The monadic theory of one successor

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W Accordingly, a language $L \subseteq \mathbb{B}^{\omega}$ encodes a set of subsets of \mathbb{N} .

Definition

A **Büchi automaton** is a tuple $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, I, F)$, where

- Q is a finite set of control states
- $\bullet~\Sigma$ is a finite alphabet for transition labels
- $\Delta \subseteq Q \times \Sigma \times Q$ is a finite set of transition rules
- $I \subseteq Q$ is a set of initial states
- $F \subseteq Q$ is a set of final states

 \mathcal{A} accepts a word $w \in \Sigma^{\omega}$ if it admits a run ρ on w such that

 $\inf(\rho)\cap F\neq \emptyset$

where $\inf(\rho) = \{ q \in Q \mid \forall i. \exists j \ge i. \rho(j) = q \}$

Example



 $\mathscr{L}(\mathcal{A}) = (0^* 1)^{\omega}$

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Corollary (collapse of quantifier hierarchy) MSO[<] = Büchi automata = \exists MSO[+1]







Corollary The MSO[\leq] theory of \mathbb{Z} is decidable.



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Transform φ into $\bigvee_{i=1...n} (\varphi_{i,1} \land \varphi_{i,2})$ in such a way that

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² We can recursively factorize factors until we get single characters

- only a few nested factorizations (linear in |S|, independent of |w|)
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An application: infix matching

For a fixed morphism f (or automaton, or formula), one can receive a word w, construct its factorization forest, and then use it as an **index structure** to evaluate in **constant time** the f-image of any given infix of w.

Other applications:

- constant-delay enumeration of answers to a query
- number of nested Kleene * needed in a regular expression
- determinization of Büchi automata (→ parity automata)
- convert semigroups to formulas

