

$\Sigma = [\text{alphabet}]$ ^{finite} non-empty set of symbols
 ex. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

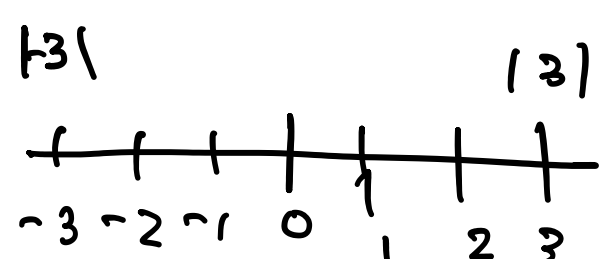
w or s = symbols from Σ concatenated [string]
 ex. $s = aabb$

wv = [concatenation] of two strings
 ex. $w = aabb$ $v = ba$
 $wv = aabbba$

not necessarily true $wv \neq vw$

$w^R = [w \text{ reversed}]$, each symbol is in reverse order
 ex. $w = aabb$
 $w^R = bbaa$

$|w|$ = [length] (# of) symbols of w .
 ex. $w = aabb$
 $|w| = 4$



λ = lambda = [empty string] - string w/ no symbols
 $|\lambda| = 0$
 $\lambda w = w\lambda = w$

w^n = [repeat] string n times

ex. $w = aba$
 $w^1 = aba$
 $w^2 = abaaba$
 $w^0 = \lambda$

$\Sigma^* = [\text{set}]$ of strings from concatenating zero or more symbols from Σ .

ex. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
 $\Sigma^* = \{\lambda, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, \dots\}$

$\Sigma^+ = \Sigma^* - \{\lambda\}$.

~~$\Sigma^* - \lambda$~~

recap! Σ = always finite set
 Σ^* = always infinite set
 Σ^+ = always infinite set
 $w \in \Sigma^*$ = finite in length

L = [language] = set of strings from Σ^*

ex. $L_1 = \{\lambda, aa, aaaa\} \therefore L_1$ = finite language
 $L_2 = \{\lambda, a, aa, aaa, aaaa, \dots\} \therefore L_2$ = infinite language

$L' = \Sigma^* - L$

ex. $\Sigma = \{a, b\} \Rightarrow \Sigma^* = \{\lambda, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, \dots\}$

$L_1 = \{\lambda, a, aa, aaaa, \dots\}$

$L_1' = \{b, bb, bbb, ab, ba, aba, \dots\}$

$L^R = \{w^R : w \in L\}$ all [strings reversed]

ex. $L = \{ab, bba, abaa\}$

$L^R = \{ba, abb, aba\}$

aside:

$L = \{a, ab, ba, bb\}$

~~$L^R = \{bb, ba, ab, a\}$~~

$L_1 L_2 = \{xy : x \in L_1, y \in L_2\}$ all [strings concatenated]

ex. $L_1 = \{a, aa, ab\}$

$L_2 = \{b, bb\}$

$L_1 L_2 = \{ab, aab, abb, aabb, abbb\}$

$= \{ab, aab, abb, aabb, abbb\}$

$L_1 L_2 \neq L_2 L_1$ not necessarily equal.

$L^n = L$ concatenated w/ self n times

$L^1 = L$

$L^2 = L \cdot L$

$L^0 = \{\lambda\}$

$L^* = L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup L^3 \cup \dots$

in general *

grammars! $G = (V, T, S, P)$

V = finite set of symbols [variables]

T = finite set of symbols [terminals]

$S \in V$ = [start] symbol $\in \Sigma$

P = finite set of [productions] or rules

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

Q = finite set of internal states

Σ = alphabet

δ = finite set of transition fnc(s)

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

$q_0 \in Q$ = [initial] state

$F \subset Q$ = finite set of [final] state(s).

dfa examples next time.