

# AUTOMATA THEORY AND FORMAL LANGUAGES

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## UNIT 5 – PART 1: REGULAR LANGUAGES

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# OUTLINE

## PART 1:

- **Finite Automata and Type-3 Grammars**
  - **Finite Automata associated to a Type-3 grammar ( $G_3 \rightarrow FA$ )**
  - **Type-3 Grammar associated to a FA ( $FA \rightarrow G_3$ )**

## PART 2:

- **Regular expressions and Regular Languages**

# From FA to Type-3 grammar

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## 1 From FA $\rightarrow$ G3:

Given the FA,  $A = (\Sigma, Q, q_0, f, F)$ , there is a right-linear grammar that fulfills

$$L(G3RL) = L(A)$$

**That it is to say, the language generated by the grammar is the same that the recognized by the automaton**

**Following: How to obtain the grammar  $G = \{\Sigma_T, \Sigma_N, S, P\}$**

**from the FA =  $\{Q, \Sigma, q_0, f, F\}$**

# From FA to Type-3 grammar

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## 1 From FA $\rightarrow$ G3:

Process:

- $\Sigma_T = \Sigma$ ;  $\Sigma_N = Q$ ,  $S = q_0$
- $P = \{ \dots \}$ 
  1. Transition  $f(p, a) = q \rightarrow$  if  $q$  is not a final state  $\rightarrow p ::= aq$
  2.  $q \in F$  and  $f(p, a) = q \rightarrow p ::= a$  and  $p ::= aq$
  3.  $q_0 \in F \rightarrow q_0 ::= \lambda$
  4. If  $f(p, \lambda) = q \rightarrow p ::= q$
  5.  $q \in F$  and  $f(p, \lambda) = q \rightarrow p ::= q$  and  $q ::= \lambda$

# From FA to Type-3 grammar

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## 1 From FA $\rightarrow$ G3: Example

Given the FA described by the following table, calculate the right-linear G3 grammar that generates the language described by it. Verify that both languages are the same.

	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	A	C
B	A	C
*C	C	B

# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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## 2 From G3 $\rightarrow$ FA:

Given a right-linear G3,  $G = (\Sigma_T, \Sigma_N, S, P)$ , there is a FA,  $A$ , that fulfills:  $L(G3RL) = L(A)$

Process:

- $\Sigma = \Sigma_T$
- $Q = \Sigma_N \cup \{F\}$  , with  $F \notin \Sigma_N$
- $q_0 = S$
- $F = \{F\}$
- $f$ :
  - If  $A ::= aB$   $\rightarrow$   $f(A, a) = B$
  - If  $A ::= a$   $\rightarrow$   $f(A, a) = F$
  - If  $S ::= \lambda$   $\rightarrow$   $f(S, \lambda) = F$

# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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## 2 From $G_3 \rightarrow FA$ : Example

Given the following right-linear  $G_3$  right-linear grammar, calculate the equivalent FA.

$G = (\{d,c\}, \{A,S,T\}, A, \{A ::= cS, S ::= d/cS/dT, T ::= dT/d\})$



# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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- ▼ We have seen the procedure to obtain a FA that accepts the language described by a G3 left-linear grammar, however, this procedure does not always lead to an DFA, typically:

$$G3 \rightarrow \text{NFA} \rightarrow \text{DFA}$$

- ▼ **Exercise 1:** Given the left-linear grammar:  $G = (\{0,1\}, \{S,U\}, S, \{S ::= U0, U ::= U0 \mid S1 \mid 0\})$  Calculate the corresponding DFA.
- ▼ **Exercise 2:** Given the left-linear grammar:  $G = (\{0,1\}, \{S,U\}, S, \{S ::= U0 / \lambda, U ::= U0 \mid S1 \mid 0\})$  Calculate the corresponding DFA.

# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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Given the left-regular grammar G3:  $G = (\Sigma_T, \Sigma_N, S, P)$

From it, we build the FA:  $A = (\Sigma_T, \underbrace{\Sigma_N \cup \{p, q\}}_Q, f, p, \{S\})$

where:  $p, q \notin \Sigma_T$  and/or  $\Sigma_N$

$f$  is defined by:

$$1) f(U, t) = V \text{ if } V ::= U t \in P$$

$$2) f(p, t) = V \text{ if } V ::= t \in P$$

$$3) f(U, t) = q \quad \forall t \in \Sigma_T / V ::= U t \notin P$$

$$4) f(p, t) = q \quad \forall t \in \Sigma_T / V ::= t \notin P$$

$$5) f(q, t) = q \quad \forall t \in \Sigma_T$$

# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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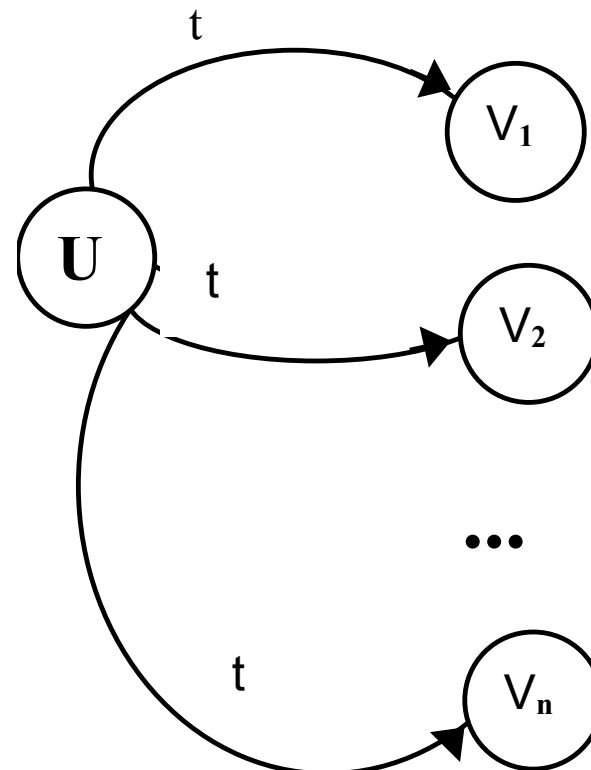
- ▼ This definition does not ensure a deterministic FA since it is possible:

$V_1 ::= Ut$

$V_2 ::= Ut$

...

$V_3 ::= Ut$



# From Type-3 grammar to FA

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Given the G3 left-linear grammar:

$G = (\{0,1\}, \{S,U,V\}, S, P)$

Where  $P = \{S ::= U0 / V1$

$U ::= S1 / 1$

$V ::= S0 / 0\}$

Calculate the minimum DFA that recognizes the language generated by G.

**Steps:** 1) Calculate the FA (Determinist in this case)

2) Minimize it.

3) Calculate  $L(G)$  and  $L(FA)$  and verify that they are the same.

4) Repeat the exercise by removing the induced axiom.

# Additional Issues

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And if we want the FA from a right-linear G3?

**G3 left-linear  $\rightarrow$  G3 right-linear  $\rightarrow$  FA**

And if we want to obtain a left-linear G3 from a FA?

**FA  $\rightarrow$  G3 right-linear  $\rightarrow$  G3 left-linear**