

# Cohomologous potentials for the two dimensional shift

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Consider the space  $X = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $Y = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . It is a well known fact that given a potential  $V: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  there exists a potential  $v: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is cohomologous to  $V$ , i.e., such that  $v = V + h \circ \sigma - h$  where  $\sigma$  is the shift map (the unilateral shift in  $Y$  and the bilateral shift in  $X$ ).

Now consider the space  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2}$  and  $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}^2}$ ; in this spaces we can define two shifts,  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  that corresponds to the horizontal shift and to the vertical shift, and that satisfies  $\sigma_x \circ \sigma_y = \sigma_y \circ \sigma_x$ . Given a potential  $U: \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we are able to show that there exists a potential  $u: \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $u = U + g \circ \sigma_x - g + h \circ \sigma_y - h$ .

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