Time-like and Space-like Paths in 1-D Cellular Automata

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Review of 1-D Cellular Automata

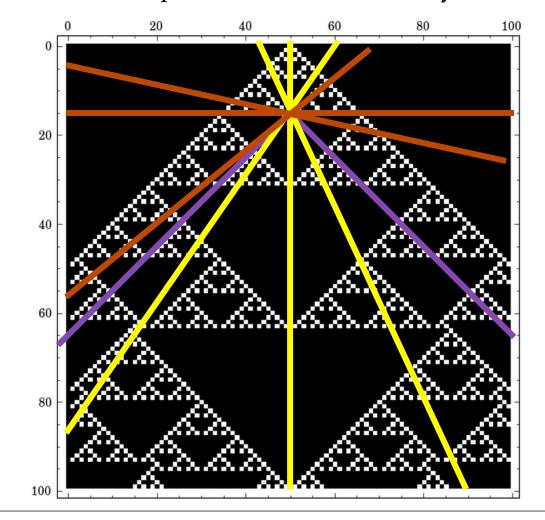
- 2-D: adds spacial separation to time sequence
- Different rules for progressing to next time step dependent on neighbors



• The spacial extent of influence gives "speed of light"

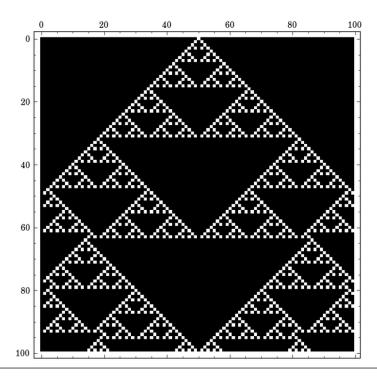
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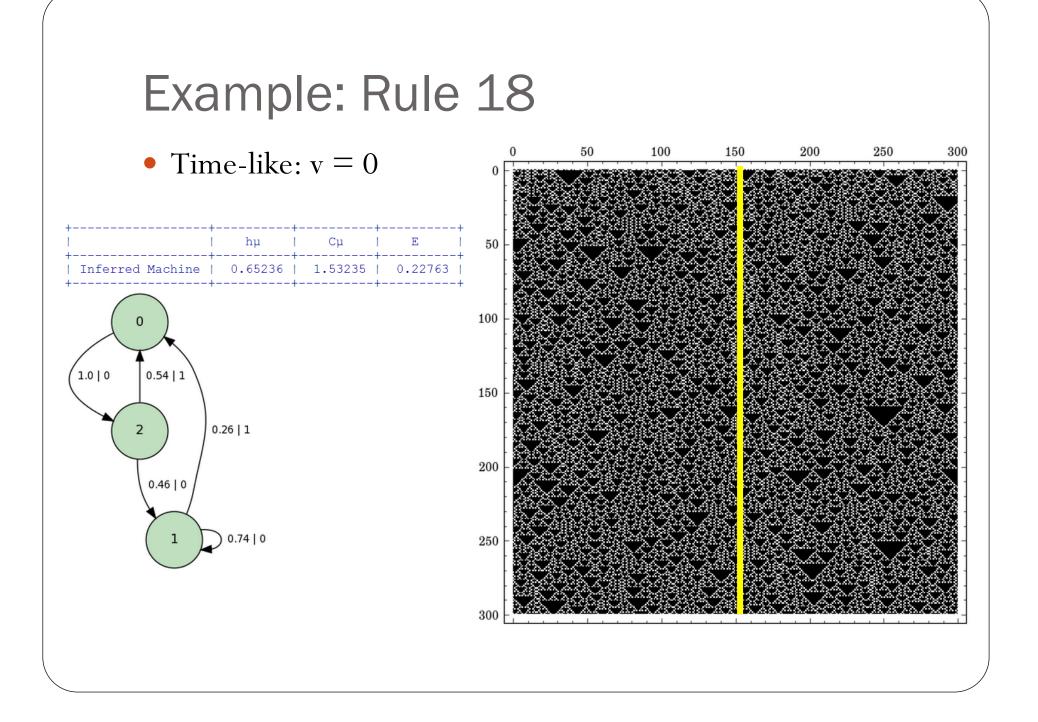
• Can collect 1-D sequences in different ways:

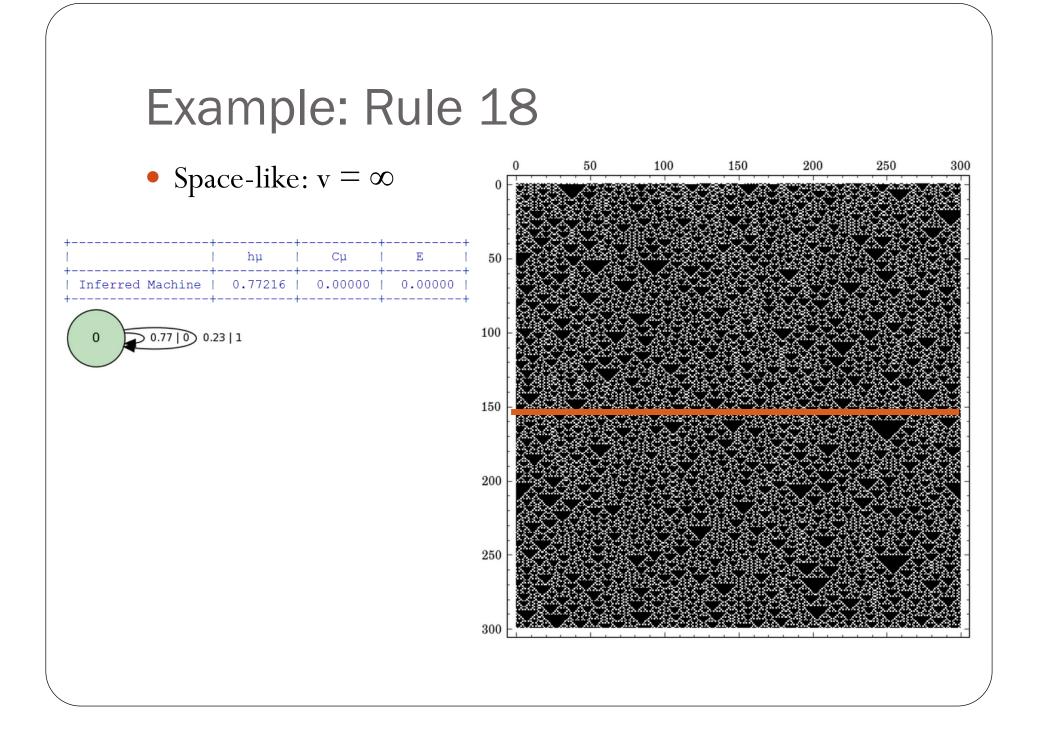


Motivation

- Cellular Automata are cool!
- Our universe has these properties
 - 3+1 as opposed to 1+1
- Will causal structure reveal itself in 1-D sequences?







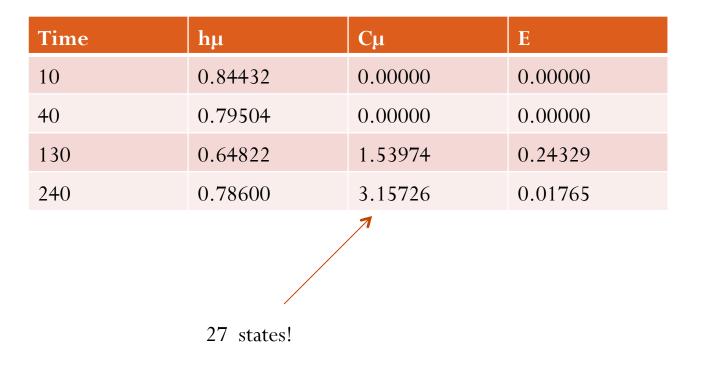
Velocity = 0

Starting cell	hµ	Сµ	Е
0	0.63367	1.52304	0.25570
40	0.65385	0.73034	0.07648
130	0.66354	1.50653	0.17946
240	0.66065	1.52099	0.19970

Velocity = 0.5

Starting cell	hμ	Сμ	Е
0	0.80163	0.00000	0.00000
40	0.80163	0.00000	0.00000
130	0.80809	0.00000	0.00000
240	0.78148	0.00000	0.00000

Velocity = ∞



So far...

- Not totally sure!
- Naively, there seems to be slight differences in the appearance of 1, 2, 3 (, 27) state machines for different velocities
- Need more stats
 - Rewriting to use Bayesian inference, automate
 - Of interest: some velocities seem to return dangling state errors more than others

Continuing work:

- Compare different Elementary CA rules
- Look at "non-Elementary" CAs
- Does causal-sensitivity of information measures depend on speed of light?

Thanks