Semiring FSA Practice

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1 Semirings

We define a semiring in Haskell as a type class that has the four following items:

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class Semiring a where
  (&&&) :: a -> a -> a
  (|||) :: a -> a -> a
  gtrue :: a
  gfalse :: a
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By defining these functions (and ensuring they satisfy semiring properties), we can now write general/abstract functions on any semiring FSA, regardless of what values are associated with the FSA. We can also write functions that don't operate on FSAs, but just the semiring type itself, such as gen_and and gen_or.

Caution! There are four types of "and"/"or" we have looked at so far.

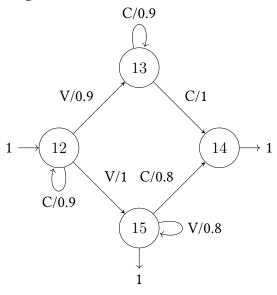
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&&, || :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
and, or :: [Bool] -> Bool
&&&, ||| :: Semiring a => a -> a -> a
gen_and, gen_or :: Semiring a => [a] -> a
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The term "generalized" has been used to characterize all but the first, but they generalize our logical operators in different ways. When in doubt, check types!

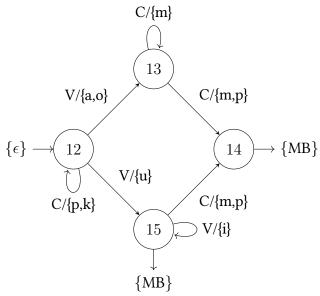
2 Semiring forward values

Calculate the forward values for these semiring FSAs on the string CVC. What are the overall values assigned to the string CVC?

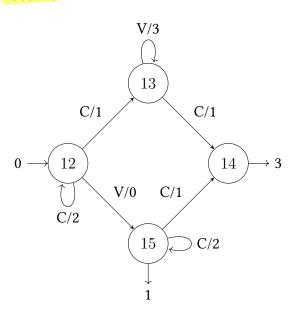
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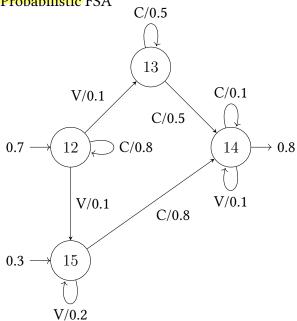
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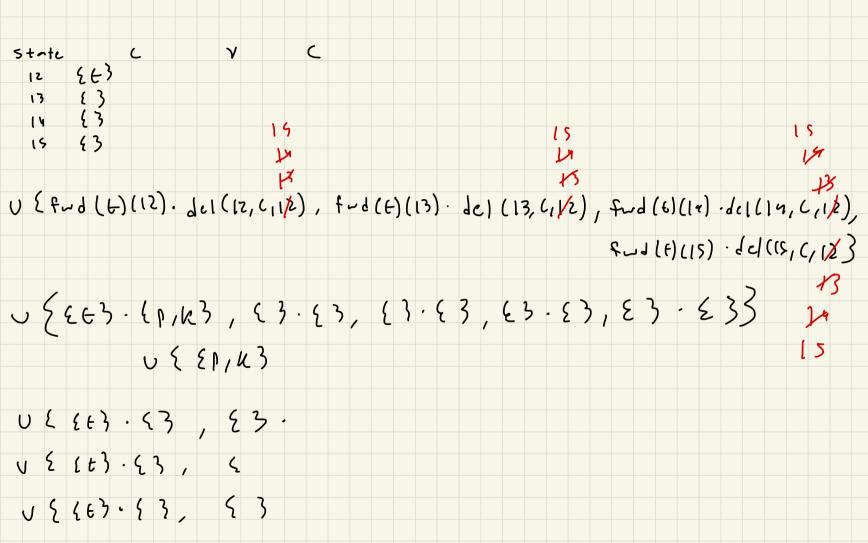


Cost FSA

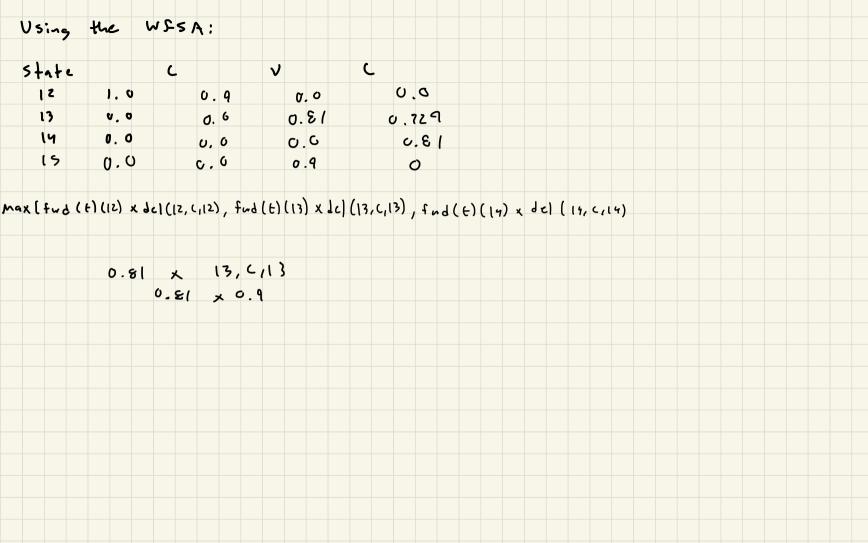


Probabilistic FSA





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