

# Separating words with weighted automata

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- No DFA with  $n$  states can separate  $a^{n-1}b^{n-1+\text{lcm}(1,2,\dots,n)}$  and  $a^{n-1+\text{lcm}(1,2,\dots,n)}b^{n-1}$



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- Consider  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $u_i = a$  and  $v_i = b$  at some  $i$ .
- Set  $\hat{x}_i = a_i$  if  $x_i = a_i$ , otherwise  $\hat{x}_i = b_i$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  separates  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{v}$ . Add labels to all transitions labelled  $b$ .

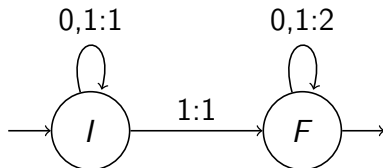
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## State of the art

$\mathcal{C}$	$sep_{\mathcal{C}}(N) \leq$	$sep_{\mathcal{C}}(N) \geq$
Rev. DFA	$O(\sqrt{N})$ [ROBSON 96]	$3/2 \log(N) + o(\log(N))$ [BULATOV et al. 16]
DFA	$O\left(N^{2/5} \log^{3/5}(N)\right)$ [ROBSON 89]	$\log(N) + o(\log(N))$ [DEMAINE et al. 11]
NFA		$\log(N) + o(\log(N))$ [DEMAINE et al. 11]
W DFA		$1/2 \log(N) + o(\log(N))$
(max, +)-WFA		$\Omega\left(\sqrt{\log(N)}\right)$ [IZHAKIAN-M. 18]
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$\mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}_{\max})$  satisfies a nontrivial semigroup identity.

*Its length grows with  $n$  as  $e^{Cn^2 + o(n^2)}$  for some  $C \leq \frac{1 + \ln(2)}{2}$ .*



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## Theorem (After M.-NOWAK-SERGEEV 2014)

For  $t \geq (n-1)^2 + 1$ , there is decomposition indexed by a collection of node-disjoint elementary cycles :

$$A^t = \bigvee_{\theta \in \Theta} C_{\theta}(S_{\theta})^t R_{\theta},$$

the sum of the lengths of the cycles being at most  $\text{rk}_f(A)$ .



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Thank you for your attention.