An algebraic characterization of unary 2-way transducers

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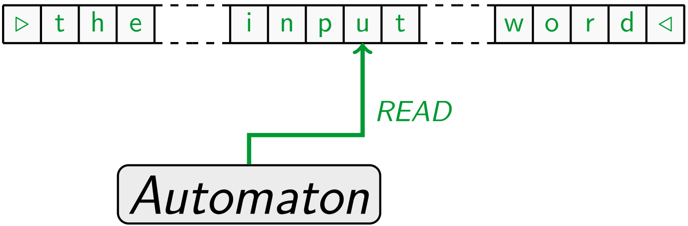

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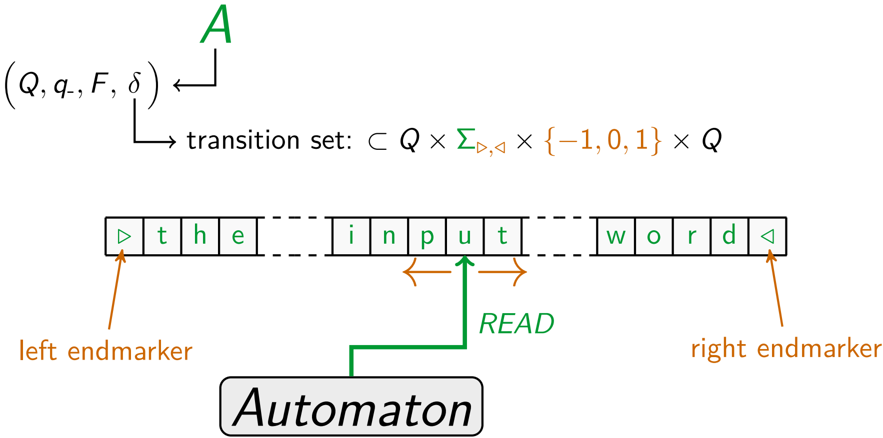

2-way transducer over Σ, Γ

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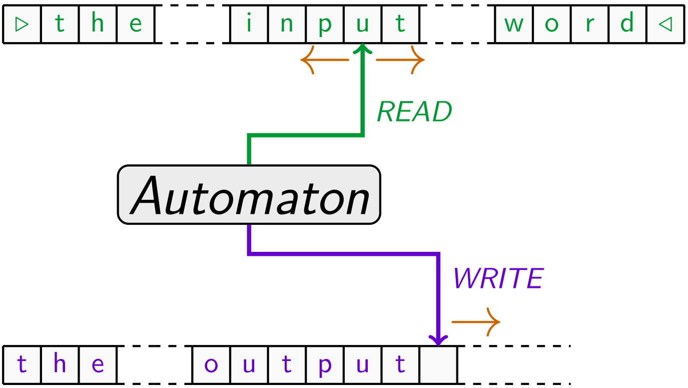
ϕ ↳ production function: $\delta \to Rat(\Gamma^*)$



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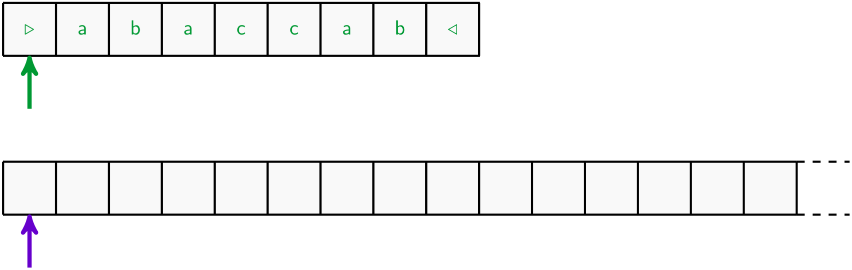

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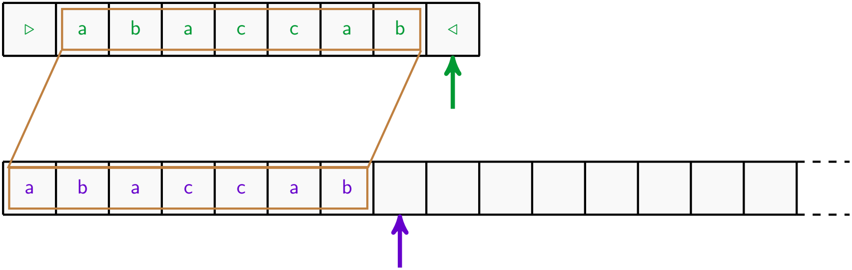

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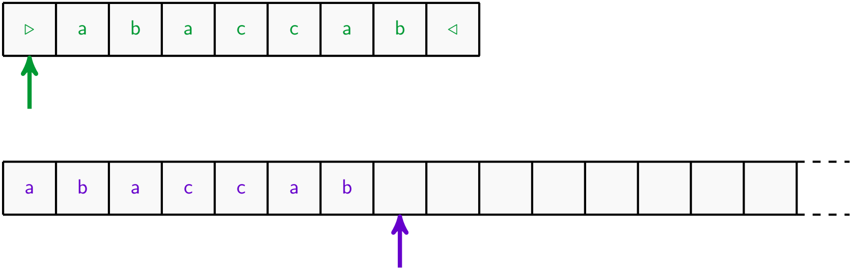

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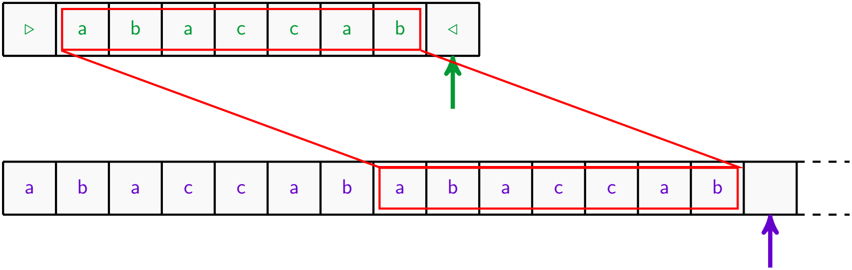

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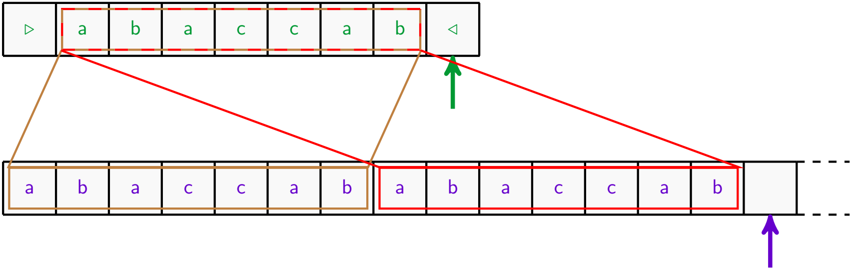

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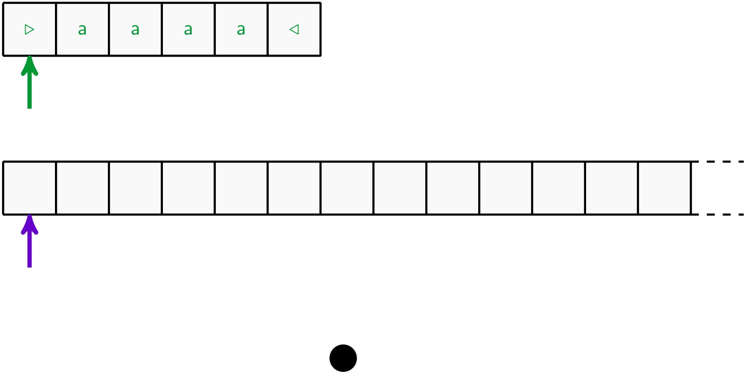

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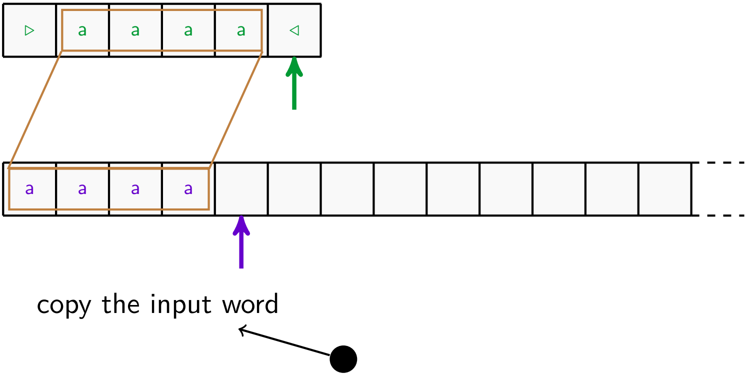

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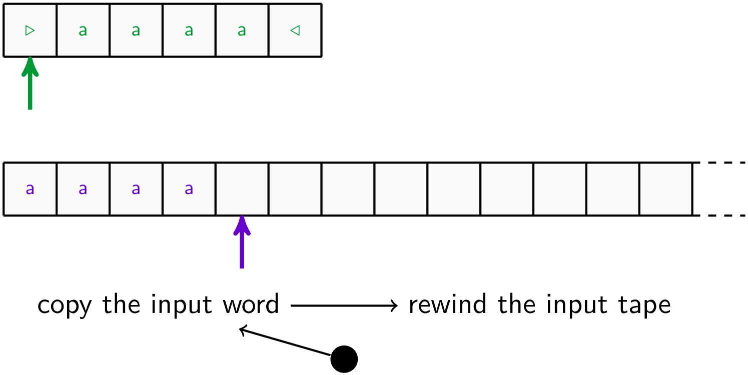

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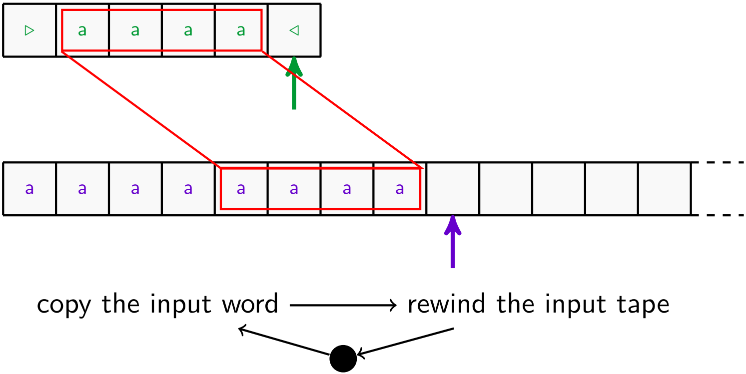

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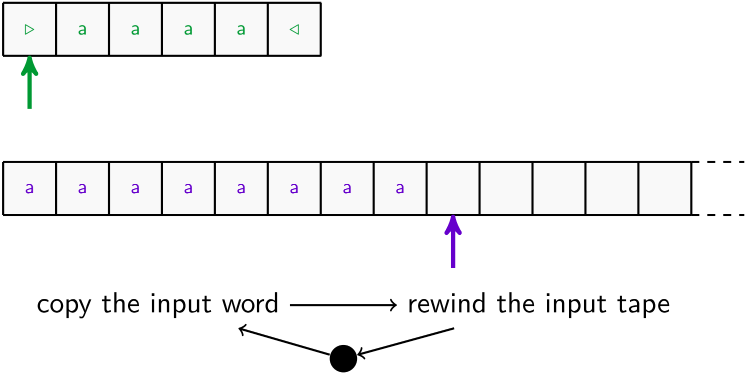

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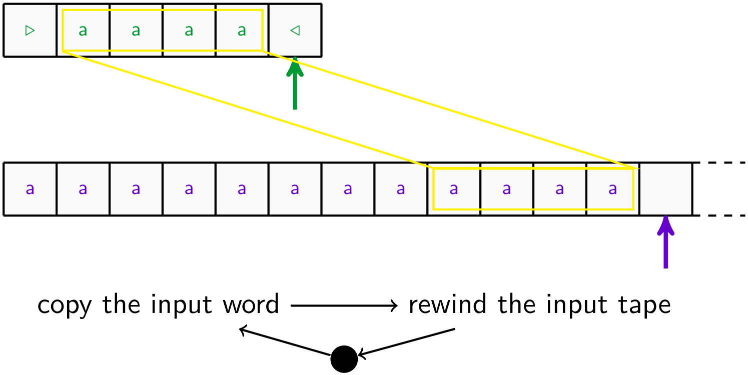

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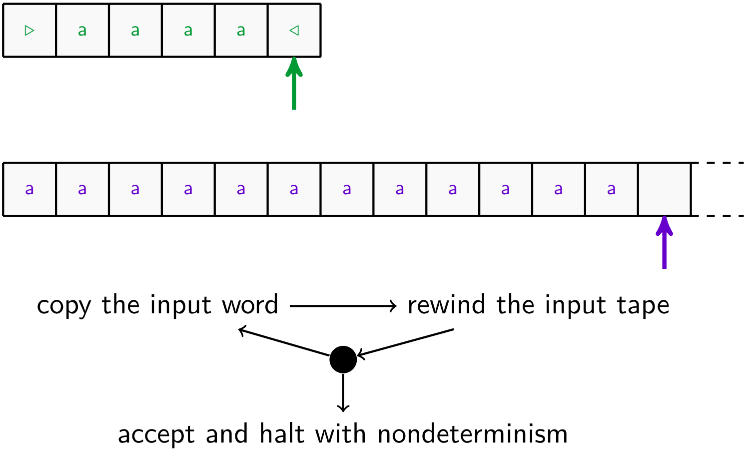

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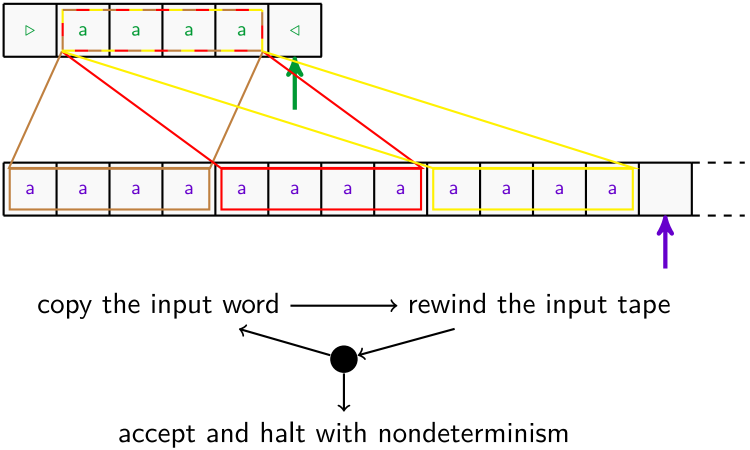

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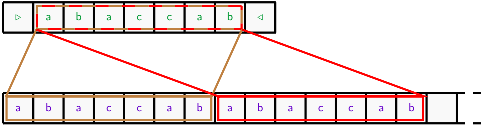

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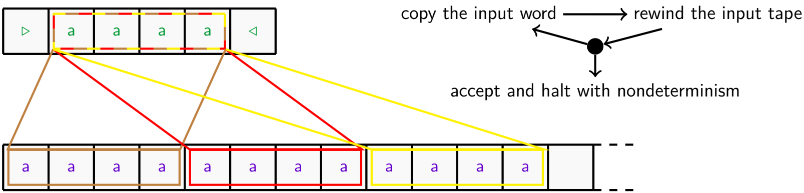

H-Rat relations

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A relation R is in $H\text{-}Rat(\Sigma^* \times \Gamma^*)$ if

$$R = \bigcup_{0 \leq i \leq n} A_i \circledH B_i^{\mathsf{H}\star}$$

where for each i, A_i and B_i are rational relations.

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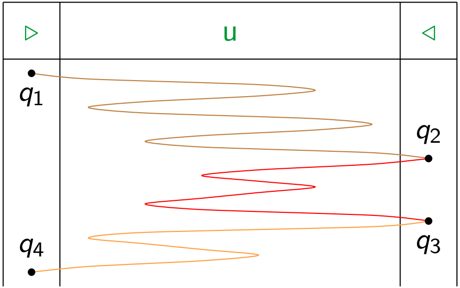

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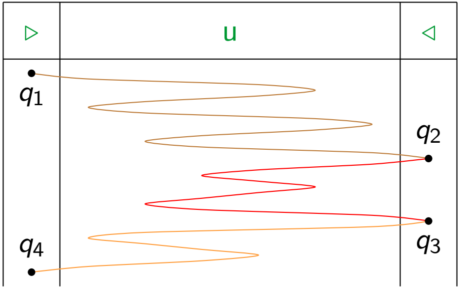

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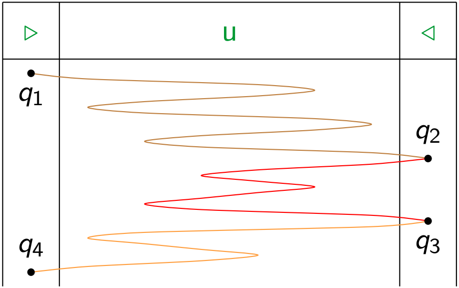

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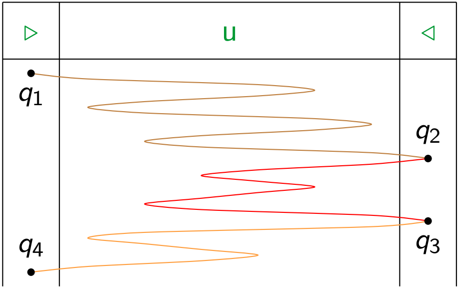

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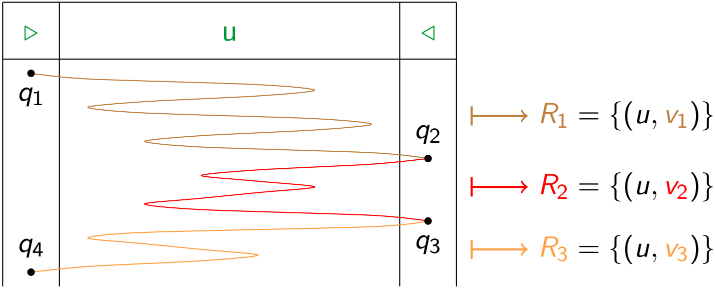

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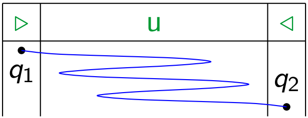

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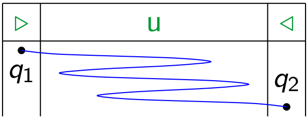

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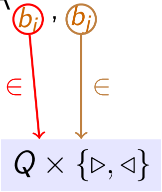

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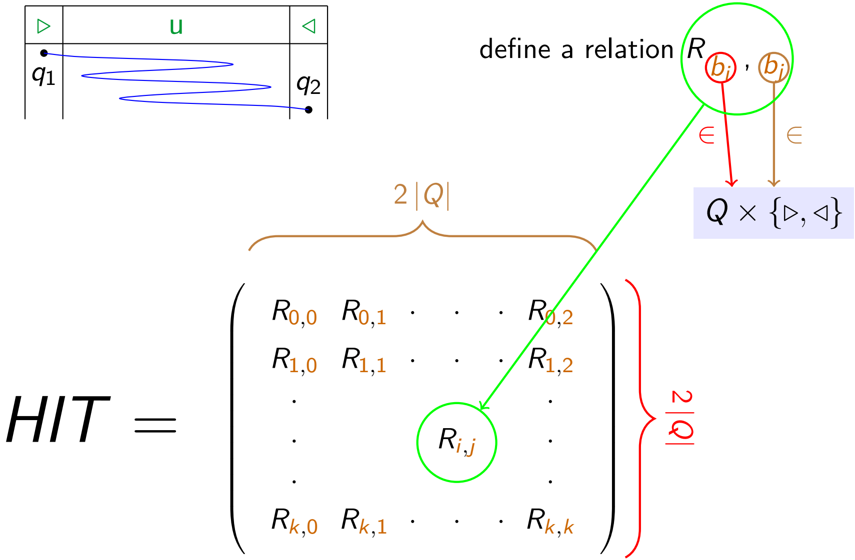

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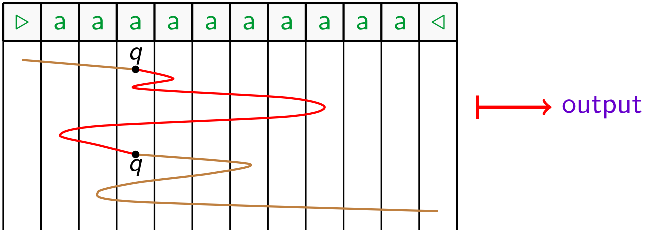

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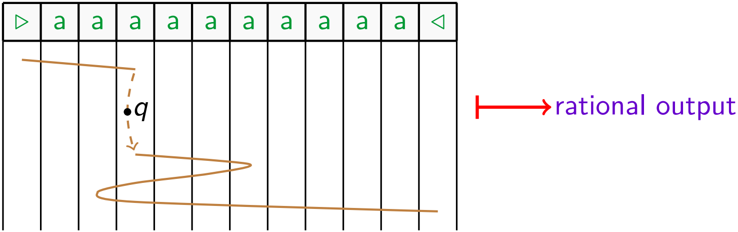

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