

## A Appendix

### A.1 Proofs of Theorem 1

(1) *An FAUC recognizes the language defined by a SOREUC.*

*Proof.* According to the definition of an FAUC, for a SOREUC  $r$ , and the  $i$ th subexpression of the form  $r_i = r_{i_1} \% r_{i_2} \% \dots \% r_{i_k}$  ( $i, k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 2$ ) in  $r$ , there is an unordered marker  $\%_{i_i}^+$  in an FAUC for recognizing the strings derived by  $r_i$ . For each subexpression  $r_{i_j}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq k$ ) in  $r_i$ , there is a concurrent marker  $\|_{ij}$  in an FAUC for recognizing the symbols or strings derived by  $r_{i_j}$ .

In addition, for strings recognition, an FAUC recognizes a string by treating symbols in a string individually. A symbol  $y$  in a string  $s \in \mathcal{L}(r)$  is recognized if and only if the current state (a set of nodes)  $p$  is reached such that  $y \in p$ . The end symbol  $\dashv$  is recognized if and only if the final state is reached. If  $y$  (resp.  $\dashv$ ) is not consumed, then  $y$  (resp.  $\dashv$ ) will be still read as the current symbol to be recognized. A SOREUC  $r$  is a deterministic expression, every symbol in  $s$  can be uniquely matched in  $r$ , and for every symbol  $l$  in  $r$ , there exists a state (a set of nodes) in an FAUC including  $l$ . According to the transition function of an FAUC, there exists an FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  which has unordered markers and concurrent marker for recognizing the unordered strings (substrings) derived from  $s$  such that every symbol in  $s$  can be recognized in a state in  $\mathcal{A}$ . When the last symbol of  $s$  was recognized, the end symbol  $\dashv$  is read as the current symbol, suppose the current state is  $q$ ,  $q$  will finally transit to the state  $q_f$  such that  $\dashv$  is consumed. Therefore,  $s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ . Then,  $\mathcal{L}(r) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ . An FAUC recognizes the language defined by a SOREUC.

(2) *The membership problem for FAUC is decidable in polynomial time. I.e., for any string  $s$ , and an FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$ , we can decide whether  $s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$  in  $\mathcal{O}(|s||\Sigma|^3)$  time.*

*Proof.* An FAUC recognizes a string by treating symbols in a string individually. A symbol  $y$  in a string  $s$  is recognized if and only if the current state  $p$  is reached such that  $y \in p$ . Let  $p_y$  denote the state (a set of nodes)  $p$  including symbol  $y$ . The next symbol of  $y$  is read if and only if  $y$  has been recognized at the state  $p_y$ .  $H$  is the node transition graph of an FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$ . The number of nodes in  $H$  is  $4|\Sigma|$  (including  $q_0$  and  $q_f$ ) at most. Assume that the current symbol  $y$  is read and the current state is  $q$ :

1.  $q$  is a set:  $|q| \geq 1$  and  $\exists v \in \{\|_{ij}\}_{i \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma, j \in \mathbb{P}_\Sigma} \cup \Sigma : v \in q \wedge y \in H. \succ (v)$ .  
A state (set)  $q$  includes  $4|\Sigma|$  nodes at most. For an FAUC, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^2)$  time to search the node  $v$ , where  $y \in H. \succ (v)$ . Then, the state  $p_y = q \setminus \{v\} \cup \{y\}$  can be reached,  $y$  is recognized. Thus, for the current state  $q$ , it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^2)$  time to recognize  $y$ .
2.  $q$  is a set:  $|q| \geq 1$  and  $\exists v \in \{\|_{ij}\}_{i \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma, j \in \mathbb{P}_\Sigma} : v \in q \wedge ((\exists \%_t^+ \in H. \succ (v) \wedge y \in R(\%_t^+)) \vee (\exists +_k \in H. \succ (v) \wedge y \in R(+_k)))(t \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma, k \in \mathbb{B}_\Sigma)$ .  
For the current state  $q$ , it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to search the node  $v$ . If  $+_k \in H. \succ (v)$  and  $y \in R(+_k)$ , since it needs  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to decide whether  $y \in R(+_k)$ ,

it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^2)$  time at most to reach the state including the node  $y$  (i.e., recognizing  $y$ ). If  $\%_t^+ \in H.\succ(v)$  and  $y \in R(\%_t^+)$ , case (3) will be considered, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^3)$  time at most to reach the state including the node  $y$  for another unordered marker can be a successor of  $\%_t^+$ .

3.  $q$  is a set:  $|q| \geq 1$  and  $\exists \%_i^+ \in q : y \in H.R(\%_i^+)$ .

For an FAUC, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to search the node  $\%_i^+$  in state (set)  $q$ , and it also takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to decide whether  $y \in H.R(\%_i^+)$ . Then, the state  $q$  transits to the state  $q' = q \setminus \{\%_i^+\} \cup H.\succ(\%_i^+)$ . Then, there is a node  $\|_{ij}$  ( $\|_{ij} \in H.\succ(\%_i^+), j \in \mathbb{P}_\Sigma$ ) in  $q'$  that is checked whether  $y \in H.\succ(\|_{ij})$ . Case (1) and case (2) will be considered. Then, for the current state  $q$ , it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^3)$  time to recognize  $y$ .

4.  $q = q_0$ .

If  $y \in H.\succ(q_0)$ , then, for an FAUC, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to search the state including the node  $y$ . Otherwise, a node  $\%_i^+$  ( $i \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma$ ) or a node  $+_k$  ( $k \in \mathbb{B}_\Sigma$ ) is searched and then is decided whether  $y \in H.R(\%_i^+)$  or  $y \in H.R(+_k)$ . If the node  $+_k$  is searched, it needs  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to decide whether  $y \in R(+_k)$ , then it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^2)$  time at most to recognize  $y$ . If the node  $\%_i^+$  is searched, then, case (3) and case (2) are considered, for the current state  $q$ , it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^3)$  time at most to recognize  $y$ .

Thus, for an FAUC, a symbol  $y \in \Sigma_s$  and a current state  $q$ , it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|^3)$  time at most to recognize  $y$ . When the last symbol of  $s$  was recognized, the end symbol  $\neg$  requires to be consumed, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|H.V|) = \mathcal{O}(|\Sigma|)$  time to transit to the final state  $q_f$ . Let  $|s|$  denote the length of the string  $s$ , then for an FAUC, it takes  $\mathcal{O}(|s||\Sigma|^3)$  time to recognize  $s$ . Therefore, the membership problem for an FAUC is decidable in polynomial time (uniform)<sup>4</sup>.

## A.2 Proof of Theorem 2

*Proof.* For any tuple  $(a, b) \in U_\%$ , the node  $a$  connects with the node  $b$  in the undigraph  $F(V, E)$  ( $F.E = U_\%$ ). The nodes  $a$  and  $b$  are in a connected component of  $F$ . According to the algorithm *UnorderUnits*, for each connected component  $f$  of  $F$ , there is a corresponding unordered unit.

First, the non-adjacent nodes, which are selected from  $f$ , compose a set  $M_f$  such that the sum of all node degrees is maximum.  $M_f$  is one of the sets in an unordered unit. Then, if one of the nodes  $a$  and  $b$  occurs in  $M_f$  ( $a$  and  $b$  cannot occur in  $M_f$  at the same time), after removing the nodes in  $f$  and their associated edges, a new undigraph  $f'$  is obtained. If  $f'$  is not a connected graph,  $[M_f, f'.V]$  forms an unordered unit, the other node occurs in  $f'.V$ . Otherwise,  $M_f$  is stored in an unordered unit, algorithm *UnorderUnits* recursively works on  $f'$ , the other node must occur in another obtained set.

<sup>4</sup>Note that, for non-uniform version of the membership problem for an FAUC, only the string to be tested is considered as input. This indicates that  $|\Sigma|$  is a constant. In this case, the membership problem for an FAUC is decidable in linear time.

If neither  $a$  nor  $b$  occurs in  $M_f$ , after removing the nodes in  $f$  and their associated edges, a new undigraph  $f'$  is obtained, algorithm *UnorderUnits* recursively works on  $f'$ . In extreme case,  $f'.V = \{a, b\}$  and  $f'.E = \{(a, b)\}$ , then  $M_{f'} = \{a\}$ ,  $[\{a\}, \{b\}]$  forms an unordered unit. The nodes  $a$  and  $b$  occur in different sets.

All obtained unordered units are put into  $P_\%$ , thus, for any tuple  $(a, b) \in U_\%$ , there exists an unordered unit  $ut \in P_\%$  such that  $a$  and  $b$  are in different sets in  $ut$ .

### A.3 Proof of Theorem 3

*Proof.* For a finite sample  $S$ , first,  $U_\%$  is the set of all tuples  $(a, b)$  that  $ab$  can be an unordered word for  $S$  are identified from  $S$ .  $P_\%$  is obtained by using algorithm *UnorderUnits* to recursively extract unordered units from the undigraph  $F(V, E)$  where  $F.E = U_\%$ . Since an SOA built for  $S$  is a precise representation of  $S$  [13], and an unordered unit in  $P_\%$  can be used to determine the substructure of an FAUC recognizing unordered strings, the SOA built for  $S$  is converted to the FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  by traversing the unordered units in  $P_\%$ . Theorem 2 ensures the constructed FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  can recognize all the unordered strings from  $S$ . The SOA  $G$  is built from  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(G) \supseteq S$ . For any string  $s \in S$  and any symbol  $a$  occurring in  $s$ , there is a node labelled by  $a$  in  $G$ . Then, there is also a node labelled by  $a$  in the node transition graph  $H$  of the FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Suppose that the current state is  $q$  (a set of nodes) and the current symbol  $a$  is read. According to the transition function of the constructed FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$ , if there is node  $v \in q$  such that  $a \in H. \succ(v)$ , the state  $q$  will transit to the state including the node  $a$  (i.e., the state  $q \setminus \{v\} \cup \{a\}$ ),  $a$  is recognized. If  $a$  is the first letter of the unordered string from  $s$ , the state  $q$  will transit to the state including the node  $\%_i^+$  ( $i \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma$ ) such that the state including the node  $a$  can be reached via the node  $\%_i^+$  ( $a \in R(\%_i^+)$ ). If  $a$  is the first letter of the substring which repeatedly occurs in a string in  $S$ , the state  $q$  will transit to the state including the node  $+_j$  ( $j \in \mathbb{B}_\Sigma$ ) such that the state including the node  $a$  can be reached via the node  $+_j$  ( $a \in R(+_j)$ ).  $a$  is recognized if and only if the state including the node  $a$  is reached, and  $a$  can be recognized because of the node  $a \in H.V$ .

Thus, for any string  $s \in S$  and any symbol  $a$  occurring in  $s$ ,  $a$  can be recognized in the constructed FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $s \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ , then there is  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq S$ .

### A.4 Proof of Theorem 4

*Proof.* For a finite sample  $S$ , the constructed FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  is returned by the algorithm *ConsFauc*, which is as a subroutine of algorithm *InfSoreuc*, Theorem 3 demonstrates that  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq S$ . After *Running*( $\mathcal{A}, S$ ) return *true*,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq S$  is still hold.

In algorithm *GenSoreuc*, the node transition graph  $H$  of the FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  is first converted to a regular expression  $r_s$  by using the algorithm *Soa2Sore* [13],  $H$  is also an SOA if we respect the symbols  $\%_i^+$ ,  $\|_{ij}$  and  $+_k$  ( $i \in \mathbb{D}_\Sigma$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{P}_\Sigma$  and

$k \in \mathbb{B}_\Sigma$ ) as alphabet symbols. Let  $S_\%^\#$  denote the language recognized by  $H$ . There is  $\mathcal{L}(r_s) \supseteq \mathcal{L}(H) \supseteq S_\%^\#$  [13].

For a string  $s \in S_\%^\#$ , if the symbols  $\%_i^+$ ,  $||_{ij}$  and  $+_k$  are removed from  $s$  to obtain a new string  $s'$ , there is  $s' \in \mathcal{L}(G)$  where  $G$  is the SOA that is built for  $S$  and then to be converted to the node transition graph  $H$  of the FAUC  $\mathcal{A}$  by adding markers  $\%_i^+$ ,  $||_{ij}$  and  $+_k$  into  $G$  in algorithm *ConsFauc*. Then,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq \mathcal{L}(G)$ , and there is  $s' \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ .

In algorithm *GenSoreuc*, the symbols  $\%_i^+$ ,  $||_{ij}$  and  $+_k$  are removed from  $r_s$  step by step, and unordered concatenations and counting operators are introduced into  $r_s$ , let  $r$  denote the finally updated  $r_s$ . Every symbol in  $r$  occurs at most once,  $r$  is a SOREUC. If  $s' \notin \mathcal{L}(r)$ , there is  $s \in S_\%^\#$  but  $s \notin \mathcal{L}(r_s)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(r_s) \not\supseteq S_\%^\#$ . There is a contradiction to the conclusion  $\mathcal{L}(r_s) \supseteq \mathcal{L}(H) \supseteq S_\%^\#$  obtained above, thus, there is  $s' \in \mathcal{L}(r)$ . Then, there is  $\mathcal{L}(r) \supseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ . Since  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \supseteq S$ , there is  $\mathcal{L}(r) \supseteq S$ .