

This problem is to illustrate proofs of (the many) closure properties of regular languages.

1. For a language L let $\text{FUNKY}(L) = \{w \mid w \in L \text{ but no proper prefix of } w \text{ is in } L\}$. Prove that if L is regular then $\text{FUNKY}(L)$ is also regular using the following technique. Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$ be a DFA accepting L . Describe a NFA N in terms of M that accepts $\text{FUNKY}(L)$. Explain the construction of your NFA.
2. In Lab 3 we saw that $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L)$ is regular whenever L is regular. Here we consider a different proof technique. Let r be a regular expression. We would like to show that there is another regular expression r' such that $L(r') = \text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r))$.
 - (a) For each of the base cases of regular expressions \emptyset, ϵ and $\{a\}, a \in \Sigma$ describe a regular expression for $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r))$.
 - (b) Suppose r_1 and r_2 are regular expressions, and r'_1 and r'_2 are regular expressions for the languages $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_1))$ and $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_2))$ respectively. Describe a regular expression for the language $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_1 + r_2))$ using r_1, r_2, r'_1, r'_2 .
 - (c) Same as the previous part but now consider $L(r_1 r_2)$.
 - (d) Same as the previous part but now consider $L((r_1)^*)$.

Solution: 1. Since $\text{FUNKY}(L)$ contains w that none of its proper prefix is in L , so we can formalize it as

$$\text{FUNKY}(L) = L - L\Sigma^+$$

which means that if a is an accepting states in DFA that accepts L , for all non-zero length w , $\delta(a, w)$ should not be accepted.

As a result, the NSA that accepts $\text{FUNKY}(L)$ is $N = (Q_N, \Sigma_N, \delta_N, s_N, A_N)$ that

- $Q_N = Q$
 - $\Sigma_N = \Sigma$
 - $\delta_N : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(Q)$, that $\delta_N(q, w) = \{\delta(q', w) : q' \in \epsilon\text{reach}(q)\}$
 - $s_N = s$
 - $A_N = A - \bigcup_{a \in A, w \in \{w \in L : |w| > 0\}} \delta(a, w)$
2. (a)
 - When $r = \emptyset$, $r' = \emptyset$
 - When $r = \epsilon$, $r' = 1$
 - When $r = a, a \in \Sigma$, $r' = 1r + r1$
 - (b) For $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_1 + r_2))$, $r' = r'_1 + r'_2$
 - (c) For $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_1 r_2))$, $r' = r'_1 r_2 + r_1 r'_2$
 - (d) For $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L(r_1)^*)$, $r' = (r_1)^* r'_1 (r_1)^*$

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