

## Lecture 22

April 2nd

### REGULAR EXPRESSION

Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet

The set of regular expression  $R$  over  $\Sigma$  is defined by  $\epsilon \in R$

Each symbol from  $\Sigma$  is in  $R$

If  $R, S \in R$ , then so are  $R^*$ ,  $RS$ , and  $R+S$

E.g. with  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$R = \{\epsilon, a, b, \epsilon^*, a\epsilon, b\epsilon, (a\epsilon + (b+a)^*)^*, \dots\}$$

For each  $R \in R$  there is a language called  $L(R)$

$L: R \rightarrow \text{Language over } \Sigma$

It's defined by:  $L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$

For each  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $L(a) = \{a\}$

If  $R, S \in R$ ,  $L(R+S) = L(R) \cup L(S)$

$L(RS) = \{s_1 s_2 \mid s_1 \in L(R), s_2 \in L(S)\}$

If  $L(RS) = L(R) \cdot L(S)$

$L(R^*) = L(R)^*$

$L((a\epsilon + (b+a)^*)^*) = L((a\epsilon + (b+a)^*)^*)^*$

$$= (L(a\epsilon + (b+a)^*)^*)^*$$

$$= (L(a\epsilon) \cup L(b+a)^*)^*$$

$$= [(L(a) \cdot L(\epsilon) \cup (L(a) \cup L(b)))]^*$$

$$= (\{a\} \cdot \{\epsilon\} \cup \{a\} \cup \{b\})^*$$

$$= (\{a\} \cup \{b\})^*$$

$$= \{a, b\}^* = \Sigma^*$$

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

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

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

Even # of  $a$ 's. over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$L((aa)^*) = \{\epsilon, aa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

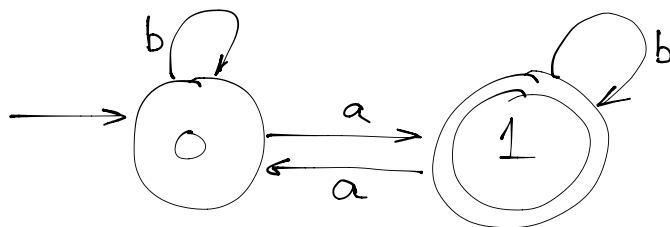
$$L((aa)^* b^*) = \{\epsilon, aa\epsilon a, aabbb, \dots\}$$

$$b^* (ab^* ab^*)^* \\ ababbbaa$$

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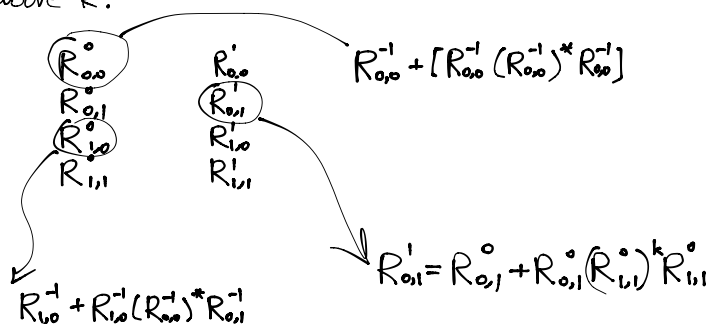
Start and end with different symbols over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$$[a(a+b)^* b] \\ + [b(a+b)^* a]$$



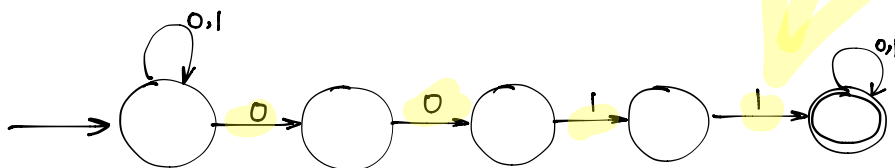
$R_{i,j}^k$ : Regular expression for strings that if we start in state  $i$  we need up in state  $j$ , without going through intermediate states above  $k$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R_{0,0}^{-1} &= \epsilon + b \\ R_{0,1}^{-1} &= a \\ R_{1,0}^{-1} &= \\ R_{1,1}^{-1} &= \end{aligned}$$



Tutorial:  $L = \{\text{strings w/ 0s \& 1s with 0011 substrings}\}$   
NFA with only 4 transmissions

$L = \{\text{strings of 0s \& 1s with more 0s than 1s}\}$   
prove not regular



Assume  $S = 0^n$

Assume  $T = 0^m 1^m, m < n$

$S' = S + 1^m$

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then  $T'$  has less 0 than 1's

then  $S'$  has more 0 than 1's

So  $S'$  is accepted

Are there non-regular languages  $L_1, L_2$  s.t.  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is regular?

YES

Let  $L_1 = \{ \text{more 0s than 1s} \}$

$L_2 = \{ \text{more 1s than 0s} \}$

$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{ \}$  empty set which is regular.