

CS 138: Formal languages and Automata

Homework 1 solutions

1.
 - $S_1 \times S_2 = \{(2, 2), (2, 4), (2, 5), (2, 8), (2, 9), (3, 2), (3, 4), (3, 5), (3, 8), (3, 9), (5, 2), (5, 4), (5, 5), (5, 8), (5, 9), (7, 2), (7, 4), (7, 5), (7, 8), (7, 9)\}$
 - $S_2 \times S_1 = \{(2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 5), (2, 7), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 5), (4, 7), (5, 2), (5, 3), (5, 5), (5, 7), (8, 2), (8, 3), (8, 5), (8, 7), (9, 2), (9, 3), (9, 5), (9, 7)\}$

2. $|S \cap T| + |S \cup T| = |\{2, 6, 8\}| + |\{2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}| = 3 + 5 = 8$

3. $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \xrightarrow{\text{by definition}} x \in S_1 \rightarrow x \in S_2 \xrightarrow{\text{contrapositive}} x \notin S_2 \rightarrow x \notin S_1 \Rightarrow x \in \bar{S}_2 \rightarrow x \in \bar{S}_1 \xrightarrow{\text{by definition}} \bar{S}_2 \subseteq \bar{S}_1$

4. $(S_1 \cap \bar{S}_2) \cup (\bar{S}_1 \cap S_2) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow S_1 \cap \bar{S}_2 = \emptyset \text{ and } \bar{S}_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow S_1 - S_2 = \emptyset \text{ and } S_2 - S_1 = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow S_1 = S_2$

5. Induction of $|v|$

Basis step: $|v| = 0$, $(u\lambda)^R = u^R$ and $\lambda^R u^R = u^R$.

Inductive hypothesis: $(uv)^R = v^R u^R$ holds for all v of length $1, 2, \dots, n$.

Inductive step: We want to show that $(uv)^R = v^R u^R$ where $|v| = n + 1$. Let $v = \omega a$ where $|\omega| = n$, so $(uv)^R = (u\omega a)^R = ((u\omega)a)^R = (\text{using the question hint}) a^R (u\omega)^R = (\text{using induction hypothesis}) a^R \omega^R u^R = v^R u^R$

6.
 - abaabaaabaa, aaaabaaaa, baaaaabaa
 - aaaabaaaa, baaaaabaa

7. $G = (\{S\}, \{a\}, S, P)$ and P is $S \rightarrow aaS, S \rightarrow \lambda$.

8.
 - 1st: λ , 2nd: a , 3rd: aa , ..., 129th: a^{128}
 - If $|\omega| = k$, we have k^n words with length ω , e.g., if $\omega = 0$, there is $2^0 = 1$ word (ω) and if $\omega = 1$, there are totally $2^1 = 2$ words (a and b). On the other hand $513 = 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^6 + 2$, so 127th word is b^6 , 128th word is a^7 , and 129th word is $a^6 b$.

9. **Basis step:** if $|u| = 1$ then u is a single symbol in Σ and it's obvious that $|u^2| = 2|u|$.

Inductive hypothesis: $|u^2| = 2|u|$ holds for all u of length $1, 2, \dots, n$.

Inductive step: We want to show that $|u^2| = 2|u|$ where $|u| = n + 1$. Let write u as ωa where $|\omega| = n$ and a is a single symbol, then $|u^2| = |\omega a \omega a| = |\omega^2| + |aa| = 2n + 2 = 2|u|$

10. We first show that all sentential forms must have the form $\omega_i = a^{2i}Sb^i$. Suppose that it holds for all sentential forms ω_i of length $3i+1$ or less. The only way to get another sentential form is to apply the production $S \rightarrow aaSb$. It gets us $a^{2i}Sb^i \Rightarrow a^{2i+2}Sb^{i+1}$, so that every sentential form of length $3i+4$ is also of form $\omega_i = a^{2i}Sb^i$.

Finally, to get a sentence, we must apply the production $S \rightarrow \lambda$, so $S \xRightarrow{*} a^{2n}Sb^n \Rightarrow a^{2n}b^n$ represents all possible derivations. Thus, G can derive only strings of the form $a^{2n}b^n$. To show that all strings of this form can be derived we simply apply $S \rightarrow aaSb$ as many times as needed, followed by $S \rightarrow \lambda$.