

# Handin G1

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Kleene star case:

The following will become useful, consider for  $i > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla : \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)^i) &= \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)^{i-1} \mathcal{L}(E)) \\ &\stackrel{1)}{=} \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)^{i-1}) \cup \mathcal{L}(E)^{i-1} \cdot \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) \\ &= \left( \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)^{i-2}) \cup \mathcal{L}(E)^{i-2} \cdot \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) \right) \cup \mathcal{L}(E)^{i-1} \cdot \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \bigcup_{0 \leq j < i} \mathcal{L}(E)^j \cdot \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) \\ &= \left( \bigcup_{0 \leq j < i} \mathcal{L}(E)^j \right) \cdot \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E))\end{aligned}$$

By applying part 1 of the assignment a finite number of times or a short induction omitted here, we see that taking powers of prefix languages it is sufficient to concatenate on the right by the prefix language of the base expression.

Let  $E_1 = E^*$  in the name of readability, and consider

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Pre}\mathcal{L}(E_1) &= \text{Pre}\mathcal{L}(E^*) = \text{Pre} \left( \bigcup_{i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(E)^i \right) \\ &= \bigcup_{i \geq 0} \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)^i) \stackrel{\nabla}{=} \bigcup_{i \geq 0} \mathcal{L}(E)^i \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(E^*) \text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) = \mathcal{L}(E^*) \mathcal{L}(E') \\ &= \mathcal{L}(E^* E')\end{aligned}$$

By applying the induction hypothesis on the base expression  $E$  we obtain a regular expression  $E'$  such that  $\text{Pre}(\mathcal{L}(E)) = \mathcal{L}(E')$ , which we use in the last line of the proof.