

# Decidability of WS1S and S1S: An Exposition

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# Credit Where Credit is Due

Buchi proved that WS1S was decidable.

I don't know off hand who proved S1S decidable.

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## Part I

### We Define WS1S And Prove It's Decidable

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**Note** After we see 0001 for  $x$  we **do not care** what happens next.

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## Example And Our Alphabet

Consider the set

$$\{(x, y, X) : (x = y + 1) \wedge (y \in X)\}$$

We want to show that it's regular. Here is an example of how we **represent** a tuple (number, number, finite set):

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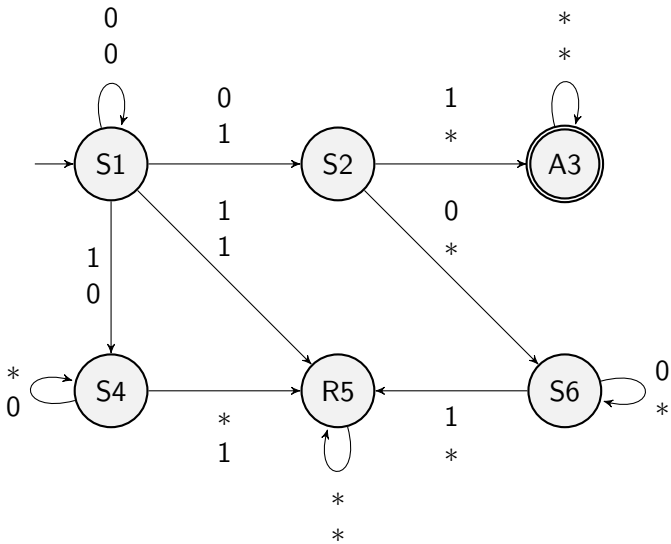
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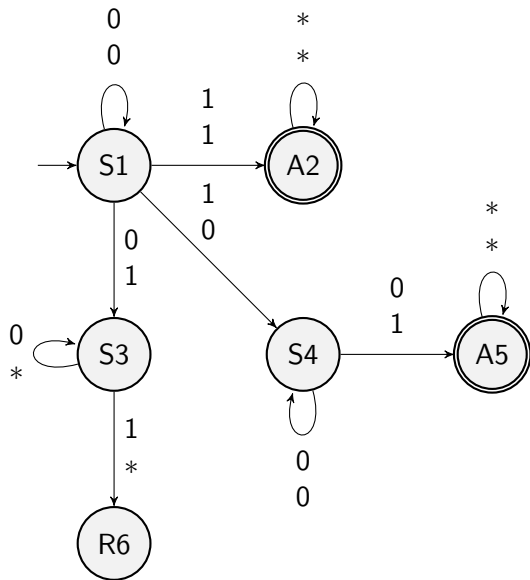


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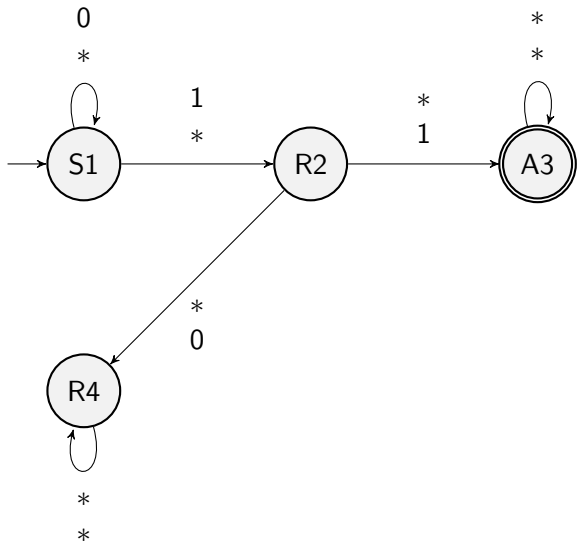
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