Positive expansiveness versus network dimension in symbolic dynamical systems

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We will generalize Shereshevsky's result to a much broader class of *symbolic dynamical systems*. These are systems like a CA, but having an 'irregular' network topology.

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In fact, we shall now see that *any* symbolic dynamical system can be seen as an automaton network.

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