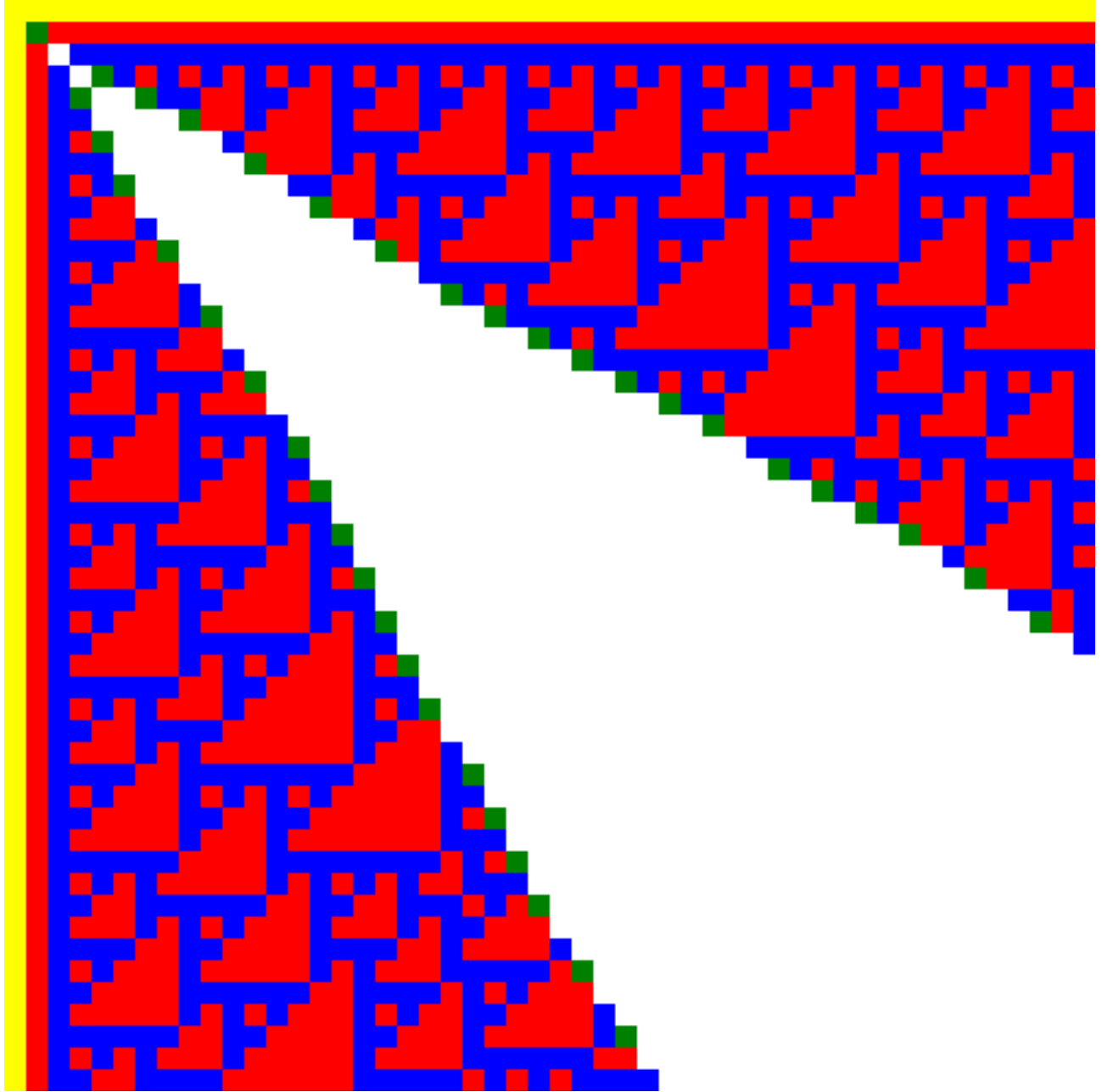
Recurrent double sequence  $(a(i, j))$ :

- $\forall i \ \forall j \ a(i, 0) = a(0, j) = 1$
- $i > 0 \wedge j > 0$  :

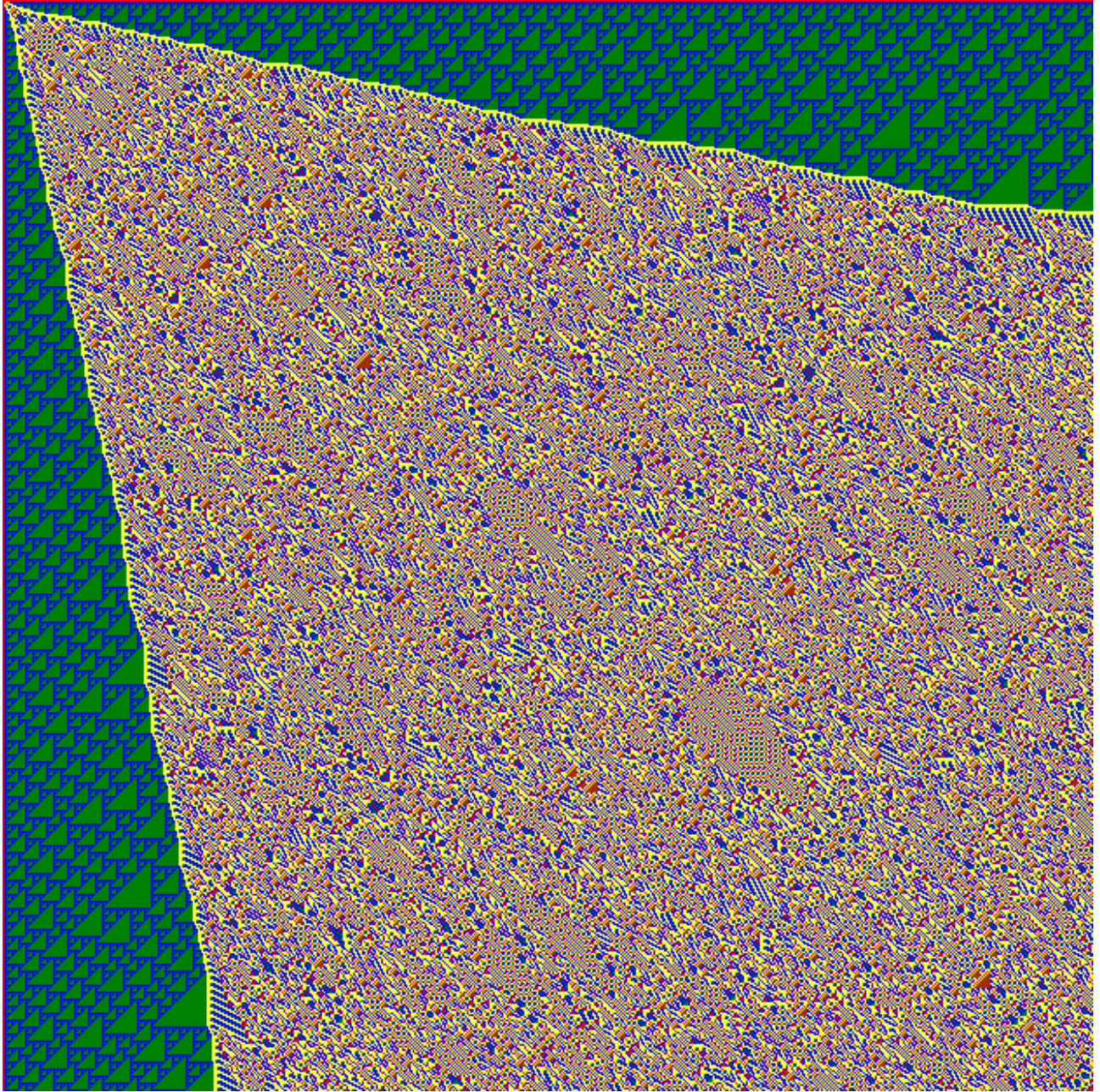
$$a(i, j) = f(a(i-1, j), a(i-1, j-1), a(i, j-1))$$



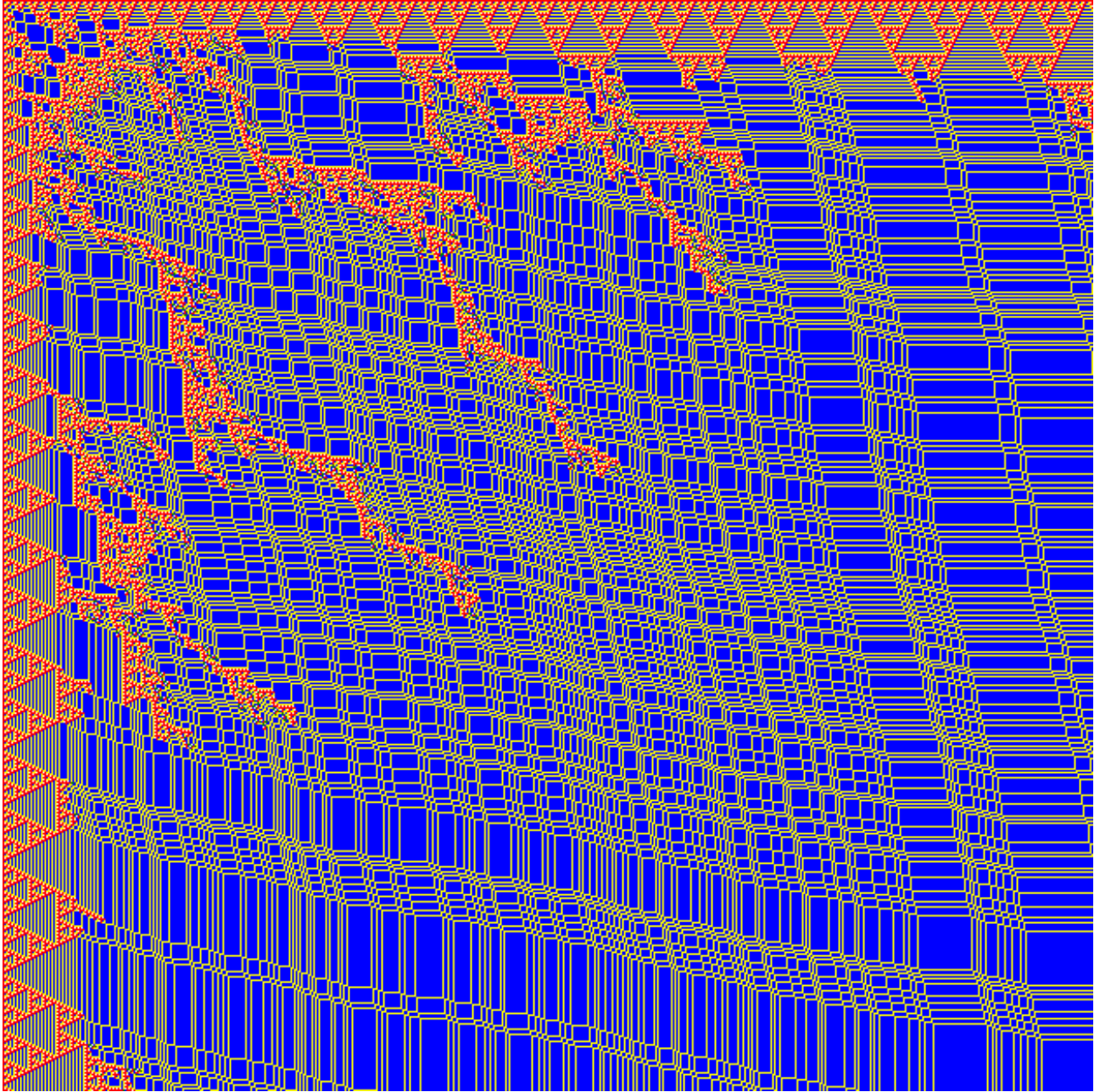
$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 4x^2y^4z^2 + 4x^4y^3 + 4y^3z^4 + 2xy^2z + 3, 1)$$



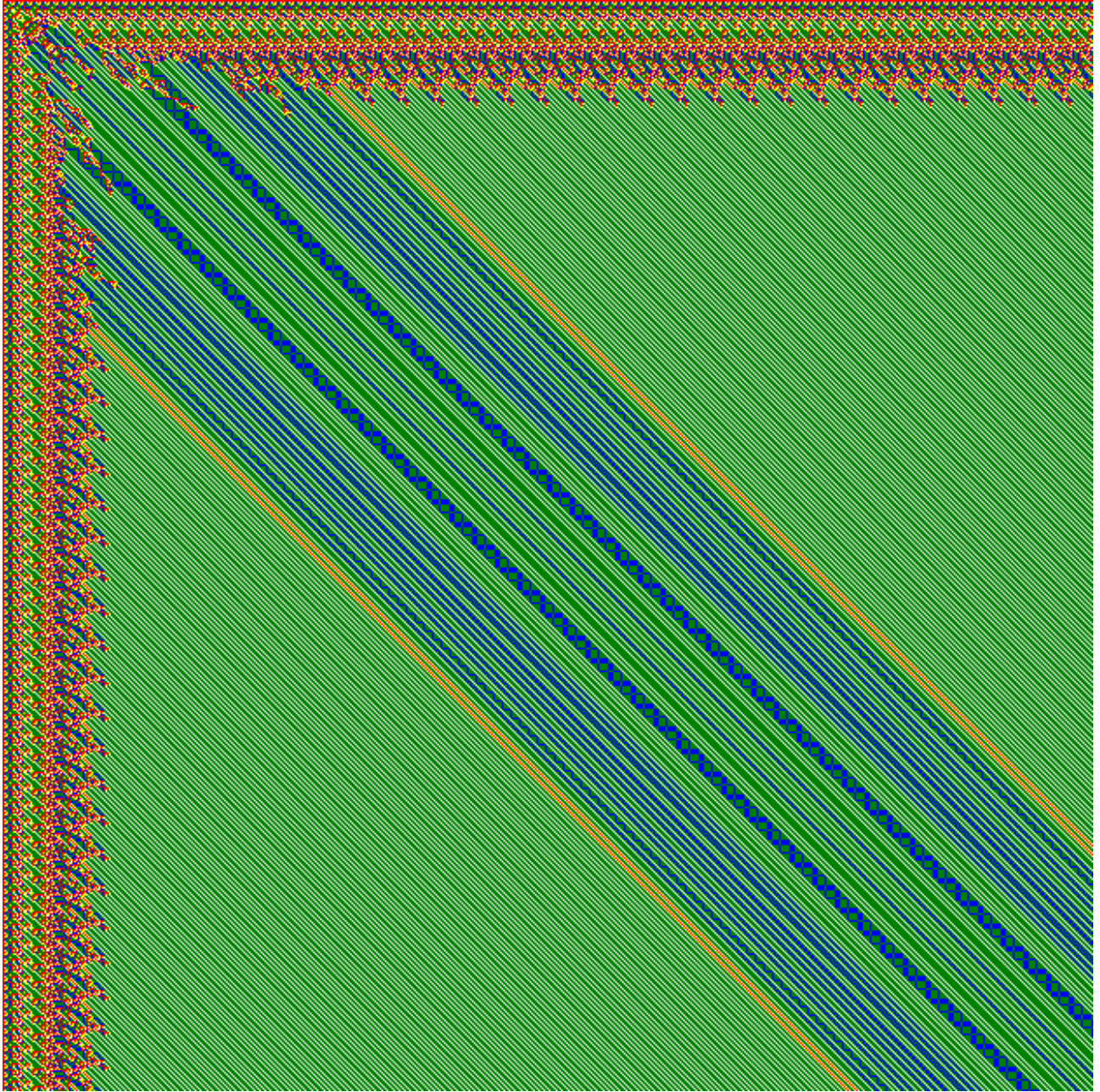
$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 4x^4z^4 + 4x^2y^2 + 4y^2z^2 + 4y^2, 2)$$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 3x^4z^4 + 3x^2y^2 + 3y^2z^2 + 2x^3yz^3 + 1, 1)$$

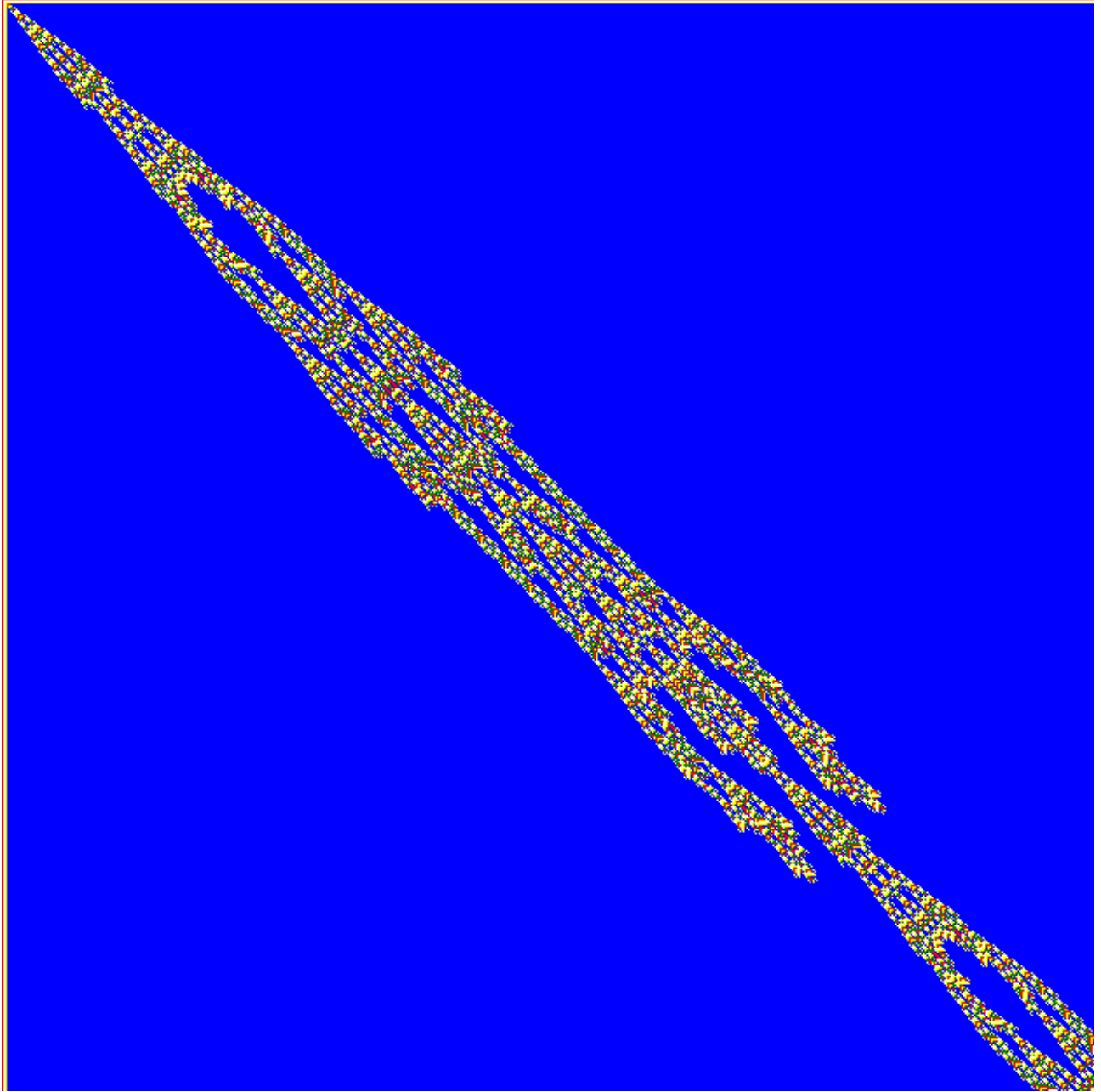


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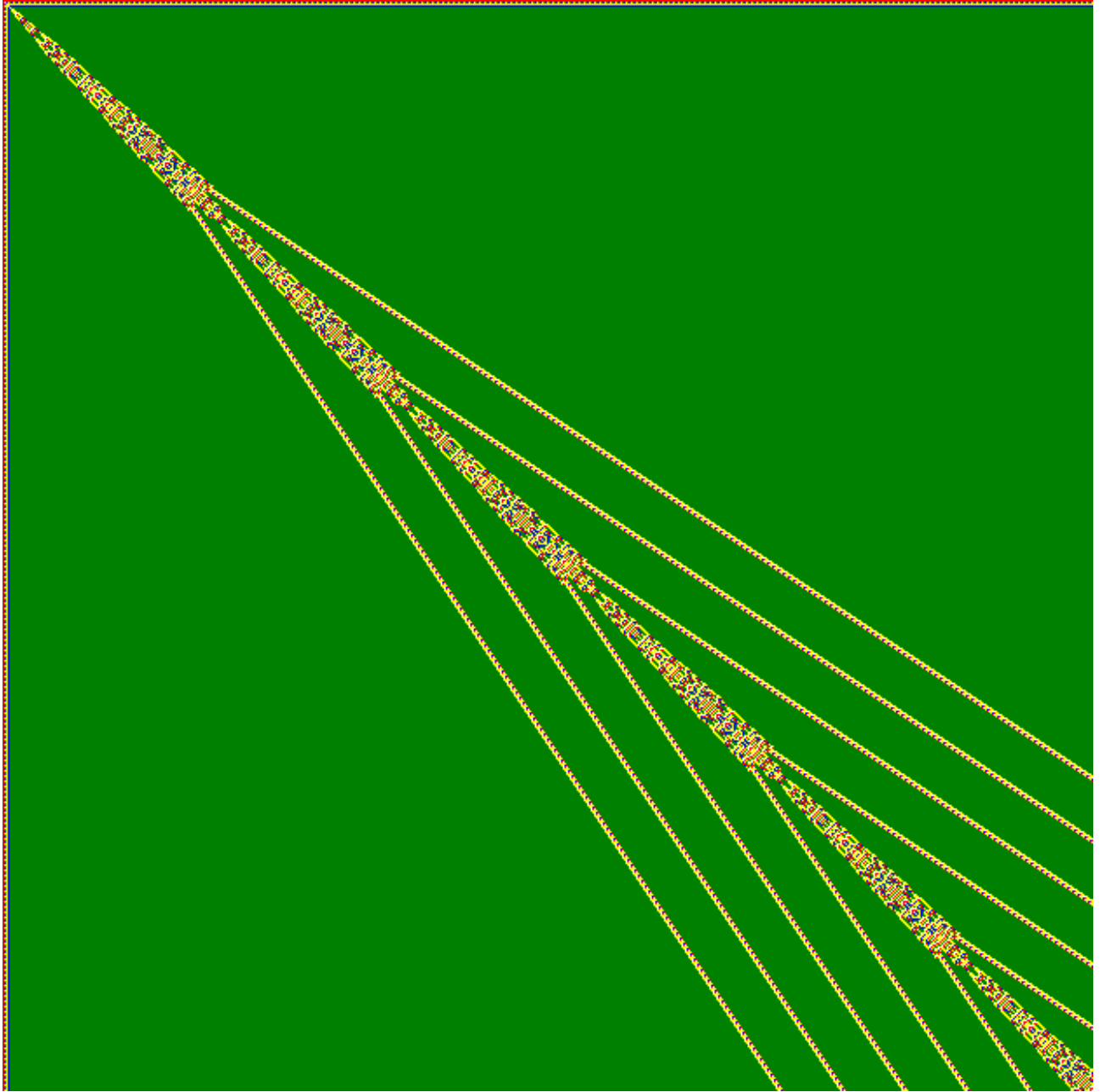


$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 2x^3y^3z^3 + 2x^2 + 2z^2 + 4xy^3z + 4, 1)$$

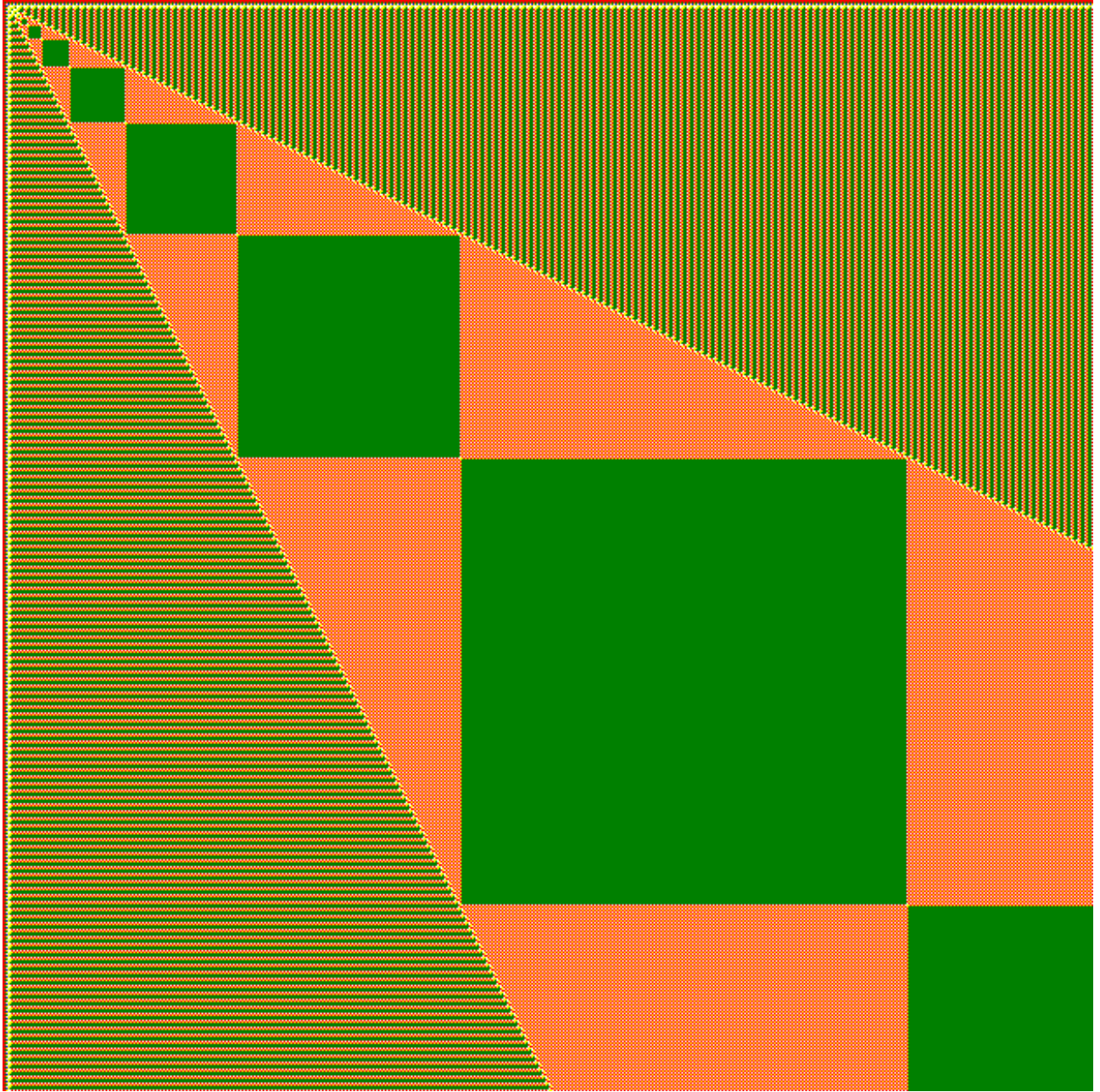




$$(\mathbb{F}_5, x^2y^3z^2 + x^4y^2 + y^2z^4 + 3x^3y^3z^3 + 4, 1)$$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 2x^3y^2z^3 + 2x^3y^3 + 2y^3z^3 + 3x^4z^4 + 1, 1)$$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 3x^3y^2z^3 + 3x^3y^3 + 3y^3z^3 + 4x^2y^2z^2 + 4, 1)$$

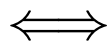
# Turing Completeness

$$(A, f : A^2 \rightarrow A, 0, 1)$$

$$a(i, j) = f(a(i, j - 1), a(i - 1, j))$$

**Theorem 1**  $\forall (M, w)$  Turing Machine with input  $\exists \mathfrak{A} = (A, f, 0, 1)$  finite, commutative, so that:

$(a(i, j))$  ultimately zero



$M$  stops with empty band, without having ever been left from the start cell.

M. P: Undecidable properties of the recurrent double sequences. Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, 49, 2, 143 - 151, 2008.

$a, b, c, d$  letters

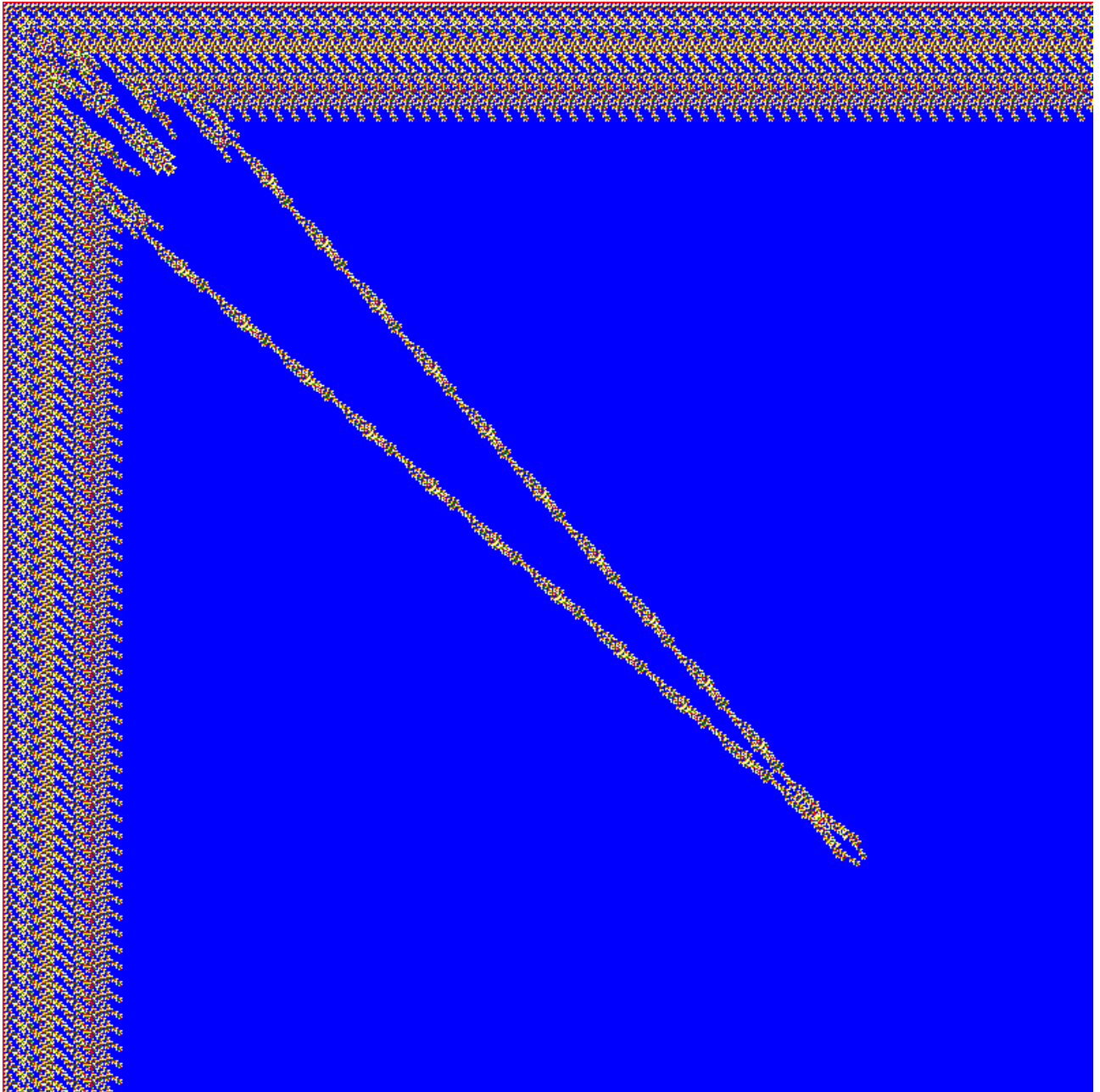
$z$  state

$\delta = (c, z)$  new letter

		$b$
	$\delta$	$(\delta, b)$
$a$	$(a, \delta)$	$d$

To construct a commutative structure, one needs 8 diagonals in stead of only 2.

"Stopping Computation 1",  $625 \times 625$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 4x^4z^4 + 4xy^3 + 4y^3z + 4xy^3z + 4, 1)$$

"Stopping Computation 2",  $20 \times 20$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, x^4 z^4 + x^2 y^4 + y^4 z^2 + 2xyz + 3, 1)$$

# Selfsimilar double sequences

$$(\mathbb{F}_q, f(x, y, z) = x + my + z, 1)$$

$$F = (a(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i, j < p), \quad q = p^s$$

$\varphi(x) = x^p$  Frobenius' Automorphism

$$G_d = (a(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i, j < p^d)$$

## Theorem 2

$$G_d = \varphi^{d-1}(F) \otimes \varphi^{d-2}(F) \otimes \cdots \otimes \varphi(F) \otimes F$$

If  $\mathbb{F}_q = \mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $G_d = F^{\otimes d}$ . Substitution:  
start with 1 and apply rules of type:

*element*  $\rightarrow$  *matrix*

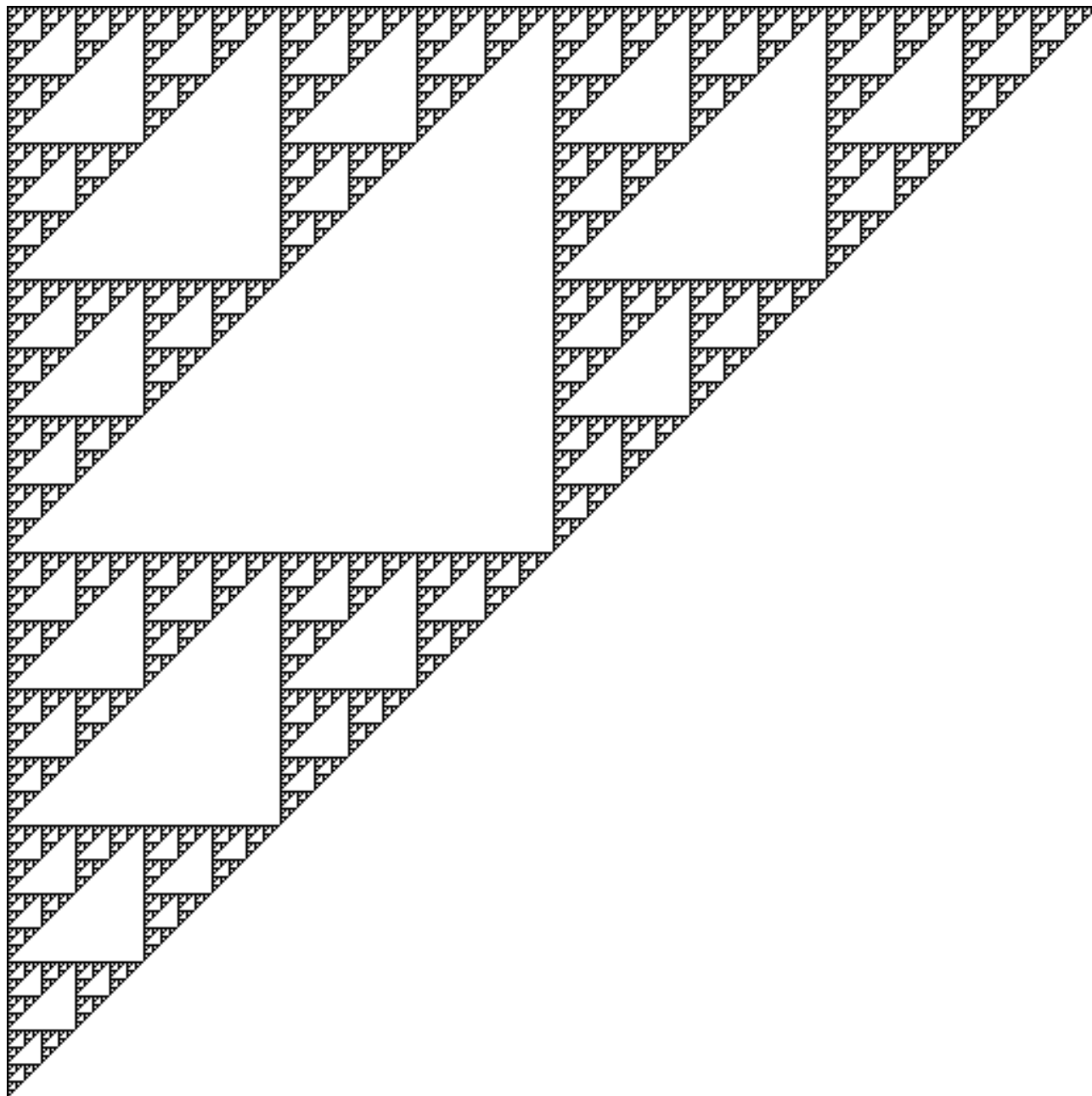
$$a \rightarrow aF$$

The sequence of matrices  $(G_d)$  converges to a self-similar *fractal*.

M. P: *Self-similar carpets over finite fields*. European Journal of Combinatorics, 30, 4, 866 - 878, 2009.



# Pascal's Triangle mod 2

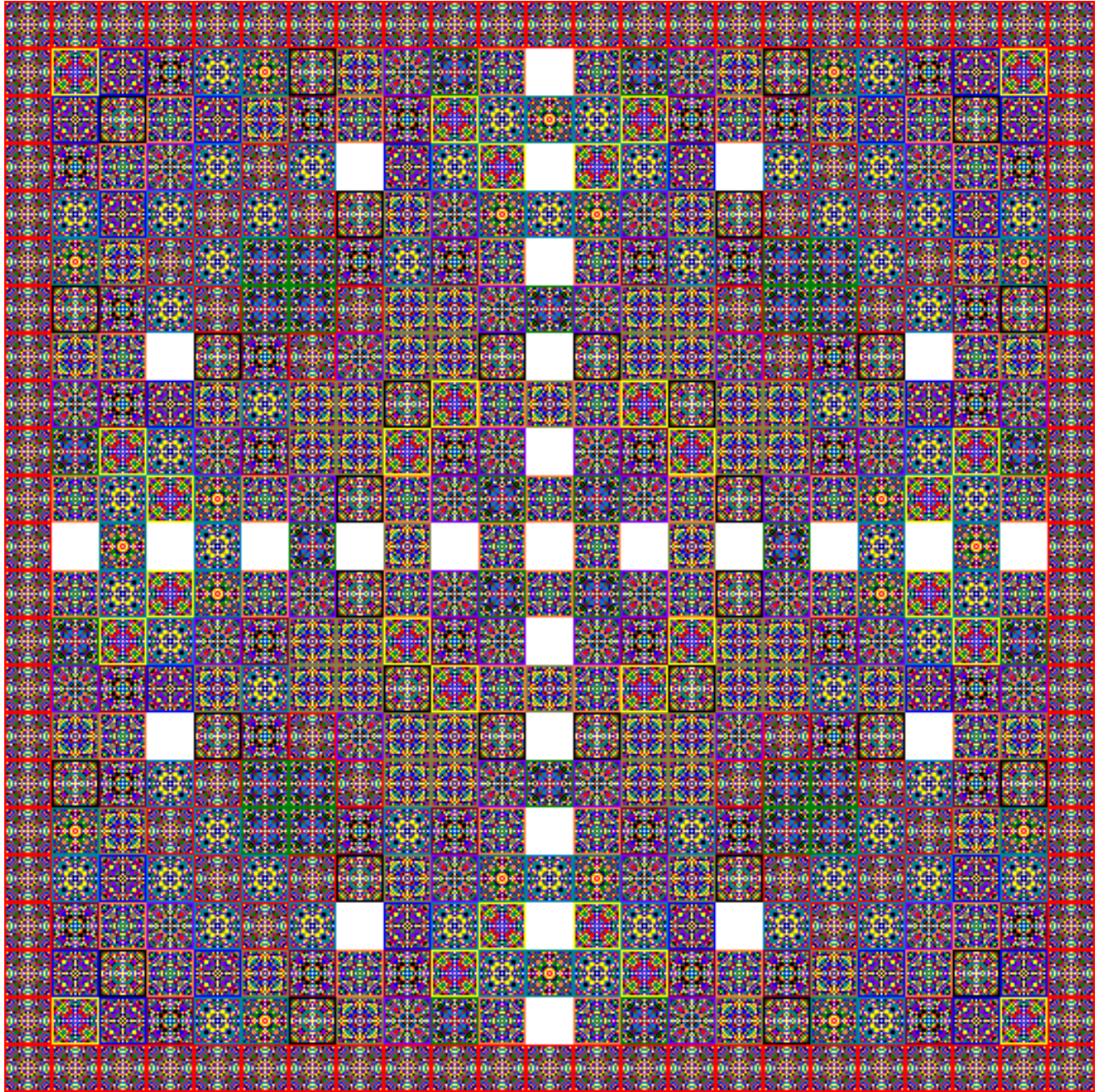


$$(\mathbb{F}_2, x + z, 1), d = 9$$

$$1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Lakhtakia - Passoja Carpet mod 23



$$(\mathbb{F}_{23}, x + y + z, 1), d = 2$$

$$G_2: \forall k \in \mathbb{F}_{23} \quad \text{Color}(k) = \text{Color}(23 - k)$$

# Substitution

$[element \rightarrow matrix] \rightsquigarrow [matrix \rightarrow matrix]$

$x \geq 1$  basic granulation

$s \geq 2$  scaling,  $y = xs$

$\mathcal{X} \subset A^{x \times x}$  finite

$\mathcal{Y} \subset A^{y \times y}$  finite

$\forall Y \in \mathcal{Y} \quad Y = (X(i, j) \in \mathcal{X} \mid 0 \leq i, j < s)$

$\Sigma : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  rule of substitution

$X_1 \in \mathcal{X}$  start symbol

$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \Sigma, X_1)$  system of substitutions

$S(1) = X_1, S(n) = \Sigma^{n-1}(X_1)$

## Expansive systems of substitutions

$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \Sigma, X_1)$  expansive, if

$$\Sigma(X_1) = (X(i, j) \in \mathcal{X}) \models X(0, 0) = X_1$$

**Lemma 3**  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \Sigma, X_1)$  expansive. Then for all  $n > 0$  is the matrix  $S(n)$  the  $x s^{n-1} \times x s^{n-1}$  left upper corner of the matrix  $S(n + 1)$ .

$$S(n + 1) = \begin{pmatrix} S(n) & U \\ V & W \end{pmatrix}$$

Let  $T \in A^{wx \times zx}$  be a matrix.

**Definition:**

$$\mathcal{N}_x = \{K \in A^{2x \times 2x} \mid K \text{ occurs in } T \text{ and starts in some } (kx, lx)\}$$

**Theorem 4**  $(A, f, \text{Margins}) \rightsquigarrow R$

$(A, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \Sigma, X_1), x \rightarrow sx, \rightsquigarrow S$

$R(n) := (a(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i, j < xs^{n-1})$

**If** *there is some  $m > 1$ , so that :*

-  $R(m) = S(m)$

-  $\mathcal{N}_x(S(m-1)) = \mathcal{N}_x(S(m))$

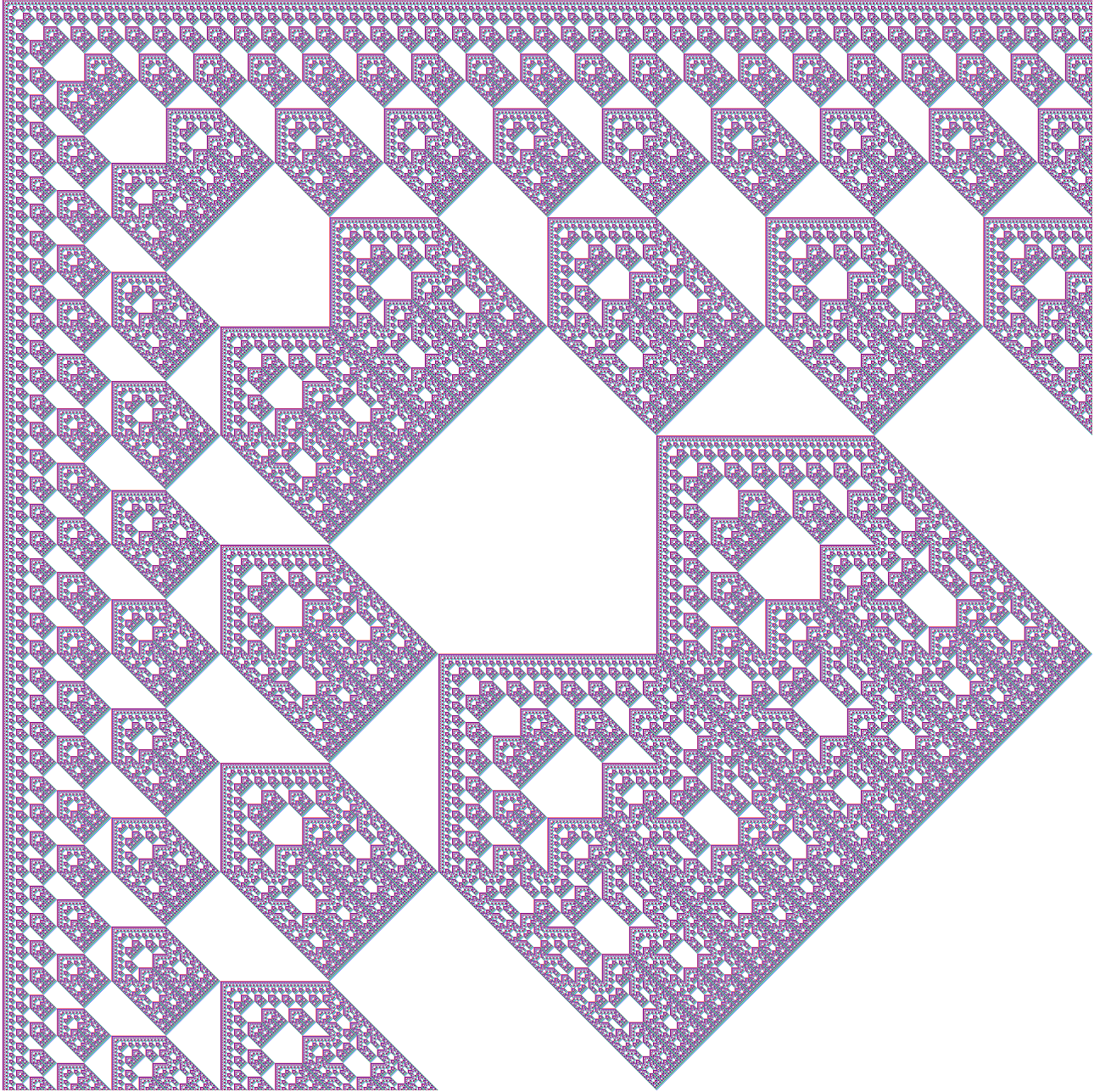
-  $S \mid (i = 0) = R \mid (i = 0)$

-  $S \mid (j = 0) = R \mid (j = 0)$

**Then**  $R = S$ .

M. P: *Recurrent double sequences that can be produced by context-free substitutions.* Fractals, Vol 18, Nr. 1, 1 - 9, 2010.

Twin Peaks,  $2560 \times 2560$ .



$$\mathbb{F}_4 = \{0, 1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2 = \epsilon + 1\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$(\mathbb{F}_4, y + \epsilon(x + z) + \epsilon^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2), 1)$$

$$X_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \\ X_3 & X_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_2 & X_2 \\ X_5 & X_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_3 & X_6 \\ X_3 & X_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_7 & X_1 \\ X_1 & X_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_8 & X_1 \\ X_{10} & X_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{10} \\ X_1 & X_8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_7 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_7 & X_7 \\ X_7 & X_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_8 & X_7 \\ X_{12} & X_8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_9 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_9 & X_{12} \\ X_{12} & X_9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{10} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_9 & X_{10} \\ X_{10} & X_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} \\ X_7 & X_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{13} & X_{14} \\ X_{15} & X_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

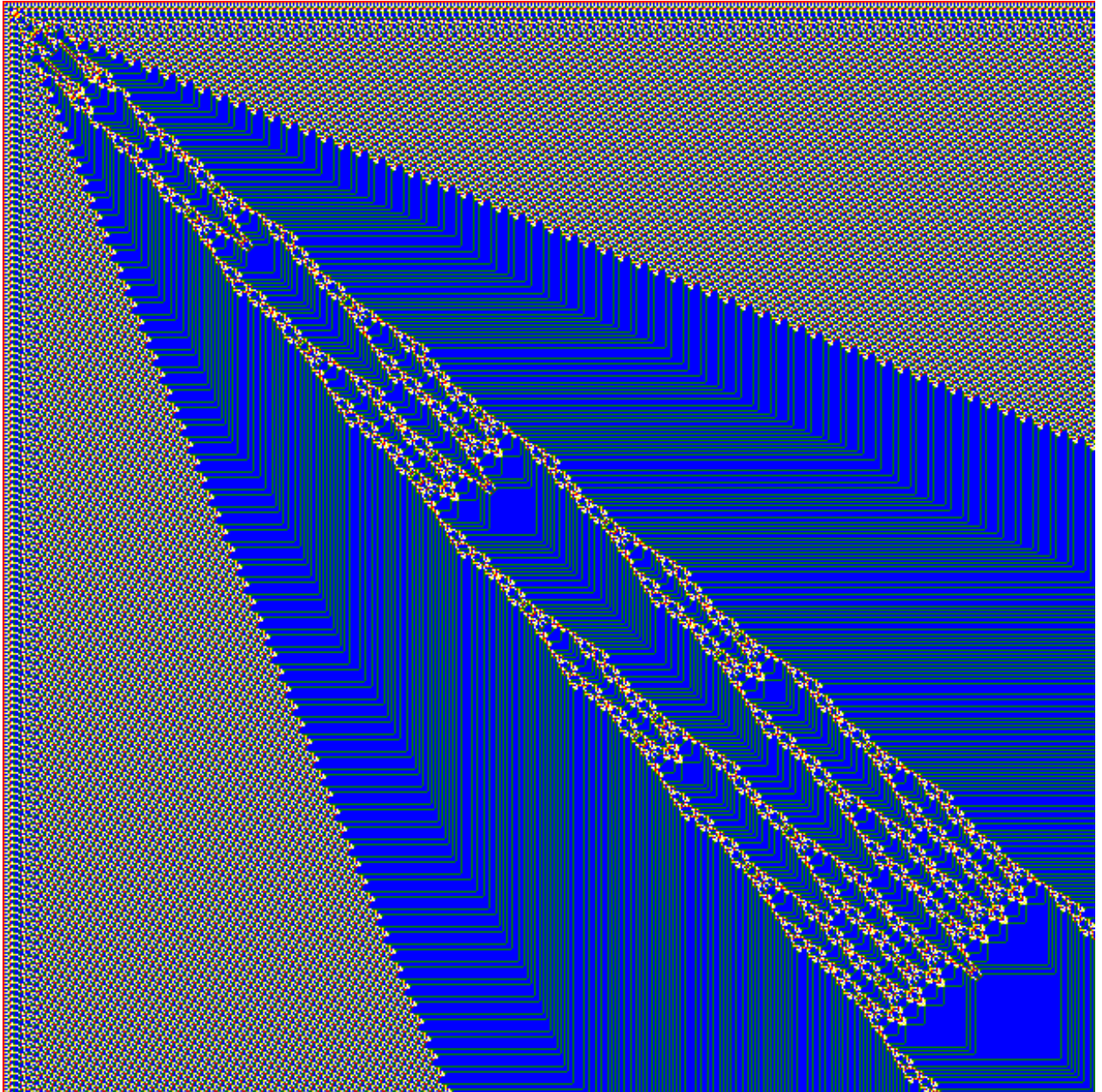
$$X_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{13} & X_6 \\ X_5 & X_{10} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{14} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_3 & X_{14} \\ X_{11} & X_5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$X_{15} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_2 & X_8 \\ X_{15} & X_6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



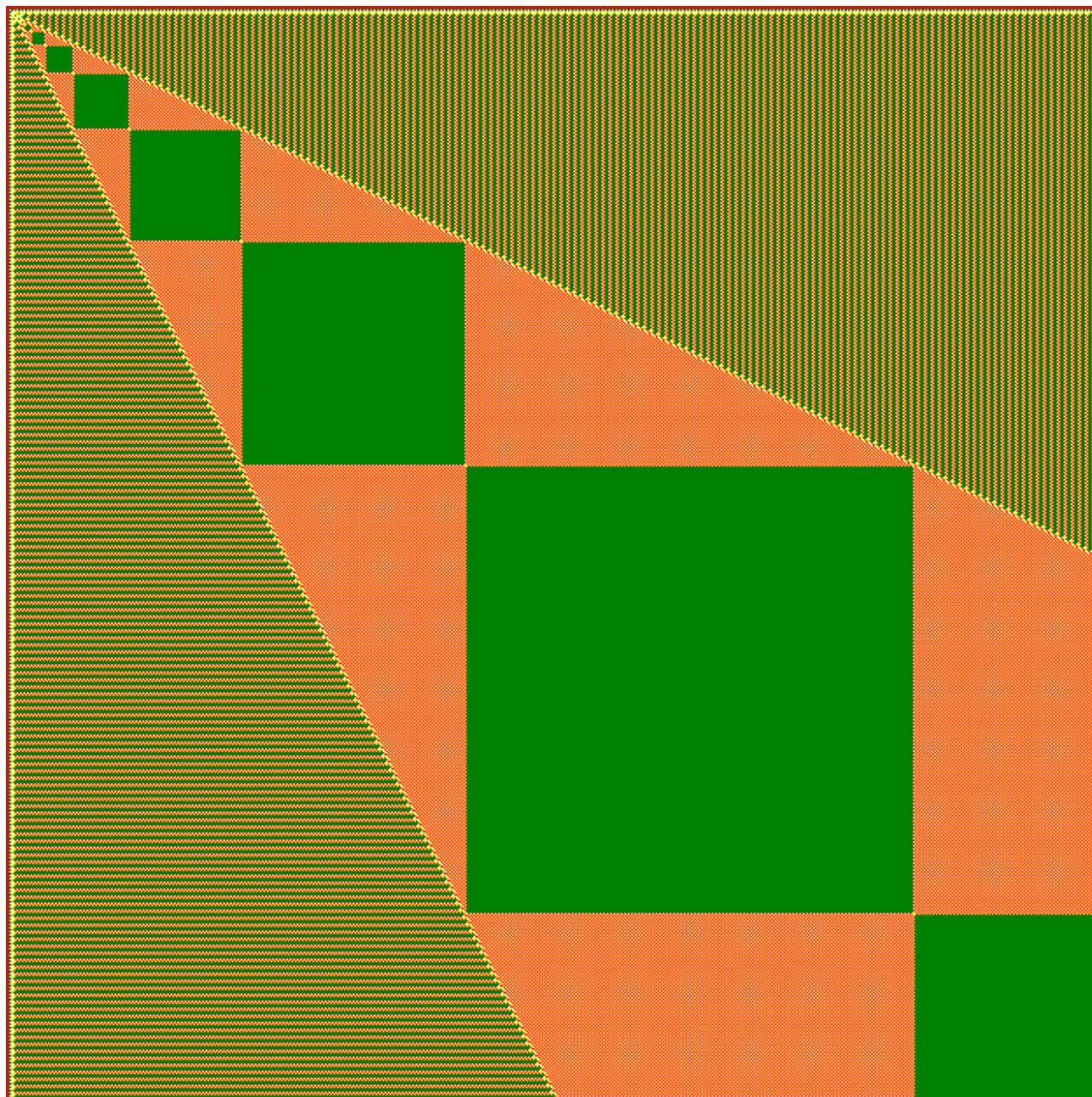
Ivy,  $625 \times 625$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, x^3z^3 + x^4y + yz^4 + 2xyz + 4, 1)$$

1802 rules  $256 \rightarrow 512$

Square Root,  $625 \times 625$



$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 3x^3y^2z^3 + 3x^3y^3 + 3y^3z^3 + 4x^2y^2z^2 + 4, 1)$$

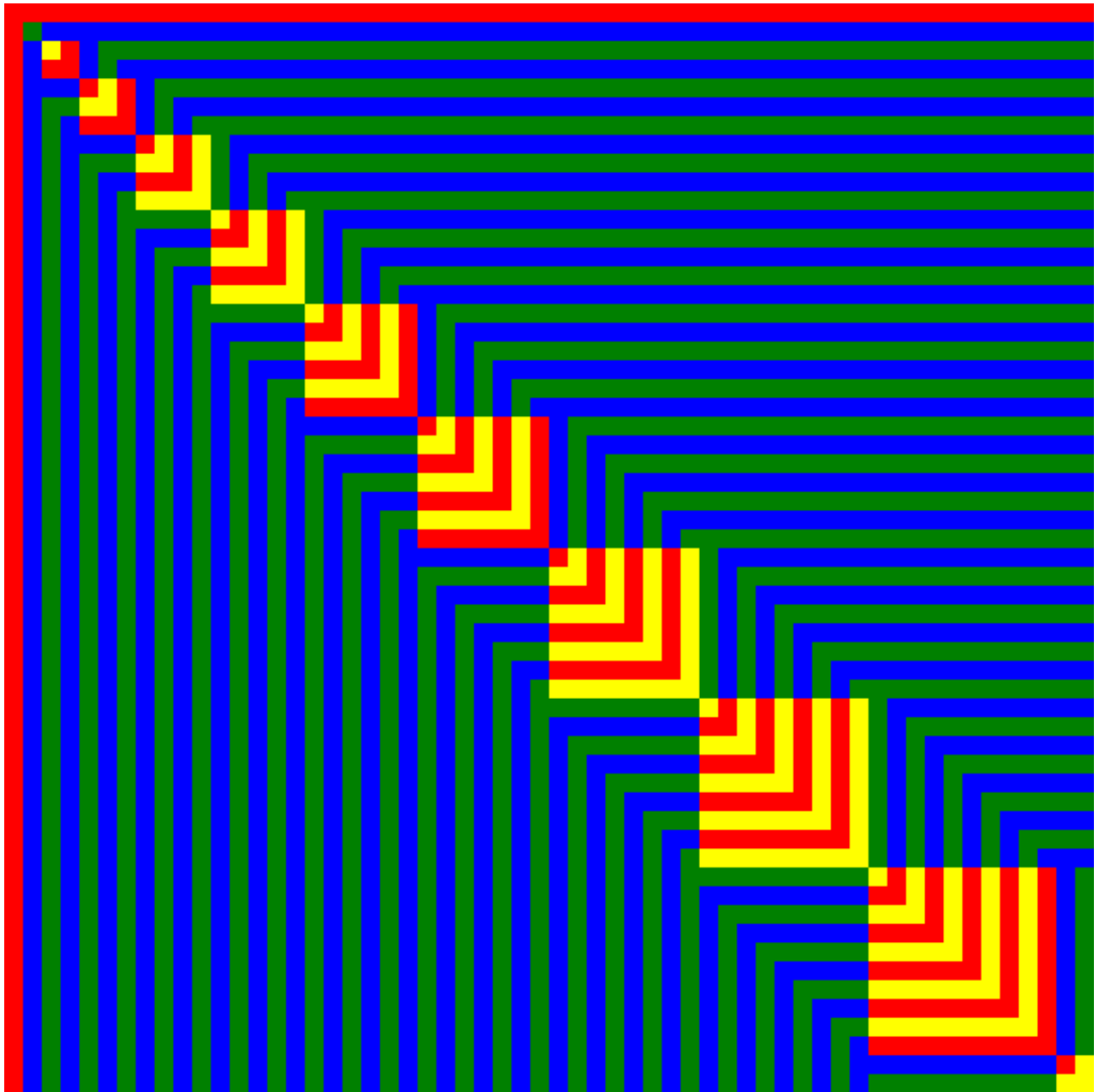
26 rules  $8 \rightarrow 16$

Is every recurrent double sequence a  
substitution?

**DEFINITELY NOT!**

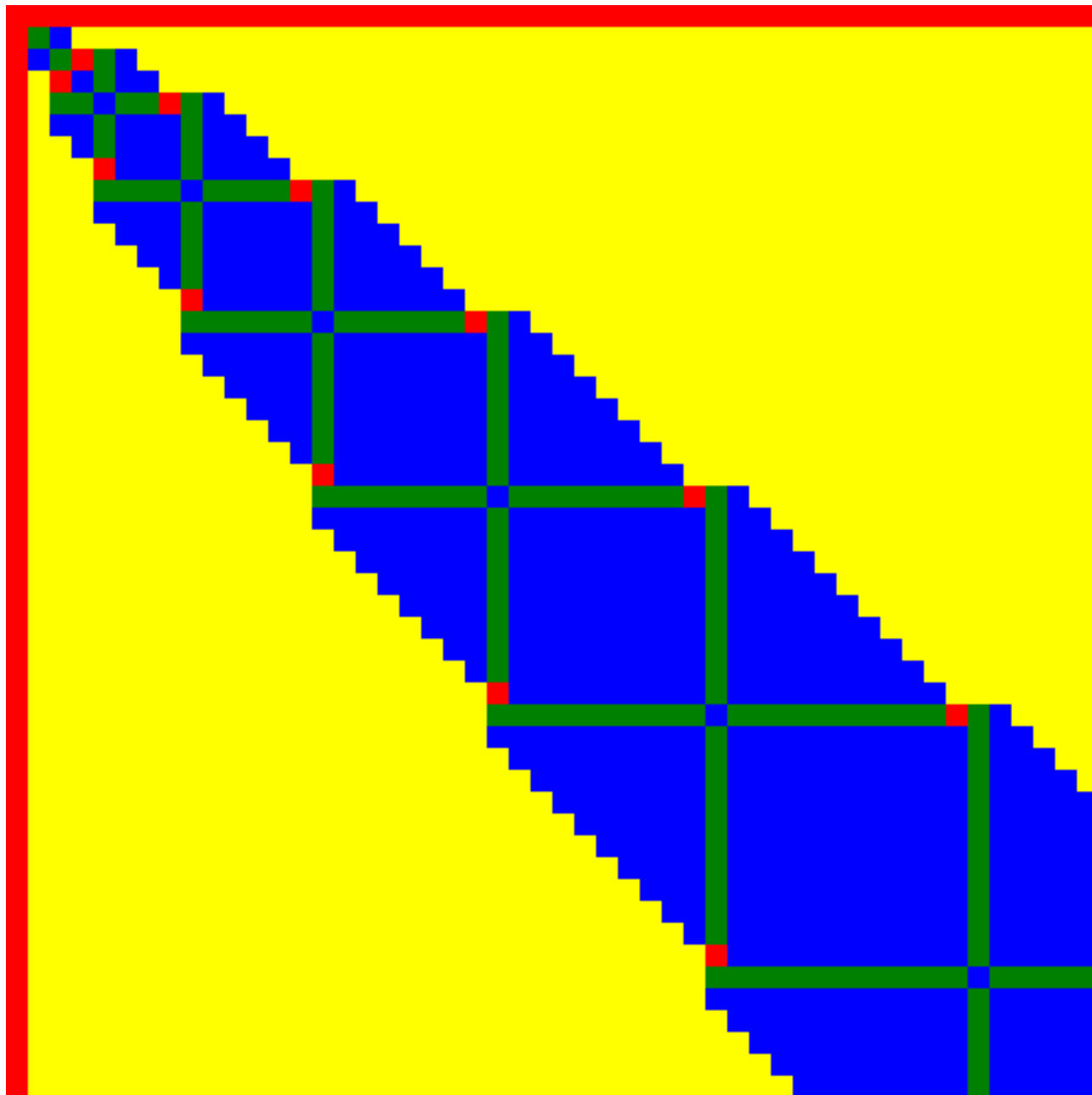
Some counterexamples interpret the set  $\mathbb{N}$   
of the natural numbers.

Stairway to Heaven, 58 × 58



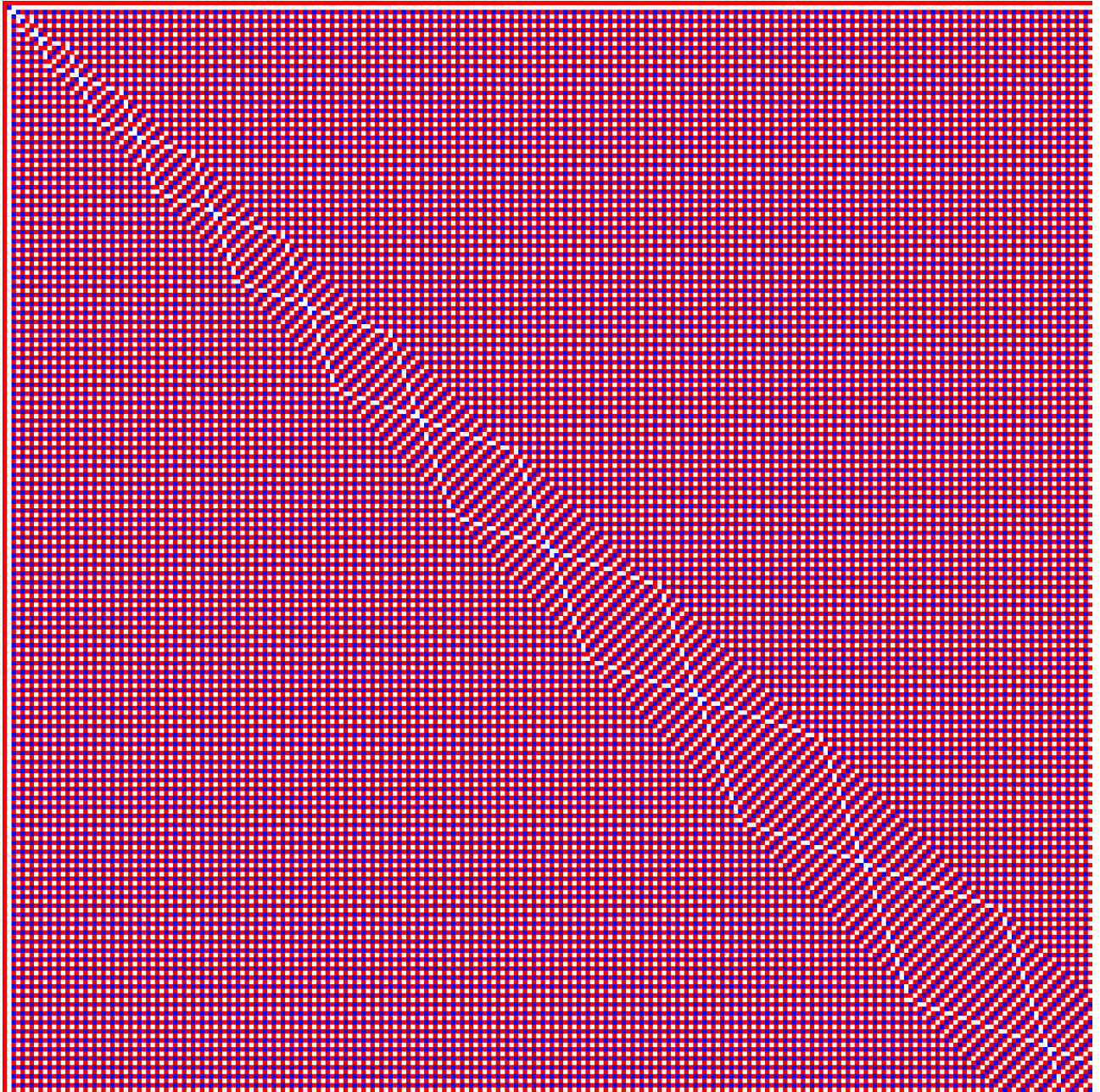
$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 2x^3y^3z^3 + 2xy^2 + 2y^2z + y, 1)$$

## Second Stairway to Heaven, $50 \times 50$



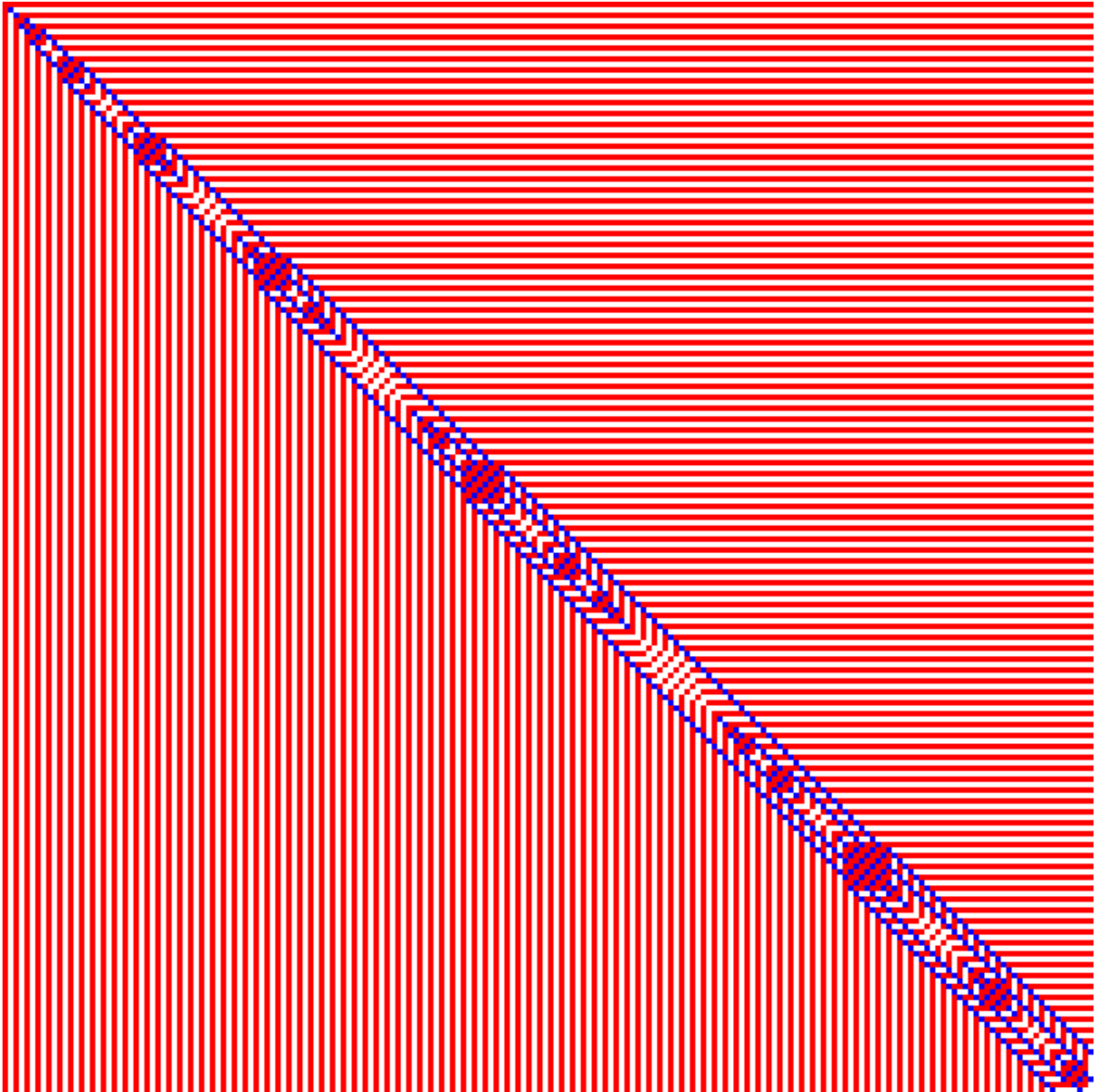
$$(\mathbb{F}_5, 4x^3yz^3 + 4x^4y^2 + 4y^2z^4 + x^2y^2z^2 + 4, 1)$$

## Third Stairway to Heaven



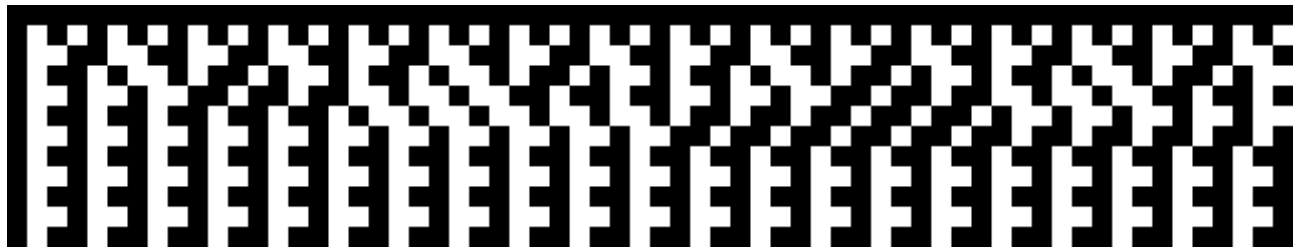
$$(\mathbb{F}_3, xy^2 + y^2z + xy + yz + x^2 + z^2 + 2x + 2z + 2, 1)$$

# ORDINAL Stairway



$$(\mathbb{F}_3, 2y^2 + x^2z + xz^2 + 1, 1)$$

Minimal example of non-automatic  
recurrent double sequence



$$(\mathbb{F}_2, 1 + x + z + yz, 1, 1), 64 \times 12$$



The true reason of the minimal example



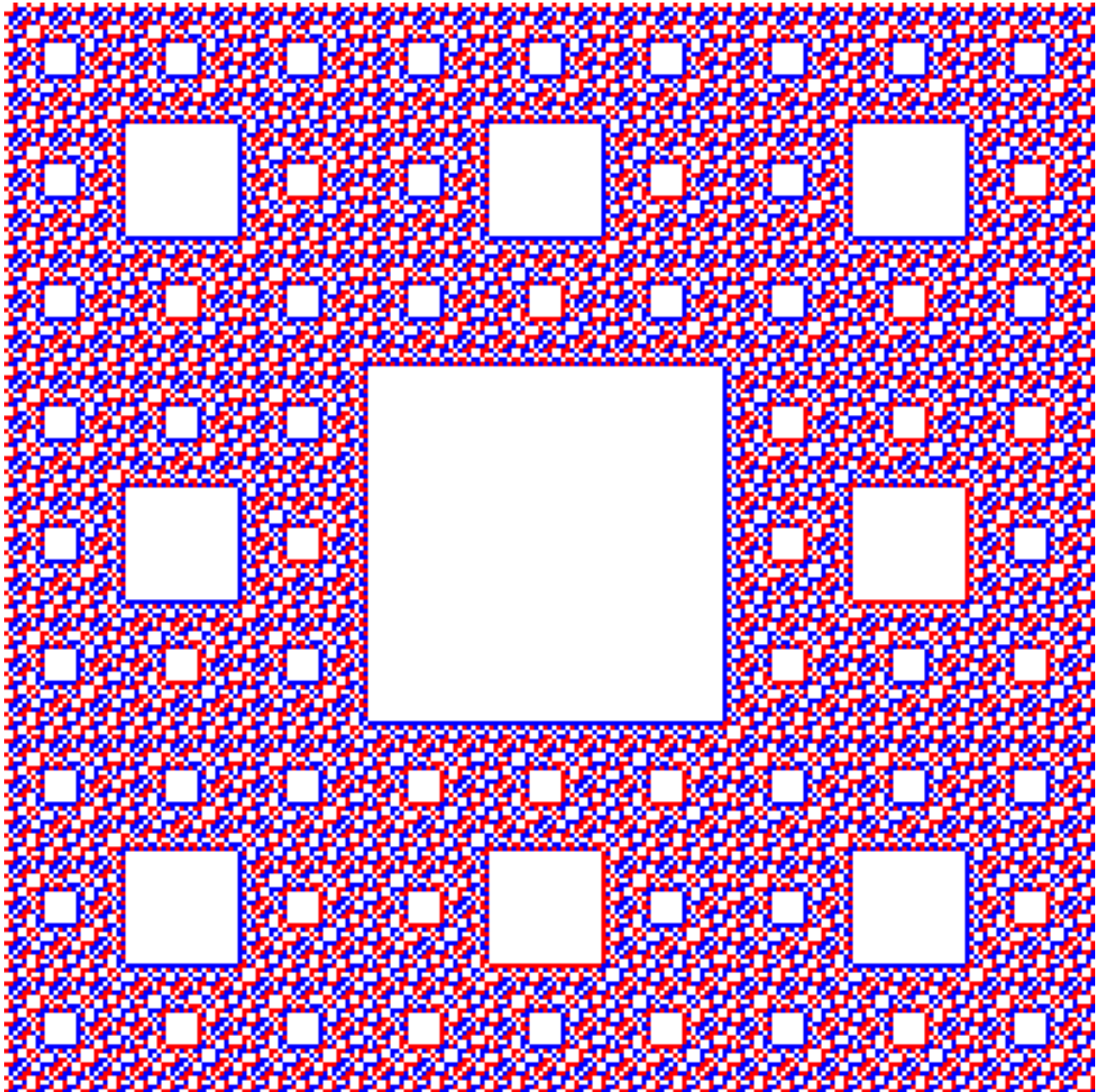
$$(\mathbb{F}_2, x + y + yz, (01), 0), 128 \times 10$$

Mihai Prunescu: A two-valued recurrent double  
sequence that is not automatic.

Margins as inputs

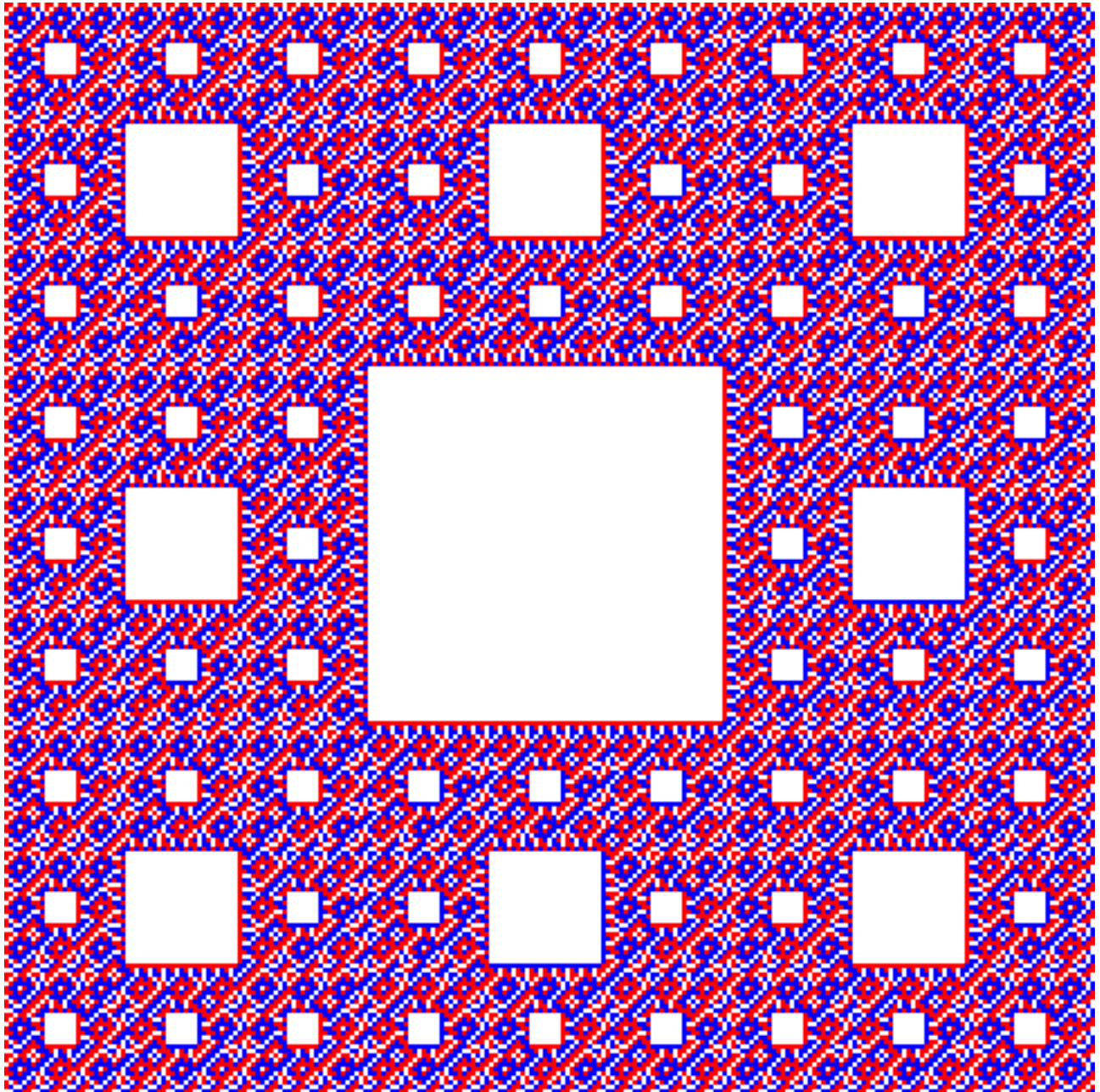
Periodic margins

$(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, x + y + z, '001')$ ,  $243 \times 243$



23 rules  $3 \rightarrow 9$

$(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, x + y + z, '110')$ ,  $243 \times 243$



23 rules  $3 \rightarrow 9$

Margins as input

Linear substitution

## Thue - Morse Sequence

$(\{0, 1\}, \{0 \rightarrow 01, 1 \rightarrow 10\}, 0)$

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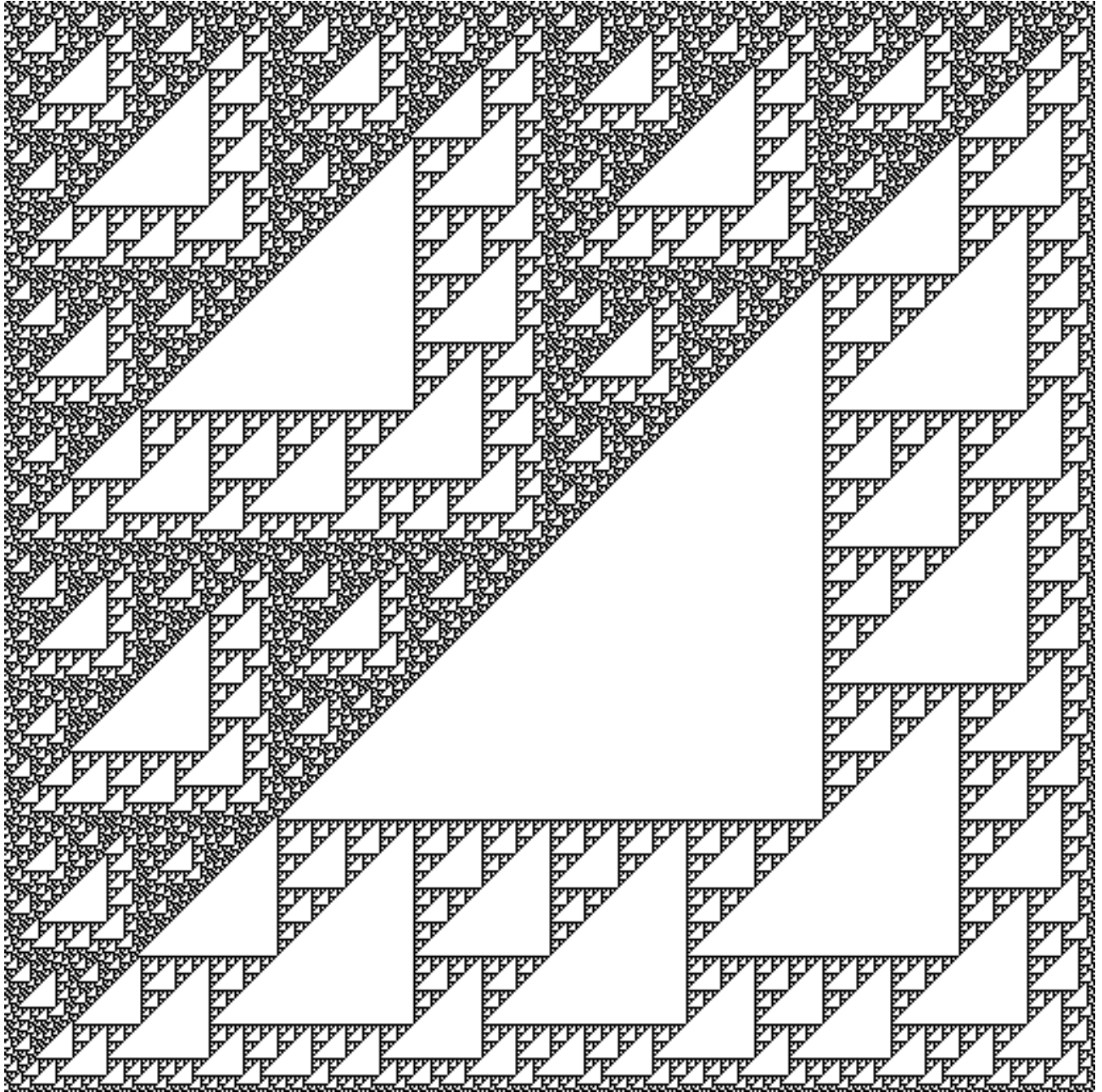
$$t_n = s_2(n) \pmod{2}$$

$[s_2(n) := \#\{i \mid a_i = 1, n = a_k 2^k + \dots + a_0\}]$

$$\prod_{i=0}^{\infty} (1 - x^{2^i}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{t_j} x^j$$

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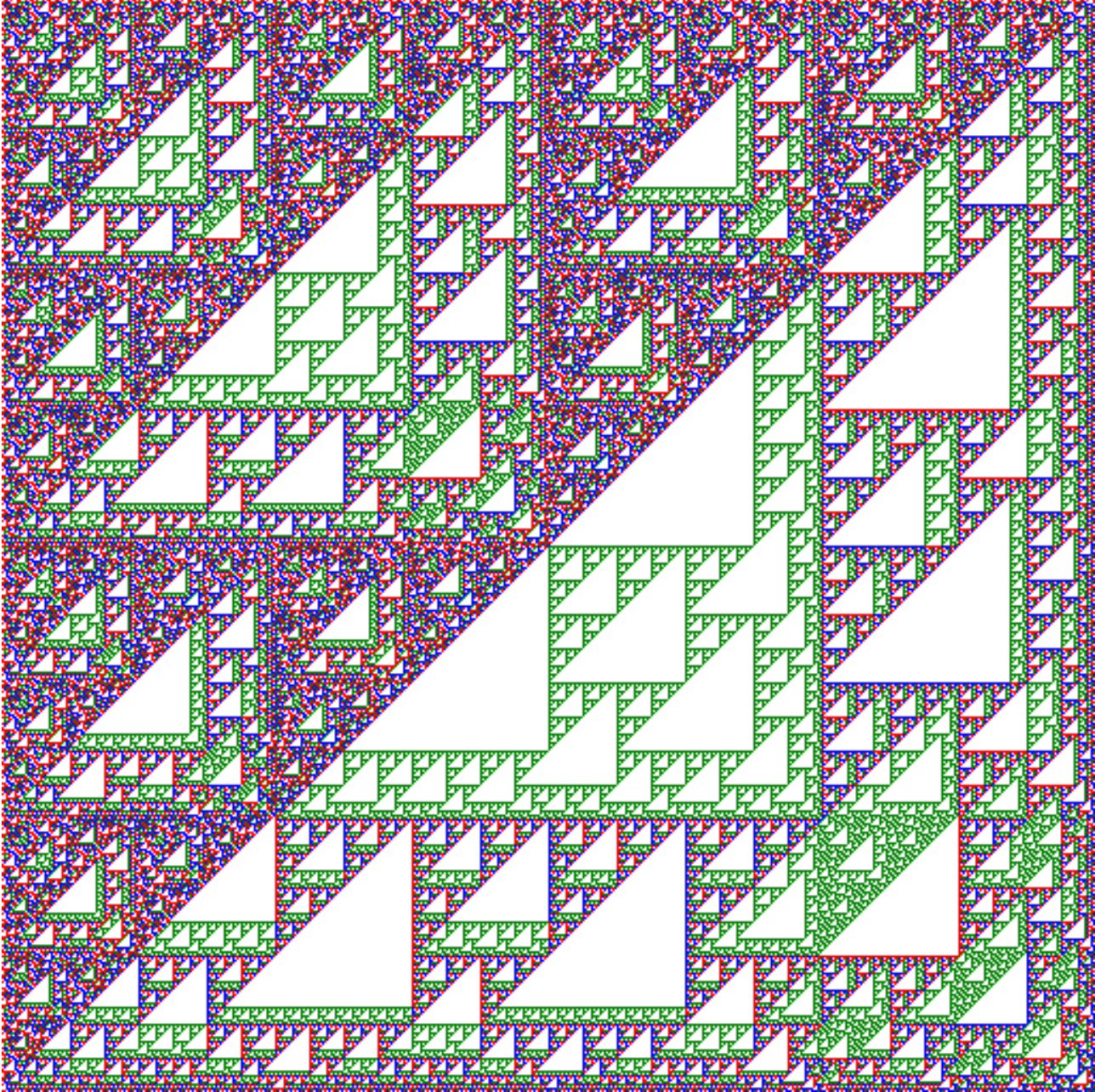
Pascal - Thue - Morse mod 2, 512 × 512



$(\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, x + z, \text{Thue} - \text{Morse})$

15 rules  $4 \rightarrow 8$

Pascal - Thue - Morse mod 4, 512 x 512

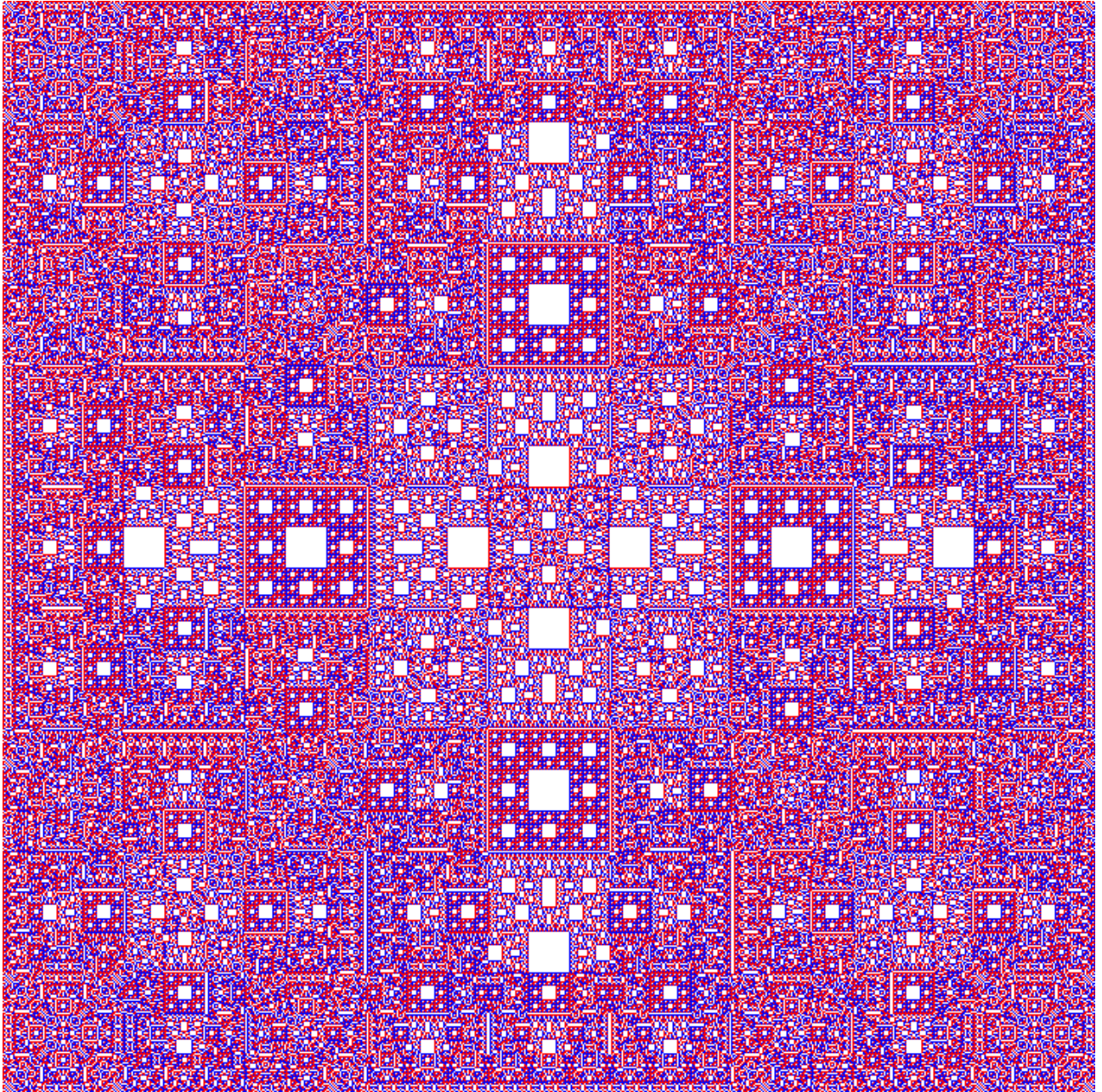


$(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, x + z, \text{Thue} - \text{Morse})$

284 rules 8  $\rightarrow$  16



# Arab Empire



$(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, x + y + z, 0 \rightarrow 010, 1 \rightarrow 111)$

171 rules  $3 \rightarrow 9$

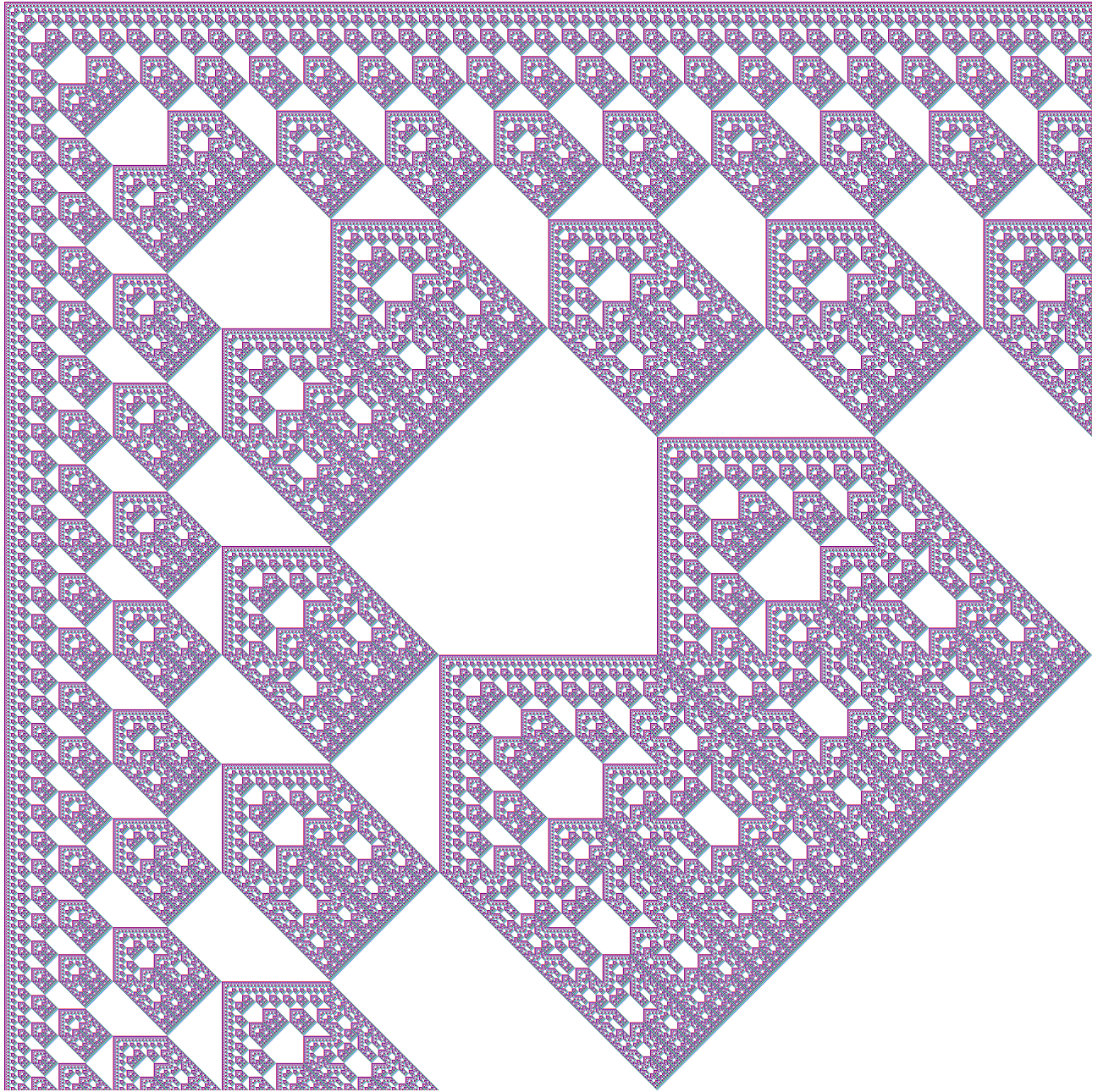
## General Recurrence

$\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_k > 0$  as elements of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$   
according to the lexicographic ordering.

$$f : A^k \rightarrow A$$

$$a(\vec{x}) = f(a(\vec{x} - \vec{u}_1), \dots, a(\vec{x} - \vec{u}_k))$$

Twin Peaks, 2560 × 2560.

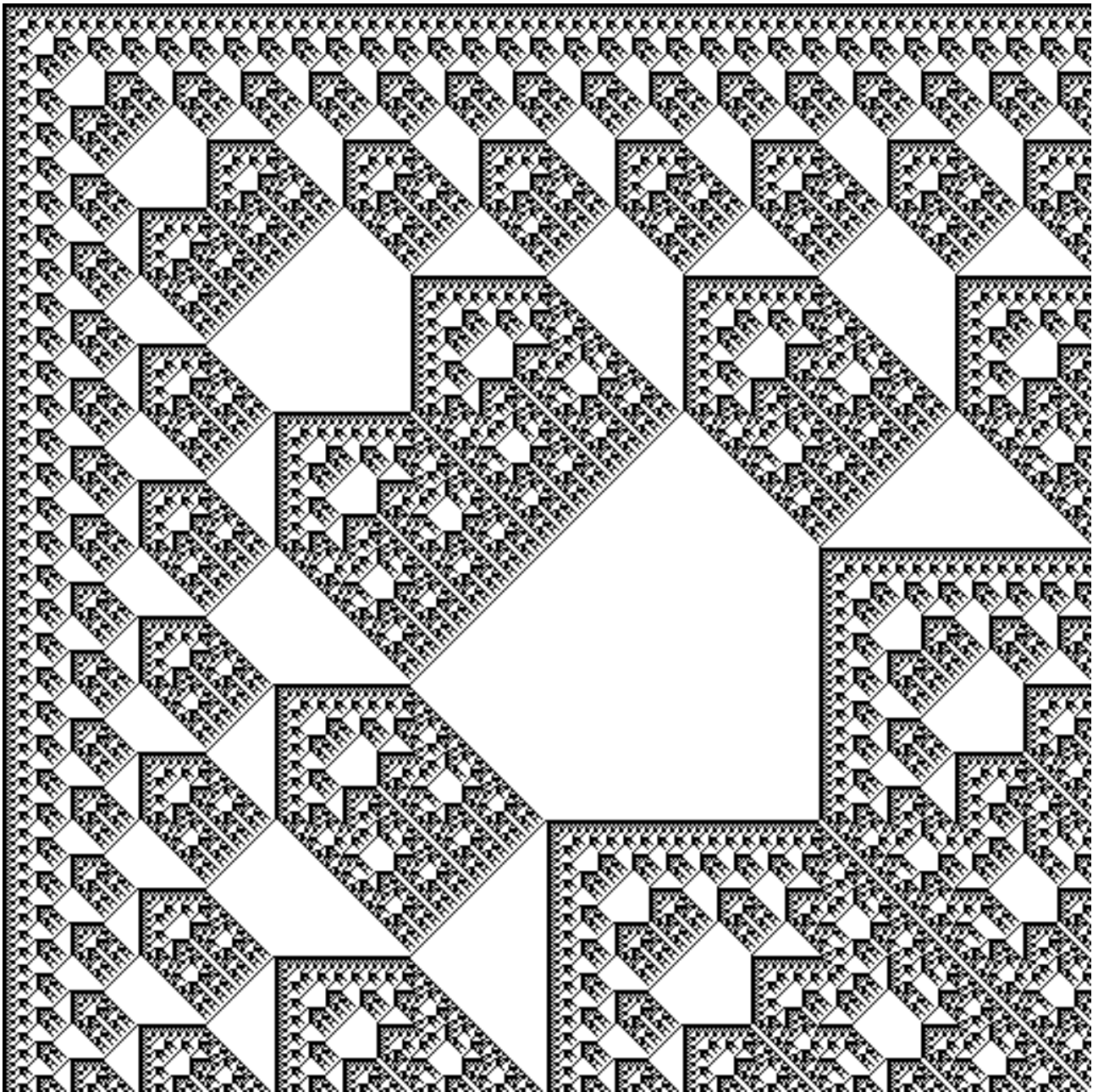


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15 rules  $2 \rightarrow 4$

# Twin Peaks

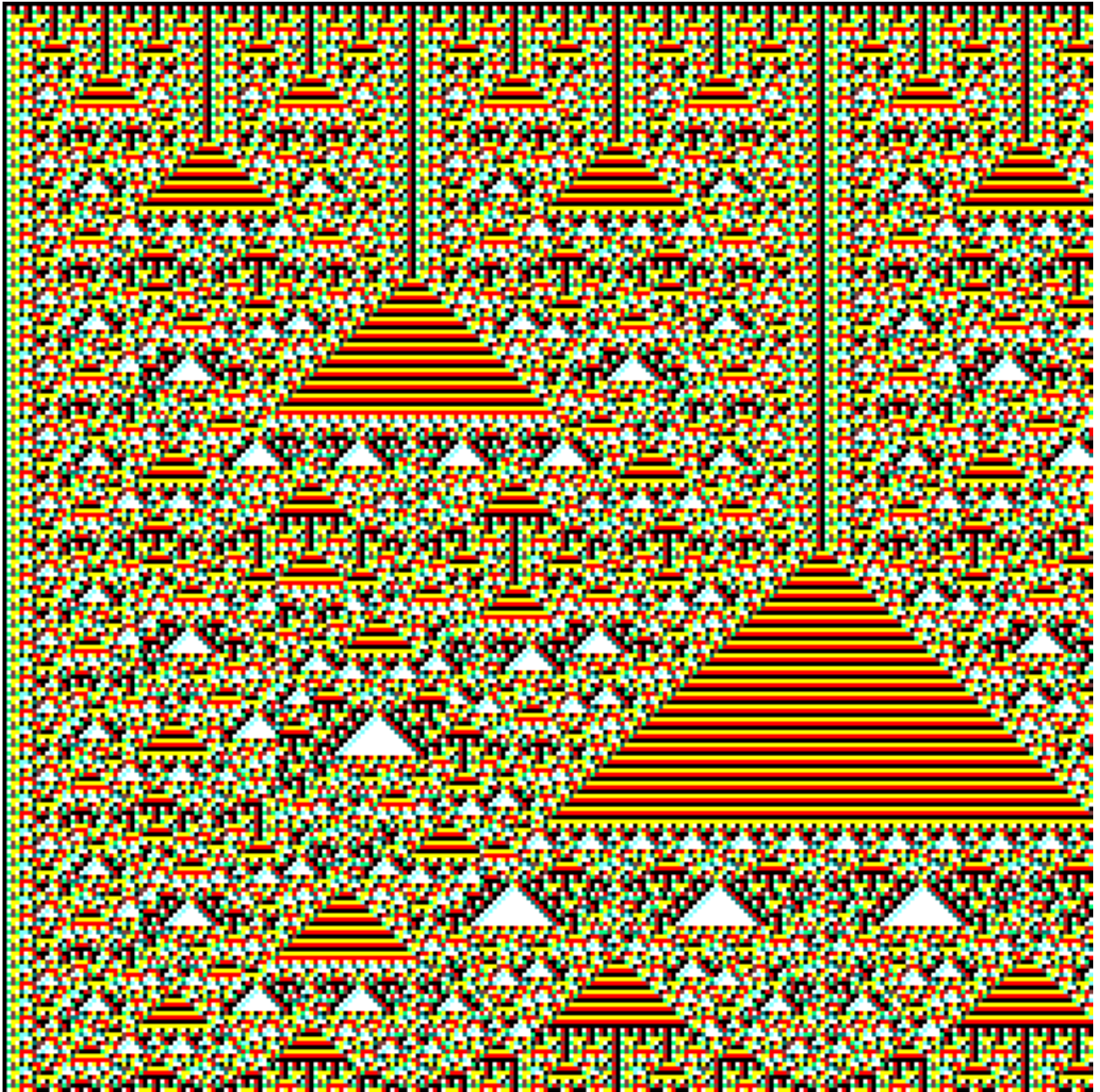


$$(\mathbb{F}_2, x + y + z + t, 1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$(0, 1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (1, 0)$$

15 rules  $4 \rightarrow 8$

Lamps, Vincent van Gogh.

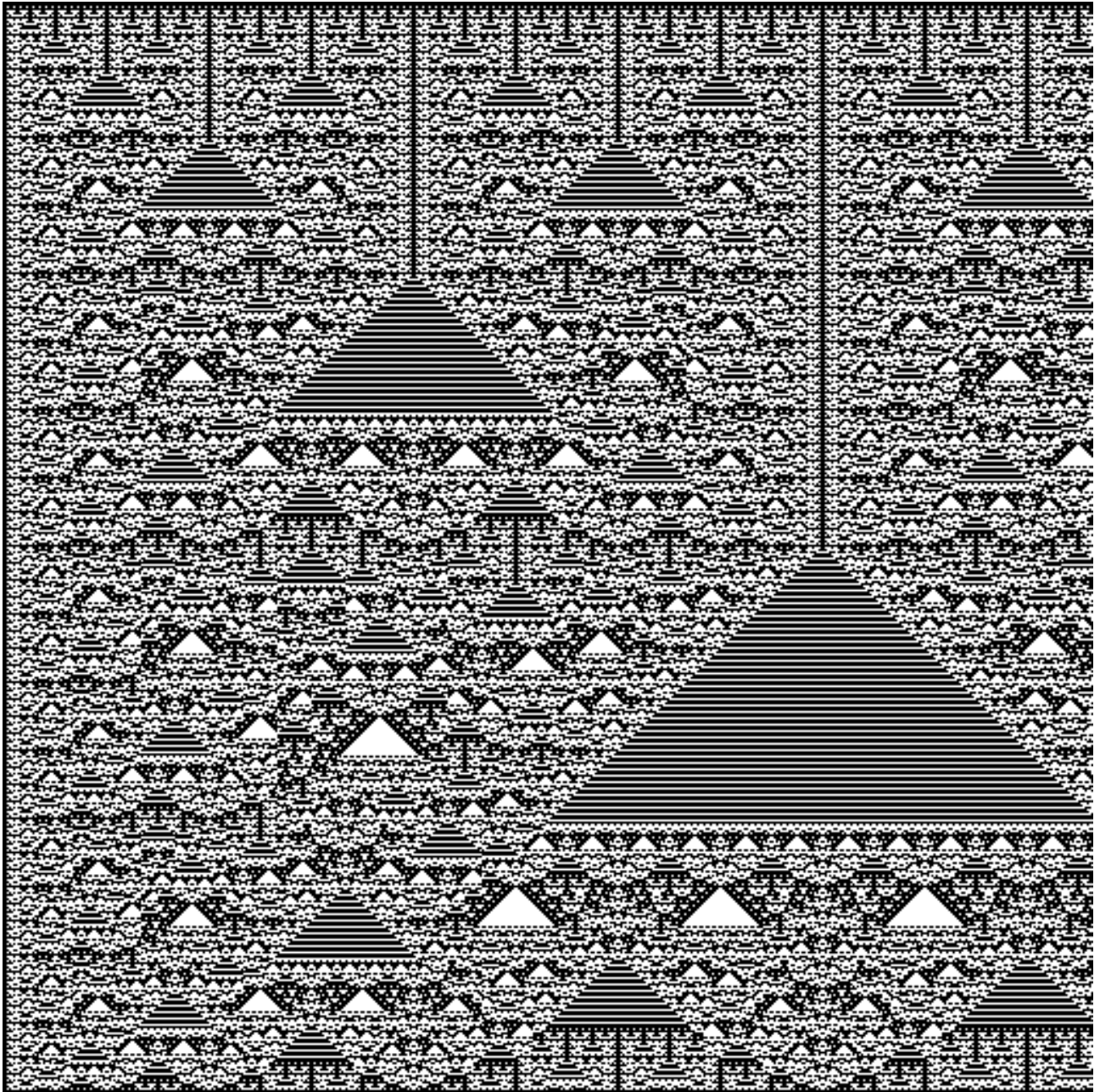


$$(M_2(\mathbb{F}_2), Yx + uy + cz, I)$$

$Y, u, c, I$  constants

112 rules  $2 \rightarrow 4$

Lamps, Vincent van Gogh.



$$(\mathbb{F}_2, x + y + z + t + u + v, 1, 1, 1, 1)$$

$$(0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1)$$

112 rules  $4 \rightarrow 8$