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We know that  $B^+$  is a shorthand for  $BB^*$ , i.e.  $B^+ = B^* \setminus \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Let's now suppose that  $BB \subseteq B$ . This implies that for any two  $w_1, w_2 \in B$  we have  $w_1w_2 \in B$  as well. We will call this fact closure of  $B$  under concatenation.

From definition we always have  $B \subset B^+$ . To prove the other direction, take any  $w \in B^+$ . There must be  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $w \in B^n$ . This means that there are words  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \in B$  such that  $w = w_1w_2 \dots w_n$ .

Now using mathematical induction, we prove that  $w \in B$ . If  $n = 1$

Now assume that for  $n$  the claim holds. Take any word  $w = w_1w_2 \dots w_nw_{n+1}$

$$w = \underbrace{w_1w_2 \dots w_n}_{\in B} \underbrace{w_{n+1}}_{\in B} \in B$$

as well, which proves the claim.

**Resultado**

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Proof using mathematical induction.

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