

# Learning Regular Languages over Large Alphabets

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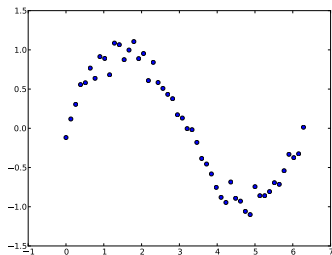
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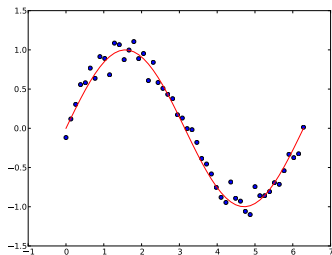
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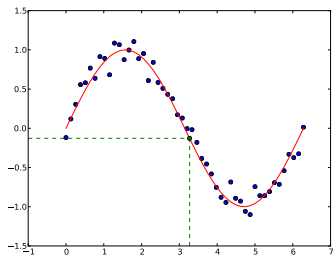
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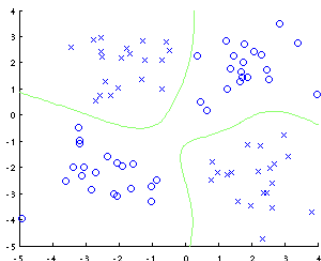
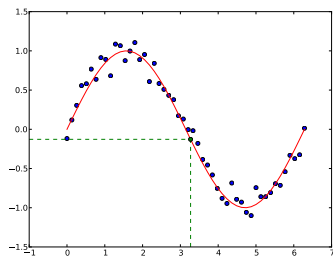
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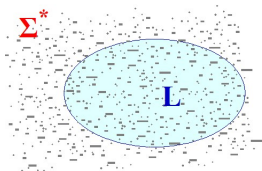


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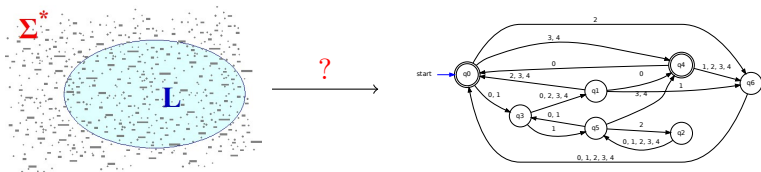
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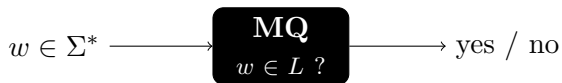
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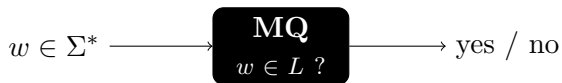
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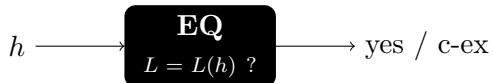


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- Equivalence Queries



# General Idea of Angluin's algorithm $L^*$

Repeat:

- ask MQs to complete the observation table
- find a closed and consistent observation table
- ask an EQ for it
- use the counterexample to update the table

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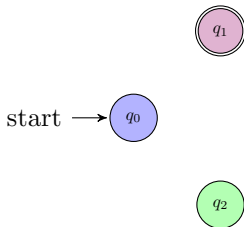
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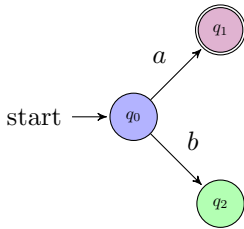
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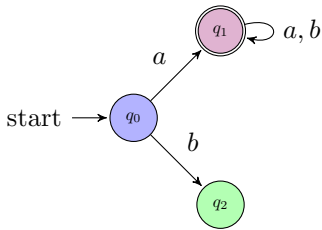
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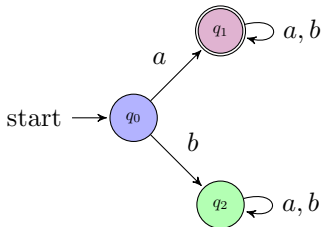
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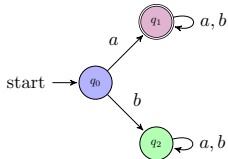
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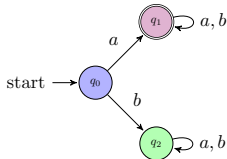
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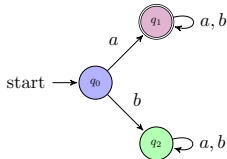




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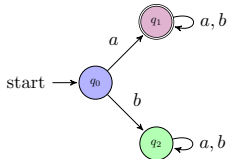
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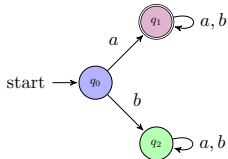
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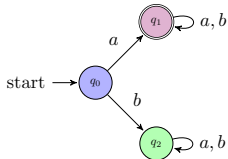
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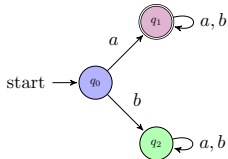
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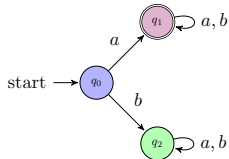
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# Angluin's algorithm

1. Initialize table  $T = (\Sigma, S = \{\epsilon\}, E = \{\epsilon\}, R = \Sigma, f)$
2. Ask MQs for  $\epsilon$  and each  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  to fill in  $T$
3. **Repeat**
4.     **While**  $T$  is not closed or not consistent:
5.         **If**  $T$  not consistent **then**:
6.             find  $s_1, s_2 \in S, a \in \Sigma, e \in E : f_{s_1} = f_{s_2}$  and  $f(s_1 \cdot a, e) \neq f(s_2 \cdot a, e)$ .
7.             add  $a \cdot e$  to  $E$
8.             fill in  $T$  by asking membership queries
9.         **If**  $T$  not closed **then**:
10.             find  $s_1 \in S$ , and  $a \in \Sigma : f_{s_1 \cdot a} \neq f_s, \forall s \in S$
11.             add  $s_1 \cdot a$  to  $S$  and  $s_1 \cdot a \cdot \sigma$  to  $R, \forall \sigma \in \Sigma$
12.             fill in  $T$  by asking membership queries
13.     Once  $T$  is closed and consistent, ask EQ for  $T$
14.     **If** answer is a counterexample **then**:
15.         add it and all prefixes to  $S$
16.         fill in  $T$  by asking MQs
17. **Until** answer is yes
18. **Return**  $T$

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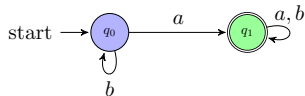
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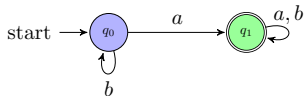


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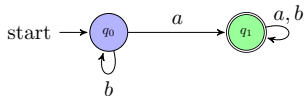
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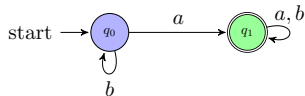
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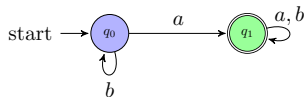
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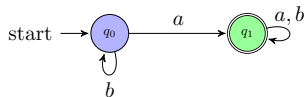
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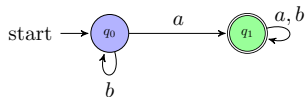
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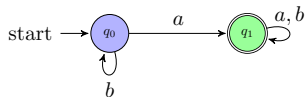
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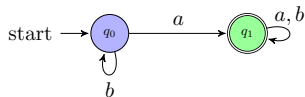
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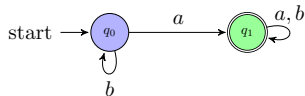


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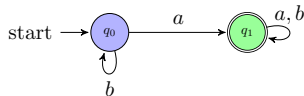


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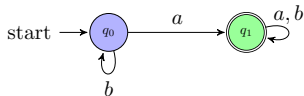


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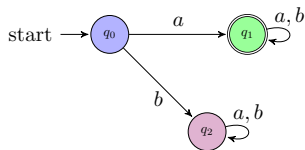


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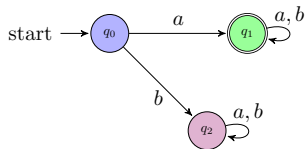


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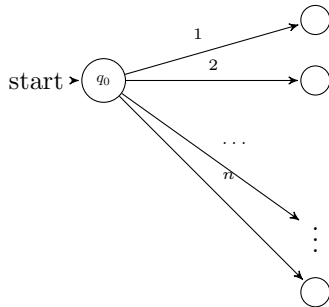
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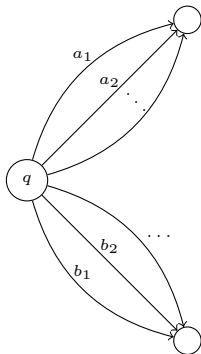
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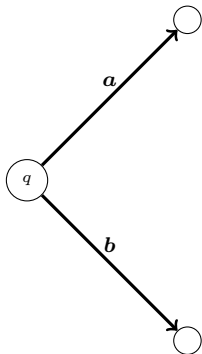
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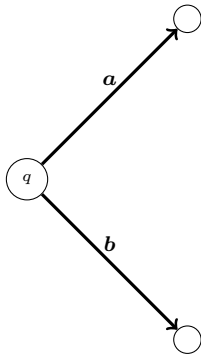


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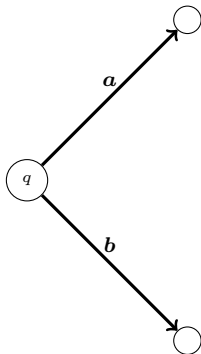


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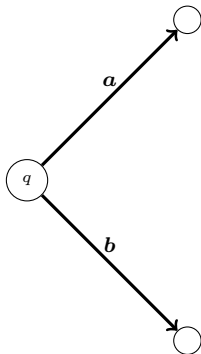
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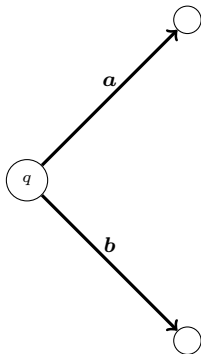
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# Symbolic Algorithm

## Repeat

- create symbolic letters for all states and find evidences
- ask MQs to complete the observation table
- find observation table that is closed, consistent and evidence compatible
- ask an EQ for it
- use the counterexample to update the table
  - Discover new state (vertical expansion)
  - Refine symbolic letters (horizontal expansion)

# Angluin's algorithm

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9.     `treat_counter-example(w, T)`
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make\_closed( $T$ )

1. **While** there exists  $r \in R$  such that  $\forall s \in S, f_r \neq f_s$
2. Let  $a \notin \Sigma$  a new symbolic letter
3.  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \cup \{a\}$
4.  $\mu(a) = a_0$
5.  $\psi' = \psi \cup \{\psi_r\}$  with  $\psi_r(a) = a, \forall a \in \Sigma$
6.  $S' = S \cup \{r\}$  ;  $R' = (R \setminus \{r\}) \cup \{r \cdot a\}$
7. Ask MQ for all words in  $\bigcup_{e \in E} \mu(r \cdot a) \cdot e$
8.  $T = (\Sigma, \Sigma', S', R', \psi', E, f', \mu')$
9. **return**  $T$

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`treat_counter-example( $w, \mathbf{T}$ )`



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5.         Create a new symbolic letter  $\mathbf{a} \notin \Sigma$
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7.          $\mu(\mathbf{a}) = \{a_0\}$
8.          $\psi' = \psi \cup \{\psi_{\mathbf{u}}\}$ , with  $\psi_{\mathbf{u}}(\sigma) = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\forall \sigma \in \Sigma$
9.          $S' = S \cup \{\mathbf{u}\}$                      1 new state
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7.          $\Sigma' = \Sigma \cup \{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}'\}$
8.          $\mu(\mathbf{a}) = a_0$  and  $\mu(\mathbf{a}') = \{a\}$
9.          $\psi' = \psi \cup \{\psi_{\mathbf{u}}\}$ , with  $\psi_{\mathbf{u}}(\sigma) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{a} & \text{if } \sigma < a \\ \mathbf{a}' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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4. **Else ( $u \in S$ )**  
    ...      **refinement**
5. **If  $T$  is not closed then**
6.     `make_closed( $T$ )`
7. **Until  $T$  classifies  $w$  correctly**
8. **return  $T$**

example ( $\Sigma = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$ )

observation table

	$\epsilon$
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$$\psi = \{\psi_s\}_{s \in S}$$

hypothesis automaton

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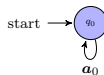
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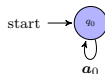
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counterexample + 23

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<sup>1</sup> $a_0$	—
<sup>23</sup> $a_1$	+

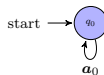
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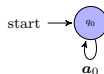
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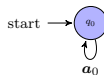
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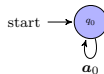
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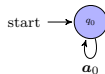
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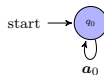
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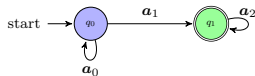
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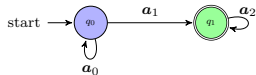
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hypothesis automaton



counterexample — 65

example ( $\Sigma = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$ )

observation table

	$\epsilon$
$\epsilon$	—
$23$ $a_1$	+
$1$ $a_0$	—
$23 \ 1$ $a_1 a_2$	+
$65$ $a_3$	—

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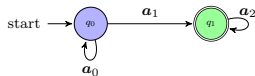
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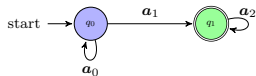
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counterexample — 65

example ( $\Sigma = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}$ )

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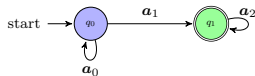
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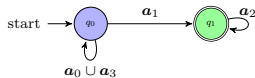
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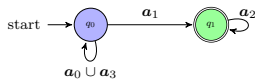
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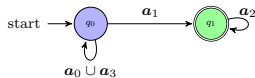
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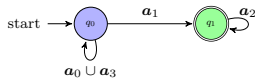
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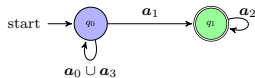
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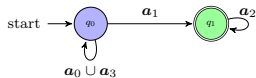
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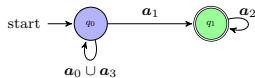
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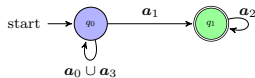
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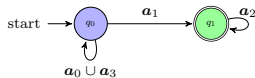
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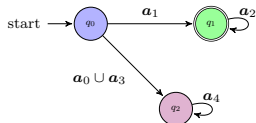
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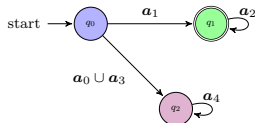
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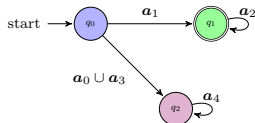
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$$M = \{\epsilon, 1, 23, 65, 11, 123, 231, 2323, 6523, 1123, 23123\}$$

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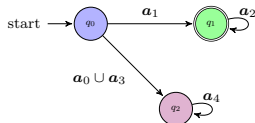
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# Conclusion

- learning languages over large or infinite alphabets
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- without using variables

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