

Automata

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Homework 1

1) L_1 and L_2 are 2 languages, and $L_1^* \cup L_2^* \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)^*$?

If I start with the understanding that $L_1 \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)$.

Assuming this we can then come to the realization that $L_1^* \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)^*$.

Likewise we can also assume that $L_2 \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)$.

With this second assumption it becomes clear also that $L_2^* \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)^*$.

Since both L_1^* and L_2^* are subsets of $(L_1 \cup L_2)^*$, it follows to reason that the union of them $L_1^* \cup L_2^*$ is also a subset of $(L_1 \cup L_2)^*$.

Hence: $L_1^* \cup L_2^* \subseteq (L_1 \cup L_2)^*$

2)

Let's say that there is a language L_1 which contains only {"x"} and another language L_2 which contains only {"y"}. Thus L_1^* is simply the set of all possible lengths of the string "xxxxx..." and the same holds true for L_2^* with the string "yyyyy...". So with $L_1 \cup L_2$ we would have the Language {"x", "y"}, so $(L_1 \cup L_2)^*$ would contain both L_1^* and L_2^* , but it also would contain strings with both x and y which could not be made before, such as "xyxyx".

3) {0, 10, 1010, 01010, 10010, 10100...}

So S would have to be the Language {0, 10}