
10 YEARS OF WEIGHTED LOGICS FOR WEIGHTED AUTOMATA

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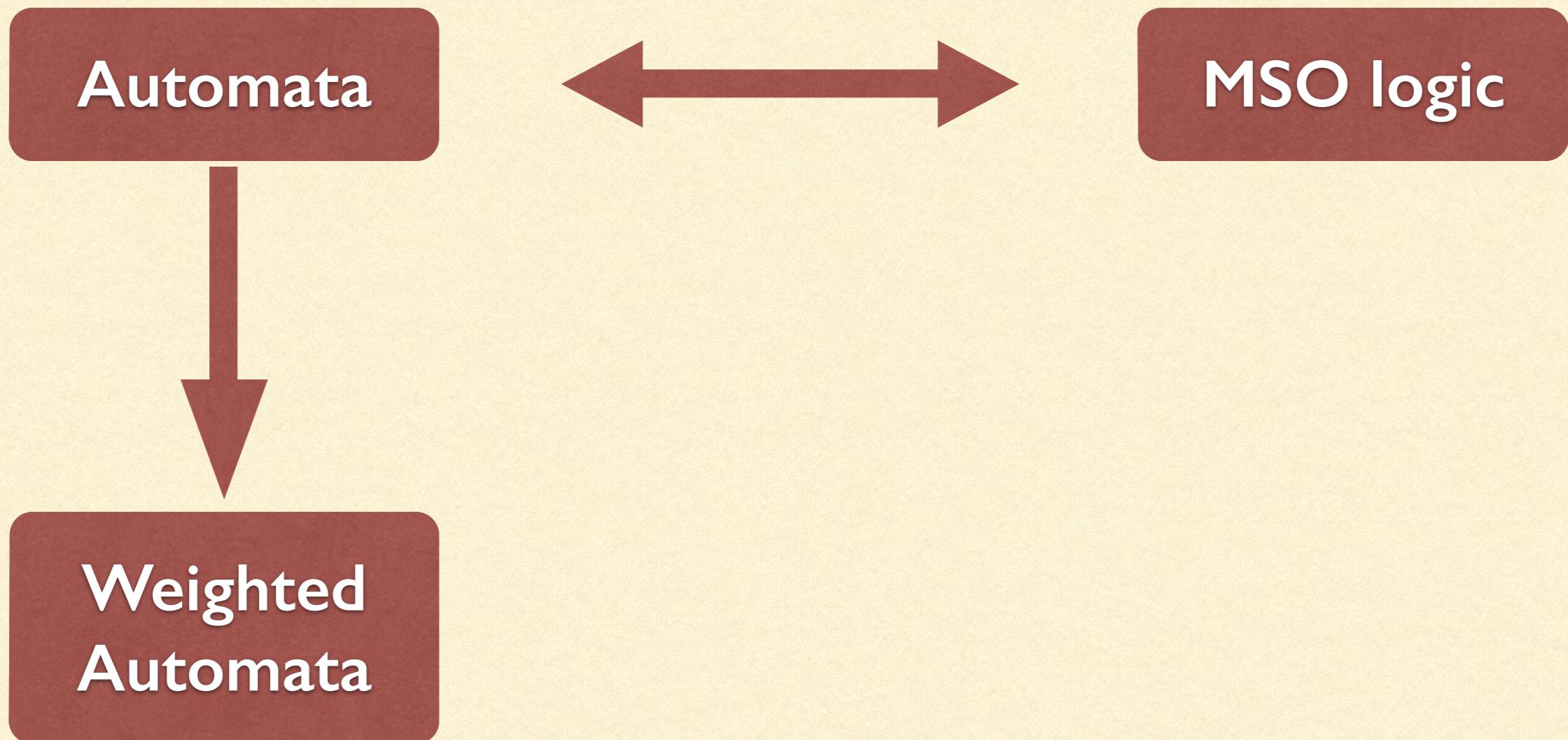
Automata



MSO logic

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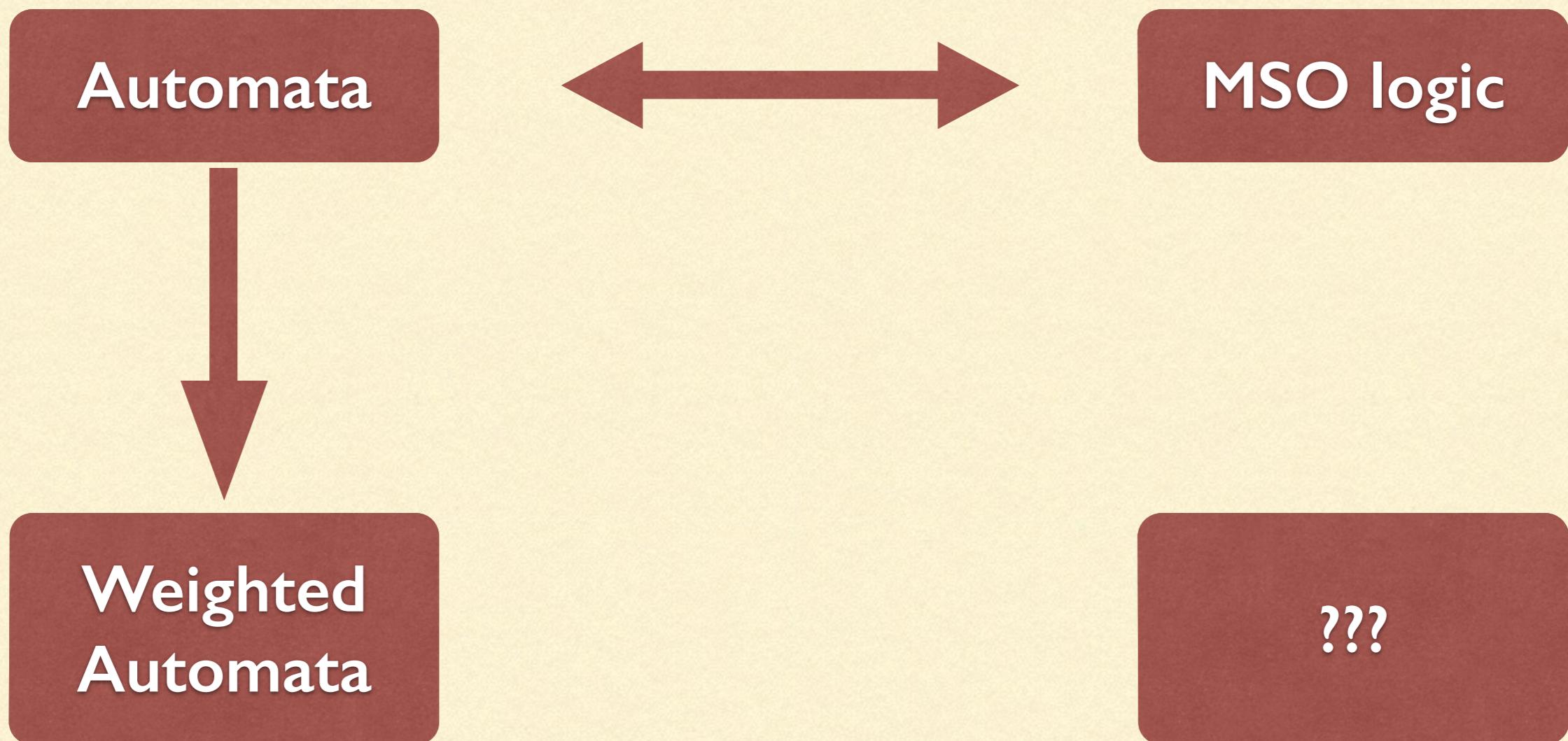
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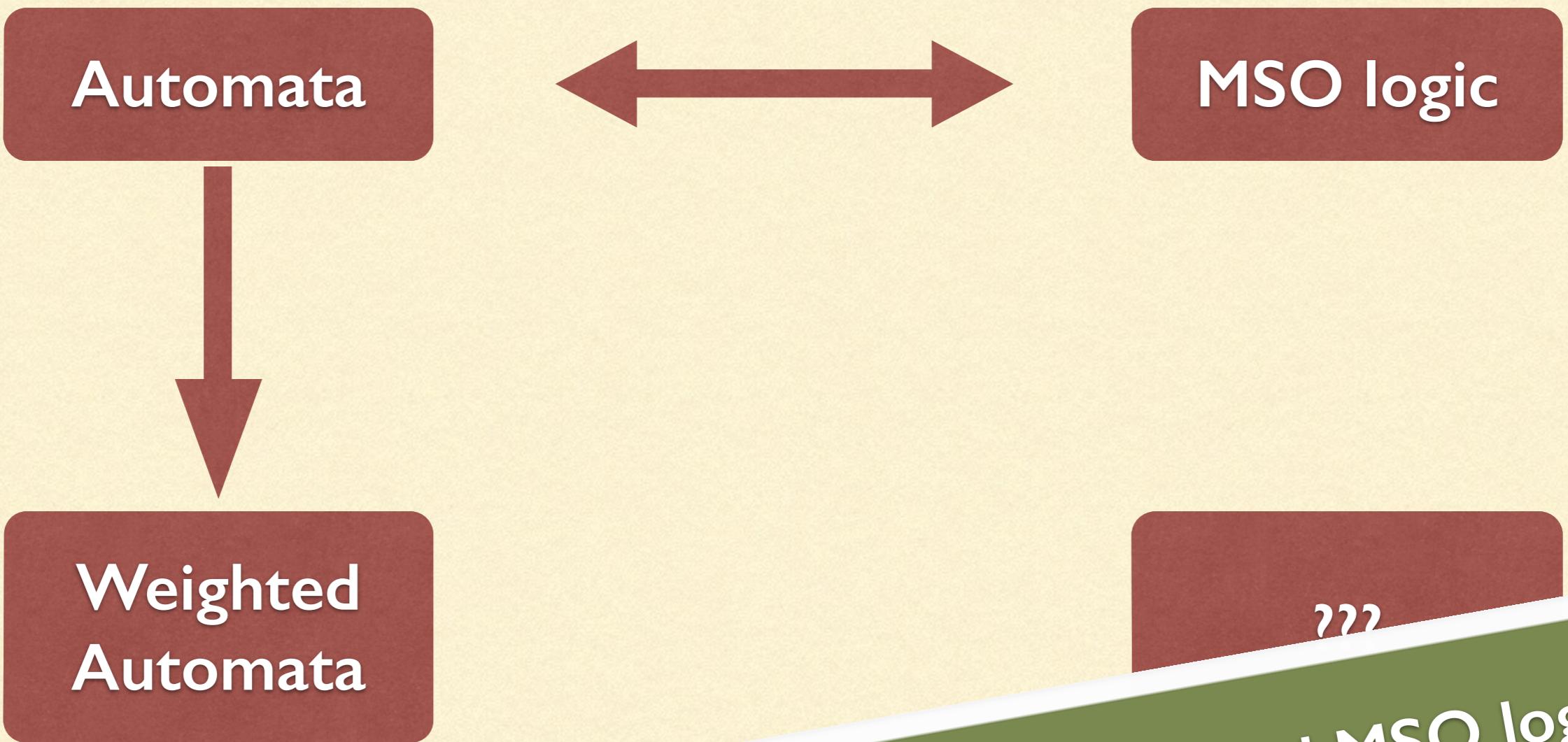
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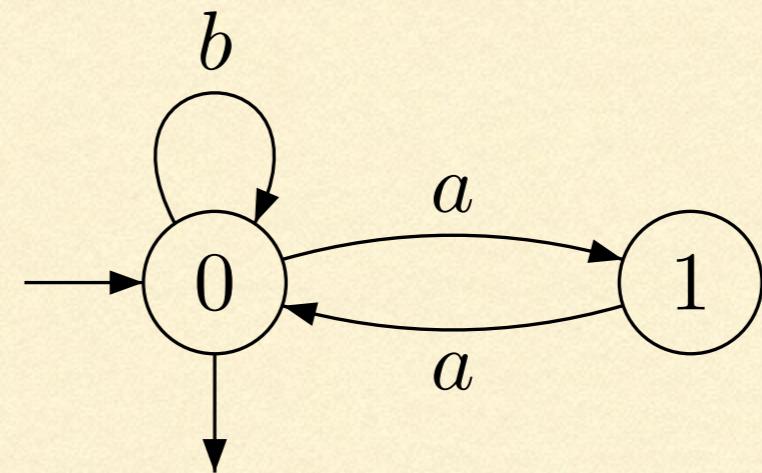
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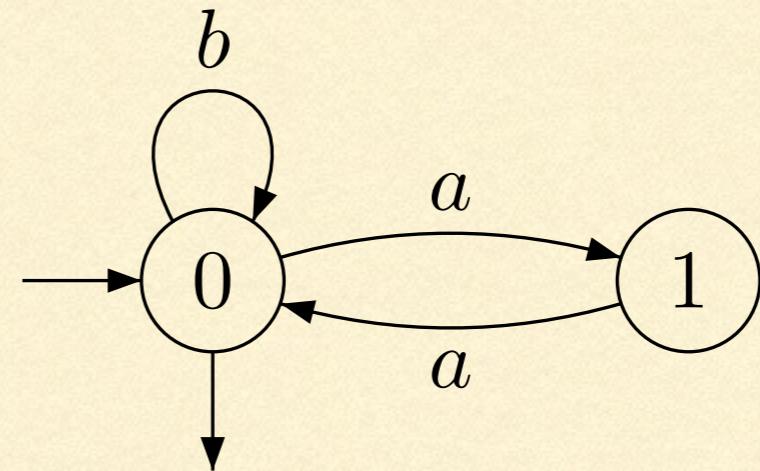
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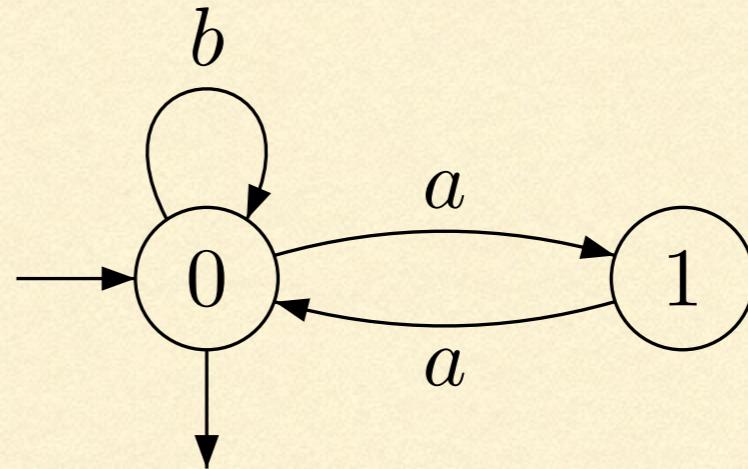
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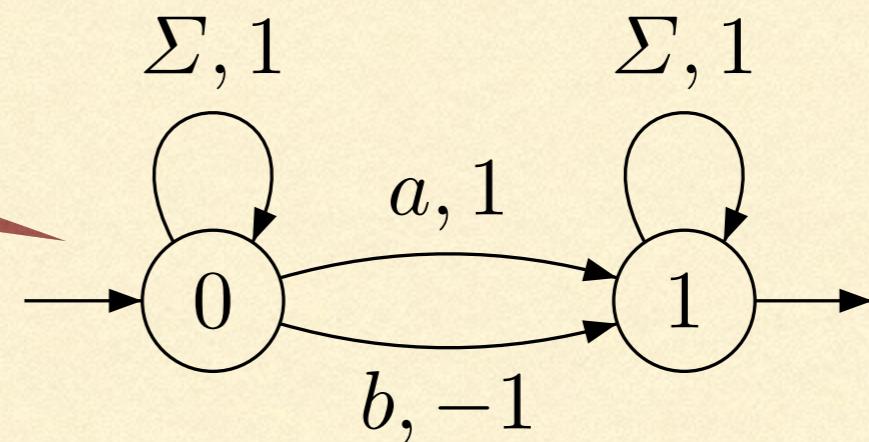
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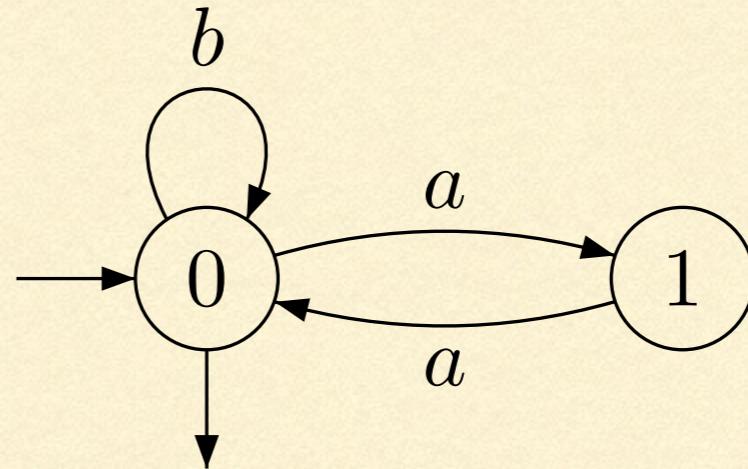
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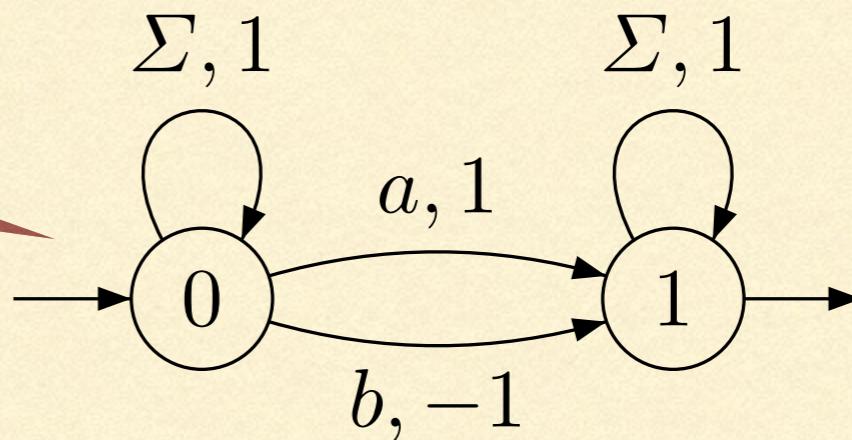
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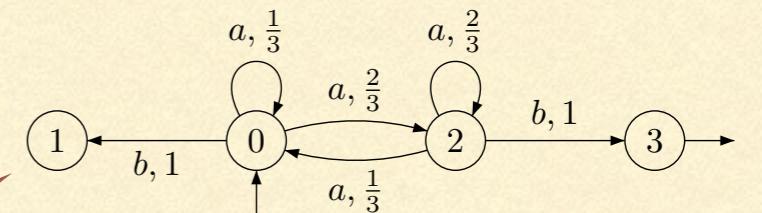


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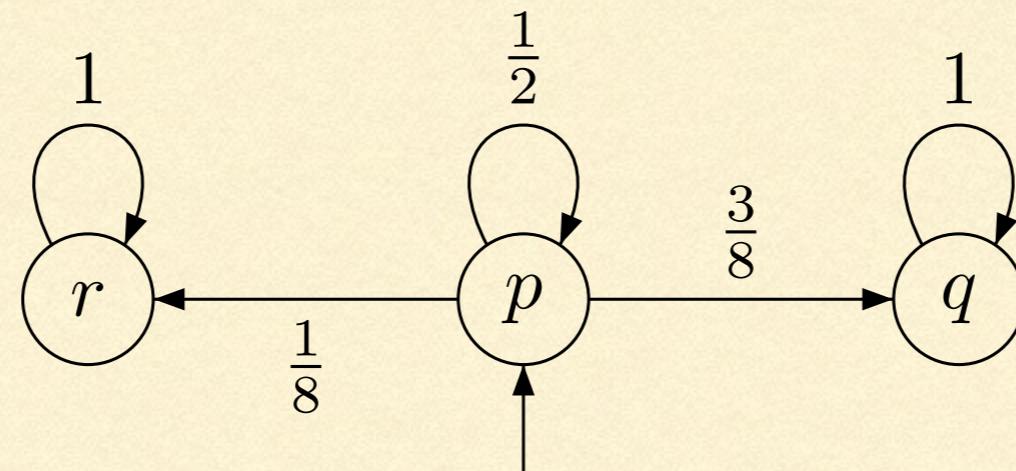


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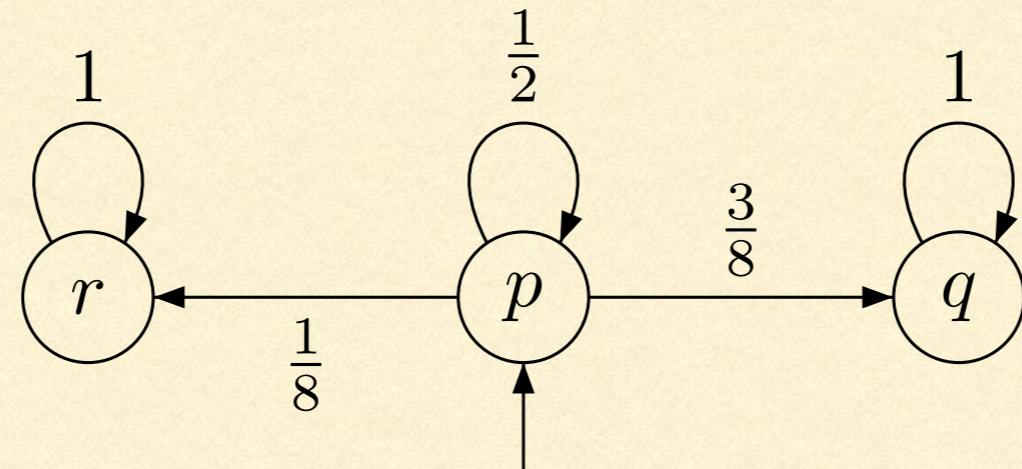
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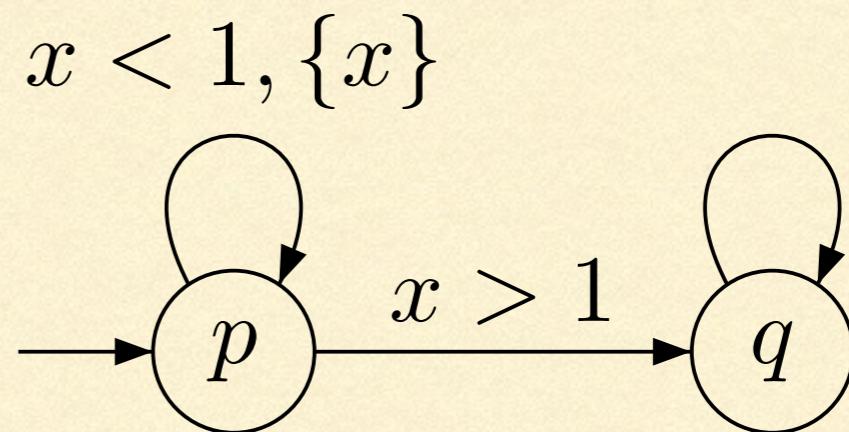
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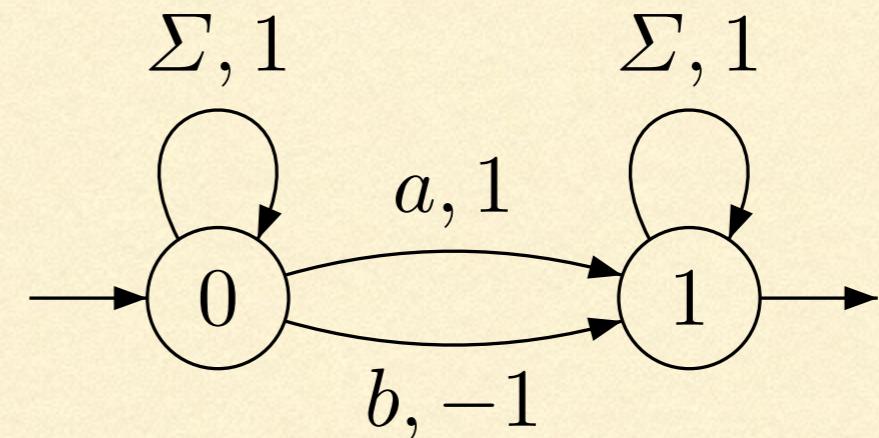
- Timed CTL $\mathbf{E} p \mathbf{U}_{<3} q$

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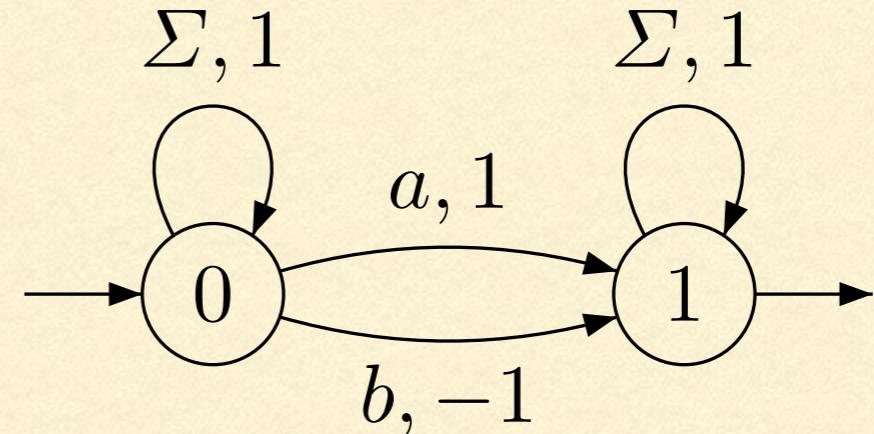
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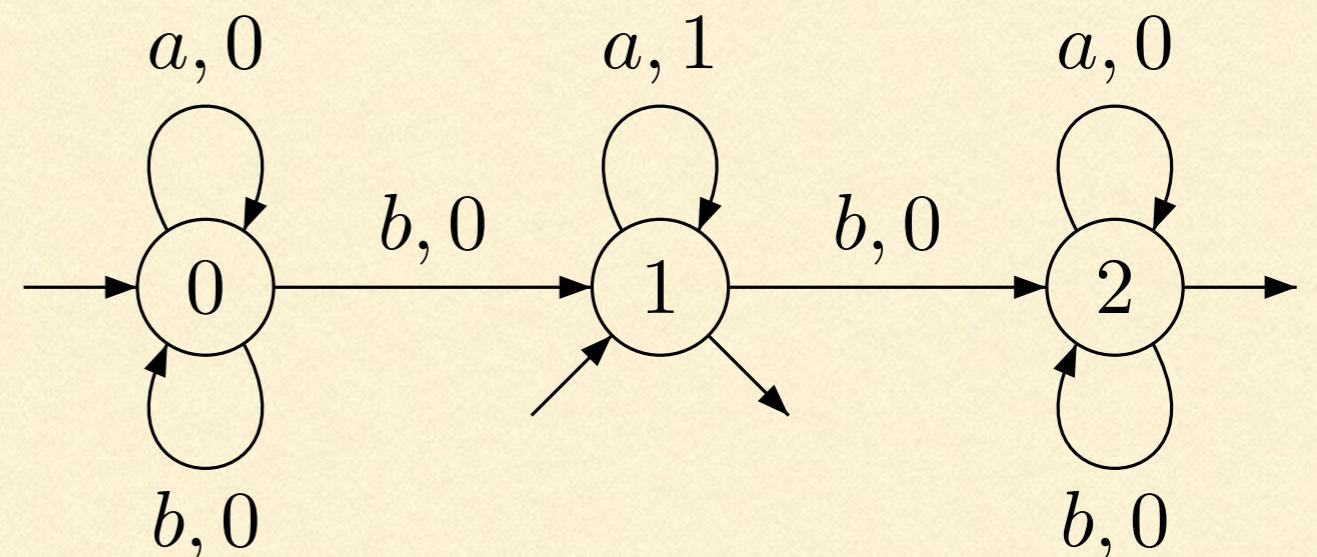


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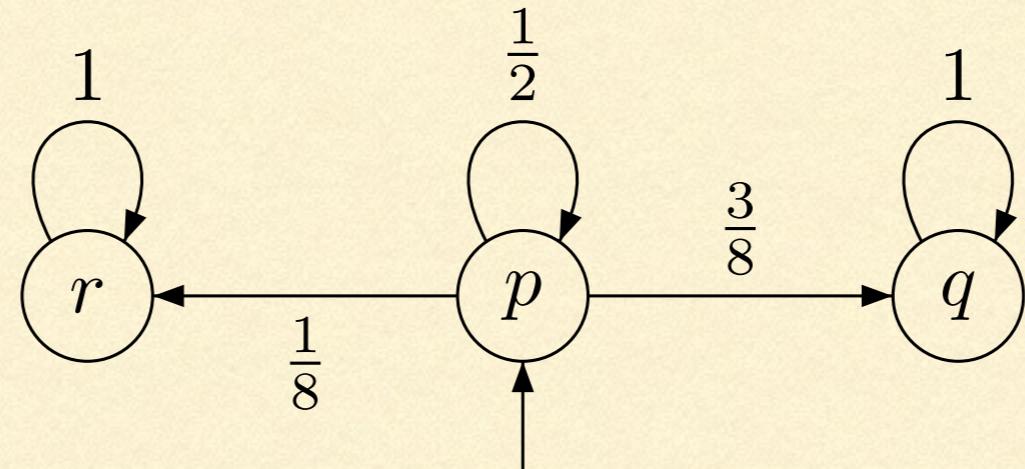
- Maximal length of a's blocks



(max,+) Semiring

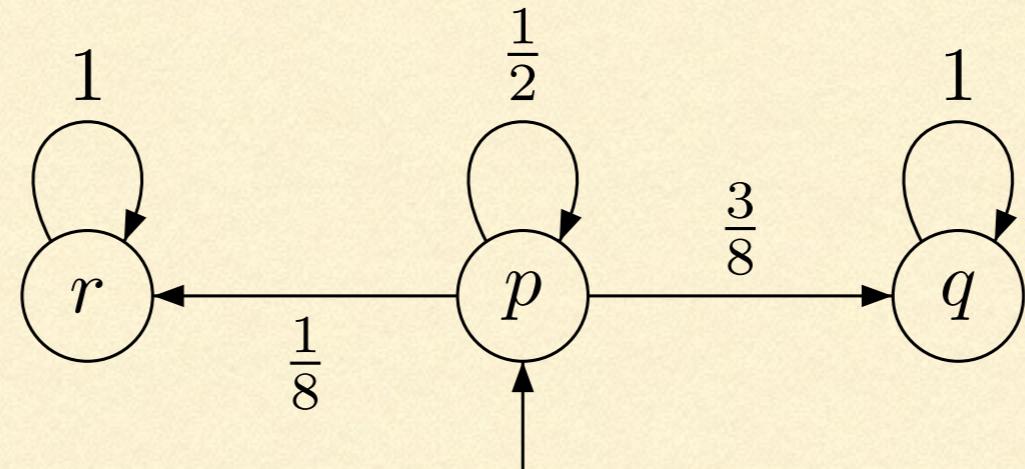
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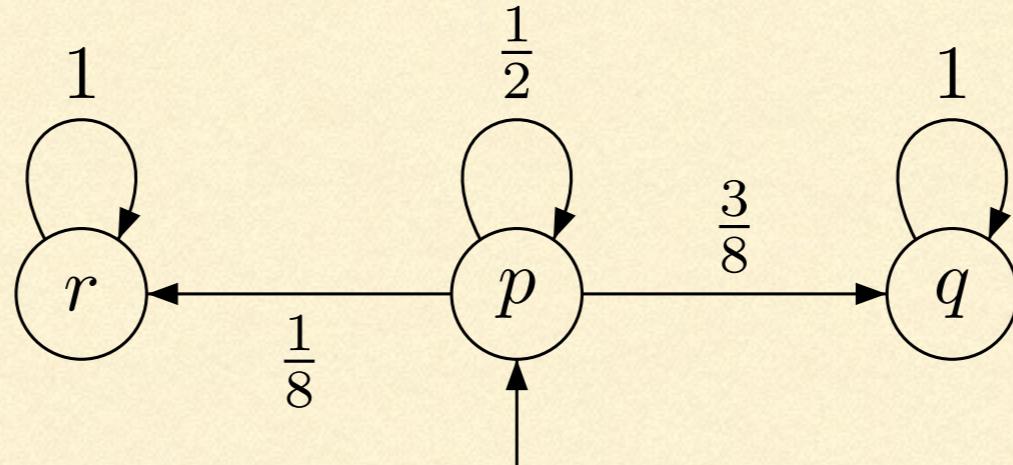


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AUTOMATA vs LOGIC

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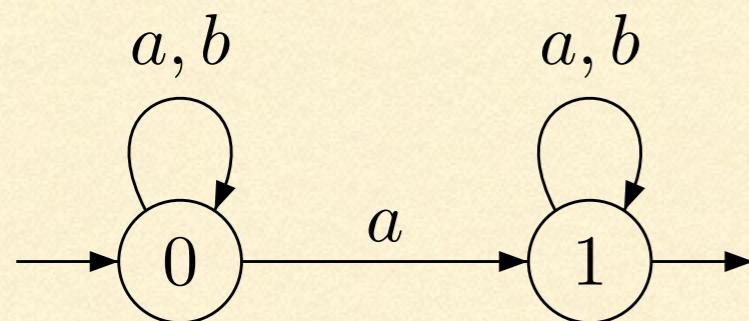
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Goal: Find a weighted logic expressively equivalent to
weighted automata

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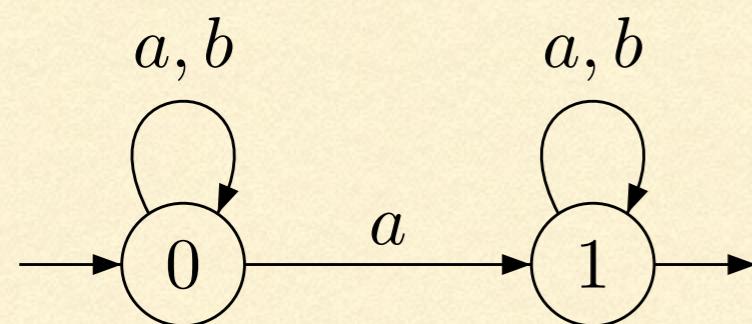
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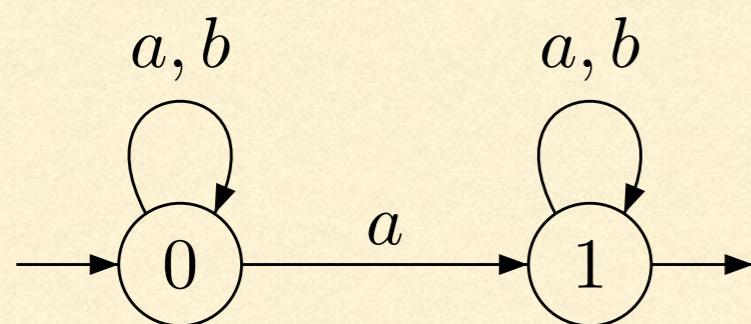


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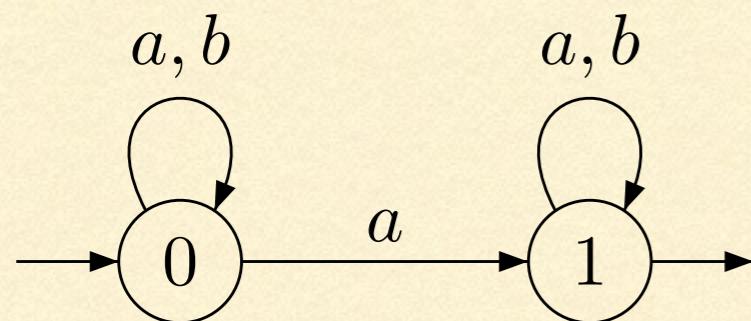


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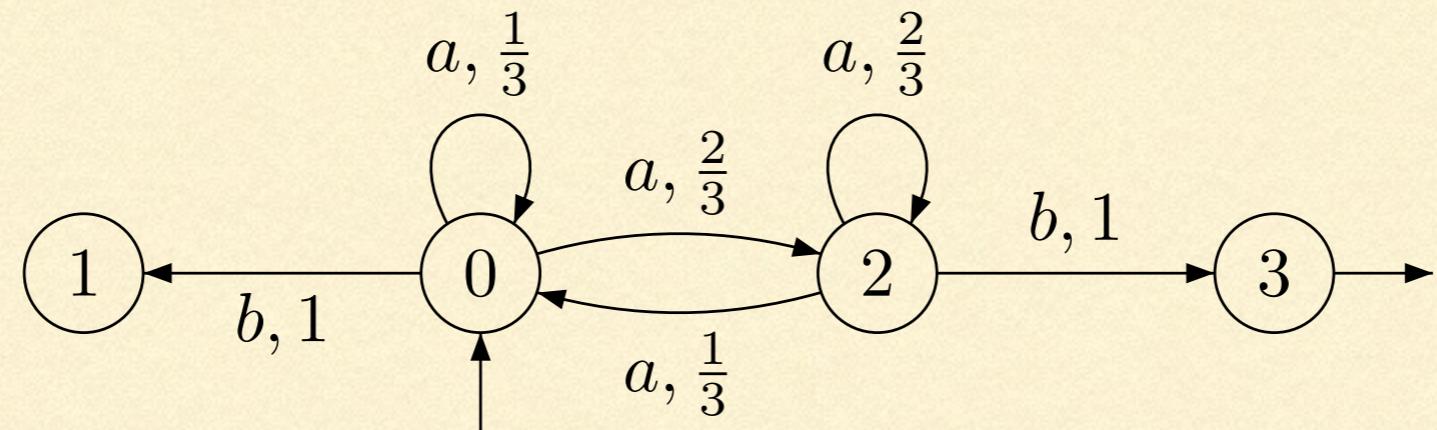


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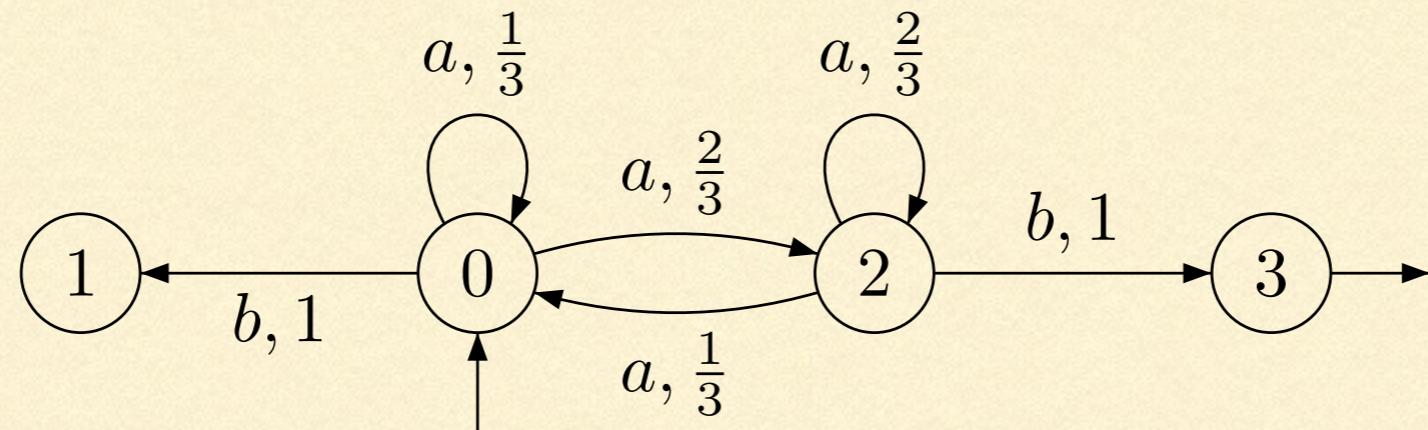
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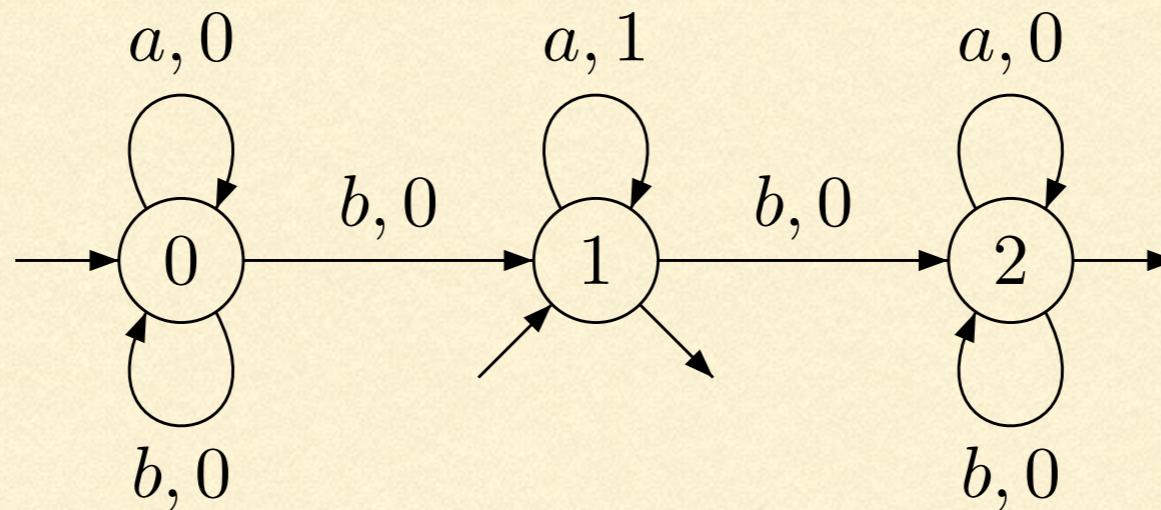


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THE FIRST SOLUTION

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- Semantics in a semiring $\mathbb{S} = (S, +, \times, 0, 1)$
 - Atomic formulae: **0, 1**
 - disjunction, existential quantifications: **sum**
 - conjunction, universal quantifications: **product**
- Inspired from the boolean semiring $\mathbb{B} = (\{0, 1\}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$

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$$\varphi \mapsto (\varphi^+, \varphi^-)$$

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RESTRICTED WMSO TO WEIGHTED AUTOMATA

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- disjunction : closure under sum
- existential quantification : closure under projections/renamings
- universal quantification: main difficulty
- φ almost boolean: finite image, pre-images are MSO-definable

MANY EXTENSIONS

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- Finite words: [Droste-Gastin, ICALP'05]
- Finite ranked trees: [Droste-Vogler, Theor. Comp. Sci.'06]
- Pictures: [Fichtner, STACS'06]
- Infinite words: [Droste-Rahonis, DLT'06]
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- Traces: [Fichtner-Kuske-Meinecke, Handbook of weighted automata '09]
- Nested words: [Mathissen, LMCS'10]
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TOWARDS EASIER FORMULAE

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