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Bruce P. Kitchens* (bkitchens@math.iupui.edu), Dept of Mathematical Sciences, IUPUI, 402 N. Blackford Street, LD 270, Indianapolis, IN 46202. *Subshifts of Ledrappier's 3-dot dynamical system*. Preliminary report.

Ledrappier's 3-dot dynamical system is a compact 0-dimensional topological group with two commuting automorphisms which define a \mathbb{Z}^2 -action. It has zero two-dimensional entropy and the action is mixing of order two but not three. Every directional entropy is positive and all but three directions are expansive. For any fixed element of \mathbb{Z}^2 there are uncountably many subdynamical systems of all possible types. It is conjectured that any \mathbb{Z}^2 subdynamical system must have a special algebraic structure. The problem is reminiscent of Furstenberg's times-two, times-three problem on the circle. I will describe the problem, explain what was known and state some new results. (Received February 06, 2006)