

Advanced Logic

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Last Lecture

- ★ a language $L \subseteq \Sigma^\omega$ is ω -regular if $L = \bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq n} U_i \cdot V_i^\omega$ for regular languages U_i, V_i ($0 \leq i \leq n$)
- ★ a **Büchi Automaton** is structurally similar to an NFA, but recognizes words $w \in \Sigma^\omega$ that visit final states infinitely often

Theorem

For recognisable $U \in \Sigma^*$ and $V, W \in \Sigma^\omega$ the following are recognisable:

1. union $V \cup W$
2. intersection $V \cap W$
3. left-concatenation $U \cdot V$
4. ω -iteration U^ω
5. complement \bar{V}

Theorem

$L \in \omega\text{REG}(\Sigma)$ if and only if $L = L(\mathcal{A})$ for some NBA \mathcal{A}

Theorem

For every **MSO formula** ϕ there exists an NBA \mathcal{A}_ϕ s.t. $\hat{L}(\phi) = L(\mathcal{A}_\phi)$.

Today's Lecture

1. Linear temporal logic (LTL)
2. LTL model checking

Linear temporal logic

Motivation

★ **linear temporal logic** is a logic for reasoning about **events in time**

– always not ($\phi \wedge \psi$)

– always (Request implies eventually Grant)

– always (Request implies (Request until Grant))

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★ LTL shares algorithmic solutions with MSO

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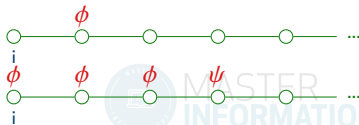
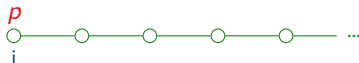
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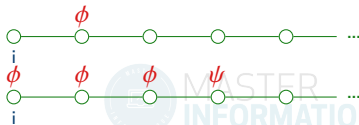
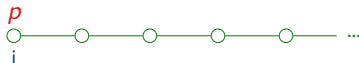
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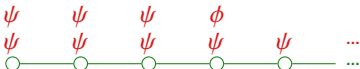
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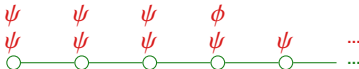
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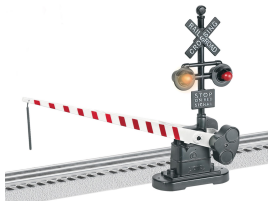
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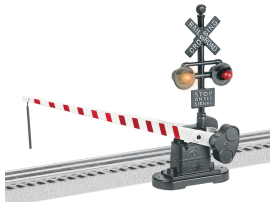


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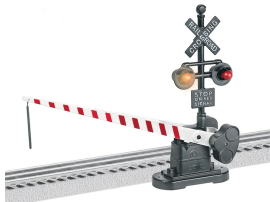
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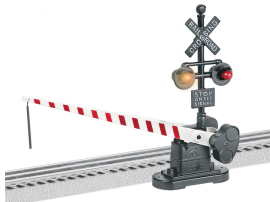
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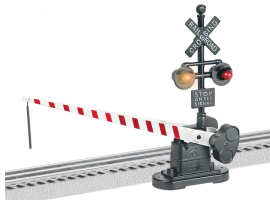
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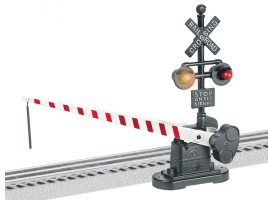
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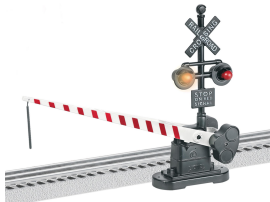
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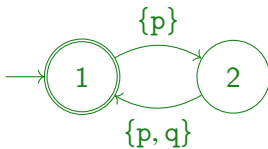
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is **not loop-free** (and cannot be turned into equivalent loop-free one)

$\Rightarrow L(\mathcal{A})$ not expressible in LTL

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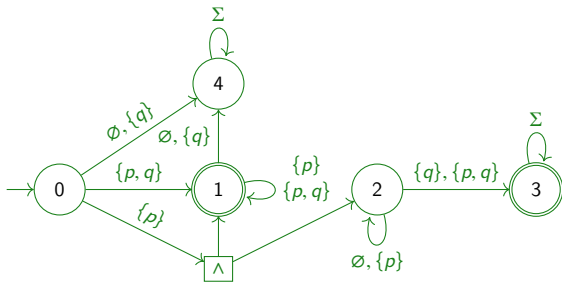
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LTL and Automata

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- ★ L is LTL definable.
- ★ L is recognizable by VWABA.

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- ★ the construction differs whether the state is final, we thus consider two cases

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★ note that $L_{\mathcal{A}}(q_i)$ satisfies

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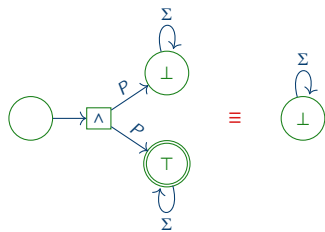
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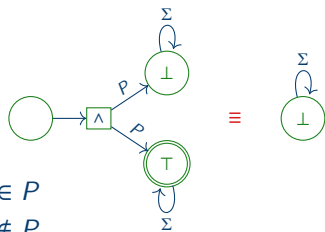
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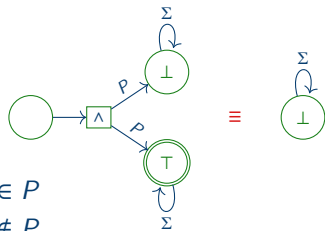
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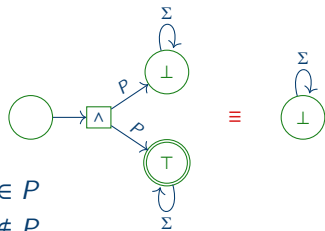
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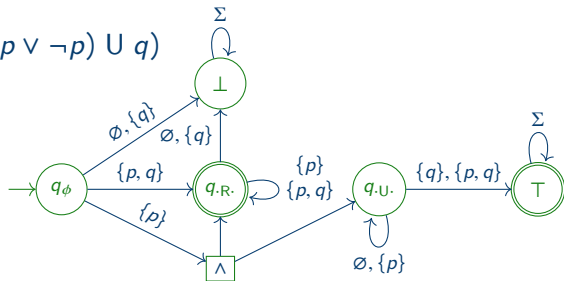
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Thanks!