

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation  
Finite Automata



Lecture No. 2



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# TOPICS TO BE COVERED

01 Basics

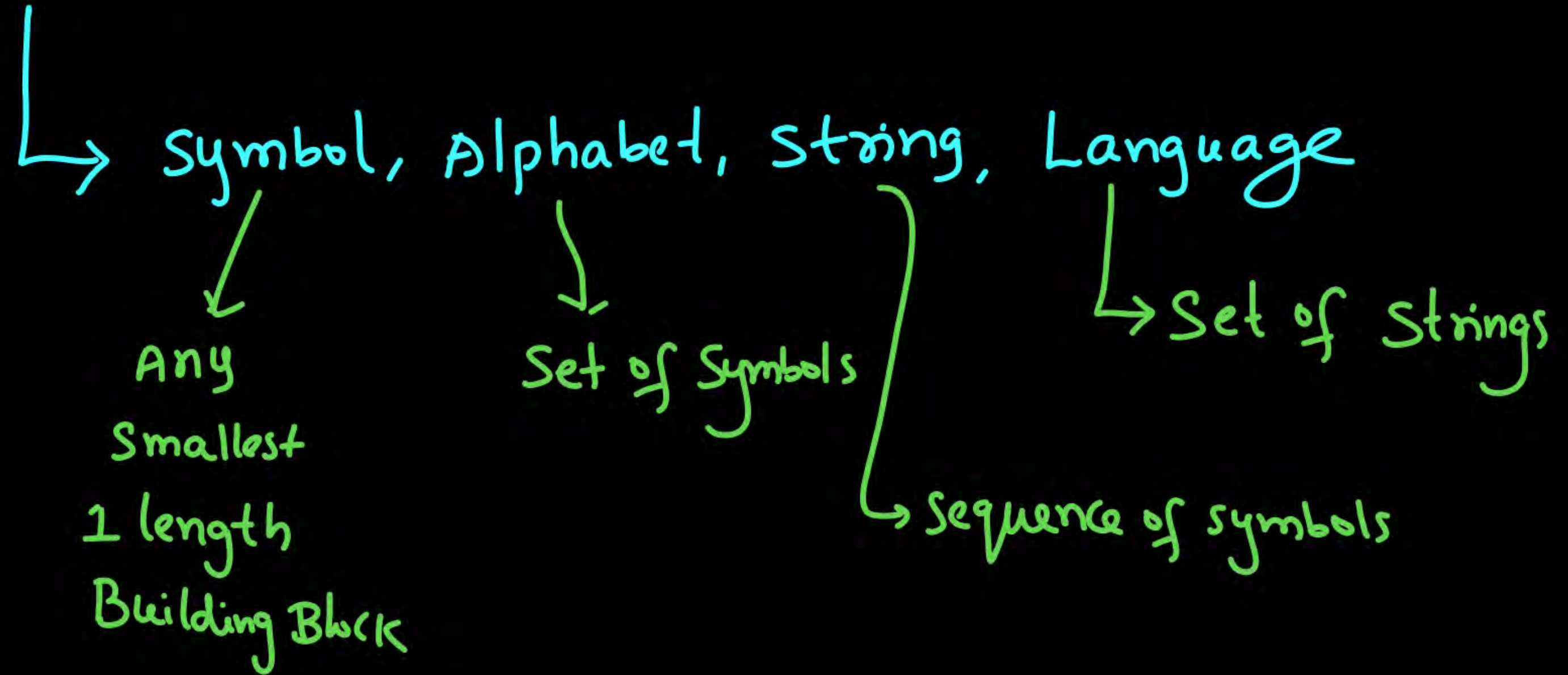
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# Basics :



- Operations on Strings
- Chomsky Hierarchy
- Relations on Languages, Grammars, & Automata



# operations on strings:

① Reversal <sup>(unary)</sup>

$$w = abc$$

$$w^R = cba$$

$$|w| = |w^R|$$

② Concatenation <sup>(Binary)</sup>

$$w_1 = ab$$

$$w_2 = bc$$

$$w_1 \cdot w_2 = abbc$$

$$w_2 \cdot w_1 = bcab$$

$$|w_1 w_2| = |w_2 w_1|$$

③ prefix

④ Suffix

⑤ Substring

Unary operations



# Prefix

Start is fixed  
 $w = \overrightarrow{abcd}$   
 end anywhere

Prefixes of  $w$ :

$\epsilon$   
 $a$   
 $ab$   
 $abc$   
 $abcd$

# Suffix

end is fixed  
 $w = \overrightarrow{abcd}$   
 Begin anywhere

Suffixes of  $w$ :

$\epsilon$   
 $d$   
 $cd$   
 $bcd$   
 $abcd$

# Substring

$w = \overrightarrow{abcd}$   
 end anywhere

Start anywhere,  
 Substrings of  $w$ :

$\boxed{\epsilon}$   
 $4 \leftarrow \begin{cases} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{cases}$   
 $3 \leftarrow \begin{cases} ab \\ bc \\ cd \end{cases}$   
 $\begin{matrix} abc \\ bcd \end{matrix} \rightarrow 2$   
 $abcd \rightarrow 1$   
 $\sum n + 1$   
 $\boxed{1+2+3+4} + 1$



Prefix ( $w$ )

Suffix ( $w$ )

Substring ( $w$ )

$$= \{ u \mid uv = w \}$$

$$= \{ v \mid uv = w \}$$

$$\{ y \mid xy = w \}$$

$$w = abcd$$

Beginning  
sequence of  $w$   
 $w = abcd$

$\epsilon \cdot abcd = w$   
 $a \cdot bcd = w$   
 $ab \cdot cd = w$   
 $abc \cdot d = w$

Ending sequence  
of  $w$

part of  
string

$\epsilon$	$\epsilon$	$abcd = w$
$\epsilon$	$a$	$bcd = w$
$a$	$b$	$cd = w$
$ab$	$c$	$d = w$
$abc$	$d$	$\epsilon$
$\epsilon$	$ab$	$cd$
	$bc$	
	$d$	
	$\epsilon$	



$w = aaaa$

$\Rightarrow$  prefixes of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, aaaa}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  suffixes of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, aaaa}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  substrings of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, aaaa}$

lengths: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4  
Five different lengths

$w = abcd$

$\Rightarrow$  prefixes of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, a, ab, abc, abcd}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  suffixes of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, d, cd, bcd, abcd}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  substrings of  $w = \boxed{\epsilon, a, b, c, d, ab, bc, cd, abc, bcd, abcd}$



I) How many prefixes for  $n$ -length string?  
 $= n+1$

II) How many suffixes for  $n$ -length string?  
 $= n+1$

III) How many substrings for  $n$ -length string? max

$$\overset{\text{min}}{\boxed{n+1}} \leq \text{No. of substrings} \leq \boxed{\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1}$$

If all symbols  
are same

If all symbols in  
the string are distinct



IV) How many different length prefixes for  $n$ -length string?  
 $= n+1$

V) How many different length suffixes for  $n$ -length string?  
 $= n+1$

<sup>\*</sup><sup>\*</sup><sup>\*</sup>VI) How many different length substrings for  $n$ -length string?  
 $= n+1$



Chomsky Hierarchy:  $T-3 < T-2 < T-1 < T-0$

Type-0 class

Type-1 class

Type-2 class

Type-3 class

No memory required

Stack required

Bounded tape

No restriction

Type-3 class

↕  
Set of all  
regular languages

Finite Automata  
(FA)  
(FSM)  
(FM)

Type-2 class

↕  
Set of all  
context free  
languages

Push Down Automata  
(PDA)

Type-1 class

↕  
Set of all  
context sensitive  
languages

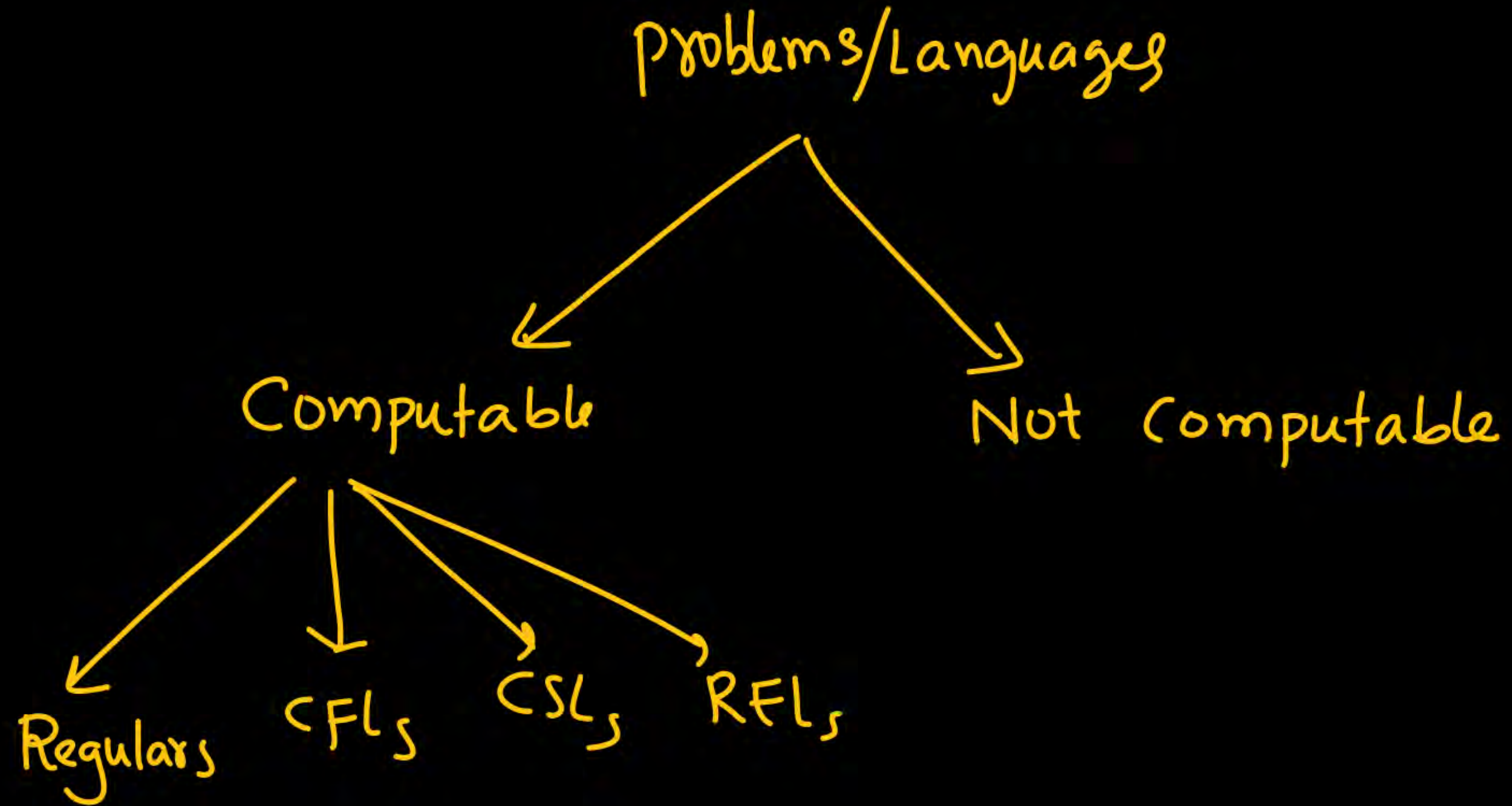
Linear Bound Automata  
(LBA)

Type-0 class

↕  
Set of all  
Recursively  
Enumerable  
languages

Turing Machine  
(TM)





Language

↳ set of strings

Automata  
(machine)

↳ set of states  
&  
transitions

Grammar

↳ set of rules

Regular Language  $\longleftrightarrow$  FA  $\longleftrightarrow$  Regular Grammar

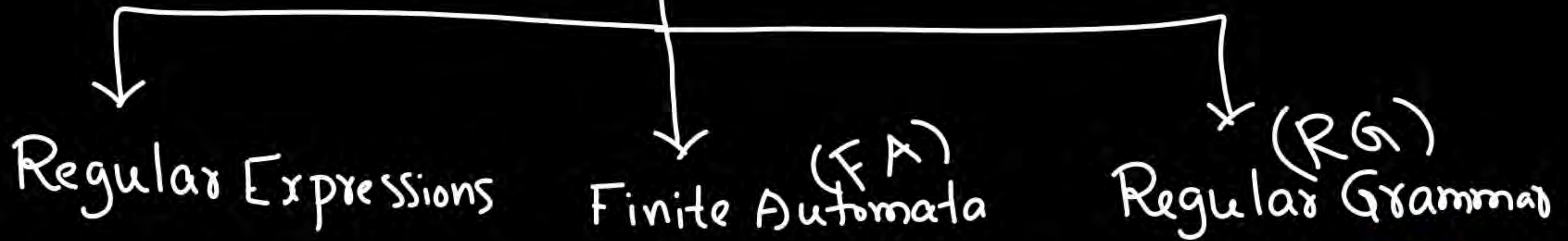
CFL  $\longleftrightarrow$  PDA  $\longleftrightarrow$  CFG

CSL  $\longleftrightarrow$  LBA  $\longleftrightarrow$  CSG

REL  $\longleftrightarrow$  TM  $\longleftrightarrow$  UG (REG)  
Unrestricted Grammar



# Regular Languages



What is the language represented by Regular Expression?

"	"	"	"	by FA	?
"	"	"	"	by RG	?

⇒ Reg Lang.



problems



Languages (sets)



How to solve ?

How to check prime?

prime set



m/c  
Grammar



# Regular Expression :

- It represents a regular language.  
(describes)  
(generates)
- It uses 4 operators

Binary	→ I)	OR (+)
	→ II)	Concatenation (.)
Unary	→ III)	Kleene star [Kleene closure] (*)
	→ IV)	Kleene plus [positive closure] (+)

OR

$+$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $|$

Binary

$R_1 + R_2$

$R_1 \cup R_2$

$R_1 | R_2$

Concatenation

$\cdot$

Binary

$R_1 \cdot R_2$

$R_1 R_2$

Kleene star

$*$

Unary

$R^*$

Kleene plus

$+$

Unary

$R^+$



OR

$$R_1 + R_2$$

Either  $R_1$  or  $R_2$

$$\underbrace{a + b}$$



$$\{a, b\}$$

~~a~~ ~~b~~ ~~a~~

Concatenation

$$R_1 \cdot R_2$$

$R_1$  followed by  $R_2$

$$\underline{a \cdot b}$$



$$\{ab\}$$

~~a~~, ~~b~~, ~~a~~, ~~b~~

Kleene star

$$R^*$$

Zero or more occurrences of  $R$

$$a^* = a^{\geq 0}$$



$$\{a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots\}$$

$$\{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

Kleene plus

$$R^+$$

One or more

occurrences of  $R$

$$a^+ = a^{\geq 1}$$



$$\{a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$L(a+\epsilon) = \{\epsilon, a\} = \{a, \epsilon\}$$

$$L(a+ab) = \{a, ab\} = \{ab, a\}$$

$$L(a+b) = \{a, b\}$$

$$L(\underbrace{\phi}_{\text{empty expression}}) = \{\} = \underbrace{\phi}_{\text{empty set}}$$



$$L(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\}$$

$\downarrow$  non-empty expression  
 $\swarrow$  non empty set

$$L(\phi) = \{\}$$

$$L(a) = \{a\}$$

$$L(a+\varepsilon) = \{a, \varepsilon\}$$

$$L(a.ab) = \{ \underline{a}ab \}$$

one string

$$L(a.\epsilon) = \{ a \}$$

$$\epsilon.\epsilon = \epsilon$$

$$a.\epsilon = a$$

$$\epsilon.a = a$$

$$\phi.\phi = \phi$$

$$a.\phi = \phi$$

$$\underbrace{a}_{\text{one symbol}}.\underbrace{\epsilon}_{\text{zero symbols}} = a$$



Why  $\epsilon$  is important?



OR :

$$1) \varepsilon + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

$$2) \phi + \phi = \phi$$

$$3) a + a = a$$

$$***4) \varepsilon + a = \left. \varepsilon + a = a + \varepsilon \right\}$$

$$***5) a + \varepsilon =$$

$$6) \varepsilon + \phi = \varepsilon$$

$$7) \phi + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

$$8) a + \phi = a$$

$$9) \phi + a = a$$



$R, \text{Exp}$	$\equiv$	Set
$\epsilon$	$\equiv$	$\{\epsilon\}$
$\phi$	$\equiv$	$\{\} = \phi$
$a$	$\equiv$	$\{a\}$
$R_1 + R_2$	$\equiv$	$L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$
$R_1 \cdot R_2$	$\equiv$	$L(R_1) \cdot L(R_2)$

$$a + \varepsilon = a + \varepsilon$$

$$a \cdot \varepsilon = a$$

Either  $a$  or  $\varepsilon$

$$|a| = 1$$

$$|\varepsilon| = 0$$

$$L(a + \varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon, a\}$$

$$a + \varepsilon \neq a$$



## Concatenation:

$$1) \epsilon \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon$$

$$2) \phi \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$3) a \cdot a = aa = a^2$$

$$4) \epsilon \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$5) \phi \cdot \epsilon = \phi$$

$$6) a \cdot \epsilon = a$$

$$7) \epsilon \cdot a = a$$

$$8) \phi \cdot a = \phi$$

$$9) a \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\phi \cdot R = \phi$$

$$R \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$R \cdot \epsilon = R$$

$$\epsilon \cdot R = R$$

TOC:

$$a \cdot \epsilon = a$$

maths/toc

$$\{a\} \cdot \{\epsilon\} = \{a\}$$



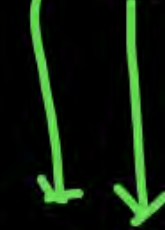
a



$\epsilon$



$$= a \epsilon = a$$





$\epsilon$

= empty string

there is no symbol  
in sequence

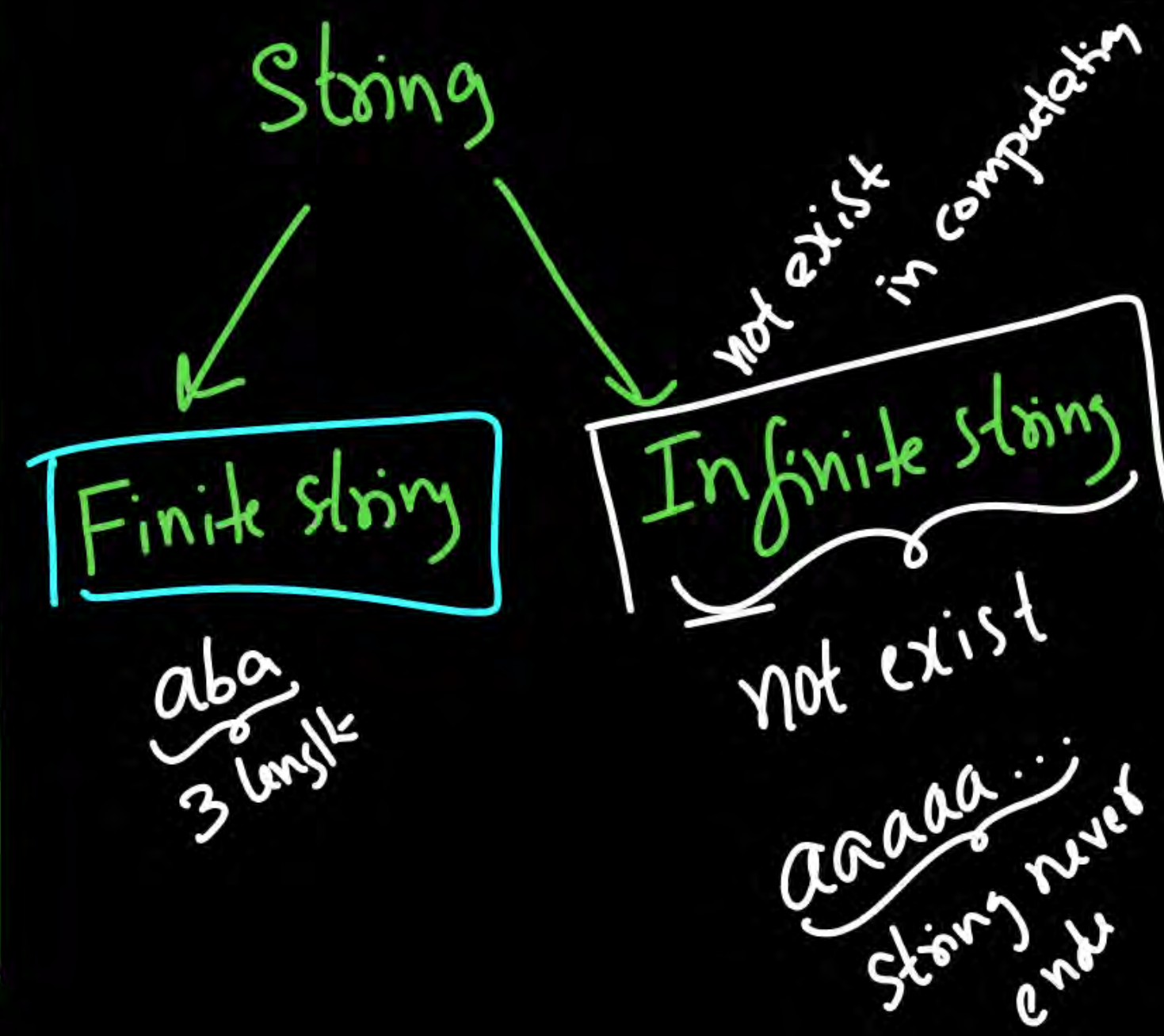
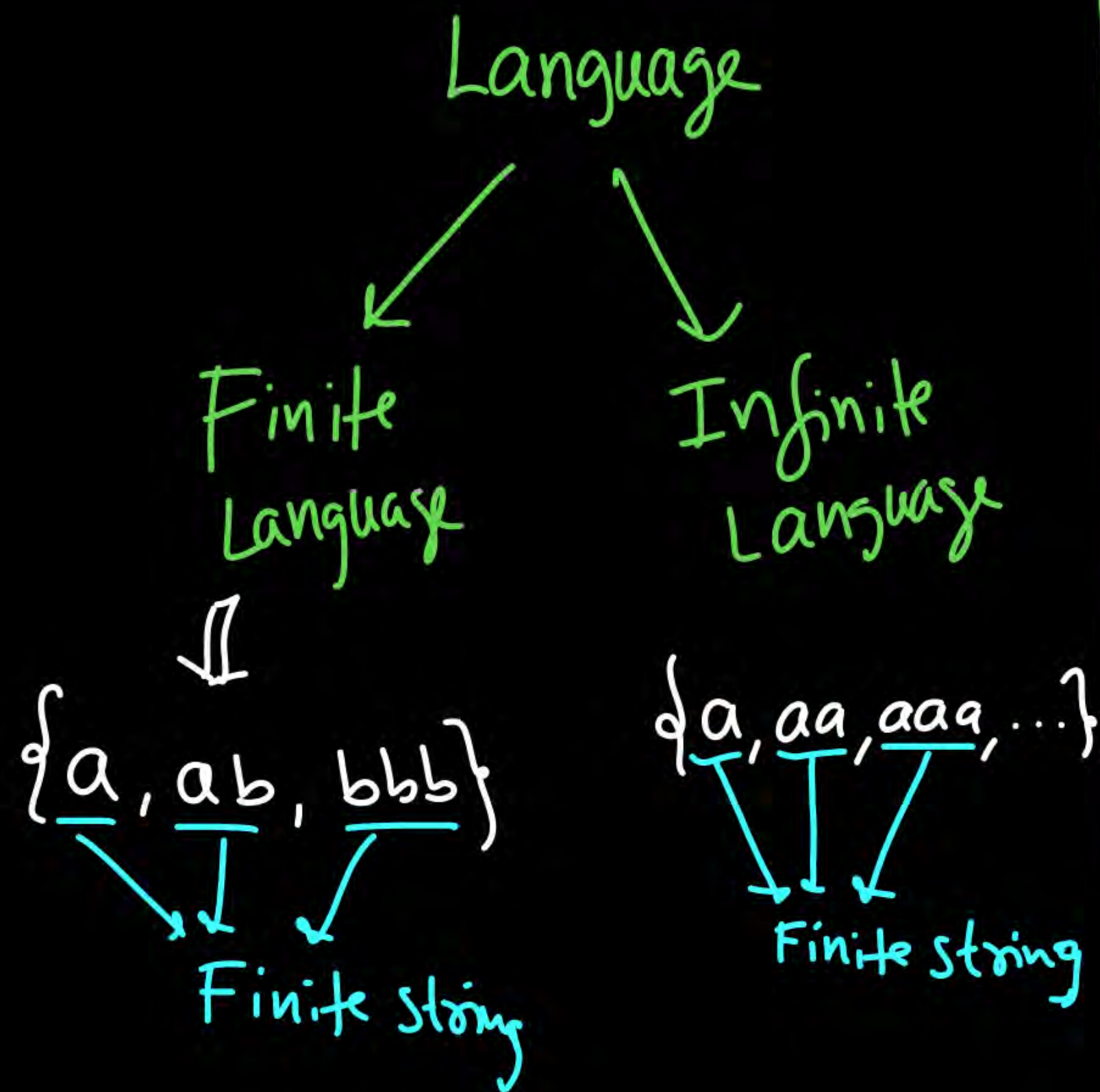
$$abaaa \neq a^4b$$

$$a^4b = aaaa.b$$

$$ab \neq ba$$

$$aa = a^2$$





PW

$$(a+ab) (\epsilon + aaa + b)$$

$$\{\underline{a}, ab\} \cdot \{\epsilon, aaa, b\} = \{a, ab, abb, a^4, abaaa\}$$

$$a \cdot \epsilon \longrightarrow a$$

$$a \cdot aaa \longrightarrow aaaaa = a^4$$

$$a \cdot b \longrightarrow ab$$

$$ab \cdot \epsilon \longrightarrow ab$$

$$ab \cdot aaa \longrightarrow abaaa$$

$$ab \cdot b \longrightarrow abbb$$



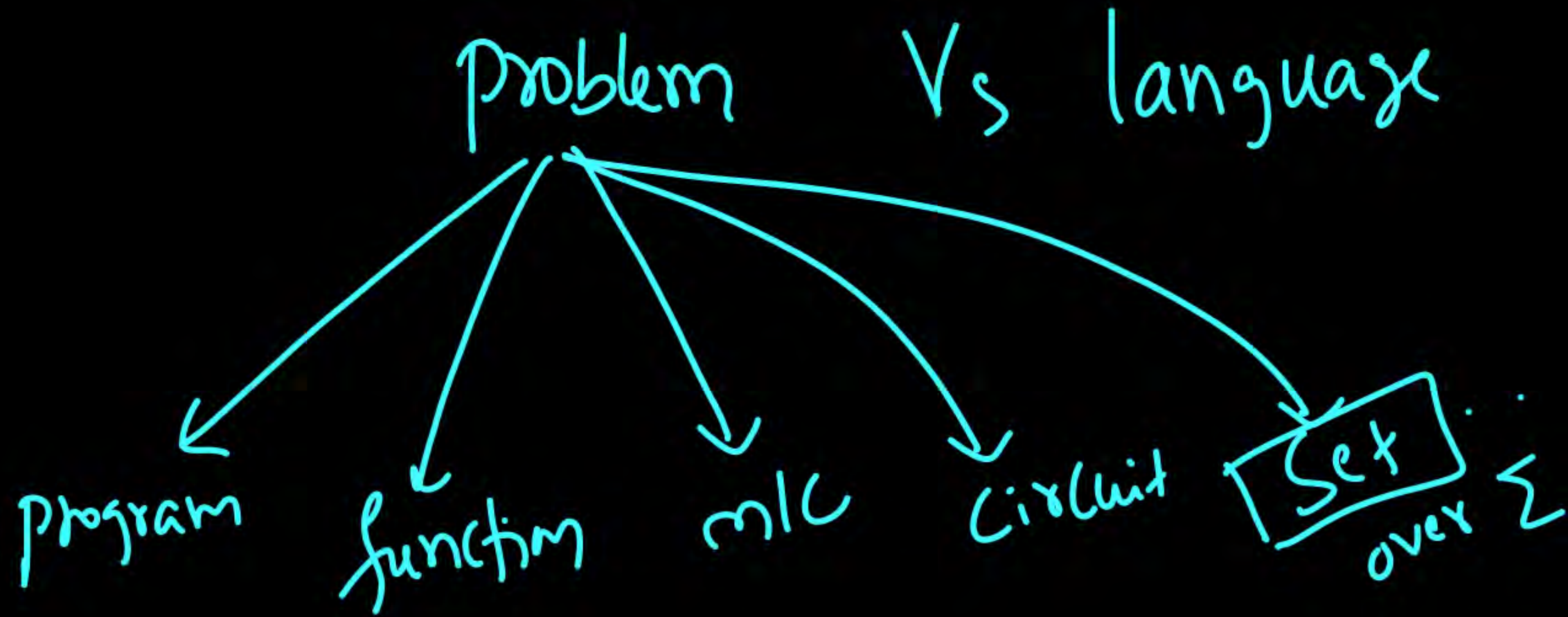
$$abaaa = abaa^3 \neq (aba)^3$$

$$abab = (ab)^2 = (ab) \cdot (ab)$$

$$\underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{a} = (ab)^3 \cdot a$$

$$aaaaa = a^5$$

$$(aba)^3 = \underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{a} \underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{a} \underline{a} \underline{b} \underline{a}$$

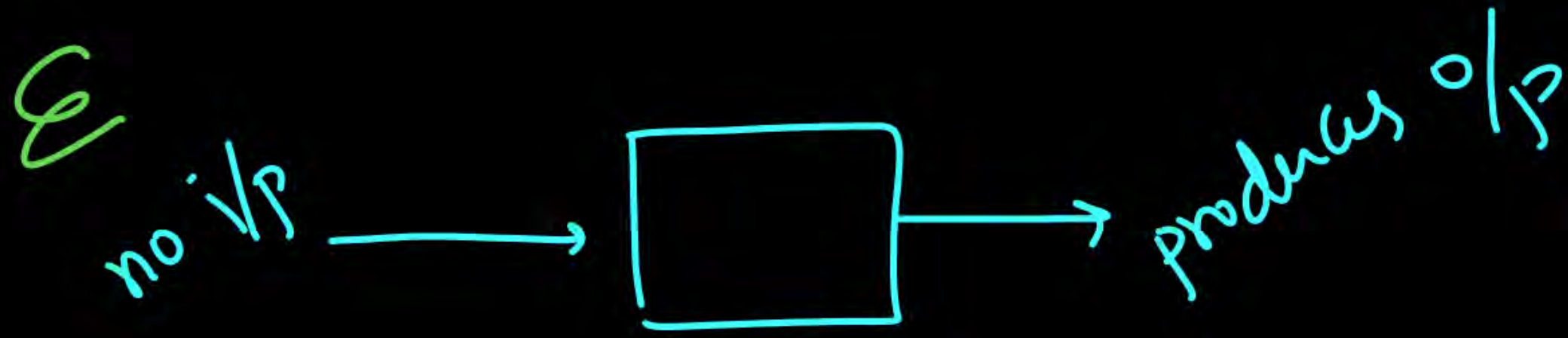




prime set  $\Rightarrow$  mks:  $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$

POC:  $\{a^2, a^3, a^5, a^7, a^{11}, \dots\}$

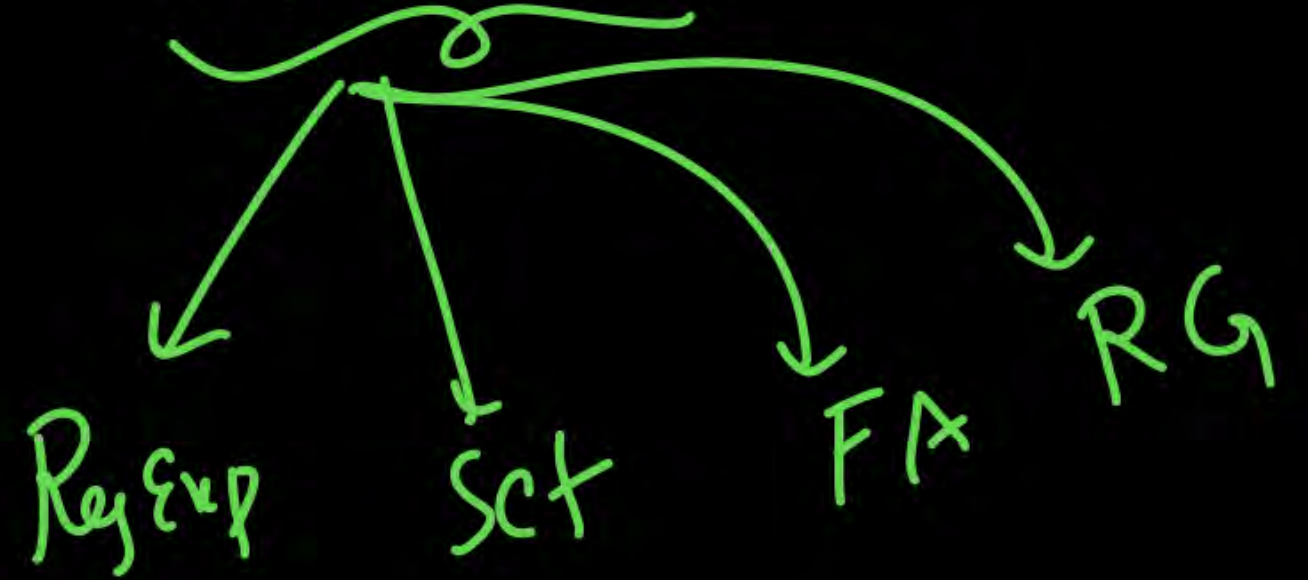
$= \{a^{\text{prime}}\}$





Reg Exp  $\cong$

Reg lang



$$\varepsilon \cdot a = a$$

$$\boxed{\{\varepsilon\} \cdot \{a\} = \{\varepsilon \cdot a\} = \{a\}}$$

$$\phi \cdot a \neq a$$

$$\boxed{\{\} \cdot \{a\} = \{\}}$$

there is no string

→ Basics ✓

$\rightarrow \text{Reg Exp} \rightarrow$

✓  
✓

\* } boundary  $\Rightarrow$  next +



String

Symbol . Symbol . Symbol

$a . a . b \Rightarrow aab$

Sequence of symbols

$\{ \text{string}, \text{string} \}$

$\{ \epsilon, ab \}$

Set

