

# String Transformations in the WSU-System

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## 1 Introduction

This experiment is of the WSU-System and is defined by the symbols  $\Sigma = \{W, S, U\}$  and a certain set of transformation rules, which will be covered. This experiment is meant to explore the use of these rules and the manipulation of strings to transition from a starting state to a desired ending state, this will provide insight into finite state automata and state transitions

## 2 Methods

The objective is to transform the starting string 'WS' to 'WU': The rules for how to do this are detailed below:

1. Adding a 'U' if the string ends with 'S'.
2. Then double the sequence following 'W' at the beginning of the string.
3. Changing 'SSS' with a single 'U'.
4. Remove 'UU'.

These rules are what will achieve the goal of achieve the target string 'WU' from the initial string 'WS'.

## 3 Experiment Conducted

The experiment portion involves these following steps, starting from 'WS':

1. The starting string was 'WS'.
2. Applied **Rule #2** (Copy): 'WS' became 'WSS'.
3. Applied **Rule #2** again: By copying the 'S' again, 'WSS' became 'WSSS'.
4. Applied **Rule #3** (Replace): The sequence 'SSS' in 'WSSS' was replaced with 'U', resulting in the string 'WU'.

## 4 Results

This experiment turned out to be successful and I was able to transform the string from 'WS' to the target string 'WU'. The transformation occurred through applying Rule #2 twice and then Rule #3.

## 5 Experiment Discussion

This experiment and result tackled a few concepts and topics, being, string manipulation and state transition. Using WSU-Systems assignment, it models design challenges and parallels that go over designing systems and maintaining secure states. This is an analogy for understanding complex systems, for example, those being in, cybersecurity, which can be manipulated and or safe guarded against unauthorized state transitions.