

# Signal recognition by finite automata

*– work in progress –*

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# Outline

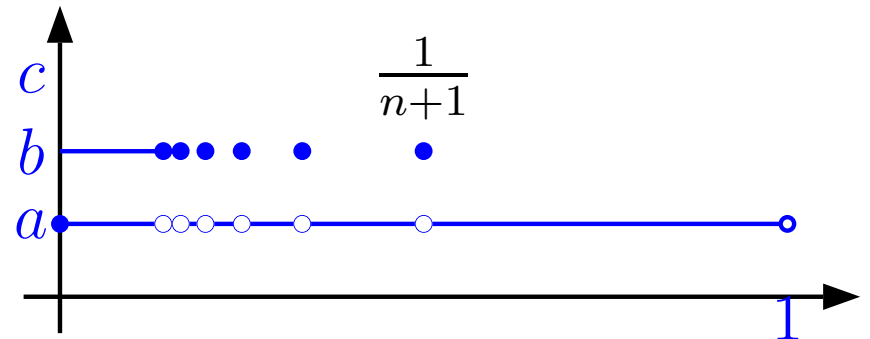
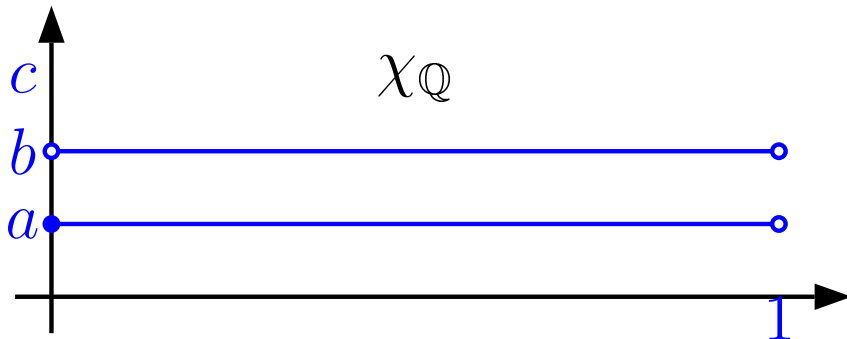
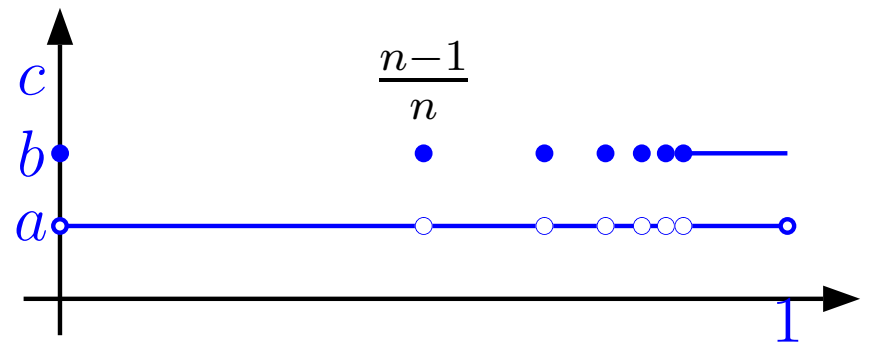
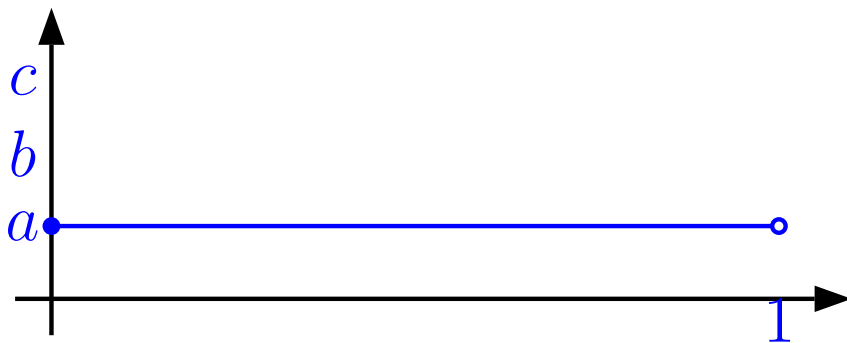
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# Pre-signals

$\Sigma$  : finite alphabet

*Pre-signal*  $f : [0, 1[ \longrightarrow \Sigma$

Represented by its graph



# $\varepsilon$ -approximation

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \Sigma \times (\mathcal{P}(\Sigma) \setminus \{\emptyset\})$$

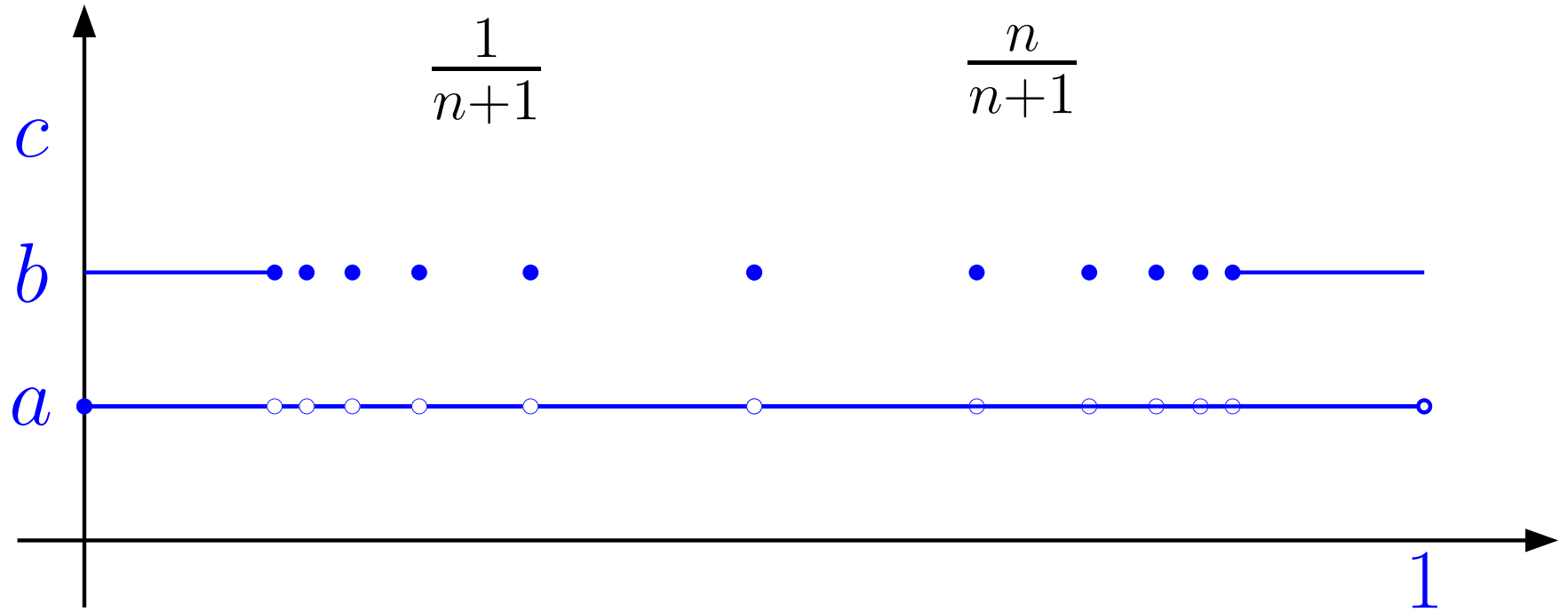
$$w_1 \dots w_n \in \tilde{\Sigma} \quad f : [0, 1[ \longrightarrow \Sigma$$

$w_1 \dots w_n$   $\varepsilon$ -approximates  $f$

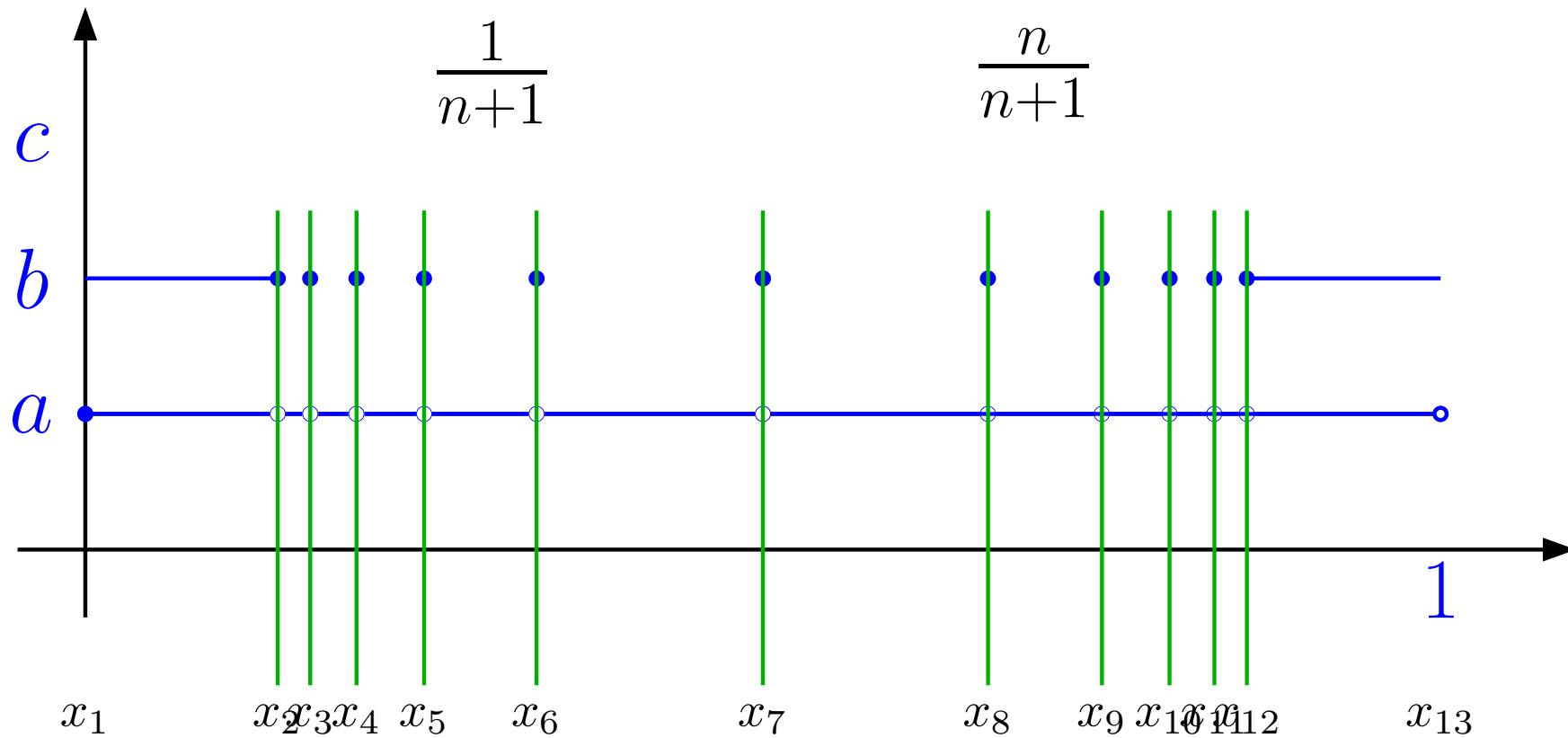
def  
 $\iff$

$$\exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 0 \\ x_i < x_{i+1} \\ x_{n+1} = 1 \\ w_i = \left( f(x_i), f(]x_i, x_{i+1}[) \right) \\ \left| f(]x_i, x_{i+1}[) \right| > 1 \implies |x_i - x_{i+1}| < \varepsilon \end{array} \right.$$

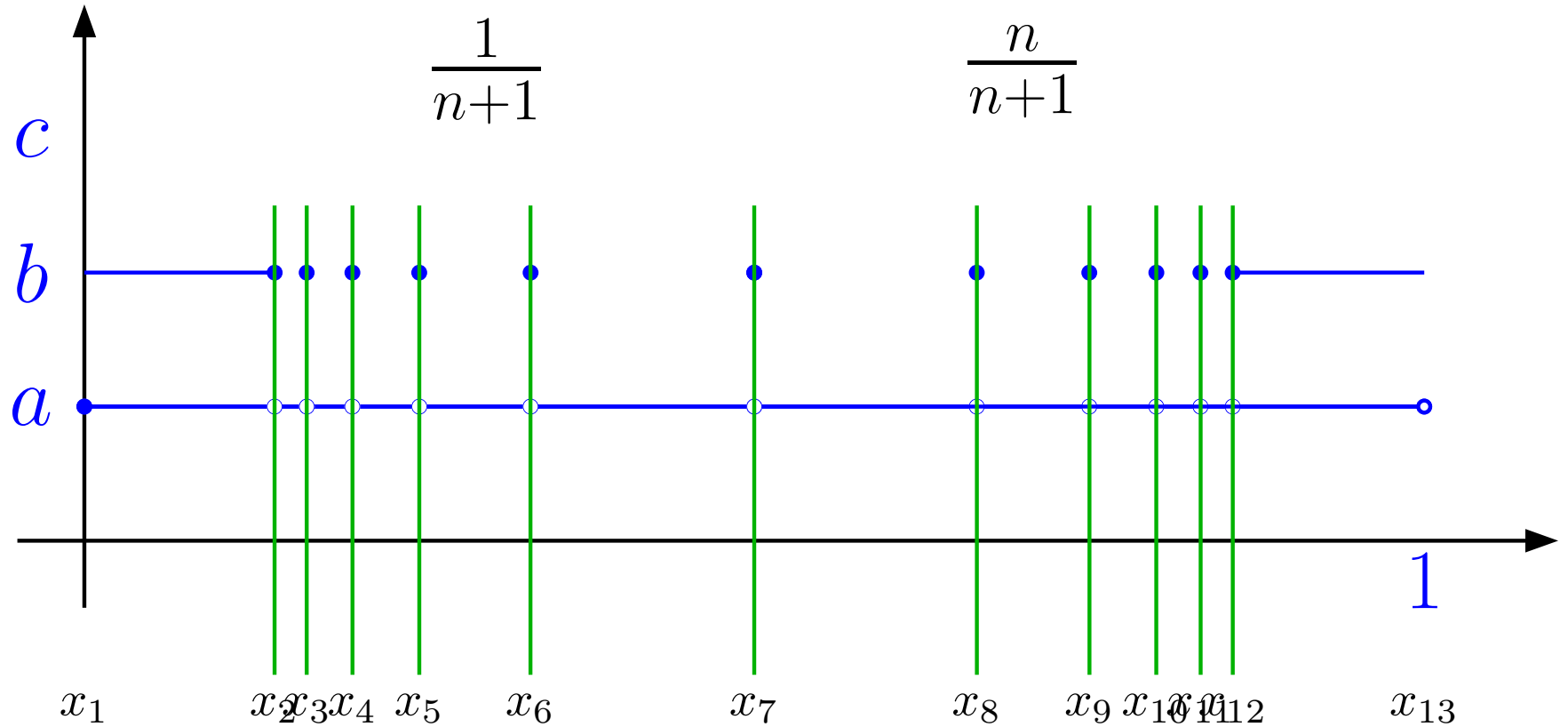
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$$|x_1 - x_2| < \varepsilon \text{ and } |x_{12} - x_{13}| < \varepsilon$$

$$w = (a, \{a, b\}) (b, \{a\}) (b, \{a\}) \dots (b, \{a\}) (b, \{a, b\})$$

# Finite automaton for pre-signals

$$\mathcal{A} = (\tilde{\Sigma}, Q, \delta, I, F)$$

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$  language (on  $\tilde{\Sigma}$ ) recognized

$f$  in  $\Sigma^{[0,1[}$

$\mathcal{A}$  *signal-recognizes*  $f$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

$f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists w \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}), w \varepsilon\text{-approximates } f$



# Equivalence and signals

$f, g$  in  $\Sigma^{[0,1[}$

$f \approx g$   
 $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

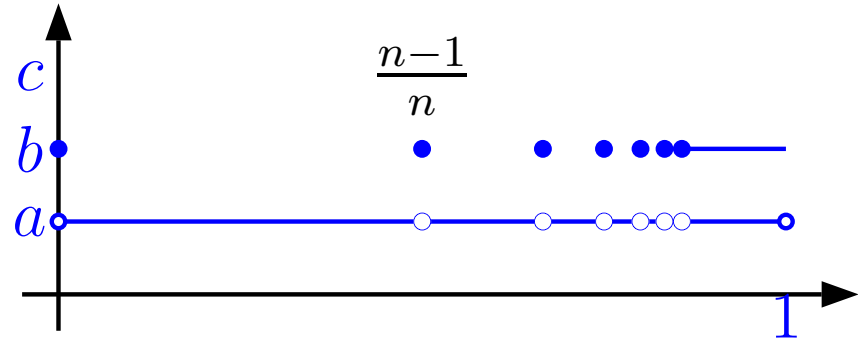
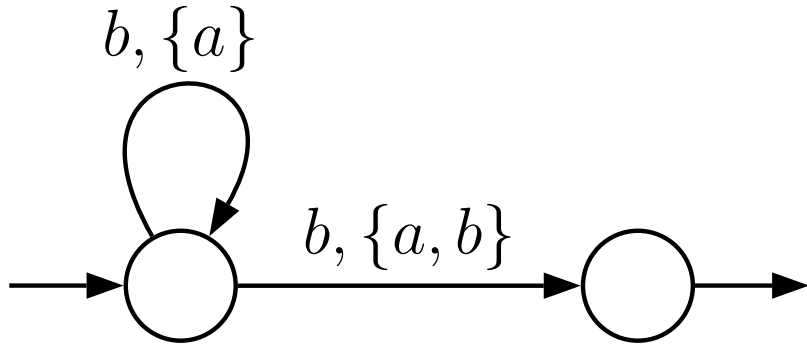
$\forall \mathcal{A}, f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}) \iff g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})$

$[f]$  is a *signal*  
 $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$

$[f]$  is an equivalence class for  $\approx$

**Open question** Characterize these classes  
(links to *scattered linear orders*)

# Example of an acceptance



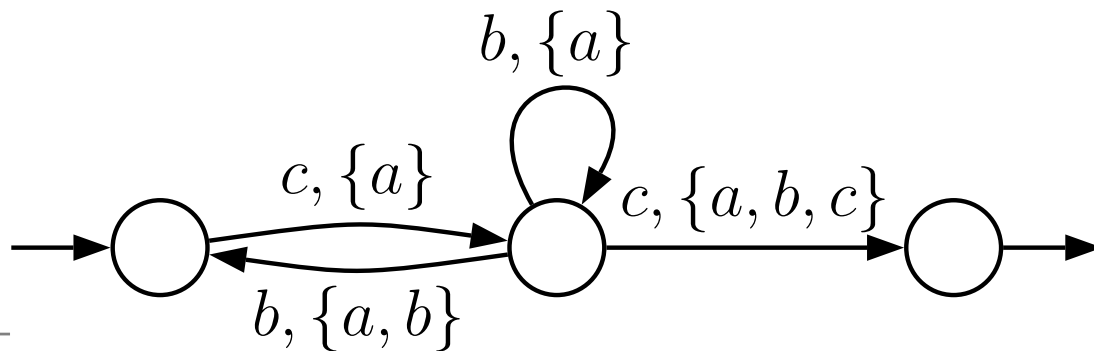
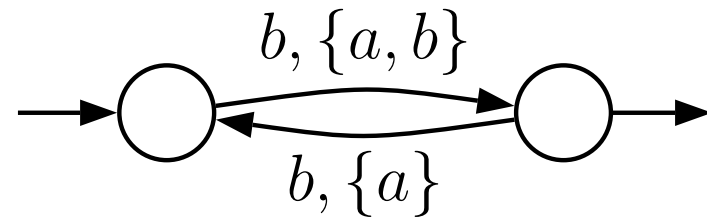
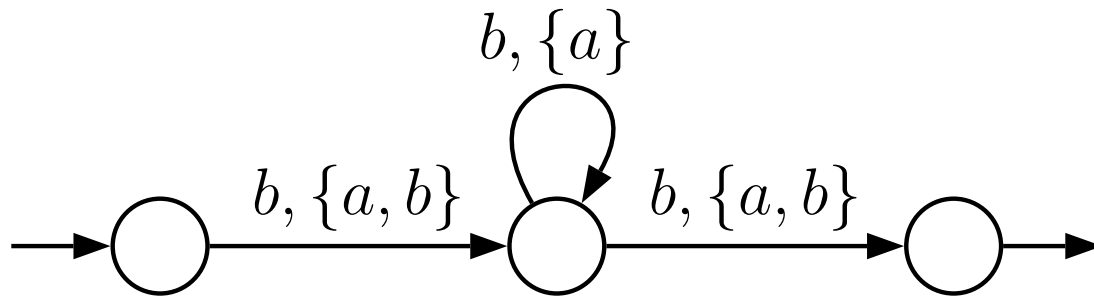
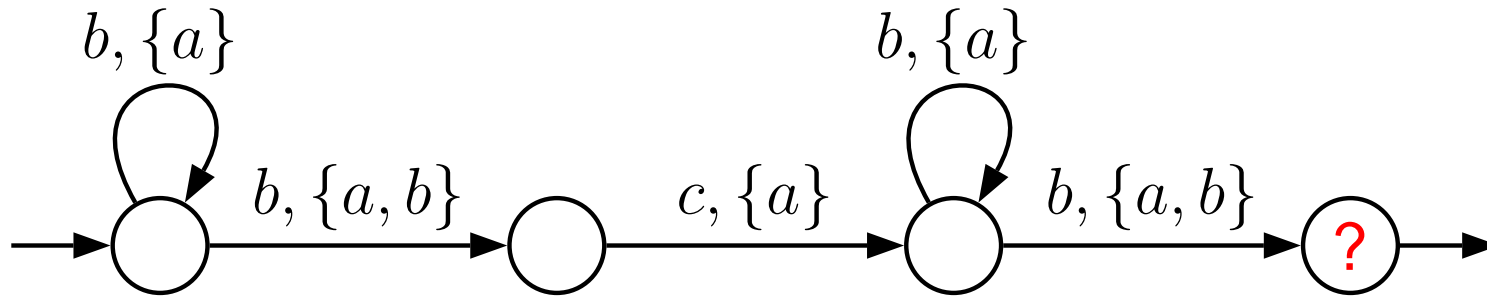
•  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})$

•  $g \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}) \iff \exists z_1, z_2, \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} z_1 = 0 \\ z_i < z_{i+1} \\ \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} z_i = 1 \\ g(x) = b \iff \exists i, x = z_i \end{array} \right.$

•  $[f] = \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A})$

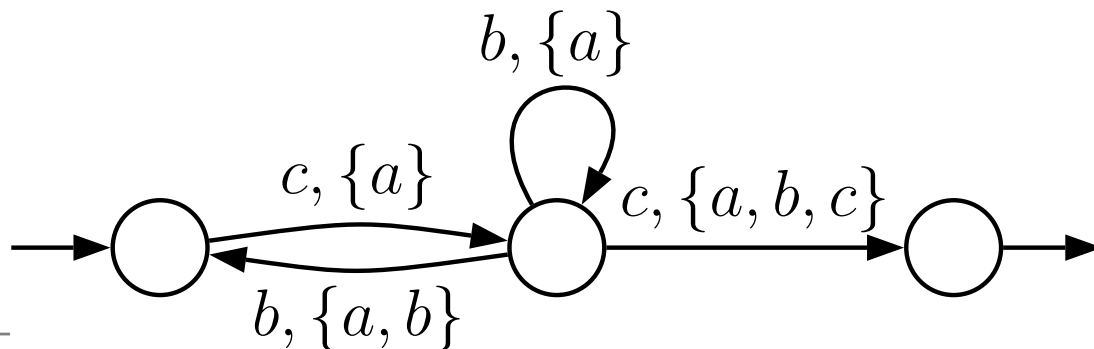
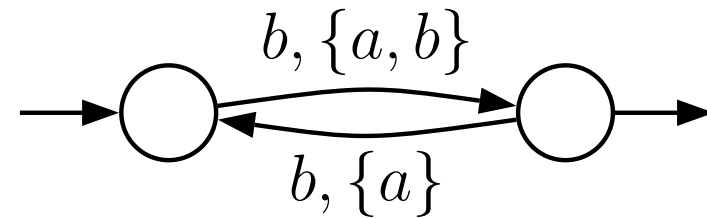
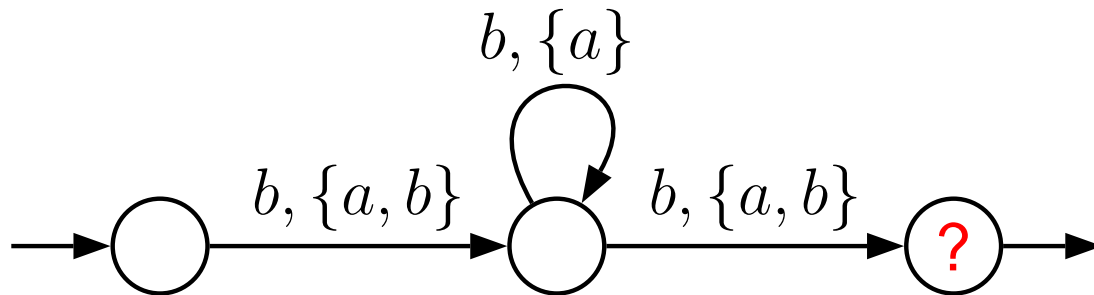
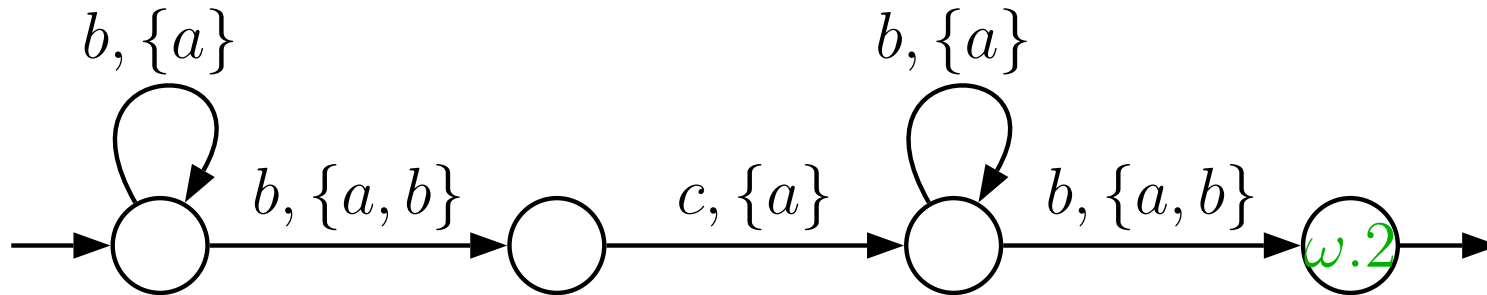
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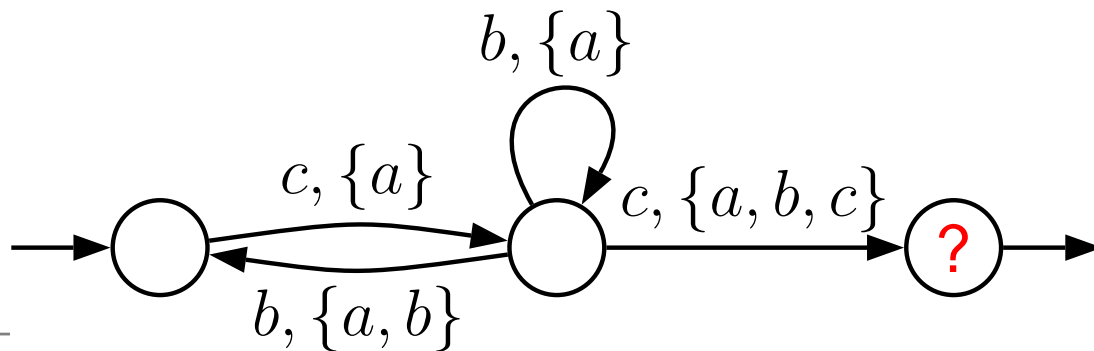
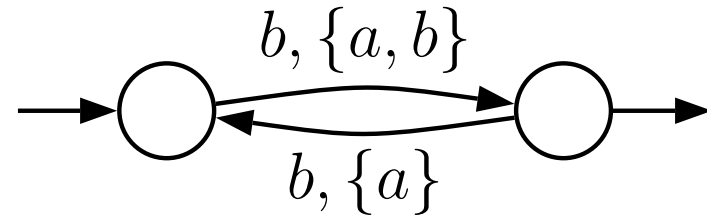
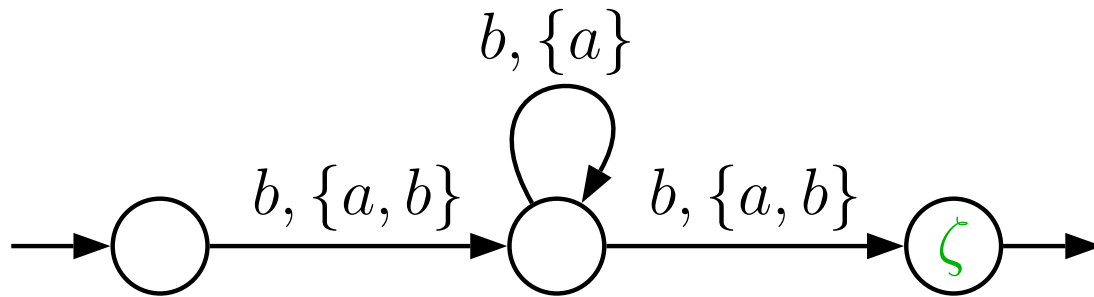
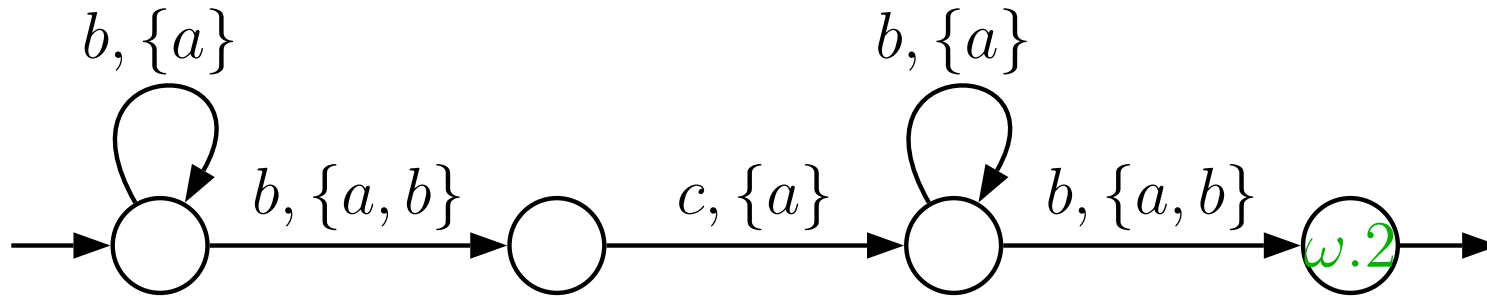
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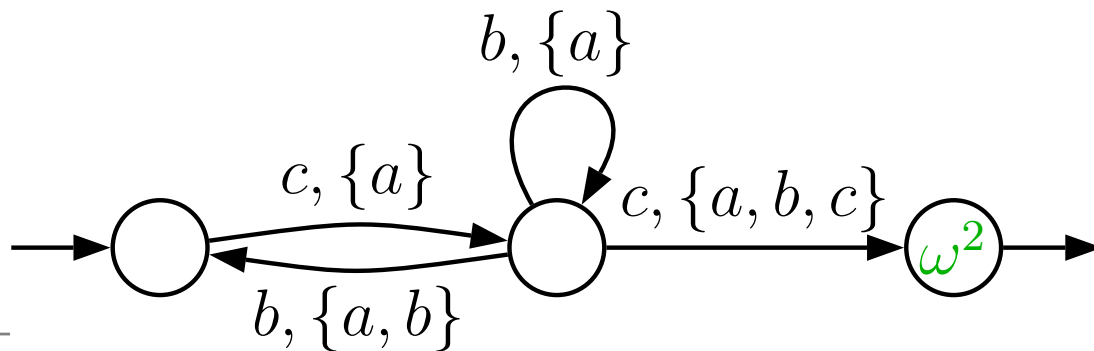
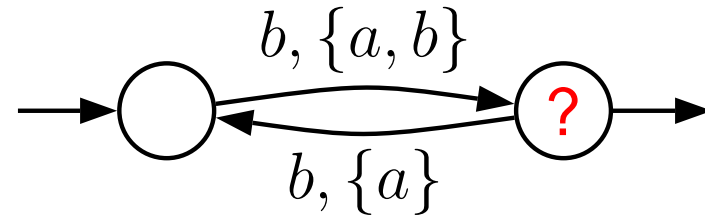
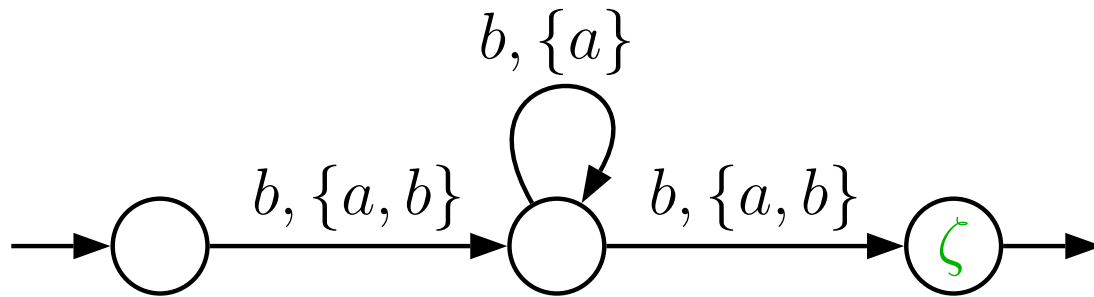
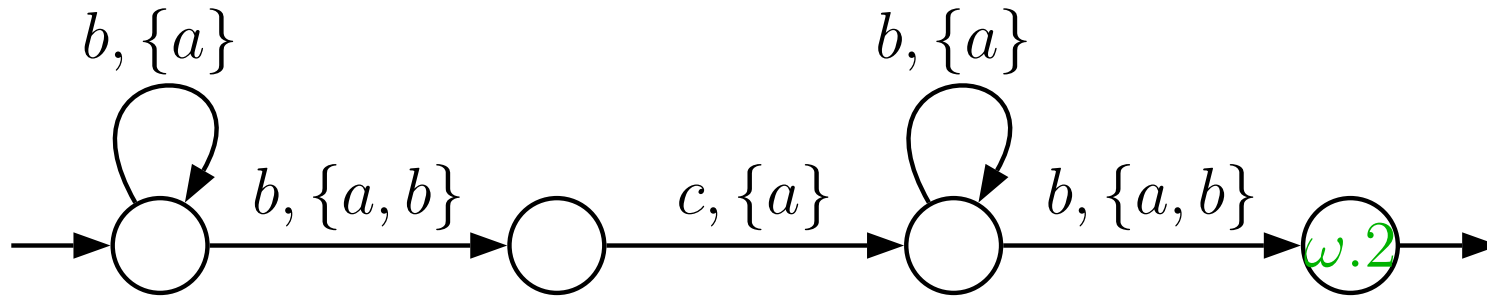
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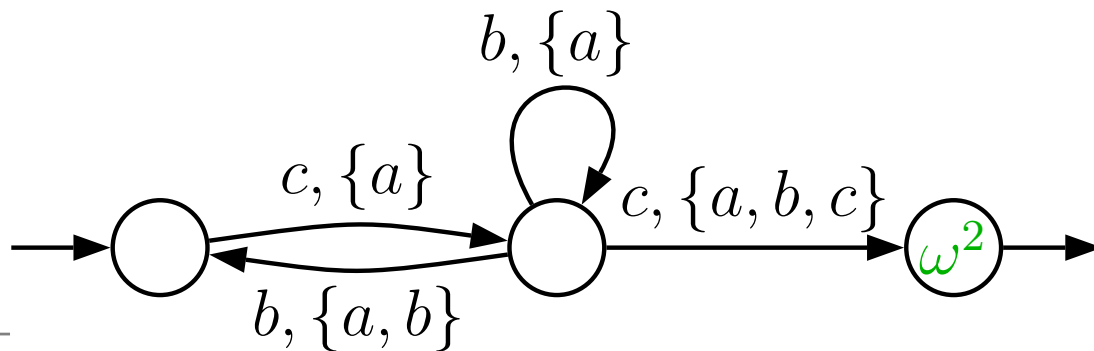
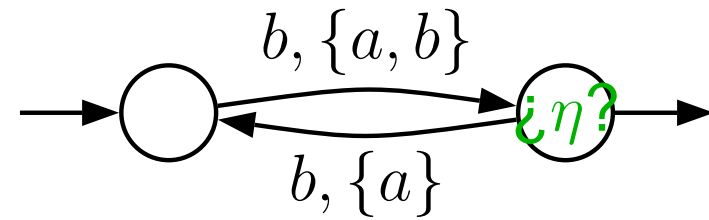
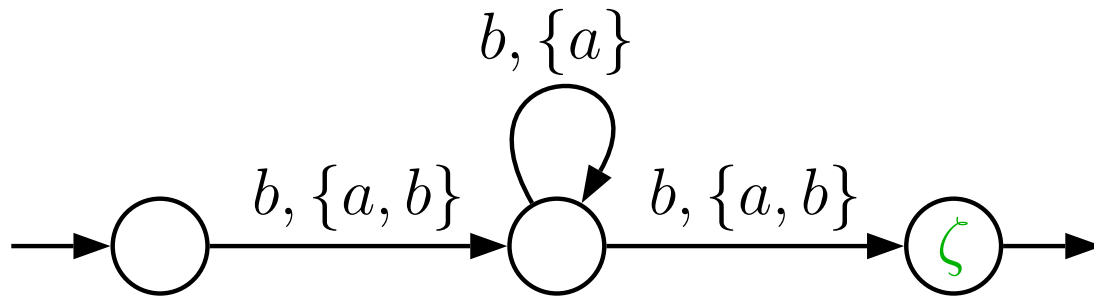
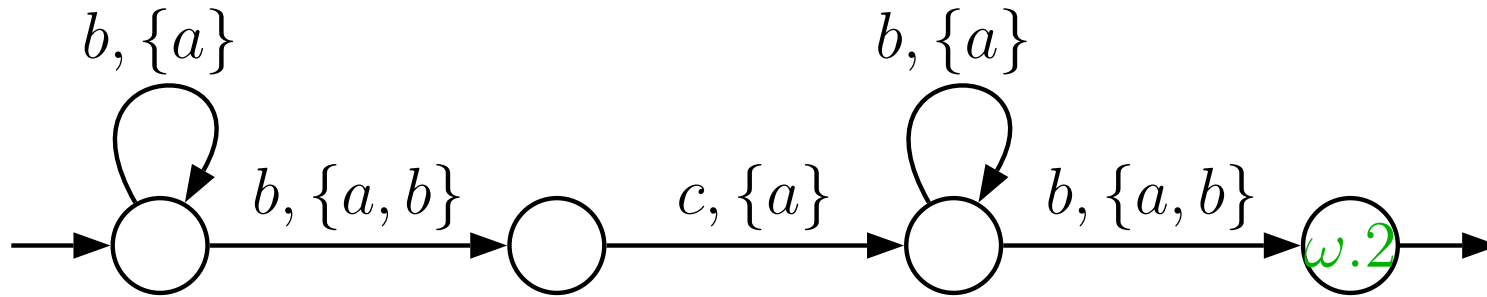
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*Almost no* signal is characterized by an automaton

**Open question** Look at *companion signals*

$$\left| \{ \text{signaux} \} \right| \leq \beth_1$$

Let  $\{ \mathcal{A}_i \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an enumeration of the automata

$$\begin{aligned} [f] &\xrightarrow{\varphi} w \in \{0, 1\}^\omega \\ w_i = 1 &\Leftrightarrow [f] \subseteq \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_i) \end{aligned}$$

$\varphi$  is one-to-one because

$$[f] = \bigcap_{x_i=1} \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_i) \cap \bigcap_{x_i=0} \overline{\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{A}_i)}$$

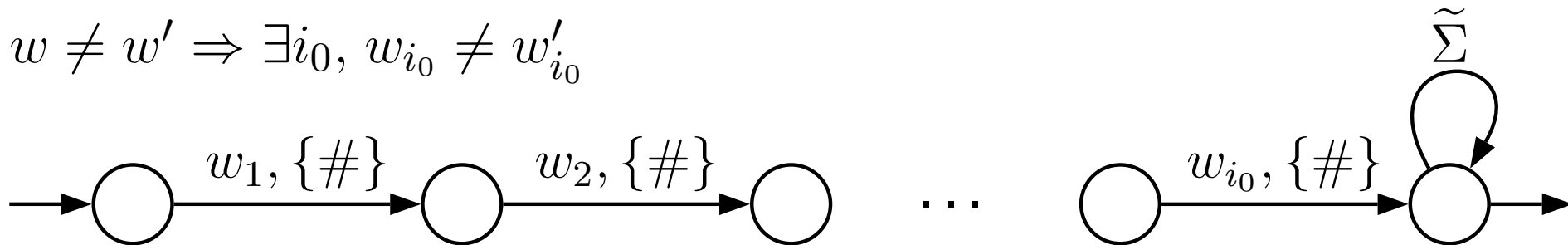
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$$w \in \{0, 1\}^\omega \xrightarrow{\psi} f \in \{0, 1, \#\}^{[0,1[}$$

$$f\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right) = w_n$$

$$f\left(\left] \frac{n-1}{n}, \frac{n}{n+1} \right[ \right) = \{\#\}$$

$$w \neq w' \Rightarrow \exists i_0, w_{i_0} \neq w'_{i_0}$$



Accepts  $\psi(w)$  but not  $\psi(w')$  thus  $[\psi(w)] \neq [\psi(w')]$

$[\psi(\cdot)]$  is one-to-one

Possible with two letters

# Open questions

- Classical operations on automata
  - Union OK
  - Concatenation... (I am missing an inclusion or a counterexample)
  - Star...
- Closure
  - Complements... (conj. no)
  - Intersection...
- Extra operations
  - $\omega$ ,  $-\omega$  and  $\zeta$ -iterations ( $\diamond$  and  $\#$ )
- Identification of signal languages
  - Regular expressions
  - KLEENE like theorem