Mix-automatic sequences

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Adding a finite string in front of a periodic sequence yields an *ultimately periodic sequence*, so is of the shape uv^{ω} for $u, v \in \Gamma^+$

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Example: Thue-Morse

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In words: *morphic* with respect to a 2-uniform morphism

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A sequence a is 2-automatic if and only if $K_2(a)$ is finite

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They arise from a generalization of finite state automata where the input alphabet is state-dependent

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