

from "Questions"



The stars are twinkling, all listless and cold,
And a fool is awaiting an answer.

Heinrich Heine

Group tree shifts III

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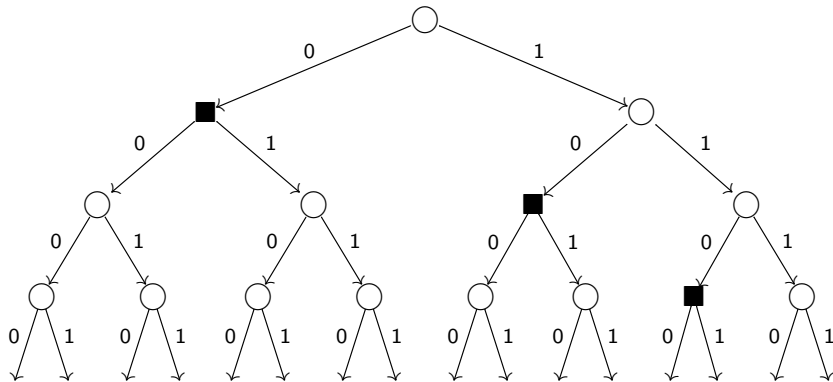
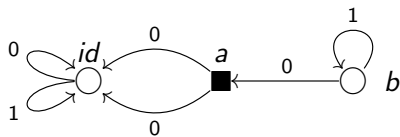


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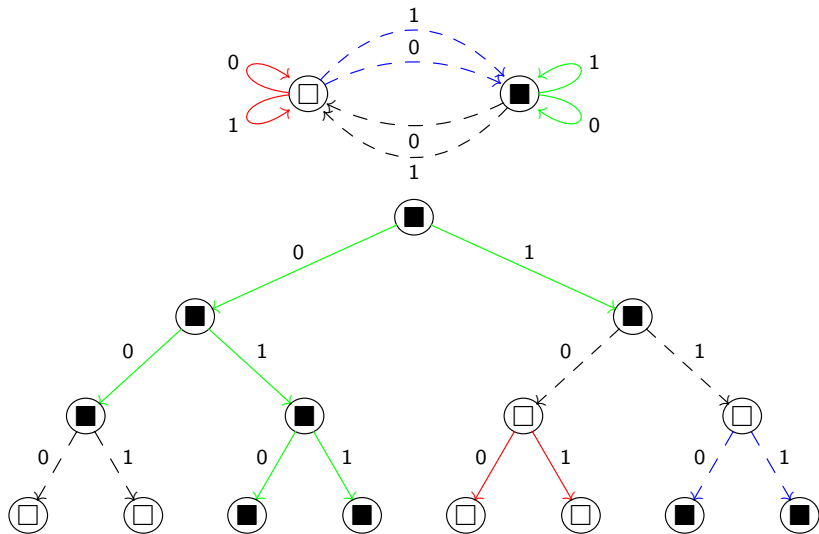


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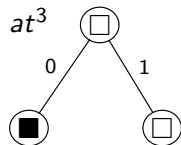
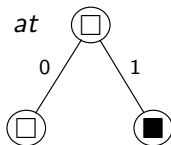
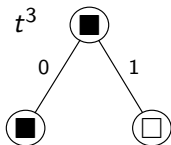
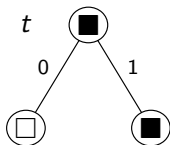
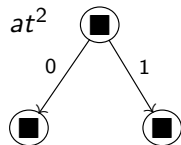
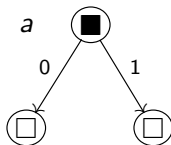
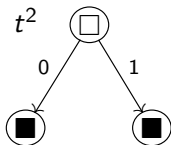
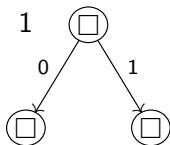
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What exactly is the set (group) recognized?

$$\mathcal{G}_B = \{ g \in \Sigma^{X^*} \mid (\forall u \in X^*) g|_{(u0)} = g|_{(u1)} \}$$

(Group) tree shift of finite type, defined by forbidden tree-patterns of size 2 (the patterns in the bottom row are forbidden).

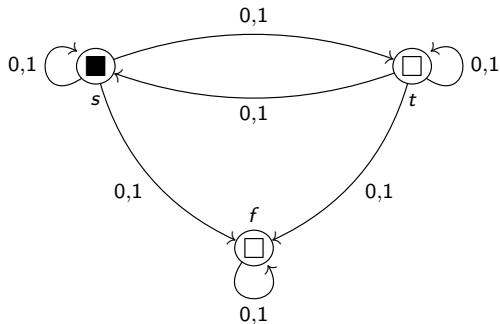


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- family F of sets of states (final sets of states)
- a portrait is accepted if (1) there is a vertex and edge label preserving and bundle preserving homomorphism from the portrait to the automaton and (2) for each ray, the set of states visited by the ray under the accepting homomorphism is a member of F

Rabin automaton (S2S definable sets)



$$I = \{s, t, f\}$$

$$F = \{\{f\}\}$$

S2S: Monadic second order theory of the two successors structure X^*

first order variables: x, y, z, \dots (range over vertices in X^*)

second order variables: X, Y, Z, \dots (range over subsets of X^*)

2 successors: s_0 and s_1 ($s_0(u)$ and $s_1(u)$ interpreted as the successors of u in X^*)

equality symbol and membership symbol: $=, \in$

quantifiers: \forall, \exists

logical connectives: $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \implies$

parentheses: (and)

basic terms: x

terms: for every term t , the expressions $s_0(t)$ and $s_1(t)$ are terms.

atomic formulas: $t_1 = t_2, X = Y, t \in X$.

formulas: for all formulas Φ and Ψ the following are also formulas

$$\begin{aligned} &(\neg\Phi), (\Phi \wedge \Psi), (\Phi \vee \Psi), (\Phi \implies \Psi), \\ &(\exists x \Phi), (\exists X \Phi), (\forall x \Phi), (\forall X \Phi). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Rabin 1969)

The S2S theory of the two successor structure X^ is decidable.*

Theorem (Rabin 1969)

A set of labeled trees is definable in S2S if and only if it can be recognized by a Rabin automaton.

Still one of the strongest decidability results in logic (used to prove decidability of many other theories by embedding them in S2S)

Sofic shifts and shifts of finite type (C-S, C, F, Š, 2013)

defined by
frbddn ptrns \xLeftrightarrow{thm} Subshift
(closed and
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quotient of
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Sofic shift

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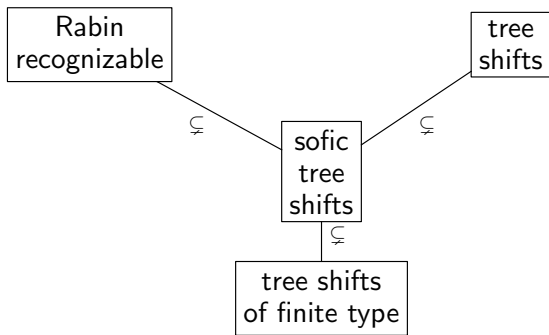
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$$\text{Sofic} = \text{Rabin recognizable} \cap \text{shifts} = \text{S2S definable} \cap \text{shifts}$$

Ceccherini-Silberstein, Coornaert, Fiorenzi, Š, 2013



The shift-invariance (self-similarity) removes the need for initial states and the topological closure property removes the need for final states.

A simple observation

Proposition

Every group tree shift of finite type (in fact, every sofic group tree shift) is a closure of a group of finite-state automorphisms.

Proof.

Let G be a sofic group tree shift accepted by the Rabin-Moore automaton \mathcal{A} . For each state of \mathcal{A} fix an outgoing bundle (thus, select a Moore automaton \mathcal{A}' inside the Rabin-Moore automaton \mathcal{A}). Any $g \in G$ can be approximated up to a given level by a finite-state automorphism g' in G that “imitates” g in \mathcal{A} up to that level and follows \mathcal{A}' below that level. □

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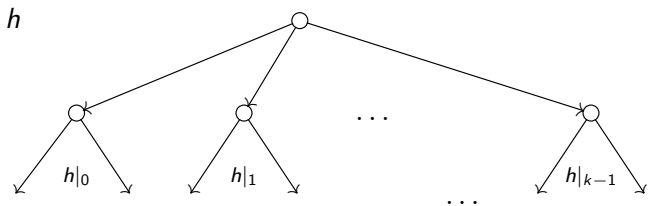
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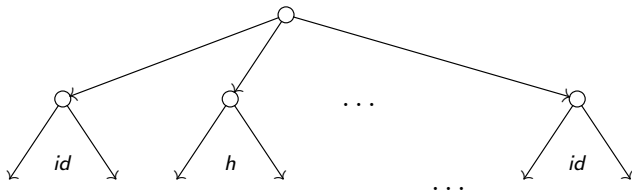


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Thus, the real question is:

given h in H_{s-1} , is the following automorphism in H (for every position on the first level, of course)?



Self-similar vs. self-replicating vs. branching over H_{s-1}

self-similar = every section is an element

= anything can be brought from the anywhere to the root

$$= (\forall h \in H)(\forall u \in X^*) h|_u \in H$$

self-replicating = every element is a (special) section

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Two examples

Example

The first Grigorchuk group (1980) branches over its stabilizer of level 3, so its closure is a group tree shift of finite type defined by patterns of size 4
(total of $2^{12} = 4096$ allowed patterns; thus $2^{15} - 2^{12}$ forbidden).

Example

The Gupta-Sidki 3-group (1983) branches over its stabilizer of level 2, so its closure is a group tree shift of finite type defined by patterns of size 3
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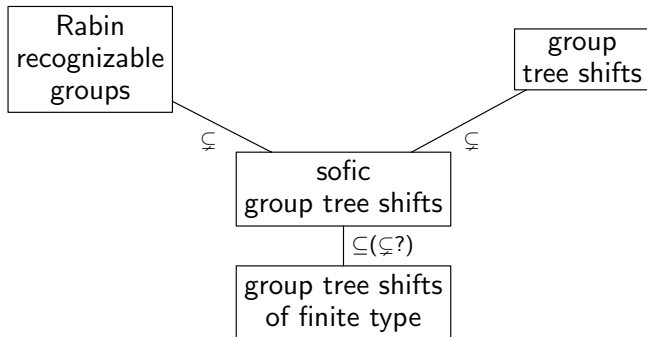
Is sofic actually different from finite type?

I do not know any examples of a sofic group tree shift that is not group tree shift of finite type.

Theorem (Penland, Š 2018)

Let G be a sofic group tree shift such that its normalizer in $\text{Aut}(X^)$ contains a level transitive self-replicating subgroup. Then G is a group tree shift of finite type.*

$$\text{Sofic} = \text{Rabin recognizable groups} \cap \text{shifts} = \text{S2S definable} \cap \text{shifts}$$



Corollary (Penland, Š 2018)

Let G be a level transitive, self-replicating group that satisfies a group identity (or has a nontrivial center or ...). Then, the closure \overline{G} is a group tree shift that is not Rabin recognizable (and, in particular, it is not sofic or of finite type).

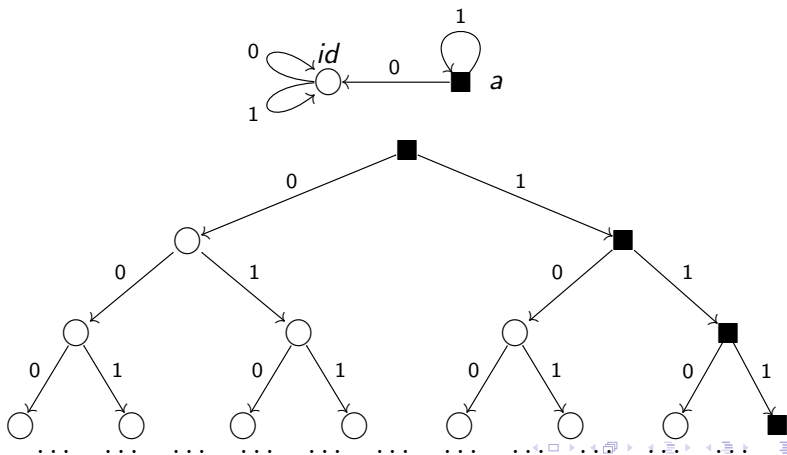
Proof.

If \overline{G} were Rabin recognizable, it would be sofic, but then it would be of finite type, but then it would be branch, but then it could not satisfy an identity (note that \overline{G} satisfies all identities that G does), a contradiction. □

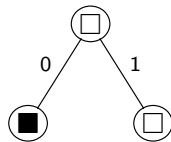
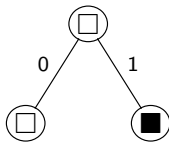
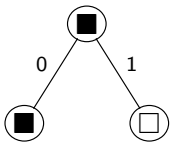
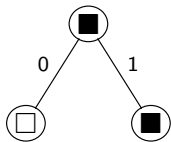
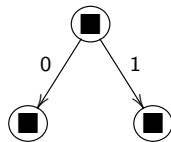
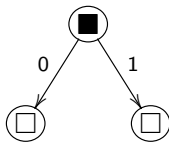
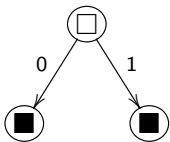
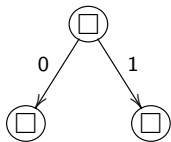
Adding machine

That foul machine! and God forbid
That I should ever use it!

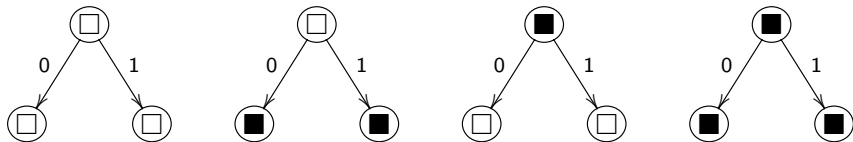
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Tree patterns (of size 2)

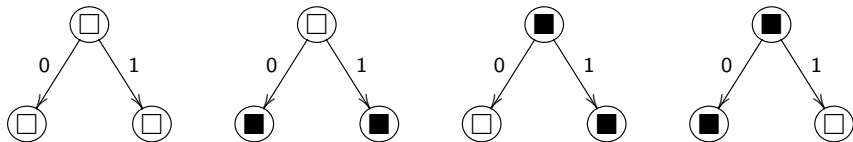


Two groups defined by patterns



These patterns define the “same children” group

$$G_{sc} = \{ g \in \Sigma^{X^*} \mid g_{(u0)} = g_{(u1)}, \text{ for all } u \}$$



These patterns define the “even pattern” group

$$G_{even} = \{ g \in \Sigma^{X^*} \mid g_{(u0)} + g_{(u1)} + g_{(u)} = 0, \text{ for all } u \}$$

Definition

A group of tree automorphism defined by a finite set of forbidden patterns is called a **finitely constrained group** (group tree shift of finite type)

The patterns for the Grigorchuk group have **3** constraints

- Grigorchuk 2000 (indirectly)
- Arzhantseva-ZŠ 2007 (3 explicitly stated constraints)
- Bartholdi around 2007 (explicitly stated “single” constraint)

“degrees of freedom” = 5 out of 8.

Entropy of f.c.g. with respect to balls on the tree

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2(\# \text{ of patterns of size } n \text{ appearing in } G)}{\log_2(\# \text{ of all possible patterns of size } n)} &= \\ \frac{(1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}) - 3(1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{n-4})}{1 + 2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}} &= \\ 1 - \frac{3}{8} &= \frac{5}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{ent}_B(G) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log_2(\# \text{ of patterns on the ball of radius } n - 1)}{\text{size of the ball of radius } n - 1}$$

Hausdorff dimension of closed subgroups of $\text{Aut}(X^*)$

Theorem (Abercrombie 1994, Barnea-Shalev 1997)

$$\dim_H H = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log[G : G_n]}{\log[\text{Aut} : \text{Aut}_n]}$$

Two portraits are “close” when they agree on “many” levels:

$$d(g, h) = \inf \left\{ \frac{1}{[\text{Aut} : \text{Aut}_n]} \mid (\forall m \leq n)(\forall u \in X^m) g|_{(u)} = h|_{(u)} \right\}$$

Thus, for finitely constrained groups on the binary tree

$$\text{ent}_B(G) = \dim_H(G).$$

(For other trees we have $\text{ent}_B(G) = \dim_H(G) \log_2 |\Sigma|$.)

From now on – binary trees

For a finitely constrained group defined by patterns of size s , for some $s \geq 1$,

$$\dim_H(G) \in \left\{ 1, 1 - \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}, 1 - \frac{2}{2^{s-1}}, 1 - \frac{3}{2^{s-1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}, 0 \right\}$$

$$\dim_H(G) = \frac{\log_2 |P_{s-1}|}{2^{s-1}}$$

where P is the essential finite group of patterns of size s defining G .

essential group of patterns = the group of allowed patterns that actually appear in some element

So far (RG 2005)

	1	$1 - \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{2}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{3}{2^{s-1}}$
$s = 1$	Aut(X^*)	0 trivial	X XXXXX	X XXXXX
$s = 2$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{1}{2}$	0 finite	X XXXXX
$s = 3$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$s = 4$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{6}{8}$	$\frac{5}{8}$ RG "2005"
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$s = 6$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{31}{32}$	$\frac{30}{32}$	$\frac{29}{32}$
\vdots	\vdots	$\vdots \quad \vdots$	$\vdots \quad \vdots$	$\vdots \quad \vdots$
s	Aut(X^*)			

Is there a top.fin.gen. finitely constrained group of a given dimension defined by patterns of a given size?

BLUE = YES

RED = NO

BLACK = the question is trivial

XXXXX = question makes no sense (negative dimension)

Theorem (ZŠ 2007)

For every $s \geq 4$, there are at least 2^{s-2} topologically finitely generated, finitely constrained groups defined by patterns of size s (but not by patterns of smaller size) whose Hausdorff dimension is

$$1 - \frac{3}{2^{s-1}}$$

The groups above are “parametrized” by polynomials over $\text{GF}(2)$. The two groups corresponding to size 4 are the Grigorchuk group is G_{x^2+x+1} and Grigorchuk-Erschler group is G_{x^2+1} .

Theorem (Nekrashevych-ZŠ)

The groups above together with the dihedral group correspond to the iterated monodromy groups of the self-cover of the unit interval by the tent map.

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The two f.c groups defined by patterns of size 2

$$\dim_H(\text{even tree shift group}) = \dim_H(\text{same children group}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Both are defined by a single constraint and have maximal Hausdorff dimension for the given size.

Theorem (ZŠ 2011)

Neither of these two groups is topologically finitely generated.

So far (ZŠ 2011)

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No finitely constrained group defined by a pattern group P of pattern size 4 and Hausdorff dimension different from $5/8$ is topologically finitely generated.

So far (IB-IS 2013)

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In particular, abelian pattern groups lead to groups that are not topologically finitely generated.

Theorem (Penland-ZŠ 2015)

If G is a finitely constrained group defined by a pattern group P of pattern size s , for some $s \geq 2$, and G has maximal Hausdorff dimension (equal to $1 - \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}$), then

(a) P is a maximal subgroup of $\text{Aut}(X^{[s]}) = \underbrace{C_2 \wr C_2 \wr \cdots \wr C_2}_s$ that

does not contain the “last generator” and

(b) G is not topologically finitely generated.

So far (AP-ZŠ 2015)

	1	$1 - \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{2}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{3}{2^{s-1}}$
$s = 1$	Aut(X^*)	0	trivial	X XXXXX
$s = 2$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{1}{2}$	ZŠ 2011	0 finite
$s = 3$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{3}{4}$	IB-IS 2013	$\frac{2}{4}$ IB-IS 2013
$s = 4$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{7}{8}$	IB-IS 2013	$\frac{6}{8}$ IB-IS 2013
$s = 5$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{15}{16}$	AP-ZŠ 2015	$\frac{14}{16}$ IB-IS 2013
$s = 6$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{31}{32}$	AP-ZŠ 2015	$\frac{29}{32}$ IB-IS 2013
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
s	Aut(X^*)		AP-ZŠ 2015	ZŠ 2007

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BLUE = YES

RED = NO

It follows from the work of Bartholdi-Nekrashevych, Pink, (Penland-Š) that

Proposition

The iterated monodromy groups of post-critically finite quadratic polynomials yield finitely constrained, topologically finitely generated groups defined by patterns of size s and dimension $1 - 2/2^{s-1}$, for $s \geq 5$.

So far (B-N,P 2015)

	1	$1 - \frac{1}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{2}{2^{s-1}}$	$1 - \frac{3}{2^{s-1}}$
$s = 1$	Aut(X^*)	0 trivial	X XXXXX	X XXXXX
$s = 2$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{1}{2}$ ZŠ 2011	0 finite	X XXXXX
$s = 3$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{3}{4}$ IB-IS 2013	$\frac{2}{4}$ IB-IS 2013	$\frac{1}{4}$ IB-IS 2013
$s = 4$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{7}{8}$ IB-IS 2013	$\frac{6}{8}$ IB-IS 2013	$\frac{5}{8}$ RG "2005"
$s = 5$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{15}{16}$ AP-ZŠ 2015	$\frac{14}{16}$ B-N,P 2015	$\frac{13}{16}$ ZŠ 2007
$s = 6$	Aut(X^*)	$\frac{31}{32}$ AP-ZŠ 2015	$\frac{30}{32}$ B-N,P 2015	$\frac{29}{32}$ ZŠ 2007
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
s	Aut(X^*)	AP-ZŠ 2015	B-N,P 2015	ZŠ 2007

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Thus speak I, but now, my friends, farewell,
I must end my long discourses;
My father-in-law's postilion's outside,
Awaiting me with the horses.

Heinrich Heine