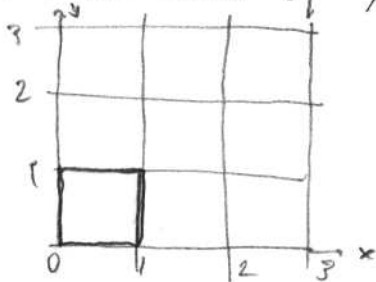


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[Step 3] Assume  $A$  has no eigenvalue equal to 1 (maybe write down the condition this gives for  $a, b, c, d$ ?)

Show that  $f(\vec{p}) = \vec{p} \implies \vec{p}$  has rational components  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

[Step 5] Draw the action of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  on the unit square



Show how the pieces rearrange to fill some squares:



how many?

How many squares filled for general  $A$ ?

How many solutions are there to  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}_0$  for a given  $\vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{T}^2$ ?

Bonus: How many solutions to  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$ ? [Hint use matrix  $A - I$  in above]

SOLUTION

Consider  $f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{pmatrix} \pmod{1}$   $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

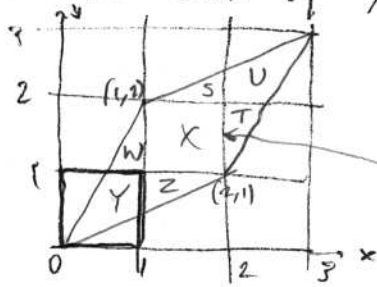
[Step 3] Assume  $A$  has no eigenvalues equal to 1 (maybe write down the condition this gives for  $a, b, c, d$ ? ...  $\det(A - I) = \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & b \\ c & d-1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$  ie  $(a-1)(d-1) - bc \neq 0$ )

Show that  $f(\vec{p}) = \vec{p} \implies \vec{p}$  has rational components  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

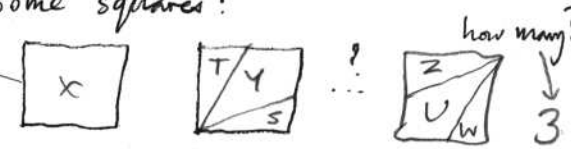
$\begin{cases} ax + by = x + n \\ cx + dy = y + m \end{cases}$  handles the (mod 1)  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

so  $\begin{cases} (a-1)x + by = n \\ cx + (d-1)y = m \end{cases}$   
 $\ominus$   $c(a-1)x + cby = cn$   
 $\ominus$   $(a-1)cx + (a-1)(d-1)y = (a-1)m$   
 $y [(a-1)(d-1) - bc] = (a-1)m - cn$   
 since not zero, have  $y = \frac{\text{int}}{\text{int}} = \text{rational}$ .

[Step 5] Draw the action of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  on the unit square. Same for  $x$ .



Show how the pieces rearrange to fill some squares:



How many squares filled for general  $A$ ?  $(\det A)$  since  $\det A$  gives area expansion factor (lin. alg.).

How many solutions are there to  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}_0$  for a given  $\vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{T}^2$ ?  
 Well, since there are  $(\det A)$  squares filled, there are  $(\det A)$  distinct solutions (one from each square).

Bonus: How many solutions to  $f(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$ ? [Hint use matrix  $A - I$  in above].  
 $f(\vec{x}) - \vec{x} = \vec{0}$  ie  $(A - I)\vec{x} = \vec{0}$  our choice for  $\vec{x}_0$  So there's  $|\det(A - I)|$  fixed points.