

Let  $\Sigma$  a finite alphabet.

**Exercice 1 (Syntactic monoid) :**

Let  $L \subset \Sigma^*$  be a language. This defines the equivalence relation on  $\Sigma^*$  :  $w \sim_L w' \Leftrightarrow \forall u, v \in \Sigma^*, uwv \in L \Leftrightarrow uw'v \in L$ . Justify that  $\sim_L$  is a congruence on  $\Sigma^*$  ( $x \sim y$  iff  $uxv \sim uyv \forall v, u \in M$ ). We define the Syntactic monoid  $M_L$  as the quotient  $\Sigma^* / \sim_L$ .

**Exercice 2 (Star-free languages) :**

Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite alphabet. The Star-free family of languages is the smallest family containing empty language, singletons and stable by union, passage to complement and concatenation.

1. Show that  $\Sigma^*$  is star-free.
2. Demonstrate that the intersection of two star-free languages is star-free.
3. Let  $a, b \in \Sigma$  where  $a \neq b$ . Show that  $(ab)^*$  is star-free.

We call a finite monoid aperiodic if the only group it contains is the trivial group  $\{1\}$ .

4. Let  $M$  be a finite monoid. Show that the following are equivalent :
  - (a) The monoid  $M$  is aperiodic.
  - (b) For all  $m$  in  $M$ , there exists a nonzero natural number  $n$  such that  $m^{n+1} = m^n$ ,
  - (c) There exists a non zero natural number  $n$  such that for all  $m$  in  $M$ ,  $m^{n+1} = m^n$ .
5. Let  $L$  be a regular language and let  $M_L$  be its syntactic monoid. By the definition of a syntactic monoid, we deduce by the previous question that  $M_L$  is aperiodic if and only if, for all words  $u$ , there exists a non-zero natural number  $n$  s.t. for all words  $v, w$ ,  $vu^n w \in L \Leftrightarrow vu^{n+1} w \in L$ . In this case we denote it by  $i(L)$  the smallest natural non-zero number  $n$  such that for all words  $u, v, w$ ,  $vu^n w \in L \Leftrightarrow vu^{n+1} w \in L$ .
  - (a) Show the following (for languages  $L$  with finite  $i(L)$ ) :
    - i.  $i(\{a\}) = 2$ ,
    - ii.  $i(L_1 \cup L_2) \leq \max(i(L_1), i(L_2))$ ,
    - iii.  $i(L_1 L_2) \leq i(L_1) + i(L_2) + 1$ ,
    - iv.  $i(\Sigma^* \setminus L) = i(L)$ .
  - (b) Deduce that a syntactic monoid of a star-free language is aperiodic.

**Exercice 3 (3) :**

If  $M$  is a monoid and  $K, L$  two subsets of  $M$ , we denote by  $L^{-1}K = \{x \in M \mid \exists y \in L, yx \in K\}$  and  $KL^{-1} = \{x \in M \mid \exists y \in L, xy \in K\}$ .

1. Let  $L$  a sub monoid of  $\Sigma^*$ . Show that  $L$  is a free monoid iff  $L^{-1}L \cap LL^{-1} = L$ .
2. Let  $L$  be a sub-monoid of  $\Sigma^*$ . We define by recursion :
  - $M_0 = L$
  - $M_{n+1} = \langle M_n^{-1}M_n \cap M_n M_n^{-1} \rangle$

Demonstrate that this is a well defined increasing sequence and that  $\cup_N M_n$  is the smallest free sub-monoid containing  $L$ .

Groupes

**Exercice 4 (4) :**

Let  $p$  be a prime number. We denote by  $(1, \dots, p)$  the  $p$ -cycle (the permutation of the symmetrical group that sends 1 on 2, 2 on 3, ...,  $p-1$  on  $p$  and  $p$  on 1). We denote by  $G$  the group generated by the  $p$ -cycle  $(1, \dots, p)$ . Assuming that  $\Sigma$  a finite alphabet.

1. Show that  $G$  is a group of order  $p$ .
2. What are the orders of the elements in  $G$  ? For each  $d$ , we will specify how many  $G$  elements are of order  $d$ .
3. We take  $G$  to act on  $\Sigma^p$ , the set of words of length  $p$  written with the letters of  $\Sigma$  as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} G \times \Sigma^p &\rightarrow \Sigma^p \\ (\tau, a_1 a_2 \dots a_p) &\rightarrow \tau \cdot (a_1 a_2 \dots a_p) = a_{\tau^{-1}(1)} a_{\tau^{-1}(2)} \dots a_{\tau^{-1}(p)} \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Demonstrate that this is a group operation.
- (b) Determine the fixer of  $(1, \dots, p)$ . Deduce the fixer of  $(1, \dots, p)^i$ , for any integer  $i$  co prime with  $p$  ( $\text{Fix}(g) = \{x \in X | gx = x\}$ ).
- (c) Show that the number of orbits,  $r$ , of this operation are :  $r = \frac{1}{p}(|\Sigma|^p + (p-1)|\Sigma|)$
- (d) Retrieve Fermat's little theorem ( $a^p \equiv_p a$ ).

### Probability

#### Exercise 5 (5) :

Show that for all sequences  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of events we have  $P(\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n) \leq \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P(A_n)$  where the right sum can diverge.

#### Exercise 6 (6) :

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{T}, P)$  be a probability space.

1. Show that for all sequences  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of growing events by inclusion, the sequence of  $P(A_n)$  converges and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P(\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n)$
2. Show for all decreasing sequences (by inclusion)  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of events, the sequence  $P(A_n)$  converges and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(A_n) = P(\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n)$

#### Exercise 7 (7) :

Let  $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  such that for all  $i$ ,  $P(B_i) > 0$ . Show that for all events  $A$  we have  $P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A | B_i)P(B_i)$ . Keeping  $B_i$ 's disjoint, what condition can we add for this to remain true ?

#### Exercise 8 (8) :

An urn contains  $b$  black balls,  $w$  white balls and  $r$  red balls. We pick two balls, what is the probability of the event "the second ball drawn is black" ?

#### Exercise 9 (9) :

Let  $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$  be a partition of  $\Omega$  such that  $P(B_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . Then for every event  $A$  such that  $P(A) > 0$  we have

$$P(B_i | A) = \frac{P(A | B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A | B_j)P(B_j)}$$

#### Exercise 10 (10) :

We consider two six-sided dice, one is balanced, the other is rigged (loaded dice). We denote  $p_i$  the probability that the rigged die falls on the face  $i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ).

1. Describe the probability space.
2. (a) What is the probability of rolling a double ?  
(b) What is the probability that the sum of the dice is equal to 7 ?