
Examen MPRI 2016/2017
"Modélisation par automates finis"
Automata and semigroups

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Exercise 1

We consider the two following monoids :

$$\mathbf{J} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{a, b, c} : \mathbf{ab = ba} \\ \mathbf{ac = ca} \\ \mathbf{bc = cb} \end{array} \right\rangle_+^1 \quad \text{et} \quad \mathbf{K} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{a, b, c} : \mathbf{bab = ba} \\ \mathbf{ac = ca} \\ \mathbf{cbc = cb} \end{array} \right\rangle_+^1 .$$

1. For each, compute explicitly its minimal Garside family. Is it finite?
2. For each, explain what one can deduce : automaticity ? self-similarity ? etc.

We consider a third monoid :

$$\mathbf{L} = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{a, b, c} : \mathbf{bab = ba} \\ \mathbf{ac = ca} \\ \mathbf{bc = cbc} \end{array} \right\rangle_+^1 .$$

3. Specify what distinguishes \mathbf{L} from \mathbf{J} and \mathbf{K} ? Provide therefore an alternative approach.

Exercise 2

We aim to enumerate the quadratic normalisations over an alphabet \mathcal{Q} of given size.

1. Give a simple algorithm to enumerate the idempotent functions from \mathcal{Q}^2 to \mathcal{Q}^2 . Compute the number of such functions.
2. Give an algorithm to then check whether such a function define a quadratic normalisation, while computing its *complexity* whenever this is indeed the case.
3. Apply these algorithmes for $\mathcal{Q} = \{\mathbf{a, b}\}$ while reducing by symmetry the number of cases to be treated.