

# On 2-state Mealy automata of polynomial growth

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**ABSTRACT.** We consider the sequence of 2-state Mealy automata over the finite alphabets, that have polynomial growth orders and define the infinitely presented automatic transformation semigroups.

## 1. Introduction

The notion of growth was introduced in the middle of last century [12, 19] and was applied to various geometrical and algebraic objects [1, 20]. Growth of Mealy automata have been studied since the 80th of last century [4, 6], and it is close interrelated with growth of automatic transformation semigroups (groups), defined by Mealy automata [6].

Mainly, attention of researchers are attracted to investigations of growth of invertible Mealy automata (see, for example, [3, 7, 8, 10]). Invertibility of the Mealy automaton allows to consider automatic transformation group, defined by this automaton. Investigations of growth of arbitrary Mealy automata (see, for example, [17], [13], and the research of all 2-state Mealy automata over the 2-symbol alphabet [15]) produce results, which show principal distinctions between the cases of invertible and arbitrary Mealy automata.

For example, there was found the smallest possible Mealy automaton of intermediate growth, which has 2 states and is considered over the 2-symbol alphabet [18], [15]. On the other hand, the smallest invertible

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Mealy automata of intermediate growth either have 3 states or is considered over the 3-symbol alphabet [2, 3]. There were found Mealy automata of polynomial growth such, that growth functions of the automaton and the automatic transformation semigroup have different growth orders [15]. There was constructed the set of Mealy automata, which define the free semigroup [14].

As follows from [9] (see also [10]), the automatic transformation group, defined by any invertible Mealy automaton of the polynomial growth order, is “virtually nilpotent” and cannot be infinitely presented. In the paper we consider the sequence  $\{A_m, m \geq 3\}$  of 2-state Mealy automata of polynomial growth, which define the infinitely presented automatic transformation semigroups for all  $m \geq 4$ . These automata were announced on IV International Algebraic Conference in Ukraine, Lviv, 2003 [16].

In section 2 we formulate theorem 1, where presentations of the automatic transformation semigroups, defined by the automata from  $\{A_m, m \geq 3\}$ , are described, and theorem 2, where the growth functions are described. Some numerical properties of the growth functions are proved in corollary 1. In section 3 necessary definitions and properties of Mealy automata, finitely generated semigroups and growth functions are provided. Section 4 is devoted to the investigation of the automatic transformations, defined by  $A_m$ , and to the proof of theorem 1. Theorem 2 and corollary 1 are proved in section 5.

Another sequence  $\{B_m, m \geq 3\}$  of Mealy automata of polynomial growth such that for all  $m \geq 3$  the automaton  $B_m$  has the polynomial growth order  $[n^{m-2}]$  and defines the infinitely presented semigroup, is provided in section 6. Hence, for any positive integer  $d > 0$  there exist Mealy automata of growth order  $[n^d]$ , which define infinitely presented automatic transformation semigroups.

## 2. Main results

Let  $X_m = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$  be the  $m$ -symbol alphabet, and let  $Q_2 = \{q_0, q_1\}$  be the 2-element set of internal states. Let  $A_m = (X_m, Q_2, \pi_m, \lambda_m)$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , be the 2-state Mealy automaton over the  $m$ -symbol alphabet (figure 1), and the transition function  $\pi_m$  and the output function  $\lambda_m$  are defined in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_m(x_0, q_j) &= q_0, & \pi_m(x_1, q_j) &= q_1, & \pi_m(x_i, q_j) &= q_0, \\ \lambda_m(x_0, q_j) &= x_0, & \lambda_m(x_1, q_j) &= x_j, & \lambda_m(x_i, q_j) &= x_{i-j}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1$  and  $j = 0, 1$ . Let us denote  $S_m$  the automatic transformation semigroup, defined by  $A_m$ , and let  $\gamma_{A_m}$  and  $\gamma_{S_m}$  are the

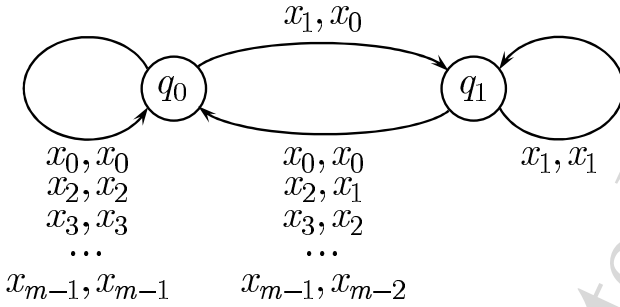


Figure 1: The automaton  $A_m$

growth functions of the automaton  $A_m$  and the semigroup  $S_m$ , respectively.

**Theorem 1.** *For any  $m \geq 3$  the semigroup  $S_m$  has the following presentation:*

$$S_m = \left\langle f_0, f_1 \mid \begin{array}{l} f_1 f_0^{p_1} f_1 \prod_{i=2}^{m-2} (f_0^{p_i} f_1) = f_0^{p_1+1} f_1 \prod_{i=2}^{m-2} (f_0^{p_i} f_1) \\ p_1 = 1, 2; p_2, p_3, \dots, p_{m-2} \geq 0 \end{array} \right\rangle. \quad (1)$$

All semigroups  $S_m$  for  $m \geq 4$  are infinitely presented.

**Theorem 2.** *For  $m \geq 3$  the growth functions  $\gamma_{A_m}$  and  $\gamma_{S_m}$  are defined by the following equalities:*

$$\gamma_{A_m}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{i}, \quad (2)$$

$$\gamma_{S_m}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{n+1}{i} - 2, \quad (3)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

**Corollary 1.** *1. For all  $m \geq 3$  the functions  $\gamma_{A_m}$  and  $\gamma_{S_m}$  have the growth orders  $[n^{m-1}]$  and  $[n^m]$ , respectively.*

*2. The pointwise limit of the sequence  $\{\gamma_{A_m}, m \geq 3\}$  of polynomial growth functions is the exponential function  $2^n$ , that is for any positive integer  $n \geq 1$  the equality holds*

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{A_m}(n) = 2^n.$$

3. The growth functions  $\gamma_{A_m}$  satisfy the equalities:

$$\gamma_{A_m}(n) = 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \gamma_{A_{m-1}}(i),$$

where  $m \geq 4$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

### 3. Preliminaries

#### 3.1. Growth functions

Let us consider the set of positive non-decreasing functions of a natural argument  $\gamma : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ; in further such functions will be called the growth functions.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\gamma_i : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are growth functions. The function  $\gamma_1$  has no greater growth order (notation  $\gamma_1 \preceq \gamma_2$ ) than the function  $\gamma_2$ , if there exist numbers  $C_1, C_2, N_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\gamma_1(n) \leq C_1 \gamma_2(C_2 n)$$

for any  $n \geq N_0$ .

**Definition 2.** The growth functions  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are equivalent or have the same growth order (notation  $\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$ ), if the following inequalities hold:

$$\gamma_1 \preceq \gamma_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_2 \preceq \gamma_1.$$

The equivalence class of the function  $\gamma$  is called *the growth order* and is denoted by the symbol  $[\gamma]$ . The growth order  $[\gamma]$  is called *polynomial*, if  $[\gamma] = [n^d]$  for some  $d > 0$ .

#### 3.2. Mealy automata

Let us denote the set of all finite words over  $X_m$ , including the empty word  $\varepsilon$ , by the symbol  $X_m^*$ , and denote the set of all infinite (to right) words by the symbol  $X_m^\omega$ .

Let  $A = (X_m, Q_n, \pi, \lambda)$  be a *non-initial Mealy automaton* with finite set of states  $Q_n = \{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_{n-1}\}$ , input and output alphabets are the same and are equal to  $X_m$ ,  $\pi : X_m \times Q_n \rightarrow Q_n$  and  $\lambda : X_m \times Q_n \rightarrow X_m$  are its transition and output functions, respectively. The function  $\lambda$  can be extended in a natural way to the mapping  $\lambda : X_m^* \times Q_n \rightarrow X_m^*$  or to the mapping  $\lambda : X_m^\omega \times Q_n \rightarrow X_m^\omega$  (see, for example, [5], etc).

**Definition 3 ([5]).** For any state  $\mathbf{q} \in Q_n$  the transformation  $f_{\mathbf{q}} : X_m^* \rightarrow X_m^*$  ( $f_{\mathbf{q}} : X_m^\omega \rightarrow X_m^\omega$ ), defined by the equality

$$f_{\mathbf{q}}(u) = \lambda(u, \mathbf{q}),$$

where  $u \in X_m^*$  ( $u \in X_m^\omega$ ), is called the automatic transformation, defined by  $A$  at the state  $\mathbf{q}$ .

Let us consider the transformation  $\sigma_{\mathbf{q}}$  over the alphabet  $X_m$ ,  $\mathbf{q} \in Q_n$ , defined by the output function  $\lambda$ :

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{q}} = ( \lambda(x_0, \mathbf{q}) \quad \lambda(x_1, \mathbf{q}) \quad \dots \quad \lambda(x_{m-1}, \mathbf{q}) ).$$

Let  $\mathbf{q}$  be an arbitrary state. The image of the word  $u = u_0u_1u_2 \dots \in X_m^\omega$  under the action of the automatic transformation  $f_{\mathbf{q}}$  can be written in the following way:

$$f_{\mathbf{q}}(u_0u_1u_2 \dots) = \lambda(u_0, \mathbf{q}) \cdot f_{\pi(u_0, \mathbf{q})}(u_1u_2 \dots) = \sigma_{\mathbf{q}}(u_0) \cdot f_{\pi(u_0, \mathbf{q})}(u_1u_2 \dots).$$

It means that  $f_{\mathbf{q}}$  acts on the first symbol of  $u$  by the transformation  $\sigma_{\mathbf{q}}$  over  $X_m$ , and acts on the rest of the word without first symbol by the transformation  $f_{\pi(u_0, \mathbf{q})}$ . Therefore the transformations defined by the automaton  $A$  can be written in the unrolled form:

$$f_{q_i} = (f_{\pi(x_0, q_i)}, f_{\pi(x_1, q_i)}, \dots, f_{\pi(x_{m-1}, q_i)}) \sigma_{q_i},$$

where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

The Mealy automaton  $A = (X_m, Q_n, \pi, \lambda)$  defines the set

$$F_A = \{f_{q_0}, f_{q_1}, \dots, f_{q_{n-1}}\}$$

of automatic transformations over  $X_m^\omega$ . The Mealy automaton  $A$  is called *invertible* if all transformations from the set  $F_A$  are bijections. It's easy to show (see, for example, [7]) that  $A$  is invertible if and only if the transformation  $\sigma_{\mathbf{q}}$  is a permutation of  $X_m$  for each state  $\mathbf{q} \in Q_n$ .

**Definition 4 ([5]).** The Mealy automata  $A_i = (X_m, Q_n, \pi_i, \lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , such that there exist permutations  $\xi, \psi \in \text{Sym}(X_m)$  and  $\theta \in \text{Sym}(Q_n)$  such, that the following equalities hold

$$\theta\pi_1(x, \mathbf{q}) = \pi_2(\xi x, \theta\mathbf{q}), \quad \psi\lambda_1(x, \mathbf{q}) = \lambda_2(\xi x, \theta\mathbf{q})$$

for all  $x \in X_m$  and  $\mathbf{q} \in Q_n$ , are called *isomorphic automata*.

**Definition 5 ([5]).** The Mealy automata  $A_i = (X_m, Q_{n_i}, \pi_i, \lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , are called *equivalent*, if  $F_{A_1} = F_{A_2}$ .

**Theorem 3 ([5]).** *Each class of equivalent Mealy automata over the alphabet  $X_m$  contains, up to isomorphism, a unique reduced or minimal (by the number of states) automaton.*

The minimal automaton can be found using standard algorithm of minimization.

**Definition 6 ([4]).** *Let  $A_i = (X_m, Q_{n_i}, \pi_i, \lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be arbitrary Mealy automata. The automaton  $A = (X_m, Q_{n_1} \times Q_{n_2}, \pi, \lambda)$  such that its transition and output functions are defined in the following way:*

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(x, (q_1, q_2)) &= (\pi_1(\lambda_2(x, q_2), q_1), \pi_2(x, q_2)), \\ \lambda(x, (q_1, q_2)) &= \lambda_1(\lambda_2(x, q_2), q_1),\end{aligned}$$

where  $x \in X_m$ ,  $(q_1, q_2) \in Q_{n_1} \times Q_{n_2}$ , is called the product of the automata  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

**Proposition 1 ([4]).** *For any states  $q_1 \in Q_{n_1}$ ,  $q_2 \in Q_{n_2}$  and an arbitrary word  $u \in X_m^*$  ( $u \in X_m^\omega$ ) the following equality holds:*

$$f_{(q_1, q_2), A}(u) = f_{q_1, A_1}(f_{q_2, A_2}(u)).$$

It follows from proposition 1 that for the transformations  $f_{q_1, A_1}$  and  $f_{q_2, A_2}$ ,  $q_1 \in Q_{n_1}$ ,  $q_2 \in Q_{n_2}$ , the unrolled form of the product  $f_{(q_1, q_2), A_1 \times A_2}$  is defined by the equality:

$$f_{(q_1, q_2), A_1 \times A_2} = f_{q_1, A_1} f_{q_2, A_2} = (g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{m-1}) \sigma_{q_1, A_1} \sigma_{q_2, A_2},$$

where  $g_i = f_{\pi_1(\sigma_{q_2, A_2}(x_i), q_1), A_1} f_{\pi_2(x_i, q_2), A_2}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ .

The power  $A^n$  is defined for any automaton  $A$  and any positive integer  $n$ . Let us denote  $A^{(n)}$  the minimal Mealy automaton, equivalent to  $A^n$ . It follows from definition 6, that  $|Q_{A^{(n)}}| \leq |Q_A|^n$ .

**Definition 7.** [6] *The function  $\gamma_A$  of a natural argument, defined by*

$$\gamma_A(n) = |Q_{A^{(n)}}|, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

is called the growth function of the Mealy automaton  $A$ .

### 3.3. Semigroups

Let  $S$  be a semigroup with the finite set of generators  $G = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}\}$ . Let us denote the free semigroup with the set  $G$  of generators by the symbol  $G^+$ . Obviously (see, for example, [11]), if the semigroup  $S$  does not

contain the identity, then  $S$  is a homomorphic image of the free semigroup  $G^+$ . Similarly, the monoid  $S = sg(G)$  is a homomorphic image of the free monoid  $G^*$ .

The elements of the free semigroup  $G^+$  are called *semigroup words*. In the sequel, we identify them with corresponding elements of  $S$ . The semigroup words  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are called [11] *equivalent relative to the system  $G$  of generators in the semigroup  $S$* , if in  $S$  the equality  $s_1 = s_2$  holds.

**Definition 8.** *Let  $s$  be an arbitrary element of  $S$ . The length  $\ell(s)$  of  $s$  is the minimal possible number of the generators in decomposition*

$$s = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} s_{i_3} \dots s_{i_l},$$

where  $s_{i_j} \in G$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq l$ ,  $l > 0$ .

Let us sort the generators of  $S$  according to their index; and introduce a linear order on the set of elements of  $G^+$ : semigroup words are ranked on length, and then words of the same length are arranged lexicographically. The representative of the class of the introduced above equivalence is the minimal semigroup word in the sense of this order.

**Definition 9.** *Let  $s \in S$  be an arbitrary element. The normal form of this element is the representative of the class of the equivalence of semigroup words, which is mapped on the element  $s$ .*

**Definition 10.** *The function  $\gamma_S$  of a natural argument such that*

$$\gamma_S(n) = |\{ s \in S \mid \ell(s) \leq n \}|, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

*is called the growth function of  $S$  relative to the system  $G$  of generators.*

**Definition 11.** *The function  $\widehat{\gamma}_S$  of a natural argument such that*

$$\widehat{\gamma}_S(n) = |\{ s \in S \mid s = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_n}, s_{i_j} \in G, 1 \leq j \leq n \}|, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

*is called the spherical growth function of  $S$  relative to the system  $G$  of generators.*

**Definition 12.** *The function  $\delta_S$  of a natural argument such that*

$$\delta_S(n) = |\{ s \in S \mid \ell(s) = n \}|, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

*is called the word growth function of  $S$  relative to the system  $G$  of generators.*

The following proposition is well-known, and is proved in many papers (see, for example, [7]).

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $S$  be an arbitrary finitely generated semigroup, and let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be systems of generators of  $S$ . Let us denote the growth function of  $S$  relative to the set  $G_i$  of generators by the symbol  $\gamma_{S_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $[\gamma_{S_1}] = [\gamma_{S_2}]$ .*

From the definitions 10, 11 and 12, the following inequalities hold for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\delta_S(n) \leq \widehat{\gamma}_S(n) \leq \gamma_S(n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \delta_S(i). \quad (4)$$

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $S$  be an arbitrary finitely generated monoid. Then*

$$[\gamma_S] = [\widehat{\gamma}_S] \geq [\delta_S].$$

Let  $S$  be a semigroup without the identity. Then the growth function and the spherical growth function may have different growth orders. For example, let  $S = \mathbb{N}$  be the additive semigroup,  $S = sg(1)$ . Then  $\gamma_S(n) = n$ ,  $\widehat{\gamma}_S(n) = 1$ , and these functions have different growth orders,  $[1] < [n]$ .

There are many results concerning the growth of groups. For references see the survey [7], the book [10], other papers.

### 3.4. Growth of Mealy automata

**Definition 13.** *Let  $A = (X_m, Q_n, \pi, \lambda)$  be a Mealy automaton. The semigroup*

$$S_A = sg(f_{q_0}, f_{q_1}, \dots, f_{q_{n-1}})$$

*is called the semigroup of automatic transformations, defined by  $A$ .*

For an invertible Mealy automaton, let us examine *the group of transformations* it defines.

Let  $A$  be the Mealy automaton,  $\gamma_A$  be its growth function; let  $S_A$  be the semigroup, defined by  $A$ , and  $\gamma_{S_A}$  and  $\widehat{\gamma}_{S_A}$  are the growth function and the spherical growth function of  $S_A$ , respectively. From definition 13 it follows that

**Proposition 4 ([6]).** *For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the value  $\gamma_A(n)$  equals the number of those elements of  $S_A$ , that can be presented as a product of length  $n$  of the generators  $\{f_{q_0}, f_{q_1}, \dots, f_{q_{n-1}}\}$ , i.e.*

$$\gamma_A(n) = \widehat{\gamma}_{S_A}(n), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

From this proposition and (4) it follows, that  $\gamma_A(n) \leq \gamma_{S_A}(n)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .



#### 4. Semigroups $S_{A_m}$ , $m \geq 3$

Let us fix the number  $m \geq 3$  in this section.

##### 4.1. Automatic transformations, defined by $A_m$

Let us denote the automatic transformations  $f_{q_0}$  and  $f_{q_1}$ , defined by the automaton  $A_m$ , by the symbols  $f_0$  and  $f_1$ , and let us study their properties. Their unrolled forms are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} f_0 &= (f_0, f_1, f_0, f_0, \dots, f_0)(x_0, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1}), \\ f_1 &= (f_0, f_1, f_0, f_0, \dots, f_0)(x_0, x_1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-2}). \end{aligned} \quad (5a)$$

For any integer  $p > 0$  from (5a) it follows

$$f_0^p = (f_0^p, f_0^{p-1} f_1, f_0^p, f_0^p, \dots, f_0^p)(x_0, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1}),$$

and, similarly, for  $0 < p \leq m - 2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^p &= (f_0^p, f_1^p, f_1^{p-1} f_0, f_1^{p-2} f_0^2, \dots, f_1 f_0^{p-1}, f_0^p, f_0^p, f_0^p, \dots, f_0^p) \\ &\quad (x_0, x_1, x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus for any numbers  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  such that  $p_1, p_3 > 0$  and  $0 < p_2 \leq m - 2$ , the following equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} &= (f_0^{p_1+p_2}, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2+1}, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2-1} f_0^2, \\ &\quad \dots, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1 f_0^{p_2}, f_0^{p_1+p_2}, f_0^{p_1+p_2}, \dots, f_0^{p_1+p_2}) \\ &\quad (x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_2}), \end{aligned} \quad (5b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} &= (f_0^{p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_2+p_3-1} f_1, f_1^{p_2-1} f_0^{p_3+1}, f_1^{p_2-2} f_0^{p_3+2}, \\ &\quad \dots, f_1 f_0^{p_2+p_3-1}, f_0^{p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_2+p_3}, \dots, f_0^{p_2+p_3}) \\ &\quad (x_0, x_0, x_1, x_1, \dots, x_1, x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_2}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} &= (f_0^{p_1+p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_1+p_2+p_3-1} f_1, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3+1}, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2-1} f_0^{p_3+2}, \\ &\quad \dots, f_0^{p_1-1} f_1 f_0^{p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_1+p_2+p_3}, f_0^{p_1+p_2+p_3}, \dots, f_0^{p_1+p_2+p_3}) \\ &\quad (x_0, x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_2}). \end{aligned}$$

From these equations for arbitrary integers  $p_1, p_3 \geq 0$ ,  $p_2 > 0$  the equality follows

$$f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3}(x_2^*) = x_0^{p_1} x_1^{p_2} x_2^*. \quad (5c)$$

**Proposition 5.** *In the semigroup  $S_m$  the following relations hold:*

$$f_1 f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} = f_0^{1+p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $k \geq 1$ ,  $p_i > 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2k$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_{2i} = m - 2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{s} = f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}$  be an arbitrary element of  $S_m$  such, that parameters  $p_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2k$ , satisfy the requirements of the proposition. As  $\mathfrak{s}$  defines some automatic transformation over  $X_m^\omega$ , then there exist elements  $\mathfrak{s}_{x_0}, \mathfrak{s}_{x_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{s}_{x_{m-1}}$ , that for any word  $u \in X_m^\omega$  the equalities hold:

$$\mathfrak{s}(x_i u) = \mathfrak{s}(x_i) \cdot \mathfrak{s}_{x_i}(u),$$

where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$ . Moreover, from (5a) the equalities follow

$$f_j(x_0 u) = x_0 \cdot f_0(u),$$

where  $j = 0, 1$ . Let us consider the transformation  $\sigma_{\mathfrak{s}}$  over  $X_m$ . Using the requirement  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_{2i} = m - 2$  and equation (5b), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\mathfrak{s}} &= (x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_2}) \cdot \\ &\cdot (x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_4}) \cdot \dots \cdot (x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-p_{2k}}) = \\ &= \left( x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x \binom{m-1-\sum_{i=1}^k p_{2i}}{m-1-\sum_{i=1}^k p_{2i}} \right) = (x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0), \end{aligned}$$

where transformations are applied right-to-left. Thus, for an arbitrary word  $u = u_0 u_1 u_2 \dots \in X_m^\omega$  holds

$$\begin{aligned} f_i \mathfrak{s}(u_0 u_1 u_2 \dots) &= f_i(\sigma_{\mathfrak{s}}(u_0) \cdot \mathfrak{s}_{u_0}(u_1 u_2 \dots)) = \\ &= f_i(x_0 \cdot \mathfrak{s}_{u_0}(u_1 u_2 \dots)) = x_0 \cdot f_0 \mathfrak{s}_{u_0}(u_1 u_2 \dots), \end{aligned}$$

where  $i = 0, 1$ . Hence,

$$f_1 f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}(u) = f_0^{p_1+1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}(u). \quad \square$$

**Proposition 6.** *The relations (6) in the semigroup  $S_m$  follow from the relations*

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 f_0^1 f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} &= f_0^2 f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}, \\ f_1 f_0^2 f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} &= f_0^3 f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $k \geq 1$ ,  $p_i > 0$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 2k$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k p_{2i} = m - 2$ .

*Proof.* Let us prove the proposition by an induction on  $p_1$ . For  $p_1 = 1$  and  $p_1 = 2$  the assertion of the proposition immediately follows from proposition 5. Let us assume that the proposition is proved for  $p_1 \geq 2$ . Using the induction hypothesis, for  $(p_1 + 1)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1 f_0^{p_1+1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} &= \\
&= f_1 f_0 \cdot f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} = \\
&= f_1 f_0 \cdot f_1 f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} = \\
&= f_1 f_0 f_1 f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_1^{p_{2k-2}} f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}-1} \cdot f_1 = \\
&= f_0^2 \cdot f_1 f_0^{p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} = \\
&= f_0^{2+1+p_1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} = \\
&= f_0^{p_1+2} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Proposition 7.** *For any  $m \geq 4$  the infinite system (7) of relations is irreducible, that is no one of relations follows from others.*

*Proof.* Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are arbitrary relations of (7):

$$\begin{aligned}
r_1 : f_1 f_0^{j_1} f_1 s_1 f_1 &= f_0^{j_1+1} f_1 s_1 f_1, \\
r_2 : f_1 f_0^{j_2} f_1 s_2 f_1 &= f_0^{j_2+1} f_1 s_2 f_1,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $j_1, j_2 \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $s_1, s_2$  are semigroup words, which includes  $(m - 4)$  symbols  $f_1$ . Relation  $r_1$  can be applied to  $r_2$  if and only if  $s_1 = s_2$  and  $j_1 = 1, j_2 = 2$ . From relation  $r_1$  the equalities follow

$$f_1^2 f_0^1 f_1 s_2 f_1 = f_1 f_0^2 f_1 s_2 f_1, \quad f_0 f_1 f_0 f_1 s_2 f_1 = f_0^3 f_1 s_2 f_1,$$

but the relation  $r_2$  is necessary, because it sets up the equality between left and right equations. Hence, no one relation of (7) can be output from other relations. □

#### 4.2. Proof of theorem 1

**Proposition 8.** *An arbitrary element  $s \in S_m$  admits a unique minimal-length representation as a word of the form*

$$f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{p_{2k+1}}, \quad (8)$$

where at  $k = 0$  let  $p_1 > 0$ , and at  $k \geq 1$  let  $p_i > 0, 2 \leq i \leq 2k$ ,

$$p_1, p_{2k+1} \geq 0, \sum_{i=2}^k p_{2i} \leq m - 3.$$

*Proof.* Let  $s \in S_m$  be an arbitrary element. It can be written as a product of the generators of  $S_m$ , that is

$$s = f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} \dots f_0^{p_{2l-1}} f_1^{p_{2l}} f_0^{p_{2l+1}},$$

where  $l \geq 0$ ,  $p_1, p_{2l+1} \geq 0$ ,  $p_i > 0$ ,  $1 < i \leq 2l$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} p_i = \ell(s) > 0$ .

If the semigroup word  $s$  contains no great than  $(m - 3)$  symbols  $f_1$  or  $s$  has been already written as (8), then the relations (7) can not be applied and the assertion of the proposition is true. Let us assume that the semigroup word  $s$  contains at least  $(m - 2)$  symbols  $f_1$  and is not written in the form (8). Then let us find in  $s$  the maximal right subword

$$\tilde{s} = f_0^{p_{2i+1}} f_1^{p_{2i+2}} f_0^{p_{2i+3}} f_1^{p_{2i+4}} \dots f_0^{p_{2l-1}} f_1^{p_{2l}} f_0^{p_{2l+1}}$$

such that it has the form (8), that is

$$\sum_{j=i+2}^l p_{2j} \leq m - 3, \quad \sum_{j=i+1}^l p_{2j} \geq m - 2.$$

Let us note, that the word  $\tilde{s}$  can not be reduced by the relations (7). From the proof of proposition 6 and the condition  $p_{2i+1} > 0$  it follows that

$$s = f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} \dots f_0^{p_{2i-1}} f_1^{p_{2i}} \cdot \tilde{s} = f_0^{\sum_{i=1}^{2i+1} p_i} f_1^{p_{2i+2}} f_0^{p_{2i+3}} f_1^{p_{2i+4}} \dots f_0^{p_{2l-1}} f_1^{p_{2l}} f_0^{p_{2l+1}}.$$

Hence,  $s$  can be reduced to the form (8). □

Let  $s = f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{p_{2k+1}}$  be an arbitrary element of  $S_m$ , written in the form (8), and let us denote  $P_a^b = \sum_{i=a}^b p_i$  and  $R_a^b = \sum_{i=a}^b p_{2i}$ . Let us write the unrolled form of  $s$  by using the equations (5\*).

If the requirement  $R_1^k < m - 2$  is satisfied, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{s} = & \left( f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}}, f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}-1} f_1, \right. \\
 & f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k}-1} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1 f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+p_{2k}}, \\
 & f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2}-1} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1 f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+p_{2k-2}}, \\
 & \dots \\
 & f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1^{p_2-1} f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1 f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+p_2}, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}}, f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}}, \dots, f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}} \Big) \\
 & \left( x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{m-1-R_1^k} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{9a}$$

Otherwise, if  $R_1^k \geq m - 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{s} = & \left( f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}}, f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}-1} f_1, \right. \\
 & f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k}-1} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1 f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+p_{2k}}, \\
 & f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2}-1} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^{2k-3}-1} f_1 f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+p_{2k-2}}, \\
 & \dots \\
 & f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+1}, f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1^{p_2-1} f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+2}, \dots, \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad f_0^{P_1^1-1} f_1^{p_2-(m-3-R_2^k)} f_0^{P_3^{2k+1}+m-2-R_2^k} \Big) \\
 & \left( x_0, x_0, x_0, \dots, x_0 \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{9b}$$

*Proof of theorem 1.*

In proposition 6 is proved, that the relations (7) hold in the semigroup  $S_m$ . Using these relations, an arbitrary element  $\mathbf{s} \in S_m$  can be reduced to the form (8). It is necessary to prove, that two semigroup elements, written in different forms (8), define different transformations over  $X_m^\omega$ .

Then the system (7) of the relations is the set of the defining relations, and the semigroup  $S_m$  has the presentation by generators and defining relations (1).

Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are arbitrary semigroup elements, which have different forms (8),

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2} f_0^{p_3} f_1^{p_4} \dots f_0^{p_{2k-1}} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{p_{2k+1}}, \\ s_2 &= f_0^{t_1} f_1^{t_2} f_0^{t_3} f_1^{t_4} \dots f_0^{t_{2l-1}} f_1^{t_{2l}} f_0^{t_{2l+1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Let us assume by contradiction, that the elements  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  define the same transformation over  $X_m^\omega$ , but have different values of the parameters in (10). Then for any word  $u \in X_m^\omega$  the equality

$$s_1(u) = s_2(u) \quad (11)$$

holds. Let us keep notations  $P_a^b$ ,  $R_a^b$ , and denote  $T_a^b = \sum_{i=a}^b t_i$ .

From equations (9\*) and (5\*) follows, that for word  $u_1 = x_0 x_1^*$  the equalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(x_0 x_1^*) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}}(x_1^*) = x_0^2 \cdot f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}-1} f_1(x_1^*) = \dots = \\ &= x_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1} \cdot f_1^{P_1^{2k+1}}(x_1^*) = x_0^{P_1^{2k+1}+1} x_1^*, \\ s_2(x_0 x_1^*) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{T_1^{2l+1}}(x_1^*) = x_0^2 \cdot f_0^{T_1^{2l+1}-1} f_1(x_1^*) = \dots = \\ &= x_0^{T_1^{2l+1}+1} \cdot f_1^{T_1^{2l+1}}(x_1^*) = x_0^{T_1^{2l+1}+1} x_1^*. \end{aligned}$$

Using the assumption  $s_1(u_1) = s_2(u_1)$ , we obtain the requirement

$$\ell(s_1) = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} p_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2l+1} t_i = \ell(s_2).$$

Not restricting a generality let us assume, that  $k \geq l$ .

Let  $l = 0$ . Then  $s_2 = f_0^{t_1}$ , but  $k \geq 1$ ; and from (9\*) and (5c) for the word  $u_2 = x_2^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(x_2^*) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{P_1^{2k-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k}} f_0^{p_{2k+1}+1}(x_2^*) = x_0^{P_1^{2k-1}} x_1^{p_{2k}} x_2^*, \\ s_2(x_2^*) &= f_0^{t_1}(x_2^*) = x_2^*, \end{aligned}$$

that contradicts the assumption (11).

Let now  $l \geq 1$ . As elements  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  have the same length, then let us choice the minimal possible index  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i < 2l$ , such that  $p_{2k-i} \neq t_{2l-i}$ ,

and denote  $i_0 = \lceil \frac{i}{2} \rceil$ ,  $i_1 = i - 2i_0$ . Obviously, the equality

$$\sum_{h=l-i_0+1}^l t_{2h} = \sum_{h=k-i_0+1}^k p_{2h} = R_{k-i_0+1}^k,$$

hold. As the elements  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are written in the form (8), then  $R_{k-i_0+1}^k \leq m-3$ , and from equations (9\*) and (5c) for the word  $u_3 = x_{(2+R_{k-i_0+1}^k)} x_2^*$  follows

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 \left( x_{(2+R_{k-i_0+1}^k)} x_2^* \right) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{P_1^{2k-2i_0-1}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2i_0}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}-2k-2i_0+1+1} (x_2^*) = \\ &= x_0^{P_1^{2k-2i_0-1}} x_1^{p_{2k-2i_0}} x_2^*, \\ s_2 \left( x_{(2+R_{k-i_0+1}^k)} x_2^* \right) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{T_1^{2l-2i_0-1}-1} f_1^{t_{2l-2i_0}} f_0^{T_1^{2l+1}-2l-2i_0+1+1} (x_2^*) = \\ &= x_0^{T_1^{2l-2i_0-1}} x_1^{t_{2l-2i_0}} x_2^*. \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption (11) it follow the equalities  $p_{2k-2i_0} = t_{2l-2i_0}$  and

$$\sum_{h=1}^{2k-2i_0-1} p_h = \sum_{h=1}^{2l-2i_0-1} t_h. \quad (12)$$

If  $i$  is the even integer, then  $i_1 = 0$ ,  $i = 2i_0$ , and we obtain an inconsistency with the choice of  $i$ . Now let  $i$  be the odd number,  $i_1 = 1$ . If  $i = 2l - 1$ , then in the case  $k = l$  the choice of  $i$  contradicts with the requirement (12). In sequel, let it be either  $i < 2l - 1$  or  $k > l$ . As  $s_1$  is written in the form (8), then

$$\sum_{h=l-i_0}^l t_{2h} = \sum_{h=k-i_0}^k p_{2h} = R_{k-i_0}^k \leq m - 3.$$

Similarly to the previous speculations, for the word  $u_4 = x_{(2+R_{k-i_0}^k)} x_2^*$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 \left( x_{(2+R_{k-i_0}^k)} x_2^* \right) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{P_1^{2k-2i_0-3}-1} f_1^{p_{2k-2i_0-2}} f_0^{P_1^{2k+1}-2k-2i_0-1+1} (x_2^*) = \\ &= x_0^{P_1^{2k-i-2}} x_1^{p_{2k-i-1}} x_2^*, \\ s_2 \left( x_{(2+R_{k-i_0}^k)} x_2^* \right) &= x_0 \cdot f_0^{T_1^{2l-2i_0-3}-1} f_1^{t_{2l-2i_0-2}} f_0^{T_1^{2l+1}-2l-2i_0-1+1} (x_2^*) = \\ &= x_0^{T_1^{2l-i-2}} x_1^{t_{2l-i-1}} x_2^*, \end{aligned}$$

whence follows the requirements

$$\sum_{h=1}^{2k-i-2} p_h = \sum_{h=1}^{2l-i-2} t_h \quad \text{and} \quad p_{2k-i-1} = t_{2l-i-1}. \quad (13)$$

Joining the requirements (12) and (13), it follows the equality of the parameters  $p_{2k-i} = t_{2l-i}$ , that contradicts the choice of the index  $i$ .

In proposition 7 it is proved that for all  $m \geq 4$  the set of defining relations of the semigroup  $S_m$  is irreducible. Hence, the semigroup  $S_m$  is infinitely presented.  $\square$

### 5. Growth functions

*Proof of theorem 2.* Let us fix  $m \geq 3$ , and calculate the growth functions of the automaton  $A_m$  and the semigroup  $S_m$ . Using the proved in section 4, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the value  $\delta_{S_m}(n)$  is equal to the number of elements in the form (8) such, that  $\sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} p_i = n$ . Let us separate the set of elements of the form (8) into three subsets:

$$f_0^{p_1}, \quad p_1 > 0, \quad (14a)$$

$$f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2}, \quad p_1 \geq 0, p_2 > 0 \quad (14b)$$

and

$$f_0^{p_1} f_1^{p_2-1} (f_1 f_0^{p_3}) (f_1 f_0^{p_4}) \dots (f_1 f_0^{p_{l-1}}) (f_1 f_0^{p_l}), \quad (14c)$$

where  $3 \leq l \leq m$ ,  $p_1 \geq 0$ ,  $p_2, p_3 > 0$ ,  $p_i \geq 0$ ,  $3 \leq i \leq l$ . There is a unique word  $f_0^n$  of length  $n$ , which has the form (14a); the count of semigroup elements of sort (14b) of length  $n$  equals  $\binom{n-1+1}{1}$ , and the count of elements of sort (14c) of length  $n$  equals

$$\sum_{l=3}^m \binom{n - (1 + l - 2) + (l - 1)}{l - 1} = \sum_{l=2}^{m-1} \binom{n}{l}.$$

Thus, for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the equality hold:

$$\delta_{S_m}(n) = 1 + \binom{n}{1} + \sum_{l=2}^{m-1} \binom{n}{l} = \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{l}.$$



As the defining relations of the semigroup  $S_m$  do not change the length of semigroup words, then

$$\gamma_{A_m}(n) = \delta_{S_m}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{i},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{S_m}(n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{S_m}(j) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{j}{i} = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n+1}{i+1} - \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{1}{i+1} = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{n+1}{i} - 2, \end{aligned}$$

that holds for all  $n \geq 1$ . The theorem 2 is completely proved.  $\square$

*Proof of corollary 1.* 1. For all  $n \geq m$  from (2) it follows, that the value  $\gamma_{A_m}(n)$  includes the largest binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{m-1}$ , which gives the polynomial growth order  $[n^{m-1}]$ . Similarly, for the growth function of  $S_m$  from (3) it follows, that  $\gamma_{S_m}$  has the polynomial growth order  $[n^m]$ .

2. Let us fix  $n \geq 1$ . From (2) it follows, that for  $m \geq n+1$  the equality holds

$$\gamma_{A_m}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = 2^n,$$

whence

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{A_m}(n) = 2^n.$$

3. Let us fix  $m \geq 4$ . From the properties of binomial coefficients and the formula (2) it follows

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \gamma_{A_{m-1}}(i) &= 2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} \binom{i}{j} = \\ &= 2 + \sum_{j=0}^{m-2} \left( \binom{n}{j+1} - \binom{1}{j+1} \right) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{j} = \gamma_{A_m}(n), \end{aligned}$$

that completes the proof of corollary 1.  $\square$

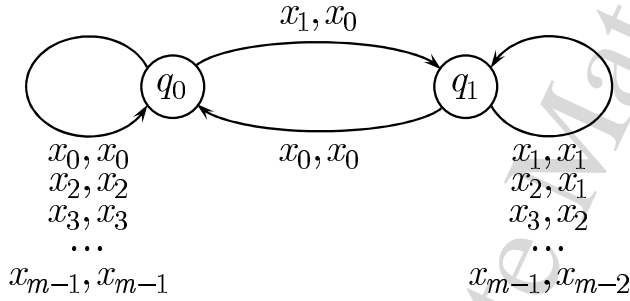


Figure 2: The automaton  $B_m$

**6. Sequence  $\{B_m, m \geq 3\}$**

As was mentioned in introduction, let us consider the sequence  $\{B_m, m \geq 3\}$  of 2-state Mealy automata, where the automaton  $B_m, m \geq 3$ , is shown on figure 2 by its Moore diagram. The following theorem describes the main properties of the automaton  $B_m$ .

**Theorem 4.** *For any  $m \geq 3$  the automaton  $B_m$  has the growth order  $[n^{m-2}]$  and defines the infinitely presented automatic transformation semigroup.*

Theorem 4 may be proved similarly to theorems 1 and 2, but its proof is required a bit more technical details. Indeed, we have

**Proposition 9.** *In the semigroup  $S_{B_m}$ , defined by  $B_m$ , the following relations hold:*

$$f_1^{m-1} f_0 = f_1^{m-2} f_0^2, \tag{15}$$

$$f_1^{p_1} \prod_{i=2}^{m-p_1} (f_0^{p_i} f_1) = f_1^{p_1-1} f_0 \prod_{i=2}^{m-p_1} (f_0^{p_i} f_1),$$

where  $0 < p_1 \leq m - 2, 0 < p_2, 0 \leq p_3, p_4, \dots, p_{m-p_1}$ .

On the one hand, the set of relations (15) is not irreducible system of relations. For example, for  $m = 3$  these relations are

$$f_1^2 f_0 = f_1 f_0^2,$$

$$f_1 f_0^{p_2} f_1 = f_0^{p_2+1} f_1,$$

where  $p_2 \geq 1$ . They can be reduced to the irreducible system of relations

$$f_1^2 f_0 = f_1 f_0^2,$$

$$f_1 f_0^{2p} f_1 = f_0^{2p+1} f_1,$$

where  $p > 0$ .

On the other hand, for all  $m \geq 3$  the relations (15) includes infinite irreducible set of relations, and therefore semigroup  $S_{B_m}$  is infinitely presented. Moreover, the growth functions of the automaton  $B_m$  and the semigroup  $S_{B_m}$  are described in the following proposition.

**Proposition 10.** *For  $m \geq 3$  the growth functions  $\gamma_{B_m}$  and  $\gamma_{S_{B_m}}$  are defined by the following equalities:*

$$\gamma_{B_m}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-2} \binom{n}{i} + \max(0, n - m + 2),$$

$$\gamma_{S_{B_m}}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \binom{n+1}{i} - 2 + \frac{1}{2} \max(0, (n - m + 2)(n - m + 3)),$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

Obviously, the growth functions  $\gamma_{B_m}$  and  $\gamma_{S_{B_m}}$  have polynomial growth orders.

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