# What's Decidable about Discrete Linear Dynamical Systems? 

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Much (ongoing) work on this central question! By e.g., Elgot, Rabin, Carton, Thomas, Rabinovich, Fijalkow, Paperman, ...

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