

# Reducing acyclic cover transducers

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# Outline

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  - New algorithms
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  - Algorithm 1
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# Introduction

## • Cover automata

- C. Câmpeanu, N. Sântean, and S. Yu, *Minimal Cover-automata for Finite Languages*, Theoret. Comput. Sci. **267** (2001), 3–16.
- H. Körner, *A Time and Space Efficient Algorithm for Minimizing Cover Automata for Finite Languages*, Int. J. of Foundations of Comput. Sci. **14** (2003), 1071–1086.

## • Extension to cover transducers

- J.-M. Champarnaud, F. Guingne and G. Hansel, *Cover Transducers for Functions with Finite Domain*, Intern. J. of Foundations of Comp. Sc., 16–5(2005), 851–865.

## • Motivation

- compact representation of dictionaries
- reducing lexicons in NLP

# Preliminaries

- subsequential transducer and subsequential function
- longest common prefix and prefix transducer
- right function,  $k$ -function and prefix  $k$ -function

# Subsequential function and subsequential transducer

- A *subsequential transducer* is a tuple  $\mathcal{S} = (\Sigma, \Omega, Q, q_-, F, i, \tau, \cdot, \star)$  where:
  - $\Sigma$  (resp.  $\Omega$ ) is the *input* (resp. *output*) *alphabet*,
  - $Q$  is the finite set of *states*;
  - $q_- \in Q$  is the *initial state*,
  - $i \in \Omega^*$  is the *initialization value*
  - $\tau : Q \rightarrow \Omega^*$  is the *termination function*,
  - $F = \text{dom}(\tau)$  is the set of *final states*,
  - $\cdot$  is the *transition function*:  $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow q \cdot a \in Q$ ,
  - $\star$  is the *output function*:  $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow q \star a \in \Omega^*$ .
- A *subsequential function*  $S : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Omega^*$  is realized by a subsequential transducer  $\mathcal{S}$

$$S(x) = i(q_- \star x)\tau(q_- \cdot x)$$

# Example of subsequential transducer

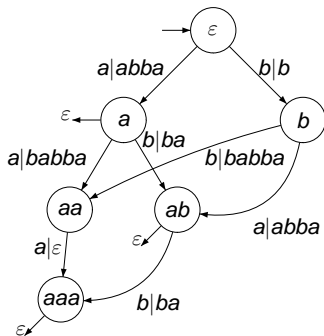
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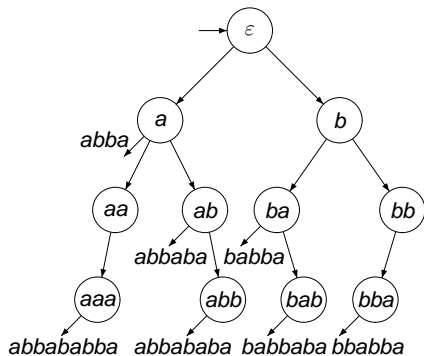
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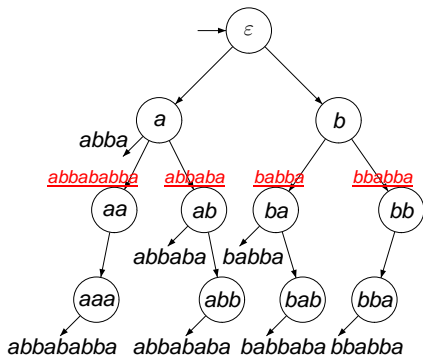
**Figure:** ... and a subsequential transducer for  $\alpha$ .

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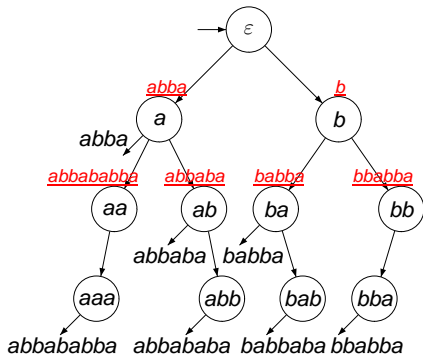




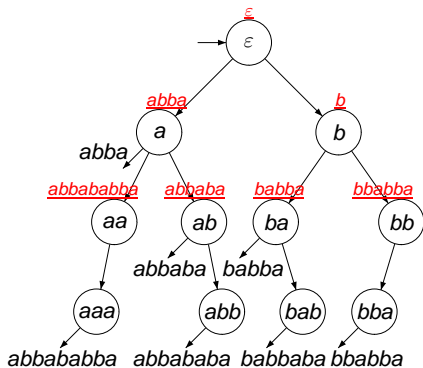
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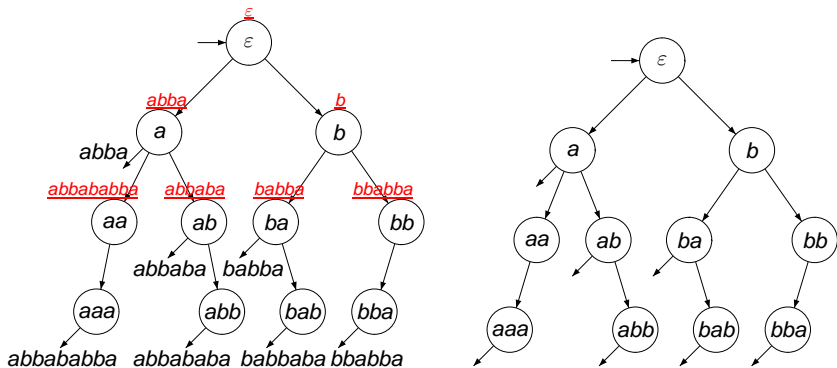


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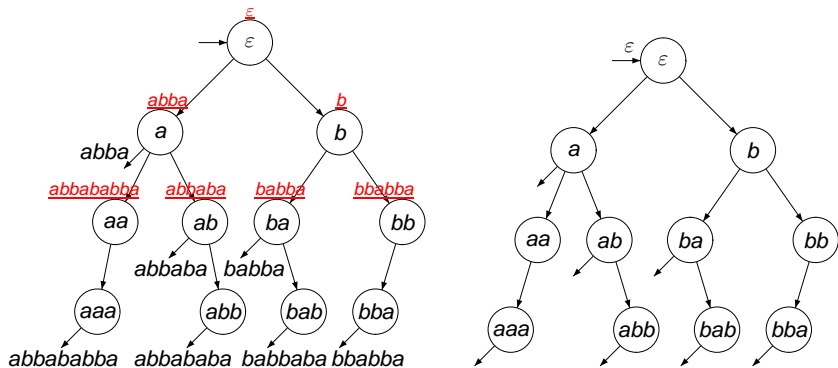


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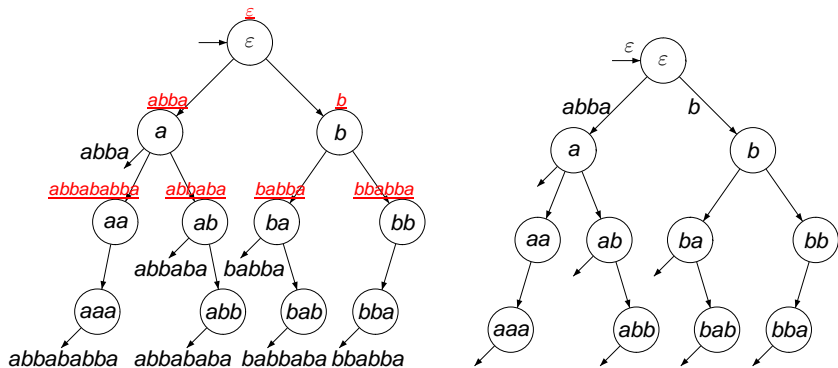


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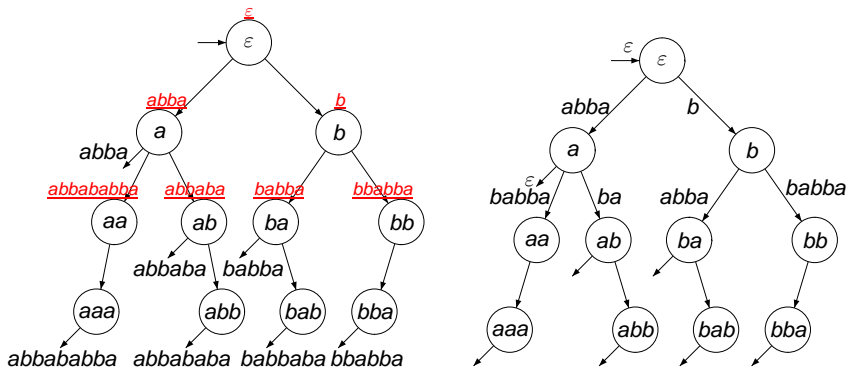


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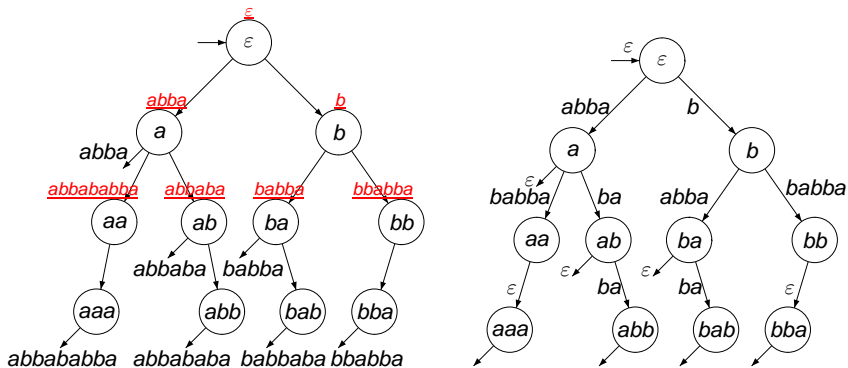


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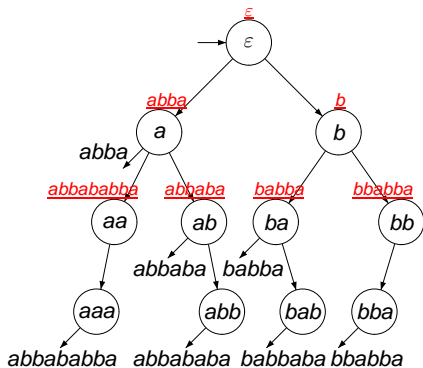


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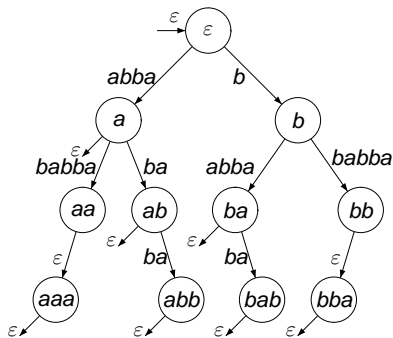


Figure: ... to the prefix transducer  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$ .

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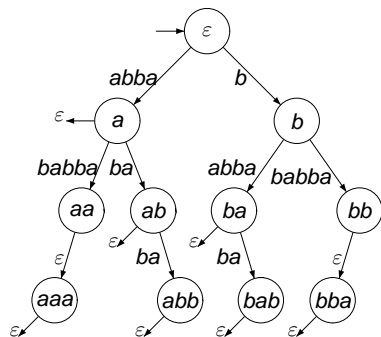


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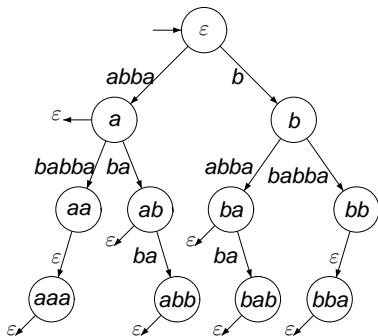


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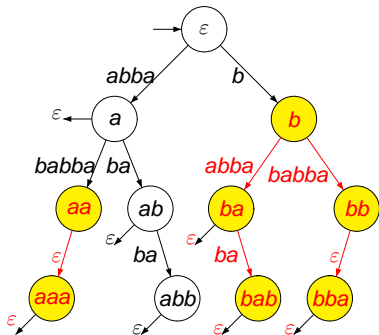


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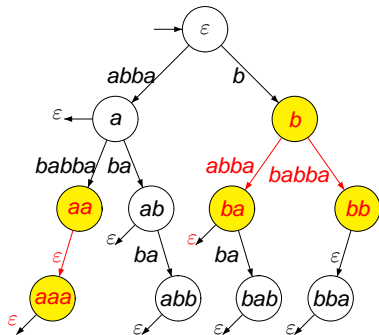


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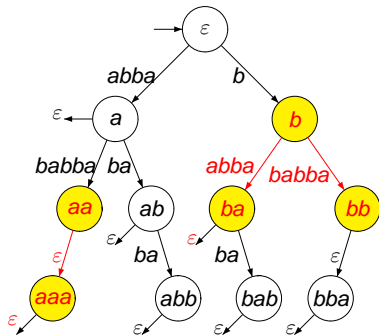


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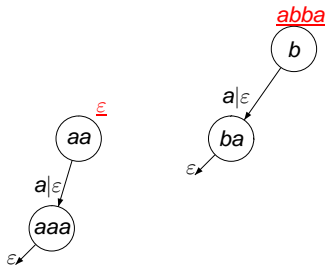


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# Overview

- state of the art
  - prefix-tree transducer
  - minimal transducer
  - approximate reduction w.r.t.  $k$ -functions
- new algorithms
  - exact reduction w.r.t.  $k$ -functions
  - a further reduction via prefix  $k$ -functions

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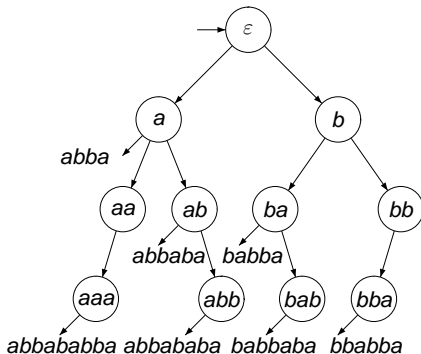
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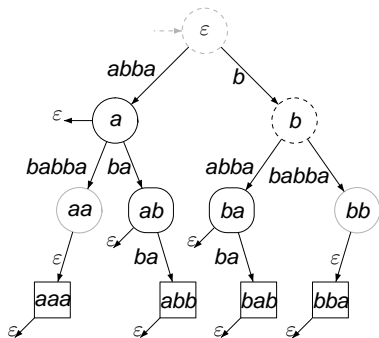


Figure: Partitioning  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  according to right functions.

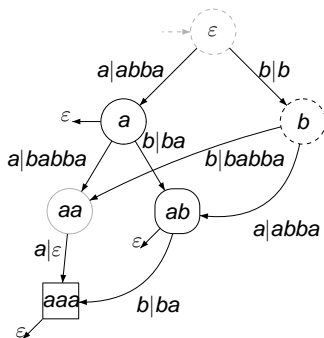


Figure: Minimal transducer  $\mathcal{M}_\alpha$ .

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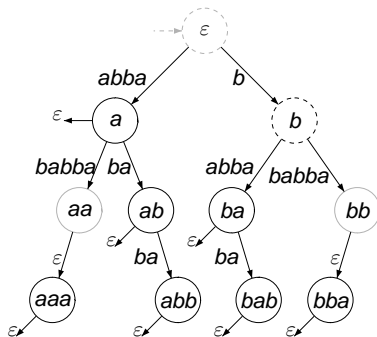


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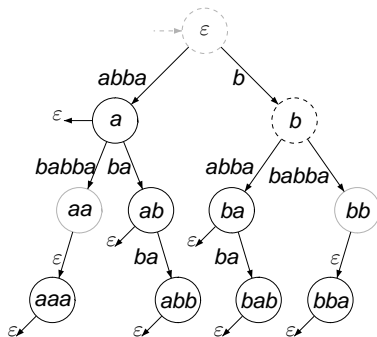


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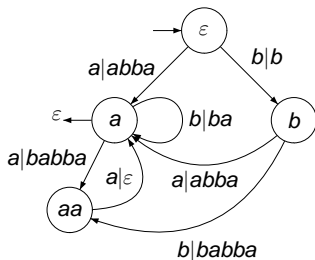
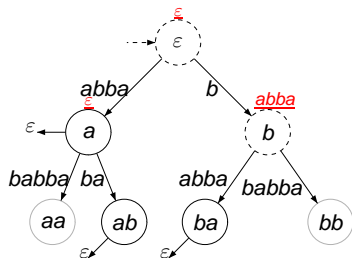
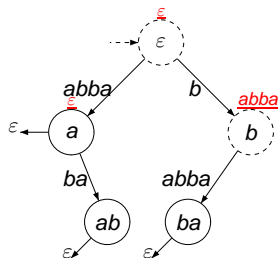


Figure: Reduced cover transducer  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha^1$ .

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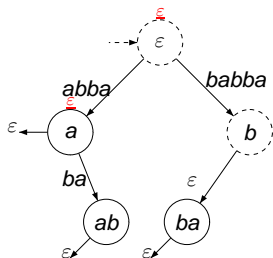


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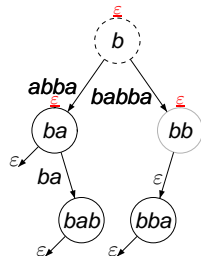


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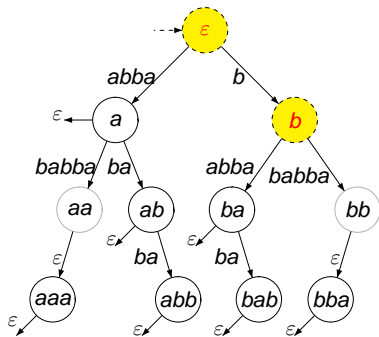
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Figure: Exact  $k$ -function partitioning of  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  via prefix  $k$ -functions.

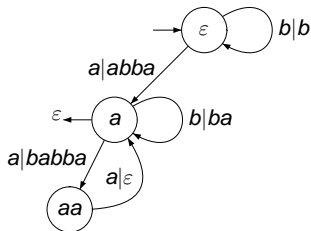
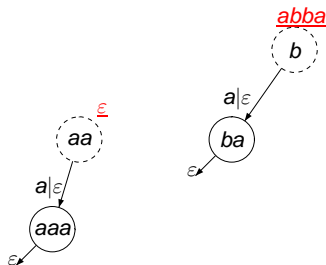


Figure: Reduced cover transducer  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha^2$ .

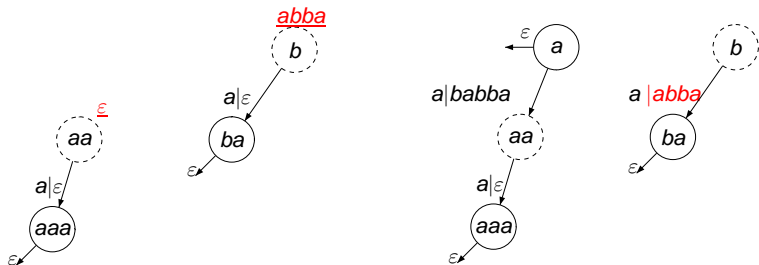
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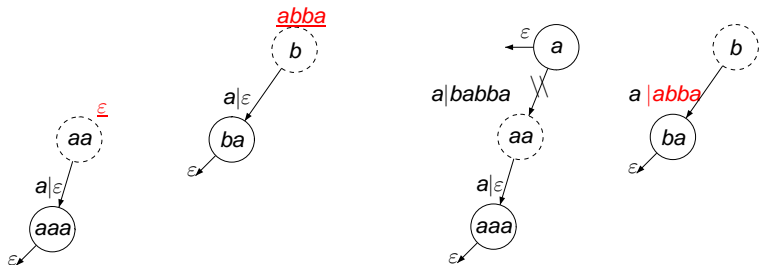


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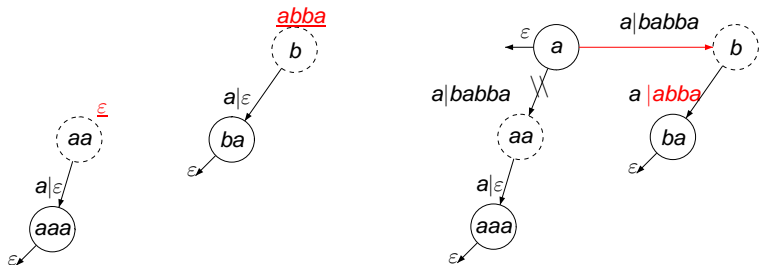


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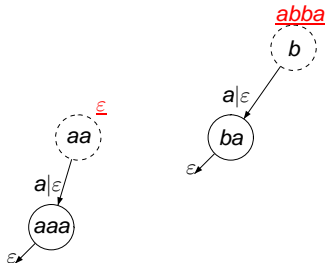


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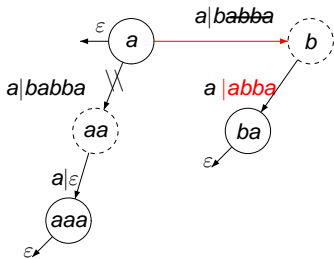
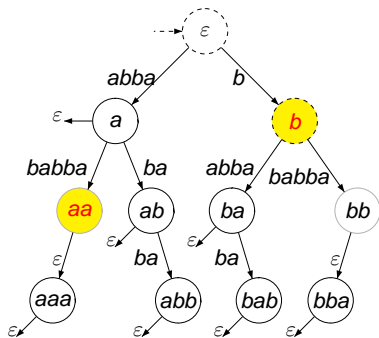


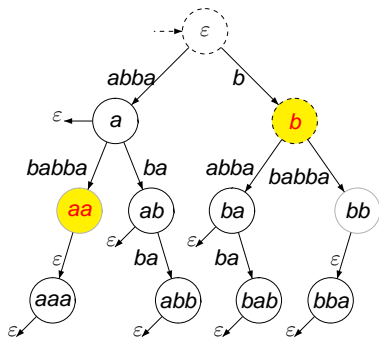
Figure: Merging  $b$  and  $aa$  in  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  w.r.t. prefix 1-functions.

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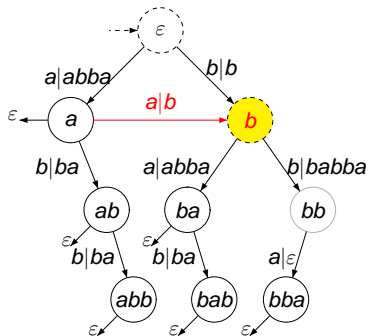


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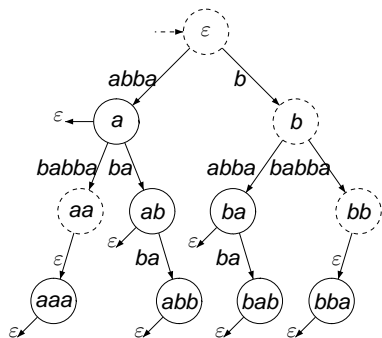


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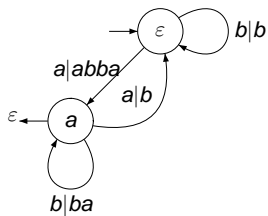


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# Several relations on states

## Definitions

Let  $p, q$  be two states of  $Q$ , and  $h = \min(\text{height}(p), \text{height}(q))$

- $p \cong_k q, 0 \leq k \leq h \iff p$  and  $q$  have identical prefix  $k$ -functions
- $p \sim_\varepsilon q \iff p$  and  $q$  have identical  $h$ -functions  
 $\iff p$  and  $q$  have identical prefix  $h$ -functions and the associated lcps are identical
- $p \sim q \iff p$  and  $q$  have identical prefix  $h$ -functions and the associated lcp of  $p$  is a suffix of the weight of any incoming transition of state  $q$



## relations on states

## On our Example

	$\varepsilon$	$b$	$aa$	$bb$	$a$	$ab$	$ba$	$aaa$	$abb$	$bab$	$bba$
$\cong_0$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\nu_P(p, 0)$	0	0	0	0	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$
$\sim_\varepsilon$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\sim$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\cong_1$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1				
$\nu_P(p, 1)$	$abba$	$abba$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$				
$\sim_\varepsilon$	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\sim$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$\cong_2$	0	0			1						
$\nu_P(p, 2)$	$\varepsilon$	$\varepsilon$			$\varepsilon$						
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5: for all  $k \in 1 \dots l - 1$  do
6:   Computation of the relation  $\cong_k$ 
7:   for all  $C \in C_{k-1}$  do
8:      $C^+ = \{p \in C \mid \text{height}(p) \geq k\}$ 
9:     for all  $p \in C^+$  do
10:       $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k) = \bigwedge_{a \in \Sigma} (t[p], (p \star a) \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p \cdot a, k - 1))$ 
11:      Computation of the key  $\text{key}_a$  of  $p$ 
12:      IF  $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k) = 0$  THEN  $A[p] = 0$ ;  $\forall a \in \Sigma, B[p, a] = 0$ 
13:      ELSE
14:         $A[p] = \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k)^{-1} t[p]$ 
15:        for all  $a \in \Sigma$  do
16:           $B[p, a] = \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k)^{-1} (p \star a)$ 
17:        end for
18:      FI
19:       $\text{key}_a[p] = ((N[p \cdot a, k - 1])_{a \in \Sigma}, A[p], (B[p, a])_{a \in \Sigma})$ 
20:    end for
21:     $\widehat{C}^+ = \text{Partition}(C^+, \text{key}_a)$ 
22:    Insert the blocks of  $\widehat{C}^+$  into the set  $C_k$ .
23:  end for
24: end for

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- 2: Initializations:  $D_0 = \{Q \setminus F, F_1, F_2\}$ , with  $F_1 = \{p \in F \mid \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, 0) = \varepsilon\}$  and  $F_2 = F \setminus F_1$ .
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- 7:     ELSE
- 8:       **for all**  $p \in D^+$  **do**
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2: Initializations:  $D_0 = \{Q \setminus F, F_1, F_2\}$ , with  $F_1 = \{p \in F \mid \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, 0) = \varepsilon\}$  and  $F_2 = F \setminus F_1$ .
3: for all  $k \in 1 \dots l - 1$  do
4:   Computation of the partition  $D_k$ 
5:   for all  $D \in D_{k-1}$  do
6:     IF  $D^+ = \emptyset$  THEN Insert  $D$  into the partition  $D_k$ 
7:     ELSE
8:       for all  $p \in D^+$  do
9:         Computation of a partition of  $D^+$  w.r.t.  $\cong_k$ 
10:         $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k) = \bigwedge_{a \in \Sigma} (\tau[p], (p \star a) \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p \cdot a, k - 1))$ 
11:         $\text{keyb}[p] = \text{Pref}(\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k))$ 
12:        Compute  $\text{keya}[p]$  according to Lines 11–19 of the Algorithm 1
13:      end for
14:       $\widehat{D}^+ = \text{Partition}(D^+, \text{keya})$ 
15:       $\text{linked} = \text{false}$ 
16:      for all  $C \in \widehat{D}^+$  do
17:        Computation of a partition of  $C$  w.r.t.  $\sim_{\varepsilon}$ 
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## Algorithm 2

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1: Initializations:  $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, 0) = t[p], \forall p \in Q$ .
2: Initializations:  $D_0 = \{Q \setminus F, F_1, F_2\}$ , with  $F_1 = \{p \in F \mid \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, 0) = \varepsilon\}$  and  $F_2 = F \setminus F_1$ .
3: for all  $k \in 1 \dots l - 1$  do
4:   Computation of the partition  $D_k$ 
5:   for all  $D \in D_{k-1}$  do
6:     IF  $D^+ = \emptyset$  THEN Insert  $D$  into the partition  $D_k$ 
7:     ELSE
8:       for all  $p \in D^+$  do
9:         Computation of a partition of  $D^+$  w.r.t.  $\cong_k$ 
10:         $\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k) = \bigwedge_{a \in \Sigma} (t[p], (p * a)\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p \cdot a, k - 1))$ 
11:         $\text{keyb}[p] = \text{Pref}(\nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k))$ 
12:        Compute  $\text{keya}[p]$  according to Lines 11–19 of the Algorithm 1
13:      end for
14:       $\widehat{D}^+ = \text{Partition}(D^+, \text{keya})$ 
15:       $\text{linked} = \text{false}$ 
16:      for all  $C \in \widehat{D}^+$  do
17:        Computation of a partition of  $C$  w.r.t.  $\sim_{\varepsilon}$ 
18:        IF  $\exists p \in C \mid \text{height}(p) = k$ 
19:          THEN  $\widehat{C} = \text{Partition}(C, \text{keyb})$ 
20:            $\widehat{C} = \{E_1, E_2\}$ , with  $E_2 = \{p \mid \nu_{\mathcal{P}}(p, k) \succ \varepsilon\}$ 
21:           IF  $\neg \text{linked}$  THEN  $E_1 = E_1 \cup D^-$ ;  $\text{linked} = \text{true}$  FI
22:           Insert  $E_1$  into the partition  $D_k$ 
23:         ELSE IF  $\neg \text{linked}$  THEN  $C = C \cup D^-$ ;  $\text{linked} = \text{true}$  FI
24:         Insert  $C$  into the partition  $D_k$ 
25:       FI; end for; FI; end for; end for

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## Complexity

- $s = \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$ ,
- $t_{max} = \max_{p \in Q} \{\text{length}(\tau[p])\}$
- $k_{max} = (|\Sigma| + 1)t_{max} + |\Sigma| + s$
  
- $l$  is the order of the subsequential function,
- $n$  is the number of states of the transducer,

The Algorithm 2 computes a minimal partition of  $Q$  w.r.t. the relation  $\sim_\varepsilon$  in  $O(k_{max}nl)$  time.



# Conclusion

- improvement of a previous algorithm for reducing cover transducers
- further work:
  - develop experimental study
  - find heuristics to compute a partitioning as small as possible w.r.t the relation  $\sim$
  - extend this study to possibly cyclic cover transducers