Modular Mix-and-Match Complementation of Büchi Automata

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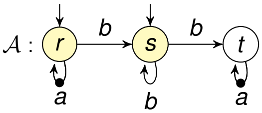

- $r \xrightarrow{a} r \xrightarrow{b} s \xrightarrow{b} t \xrightarrow{a} t \xrightarrow{a} \cdots$ $\quad abba^\omega \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$
- $L(\mathcal{A}) = (\epsilon + a^* bb^+ + b^+)a^\omega$

- define the class of ω-regular languages
- used in program verification (Ultimate Automizer), linear time MC, probabilistic MC, decision procedures, ...

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- Basic operation for inclusion/equivalence checking

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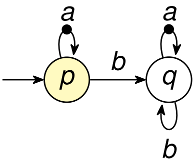

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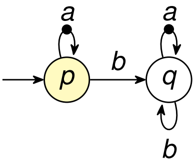

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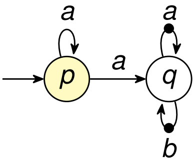

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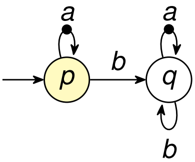

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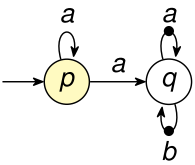
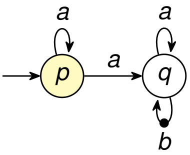


  - semi-deterministic: $\mathcal{O}(4^n)$



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- Elevator automata[1]
  - Inherently weak and deterministic SCCs
  - Upper bound $\mathcal{O}(16^n)$
- Problem: structure on the whole automaton

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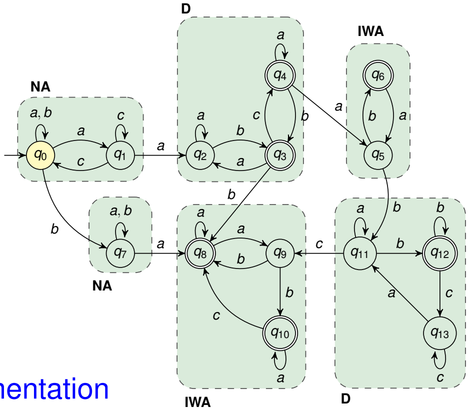

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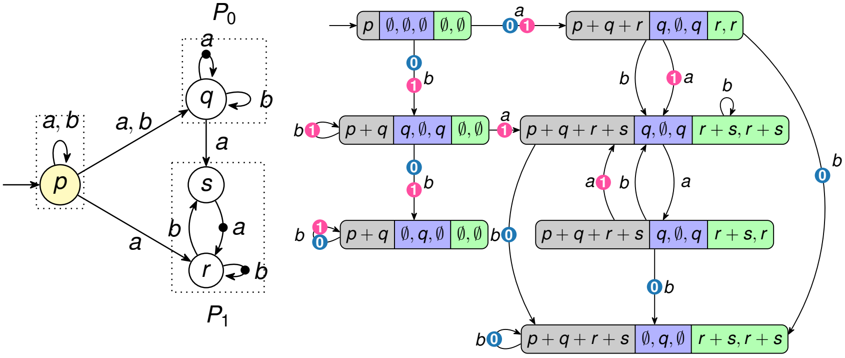

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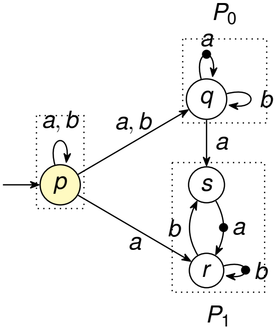

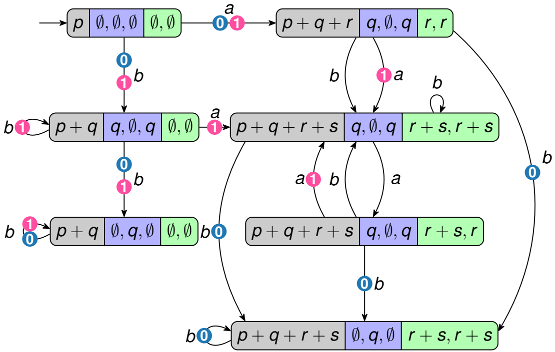

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- Exponentially better upper bound: $\mathcal{O}(16^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(4^n)$
  - Same as for semi-deterministic BAs (strict subclass)

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- Open framework
  - Flexible algorithm
  - Works for any reasonable complementation algorithm
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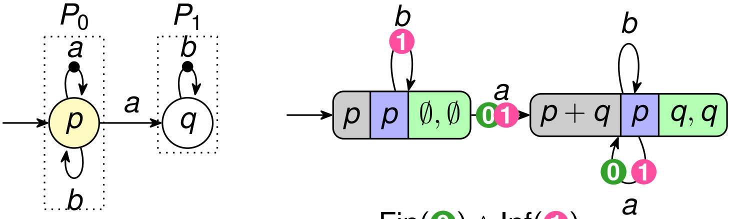

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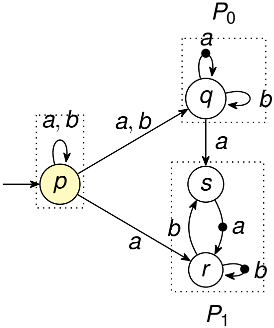
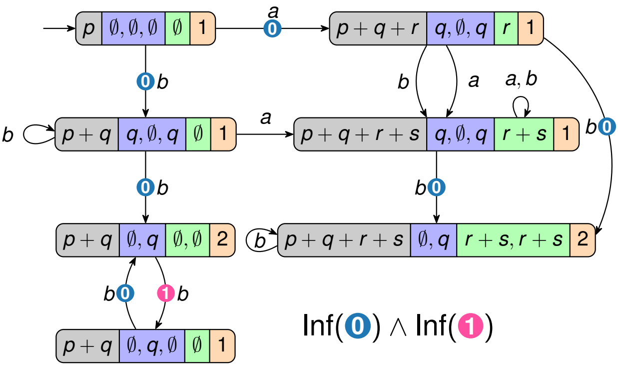
Postponed Construction

- One BA for each partition block
- Intersection of the complements
- Reduction of the intermediate automata
- Does not give better upper bound for elevator BAs

Round-Robin Algorithm

- Combinatorial explosion in a synchronous approach
  - Cartesian product of all successors
- Actively tracks only one partition block, others are passive
- Periodically changes the active algorithm





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- Only one breakpoint for all algorithms:
  1. May lead to a smaller complement
  2. Fewer colours (only one for elevator automata)

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- The behaviour of p can be completely simulated by q
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  - Randomly generated
  - From LTL formulae
  - From ULTIMATE AUTOMIZER
  - From PECAN (solver for the first-order logic over Sturmian words)
  - From an S1S solver
  - From LTL to SDBA translation

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tool	solved	unsolved			states			runtime		
		TO		OOM	mean		median	mean		median
KOFOLA$_S$	39,738	89	:	10	76	:	3	0.32	:	0.03
KOFOLA$_P$	39,750	76	:	11	86	:	3	0.41	:	0.03
VBS$_+$	39,834		3		78	:	3	0.05	:	0.01
VBS$_-$	39,834		3		96	:	3	0.05	:	0.01
COLA	39,814	21	:	0	80	:	3	0.17	:	0.02
RANKER	38,837	61	:	939	45	:	4	3.31	:	0.01
SEMINATOR 2	39,026	238	:	573	247	:	3	1.98	:	0.03
SPOT	39,827	8	:	0	160	:	4	0.08	:	0.02

KOFOLA$_S$: synchronous approach
KOFOLA$_P$: postponed approach
VBS$_+$: virtual best solver with Kofola
VBS$_-$: virtual best solver without Kofola

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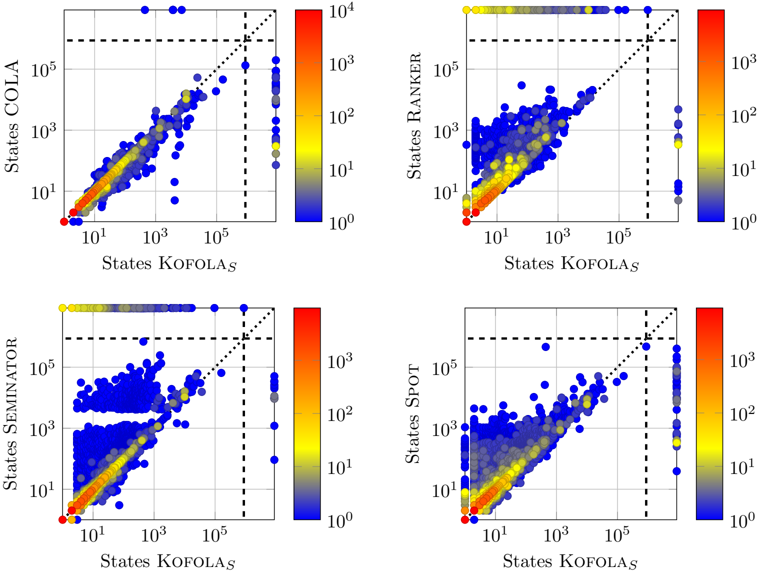

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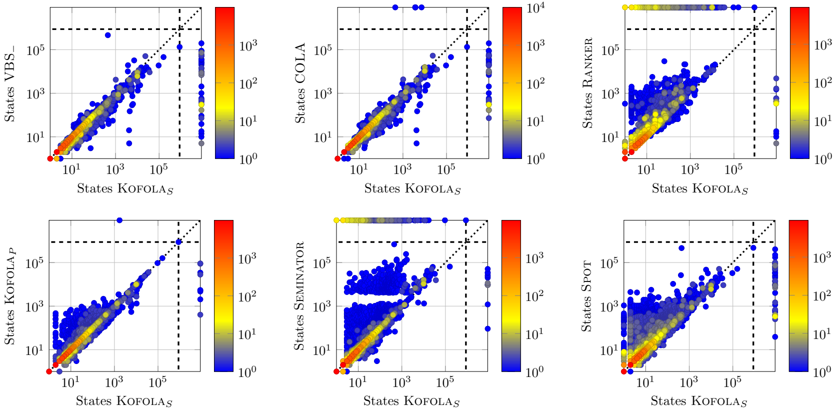

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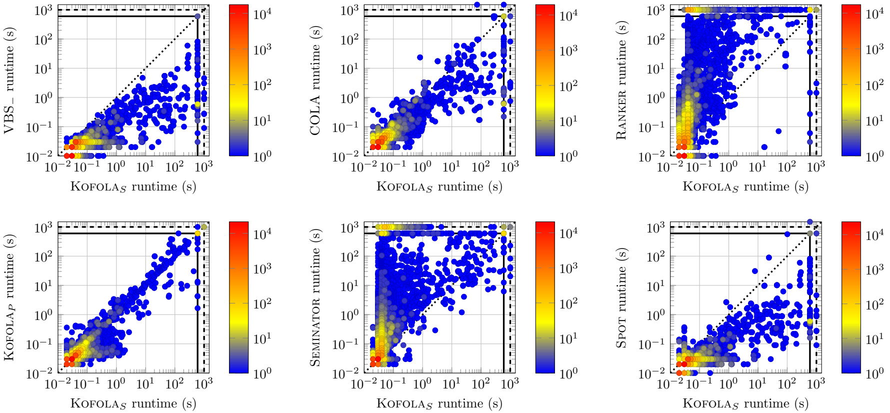
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