

## A note on the generalized $v_1$ -product

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A hierarchy of products was introduced in [1]. This hierarchy contains one kind of product, the  $v_i$ -product, for every positive integer  $i$ , and the work [1] deals with the isomorphic completeness with respect to the  $v_i$ -products. As regards another representations, the metric representation was studied in [6], [8]. The work [6] contains the characterization of the metrically complete systems with respect to the  $v_i$ -products. In [8] it is shown that the  $v_1$ -product is metrically equivalent to the general product. The works [2], [3], [4], [5] are devoted to the investigation of the homomorphic representation. In [3] and [4] some special compositions of the  $\alpha_0$ -product and  $v_i$ -products was studied and it is proved that these compositions are just as strong as the general product with respect to the homomorphic representation. The work [5] deals with the commutative automata. It is shown that there are finite homomorphically complete systems with respect to the  $v_1$ -product for this class. In [2] the hierarchy of the  $v_i$ -products was investigated. It is proved that this hierarchy is proper as regards the homomorphic representations. Finally, the work [7] compares the isomorphic and homomorphic representation powers of  $\alpha_i$ -products and  $v_j$ -products.

In this paper, connecting with the work [1], we give a sufficient condition for a system of automata to be isomorphically  $S$ -complete with respect to the generalized  $v_1$ -product. This condition is a special case of condition (2) of Theorem 2 in [1], but the construction of the automata from these systems is simpler than the general construction given in [1]. Since our work is closely related to [1], we shall use its notions and notations.

Our result is the following statement.

**Theorem.** A system  $\Sigma$  of automata is isomorphically  $S$ -complete with respect to the generalized  $v_1$ -product if  $\Sigma$  contains an automaton which has a state  $a$  and input word  $q$  such that the states  $a, aq, \dots, aq^{s-1}$  are pairwise different and  $aq^s = a$  for some integer  $s > 1$ .

*Proof.* Let us assume that  $\Sigma$  satisfies the condition. Then without loss of generality we may suppose that  $\Sigma$  contains an automaton  $A$  which has a state  $a$  and input word  $q$  such that  $a, aq, \dots, aq^{p-1}$  are pairwise different,  $aq^p = a$ , and  $p$  is a prime number. Let us denote by  $0, 1, \dots, p-1$  the states  $a, aq, \dots, aq^{p-1}$ , respectively. Depending on  $p$ , we shall distinguish two cases.

*Case 1.* Let us suppose that  $p=2$ . By the proof of Theorem 2 in [1], it is enough to prove that for any  $n \geq 3$  the automaton  $T'_n$  can be simulated isomorphically by a generalized  $v_1$ -product of automata from  $\Sigma$ , where  $T'_n = (\{t_1, t_2, t_3\}, \{0, \dots, n-1\}, \delta'_n)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} t_1(k) &= k+1 \pmod{n} \quad (k = 0, \dots, n-1), \\ t_2(0) &= 1, \quad t_2(1) = 0, \quad t_2(k) = k \quad (k = 2, \dots, n-1), \\ t_3(0) &= t_3(1) = 0, \quad t_3(k) = k \quad (k = 2, \dots, n-1). \end{aligned}$$

Now let  $n \geq 3$  be an arbitrary fixed integer. Let us take an integer  $k$  for which  $2^k + 1 \geq n$  holds and denote by  $m$  the number  $2^k + 1$ . Form the generalized  $v_1$ -product  $A^m(X, \varphi, \gamma)$  where

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cup \{y_t : 0 \leq t \leq m-1\}$$

and the mappings  $\gamma$  and  $\varphi$  are defined in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t) &= \{t-1 \pmod{m}\} \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1), \\ \varphi_t(0, x_1) &= q, \quad \varphi_t(1, x_1) = q^2 \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1), \\ \varphi_t(0, x_2) &= \varphi_t(1, x_2) = q^2 \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq m-3, \\ \varphi_t(0, x_2) &= \varphi_t(1, x_2) = q \quad \text{if } m-3 < t \leq m-1, \\ \varphi_t(0, x_3) &= q^2, \quad \varphi_t(1, x_3) = q \quad \text{if } t \neq m-2, \\ \varphi_{m-2}(0, x_3) &= q, \quad \varphi_{m-2}(1, x_3) = q^2, \\ \varphi_t(0, y_j) &= q^2, \quad \varphi_t(1, y_j) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } t = j, \\ q^2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (j = 0, \dots, m-1; t = 0, \dots, m-1) \end{aligned}$$

Take the mappings:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu: \quad 0 &\rightarrow (0, 0, \dots, 1), \\ &\vdots \\ m-1 &\rightarrow (1, 0, \dots, 0), \\ t_1 &\rightarrow x_1^{m-2}, \\ \tau: \quad t_2 &\rightarrow x_2 y_1 \dots y_{m-3} y_{m-1} y_{m-2} \dots y_1 y_{m-1}, \\ t_3 &\rightarrow y_0 y_1 \dots y_{m-3} x_3. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that  $T'_m$  can be simulated isomorphically by  $A^m(X, \varphi, \gamma)$  under  $\mu$  and  $\tau$ . Indeed, the validity of the equations  $\mu(\delta'_m(j, t_l)) = \delta_{A^m}(\mu(j), \tau(t_l))$  ( $l=2, 3; j=0, \dots, m-1$ ) follows from the definitions. To prove the validity of the equations  $\mu(\delta'_m(j, t_1)) = \delta_{A^m}(\mu(j), \tau(t_1))$  ( $j=0, \dots, m-1$ ) let us observe the following connection. If

$$\begin{aligned} (u_0, \dots, u_{m-1}) &\in \{0, 1\}^m \quad \text{and} \\ \delta_{A^m}((u_0, \dots, u_{m-1}), x_1) &= (v_0, \dots, v_{m-1}) \end{aligned}$$

then

$$v_t = \delta_A(u_t, \varphi_t(u_{t-1(\bmod m)}, x_1)) = \\ = u_t q^{u_{t-1(\bmod m)} + 1(\bmod 2)} = u_t + u_{t-1(\bmod m)} + 1 \pmod{2}$$

holds for any  $0 \leq t \leq m-1$ . Now let us denote by  $(v_0^{(s)}, \dots, v_{m-1}^{(s)})$  the state  $\delta_{A^m}((u_0, \dots, u_{m-1}), x_1^s)$ . Then using the above connection, by induction on  $s$ , it can be proved that

$$v_t^{(s)} = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^s \binom{s}{j} u_{t-j(\bmod m)} \pmod{2} \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1).$$

On the other hand, it is known that  $\binom{p^k}{j} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} (j=1, \dots, p^k-1)$  holds for any prime  $p > 1$  and integer  $k \geq 1$ . Using this, by induction on  $j$ , one can show that

$$\binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad (j = 0, \dots, p^k-1).$$

From this, by  $p=2$ , we obtain

$$\binom{2^k-1}{j} \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \quad (j = 0, \dots, 2^k-1).$$

Now let  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$  be an arbitrary integer and let us denote by  $(c_0, \dots, c_{m-1})$  the state  $\mu(i)$ . Then

$$c_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = m-i-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1).$$

Let  $(c'_0, \dots, c'_{m-1})$  denote the state  $\delta_{A^m}((c_0, \dots, c_{m-1}), x_1^{m-2})$ . Then, by the above equality for  $v_t^{(s)}$ , we obtain that

$$c'_t = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{2^k-1} \binom{2^k-1}{j} c_{t-j(\bmod m)} \pmod{2} \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1).$$

If  $t = m-i-2 \pmod{m}$  then from the definition of  $c_t$  it follows that  $c_{t-j(\bmod m)} = 0$  ( $j=0, \dots, 2^k-1$ ), and so,  $c'_{m-i-2(\bmod m)} = 1$ . If  $t \neq m-i-2 \pmod{m}$  then among the elements  $c_{t-j(\bmod m)}$  ( $j=0, \dots, 2^k-1$ ) one and only one is different from 0, and so,  $c'_t = 1 + \binom{2^k-1}{j} \pmod{2}$  for some  $0 \leq j \leq 2^k-1$ . Since  $\binom{2^k-1}{j} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  this implies the equality  $c'_t = 0$ . Summarizing, we obtained that

$$c'_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = m-i-2 \pmod{m}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (t = 0, \dots, m-1).$$

Now let us observe that  $(c'_0, \dots, c'_{m-1}) = \mu(i+1 \pmod{m})$  and so,

$$\mu(\delta'_m(i, t_1)) = \mu(i+1 \pmod{m}) = (c'_0, \dots, c'_{m-1}) = \delta_{A^m}((c_0, \dots, c_{m-1}), x_1^{m-2}) = \\ = \delta_{A^m}((\mu(i), \tau(t_1)))$$

which completes the proof of the Case 1.

Case 2. Let us suppose that  $p > 2$  and let  $n \geq 3$  be an arbitrary fixed integer again. Let  $k$  be an integer such that  $p^k + 1 \geq 2n$  and, let  $s = p^k + 1$  and  $m = s/2$ . Form the generalized  $v_1$ -product  $A^s(X, \varphi, \gamma)$  where

$X = \{x_1, \dots, x_s\} \cup \{y_r: 0 \leq r \leq s-2\} \cup \{v_r, z_r: 0 \leq r \leq s-4\} \cup \{w_r: 0 \leq r \leq s-1\}$   
and the mappings  $\gamma$  and  $\varphi$  are defined in the following way: for any  $t \in \{0, \dots, s-1\}$ ,  $j \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ ,  $r \in \{0, \dots, s-1\}$

$$\gamma(t) = \{t-1 \pmod{s}\},$$

$$\varphi_t(j, x_1) = q^{p-1-j} \text{ if } 0 \leq j < p-1, \quad \varphi_t(p-1, x_1) = q^p,$$

$$\varphi_t(j, x_2) = q^{p-1} \text{ if } t \in \{s-3, s-2, s-1\}, \quad \varphi_t(j, x_2) = q^p \text{ if } 0 \leq t < s-3,$$

$$\varphi_{s-3}(0, x_3) = q^2, \quad \varphi_t(j, x_3) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_{s-2}(0, x_4) = q, \quad \varphi_t(j, x_4) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_t(p-1, x_5) = q \text{ if } t \neq 0 \text{ and } \varphi_t(j, x_5) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_t(p-1, x_6) = q \text{ if } t \in \{s-2, s-1\} \text{ and } \varphi_t(j, x_6) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_t(0, x_7) = q^{p-1} \text{ if } t = s-3 \text{ and } \varphi_t(j, x_7) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_t(p-2, x_8) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } t = s-1, \\ q^2 & \text{if } t \neq s-1, \end{cases} \text{ and } \varphi_t(j, x_8) = q^p \text{ otherwise,}$$

$$\varphi_t(j, y_r) = \begin{cases} q^{p-1} & \text{if } t = r \text{ and } j = p-1, \\ q^p & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (r = 0, \dots, s-2),$$

$$\varphi_t(j, v_r) = \begin{cases} q^2 & \text{if } t = r \text{ and } j = p-2, \\ q^p & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (r = 0, \dots, s-4),$$

$$\varphi_t(j, z_r) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } t = r \text{ and } j = p-1, \\ q^p & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (r = 0, \dots, s-4),$$

$$\varphi_t(j, w_r) = \begin{cases} q^{p-2} & \text{if } t = r \text{ and } j = p-2, \\ q^p & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (r = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

Take the mappings:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow (0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, p-1), \\ \mu: 1 &\rightarrow (0, 0, 0, \dots, p-1, 0, 0), \\ &\vdots \\ m-1 &\rightarrow (0, p-1, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 0), \end{aligned}$$

$$t_1 \rightarrow x_1^{2(p^k-1)},$$

$$t: t_2 \rightarrow x_2 y_2 \dots y_{s-4} w_0 \dots w_{s-4} x_3 x_4 v_{s-4} \dots v_0 x_5 y_{s-2} x_6,$$

$$t_3 \rightarrow y_0 \dots y_{s-4} x_7 w_{s-2} w_{s-1} w_0 \dots w_{s-4} z_{s-4} \dots z_0 x_8.$$

Now we shall show that the automaton  $T'_m$  can be simulated isomorphically by  $A^s(X, \varphi, \gamma)$  under  $\mu$  and  $\tau$ .

The validity of  $\mu(\delta'_m(j, t_l)) = \delta_{A^s}(\mu(j), \tau(t_l))$  ( $l=2, 3; j=0, \dots, m-1$ ) can be checked by a simple computation. To prove the validity of  $\mu(\delta'_m(j, t_1)) = \delta_{A^s}(\mu(j), \tau(t_1))$  let  $(u_0, \dots, u_{s-1}) \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}^s$  be arbitrary and let us denote by  $(u_0^{(r)}, \dots, u_{s-1}^{(r)})$  the state  $\delta_{A^s}((u_0, \dots, u_{s-1}), x_1^r)$  for arbitrary integer  $r \equiv 1$ . Then

$$u_t^{(1)} = \delta_A(u_t, \varphi_t(u_{t-1(\text{mod } s)}, x_1)) = u_t q^{(p-1-u_{t-1(\text{mod } s)}) \pmod{p}} = u_t - u_{t-1(\text{mod } s)} - 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Using this, by induction on  $r$ , it can be proved that

$$u_t^{(r)} = -1 + \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{r}{j} (-1)^j u_{t-j(\text{mod } s)} \pmod{p} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1)$$

Now let  $i \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  be arbitrary and let us denote by  $(c_0, \dots, c_{s-1}), (c'_0, \dots, c'_{s-1}), (\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{s-1})$  the states  $\mu(i), \delta_{A^s}(\mu(i), x_1^{p^k-1}), \delta_{A^s}(\mu(i), x_1^{2(p^k-1)})$ , respectively. Then from the definition of  $\mu$ ,

$$c_t = \begin{cases} p-1 & \text{if } t = s-2i-1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

Consider the state  $(c'_0, \dots, c'_{s-1})$ . By the above equality for  $u_t^{(r)}$ , we obtain that

$$c'_t = -1 + \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} \binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j c_{t-j(\text{mod } s)} \pmod{p} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

If  $t \equiv s-2i-2 \pmod{s}$  then from the definition of  $c_t$  it follows that  $c_{t-j(\text{mod } s)} = 0$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ), and so,  $c'_{s-2i-2(\text{mod } s)} = p-1$ . If  $t \not\equiv s-2i-2 \pmod{s}$  then among the elements  $c_{t-j(\text{mod } s)}$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ) exactly one element is different from 0 and this element is equal to  $p-1$ , and so,  $c'_t = -1 + \binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j (p-1)$  for some  $0 \leq j \leq p^k-1$ . From this, by  $\binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ), we obtain that  $c'_t = p-2$ . Therefore

$$c'_t = \begin{cases} p-1 & \text{if } t = s-2i-2, \\ p-2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

Now consider the state  $(\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{s-1})$ .

$$\bar{c}_t = -1 + \sum_{j=0}^{p^k-1} \binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j c'_{t-j(\text{mod } s)} \pmod{p} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

If  $t \equiv s-2(i+1)-1 \pmod{s}$ , then  $c'_{t-j(\text{mod } s)} = p-2$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ). On the other hand  $\binom{p^k-1}{j} (-1)^j \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , and so, we obtain that  $\bar{c}_{s-2(i+1)-1(\text{mod } s)} = p-1$ . If  $t \not\equiv s-2(i+1)-1 \pmod{s}$  then among the elements  $c'_{t-j(\text{mod } s)}$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ) exactly one element is different from  $p-2$  and this element is equal to  $p-1$ . From

this, by  $\binom{p^k-1}{j}(-1)^j \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  ( $j=0, \dots, p^k-1$ ), we get that  $\bar{c}_i=0$ . Therefore,

$$\bar{c}_t = \begin{cases} p-1 & \text{if } t = s-2(i+1)-1 \pmod{s}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (t = 0, \dots, s-1).$$

Observe that  $(\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{s-1}) = \mu(i+1 \pmod{m})$ , and so,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\delta'_m(i, t_1)) &= \mu(i+1 \pmod{m}) = (\bar{c}_0, \dots, \bar{c}_{s-1}) = \delta_{A^*}(\mu(i), x_1^{2(p^k-1)}) = \\ &= \delta_{A^*}(\mu(i), \tau(t_1)) \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of Case 2. This ends the proof of our Theorem.

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