

# Efficient representation of finite sets

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# Motivation

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## Constraints:

- ▶ finite sets
- ▶ fixed-length languages
  - ▶ words of the same length

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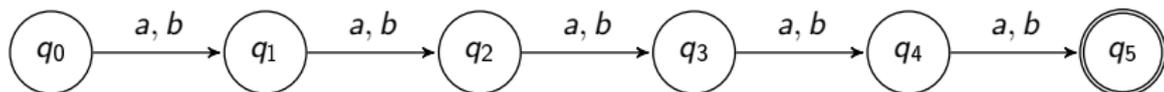
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## *DFA*

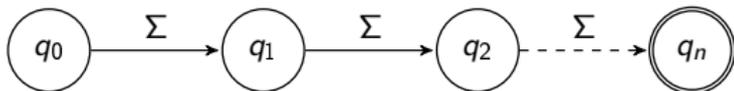


## Motivation - General

### Observation:

For a Language  $L = \Sigma^n$  for a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
the size of  $|L| = |\Sigma|^n$ .

When we define the size of automaton as  $|A| = |\delta|$ , the size of the transition relation  $\delta$ , and say  $A_L$  is the automaton for  $L$ , we see that  $|A_L| = n$ .



# Basics

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Given a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  and  $a \in \Sigma$ , the language  $L^a$  is defined by  $L^a = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid aw \in L\}$ . So if  $|L| = n$ , then  $|L^a| = n - 1$ .

# Master Automaton

The master automaton over the alphabet  $\Sigma$  is the tuple

$M = (Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_M, F_M)$ , where

- ▶  $Q_M$  is the set of all fixed-length languages over  $\Sigma$ ;
- ▶  $\delta : Q_M \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_M$  is given by  $\delta(L, a) = L^a$  for every  $q \in Q_M$  and  $a \in \Sigma$ ;
- ▶  $F_M$  is the singleton set containing the language  $\{\epsilon\}$  as only element.

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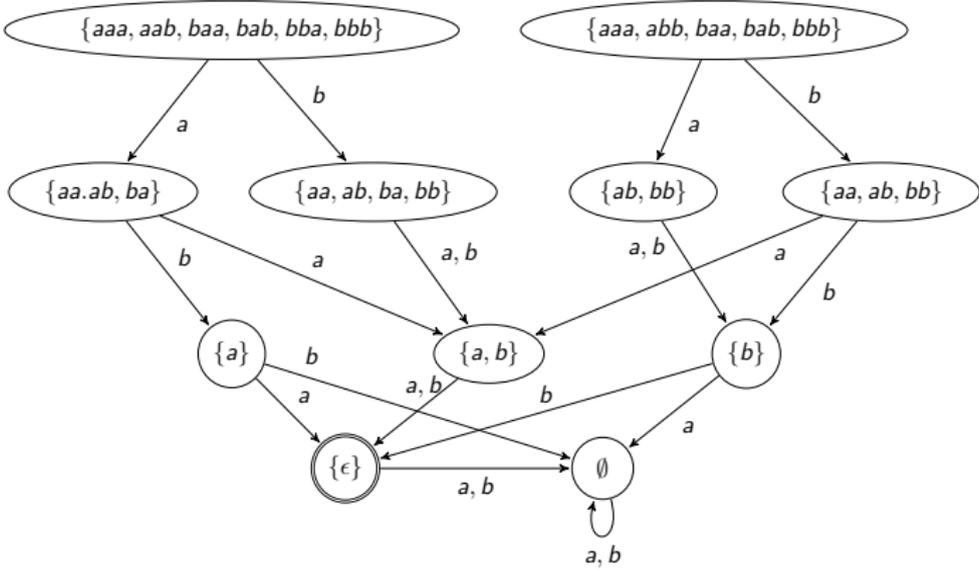


Figure: A fragment of the master automaton for the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$

# Master Automaton

## **Proposition 1**

*Let  $L$  be a fixed-length language. The language recognized from the state  $L$  of the master automaton is  $L$ .*

## **Proposition 2**

*For every fixed-length language  $L$ , the automaton  $A_L$  is the minimal DFA recognizing  $L$ .*

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### Definition

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{L_1, \dots, L_N\}$  be a set of languages of the same length over the same alphabet  $\Sigma$ . The multi-DFA  $A_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the tuple  $A_{\mathcal{L}} = (Q_{\mathcal{L}}, \Sigma_{\mathcal{L}}, \delta_{\mathcal{L}}, Q_{0\mathcal{L}}, F_{\mathcal{L}})$ , where  $Q_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the set of states of the master automaton reachable from at least one of the states  $L_1, \dots, L_n$ ;  $Q_{0\mathcal{L}} = \{L_1, \dots, L_n\}$ ;  $\delta_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the projection of  $\delta_M$  onto  $Q_{\mathcal{L}}$ ; and  $F_{\mathcal{L}} = F_M$ .

## Example multi-DFA

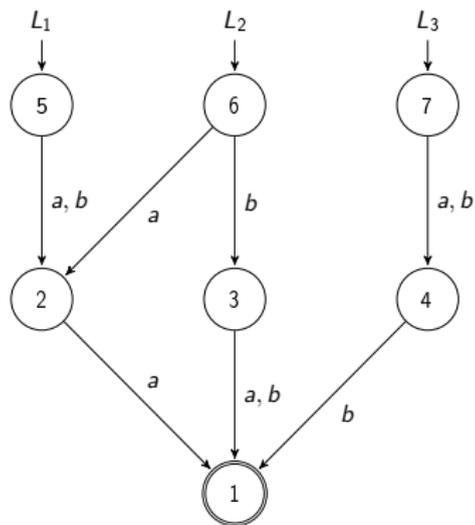


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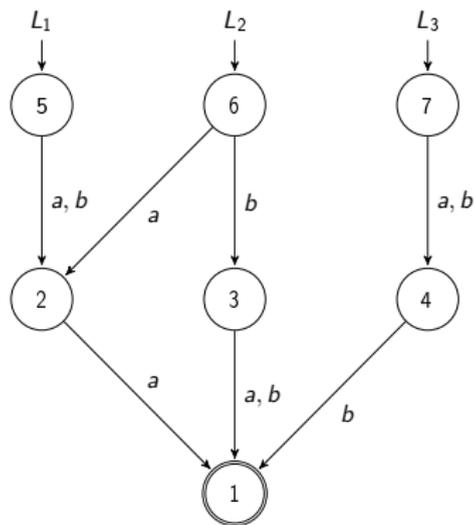


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Representation of multi-DFAs as

- ▶ table of *nodes*
- ▶ node: *pair*  $\langle q, s \rangle$   
 $q$ : *state identifier*  
 $s$ : *successor tuple* of the node
- ▶ *special case*  
 $q = 0$  : state accepting empty language

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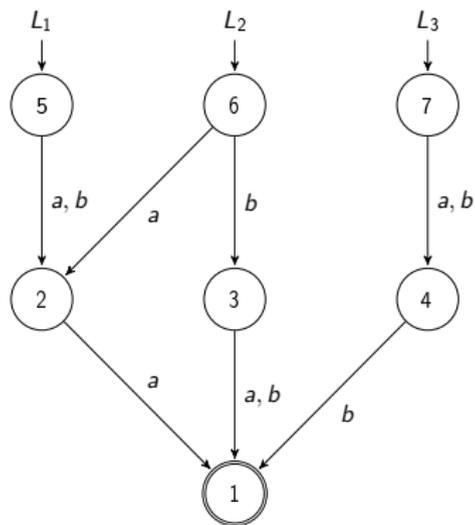


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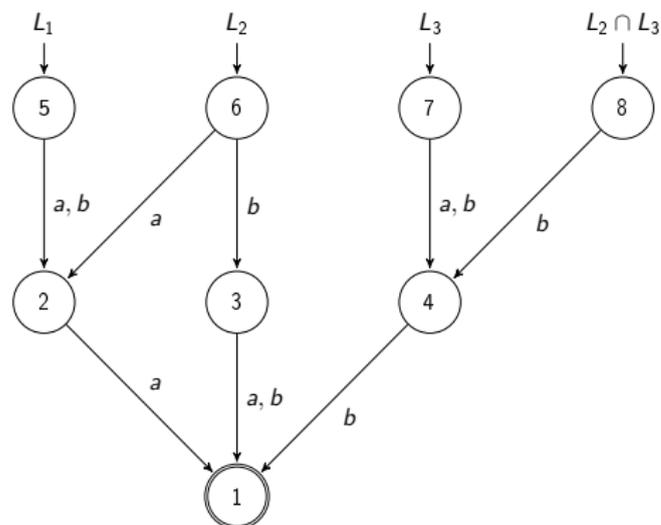
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## Procedure *make*

### *make*( $s$ )

- ▶ returns the state of table  $T$  having  $s$  as successor tuple
- ▶ if such state doesn't exist, it adds a new node  $\langle q, s \rangle$  to  $T$ , with a fresh identifier  $q$

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**Input:** multi-DFAs represented as a table of nodes

## **Operations:**

- ▶ Intersection
- ▶ Union
- ▶ Complement
- ▶ Emptiness
- ▶ Universal
- ▶ Inclusion

## Operations on fixed-length languages

*inter*( $q_1, q_2$ )

**Input:** states  $q_1, q_2$  of the same length

**Output:** state recognizing  $L(q_1) \cap L(q_2)$

- 1 **if**  $G(q_1, q_2)$  is not empty **then return**  $G(q_1, q_2)$
- 2 **if**  $q_1 = q_0$  **or**  $q_2 = q_0$  **then return**  $q_0$
- 3 **else if**  $q_1 = q_\epsilon$  **and**  $q_2 = q_\epsilon$  **then return**  $q_\epsilon$
- 4 **else** / \*  $q_1, q_2 \notin \{q_0, q_\epsilon\}$  \* /
- 5     **for all**  $i = 1, \dots, m$  **do**  $r_i \leftarrow \text{inter}(q_1^{a_i}, q_2^{a_i})$
- 6      $G(q_1, q_2) \leftarrow \text{make}(r_1, \dots, r_m)$
- 7     **return**  $G(q_1, q_2)$

## An execution of *inter*

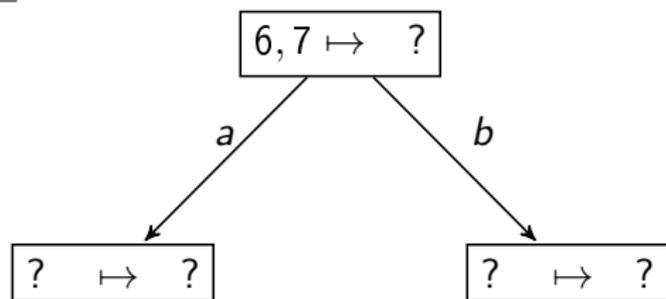
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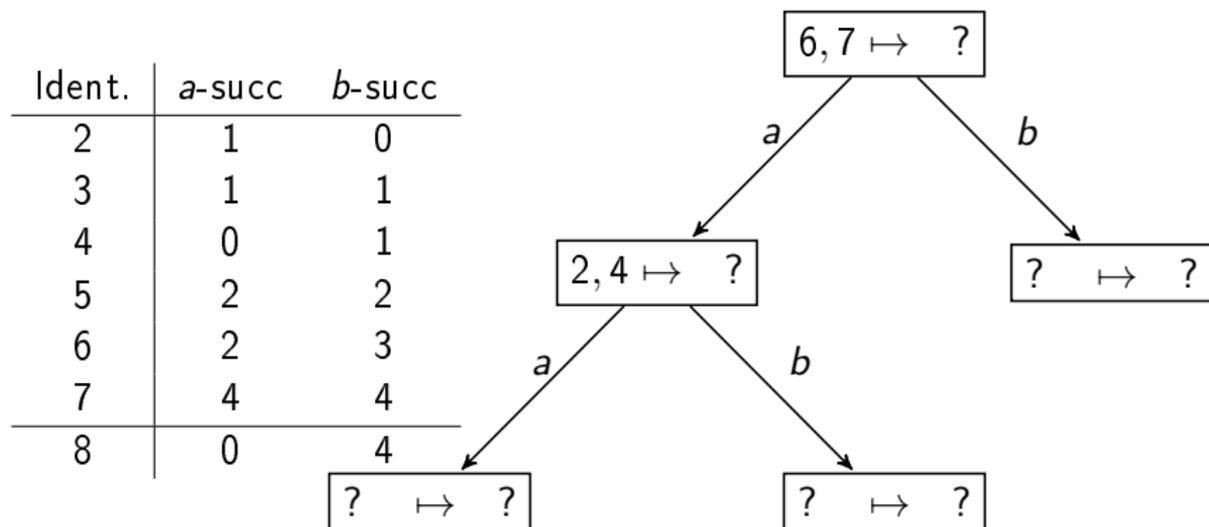
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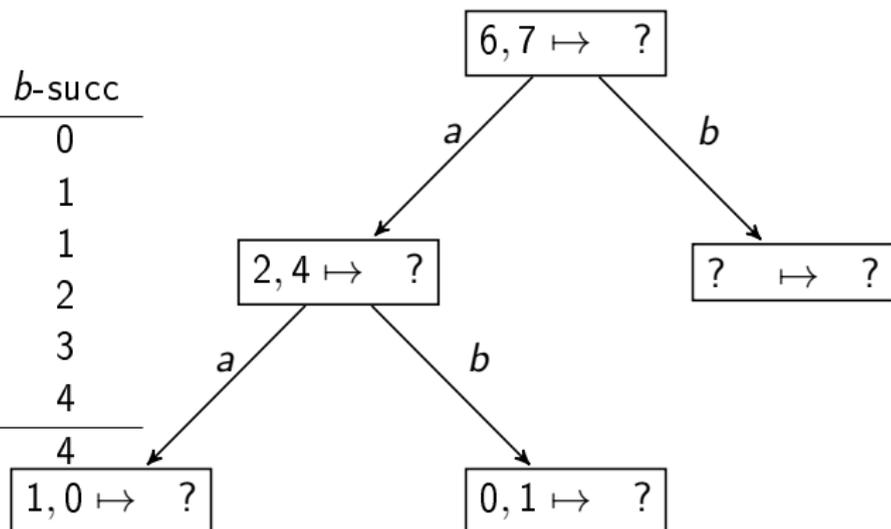


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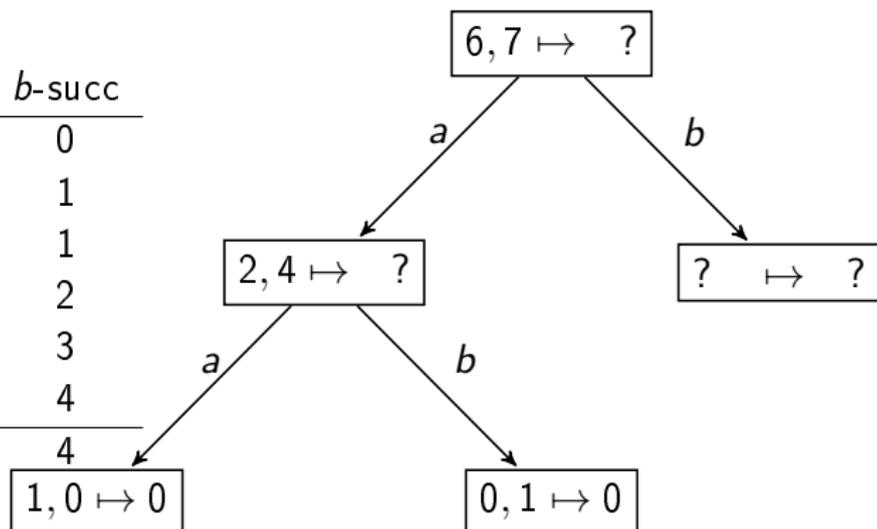
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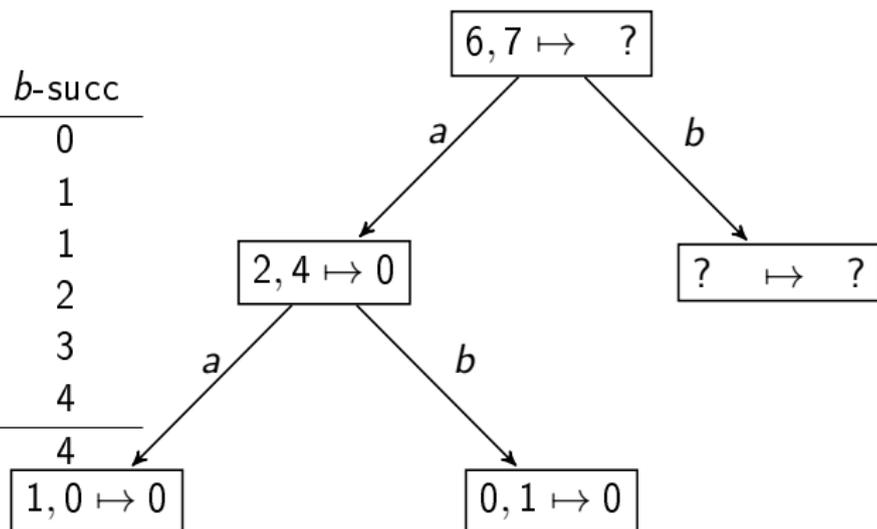
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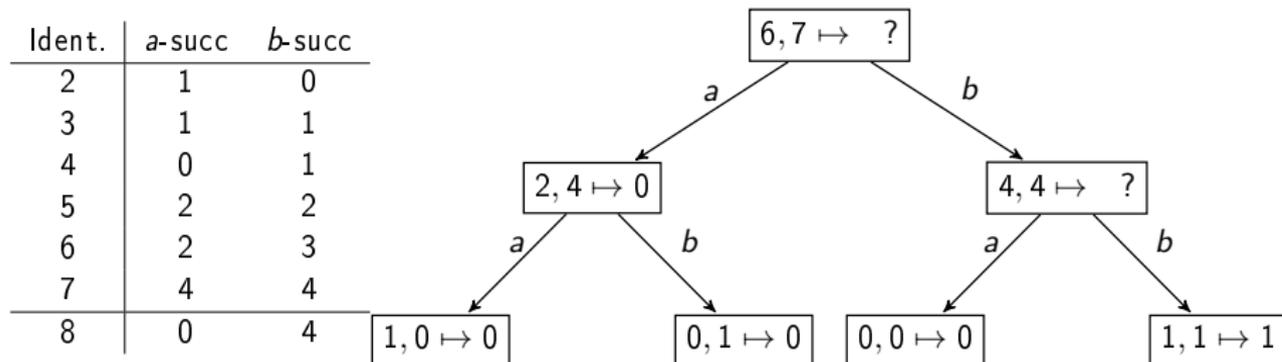


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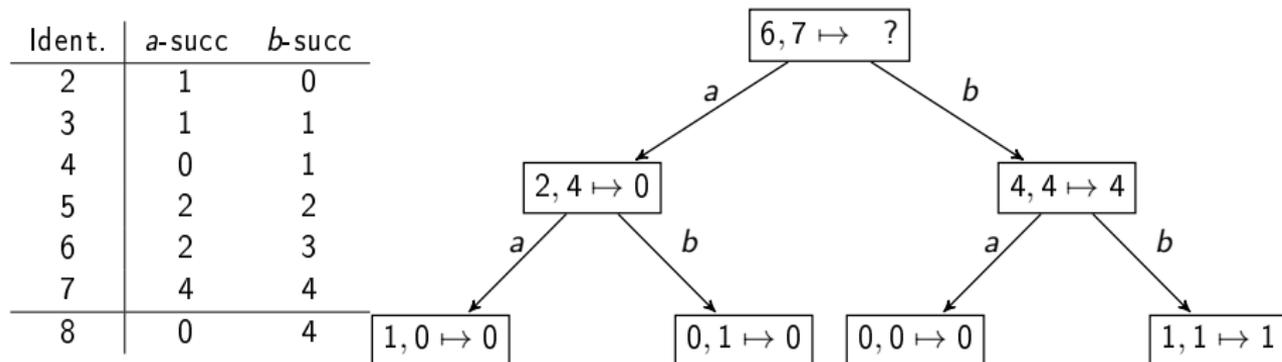
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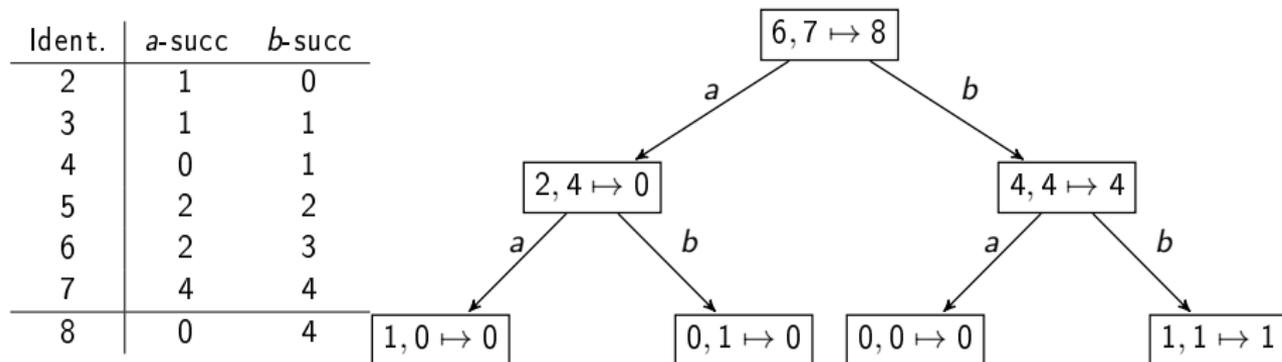
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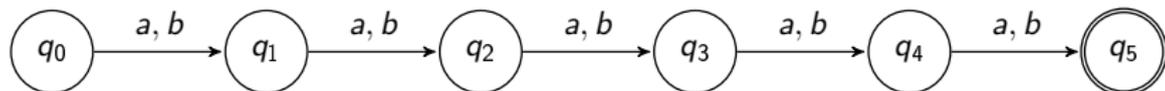
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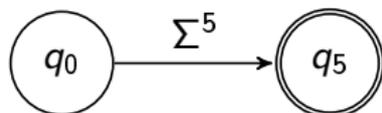
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### DFA



### DD



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A *decision diagram* (DD) is an automaton  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F)$  whose transitions are labelled by regular expressions of the form

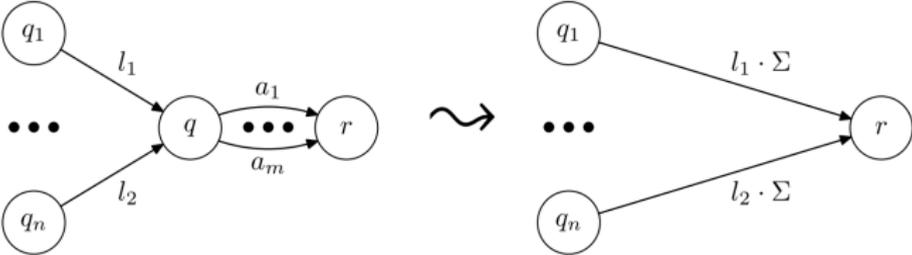
$$a\Sigma^n = a\underbrace{\Sigma\Sigma\dots\Sigma\Sigma}_n$$

and satisfies the following determinacy condition:

for every  $q \in Q$  and  $a \in \Sigma$  there is exactly one  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\delta(q, a\Sigma^k) \neq \emptyset$ , and for this  $k$  there is a state  $q'$  such that  $\delta(q, a\Sigma^k) = \{q'\}$ .

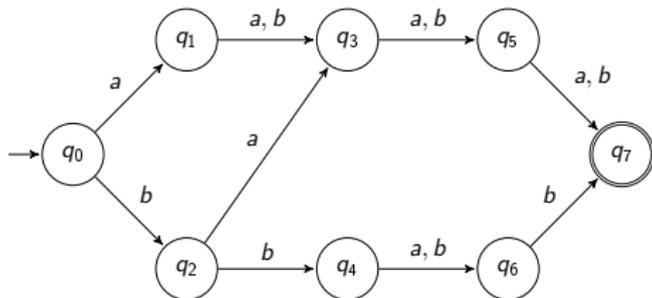
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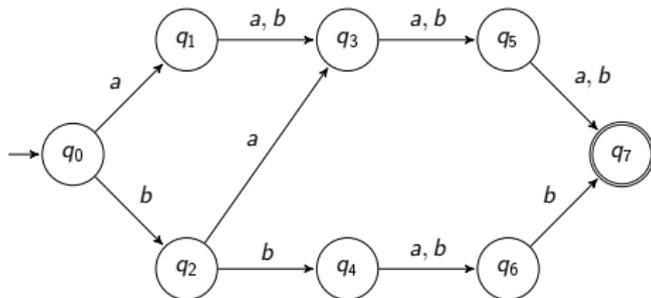
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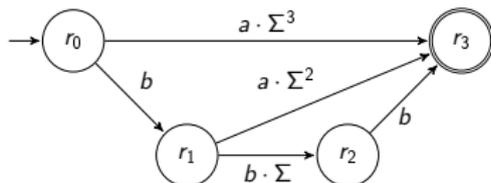


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DD for the same language:



## Decision Diagrams and Kernels

*A fixed-length language  $L$  over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a kernel if  $L = \emptyset$ ,  $L = \{\epsilon\}$ , or there are  $a, b \in \Sigma$  such that  $L^a \neq L^b$ . The kernel of a fixed-length language  $L$ , denoted by  $\langle L \rangle$ , is the unique kernel satisfying  $L = \Sigma^k \langle L \rangle$  for some  $k \geq 0$ .*

# Decision Diagrams and Kernels

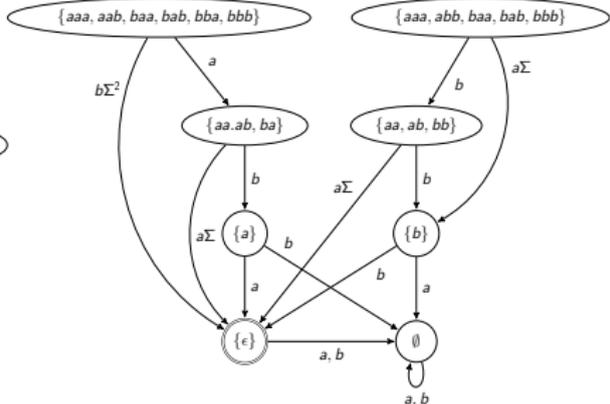
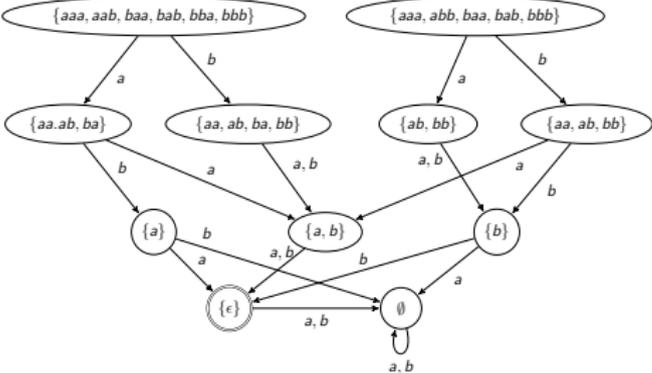


Figure: Fragment of the master automaton

Figure: Fragment of the master decision diagram

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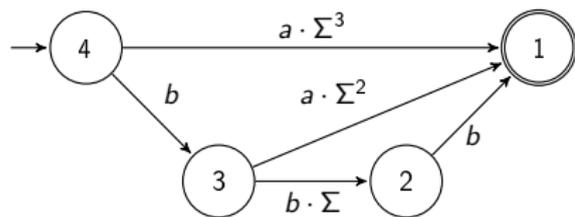


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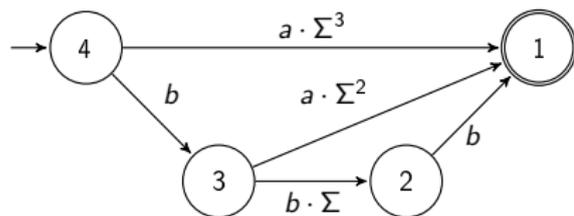


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Representation of multi-DDs as

- ▶ table of *kernodes*
- ▶ kernode: triple  $\langle q, l, s \rangle$

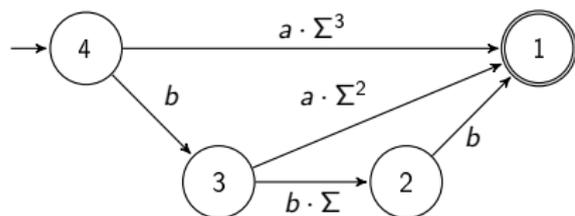


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Ident.	Length	<i>a</i> -succ	<i>b</i> -succ
4	4	1	3
3	3	1	2
2	1	0	1

Table: The table for the multi-DD

## Procedure *kmake*

### *kmake*( $l, s$ )

- ▶ behaves like *make*
- ▶ returns kernode  $q$  of length  $l$  with  $s$  as successor-tuple
- ▶ if such state doesn't exist it adds a new kernode  $\langle q, l, s \rangle$  with a fresh identifier  $q$

## Operations on Kernels

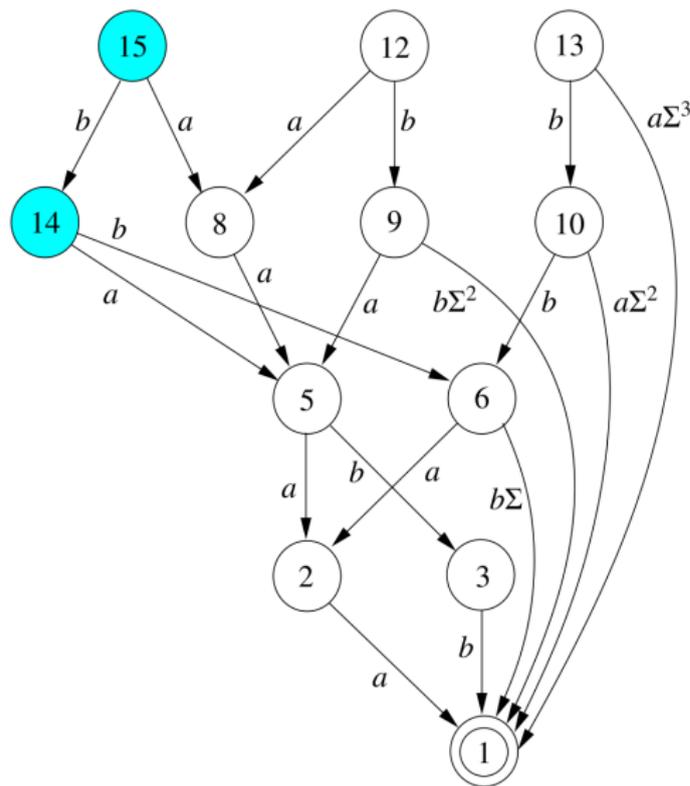
*kinter*( $q_1, q_2$ )

**Input:** states  $q_1, q_2$  recognizing  $\langle L_1 \rangle, \langle L_2 \rangle$

**Output:** state recognizing  $\langle L_1 \cap L_2 \rangle$

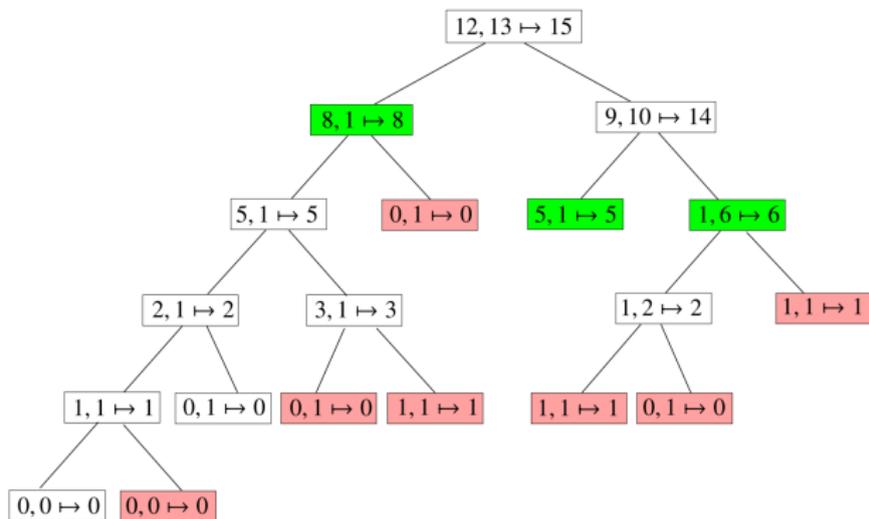
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3  if  $q_1 \neq q_0$  and  $q_2 \neq q_0$  then
4    if  $l_1 < l_2$  /* lengths of the kernodes for  $q_1, q_2$  */ then
5      for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$  do  $r_i \leftarrow kinter(q_1, q_2^{a_i})$ 
6       $G(q_1, q_2) \leftarrow kmake(l_2, r_1, \dots, r_m)$ 
7    else if  $l_1 \geq l_2$  then
8      for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$  do  $r_i \leftarrow kinter(q_1^{a_i}, q_2)$ 
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10   else /*  $l_1 = l_2$  */
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12      $G(q_1, q_2) \leftarrow kmake(l_1, r_1, \dots, r_m)$ 
13  return  $G(q_1, q_2)$ 
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# An execution of *kinter*



Ident.	Length	$a$ -succ	$b$ -succ
2	1	1	0
3	1	0	1
5	2	2	3
6	2	2	1
8	3	5	0
9	3	5	1
10	3	1	6
12	4	8	9
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# Conclusion

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