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DECISION ISSUES ON FUNCTIONS REALIZED BY FINITE AUTOMATA¹

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ABSTRACT

Consider a numeration system and a finite set of symbols. Each finite (resp. infinite) sequence on this set represents an integer (resp. a real). Synchronous two-tape automata are devices that define a sequence-to-sequence mapping and can thus be interpreted as performing a relation on integers (resp. reals).

Given a numeration system belonging to some natural family defined in this paper and a synchronous two-tape automaton, we show that the following questions are decidable in polynomial time: whether the relation is a function and if this is the case whether it is monotone, injective, continuous (for the reals).

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1. Introduction

Let D be some finite alphabet of symbols, (a set of "digits"). A numeration system is a function π that associates with each sequence of symbols of D, a number of which it is a representation. Consider further a mapping f from sequences to sequences performed by some device. We say this device computes a numerical function or (in

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