An algebraic characterization of unary 2-way transducers

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2-way automaton over $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q, q_{-}, F, \delta \end{pmatrix} \xleftarrow{} transition set: \subset Q \times \Sigma_{\mathbb{R},\mathbb{Q}} \times \{-1, 0, 1\} \times Q$$



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2-way transducer over Σ , Γ

$$({}^{Q, q_{-}, F, \delta}) \stackrel{(A, \phi)}{\leftarrow} _{\text{production function:}} \delta \rightarrow Rat(\Gamma^*)$$



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Example: UnaryMult =
$$\{(a^n, a^{kn}) \mid k, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$
 = Identity^{H*}

H-Rat relations

Definition A relation *R* is in *H*-*Rat*($\Sigma^* \times \Gamma^*$) if

$$R = \bigcup_{0 \le i \le n} A_i \oplus B_i^{\mathsf{H}^{\bigstar}}$$

where for each i, A_i and B_i are rational relations.

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A first ingredient, a preliminary result:

Lemma With arbitrary Σ and $\Gamma = \{a\}$:

H-Rat is closed under
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Proof. Tedious formal computations...

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