

The Algebraic Counterpart of the Wagner Hierarchy

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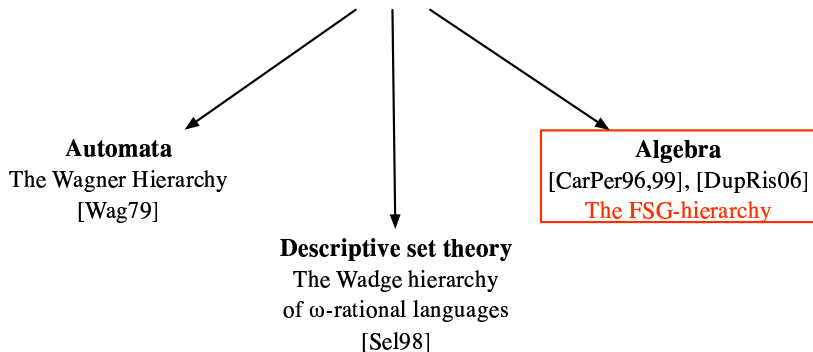
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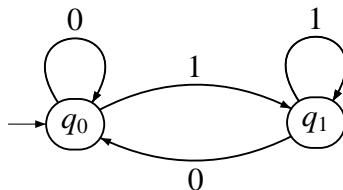
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Classifying ω -rational languages



Muller automaton (deterministic)

$\mathcal{A} = (Q, A, \delta, \{q_0\}, \mathcal{T})$, with $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \mathcal{P}^Q$.



If $\mathcal{T} = \{\{q_0\}, \{q_1\}\}$, then $L^\omega(\mathcal{A}) = A^*(0^\omega \cup 1^\omega)$.

Theorem

The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1 L is ω -rational*
- 2 L is recognizable by a finite Muller automaton.*

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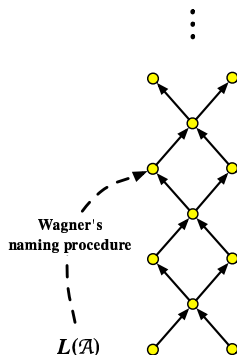


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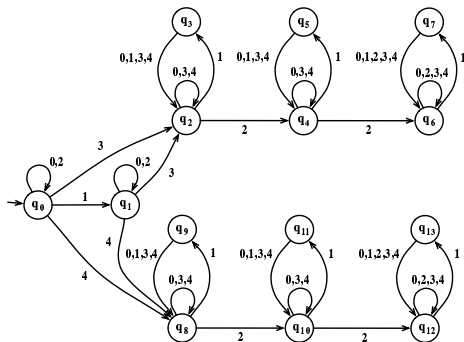
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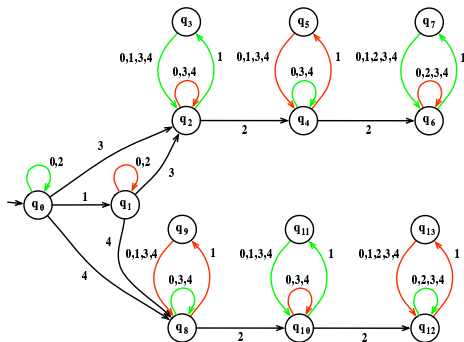
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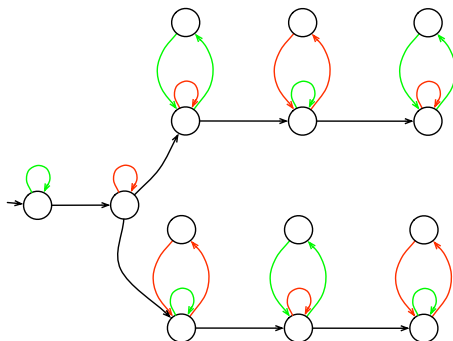
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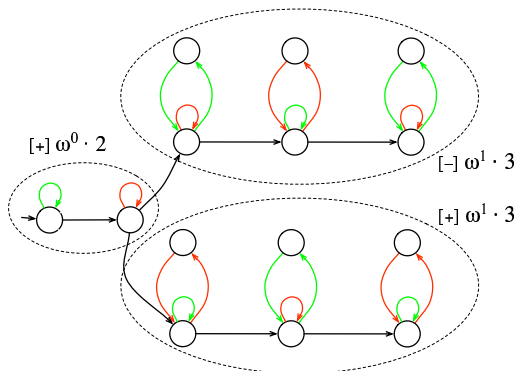
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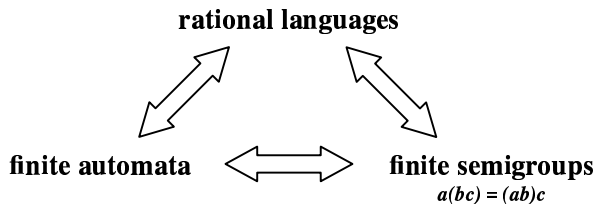
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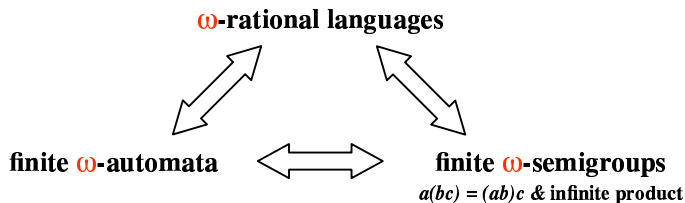


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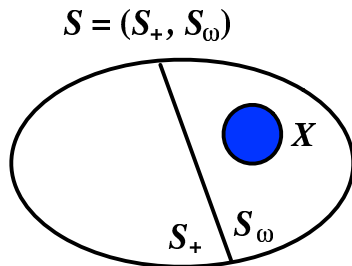
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Notation: $\pi_S(x, x, x, x, \dots)$ will be written x^ω .

A *pointed ω -semigroup* is a pair (S, X) , where

- $S = (S_+, S_\omega)$ is an ω -semigroup,
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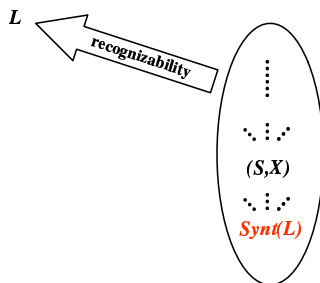
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Among all finite pointed ω -semigroups recognizing a given ω -rational language L , there exists a minimal one, **the syntactic ω -semigroup** of L , denoted by $Synt(L)$.



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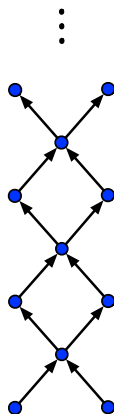
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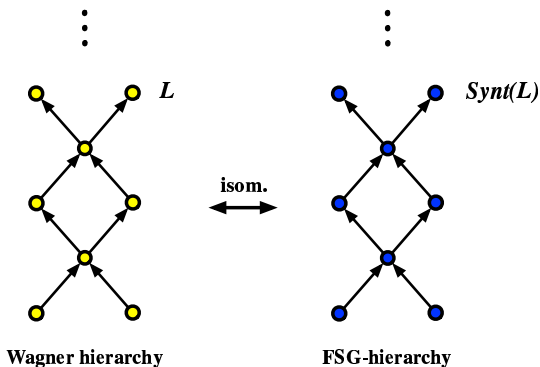
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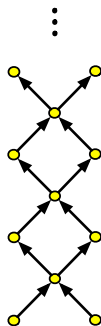


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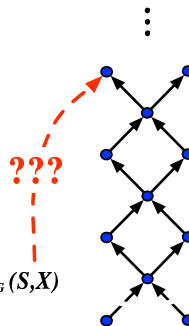
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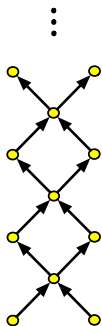
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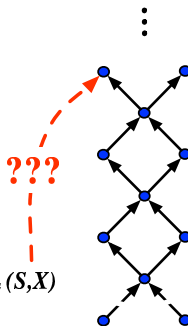
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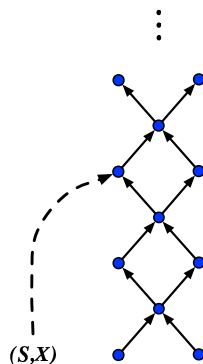


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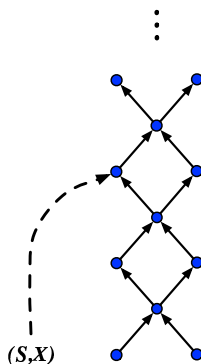
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