

1. $S \subset T \Rightarrow S^* \subset T^*$, direct proof.

By definition, $S \subset T$ means every element of S is also in T but S and T are not equal.

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As every element in S is also in T , S^* can be built from T as S^* is built by concatenating words from S and all words from S are contained in T .

As S^* can be formed by concatenating some words from T (the words that are contained in both S and T) including the empty string. And, T^* can be formed by concatenating all words from T including the empty string therefore every element of S^* is also in T^* and $S^* \subset T^*$. To clarify S^* and T^* are not equal as there exists a word in T that is not in S and that word can be concatenated to a word from S^* to form a word that is not in S^* .

2. a) Λ plus all sequences of aaa 's and bbb 's.

b) $S = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$

3. $\{aa, ab, ba, bb, bba, bab, bbb\}$ and bbb are in 3MULT.

2. If x and y are in 3MULT, x concatenated with y is in 3MULT.

b) 1. Λ , a and b are in NOTBB.

2. If x is in NOTBB, and if x ends with a , xa or xb are in NOTBB. If x is in NOTBB and if x ends with b , xa is in NOTBB. If x is Λ , a or b are in NOTBB.

Note xa : means x concatenated with a in the order x then a .

xb : means x concatenated with b in the order x then b .

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4. a) $(a+b)^*(aa+bb+ba)^+ \Lambda$

b) $b^+ (a(aa)^* b^+)^*$

5. a) The pairs $(ba)^+ b$ and $b(ab)^+$ are equivalent as they both define only all words that have at least 1 b, have an odd number of letters, start and end with b, and don't have any double letters (i.e. don't have any double a's or double b's).

b) The pairs $(aa^+bb^+)^*$ and $\Lambda + a(aa+b)^+ b$ are equivalent as they both define only ^{plus} words that start with an a, end with a b, and have any combination of Λ , a's, and b's in between.

6. a) $babb, abb$

b) a, aa

7. a) Assumption: $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

All words that start and end with the same letter.

b) All words that end with / are b or baaa.