

# Operational state complexity of union, intersection and concatenation over unary automata with half of the states final

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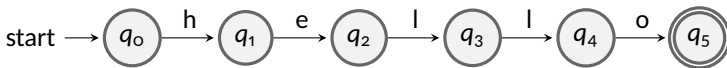


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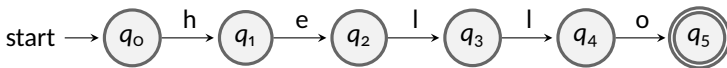


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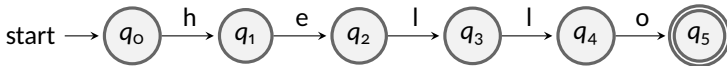
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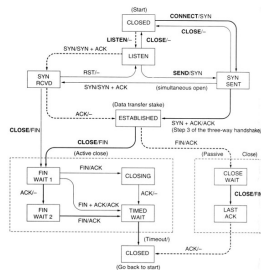
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"Real word" usage of finite automata:

- text processing (e.g. tokenization, morphological analysis, part-of-speech tagging in NLP)
- network protocols (e.g. RFC 793 for TCP protocol)
- compilers (if | else | while | for | return)
- hardware design (e.g. network cards)
- DNA sequence analysis



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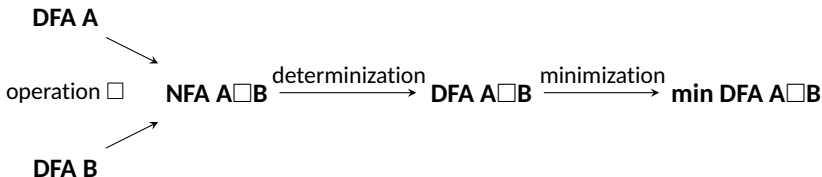
## Definition (Operational state complexity)

The *deterministic state complexity* of a  $k$ -ary operation  $\square$  over a subclass  $\mathcal{C}$  of DFAs is a function  $sc : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$$sc_{\square}^{\mathcal{C}}(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k) = \max(sc(\square(L(A_1), \dots, L(A_k))) \mid A_i \in \mathcal{C} \text{ having } n_i \text{ states, } i \in \{1, \dots, k\})$$

# State complexity - finding minimal automaton

- 1 construct an NFA for the language  $L(A) \sqcup L(B)$ ,
- 2 determinize the NFA to obtain a DFA,
- 3 minimize the DFA.



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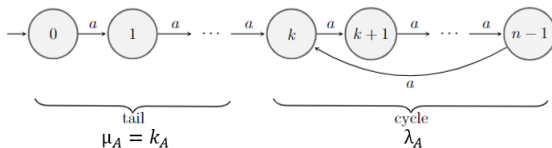
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  - some patterns may be observed by having any  $n$ -state automata,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even, not just powers of two
  - operation implemented in the program works faster on smaller automata

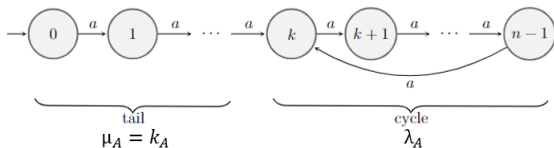
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**Nicaud's notation:**  $A = (n, k, F)$ , where  $F$  is the set of final states

We slightly modify it to  $A = (n_A, k_A, f_A)$

- $n_A \in \mathbb{N}$  is number of the states
- $k_A \in \mathbb{N}, k_A \leq n_A$  is length of the tail
- $f_A = b_0^A b_1^A \dots b_{n-1}^A \in \{0, 1\}^n$

$$b_i^A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \in F \\ 0 & \text{if } i \notin F \end{cases}$$

# Minimal unary automata

## Necessary and sufficient condition for unary DFA minimality (PIGHIZZINI; SHALLIT, 2002)

An unary DFA  $A = (Q, \{a\}, \delta, q_0, F)$  of size  $(\mu, \lambda)$  is minimal if and only if both the following conditions are satisfied:

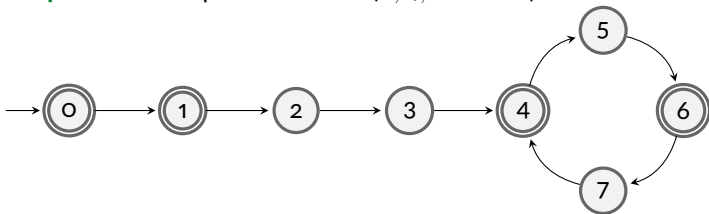
- 1 for any maximal proper divisor  $d$  of  $\lambda$ , there exists an integer  $h \in \{0, \dots, \lambda\}$  such that  $p_h \in F$  if and only if  $p_{(h+d)(\text{mod } \lambda)} \notin F$
- 2  $q_{\mu-1} \in F$  if and only if  $p_{\lambda-1} \notin F$

Here  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{\mu-1}, p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{\lambda-1}\}$  and  $\delta(q_i, a) = q_{i+1}$  for  $i \in \{0, \dots, q_{\mu-2}\}$ ,  $\delta(q_{\mu-1}, a) = p_0$ ,  $\delta(q_j, a) = q_{j+1}$  for  $j \in \{0, \dots, q_{\lambda-2}\}$ ,  $\delta(p_{\lambda-1}, a) = p_0$ .

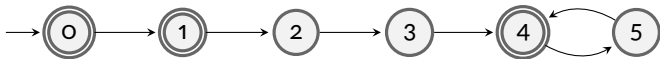
**Conclusion:** There is no need to use Hopcroft's minimization process

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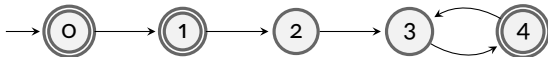
**Example** Reduction process for  $A = (8, 4, 11001010)$



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$A_{min} = (5, 3, 11001)$

# Intersection and Union

State complexity of intersection/union over unary DFA (PIGHIZZINI; SHALLIT, 2002)

Let  $A$  be an unary DFA with the tail of length  $\mu_A$  and the cycle of length  $\lambda_A$  and  $B$  be an unary DFA with the tail of length  $\mu_B$  and the cycle of length  $\lambda_B$ . Then languages  $L(A) \cup L(B)$  and  $L(A) \cap L(B)$  are accepted by a DFA with the tail of length  $\max(\mu_A, \mu_B)$  and the cycle of length  $(\lambda_A, \lambda_B)$

$$sc_{\cap}(m, n) = sc_{\cup}(m, n) = \max_{\lambda_A \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \lambda_B \in \{1, \dots, m\}} (\max\{n - \lambda_A, m - \lambda_B\} + nsn(\lambda_A, \lambda_B))$$

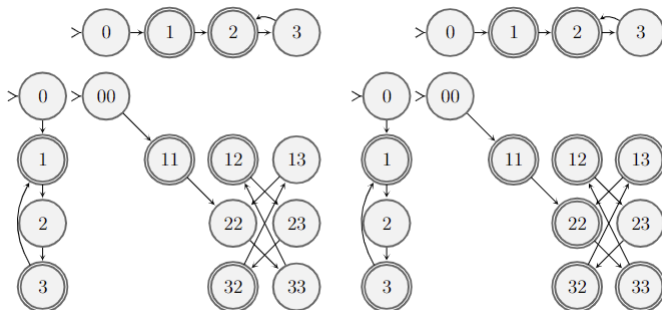
$$L(A) \cup L(B) = (L(A)^c \cap L(B)^c)^c$$

The last equality holds even for class of unary automata with half the states final



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**Example**  $A = (4, 2, 0110)$  and  $B = (4, 1, 0101)$



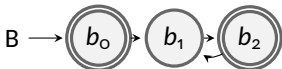
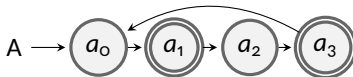
$$f_{A \cap B} = (01(10)^3 \text{ bitwise AND } 0(101)^2 1)$$

$$f_{A \cup B} = (01(10)^3 \text{ bitwise OR } 0(101)^2 1)$$

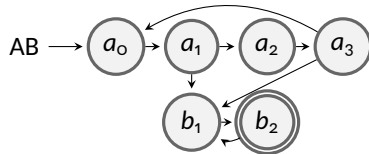
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Input DFAs A and B



Output NFA AB

# Program

Class `unary_automaton` initializes itself to  $(n, k, F)$ , its objects are inputs/output of the following functions

- `reduct` - outputs minimal DFA  $A_{min}$
- `intersection` - outputs DFA  $A \cap B$
- `union` - outputs DFA  $A \cup B$
- `concatenation` - outputs DFA  $AB$
- `square` - outputs DFA  $A^2$
- `power` - outputs DFA  $A^k$  for given  $k$
- `plus` - outputs DFA  $A^+$
- `star` - outputs DFA  $A^*$
- `complement` - outputs DFA  $A^C$
- `minus` - outputs DFA  $A - B$

# Intersection results for m,n up to 10

	2	4	6	8	10
2	3	7	11	15	19
4	7	13	21	29	37
6	11	21	31	43	46
8	15	29	43	57	73
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8	40	80	360	1280	4480
10	140	280	840	4480	17500

**Table:** Number of witnesses for the state complexity intersection over unary DFAs with half of the states final

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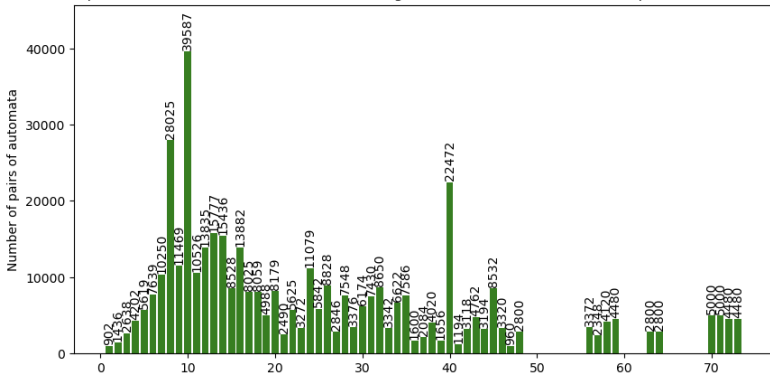


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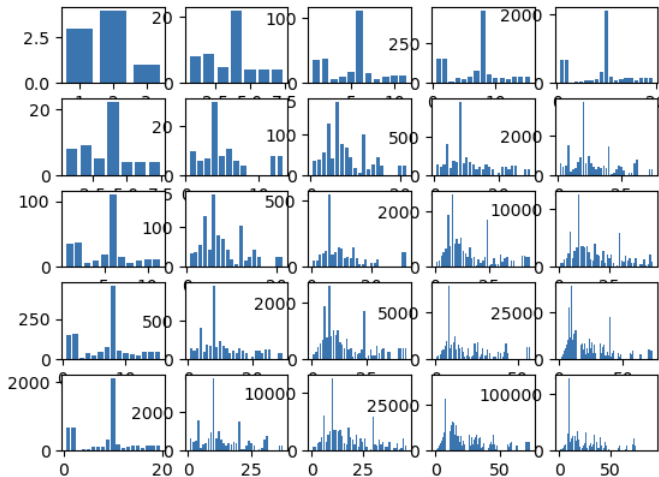


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m	n	$A = (m, k_A, f_A)$	$B = (n, k_B, f_B)$
2	2	(2,0,10)	(2,1,01)
2	4	(2,0,10)	(4,1,1100)
2	6	(2,0,10)	(6,1,111000)
2	8	(2,0,10)	(8,1,11110000)
2	10	(2,0,10)	(10,1,1111100000)
4	4	(4,0,1100)	(4,1,1100)
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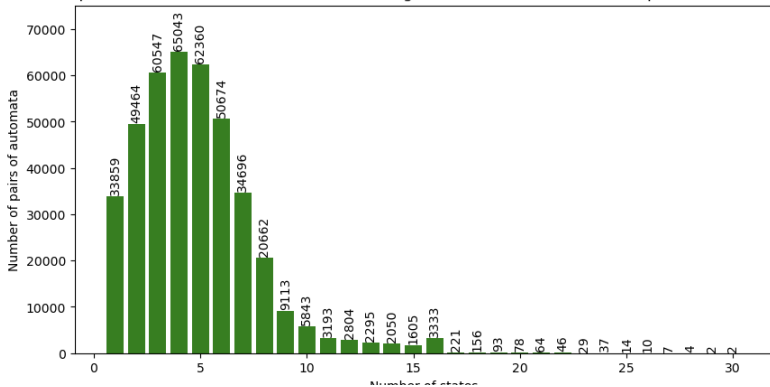


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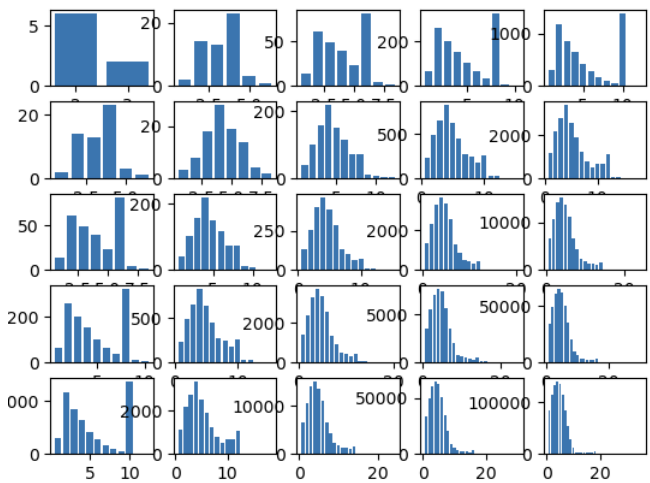


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conditions	examples of possible witnesses
$m = 2$ and $n > 2$ $k$ odd, $k \neq n - 1$	$A = (2, 0, 01)$ $B = (n, k, (10)^{\frac{n}{2}})$ $AB = (2n - k + 1, 2n - k - 1, (01)^{\frac{n}{2}+1}1^{n-k-1})$ $AB_{min} = (n + 2, n + 1, (01)^{\frac{n}{2}+1})$
$n = m$ $m, n > 4$	$A = (m, \frac{m}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{m}{2}-1}010^{\frac{m}{2}-1})$ $B = (m, \frac{m}{2}, 1^{\frac{m}{2}-1}0^{\frac{m}{2}}1)$ $AB = (\frac{m^2}{2} + \frac{3m}{2}, \frac{m^2}{4} + m - 1, 1^{\frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{m}{2} - 2}01^{\frac{m}{2}-1}01^{\frac{m}{2}+1})$ $AB_{min} = (\frac{m^2}{4} + m, \frac{m^2}{4} + m - 1, 1^{\frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{m}{2} - 2}01^{\frac{m}{2}-1}01)$
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$n = m + 6$ $m, n > 2, 4 \mid m$	$A = (m, \frac{m}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{m}{2}-1} 010^{\frac{m}{2}-1})$ $B = (m + 6, \frac{m}{2} + 3, 1^{\frac{m}{2}} 0110^{\frac{m}{2}} 100)$ $AB = (\frac{m^2}{4} + 3m + 6, \frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{5m}{2} + 5, 1^{\frac{m^2}{8} + \frac{7m}{4} + 1} 01^{\frac{m}{2}} 01^{\frac{m^2}{8} + \frac{m}{4} - 1} 01^{\frac{m}{2}+3})$ $AB_{min} = (\frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{5m}{2} + 4, \frac{m^2}{4} + \frac{5m}{2} + 3, 1^{\frac{m^2}{8} + \frac{7m}{4} + 1} 01^{\frac{m}{2}} 01^{\frac{m^2}{8} + \frac{m}{4} - 1} 01)$

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### Sketch of proof

$A \cap B = (lcm(m, n - 1) + \max(0, 1), \max(0, 1), f_{A \cap B}) = (mn - m + 1, 1, f_{A \cap B})$ , where  $f_{A \cap B}$  is the result of the bitwise AND operation on the following words

$$(1^{\frac{m}{2}} 0^{\frac{m}{2}})^{n-1} 1$$

$$1(1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0^{\frac{n}{2}})^m$$

We prove that  $f_{A \cap B}$  won't minimize with regard to the "condition for unary DFA minimality". The second condition clearly holds and the proof for the first condition is done by contradiction.



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**Sketch of proof** Given  $k_A \geq k_B$ ,  $\lambda_A = m - k_A$ ,  $\lambda_B = n - k_B$ ,  $Q(\lambda_A, \lambda_B) = \max(m - \lambda_A, n - \lambda_B) + (\lambda_A, \lambda_B)$  maximized, they have witnesses

$$A = (m, m - \lambda_A, 1^{\frac{m}{2} - \lceil \frac{\lambda_A}{2} \rceil} 0^{\frac{m}{2} \lceil \frac{\lambda_A}{2} \rceil}), \quad B = \begin{cases} (n, n - \lambda_B, 1^{\frac{n}{2} - 1} 0^{\frac{n}{2}} 1), & \text{if } j < \frac{n}{2} \text{ or } j = n \\ (n, n - \lambda_B, 0^{\frac{n}{2} - 1} 1^{\frac{n}{2}} 0), & \text{if } \frac{n}{2} \leq j < n \end{cases}$$

$$j = \begin{cases} k_B & \text{if } k_B = k_A \\ n & \text{if } k_B \neq k_A \text{ and } \lambda_B \mid (k_A - k_B) \\ k_B + ((k_A - k_B) \bmod \lambda_B) & \text{if } k_B \neq k_A \text{ and } \lambda_B \nmid (k_A - k_B) \end{cases}$$

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$$sc((L_1 \cap L_2)^R) = sc(L_1 \cap L_2) = 2^m 2^n - \min(2^m, 2^n) + 1$$

$$asc(L_1 \cap L_2) \geq \lceil \log_2(2^m 2^n - \min(2^m, 2^n) + 1) \rceil = m + n$$

$asc(L_1 \cap L_2) \geq m + n + 1$  by contradiction:  $(A \cap B)_{min}$  for  $A = (2^m, 0, 1^{2^{m-1}} 0^{2^{m-1}})$  and  $B = (2^n, 1, 1^{2^{n-1}} 0^{2^{n-1}})$  doesn't have exactly half of the states final.

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Let  $A = (n_A, k_A, f_A)$ ,  $B = (n_B, k_B, f_B)$  be unary DFAs. It holds that

$$L(A) = X_A \cup a^{k_A} Y_A \text{ for } X_A = L(A) \cap \{a^i \mid i = 0, \dots, k_A - 1\}$$

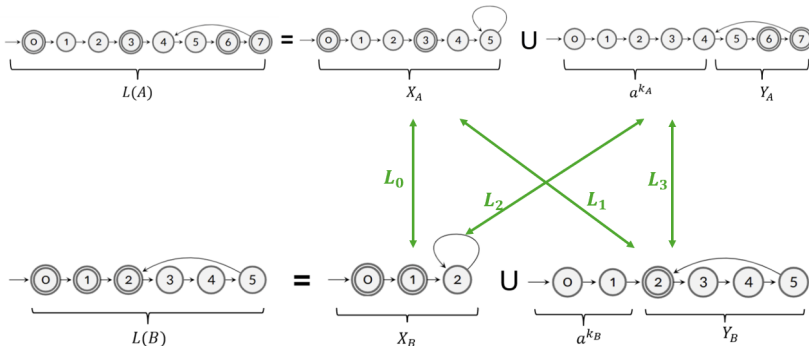
$$Y_A = \{a^i \mid a^{i+k_B} \in L(A), i \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

$$L(B) = X_B \cup a^{k_B} Y_B \text{ for } X_B = L(B) \cap \{a^i \mid i = 0, \dots, k_B - 1\}$$

$$Y_B = \{a^i \mid a^{i+k_A} \in L(B), i \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

Therefore using distributive law we get  $L(A) \cdot L(B) = L_0 \cup L_1 \cup L_2 \cup L_3$ , where  $L_0 = X_A X_B$ ,  $L_1 = a^{k_B} X_A Y_B$ ,  $L_2 = a^{k_A} X_B Y_A$ ,  $L_3 = a^{k_A+k_B} Y_A Y_B$ .

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## Theorem 3.10 (Concatenation - lower bound witnesses, the same length)

Let  $A = (n, \frac{n}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0 1 0^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$ ,  $B = (n, \frac{n}{2}, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0^{\frac{n}{2}} 1)$  be unary deterministic finite automata where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$sc(L(A) \cdot L(B)) = \frac{n^2}{4} + n$$

### Sketch of proof

$$A_{L_0} = (n - 2, n - 3, 1^{n-3} 0)$$

$$A_{L_1} = \left( \frac{3n}{2} - 1, n - 1, 0^{n-1} 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0 \right)$$

$$A_{L_2} = \left( n + 1, \frac{n}{2}, 0^{\frac{n}{2}} 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0 0 \right)$$

$$A_{L_3} = \left( \frac{n^2}{4} + n, \frac{n^2}{4} + n - 1, 0^{\frac{3n}{2}-1} (1^i 0^{\frac{n}{2}-i})_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 1 \right)$$



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Bitwise OR for the following expressions:

$$\text{expr}_0 = 1^{n-3} 0^{\frac{n}{2}(\frac{n}{2}+1)} 0^{\frac{n^2}{4}+2}$$

$$\text{expr}_1 = 0^{n-1} (1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0)^{\frac{n}{2}+1} (1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0)^{\frac{n}{2}} 1$$

$$\text{expr}_2 = 0^{\frac{n}{2}} (1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 00)^{\frac{n}{2}} (1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 00)^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 01$$

$$\text{expr}_3 = 0^{\frac{3n}{2}-1} (1^i 0^{\frac{n}{2}-i})_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 1^{\frac{n}{2}(\frac{n}{2}+1)}$$

After minimization we get

$$AB_{min} = \left( \frac{n^2}{4} + n, \frac{n^2}{4} + n - 1, 1^{\frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} - 2} 01^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 01 \right).$$

**Remark** For  $m = n + 2$ ,  $m = n + 4$ ,  $m = n + 6$  is the proof of the hypothesis similar.

# State complexity of concatenation

## Lemma 3.12

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of unary deterministic finite automata with half of the states final such that

- both of their cycles contains only one final state,
- the greatest common divisor of lengths of their cycles is one.

Then  $sc_{\circ}^{\mathcal{C}}(n, n) = \frac{n^2}{4} + n$ . Moreover the bound is met if and only if  $A = (n, \frac{n}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0 1 0^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$  and  $B = (n, \frac{n}{2}, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1} 0^{\frac{n}{2}} 1)$  or vice versa.

# State complexity of concatenation

## Theorems 3.15, 3.16, 3.17

- 1 Let  $A = (n, \frac{n}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1}010^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$ ,  $B = (n + 2, \frac{n}{2}, 1^{\frac{n}{2}}010^{\frac{n}{2}})$  be unary deterministic finite automata where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$sc(L(A) \cdot L(B)) = \frac{n(n+2)}{4} + \frac{n+(n+2)}{2} + 1$$

- 2 Let  $A = (n, \frac{n}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1}010^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$ ,  $B = (n + 4, \frac{n}{2} + 2, 1^{\frac{n}{2}}010^{\frac{n}{2}}10)$  be unary deterministic finite automata where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even,  $n \geq 4$ . Then

$$sc(L(A) \cdot L(B)) = \frac{n(n+4)}{4} + \frac{n+(n+4)}{2} + 1$$

- 3 Let  $A = (n, \frac{n}{2} - 1, 1^{\frac{n}{2}-1}010^{\frac{n}{2}-1})$ ,  $B = (n + 6, \frac{n}{2} + 3, 1^{\frac{n}{2}}0110^{\frac{n}{2}}100)$  be unary deterministic finite automata where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even,  $n \geq 4$ ,  $4 \mid n$ . Then

$$sc(L(A) \cdot L(B)) = \frac{n(n+6)}{4} + \frac{n+(n+6)}{2} + 1$$

# State complexity of concatenation

## Theorem 3.19 (Concatenation $m = n$ , state complexity AFA)

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $m = n$ . Considering the class of all unary alternating finite automata we get

$$m + n \leq \text{asc}_o(m, n) \leq m + n + 1$$

### Sketch of proof

$$\text{sc}((L_1L_2)^R) = \text{sc}(L_1L_2) \geq (2^{m-1} + 1)(2^{n-1} + 1)$$

$$\text{asc}(L_1L_2) \geq \lceil \log_2((2^{m-1} + 1)(2^{n-1} + 1)) \rceil = m + n - 1$$

$\text{asc}(L_1L_2) \geq m + n$  by contradiction:  $(AB)_{\min}$  for

$A = (2^m, 2^{m-1} - 1, 1^{2^{m-1}-1}010^{2^{m-1}-1})$  and  $B = (2^n, 2^{n-1}, 1^{2^{n-1}-1}0^{2^{n-1}}1)$  doesn't have exactly half of the states final.

# State complexity of square

## Theorem 3.20 (State complexity of the square)

Let  $L$  be arbitrary languages accepted by a  $n$ -state DFA with half of the states final,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  even. Then

$$sc(L^2) = 2n - 1$$

**Sketch of proof** Upper bound:  $2n - 1$

Witness:  $A = (n, 0, 0^{\frac{n}{2}}1^{\frac{n}{2}})$

$A^2 = (2n, n, 0^n1^{n-1}0)$ .

$A_{min}^2 = (2n - 1, n - 1, 0^n1^{n-1})$

upper bound = lower bound

# Contribution

## Recapitulation of my own contribution

- program implementation
  - basic operation over unary DFAs
  - statistics for  $m, n$  up to 10
  - hypothesis verification up to fixed  $m, n$
- state complexity of **intersection** and **union**
  - both lower bound and its tightness for DFA with half of the states final
  - both lower bound and its tightness for DFA with any fixed number of final states
  - lower bound and its tightness for AFA
- state complexity of **concatenation**
  - lower bounds for  $m = n, m = n + 2, m = n + 4$  and  $m = n + 6$  if  $4 \mid m$
  - tightness for  $m = n$  if length of cycles are coprime and have one final state
  - lower bound for AFA if  $m = n$
- state complexity of **square**
  - both lower bound and its tightness

# Future work

## Problems left open


- **intersection**
  - lower bound and tightness if one of the DFAs have exactly one final state
- **concatenation**
  - lower bounds for whole scale of  $m, n$  even (might be obtained by generalizing found witnesses)
  - tightness for the stated lower bounds
  - state complexity over AFA for the whole scale

# Ďakujem za pozornosť!


*Thank you for your attention!*




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