

## Chapter 4

### 正则语言的性质

1. Prove that the language  $L = \{a^n b^m c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$  is not regular with pumping lemma.



2. [Exercise 4.1.2] Prove that the following are not regular languages.

- a)  $\{0^n \mid n \text{ is a perfect square}\}$   $n^2$
- b)  $\{0^n \mid n \text{ is a perfect cube}\}$   $n^3$



- c) The set of strings of 0's and 1's whose length is a perfect square.

- d) The set of strings of 0's and 1's that are of the form  $ww$ , that is some string repeated.

3. [Exercise 4.2.2] If  $L$  is a language, and  $a$  is a symbol, then  $L/a$ , the quotient of  $L$  and  $a$ , is the set of strings  $w$  such that  $wa$  is in  $L$ . For example, if  $L = \{a, aab, baa\}$ , then  $L/a = \{\epsilon, ba\}$ . Prove that if  $L$  is regular, so is  $L/a$ . Hint: Start with a DFA for  $L$  and consider the set of accepting states.



- 4 ✓ [Exercise 4.2.6] Show that the regular languages are closed under the following operations:

(a)  $\min(L) = \{w \mid w \text{ is in } L, \text{ but no proper prefix of } w \text{ is in } L\}$ .

suffix to



(b)  $\max(L) = \{w \mid w \text{ is in } L \text{ and for no } x \text{ other than } \varepsilon \text{ is } wx \text{ in } L\}$



(c)  $\text{init}(L) = \{w \mid \text{for some } x, wx \text{ is in } L\}$



5. [Exercise 4.2.8] Let  $L$  be a language. Define  $\text{half}(L)$  to be the set of first halves of strings in  $L$ , that is,  $\{w \mid \text{for some } x \text{ such that } |x| = |w|, \text{ we have } wx \text{ in } L\}$ . For example, if  $L = \{\varepsilon, 0010, 011, 010110\}$  then  $\text{half}(L) = \{\varepsilon, 00, 010\}$ . Notice that odd-length strings do not contribute to  $\text{half}(L)$ . Prove that if  $L$  is a regular language, so is  $\text{half}(L)$ .



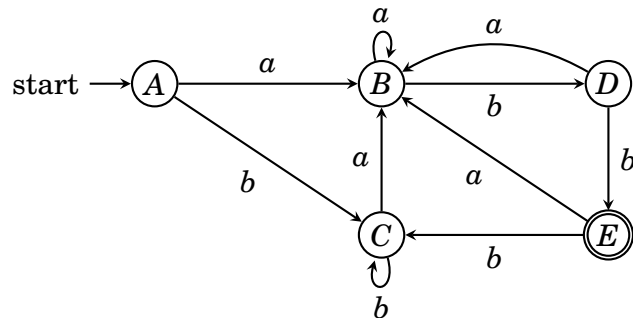
6. Let  $L$  be a language. Define  $\sqrt{L}$  to be the set  $\{w \mid ww \text{ is in } L\}$ . Prove that if  $L$  is regular, then so is  $\sqrt{L}$ . *Hint:* Given a DFA for  $L$  with  $n$  many states, one can build a DFA for  $\sqrt{L}$  with  $n^n$  many states.



More generally, for  $k \geq 1$ , define  $\sqrt[k]{L}$  to be the set  $\{w \mid w^k \text{ is in } L\}$ . Also define  ${}^* \sqrt{L}$  to be

the set  $\{w \mid w \text{ is in } \sqrt[k]{L} \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$ . Similar constructions prove that if  $L$  is regular, then all these other languages are regular.

7. [Exercise 4.2.11] Show that regular languages are closed under the following operations:  $\text{cycle}(L) = \{w \mid \text{we can write } w \text{ as } w = xy, \text{ such that } yx \text{ is in } L\}$ . For example, if  $L = \{01, 011\}$ , then  $\text{cycle}(L) = \{01, 10, 011, 110, 101\}$ . *Hint*: Start with a DFA for  $L$  and construct an  $\varepsilon$ -NFA for  $\text{cycle}(L)$ .
8. Minimize the given DFA.



9. Prove or disprove: if  $L_1$  is regular and  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also regular, then  $L_2$  must be regular.

