

Combinatorial Settlement Model: Resistance to Predators and Altruists

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PREDATORS AND ALTRUISTS ARRIVING ON JAMMED RIVIERA

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ABSTRACT. The Riviera model is a combinatorial model for a settlement along a coastline, introduced recently by the authors. Of most interest are the so-called jammed states, where no more houses can be built without violating the condition that every house needs to have free space to at least one of its sides. In this paper, we introduce new agents (predators and altruists) that want to build houses once the settlement is already in the jammed state. Their behavior is governed by a different set of rules, and this allows them to build new houses even though the settlement is jammed. Our main focus is to detect jammed configurations that are resistant to predators, to altruists, and to both predators and altruists. We provide bivariate generating functions, and complexity functions (configurational entropies) for such jammed configurations. We also discuss this problem in the two-dimensional setting of a combinatorial settlement planning model that was also recently introduced by the authors, and of which the Riviera model is just a special case.

1. INTRODUCTION

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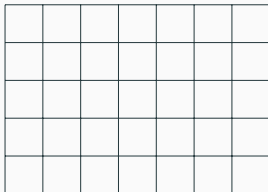
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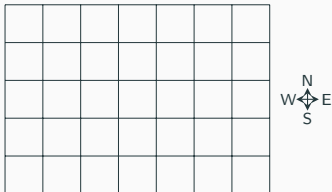
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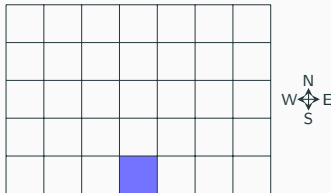
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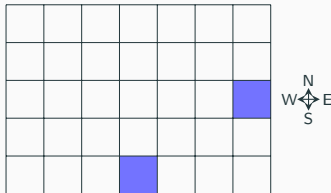
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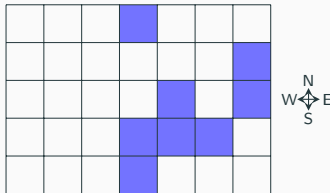
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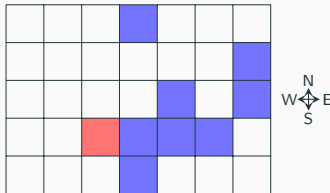
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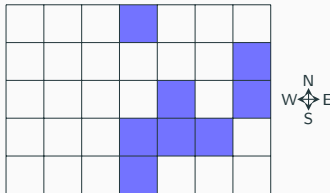
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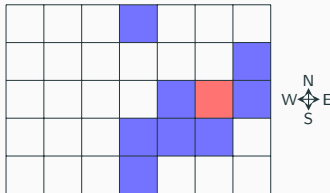
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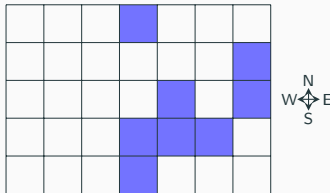
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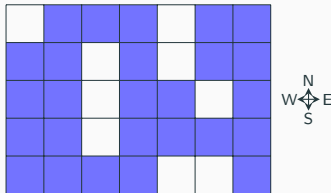
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- Continue adding houses to empty lots until reaching a **jammed configuration**



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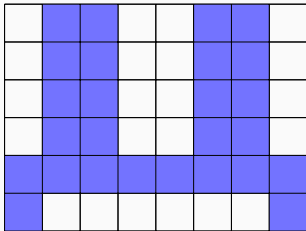
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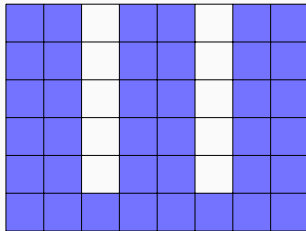
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What can be the occupancy of jammed configurations?



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Summary of known results ($\frac{1}{2} \leq \rho \leq \frac{3}{4}$)

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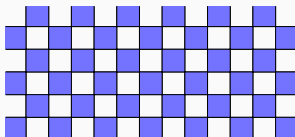
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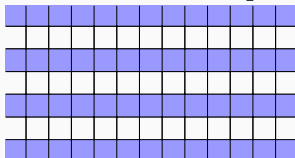
$$E_{m,n} \leq \begin{cases} mn - \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor \cdot (m-1), & \text{if } n \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\ mn - \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor \cdot (m-1) - \lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

▷ P., Šebek and Žubrinić, Combinatorial settlement planning, *Contrib. Discrete Math.* **18** (2023), no. 2, 20–47

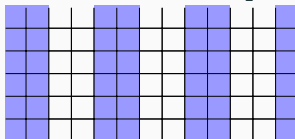
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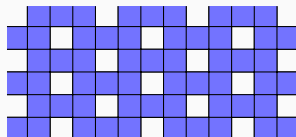
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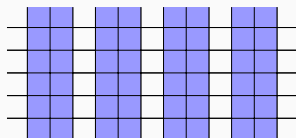
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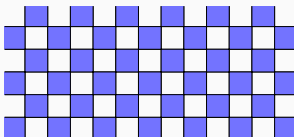


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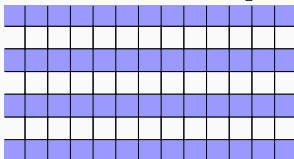


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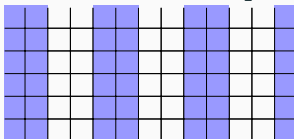
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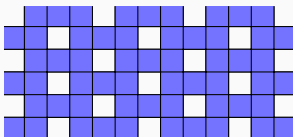
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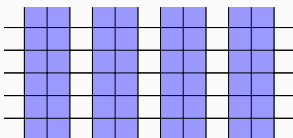
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- take a bounded piece to build a finite grid

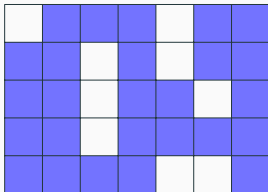
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Predators and altruists

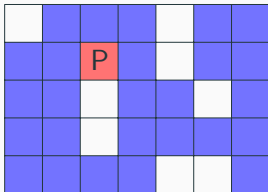
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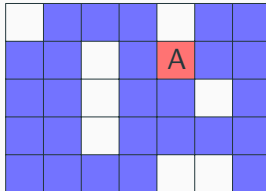
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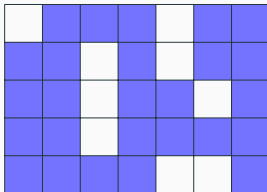
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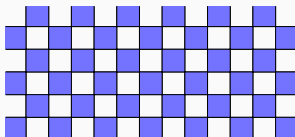


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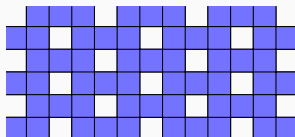
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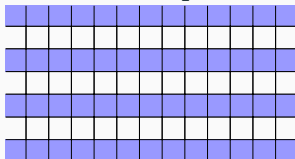
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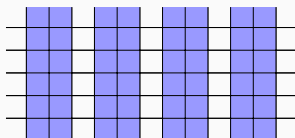
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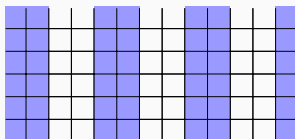
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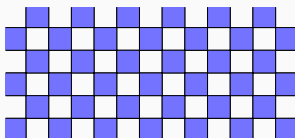


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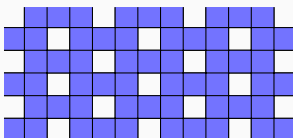


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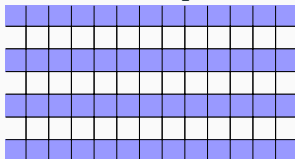
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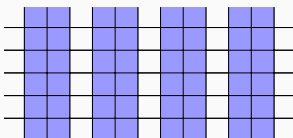
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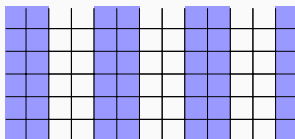
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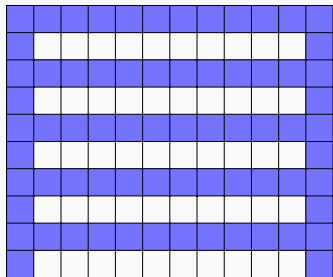


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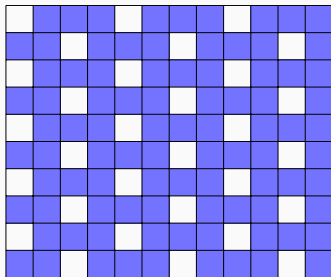
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- just Check and Brick patterns are resistant to Predators

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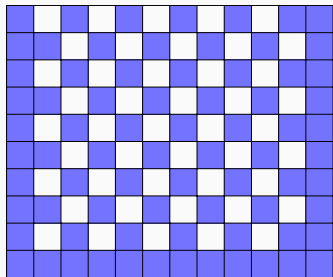


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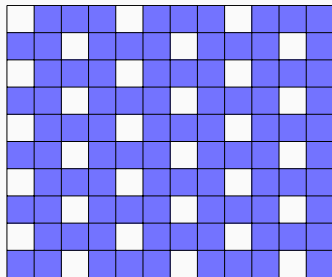
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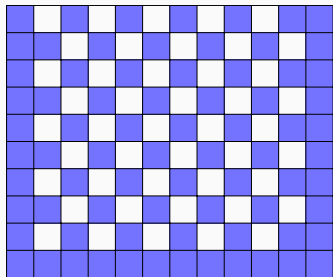


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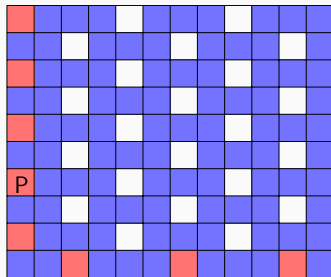
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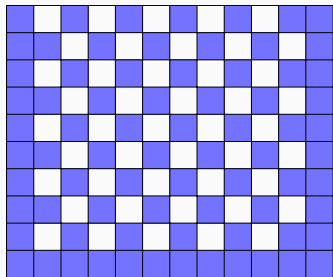


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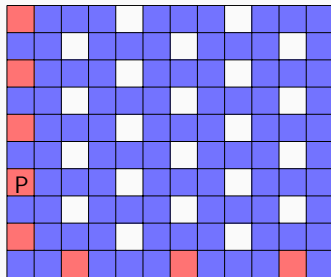
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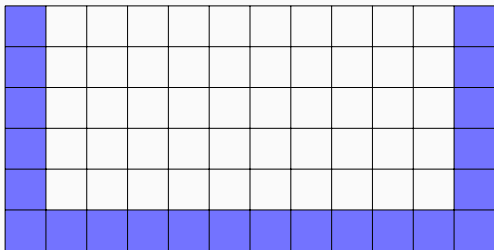


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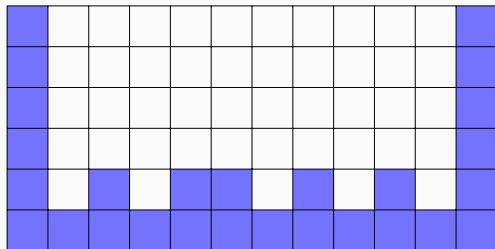
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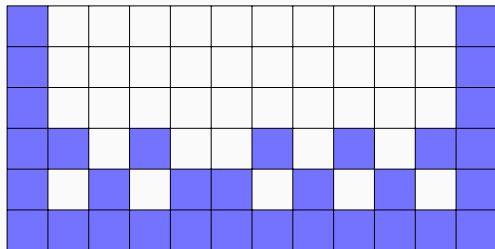
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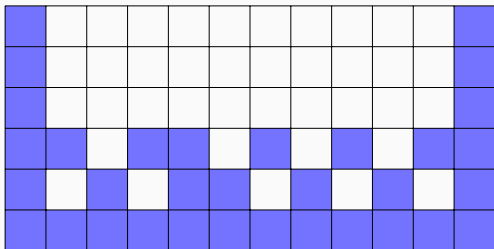
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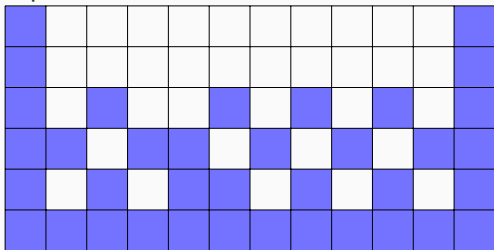
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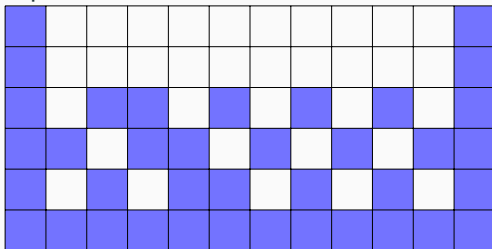
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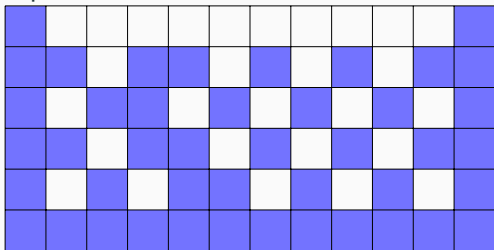
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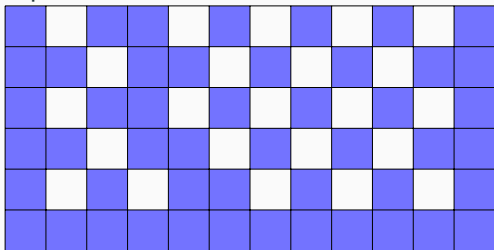
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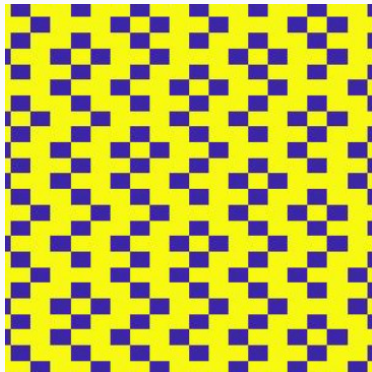
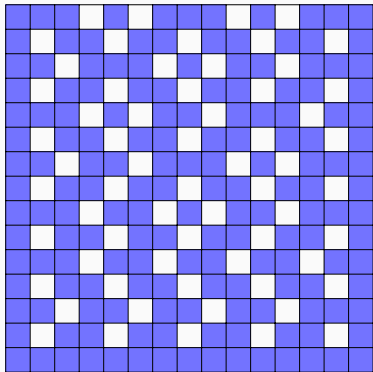
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Is this bound attained?

Evolutionary stable configurations (ESC)

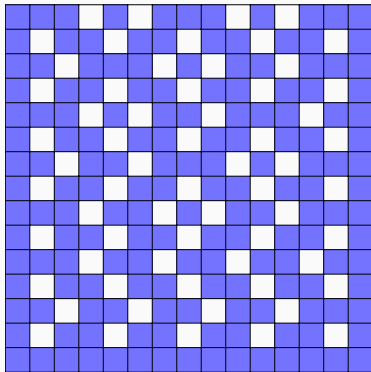
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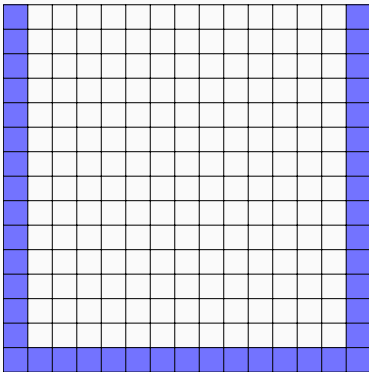
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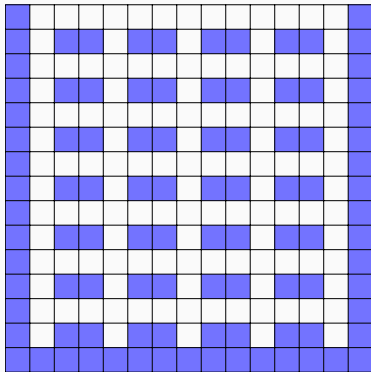
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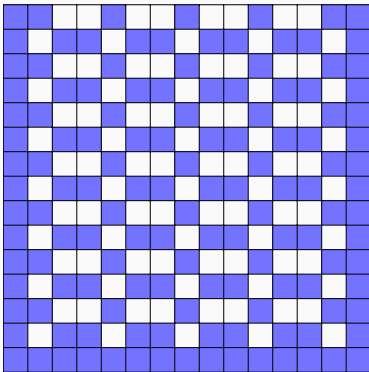
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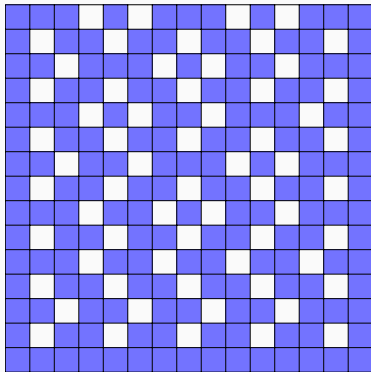
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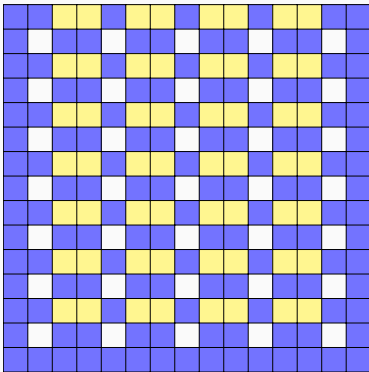
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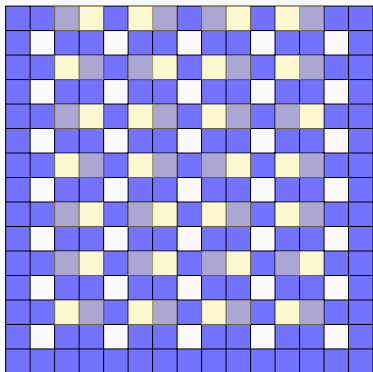
Theorem

If $m \times n$ ESC exists for $m, n > 2$, then n is divisible by 3 and m is odd, and it must have the structure below:



where exactly one in each highlighted pair of adjacent lots is occupied, and the other is empty. As a consequence, all the ES configurations have the same occupancy of $mn - \frac{(m-1)(2n-3)}{6} = \frac{2}{3}mn + \frac{1}{2}(m-1) + \frac{1}{3}n$.

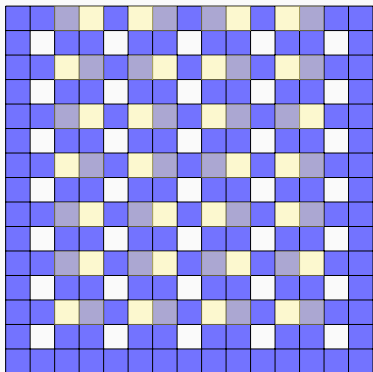
Choice is not completely arbitrary



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$$\begin{bmatrix} R & L & R & L \\ L & R & L & L \\ R & L & L & R \\ L & L & R & L \\ R & R & L & L \\ R & R & R & R \\ L & L & L & L \end{bmatrix}$$

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R	L	R	L
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Theorem

Allowed ESCs are precisely those which (when encoded) do not contain any of the forbidden constellations:

$$\begin{array}{c} R * \\ R L \end{array}, \quad \begin{array}{c} * L \\ R L \end{array}, \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} L \\ L \end{array} \right., \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} R \\ R \end{array} \right| .$$

PREDATORS AND ALTRUISTS ARRIVING ON JAMMED RIVIERA

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ABSTRACT. The Riviera model is a combinatorial model for a settlement along a coastline, introduced recently by the authors. Of most interest are the so-called jammed states, where no more houses can be built without violating the condition that every house needs to have free space to at least one of its sides. In this paper, we introduce new agents (predators and altruists) that want to build houses once the settlement is already in the jammed state. Their behavior is governed by a different set of rules, and this allows them to build new houses even though the settlement is jammed. Our main focus is to detect jammed configurations that are resistant to predators, to altruists, and to both predators and altruists. We provide bivariate generating functions, and complexity functions (configurational entropies) for such jammed configurations. We also discuss this problem in the two-dimensional setting of a combinatorial settlement planning model that was also recently introduced by the authors, and of which the Riviera model is just a special case.

1. INTRODUCTION

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2401.01225>

Thank You!

Forbidden constellations

$$\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|...|cccc|cccc}
 0 & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\
 * & \underline{0} & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\
 * & * & \underline{0} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1
 \end{array}$$

(a) Type I

$$\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|...|cccc|cccc}
 * & \underline{0} & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\
 0 & * & \underline{0} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 * & * & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1
 \end{array}$$

(b) Type II

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 0 & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 * & \underline{0} & * & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 * & * & \underline{0} & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 * & * & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots
 \end{array}$$

(c) Type III

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
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 * & \underline{0} & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 * & * & \underline{0} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots
 \end{array}$$

(d) Type IV

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 \dots & * & * & * & * & \underline{1} & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 \dots & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots \\
 \dots & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & \dots
 \end{array}$$

(e) Type V

Forbidden constellations

$$\begin{array}{cccc|cccc|...|cccc}
 0 & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \dots & * & * & * & * & * & * \\
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(e) Type V

... and additionally East↔West mirrored versions of Type I–IV

Riviera model (1D)

