

# Homework #2

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## 1 Number 1: Exercise 3.4.1

1. Verify that  $R + S = S + R \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$L(R + S) = L(R) \cup L(S) = \{x | x \in L(R) \oplus x \in L(S)\} \quad (1)$$

$$L(S + R) = L(S) \cup L(R) = \{x | x \in L(S) \oplus x \in L(R)\} \quad (2)$$

2. Verify that  $(R + S) + T = R + (S + T) \ni R, S, T$  are regular expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} (R + S) + T &= (L(R) \cup L(S)) \cup L(T) = L(R) \cup L(S) \cup L(T) \\ &= R + (S + T) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

3. Verify that  $(RS)T = R(ST) \ni R, S, T$  are regular expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} (RS)T &= (L(R)L(S))L(T) = L(R)L(S)L(T) \\ &= \{xyz | x \in L(R); y \in L(S); z \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(ST) &= L(R)(L(S)L(T)) = L(R)L(S)L(T) \\ &= \{xyz | x \in L(R); y \in L(S); z \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

4. Verify that  $R(S + T) = RS + RT \ni R, S, T$  are regular expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} R(S + T) &= L(R)(L(S) \cup L(T)) \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \oplus y \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} RS + RT &= L(R)L(S) \cup L(R)L(T) \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R); y \in L(S)\} \cup \{xy | x \in L(R); y \in L(T)\} \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \oplus y \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

5. Verify that  $(R + S)T = RT + ST \ni R, S, T$  are regular expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} (R + S)T &= (L(R) \cup L(S))L(T) \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R) \oplus x \in L(S); y \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} RT + ST &= L(R)L(T) \cup L(S)L(T) \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R); y \in L(T)\} \cup \{xy | x \in L(S); y \in L(T)\} \\ &= \{xy | x \in L(R) \oplus x \in L(S); y \in L(T)\} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

6. Verify that  $(R^*)^* = R^* \ni R$  is a regular expression:

$$R^* = \cup_{i=0}^{\infty} R^i \ni R^n = \{x_1x_2x_3 \dots x_n | x_i \in L(R)\} \quad (10)$$

$$(R^*)^* = \cup_{i=0}^{\infty} (R^*)^i \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ni (R^*)^n &= \{x_1x_2x_3 \dots x_n | x_i \in R^*\} \\ &= \{y_1y_2y_3 \dots y_n | y_i \in L(R)\} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

7. Verify that  $(\epsilon + R)^* = R^* \ni R$  is a regular expression:

$$\begin{aligned} (\epsilon + R)^* &= (L(\epsilon) \cup L(R))^* \\ \ni (L(\epsilon) \cup L(R))^i &= \{x_1x_2x_3 \dots x_n | x_i \in L(R) \oplus x_i \in L(\epsilon)\} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \in (L(\epsilon) \cup L(R))^i &\exists x \in R^j \ni j = i - \text{count}_{\epsilon}(x) \\ \therefore R^* &\supseteq (L(\epsilon) \cup L(R))^* \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

8. Verify that  $(R^*S^*)^* = (R + S)^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$(R^*S^*)^* = \{x_1x_2x_3 \dots x_n | \dots\} \quad (15)$$

## 2 Number 2: Exercise 3.4.2

1. Prove or disprove that  $(R + S)^* = R^* + S^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$xy \ni x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \in (R + S)^* \quad (16)$$

$$xy \ni x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \notin R^* + S^* \quad (17)$$

2. Prove or disprove that  $(RS + R)^*R = R(SR + R)^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$(RS + R)^*R = R^+(SR^+)^* = R(SR + R)^* \quad (18)$$

3. Prove or disprove that  $(RS + R)^*RS = (RR^*S)^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$\epsilon \in (RR^*S)^* \quad (19)$$

$$\epsilon \notin (RS + R)^*RS \quad (20)$$

4. Prove or disprove that  $(R + S)^*S = (R^*S)^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$\epsilon \in (R^*S)^* \quad (21)$$

$$\epsilon \notin (R + S)^*S \quad (22)$$

5. Prove or disprove that  $S(RS + S)^*R = RR^*S(RR^*S)^* \ni R, S$  are regular expressions:

$$xy \ni x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \in RR^*S(RR^*S)^* \quad (23)$$

$$xy \ni x \in L(R); y \in L(S) \notin S(RS + S)^*R \quad (24)$$

### 3 Number 3: Exercise 4.1.1

1. Prove  $L = \{0^n1^n | n \geq 1\}$  is not regular using the pumping lemma.

Let  $M$  be a deterministic finite automaton:

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F) \quad (25)$$

$$|Q| = n \quad (26)$$

Let  $w$  be a string  $\ni w = 0^n1^n; n \geq 1$ .

$w \in L$  and  $|w| = 2n$  by definition.

Assume  $w$  is regular. Since  $|w| > n$ , by the pumping lemma:

$$\exists xyz = w \ni y \neq \epsilon \quad (27)$$

$$|xy| \leq n \quad (28)$$

$$w_k = xy^kz \in L; k \in \mathbb{N}; k \geq 0 \quad (29)$$

Since the first  $n$  characters are 0's and  $|xy| \leq n$  then:

$$x = 0^a; a \geq 0 \quad (30)$$

$$y = 0^b; b \geq 1 \quad (31)$$

$$z = 0^c 1^n; c \geq 0; \quad (32)$$

$$|w| = a + b + c + n = 2n \quad (33)$$

When  $w_0 = xy^0z = xz = 0^a 0^c 1^n$ ,  $|0^a 0^c| = a + c = n - b < n$  since  $b \geq 1$ .  
 $\therefore L$  cannot be regular since that  $w_0 \notin L$ .

2. Prove the language of any fully nested set of parenthesis is not regular.

Let  $w = ({}^n)^n$ .  $w \in L$  and  $|w| = 2n > n$ , so the pumping lemma holds.

Define a homomorphism  $h \ni$

$$h(( ) = 0 \quad (34)$$

$$h( ) = 1 \quad (35)$$

$h(w) = 0^n 1^n$  which has been shown to violate the pumping lemma,  $\therefore L$  is not regular.

3. Prove that  $\{0^n 10^n | n \geq 1\}$  is not regular.

This proof is very similar to the proof for  $\{0^n 1^n\}$  in that it centers around the fact that a dfa has no memory.

Pick  $w = 0^n 10^n$ . If  $L$  is regular then:

$$w = 0^a 0^b 0^c 10^n; a, c \geq 0; b \geq 1 \quad (36)$$

$$w_i = 0^a (0^b)^i 0^c 10^n \in L; a, c \geq 0; b \geq 1; i \geq 0 \quad (37)$$

$$a + b + c = n \quad (38)$$

This is a contradiction since the number of 0's in the first part of  $w_0$  will be:

$$a + c = n - b < n \quad (39)$$

$\therefore |w_0| \notin L$ , since the number of 0's in the second half is  $n$ .

4. Prove that  $\{0^n 1^m 2^n | n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not regular.

Define a homomorphism  $h \ni$

$$h(0) = 0 \quad (40)$$

$$h(1) = \epsilon \quad (41)$$

$$h(2) = 1 \quad (42)$$

$h(L) = \{0^n 1^n\}$  which is not regular  $\therefore L$  is not regular.

5. Prove that  $\{0^n 1^m | n \leq m\}$  is not regular.

$$\begin{aligned} L = \{0^n 1^m | n \leq m\} &= \{0^n 1^n 1^{m-n} | n \leq m\} \\ &= \{0^n 1^n\} \{1^k | k \geq 0\} = L_1 L_2 \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Since we know:

If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages then  $L_1 L_2$  is also a regular language.

By the contrapositive we know that if  $L_1 L_2$  is not a regular language then  $L_1$  or  $L_2$  is not a regular language. ...

6. Prove that  $\{0^n 1^{2n} | n \geq 1\}$  is not a regular language.

Define an inverse homomorphism  $h^{-1} \ni$

$$h^{-1}(0) = 0 \quad (44)$$

$$h^{-1}(11) = 1 \quad (45)$$

$h^{-1}(L) = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 1\}$ .  $h^{-1}(L)$  is not regular,  $\therefore L$  is not regular.

## 4 Number 4: Exercise 4.1.4

1. What breaks down on using the pumping lemma on  $\emptyset$ ?

$\nexists w \in L$

2. What breaks down on using the pumping lemma on  $\{00, 11\}$ ?

$|w| = 2 \forall w \in L$ . It is not possible to pick an arbitrary  $n$ .

3. What breaks down on using the pumping lemma on  $(00 + 11)^*$ ?

$L$  is represented by a regular expression which is, by definition, regular. Specifically,  $y$  could be **00** or **11** and  $y^k \in L$ .

4. What breaks down on using the pumping lemma on **01\*0\*1**?

$$x = \mathbf{01} \quad (46)$$

$$y = \mathbf{0} \quad (47)$$

$$z = \mathbf{1} \quad (48)$$

Satisfies the pumping lemma since:

$$w_i = xy^iz \in L; i \geq 0 \quad (49)$$