

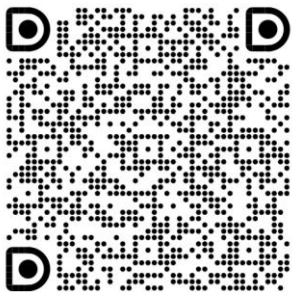


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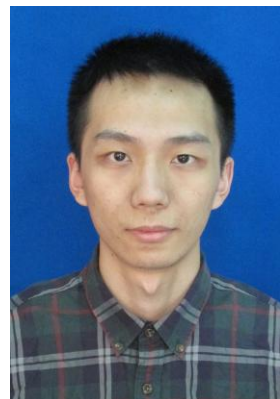
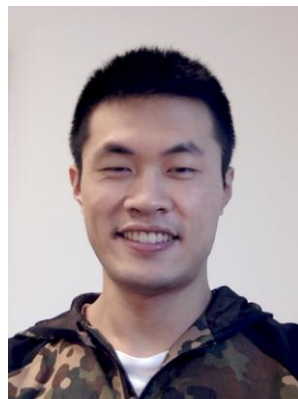
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**Regular Language and Finite Automata (CH2)**

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**Context-free Languages (CH3)**

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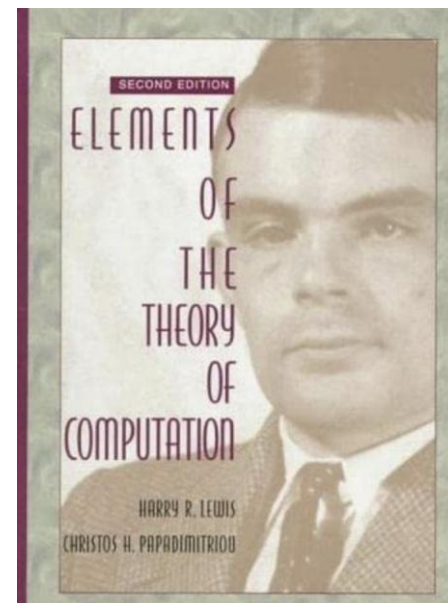
**Turing machine (CH4)**

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- Review





# Brief Review

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## 1.4 Finite and Infinite sets

- ☐ Equinumerous
- ☐ Countable and Uncountable Infinite

## 1.5 Three Fundamental Proof Techniques

- ☐ The Principle of Mathematical Induction
- ☐ The Pigeonhole Principle
- ☐ The Diagonalization Principle



# 计算理论

## 第1章 集合、关系、语言

## Ch1. Sets, Relations and Language



## 1.6 Closures

### Closures - Intuitive

#### Idea

Natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  are **closed** under  $+$ , i.e. for given two natural numbers  $n, m$  we always have that  $n + m \in \mathbb{N}$

Natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  are **not closed** under subtraction  $-$ , i.e. there are two natural numbers  $n, m$  such that  $n - m \notin \mathbb{N}$ , for example  $1, 2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $1 - 2 \notin \mathbb{N}$

Integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  are **closed** under  $-$ , moreover  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the **smallest** set containing  $\mathbb{N}$  and closed under subtraction  $-$

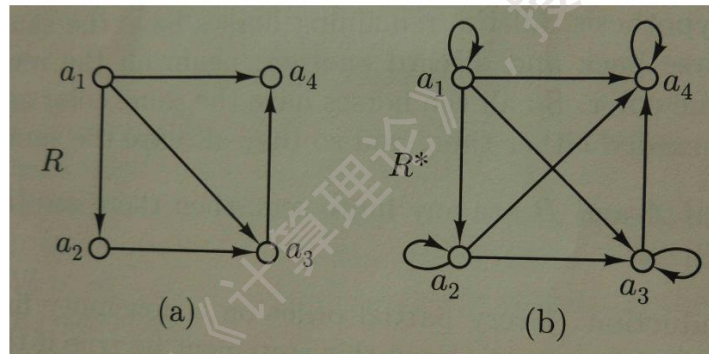
The set  $\mathbb{Z}$  is called a **closure** of  $\mathbb{N}$  under subtraction  $-$



# 1.6 Closures

## Closures - Intuitive

Consider the two directed graphs  $R$  (a) and  $R^*$  (b) as shown below



Observe that  $R^* = R \cup \{(a_i, a_i) : i = 1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{(a_2, a_4)\}$ ,  $R \subseteq R^*$  and  $R^*$  is reflexive and transitive whereas  $R$  is neither, moreover  $R^*$  is also the smallest set containing  $R$  that is reflexive and transitive

We call such relation  $R^*$  the reflexive, transitive closure of  $R$



## 1.6 Closures

### □ The Transitive Closure

the "smallest" relation that includes  $R$  and is transitive (usually called  $R^+$ )

More formally:

$R^+$  is a relation such that

- \*  $R \subseteq R^+$

- \*  $R^+$  is transitive

- \*  $\forall R', R \subseteq R'$  and  $R'$  is transitive,  $\Rightarrow R^+ \subseteq R'$



## 1.6 Closures

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### □ Closures of Relations

Given any binary relation  $R$ , one can form closures with respect to any combinations of the properties:

- reflexive
- symmetric
- transitive

#### Note:

Reflexive, transitive closure of  $R$  is usually denoted  $R^*$ .





## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

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Data are **encoded** in the computers' memory as **strings** of bits or other **symbols** appropriate for **manipulation**

The mathematical study of the **Theory of Computation** **begins** with understanding of mathematics of **manipulation** of strings of **symbols**

We first introduce two basic notions: **Alphabet** and **Language**



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

## □ Alphabet

### Definition

Any **finite** set is called an **alphabet**

Elements of the **alphabet** are called **symbols** of the alphabet

### Alphabet Notation

We use a symbol  $\Sigma$  to denote the **alphabet**

Is  $\emptyset$  an alphabet?



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

## □ Alphabet

**E1**  $\Sigma = \{\ddagger, \emptyset, \partial, \phi, \otimes, \vec{a}, \nabla\}$

**E2**  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

**E3**  $\Sigma = \{n \in N : n \leq 10^5\}$

**E4**  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  is called a **binary alphabet**



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

## □ Alphabet

A **finite sequence** of elements of a set  $A$

Let  $\Sigma$  be an **alphabet**

length

We call **finite** sequences of the alphabet  $\Sigma$  **words** or **strings** over  $\Sigma$

We denote by  $\epsilon$  the **empty word** over  $\Sigma$

Some books use symbol  $\lambda$  for the **empty word**



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

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Words over  $\Sigma$

**E5** Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

We will write some words (strings) over  $\Sigma$  in a **shorthand** notation as for example

*aaa, ab, bbb*



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

Words in  $\Sigma^*$

Let  $\Sigma$  be an **alphabet**. We denote by

$\Sigma^*$

the set of **all finite** sequences over  $\Sigma$

Elements of  $\Sigma^*$  are called **words** over  $\Sigma$

We write  $w \in \Sigma^*$  to express that  $w$  is a **word** over  $\Sigma$

Is  $\emptyset = \Sigma^*$ ?



# 1.7 Alphabet and Language

## □ Operations of Strings:

words are also named as strings

- **Concatenation:**  $x \circ y$  or  $xy$

Substring, suffix, prefix

**Example:**  $\forall w, we = ew = w$

- **String exponentiation**

$w^0 = e$ , the empty string

$w^{i+1} = w^i \circ w$ , for each  $i \geq 0$

—definition by induction

- **Reversal**

If  $w$  is a string of length 0, then  $w^R = w = e$ .

IF  $w$  is a string of length  $n + 1 > 0$ , then  $w = ua$  for some  $a \in \Sigma$ , and  $w^R = au^R$ .



## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

□ **Language:** set of strings

- $\Sigma$ -alphabet,  $\Sigma^*$ —the set of all strings ( $e \in \Sigma^*$ )
- Language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$
- $\emptyset$ ,  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma^*$  are languages.
- Finite Language: by listing all the strings

Infinite Language: specify by the following scheme

$$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w \text{ has property } P\}$$

**Example:**  $L = \{ab, aabb, aaabbb, \dots\} = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$





## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

**Theorem:** If  $\Sigma$  is a finite alphabet, then  $\Sigma^*$  is countably infinite set.

**Proof:** Construct a bijection  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ .

Fix some ordering of the alphabet, say  $\Sigma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

The member of  $\Sigma^*$  can be enumerated in the following

∧ For example, if  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , the order would be as follows:

$$e, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, 001, 010, 011, \dots$$

2) The  $n^k$  strings of length exactly  $k$  are enumerated lexicographically.



## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

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How many words or strings over a non empty alphabet?

Alphabet is a finite set. All finite sequences of finite symbols is countably infinite.

Is a language countable over a non empty alphabet?

For any alphabet  $\Sigma$ , any language over  $\Sigma$  is **countable**

How many languages over a non empty alphabet?

For any alphabet  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$ , there are exactly  $\mathcal{C} = 2^{|\Sigma|}$  of languages



## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

### □ Operations of Languages:

- Union, Intersection, Difference, Complement

$$(\overline{A} = \Sigma^* - A)$$

- Concatenation:

$$\begin{aligned} L^0 &= \{e\} \\ L^{i+1} &= LL^i, \text{ for each } i \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$L_1L_2 = \{w_1w_2 \mid w_1 \in L_1 \wedge w_2 \in L_2\}$$

### Example:

$$L_1 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ has an even number of 0's}\}$$

$$L_2 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ starts with a 0, the rest symbol are 1's}\}$$

$$L_1L_2 = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ has an odd number of 0's}\}.$$



## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

- Kleene Star

$$L^* = \{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w_1 \cdots w_k, k \geq 0, w_1, \dots, w_k \in L\}$$

$$= L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup \dots$$

$$L^+ = L^1 \cup L^2 \cup L^3 \cup \dots$$

**Can  $\epsilon \in L^+$ ?**

**Example:**  $L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ has an unequal number of 0's and 1's}\}$ . Then  $L^* = \{0, 1\}^*$ .

**Hint:**  $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \Rightarrow L_1^* \subseteq L_2^*$        $\{0, 1\} \subseteq L$

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



## 1.7 Alphabet and Language

### Remark:

- 1) The use of  $\Sigma^*$  to denote the set of all strings over  $\Sigma$  is consistent with the notation for the Kleene star of  $\Sigma$ .
- 2)  $\emptyset^* = \{e\}$
- 3)  $L^+ = LL^*$
- 4) For any language  $L$ ,  $(L^*)^* = L^*$ ;  $L\emptyset = \emptyset L = \emptyset$

We write  $L^+$  for the language  $LL^*$ . Equivalently,  $L^+$  is the language

$$\{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w_1 \circ w_2 \circ \cdots \circ w_k \text{ for some } k \geq 1 \text{ and some } w_1, \dots, w_k \in L\}.$$

Notice that  $L^+$  can be considered as the *closure* of  $L$  under the function of concatenation. That is,  $L^+$  is the smallest language that includes  $L$  and all strings that are concatenations of strings in  $L$ .



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

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We can **represent** a finite language by **finite means** for example listing all its elements

Languages are often infinite and so a natural question arises if a **finite representation** is possible and when it is possible when a **language is infinite**

The representation of languages by **finite specifications** is a central issue of the **theory of computation**

Of course we have to define first formally what do we mean by representation by **finite specifications**, or more precisely by a **finite representation**



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

### □ Finite Representations:

- must be a string
- different languages to have different representations

**Example** Let  $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ has two or three occurrences of } 1, \text{ the first and second of which are not consecutive}\}$ .

- The language can be described using only singleton sets and the symbols  $\cup$ ,  $\circ$ , and  $*$  as

$$\{0\}^* \circ \{1\} \circ \{0\}^* \circ \{0\} \circ \{1\} \circ \{0\}^* ((\{1\} \circ \{0\}^*) \cup \emptyset^*)$$

- The language can be written simply as

$$0^*10^*010^*(10^* \cup \emptyset^*).$$

– **Regular Expressions**



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

**Definition:** The regular expressions are all strings over the alphabet  $\Sigma \cup \{ (, ), \cup, \star \}$  that can be obtained as follows.

- 1)  $\emptyset$  and  $\{x\} (\forall x \in \Sigma)$  is a regular expression.
- 2) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are regular expressions, then so are  $(\alpha\beta)$ ,  $(\alpha \cup \beta)$ ,  $\alpha^*$ .
- 3) Nothing is regular expression unless it follows from 1) through 2).

**Example:**  $a^*b^*$

$a^* \cup b^*$

$a(a^* \cup b^*)$

$(a^* \cup b^*)a(a^* \cup b^*)$

$aaaaa^*$





# 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

## Definition

We define a  $\mathcal{R}$  of **regular expressions** over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  as follows

$\mathcal{R} \subseteq (\Sigma \cup \{ (, ), \emptyset, \cup, * \})^*$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  is the smallest set such that

1.  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , i.e. we have that

$$\emptyset \in \mathcal{R} \text{ and } \forall \sigma \in \Sigma (\sigma \in \mathcal{R})$$

2. If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{R}$ , then

$$(\alpha\beta) \in \mathcal{R} \quad \text{concatenation}$$

$$(\alpha \cup \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \quad \text{union}$$

$$\alpha^* \in \mathcal{R} \quad \text{Kleene's Star}$$

**Example:**  $L = \{ab, aabb, aaabbb, \dots\} = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

We use the **regular expressions** from the set  $\mathcal{R}$  as a

### Question

Can we **finitely represent** **all languages** over an alphabet  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$ ?

Representations  
( $\Sigma^*$ , countable)

Languages  
( $2\Sigma^*$ , uncountable)

$\Rightarrow \exists$  undescribable languages!



# 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

## □ Regular expressions & languages.

### Definition

The **representation relation** between **regular expressions** and **languages** they **represent** is established by a **function**  $\mathcal{L}$  such that if  $\alpha \in \mathcal{R}$  is any **regular expression**, then  $\mathcal{L}(\alpha)$  is the **language represented** by  $\alpha$



# 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

## □ Regular expressions & languages.

### Formal Definition

The function  $\mathcal{L} : \mathcal{R} \longrightarrow 2^{\Sigma^*}$  is defined recursively as follows

1.  $\mathcal{L}(\emptyset) = \emptyset, \mathcal{L}(\sigma) = \{\sigma\}$  for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$
2. If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{R}$ , then

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha\beta) = \mathcal{L}(\alpha) \circ \mathcal{L}(\beta) \quad \text{concatenation}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha \cup \beta) = \mathcal{L}(\alpha) \cup \mathcal{L}(\beta) \quad \text{union}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\alpha^*) = \mathcal{L}(\alpha)^* \quad \text{Kleene's Star}$$



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

**Example:** What is  $\mathcal{L}(((a \cup b)^*a))$ ? ?

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(((a \cup b)^*a)) &= \mathcal{L}((a \cup b)^*)\mathcal{L}(a) \\ &= \mathcal{L}((a \cup b)^*)\{a\} \\ &= \mathcal{L}((a \cup b))^*\{a\} \\ &= (\mathcal{L}(a) \cup \mathcal{L}(b))^*\{a\} \\ &= (\{a, b\})^*\{a\} \\ &= \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : w \text{ ends with an } a\}\end{aligned}$$



# 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

## □ Regular Expression Identities

- $SR \neq RS$
- $S \cup R = R \cup S$
- $R(ST) = (RS)T$
- $R(S \cup T) = RS \cup RT, (R \cup S)T = RT \cup ST$
- $\emptyset^* = \{e\}$
- $(R^*)^* = R^*$
- $(R^*S^*)^* = (R \cup S)^*$
- $(\{e\} \cup R)^* = R^*$

(a)  $(x + y)^*$

(b)  $(x^* + y)^*$

(c)  $x^*(x + y)^*$

(d)  $(x + yx^*)^*$

(e)  $(x^*y^*)^*$

(f)  $x^*(yx^*)^*$

(g)  $(x^*y)^*x^*$

**Example:** What language is represented by  $(c^*(a \cup (bc^*))^*)^*$ ?



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

**Example:** What language is represented by  $(c^*(a \cup (bc^*))^*)^*$ ?

$L = \{w \in \{a, b, c\}^* : \text{not have the substring } ac\}.$

.....a.....a.....a.....

$c^*$  or  $(bc^*)^*$

$=\{b,c\}^*$

$(bc^*)^*$

$\epsilon$  or  $b^+$  or  $bc^*$  or  $b\{b,c\}^*$



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

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### Remark:

1) Every language that can be represented by a regular expression can be represented by infinitely many of them.

2) The class of regular languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is defined to consist of all languages  $L$  such that  $L = L(a)$  for some regular expression  $a$  over  $\Sigma$ . i.e. the class of regular languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is precisely the closure of the set of languages

$$\{\{\sigma\} : \sigma \in \Sigma\} \cup \{\emptyset\}$$





## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

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3) The regular expressions are an inadequate specification method in general.

For example,  $\{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\}$  cannot be described by regular expressions.

4) Two important and useful means of representing languages:

- language recognition device

*to answer questions of the form "Is string  $w$  a member of  $L$ ?"*

- language generators



## 1.8 Finite Representations of Languages

language recognition device.

$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ does not have } 111 \text{ as a substring}\}.$$

by reading strings, a symbol at a time, from left to right, might operate like this:  
Keep a count, which starts at zero and is set back to zero every time a 0 is encountered in the input; add one every time a 1 is encountered in the input; stop with a No answer if the count ever reaches three, and stop with a Yes answer if the whole string is read without the count reaching three.

language generators

An alternative and somewhat orthogonal method for specifying a language is to describe how a generic specimen in the language is produced. For example, a regular expression such as  $(e \cup b \cup bb)(a \cup ab \cup abb)^*$  may be viewed as a way of *generating* members of a language:

To produce a member of  $L$ , first write down either nothing, or  $b$ , or  $bb$ ; then write down  $a$  or  $ab$ , or  $abb$ , and do this any number of times, including zero; all and only members of  $L$  can be produced in this way.



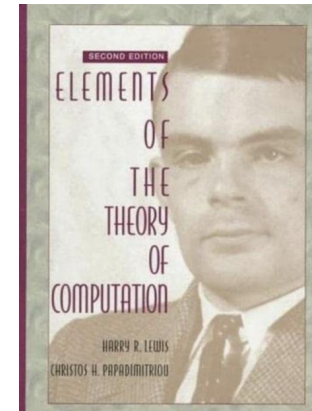
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1.8.3(c)  
1.8.5





1.7.4. Show each of the following.

- (a)  $\{e\}^* = \{e\}$
- (b) For any alphabet  $\Sigma$  and any  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ ,  $(L^*)^* = L^*$ .
- (c) If  $a$  and  $b$  are distinct symbols, then  $\{a, b\}^* = \{a\}^* (\{b\} \{a\}^*)^*$ .
- (d) If  $\Sigma$  is any alphabet,  $e \in L_1 \subseteq \Sigma^*$  and  $e \in L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , then  $(L_1 \Sigma^* L_2)^* = \Sigma^*$ .
- (e) For any language  $L$ ,  $\emptyset L = L \emptyset = \emptyset$ .

1.7.6. Under what circumstances is  $L^+ = L^* - \{e\}$ ?



**1.8.3.** Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Write regular expressions for the following sets:

- (a) All strings in  $\Sigma^*$  with no more than three  $a$ 's.
- (b) All strings in  $\Sigma^*$  with a number of  $a$ 's divisible by three.
- (c) All strings in  $\Sigma^*$  with exactly one occurrence of the substring  $aaa$ .

**1.8.5.** Which of the following are true? Explain.

- (a)  $baa \in a^*b^*a^*b^*$
- (b)  $b^*a^* \cap a^*b^* = a^* \cup b^*$
- (c)  $a^*b^* \cap b^*c^* = \emptyset$
- (d)  $abcd \in (a(cd)^*b)^*$