# An algebraic characterization of relations accepted by two-way unary transducers 

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Theorem (Filiot, Gauwin, Reynier, Servais, 2013)
It is decidable whether some function accepted by two-way
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$\rightarrow$ 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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