

Math 239 - Lecture #12

Binstr: ① $\{0\}^* \{00\}^*$ • All binstrs of just 0 of odd length
 Examples i.e. $\{0, 000, 00000, \dots\}$

② $\{0, 111\}^*$ • Blocks of 1's that are multiples of 3, separated by 0's. e.g. 00111111111000111011111

③ $\{0\}^* (\{1\}^* \{0\}^*)^*$ • 1 followed by any numbers of zero with any amount of 0's as binstr head.

e.g. $\frac{000}{\{0\}^*} \frac{110111000100}{(\{1\}^* \{0\}^*)^*}$

- Break the binstr before each 1.

This is a decomposition of strings.

Generating Series of Binstr

- S = set of strings of certain properties.
- Weight of a string is its length.
- # of strings in S of length n is $[x^n] \Phi_S(x)$

Assuming that the concatenation works like the cartesian product.

Example: $A = \{1, 11\}$ $B = \{00, 000\}$
 $\Phi_A(x) = x + x^2$, $\Phi_B(x) = x^2 + x^3$

$w(ab) = w(a) + w(b)$. (since $\text{length}(ab) = \text{length}(a) + \text{length}(b)$)

$$\Phi_{AB}(x) = \Phi_A \cdot \Phi_B = (x + x^2) \cdot (x^2 + x^3) = \underline{x^3 + 2x^4 + x^5}$$

Verify: $AB = \{100, 1000, 1100, 11000\}$
 $\overset{\downarrow}{x^3} \quad \overset{\downarrow}{x^4} \quad \overset{\downarrow}{x^4} \quad \overset{\downarrow}{x^5} = x^3 + 2x^4 + x^5$

It works!

Example:

$$\{0,1\}^* = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} \{0,1\}^k, \quad \Phi_{\{0,1\}^*}(x) = (\Phi_{\{0,1\}}(x))^k \\ = (2x)^k \quad \text{since "0" has length 1, "1" has length 1.} \\ \Phi_{\{0,1\}^*}(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \Phi_{\{0,1\}^k}(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (2x)^k = \frac{1}{1-2x}$$

Ambiguity:
of Strings

Compare $A \times B$ with AB (Previous Example)

$$A \times B = \{(1,00), (1,000), (11,00), (11,000)\}$$

$$AB = \{100, 1000, 1100, 11000\}$$

We have a mapping!

$$f: A \times B \rightarrow AB \quad \text{by } f(a,b) = ab$$

Thus, f is a bijection in this example.

This might not be true in all cases!

Example:

$$A = \{010, 01\}, \quad B = \{01, 001\}$$

$$A \times B = \{(010,01), (010,001), (01,01), (01,001)\}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ AB = \{01001, 010001, 0101\}$$

No longer a bijection! when brackets and commas are removed, $(010,01) = (01,001)$

$$\therefore \Phi_{A \times B}(x) \neq \Phi_{AB}(x)$$

Definition:

An expression for strings is ambiguous if there is a string that can be generated more than once. Otherwise, it is unambiguous.

AB is ambiguous if there are $a_1, a_2 \in A$, $b_1, b_2 \in B$, where $a_1 \neq a_2$ and $b_1 \neq b_2$, but $a_1 b_1 = a_2 b_2$

$A \cup B$ is ambiguous if $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

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Defn:

Sum and Product lemma for strings:

• Let A, B be sets of strings

① If $A \cap B = \emptyset$, then $\Phi_{A \cup B}(x) = \Phi_A(x) + \Phi_B(x)$

② If AB is unambiguous, then $\Phi_{AB}(x) = \Phi_A(x) \Phi_B(x)$

③ If A^* is unambiguous, then $\Phi_{A^*}(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \Phi_A(x)}$

Proofs:

① Sum lemma (simple)

② If AB is unambiguous, then $f: A \times B \rightarrow AB$ where $f(a, b) = ab$ is a bijection. Then

$$w(a, b) = w(ab).$$

$$\text{So } \Phi_{AB}(x) = \sum_{(a,b) \in A \times B} x^{w(a,b)} = \sum_{ab \in AB} x^{w(ab)} = \Phi_{AB}(x)$$

③ Using ① and ②,

$$\Phi_{A^*}(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \Phi_{A^k}(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (\Phi_A(x))^k = \frac{1}{1 - \Phi_A(x)}$$

Geo series \rightarrow

• We also need to make sure the constant term is 0.

• The only string that can give a non-zero constant term is the empty string, ϵ .If $\epsilon \in A$, then A^* is ambiguous! ($\epsilon + 010 = 010$!!)Thus, $\epsilon \notin A$, so we're safe with our geometric series.