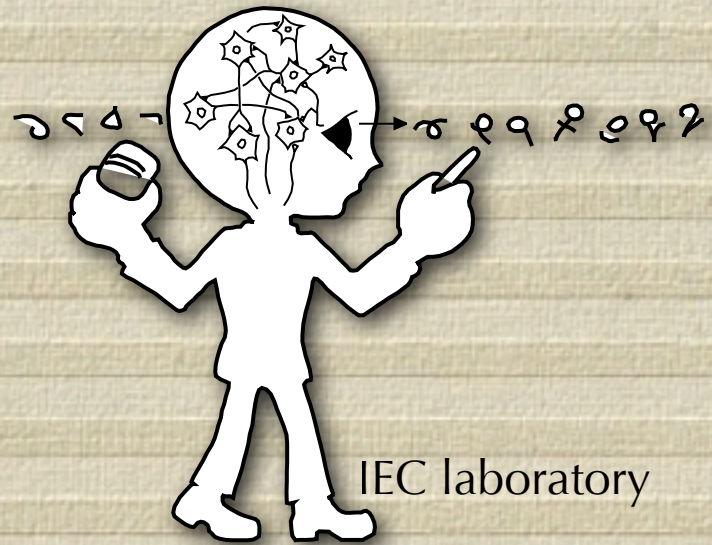


Fundamental properties of cellular automata and computation ability

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Quasi periodic tile and language theory (Kyoto) Jun. 8-10 2009

Remark:

**Prof. Akiyama asked me to make a survey
presentation of cellular automata.**

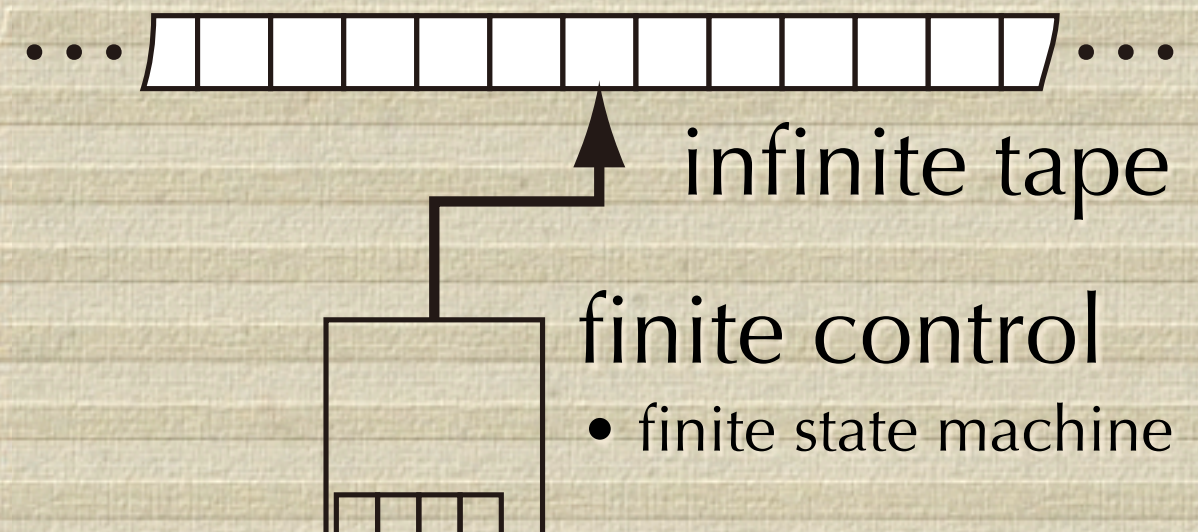
But impossible for me!

**Today, I just focus on universality of cellular
automata.**

Automata

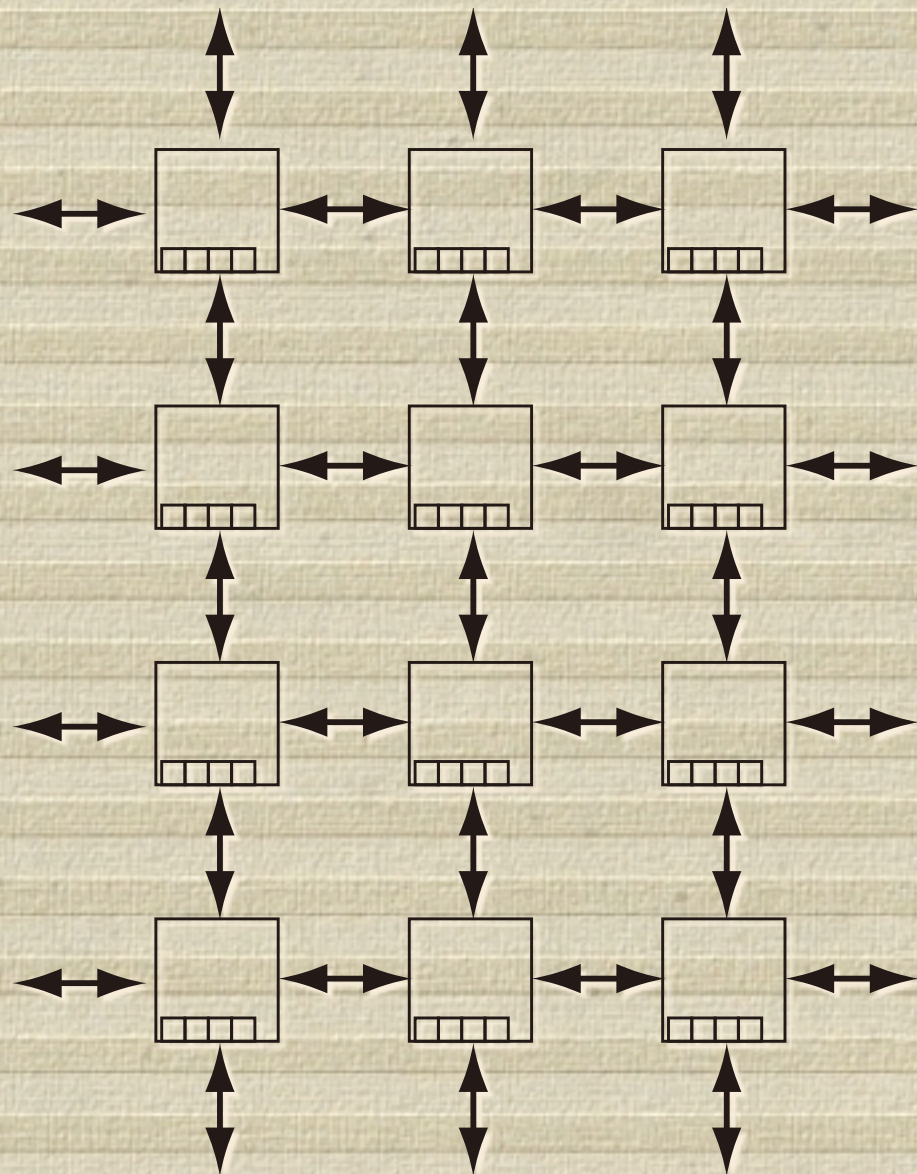
- A computing model with finite memory

cf. Turing machine



Cellular Automata (CA)

- A massively parallel computing model



- systolic arrays

- connection machines

- A physical model

- car traffics

- fluids

- universe???

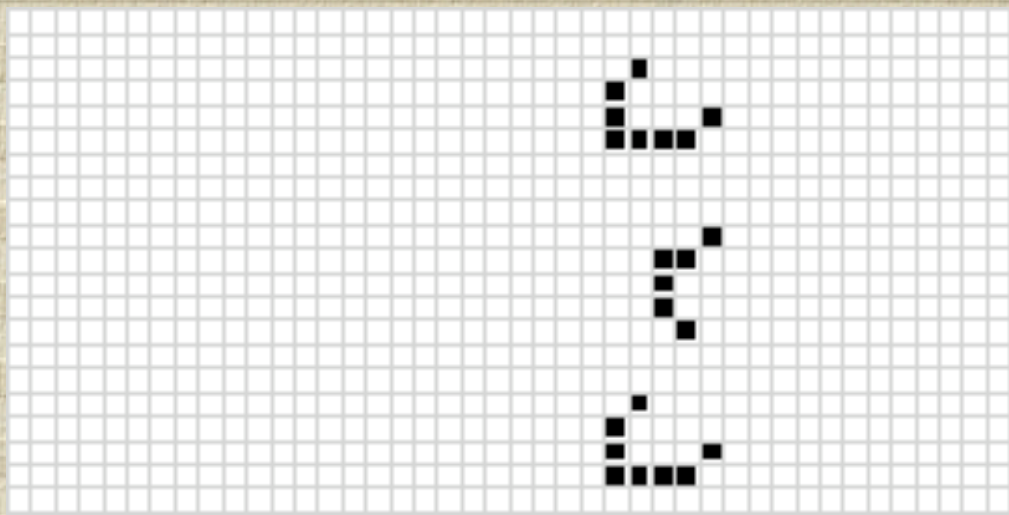
**I have no idea.
Just ask to Fredkin or
Wolfram.**

cf. subshifts in symbolic dynamics

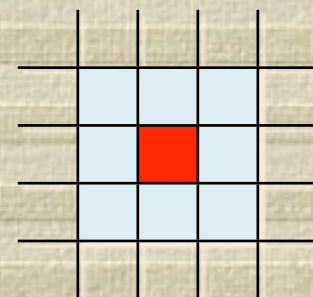
The game of "Life"

The most famous cellular automaton

Conway 1970

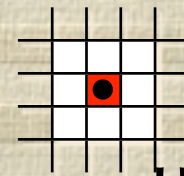
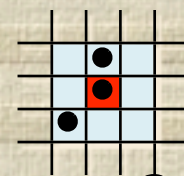


<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/CellularAutomaton.html>



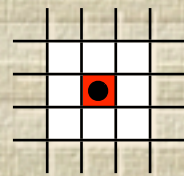
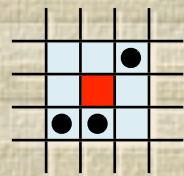
Moore neighborhood

Survive



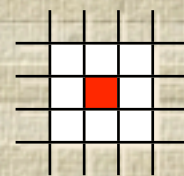
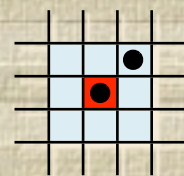
2 or 3 alive cells around

Birth



3 alive cells around

Death



otherwise

Birth range [3,3]

Survive range [3,4]

Universality in Cellular Automata

von Neumann 1950's

- computation-universality

- You can 'compute anything' by a machine.

- construction-universality

- You can 'construct anything' by a machine.

- (including the computing machine itself)

The stages of self-reproducing models by von Neumann

- kinematic model (-1948)
- cellular model $\Leftarrow$ Ulam(-1953)
- excitation-threshold-fatigue model
- continuous model by differential equation
- probabilistic model mutation

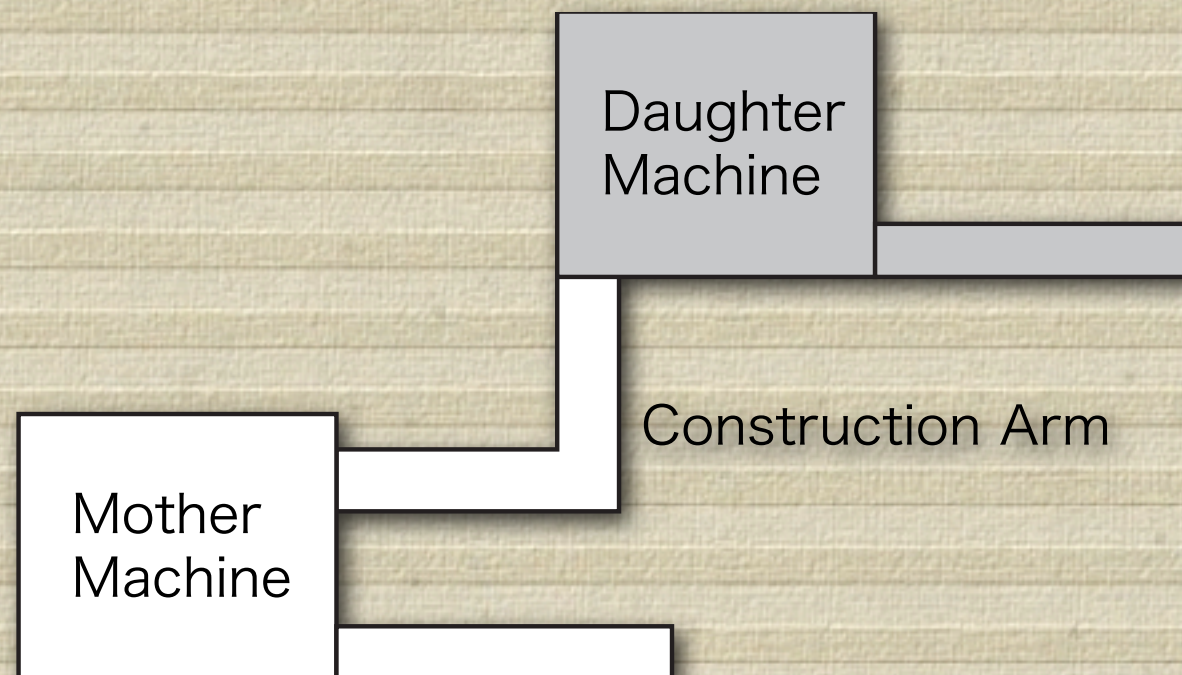
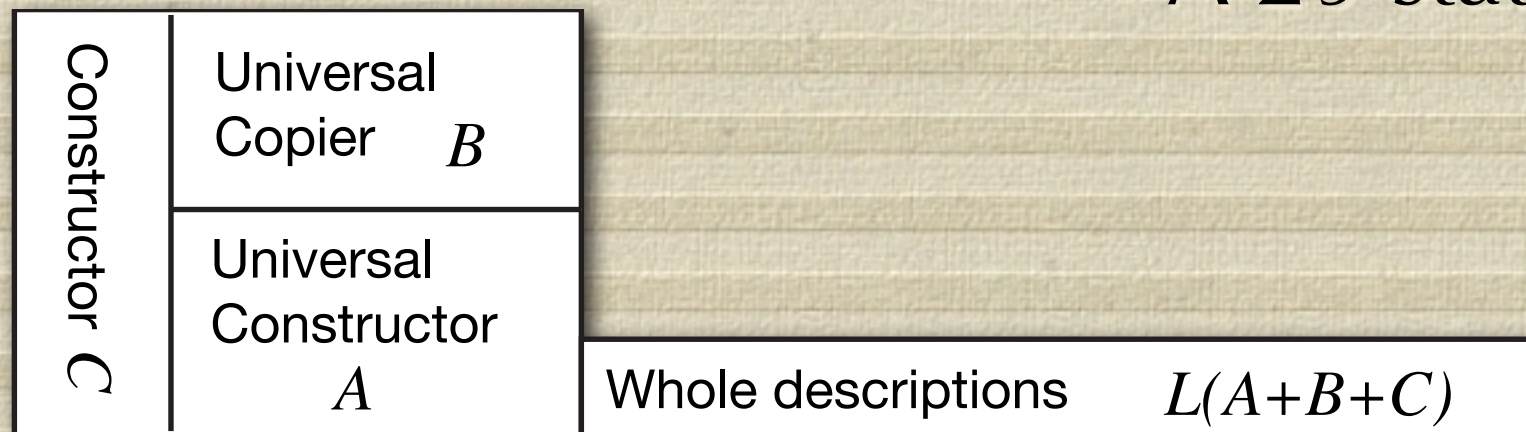
crystal growth < · · · < biological self-reproduction

A self-reproducing cellular automaton by von Neumann

A 29 state cellular automaton

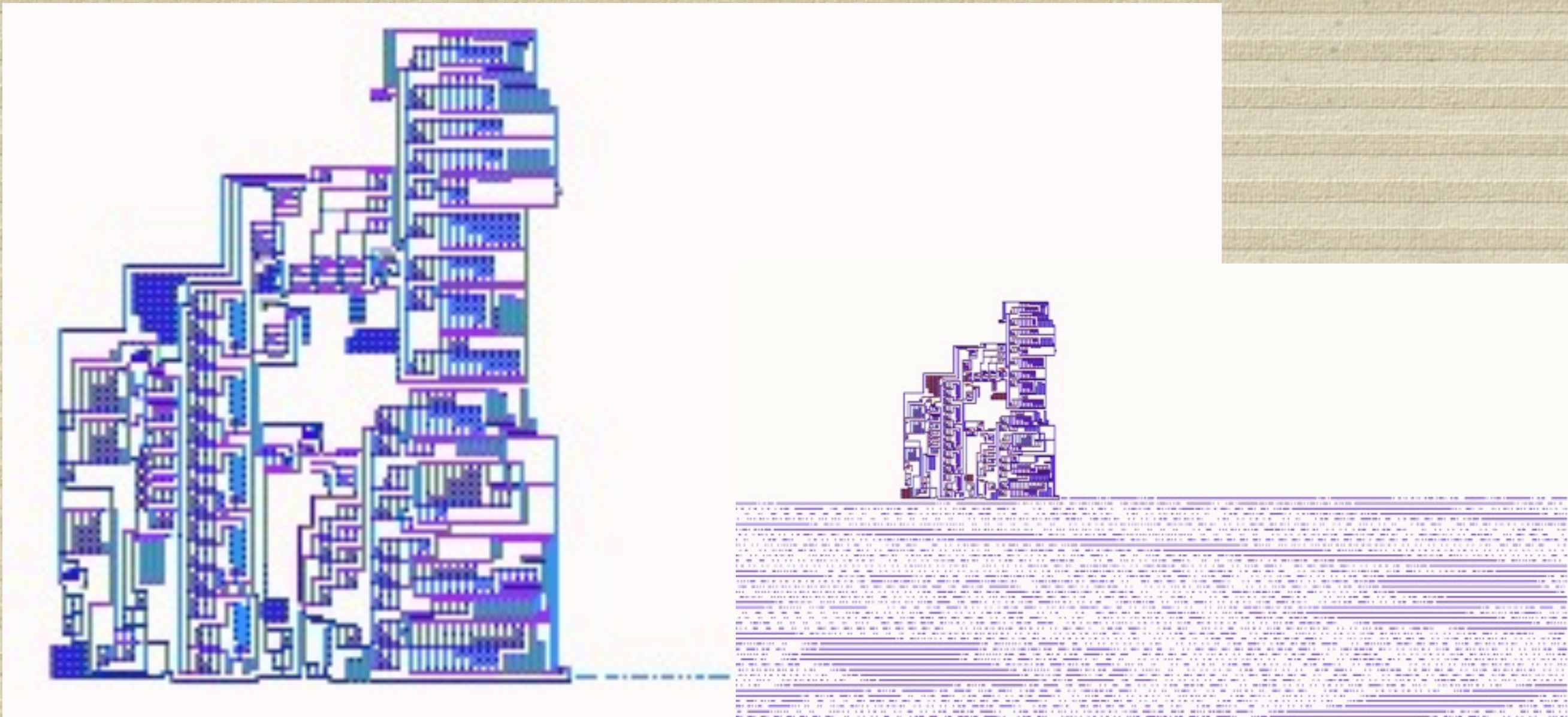
von Neumann 1950-

(cf. Watson, Crick 1953)



Computation and
construction universal

von Neumann (Burks ed.) 1966



(Nobili-Pesavento 1996)

Definition

A deterministic cellular automaton $A = (d, Q, N, f)$

dimension: d finite set of states: Q (quiescent state:

local function: $f : Q^N \rightarrow Q$ $q \in Q, f(q, q, q) = 0$)

configuration: $\text{Conf}(Q) = \{\alpha | \alpha : \mathbf{Z}^d \rightarrow Q\}$

neighborhood: $N = \{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n\}$

global function:

$$F : \text{Conf}(Q) \rightarrow \text{Conf}(Q)$$

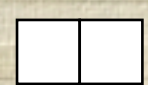
$$\forall z \in \mathbf{Z}^d,$$

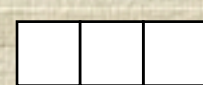
$$F(\alpha)(z) = f(\alpha(z + \nu_1), \alpha(z + \nu_2), \dots, \alpha(z + \nu_n))$$

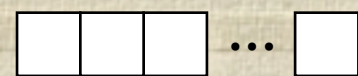
Neighborhoods

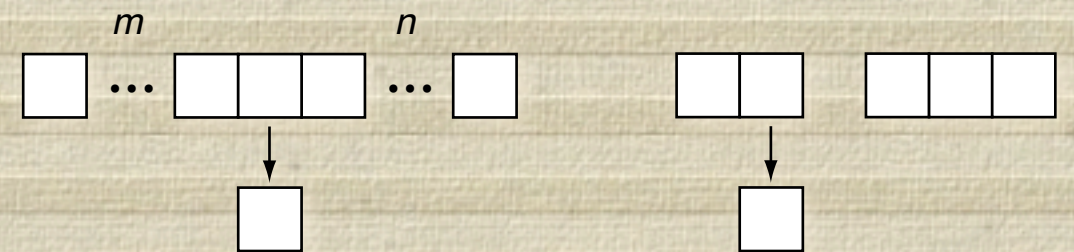
choose one as you like

one dimensional case

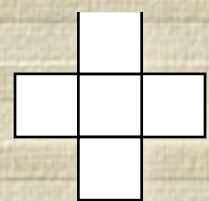
 radius $1/2$, one-way

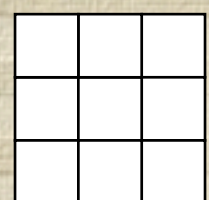
 radius 1

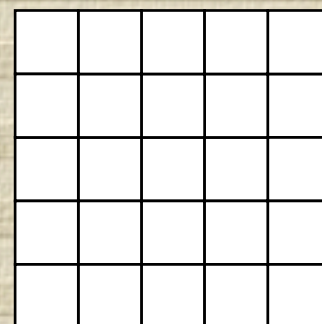




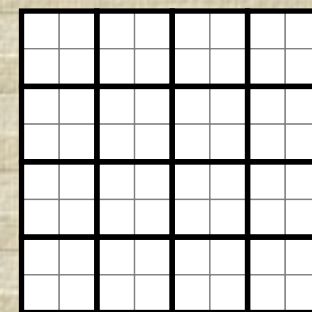
two dimensional case

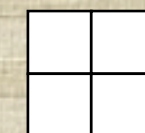
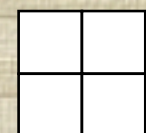
 $\rightarrow$  von Neumann

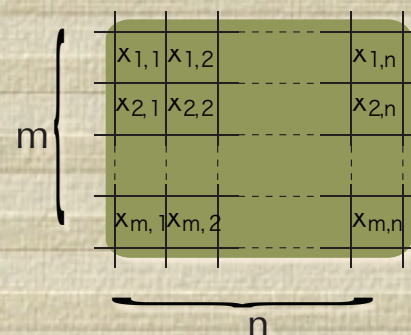
 $\rightarrow$  Moore



$\rightarrow$  radius 2 Moore

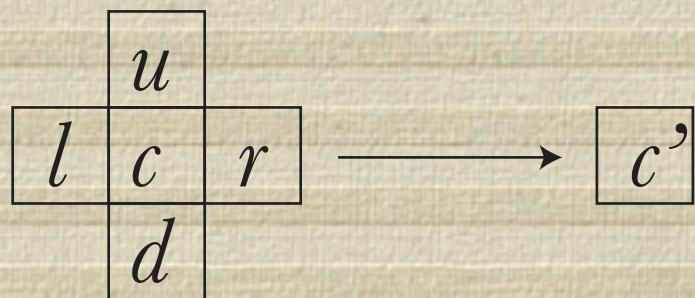


 $\rightarrow$ 
Margolus



three or more dimensional case...

Local function



$$f(c, u, r, d, l) = c'$$

local function

$$f(0, 0, 0, 0, 0) = 0$$

$$f(0, 0, 0, 0, 1) = 1$$

⋮

$$f(1, 1, 1, 1, 0) = 0$$

$$f(1, 1, 1, 1, 1) = 0$$

⋮

	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	
	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
t ...	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	...
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⋮

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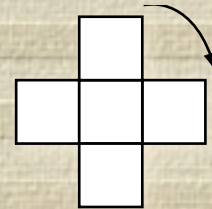
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⋮

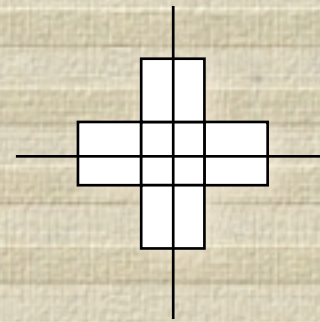
Frequently used symmetric conditions

**The number of distinct rules is too large for the daily use...
It depends on the chosen shape of neighborhood.**

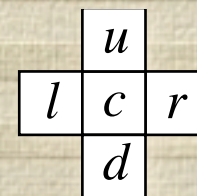
- rotation-symmetry



- reflection-symmetry



- totalistic, permutation-symmetry



- ...

$f(c, u, r, d, l)$ is independent of the order of u, r, d, l

The rule can be written as the sum of states in the case of $Q = \{0, 1\}$

Finite and infinite configuration

It is reasonable to introduce infinite cellular space.

● Finite (initial) configuration:

- the number of non-quiescent cells is finite
- i.e., the “mass” of the cellular space is finite

● Infinite (initial) configuration

- periodic (with a given constant period)
 - ▶ combination of infinite periodic background and a finite pattern
- random (with a given distribution)
- ...

**‘fair’ setting for computation
cf. rule 110**

Basic properties of global function

Defs.

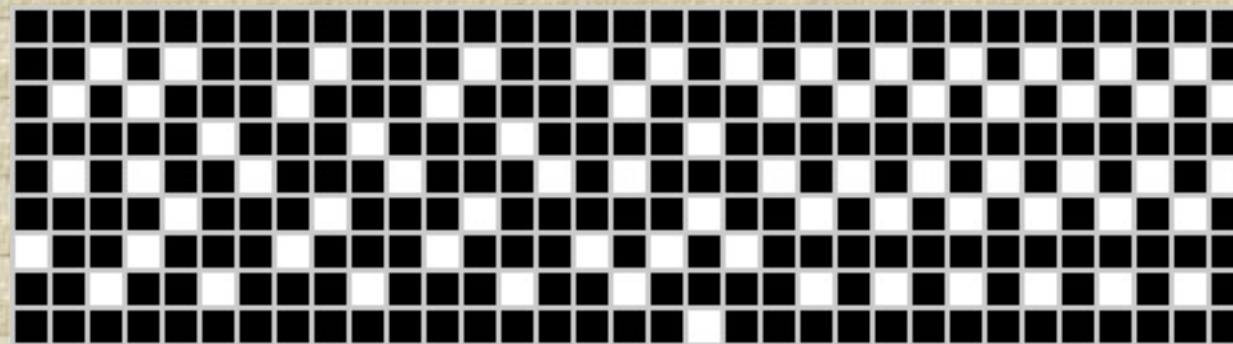
CA is injective: its global function is injective.

CA is surjective: its global function is surjective.

CA is reversible: there is a CA that reverts it.

Garden of Eden

A configuration with no predecessor



Banks 1971

CA is surjective $\Leftrightarrow$ CA has no Garden of Eden

CA is injective $\Rightarrow$ CA is surjective

Global function restricted to finite configuration is
injective $\Leftrightarrow$ CA is surjective

Moore 1962, Myhill 1963

Reversible cellular automata

CA is reversible $\Leftrightarrow$ CA is injective

Hedlund 1969, Richardson 1972

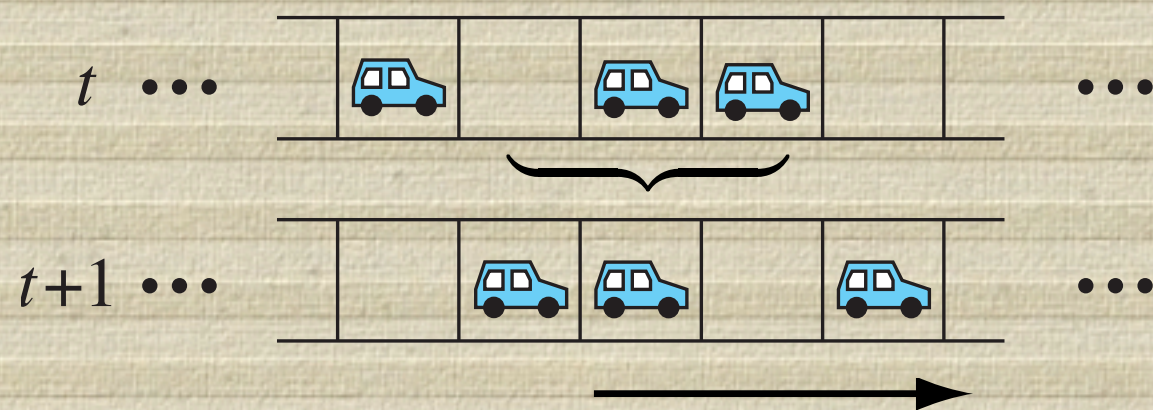
Reversibility (surjectivity) is decidable
in one-dimensional case

Amoroso, Patt 1972

Reversibility (surjectivity) is undecidable
in two (or more)-dimensional case

Kari 1990, 1994

Number (Momentum) Conserving Cellular Automata



$$f(0,0,0)=0$$

$$f(0,0,1)=0$$

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*A simple car traffic rule
(Nagel, Schreckenberg 1992)*

cf. lattice gases (Margolus neighborhood)

Number (Momentum) Conserving Cellular Automata

- 1991 Hattori, Takesue: additive conserved quantities in 1D CA
- 2000 Boccarda, Fuks: 1D NCCA is characterized by motion representation
- 2001 Durand, Formenti, Roka: number-conservation is decidable in any dimension
- 2005 Bernardi et, al.: number-decreasing property is decidable in one-dimension but undecidable in two or more dimension

Turing Universality

- Let the cellular automaton simulate one of the well known universal models of computation.

**Turing machine, 2-register (counter) machine,
Chomsky type-0 grammar, 2-TAG system,
cyclic TAG system, ...**

m-TAG System

Post 1943

(m, A, P)

m: deletion number (positive integer)

A: finite set of alphabet (including a haling alphabet)

P: production rule

ex. 2-tag system

Initial word: baa

$A = \{a, b, c, H\}$

acca

P: $a \rightarrow ccbaH$

caccbaH

$b \rightarrow cca$

ccbaHcc

$c \rightarrow cc$

baHcccc

Hcccccca (halt).

1-TAG is decidable, 2-TAG is Turing-universal.

Wang 1963, Cocke, Minsky 1964

Turing-universal even under a kind of context-freeness

Cyclic TAG System (CTAG)

Cook 2004

- Alphabet is limited to 0,1
- Production rules are applied sequentially (do not need random access table-lookup mechanism)

$$\text{CTAG } C_1 = (3, \{Y, N\}, (\varepsilon, YN, YY))$$
$$Y \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad (0)$$
$$Y \rightarrow YN \quad (1)$$
$$Y \rightarrow YY \quad (2)$$

	applied rule
NYY	0
YY	1
YYN	2
YNY	0
YY	1

no halting state

cf. CTAG with halting state
Morita 2006

Logical Universality

limited to two or more dimensional case

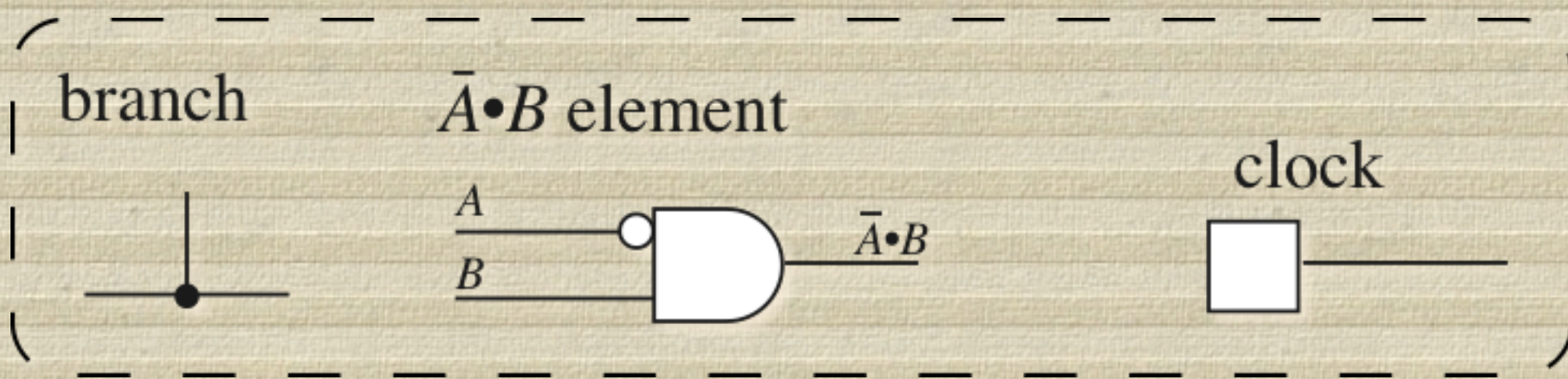
A cellular automaton is logically universal:

A set of universal logical elements and their wiring scheme are embedded to the cellular automaton.

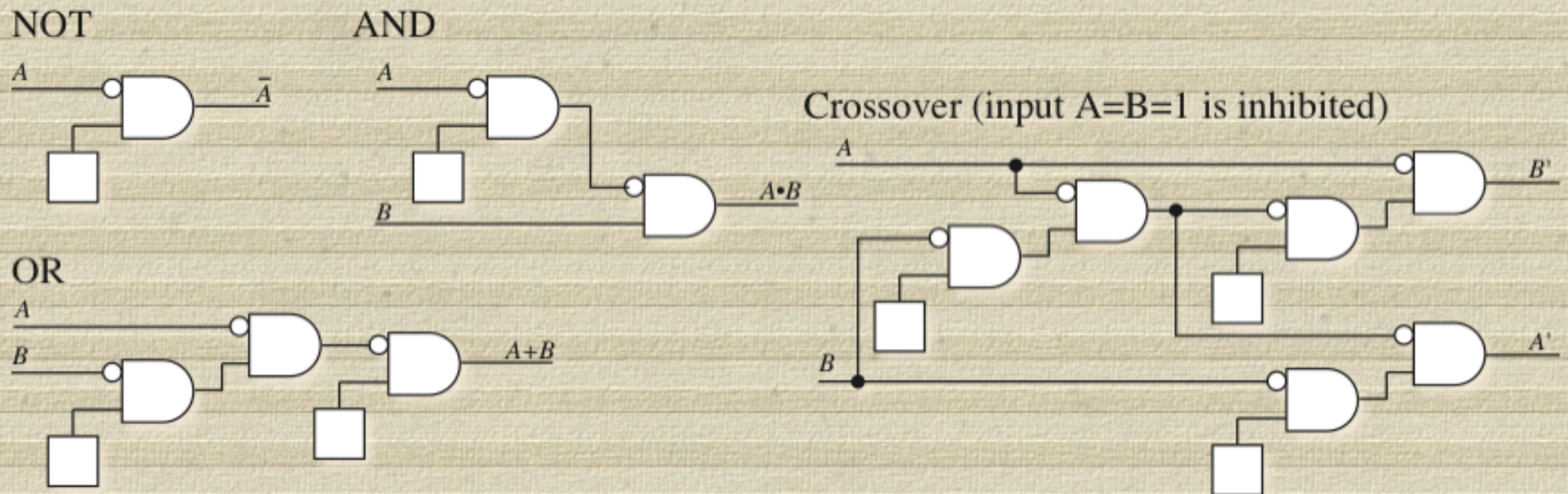
e.g. {NAND, unit delay}, {AND, OR, NOT, unit delay}

Any combinatorial circuit can be constructible.

Universal logic element set suitable for embedding in a CA



(Banks 1970)



Universal with Finite/Infinite Configuration

- Universal simulation can start with finite initial configuration
 - e.g. counter machine simulation by the game of Life
- Universal simulation can start with infinite but periodic initial configuration and a finite pattern
 - e.g. rule 110

Intrinsic universality

A universal Turing machine which simulates any other Turing machine.

A cellular automaton which simulates any other cellular automaton.

- cellular automata simulated by cellular automata in a shift invariant, time invariant way.

Roughly speaking...

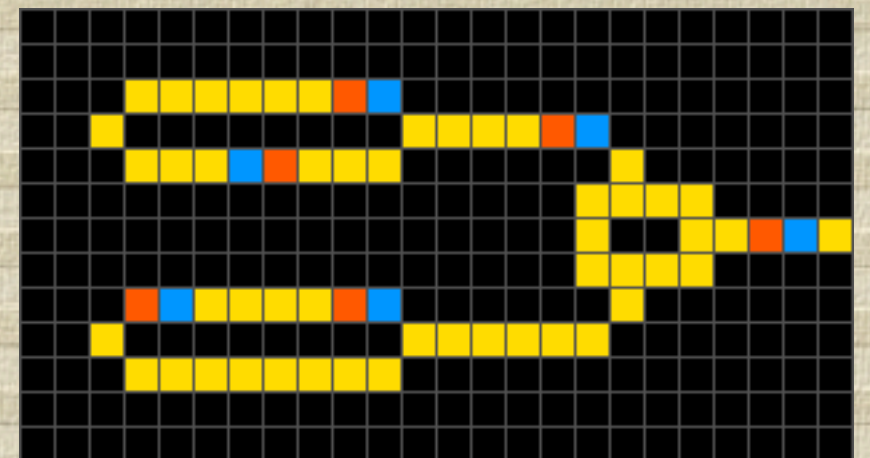
- logically universal CAs require infinite configurations
- In two or more dimensional case, logically universal $\Rightarrow$ intrinsic universal.
- logically universal $\Rightarrow$ Turing-universal
- construction-universal (in von Neumann's sense)
 - Computations can start with a finite configuration but the CA can construct the pattern of a Turing machine including an infinite periodic tape-structure.

2D von Neumann neighborhood Universal CA

- 1966 von Neumann 29-state, construction-universal
- 1968 Codd 8-state
 - construction-universal
 - proof of non-universality of 2-state finite-configuration
- 1970 Banks
 - 4-state construction-universal
 - 3-state finite configuration
 - 2-state infinite configuration
- 1983 Serizawa 3-state construction-universal

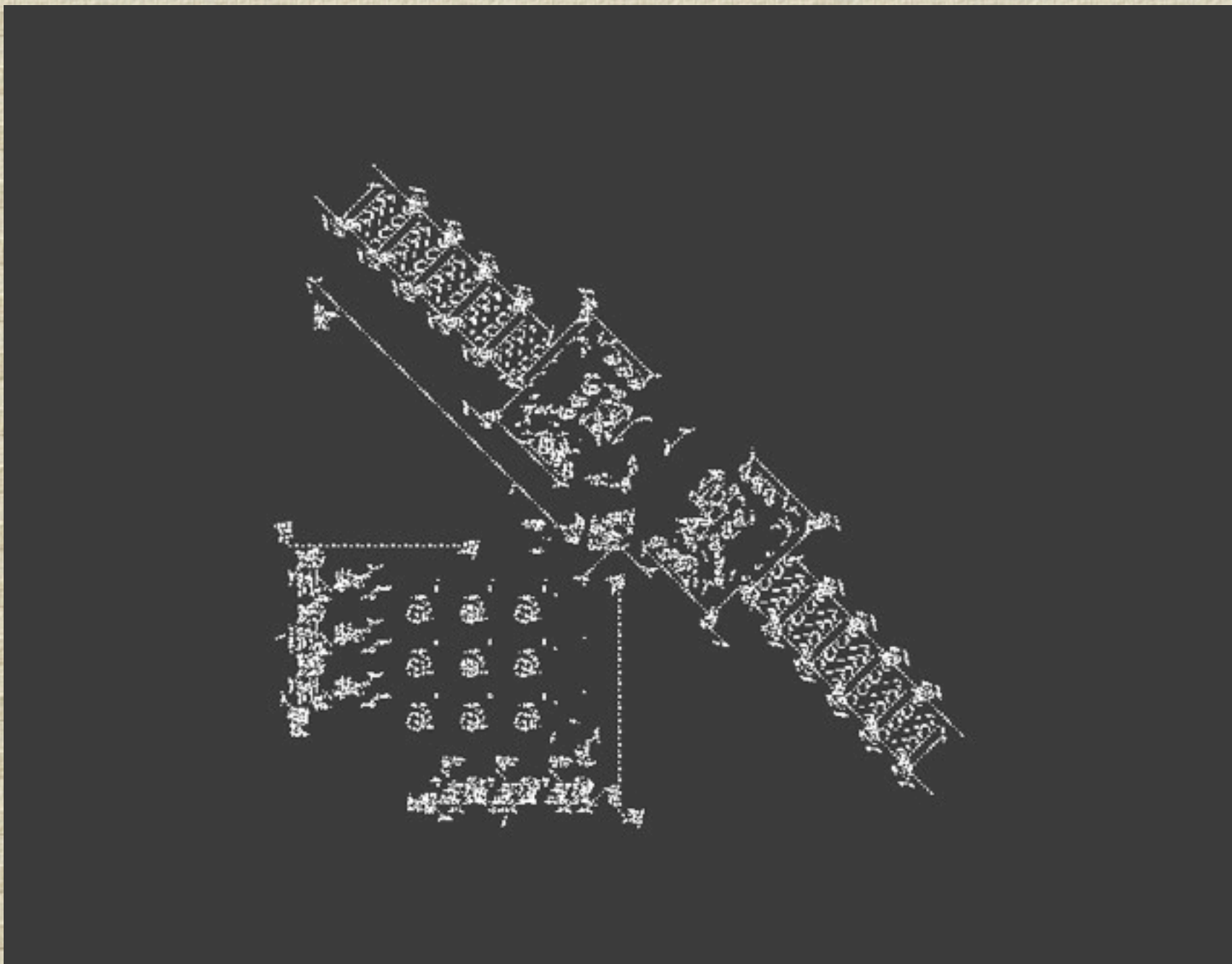
2D Moore neighborhood universal CA

- 1970 Berlekamp, Conway, Guy: 2-state, totalistic, construction-universal
- (1987 Silverman: Wireworld 4-state, logically-universal)



A realization of XOR gate
in Wireworld (Wikipedia)

Direct embedding of Turing machine to the game of Life



(Rendell 2002)

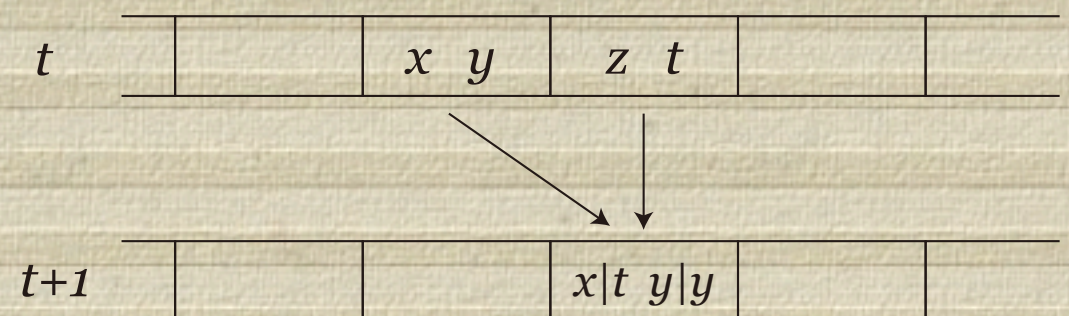
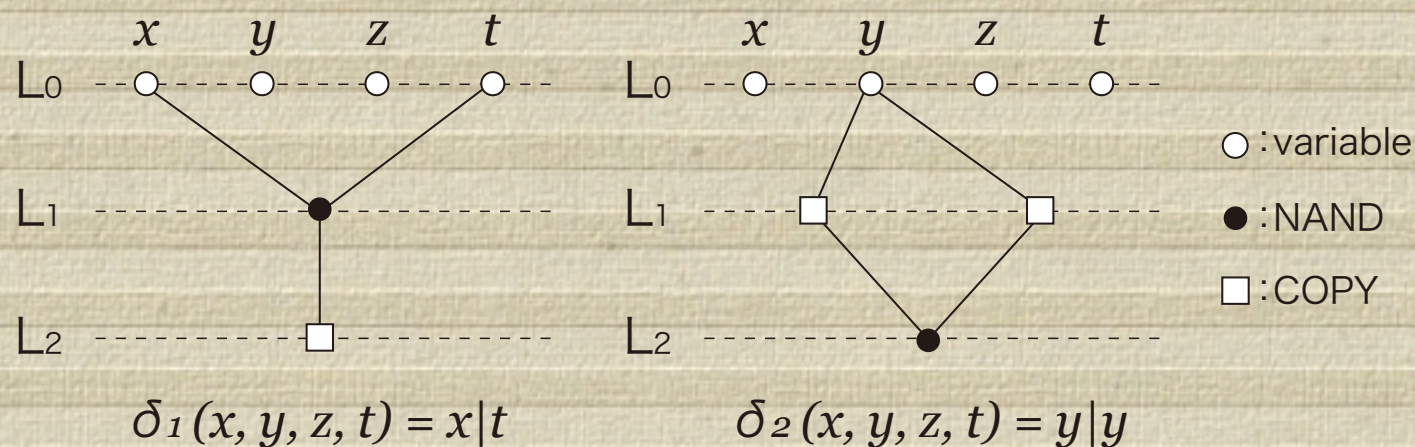
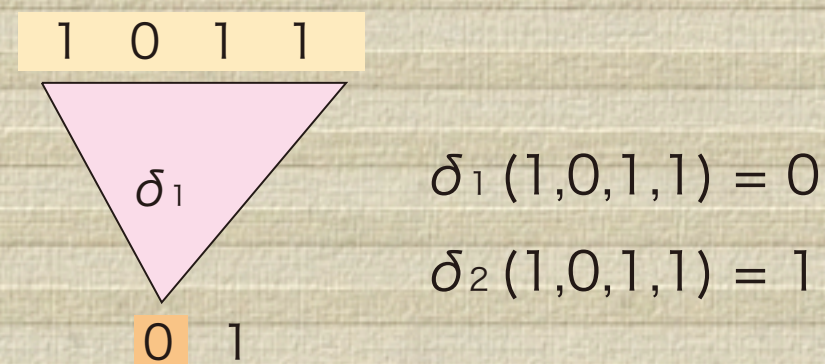
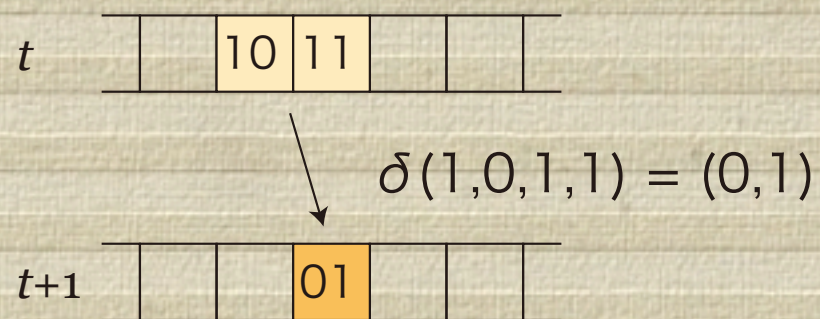
1D universal CA (radius 1)

- 1971 Smith III: 18-state (simulation of TM)
- 1990 Lindgren, Nordahl: 7-state (simulation of TM)
- 2002 Olinger: Intrinsically-universal, 6-state
- 2004 Cook: 2-state (rule 110) CTAG
- 2008 Richard: Intrinsically-universal, 4-state

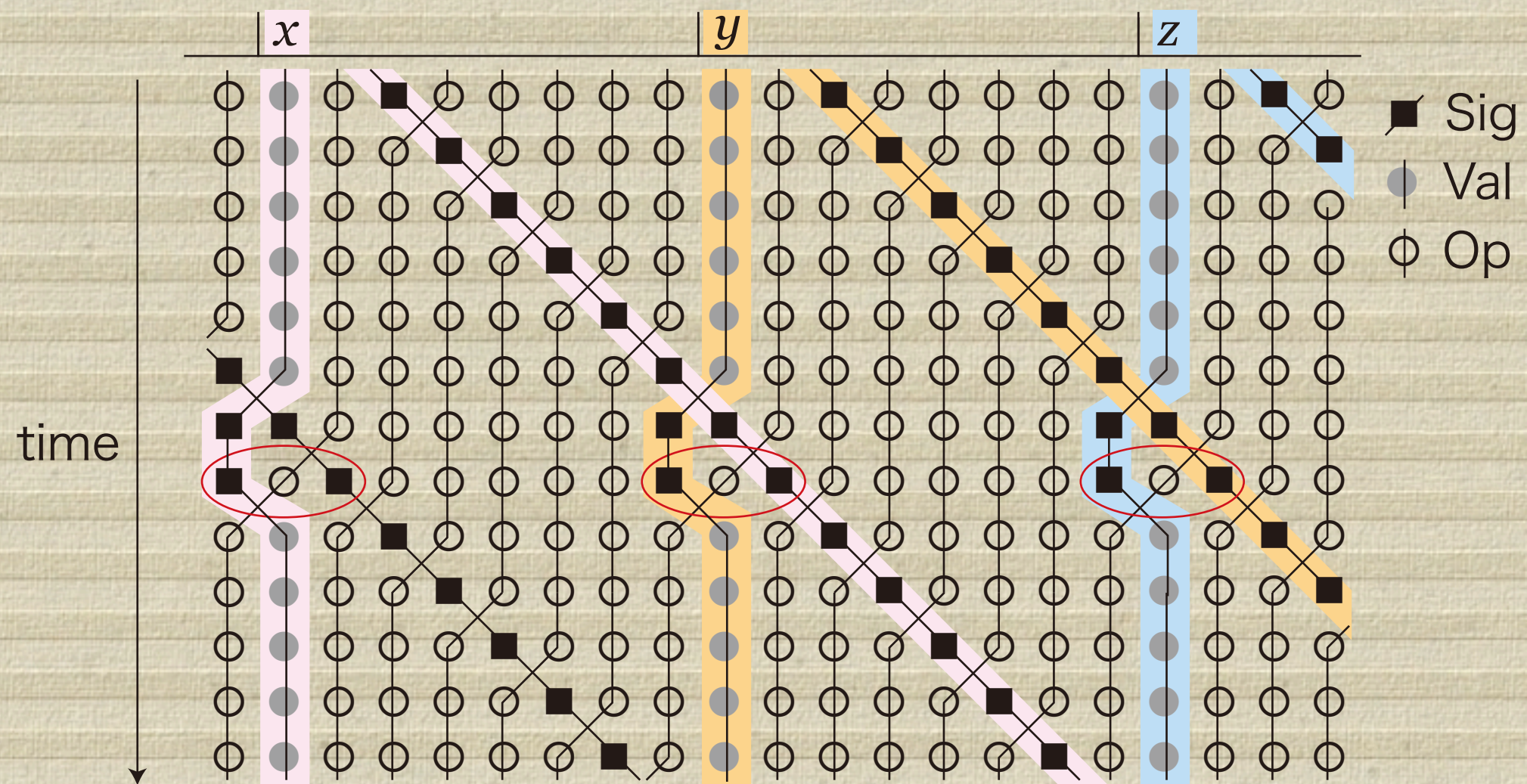
One-dimensional Intrinsic-universal CA

Olinger 2002

Each bits of binary encoded state value can be computed by a circuit made by NAND and COPY gates.



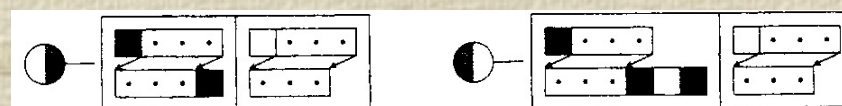
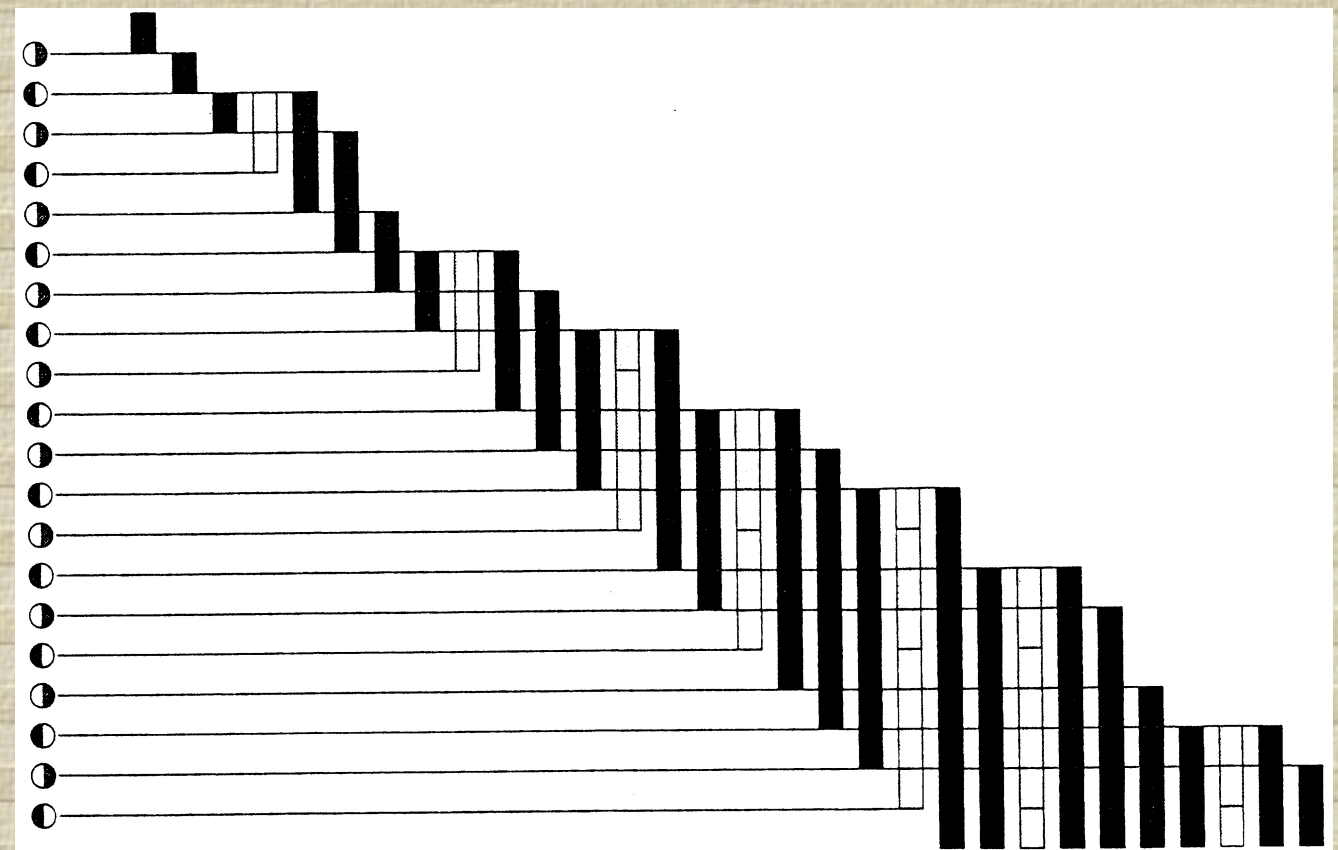
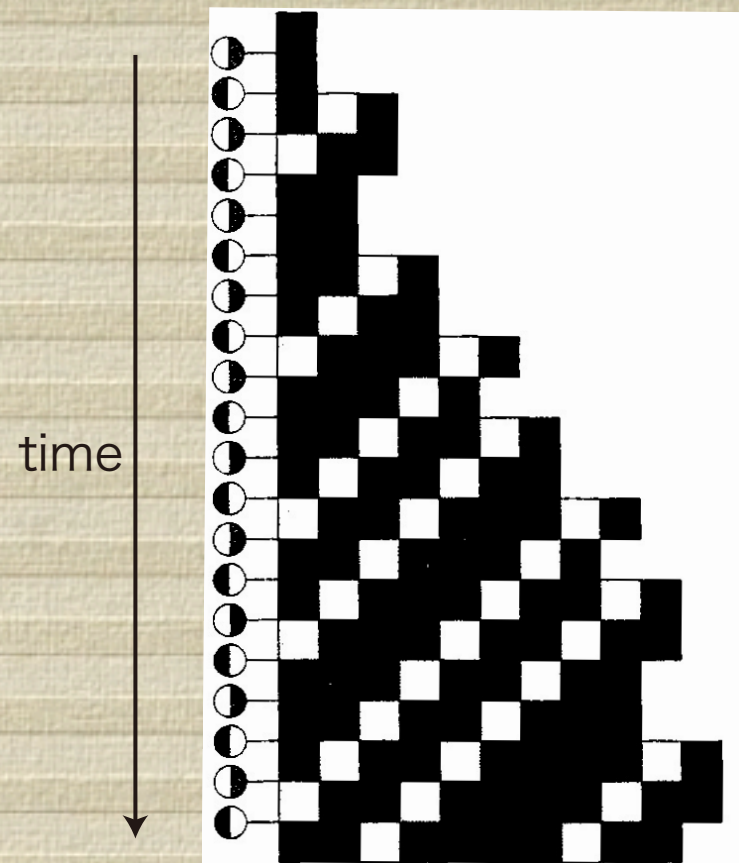
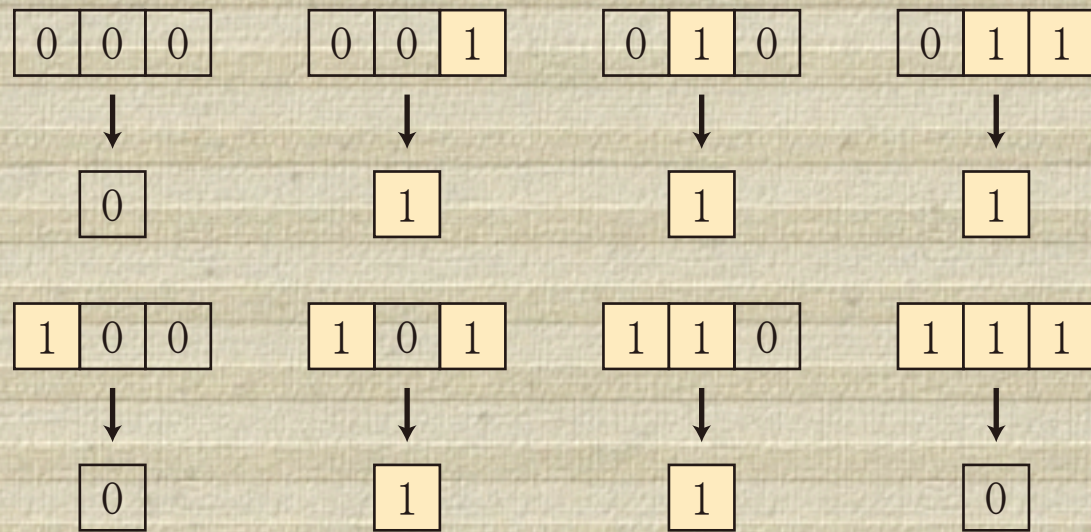
Outline of a Coffiguration of Olinger's intrinsic-universal CA



Universality of Rule 110

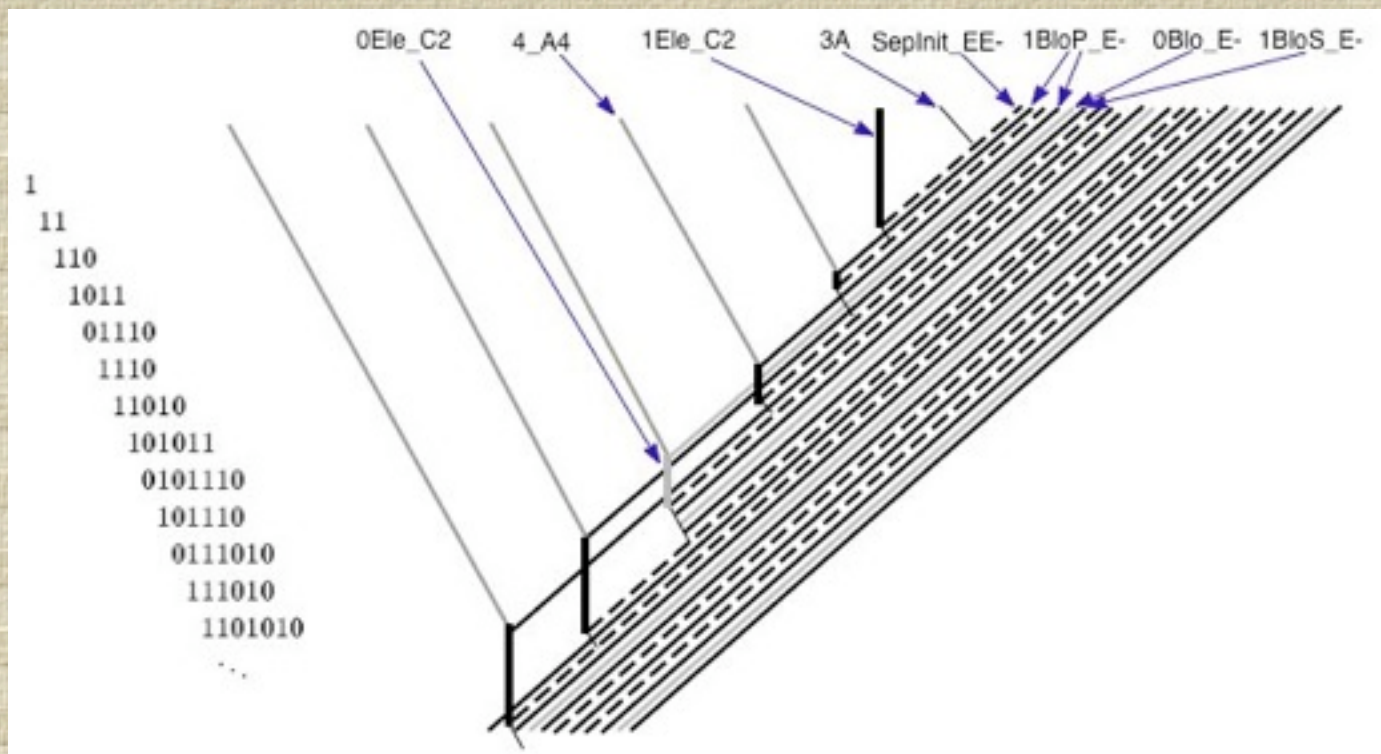
Cook 2004

Simulation of CTAG

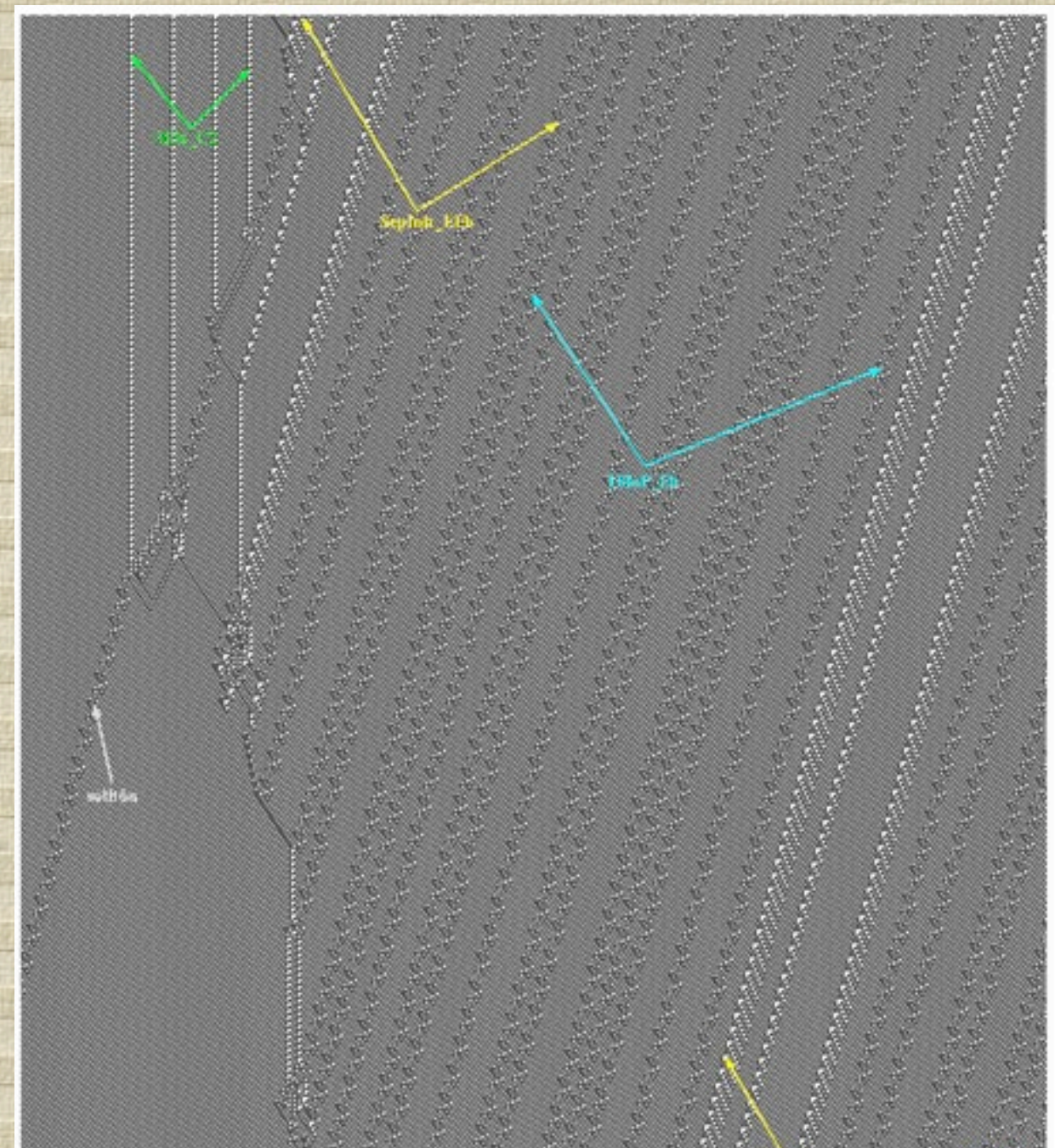
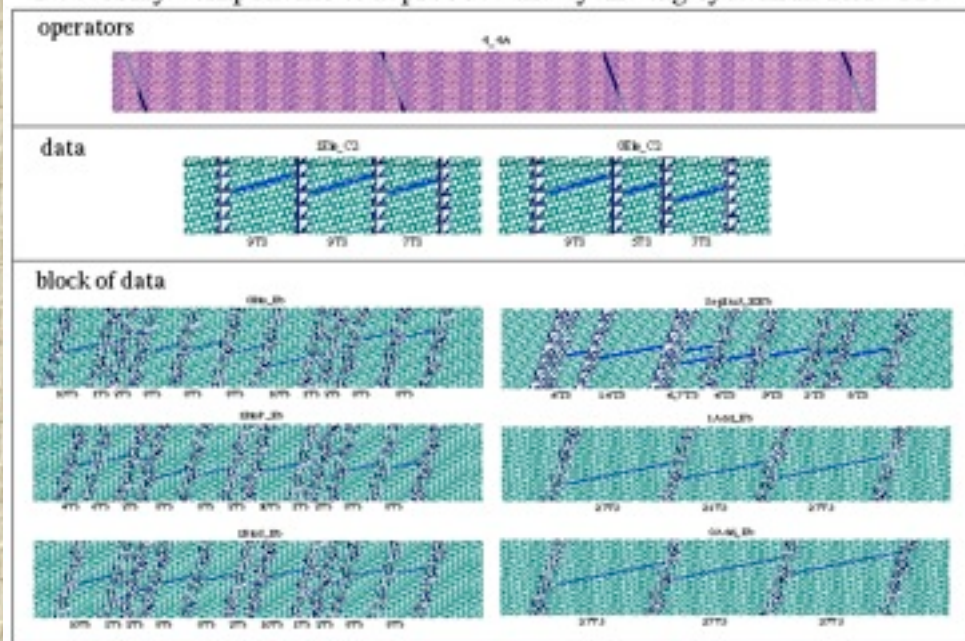


Outline of space time diagram of CTAG simulation by Rule 110

Cook 2004 cf. Martinez 2006



Necessary components to reproduce the cyclic tag system in Rule 110

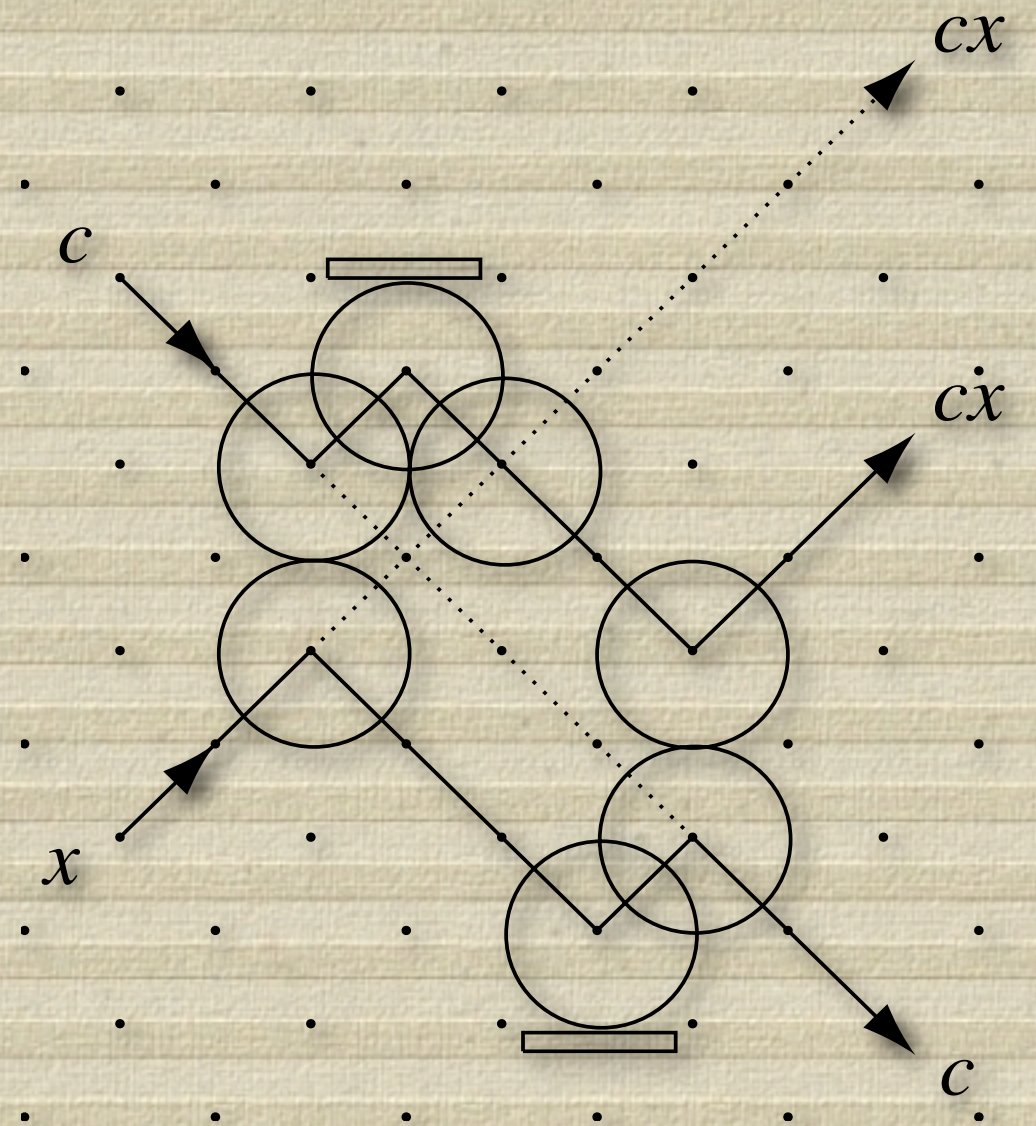
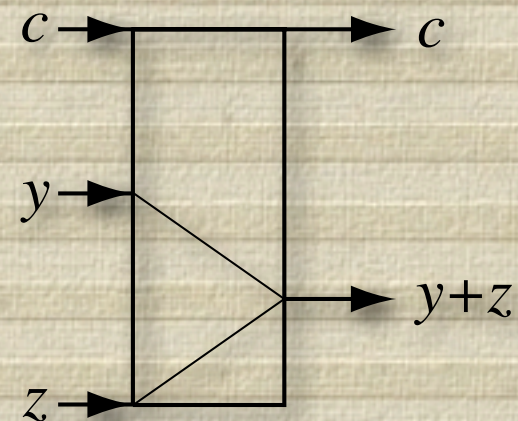
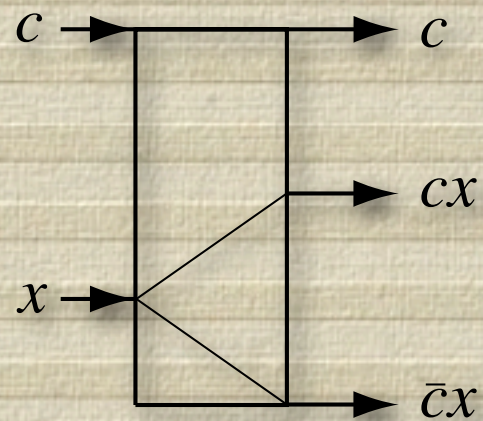


Universal Reversible CA

- 1977 Toffoli: Turing-universality of 2D reversible CA
- 1984 Margolus: 16-state, 2D, billiard ball model CA, logically-universal
- 1989 Morita, Harao: 1D, simulation of reversible TM
- 1997 Durand-Lose: 1D, a weak sense of intrinsic-universal
- 2000 Imai, Morita: 8-state, 2D triangular neighborhood
- 2000 Morita, Ogiro.: 81-state, 2D von Neuman, finite-configuration
- 2008 Morita: 24-state, 1D radius 1, reversible CTAG
 - 2006 Morita: 98-state, 1D, radius 1, finite configuration, reversible CTAG with halting state

Reversible system can be logically-universal

Fredkin, Toffoli 1982

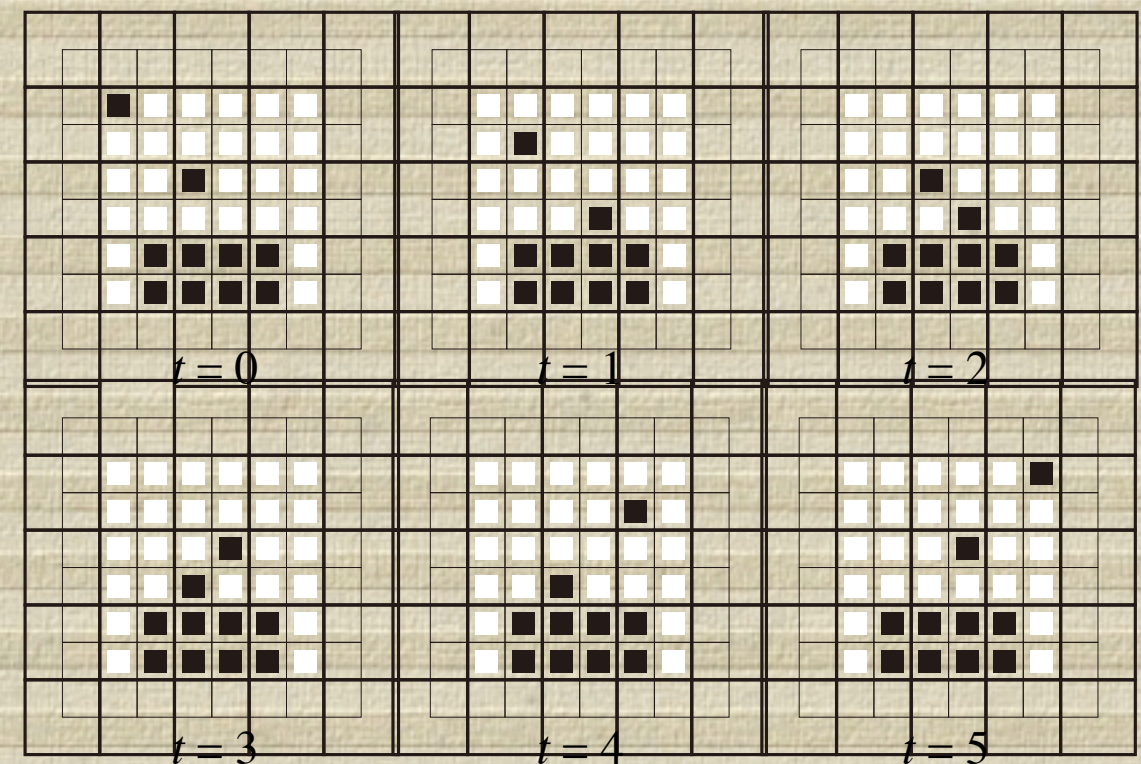
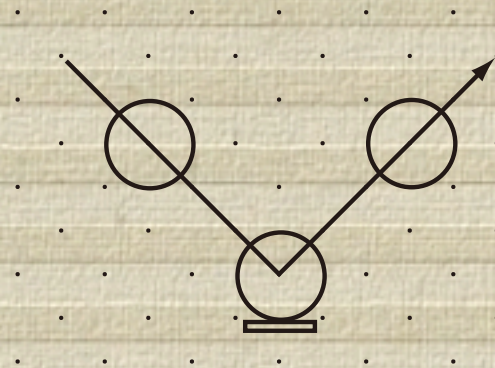
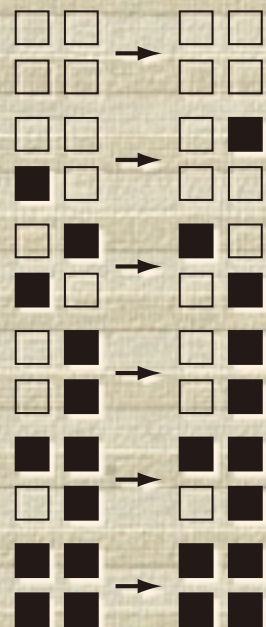
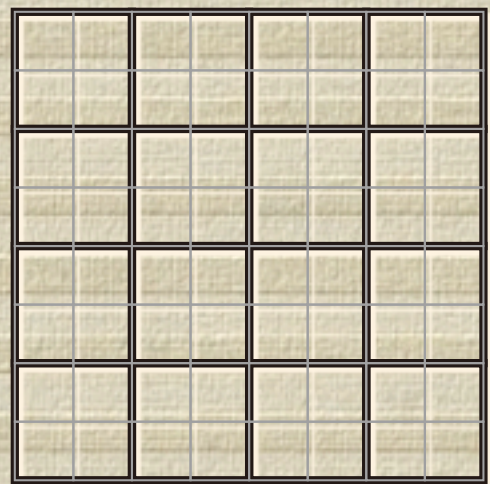


The BBM Cellular Automaton

Reversible and logically-universal

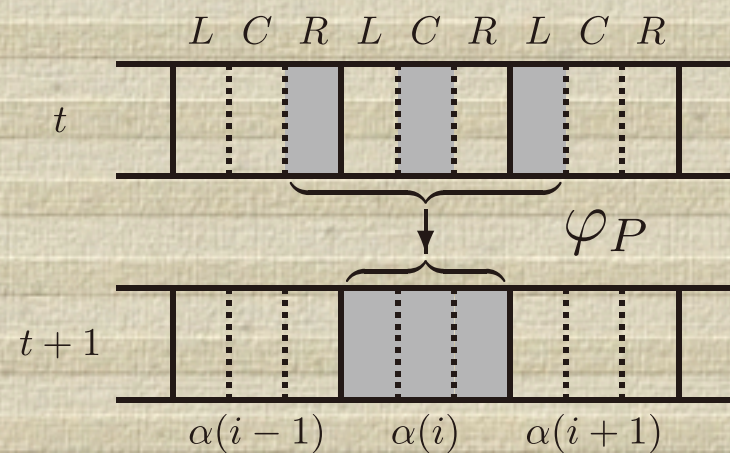
Margolus 1984

Margolus neighborhood



Reversible Partitioned CA

Morita, Ueno 1989, Morita, Harao 1989



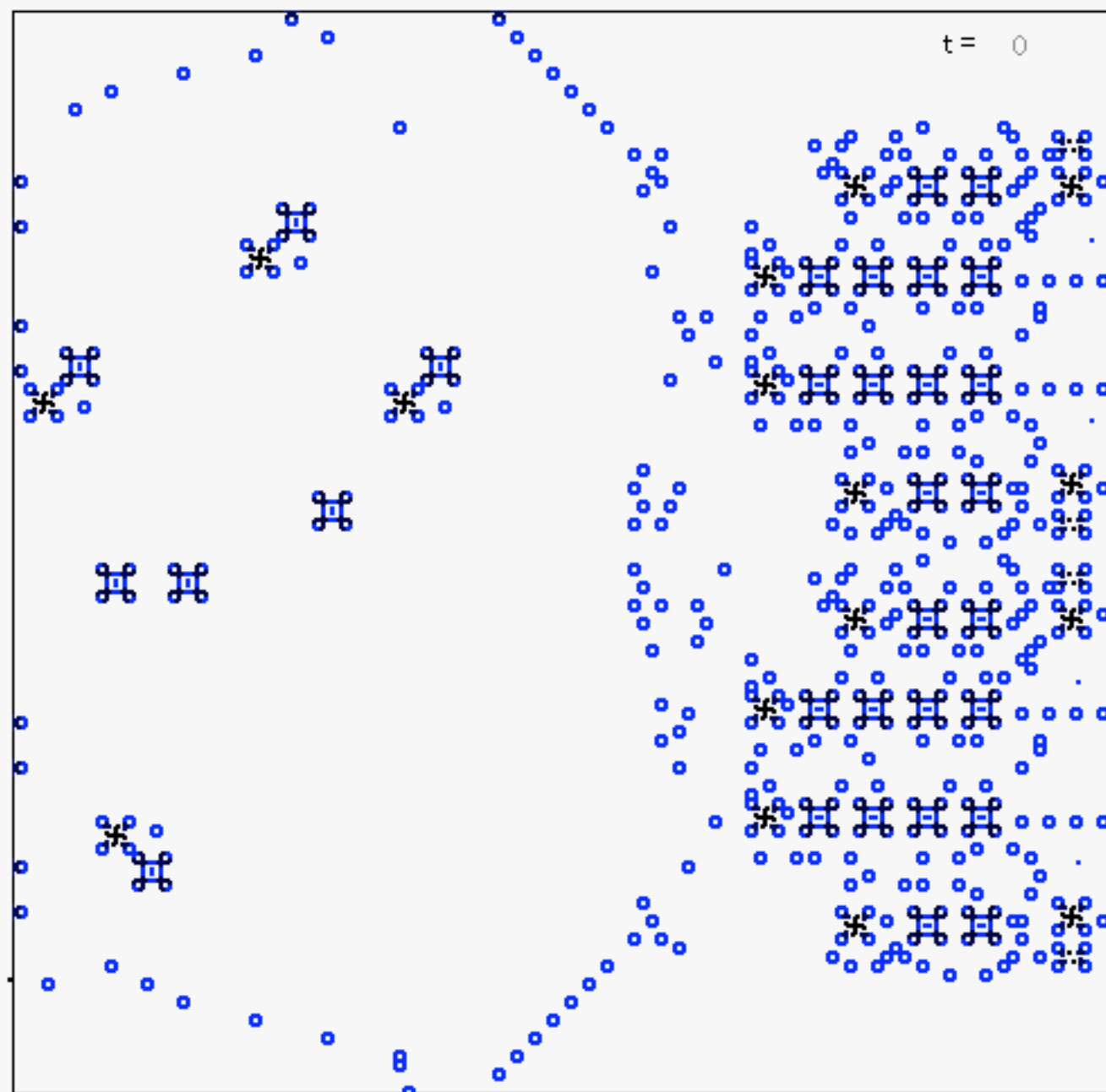
- Each cell is partitioned into the equal number of parts to the neighborhood size
- A partitioned CA is reversible iff its local function is one-to-one
- PCA is a subclass of 'normal' CA

81-state 2 dimensional universal reversible partitioned CA

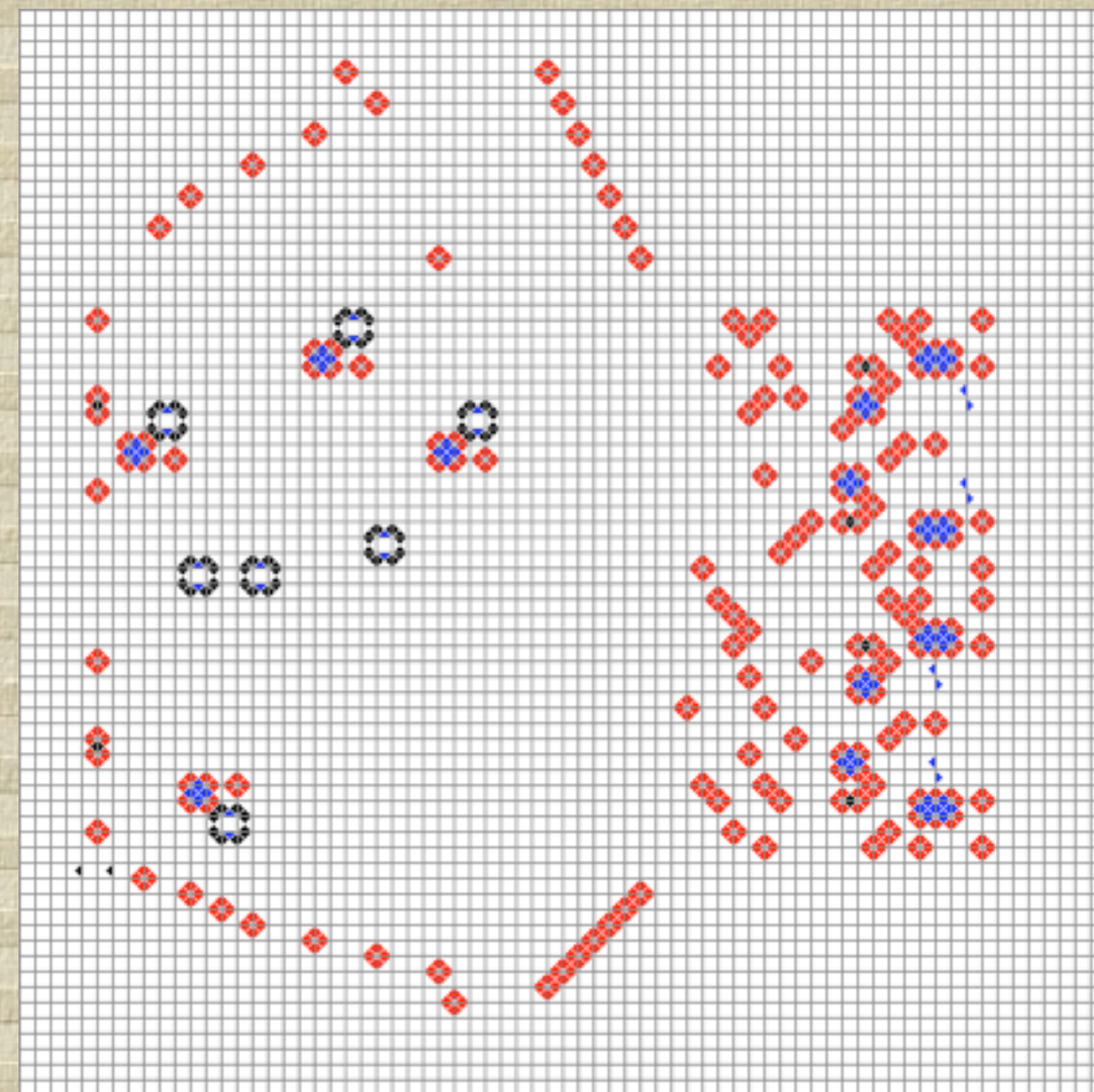
Simulation of two-counter machine
Morita, Ogiro 2000

3^4 – state

cf. 4^4 – state



An RCM(2) that computes $y = 2x+2$

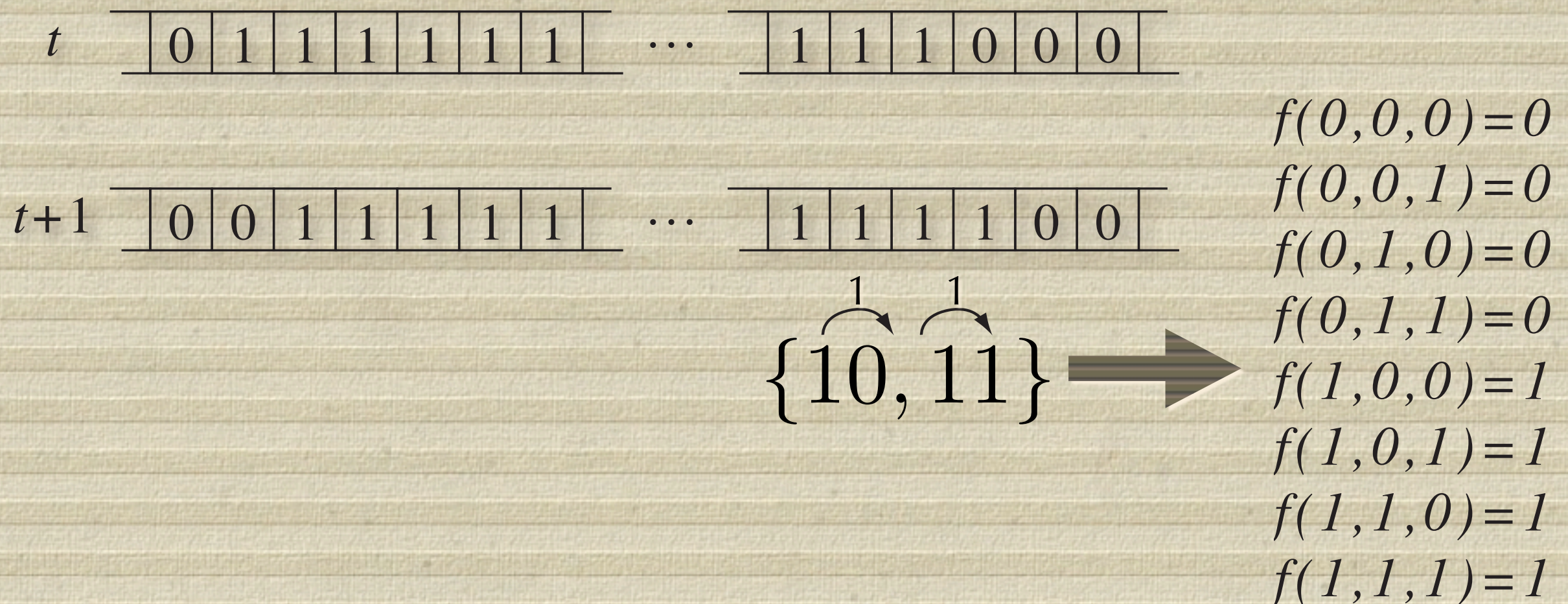


Universal Number-Conserving Cellular Automata

- 2002 Imai et, al. 26-state 2D, von Neumann
- 2003 Moreira: 1D, $2q+2$ -state, $2n$ -neighborhood
NCCA can simulate q -state, n -neighborhood CA
- 2007: Tanimoto et, al.: 14-state, 2D, von
Neumann

Motion representation

Any transition of number-conserving CA can be characterized by a set of movement of particles.



(cf. Fuks 2000, Pivato 2002)

2D case? (cf. Kari, Taati 2008)

Tomorrow

- How to play with cellular automata with various kind of neighborhoods in two and three-dimension, hyperbolic plane...

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