# On relations accepted by two-way unary nondeterministic finite transducers 

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\delta \subset Q \times \Sigma \times\{-1,0,+1\} \times Q \times \Gamma^{*}
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Given such a relation $\mathcal{R}$, we represent it as a formal serie:

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\tau=\sum_{w \in \Sigma^{*}} \alpha_{w} \cdot w \quad \tau(w)=\alpha_{w}=\left\{v \in \Gamma^{*} \mid(w, v) \in \mathcal{R}\right\}
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- nondeterministic case: the class of MSO-definable transductions and the class of relations accepted by two-way transducers are incomparable.


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Theorem (Filiot, Gauwin, Reynier, Servais, 2013)
It is decidable whether some relation accepted by two-way transducer is accepted by some one-way transducer.
$\rightarrow$ construction of equivalent one-way transducer, whenever one exists.

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## Analogy with Probabilistic Automata

Theorem (Anselmo,Bertoni,1994)

Acceptation probability of two-way finite automata is of the form:

$$
\tau(w)=\alpha(w) \times \frac{1}{\beta(w)}
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where $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are rational series of $\mathbb{Q}\left\langle\left\langle\Sigma^{*}\right\rangle\right\rangle$.

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Do you have any questions?

