

# CSE 105 Review

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# 1 Regular Expressions

## 1.1 Definition

*Basis steps of recursive definition*

- $a$  is a regular expression, for  $a \in \Sigma$
- $\epsilon$  is a regular expression
- $\emptyset$  is a regular expression

*Recursive steps of recursive definition*

- $(R_1 \cup R_2)$  is a regular expression when  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions  
 $L((R_1 \cup R_2)) = L(R_1) \cup L(R_2) = \{w | w \in L(R_1) \vee w \in L(R_2)\}$
- $(R_1 \circ R_2)$  is a regular expression when  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions  
 $L((R_1 \circ R_2)) = L(R_1) \circ L(R_2) = \{uv | u \in L(R_1) \wedge v \in L(R_2)\}$
- $R_1^*$  is a regular expression when  $R_1$  is a regular expression  
 $L((R_1)^*) = (L(R_1))^* = \{w_1, \dots, w_k | k \geq 0 \text{ and each } w_i \in L(R_1)\}$

## 1.2 Conventions

*Assuming  $\Sigma$  is the alphabet, we use the following conventions*

- $\Sigma$   
regular expression describing language consisting of all strings of length 1 over  $\Sigma$
- $*$  then  $\circ$  then  $\cup$   
precedence order, unless parentheses are used to change it
- $R_1 R_2$   
shorthand for  $R_1 \circ R_2$  (concatenation symbol is implicit)
- $R^+$   
shorthand for  $R^* \circ R$
- $R^k$   
shorthand for  $R$  concatenated with itself  $k$  times, where  $k$  is a (specific) natural number

# 2 Finite Automata

## 2.1 Definition

The **formal definition** of a finite automata consists of a 5-tuple  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  and a finite automata can also be represented by a state diagram

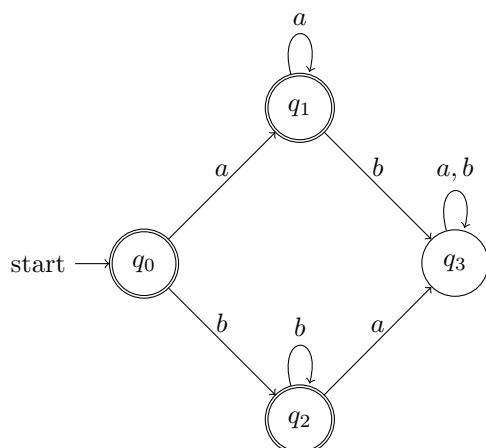
- **Finite set of states**  $Q$  can be labeled by any collection of distinct names
- The **alphabet**  $\Sigma$  determines the possible inputs to the automaton. Each input to the automaton is a string over  $\Sigma$
- The **transition function**  $\delta$  gives the next state of the automaton based on the current state of the machine and on the next input symbol
- The **start state**  $q_0$  is an element of  $Q$ . each computation of the machine starts at the start state.
- The **accept (final) states**  $F$  form a subset of the states of the automaton,  $F \subseteq Q$ . These states flag if a machine accepts or rejects an input string.

The computation of a machine on an input string is a sequence of states in the machine, starting with the start state, determined by transitions of the machine as it reads successive input symbols.

The finite automaton  $M$  accepts the given input string exactly when the computation of  $M$  on the input string ends in an accept state.

The language of  $M$ ,  $L(M)$ , is defined as the set of all strings that are each accepted by the machine  $M$ . Each string that is rejected by  $M$  is not in  $L(M)$ .

## 2.2 Example



**Formal Definition:**  $(\{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}, \{a, b\}, \delta, q_0, \{q_0, q_1, q_2\})$

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

$Q/\Sigma$	a	b
$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_1$	$q_1$	$q_3$
$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_2$
$q_3$	$q_3$	$q_3$

**Language recognized by automaton:**  $L(a^* \cup b^*)$

## 3 Nondeterministic Automata

### 3.1 Definition

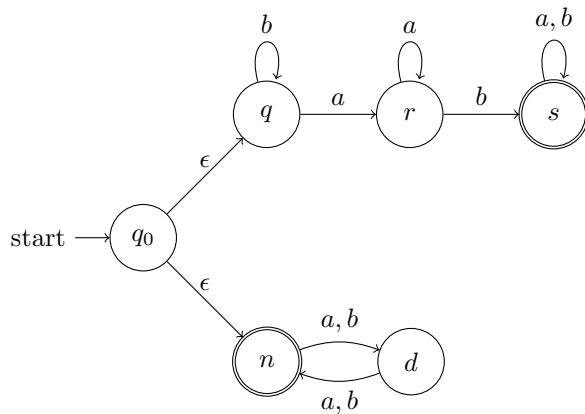
The computation of a **deterministic** finite automaton has exactly one choice for its next step given the current state and character read, but an NFA allows us to have multiple

The **formal definition** of a nondeterministic finite automaton also consists of a 5-tuple  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  that can also be represented by a state diagram

- **Finite set of states**  $Q$  can be labelled by any collection of distinct names
- The **alphabet**  $\Sigma$  where each input to the automaton is a string over  $\Sigma$
- The **transition function**  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$  gives the **set of possible next states** for a transition from the current state upon reading a symbol or spontaneously moving
- The **start state**  $q_0$  is an element of  $Q$ . each computation of the machine starts at the start state.
- The **accept (final) states**  $F$  form a subset of the states of the automaton,  $F \subseteq Q$ . These states flag if a machine accepts or rejects an input string.

$M$  accepts the input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  if and only if **there** is a computation of  $M$  on  $w$  that processes the **whole string** and ends in an accept state

### 3.2 Example



**Formal Definition:**  $(\{q_0, q, r, s, n, d\}, \{a, b\}, \delta, q_0, \{s, n\})$

where  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$

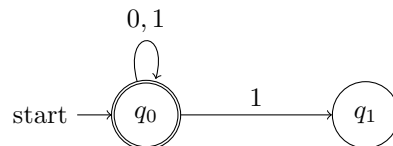
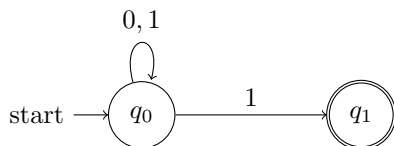
states/labels	a	b	$\epsilon$
$q_0$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q, n\}$
$q$	$\{r\}$	$\{q\}$	$\emptyset$
$r$	$\{r\}$	$\{s\}$	$\emptyset$
$s$	$\{s\}$	$\{s\}$	$\emptyset$
$n$	$\{d\}$	$\{d\}$	$\emptyset$
$d$	$\{n\}$	$\{n\}$	$\emptyset$

**Language recognized by NFA:**  $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* | w \text{ has even length or has } ab \text{ as a substring}\}$

## 4 Automata Constructions

### 4.1 Complementation

- The collection of languages that are each recognizable by a DFA is **closed** under complementation. We can flip the accept status of states in a DFA.
- The complementation construction doesn't work with an NFA



*The string 1 is accepted by both NFAs*

### 4.2 Union

- The collection of languages that are each recognizable by a NFA is **closed** under union. We can add a start state and add transitions of the empty string to the start of different NFAs.
- We can't do the same construction since spontaneous moves are not possible in a DFA

### 4.3 DFA Constructions for Union and Intersection

#### 4.3.1 Union

Suppose  $A_1, A_2$  are languages over the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a DFA  $M_1$  such that  $L(M_1) = A_1$  and a DFA  $M_2$  such that  $L(M_2) = A_2$ , then there is a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = A_1 \cup A_2$ .

**Formal Construction**

$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  where  $L(M_1) = A_1$  and  $L(M_2) = A_2$ . We want to build  $M$  with  $L(M) = A_1 \cup A_2$ .

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$$Q = \{(q, q') | q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q' \in Q_2\} = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \quad \delta(((q, q'), x)) = (\delta_1(q, x), \delta_2(q', x))$$

$$q_0 = (q_1, q_2)$$

$$F = (F_1 \times Q_2) \cup (Q_1 \times F_2)$$

#### 4.3.2 Intersection

Suppose  $A_1, A_2$  are languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a DFA  $M_1$  such that  $L(M_1) = A_1$  and a DFA  $M_2$  such that  $L(M_2) = A_2$ , then there is a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = A_1 \cap A_2$ .

**Formal Construction:**

$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  where  $L(M_1) = A_1$  and  $L(M_2) = A_2$ . We want to build  $M$  with  $L(M) = A_1 \cap A_2$ .

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$$q_0 = (q_1, q_2)$$

$$F = F_1 \times F_2$$

## 5 Regular Languages

If a language is regular

- there is a regular expression that describes it
- there is a DFA that recognizes it
- there is a NFA that recognizes it

### 5.1 Concatenation

Suppose  $A_1, A_2$  are languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , If there is a NFA  $N_1$  such that  $L(N_1) = A_1$  and NFA  $N_2$  such that  $L(N_2) = A_2$ , then there is another NFA  $N$  such that  $L(N) = A_1 \circ A_2$ .

**Formal Construction**

$N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  and  $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  where  $L(N_1) = A_1$  and  $L(N_2) = A_2$ . We want to build  $N$  with  $L(N) = A_1 \circ A_2$ .

$$N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$$Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$$

$$q_0 = q_1$$

$$F = F_2$$

$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$$

$$\delta((q, a)) = \begin{cases} \delta_1((q, a)) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_1((q, a)) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \in \Sigma \\ \delta_1((q, a)) \cup \{q_2\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \delta_2((q, a)) & q \in Q_2 \end{cases}$$

## 5.2 Kleene Star

Suppose  $A$  is a language over alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a NFA  $N$  such that  $L(N) = A$ , then there is another NFA  $N'$  such that  $L(N') = A^*$ .

**Formal Construction**

$N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F)$  where  $q_0 \notin Q$ . We want to build  $N'$  with  $L(N') = A^*$ .

$N' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0, F')$

$Q' = Q \cup \{q_0\}$

$F' = F \cup \{q_0\}$

$\delta' : Q' \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q')$

$$\delta'((q, a)) = \begin{cases} \delta((q, a)) & q \in Q \text{ and } q \notin F \\ \delta((q, a)) & q \in F \text{ and } a \in \Sigma \\ \delta((q, a)) \cup \{q_1\} & q \in F \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \{q_1\} & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$

## 5.3 NFA to DFA

Suppose  $A$  is a language over alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a NFA  $N$  such that  $L(N) = A$  then there is a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = A$

**Formal Construction**

*We can treat states in  $M$  as macro-states which are collections of states from  $N$  that represent the set of possible states a computation of  $N$  might be in.*

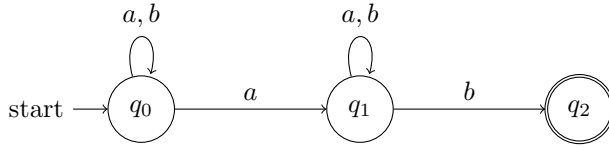
Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ . We want to build  $M$  with  $L(M) = A$ .

$M = (\mathcal{P}(Q), \Sigma, \delta', q', \{X \subseteq Q \mid X \cap F \neq \emptyset\})$

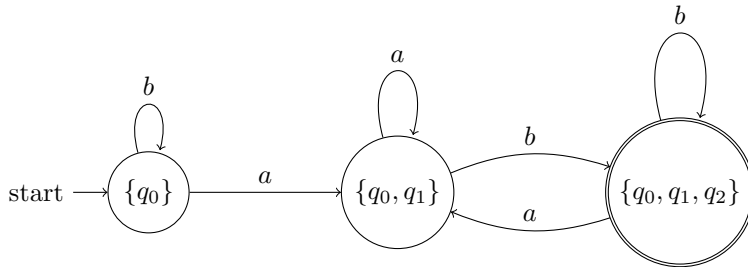
$q' = \{q \in Q \mid q = q_0 \text{ or is accessible from } q_0 \text{ by spontaneous moves in } N\}$

$\delta'((X, x)) = \{q \in \delta((r, x)) \text{ for some } r \in X \text{ or is accessible from such an } r \text{ by spontaneous moves in } N\}$

**NFA**



**DFA**



## 5.4 Regular Expression to NFA/DFA

### 5.4.1 Regular Expression to NFA

Suppose  $A$  is a language over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a regular expression  $R$  where  $L(R) = A$ , then there is a NFA  $N$  such that  $L(N) = A$ .

We can use the NFA constructions for the concatenation and kleene star as shown in the previous sections.

### 5.4.2 DFA to Regular Expression

Suppose  $A$  is a language over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ . If there is a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = A$ , then there is a regular expression  $R$  such that  $L(R) = A$ .

1. Add a new start state with  $\epsilon$  arrow to old start state
2. Add new accept state with  $\epsilon$  arrow from old accept states. Make old accept states non-accept.
3. Remove one (of the old) states at a time: modify regular expressions on arrows that went through the removed state to restore language recognized by machine

## 6 Pumping Lemma

### 6.1 Countability

Set	Cardinality
$\{0, 1\}$	2
$\{0, 1\}^*$	Countably Infinite
$\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\})$	4
All languages over $\{0, 1\}$ ( $\mathcal{P}(\{0, 1\})$ )	Uncountable
Set of all regular expressions over $\{0, 1\}$	Countably Infinite
Set of all regular labguages over $\{0, 1\}$	Countably Infinite

*Note: The power set of a countably infinite set is uncountable*

### 6.2 Pumping Lemma Definition

If  $A$  is a regular language, then there is a number  $p$  (a pumping length) where, if  $s$  is any string in  $A$  of length at least  $p$ , then  $s$  may be divided into three pieces  $s = xyz$  such that

- $|y| > 0$
- for each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^iz \in A$
- $|xy| \leq p$

**Example:** A pumping length for  $A = \{0, 1\}^*$  is  $p = 5$

$S \in A$  with  $|S| \geq 5$

$x = \epsilon$        $y = S_1$  (the first character in  $S$ )       $z$  is the rest of  $S$

$xy^iz \in \{0, 1\}^*$  for all  $i \geq 0$

## 7 Proving Nonregularity

*The pumping lemma can't be used to prove that a language is regular, but it can be used to prove that a language is not regular*

**Proof Strategy** to show that a language  $L$  is not regular

- Consider an arbitrary positive integer  $p$
- Prove that  $p$  is not a pumping length for  $L$
- Conclude that  $L$  does not have any pumping length and therefore is not regular

### 7.1 Examples

1.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}, L = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$

Pick  $s = 0^p 1^p$

Suppose  $s = xyz$  with  $|xy| \leq p$  and  $|y| > 0$  where  $x = 0^k, y = 0^r, z = 0^{p-k-r} 1^p$

When  $i = 0$ ,  $xy^iz = 0^k 0^{p-k-r} 1^p$  which is not apart of the language and therefore  $L$  doesn't have a pumping length.



2.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}, L = \{0^j 1^k | j \geq k \geq 0\}$

Suppose  $s = xyz$  with  $|xy| \leq p$  and  $|y| > 0$  where  $x = 0^k, y = 0^r, z = 0^{p-k-r} 1^p$

When  $i = 0, xy^i z = 0^k 0^{p-k-r} 1^p$  which is not apart of the language since less 0s than 1s and therefore  $L$  doesn't have a pumping length.

## 8 Pushdown Automata

A pushdown automata is like an NFA with access to a stack. At each step transition to new state, read the top of the stack, and possibly push or pop a letter from the stack.

### 8.1 Definition

A PDA is specified by a 6-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

- $Q$  is the finite set of states
- $\Sigma$  is the input alphabet
- $\Gamma$  is the stack alphabet
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon)$  is the transition function
- $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state
- $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states

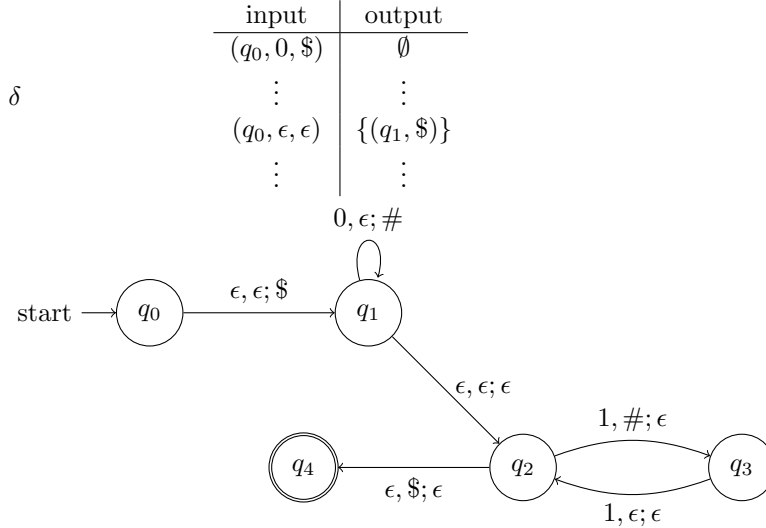
#### Transition Label For PDA

input character to read or  $\epsilon$ , top character of the stack to pop or  $\epsilon$ , what character to push on top of the stack or  $\epsilon$

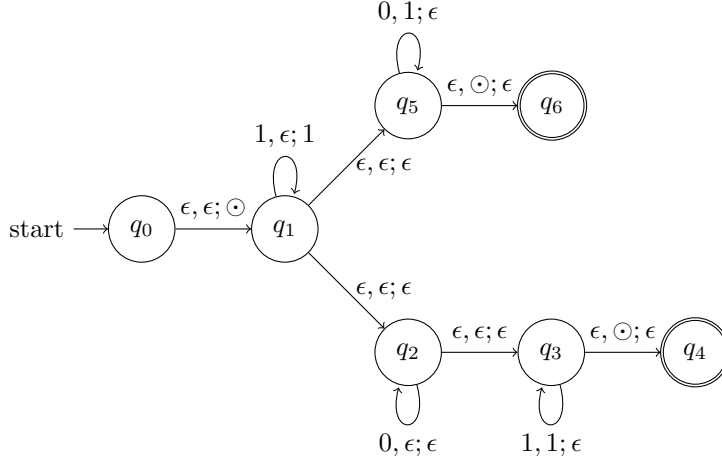
### 8.2 Examples

1. Language:  $\{0^n 1^{2n} | n \geq 0\}$

**PDA:**  $(\{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}, \{0, 1\}, \{\$, \#\}, \delta, q_0, \{q_4\})$



2. Language:  $\{1^n 0^n 1^m | n, m \geq 0\} \cup \{1^n 0^m 1^n | n, m \geq 0\}$



For each language  $L$  over  $\Sigma$ , there is an NFA  $N$  with  $L(N) = L$  then there is a PDA  $M$  with  $L(M) = L$

## 9 Context-free Grammars and Languages

### 9.1 Context-free Grammar

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$

- $V$  is a finite set of symbols that represent phases in the production pattern
- $\Sigma$  is the alphabet of symbols of strings generated by CFG
- $R$  is the set of rules
- $S$  is the start variable

**Example:**  $G_1 = (\{s\}, \{0\}, R, S)$  with rules

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow 0S \\ S &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$L(G_1) = 0^+$

### 9.2 Context-free Language

A language that is generated by some context-free grammar is a context-free language.

A language is generated by some context-free grammar if and only if it is recognizable by some push-down automaton.

**Every Regular Language is Context Free**

## 10 Language Closure

True/False	Closure Claim
True	The class of regular languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under complementation
True	The class of regular languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under union
True	The class of regular languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under intersection
True	The class of regular languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under concatenation
True	The class of regular languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under Kleene star
False	The class of context-free languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under complementation
True	The class of context-free languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under union
False	The class of context-free languages over $\Sigma$ is closed under intersection
True	The class of context-free languages over $\Sigma$ is closed un concatenation
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