

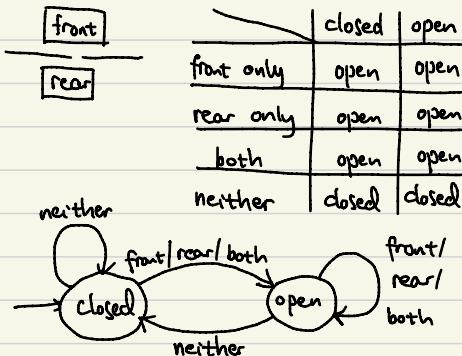
Why? ① useful

② & Turing Machine

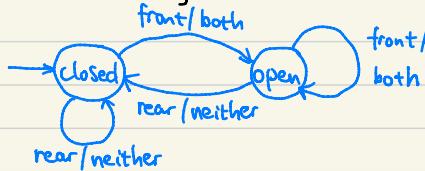
③ computability, 依存性

語言可判定 / 不可判定性

## 2. Finite Automaton



Exercise. one-way entrance



Example. 1)  $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n, w_n = 0\}$



①: 接收状态

2) (divisibility by 3)  $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n, \text{ s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{n-i} w_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$

Binary string, most significant bit first

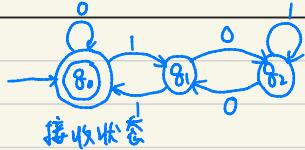
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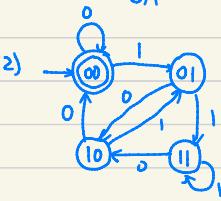
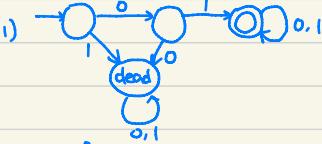
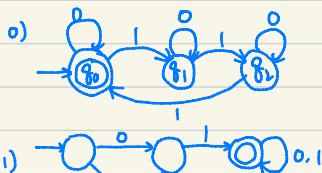
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Suppose  $(a_1a_2\cdots a_i)_2 \equiv r \pmod{3}$ . After reading  $a_{i+1}$ , we have  $(a_1a_2\cdots a_{i+1})_2 \equiv 2r + a_{i+1} \pmod{3}$ .

### Exercise

- $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: \text{number of 1's is a multiple of 3}\}$
- $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w \text{ starts with } 01\}$
- $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w \text{ ends with } 00\}$
- $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w = w^R\}$  回文   
 Suppose the number of 1's in  $(a_1a_2\cdots a_i)_2$  is  $r$ . After reading  $a_{i+1}$ , the number of 1's in  $(a_1a_2\cdots a_{i+1})_2 \equiv r+1 \pmod{3}$



3) 无解!

**Def 2.3 (finite automaton)** A finite automaton is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , where

- 1)  $Q$  is a finite set called states.
- 2)  $\Sigma$  is a finite set called alphabet
- 3)  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is the transition function
- 4)  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state,
- 5)  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states.

**Def 2.4** Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a FA. Let  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$  be a string, where  $w_i \in \Sigma$ . Say M accepts w if there exists a sequence of states  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n \in Q$  such that

- 1)  $r_0 = q_0$
- 2)  $\delta(w_i, w_{i+1}) = r_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$
- 3)  $r_n \in F$ .

**Def 2.5** If  $L$  is the set of all strings that an FA  $M$  accepts, we say  $L$  is the language accepted by M, and we write  $L(M) = L$ . We say M accepts L or M recognizes L.

**Def 2.6 (regular language)** A language  $L$  is a regular language if some FA accepts it.

Let  $A, B \subseteq \Sigma^*$

Union  $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

Intersection  $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

Complement  $\bar{A} = \{x \in \Sigma^* : x \notin A\}$

Concatenation  $A \circ B$  or  $AB = \{xy : x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$

Star  $A^* = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k : k \geq 0, (\forall i)(x_i \in A)\}$ .

$A = \{0^i : i \geq 0\}, B = \{1^j : j \geq 0\}$  // i个0连在一起, j个1--

$A \circ B = \{0^i 1^j : i, j \geq 0\}$

$A^* = A$

$B^* = B$ .

$(A \circ B)^* = \{0, 1\}^*$

Next, we show that regular languages are closed under these operations.

Theorem 2.7 If  $L$  is a regular language, then  $\bar{L}$  is also a regular language.

Proof. Since  $L$  is regular, there is an FA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  that accepts  $L$ .

Let  $M' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F')$ , where  $F' = Q \setminus F$

It is clear that  $L(M') = \overline{L(M)} = \bar{L}$ .  $\square$

So,  $\bar{L}$  is also regular

Theorem 2.8 If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also regular.

接着 M 不接受的

## Cartesian Product

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Proof. The idea is to simulate  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  at the same time.

Let  $M_1$  recognize  $L_1$ , where  $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$

Let  $M_2$  recognize  $L_2$ , where  $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$

Construct  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  to recognize  $L_1 \cup L_2$ , where

1)  $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2 = \{(r_1, r_2) : r_1 \in Q_1, r_2 \in Q_2\}$

2)  $\Sigma$  is the same

3)  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is defined as  $\delta((r_1, r_2), s) = (\delta_1(r_1, s), \delta_2(r_2, s))$

4)  $q_0 = (q_1, q_2)$

5)  $F = \{(r_1, r_2) : r_1 \in F_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in F_2\}$

□

Theorem 2.9 If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages, then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is also regular.

Proof. Similar to Thm 2.8 except that  $F = \{(r_1, r_2) : r_1 \in F_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in F_2\}$

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Next:  $L_1 L_2$  is also regular

$x = x_1 ; x_2$  for loop ✓ but finite automaton X

## 非确定性有限自动机

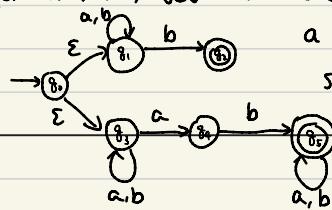
NFA 造不出来，假想模型

“直觉者对的人”

同时探索很多条路，有一个接收就接收。

## 2.2 Nondeterministic finite automaton

For a DFA, the next state is determined, for an NFA, several choices may exist.

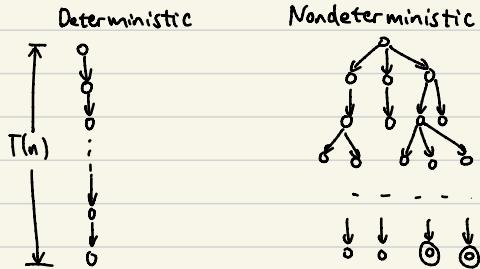
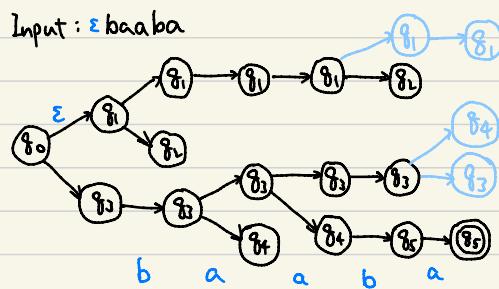


a string ends with b or contains a substring ab.

尝试所有路

但不可能实现，因为无法同时处于多个状态

空跳转 ε：可跳可不跳，可能任意多次。

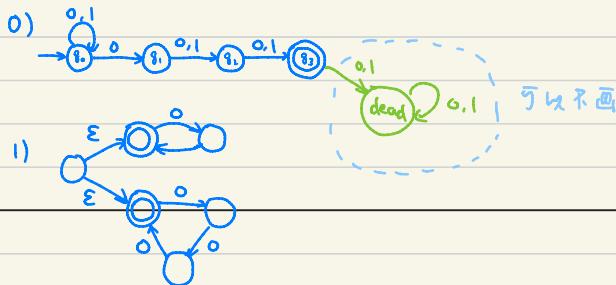


Exercise. 0) Construct an NFA to recognize

$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w = w_1 \cdots w_n, n \geq 3, w_{n-2} = 0\}.$$

i)  $L = \{0^k : k \text{ is a multiple of } 2 \text{ or a multiple of } 3\}$

$\varepsilon$  transition is allowed



$$\delta(q_0, 0) = \{q_0, q_1\}$$

$$\delta(q_0, 1) = \{q_0\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, 0) = \emptyset$$

$$\delta(q_1, 1) = \emptyset$$

For any set  $Q$ , write  $P(Q)$  to be the collection of all subsets of  $Q$ , called the power set.

$$\Sigma_\varepsilon = \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$$

DFA  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

NFA  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_\varepsilon \rightarrow P(Q)$

Def 2.11 A nondeterministic finite automaton (NFA) is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , where

1.  $Q$  is a finite set of states
2.  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet
3.  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_\varepsilon \rightarrow P(Q)$  is the transition function.
4.  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
5.  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept state.

Def 2.12 Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be an NFA. Let  $w \in \Sigma^*$ . Say  $N$  accepts  $w$  if we can write  $w = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m$ , where  $y_i \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$ , and there exists  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_m \in Q$  such that

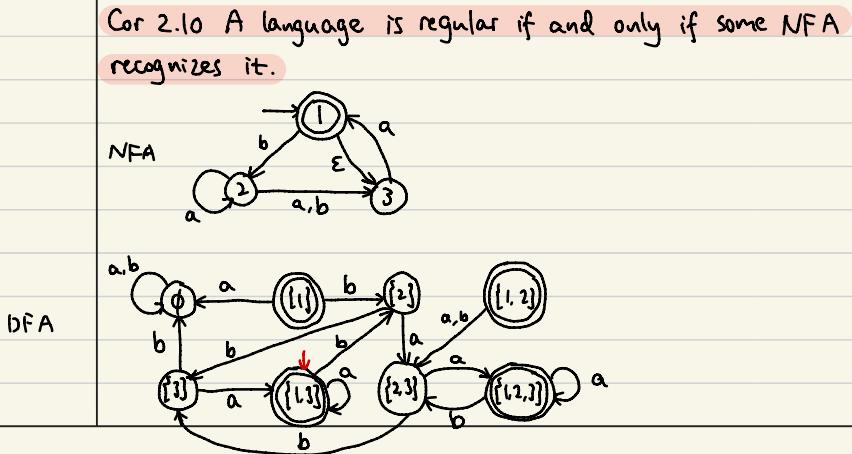
1.  $r_0 = q_0$
2.  $r_{i+1} \in \delta(r_i, y_{i+1})$  for  $i = 0, \dots, m-1$  and
3.  $r_m \in F$ .

Theorem 2.13 Every NFA has an equivalent DFA.

Proof. Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be the NFA recognizing  $L$ .

	<p>We construct a DFA rec. L.</p> <p>To deal with <math>\Sigma</math> arrows, we define</p> <p><math>E(R) = \{q \in Q : q \text{ can be reached from } R \text{ by travelling along zero or more } \Sigma \text{ arrows}\}.</math></p> <p>We define DFA <math>M = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0', F')</math> as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <math>Q' = D(Q)</math></li> <li>2. For each <math>R \in Q'</math> and <math>s \in \Sigma</math>, let <math>\delta'(R, s) = \bigcup_{r \in R} E(\delta(r, s))</math></li> <li>3. <math>q_0' = E(\{q_0\})</math></li> <li>4. <math>F' = \{R \in Q' : R \cap F \neq \emptyset\}</math>. <math>\square</math></li> </ol> <p><math>L(N) = L</math></p> <p><math>\textcircled{1} L \subseteq L(N)</math></p> <p><math>\textcircled{2} L(N) \subseteq L</math></p>
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Definition  
Proposition  
Lemma  
Theorem  
Corollary



$$[1,2] \xrightarrow{a,b} [1,3], \text{ 因为 } \{1\} \xrightarrow{a} \emptyset, \{2\} \xrightarrow{a} \{1,3\} \quad \emptyset \cup \{2,3\} = \{2,3\}$$

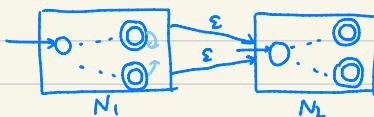
$$\{1\} \xrightarrow{b} [2,3] \quad [2,3] \xrightarrow{b} [3] \quad \{2\} \cup \{3\} = \{2,3\}.$$

用NFA instead of DFA:  $\epsilon$

Theorem 2.14 Regular languages are closed under concatenation.

Proof. Let NFA  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  rec.  $L_1$

Let NFA  $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  rec.  $L_2$



Construct  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  to recognize  $L_1 L_2$  as follows:

1.  $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$

2.  $q_0 = q_1$

3.  $F = F_2$

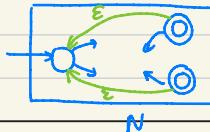
4. For any  $q \in Q$  and  $a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$ , define

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a), & \text{if } q \in Q_1 \setminus F_1 \\ \delta_1(q, a), & \text{if } q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \quad // 在 } L_1 \text{ 内部转移} \\ \delta_1(q, a) \cup \{q_2\}, & \text{if } q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon, \\ \delta_2(q, a), & \text{if } q \in Q_2 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.15 Regular languages are closed under the star operation.

Proof. Let NFA  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  recognize  $L$ .

We construct another NFA that recognizes  $L^*$ .



Construct  $N' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0, F')$  as follows:

1.  $Q' = Q$

2.  $q_0$  is the start state

3.  $F' = F \cup \{q_0\}$   $L^*$  包含取0个 string 拼起来

4. For any  $q \in Q$  and  $a \in \Sigma$ , define

$$\delta'(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta(q, a) & \text{if } q \in Q \setminus F \\ \delta(q, a) & \text{if } q \in F \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \\ \delta(q, a) \cup \{q_0\} & \text{if } q \in F \text{ and } a = \epsilon \end{cases}$$

□

### 2.3 Regular expressions

Examples

1)  $(0 \cup 1)^* \quad$  first symbol is 0 or 1, appended by zero or more 0s.

2)  $(0 \cup 1)^* = \{0, 1\}^*$

3)  $(0 \Sigma^*) \cup (\Sigma^* 1) \quad$  first symbol is 0 or last symbol is 1.

Recursive def.

Def 2.16 (Regular expression)  $R$  is a regular expression if  $R$  is

1. a symbol in  $\Sigma$       Parentheses may be omitted

2.  $\Sigma$

3.  $\emptyset$

4.  $(R_1 \cup R_2)$ , where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions

5.  $(R_1 R_2) \dots \dots$

6.  $(R_1)^*$ , where  $R_1$  is a regular expression

7.  $(R_1)^+$

至多一次  
重复

Examples.

1)  $0^*10^* = \{w \in \{0,1\}^*: w \text{ contains exactly a single } 1\}$

2)  $\Sigma^*1\Sigma^* = \{ \dots - - - - - \text{ at least a } 1 \}$

3)  $\Sigma^*001\Sigma^* = \{w: w \text{ contains a substring } 001\}$ .

4)  $1^*(01^+)^* = \{w: \text{every } 0 \text{ is followed by at least one } 1\}$

5)  $(\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{w: w \text{ has even length}\}$

6)  $01 \cup 10 = \{01, 10\}$

7)  $(0 \cup \Sigma)1^* = 01^* \cup 1^*$

8)  $(0 \cup \Sigma)(1 \cup \Sigma) = \{\varepsilon, 0, 1, 01\}$

9)  $1^*\phi = \phi$  //  $1^*$  中的 string 和  $\phi$  中的 string 拼起来, 但  $\phi$  中无 string. filter =  $\phi$ .

10)  $\phi^* = \{\varepsilon\}$  //  $\phi$  或多个  $\phi$  中 string 拼起来, 若 0 个, 为  $\varepsilon$ .

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma \cup \Sigma^1 \cup \Sigma^2 \cup \dots$$

Exercise

o) length of  $w$  is a multiple of 3  $(\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma)^*$

1)  $w$  does contain substring  $110$   $\Sigma^*110\Sigma^*$

2)  $w$  doesn't contain substring  $00$

3) the number of 1's is a multiple of 3

4)  $w$  contains at least two 1's and one 0's.

$$\Sigma^*1\Sigma^*(\Sigma^*0\Sigma^* \cup \Sigma^*0\Sigma^*1\Sigma^*1\Sigma^* \cup \Sigma^*1\Sigma^*0\Sigma^*)$$

2)  $(0 \cup \Sigma)(1011)^*$   $1^*01^+01^+\dots1^+01^*$

3)  $(0^*10^*10^*1)^*0^*$

$\alpha \in \Sigma, \Sigma, \emptyset$

$L_1 L_2, L_1 \cup L_2, L_1^*, L_1^+$

Theorem 2.17 A language is regular if and only if some regular expression describes it.

Lemma 2.18 If a language is described by a regular expression, then it is a regular language.

Proof. Start with a regular expression for  $L$ , then build an NFA to recognize  $L$ .

By the definition of regular expression,

1.  $R = s$ , where  $s \in \Sigma$ .  $L(R) = \{s\}$ .



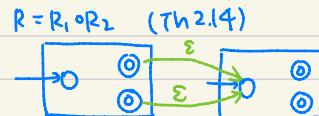
2.  $R = \epsilon$ .  $L(R) = \{\epsilon\}$



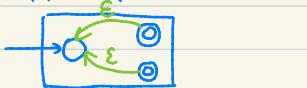
3.  $R = \emptyset$ .  $L(R) = \emptyset$



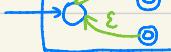
4.  $R = R_1 \cup R_2$  (Th 2.8)



5.  $R = R_1 \circ R_2$  (Th 2.14)



6.  $R = R_1^*$  (Thm 2.15)



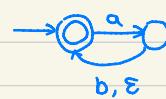
7.  $R = R_1^+ = R_1^* \circ R_1$  (by (6), (5))

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Example.  $(ab \cup a)^*$  to NFA.

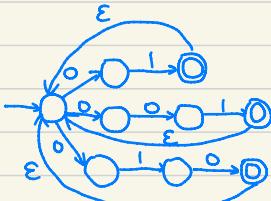


$(ab \cup a)^*$

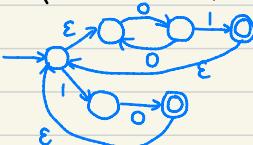


Exercise. Regular expression to NFA.

0)  $(01 \cup 001 \cup 010)^*$



1)  $((00)^*1) \cup (0)^*$

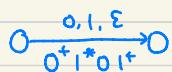


Lemma 2.19 If a language is regular, then it is described by a regular expression.

idea: reduce the number of states in a GNFA one by one.

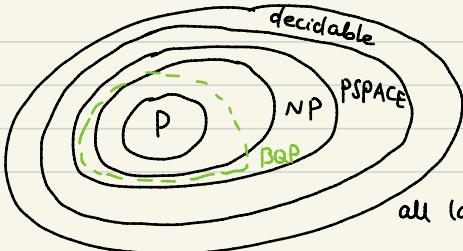
Finally, we get a two-state GNFA and we are done.

GNFAs are simply NFAs where the transition arrows may have any regular expression as labels instead of  $\Sigma_\epsilon$ .



Def 2.20 (GNFA) A generalized nondeterministic finite automaton (GNFA) is a 5-tuple

$(Q, \Sigma, S, q_{start}, q_{accept})$  where



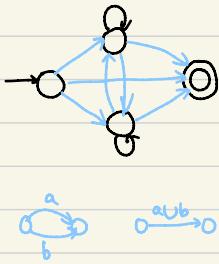
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all languages

- $q_{\text{accept}}$  无出边,  $q_{\text{start}}$  无入边
1.  $Q$  is a finite number of states
  2.  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet
  3.  $\delta: (Q - \{q_{\text{accept}}\}) \times R \rightarrow (Q - \{q_{\text{start}}\})$  is the transition function, where  $R$  denotes the set of regular expressions.
  4.  $q_{\text{start}}$  is the start state
  5.  $q_{\text{accept}}$  is the accept state.

$\rightarrow R$



A DFA can be converted to a GNFA as follows:

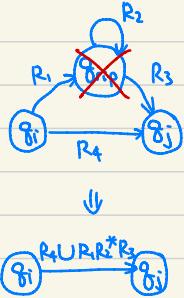
1. Add a new start state, with an  $\epsilon$ -arrow to the old start state.
2. Add a new accept state, with  $\epsilon$ -arrows from the old accept states.
3. Replace multiple edges by one, using  $\cup$
4. Add arrows labeled by  $\emptyset$  between states that had no arrows.

Proof. Overall strategy

- 1) Convert an NFA to a GNFA
- 2) Given a GNFA  $G$ , construct an equivalent GNFA  $G'$  by removing one state
- 3) Repeat step 2) until there are 2 states, from which we obtain the desired regular expression.

Let  $G = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{accept}})$  be a GNFA.

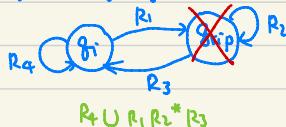
Let  $G' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{accept}})$  be a GNFA by removing one state



from  $G$ , called  $g_{\text{rip}}$ . Where  $g_{\text{rip}} \in Q \setminus \{q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{accept}}\}$  is arbitrary.  
Let  $Q' = Q \setminus \{g_{\text{rip}}\}$ .

For any  $g_i \in Q \setminus \{q_{\text{accept}}\}$ , for any  $g_j \in Q \setminus \{q_{\text{start}}\}$ , let  
 $\delta'(g_i, g_j) = \delta(g_i, g_j) \cup \delta(g_i, g_{\text{rip}}) \delta(g_{\text{rip}}, g_{\text{rip}})^* \delta(g_{\text{rip}}, g_j)$

Note that  $g_i$  can be equal to  $g_j$ .



We want to prove  $L(G) = L(G')$

Claim 2.21  $L(G) \subseteq L(G')$

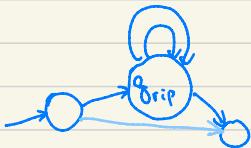
Proof (of the claim): Let  $w \in L(G)$ . We want to prove  $w \in L(G')$ .  
Since  $w \in L(G)$ ,  $\exists$  states  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{m+1}$ , and  $\exists w_1, \dots, w_m \in \Sigma^*$   
such that  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$  satisfying

1.  $r_1 = q_{\text{start}}$
2.  $r_{m+1} = q_{\text{accept}}$
3.  $w_i \in \delta(r_i, r_{i+1})$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$

Case 1. None of  $r_1, \dots, r_{m+1}$  is  $g_{\text{rip}}$ . Thus, each  $r_i$  is also a state in  $G'$ . By the definition  $\delta'$ ,  $\delta(r_i, r_{i+1})$  is a subset of  $\delta'(r_i, r_{i+1})$ .  
Therefore,  $r_1, \dots, r_m \in Q'$  is also a valid transition for  $G'$ .

Case 2. At least one of  $r_1, \dots, r_m$  is  $g_{\text{rip}}$ .

Suppose  $g_{\text{rip}}$  appears as  $k$  consecutive blocks, each of length  $t_1, \dots, t_k \geq 1$ . That is,



$L_1: r_{i,1} = \text{grip}, r_{i,1+1} = \text{grip}, \dots, r_{i,t_i-1} = \text{grip}$

$L_2:$

$L_k: r_{i,k} = \text{grip}, r_{i,k+1} = \text{grip}, \dots, r_{i,k+t_k-1} = \text{grip}$

$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$

$\dots \boxed{\text{X}} \dots \boxed{\text{X}} \dots \boxed{\text{X}} \dots$

By removing all occurrences of grip, i.e.  $L_1, \dots, L_k$ , we obtain a new sequence of states.

$r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{i-1}$

$r_{i+t_1}, r_{i+t_1+1}, \dots, r_{i+t_1-1}$

$r_{i+t_2}, r_{i+t_2+1}, \dots, r_{i+t_2-1}$

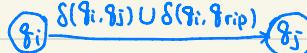
$\dots \dots$

$r_{i+k}, r_{i+k+1}, \dots, r_m$

} valid state transition

Claim 2.22  $L(G') \subseteq L(G)$

Proof of the claim. Let  $w \in L(G')$ . We prove  $w \in L(G)$



There exists a sequence of states, denoted by  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{m+1}$  strings  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m \in \Sigma^*$ , where  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$ , such that  
 1.  $r_1 = q_{\text{start}}$

2.  $r_{m+1} = q_{\text{accept}}$ .

3.  $w_i \in \delta^i(r_i, r_{i+1})$  for all  $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ .

By the definition of  $\delta^i(r_i, r_{i+1})$ , we have either  $w_i \in d(r_i, r_{i+1})$

or  $w_i \in \delta(r_i, q_{rip}) \delta(q_{rip}, q_{rip})^* \delta(q_{rip}, r_{i+1})$ .

If  $w_i \in \delta(r_i, r_{i+1})$ , we do nothing.

If  $w_i \in \delta(r_i, q_{rip}) \delta(q_{rip}, q_{rip})^* \delta(q_{rip}, r_{i+1})$  for some integer  $u \geq 0$ ,  
we replace states  $r_i, r_{i+1}$  in the sequence by

$r_i, q_{rip}, q_{rip}, \dots, q_{rip}, r_{i+1}$

□

## 2.4 Non regular languages

"counting"

Theorem 2.23 Almost all languages are nonregular.

$$\#\text{languages} = 2^{|\mathbb{N}|} = \aleph_0$$

$$\#\Sigma^* = \aleph_0$$

$$\#\text{regular languages} = \aleph_0$$

Lemma 2.24 (Pumping lemma) Let  $L$  be a regular language.  
Then there exists  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for any string  $s$  with  
 $|s| \geq p$ , we can write  $s = xyz$ ,  $x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$ , satisfying

1.  $xy^iz \in L$  for any  $i \geq 0$

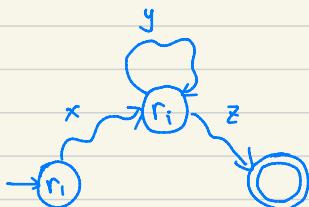
2.  $|y| > 0$

3.  $|xy| \leq p$

Proof. Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a DFA that recognizes  $L$ .

Let  $p = |Q|$ . Let  $s = s_1s_2 \dots s_n$  be a string of length  $n$ ,





where  $n \geq p$ . Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n+1} \in Q$  be the states visited. That is,  $r_i = q_0, r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, s_i)$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

By the pigeonhole principle, two states must be the same. Consider the first occurrence of repeated states. Say  $r_i = r_j, i < j$ .

Let  $x = s_1 \dots s_i$        $xy^i z \in L$

$y = s_{i+1} \dots s_j$        $|y| > 0$

$z = s_{j+1} \dots s_n$        $|xy| \leq p \checkmark$

One can verify 1), 2), 3) are satisfied.  $\square$

Example.  $\{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

Assume it is regular. By the Pumping Lemma,  $\exists p$  s.t. these conditions are satisfied.

Let  $s = 0^p 1^p$

$x = 0^k, y = 0^t$   
 $xy^i z = 0^{p-i} 1^p \in L$        $\begin{cases} xy^i z \in L \\ |y| > 0 \\ |xy| \leq p. \end{cases}$

contradiction.

### Exercise

1)  $\{w : w \text{ has an equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$

2)  $\{ww : w \in \Sigma^*\}$

3) Palindrome  $\{w \in \Sigma^* : w = w^R\}$

1. The string y consists only of 0s. In this case, the string xyyz has more 0s than 1s and so is not a member of  $B$ , violating condition 1 of the pumping lemma. This case is a contradiction.

2. The string y consists only of 1s. This case also gives a contradiction.

3. The string y consists of both 0s and 1s. In this case, the string xyyz may have the same number of 0s and 1s, but they will be out of order with some 1s before 0s. Hence it is not a member of  $B$ , which is a contradiction.

Thus a contradiction is unavoidable if we make the assumption that  $B$  is regular, so  $B$  is not regular. Note that we can simplify this argument by applying condition 3 of the pumping lemma to eliminate cases 2 and 3.

In this example, finding the string  $s$  was easy because any string in  $B$  of length  $p$  or more would work. In the next two examples, some choices for  $s$  do not work so additional care is required. ■