Regular Monoidal Languages

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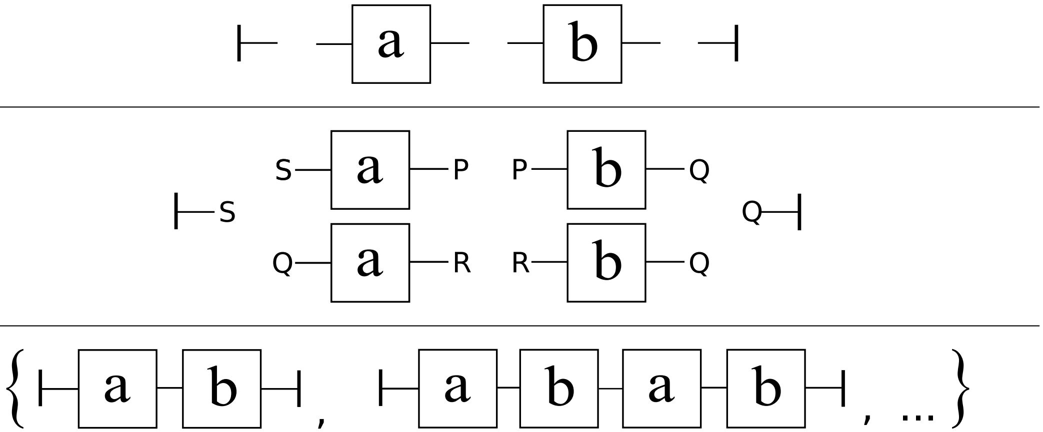
Regular languages with pictures



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Bottom-up tree languages with pictures

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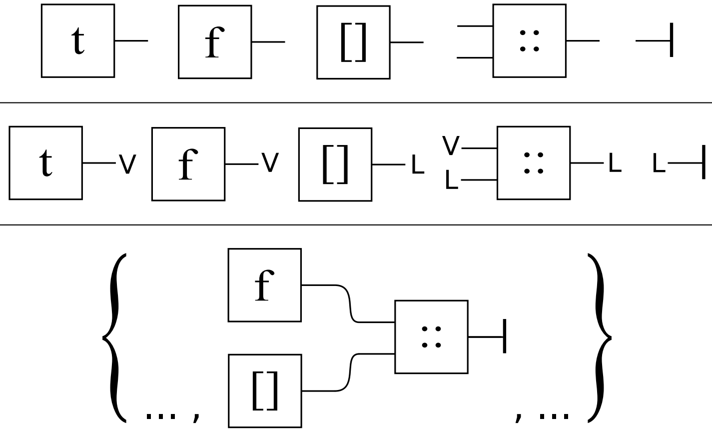

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Top-down tree languages with pictures

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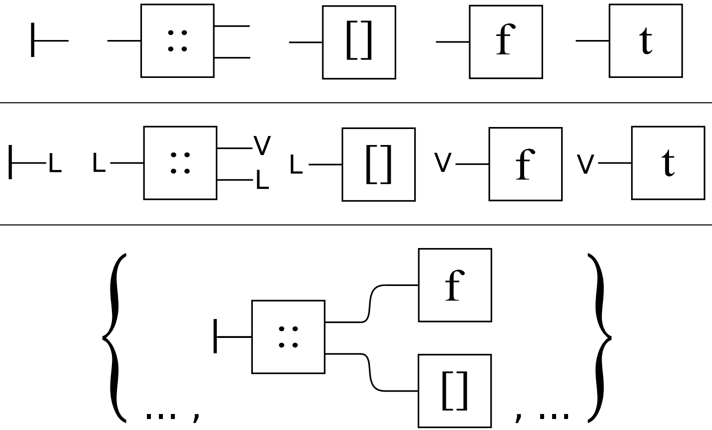

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Regular monoidal languages

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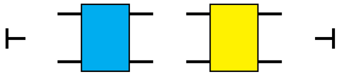
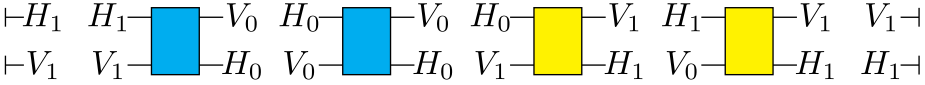
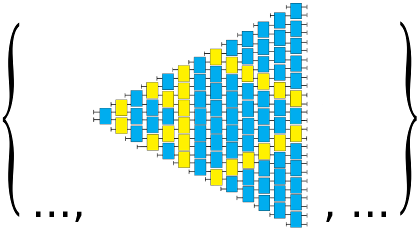


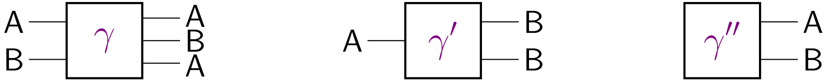




How to define these pictures formally?

Monoidal graphs

A monoidal graph is a pair of functions $s, t : E \rightrightarrows V^*$.



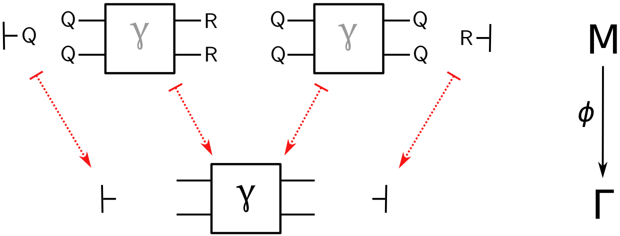
The components of a monoidal graph are *generators*.

When *single-sorted*, s and t give natural numbers: *arity* and *coarity*.

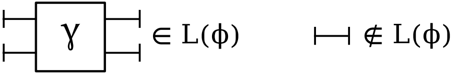
Morphism of monoidal graphs is a pair of functions $E \to E', V \to V'$ commuting with s and t.

All of our monoidal graphs will be finite.

Regular monoidal grammars and languages



Defines a language: the $0 \to 0$ string diagrams that can be built.



Definition

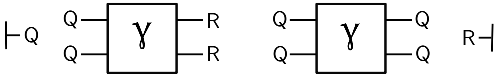
Languages so definable are *regular monoidal languages*.

Non-deterministic monoidal automata

Definition $\Delta = (V, \Delta_\Gamma)$

- V, finite set
- Γ, monoidal alphabet
- $\Delta_\Gamma = \{V^{\mathrm{ar}(\gamma)} \xrightarrow{\Delta_\gamma} \mathscr{P}(V^{\mathrm{coar}(\gamma)})\}_{\gamma \in E_\Gamma}$,

set of transition relations



String diagrams $0 \to 0$ map to a $V^0 \to \mathscr{P}(V^0)$ (accept/reject).

By restricting Γ we recover:

- Ordinary non-deterministic automata
- Top-down tree automata
- Bottom-up tree automata

The problem of determinization

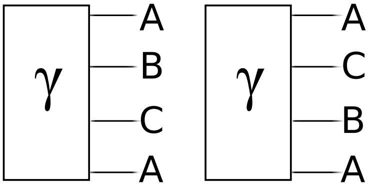
Challenge

Characterize the deterministically recognizable RMLs.

Partial answers:

- convex automata
- necessary property of deterministic language
- algebraic invariant

Partial answer I: Convex automata



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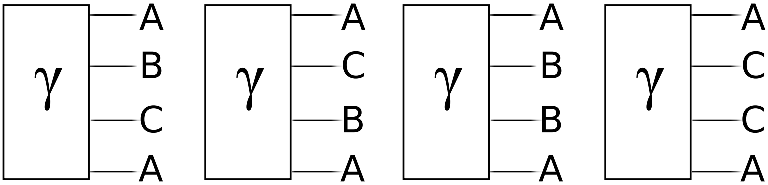

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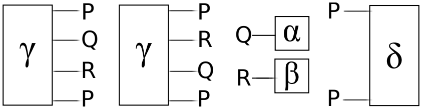
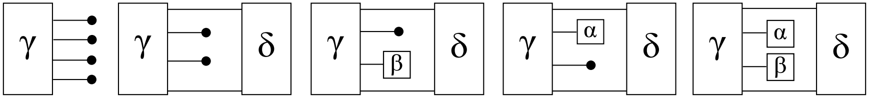
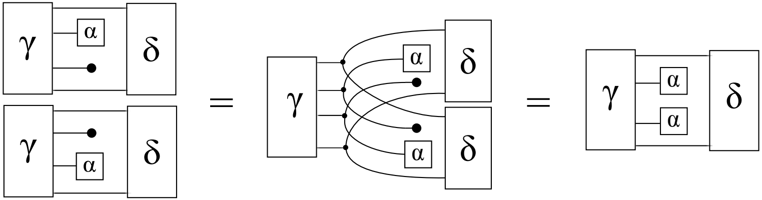
Partial answer II: Causal closure



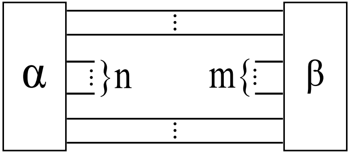


Causal histories recombinable via equations in cartesian restriction categories



Theorem: Deterministically recognizable RMLs are causally closed.

Partial answer III: Syntactic pro



$$\gamma \equiv_L \delta \text{ if } C[\gamma] \in L \iff C[\delta] \in L, \text{ for all contexts } C$$

Theorem

If L is an RML then its syntactic pro has finite homsets.

Theorem

If the syntactic pro of an RML has cartesian restriction category structure, then the language is deterministically recognizable.

Future work

- Completely characterize deterministic recognizability
- Embeddings of word languages
- Diagrammatics for pushdown and Zielonka automata, transducers, etc.
- Context-free monoidal languages via a monoidal multicategory of contexts

Thanks for your attention.