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4.13 Let $A = \{ \langle R, S \rangle \mid R \text{ \&S; } S \text{ are regular expressions and } L(R) \subseteq L(S) \}$. Show A is decidable

$$\begin{aligned} L(R) \subseteq L(S) & \text{ iff } \forall w \in L(R), w \in L(S) \\ & \text{ iff } \forall w \in L(R), w \in \overline{L(S)} \\ & \text{ iff } L(R) \cap \overline{L(S)} = \emptyset \end{aligned}$$

Need DFA D st.

$$L(D) = L(R) \cap \overline{L(S)}$$

This can be constructed by converting the regular expression to NFA (Thm 1.54)

The closure of regular languages is true under complement and intersection.

Then convert NFA to DFA D

We can use Thm 4.4 to test if $L(D)$ is empty

Thm 4.4 = For DFA (B) , $L(B)$ denote language of B

$$E_{DFA} = \{ \langle B \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA and } L(B) = \emptyset \}$$

is decidable

We can design Turing machine $TM X$ that decides A

Input: $\langle R, S \rangle$ when R, S are reg expressions

1. Construct DFA D as described

2. Run TM T to use Thm 4.4 on input $\langle D \rangle$

3. if T accepts, ACCEPT. Otherwise, REJECT