

ASSIGNMENT 2

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1. Which language does the regular expression ϵ represent?
It represent the language $\{\epsilon\}$
2. Which language does the regular expression \emptyset represent?
It represent the the empty language $\{\} = \emptyset$
3. Which language does the regular expression a represent?
It represent the the language $\{a\}$, respectively, where a is an element of Σ .
4. Is it always true that $R + \epsilon$, where R is a regular expression, represents the same language as R ? If yes, explain. If not, give a counterexample
Yes, becasue the resulting "new language" created by Union; $R \cup \epsilon$ still contains the same strings as in the previous " R ".
5. For each of the following languages L, state whether or not L is regular. Prove your answer:
 - (a) $\{a^i b^j : i, j \text{ and } i + j = 5\}$

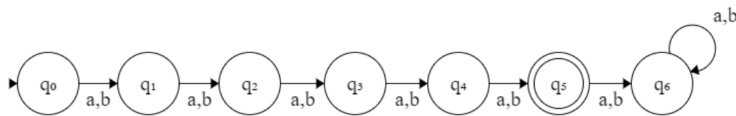


Figure 1:

This exercise is a regular language, because if it's possible to draw a Finite Automata, the language is recognizable. Which means that the language is a regular language.

- (b) $\{a^i b^j : i, j \text{ and } i - j = 5\}$
This exercise will be proven by Pumping Lemma.
By $a^i b^j \rightarrow i - j = 5 \leftrightarrow$
By assuming $k + l = i$, we can use xyz like this:
 $a^k a^l b^j$ where:
 $x = a^k$
 $y = a^l$
 $z = b^j$
Then by pumping y 3 times: " $3 \times y = 3y$ "
Now we can tell that $k + l - j + 2l \neq k + l - j$.
This exercise does not contain a regular language.
- (c) $\{a^i b^j : i, j \text{ and } |i - j| \cong 0 \pmod{5}\}$ I.e count a's (mod 5), then count b's (mod 5) and accepts iff the two counts are equal By assumption:
 $i = 5 * k + l$
 $j = 5 * m + l$
 $i - l \% 5 = 0 \wedge j - l \% 5 = 0$
 $|i - j| \% 5 = 0$ for every $0 \leq l \leq 5$
 $a^t a^v b^j \rightarrow t + v = i$
 $x = a^t$
 $y = a^v$
 $z = b^j$
Then by pumping y 3 times ($3 \times y = 3y$), we end out with the function looking like:

$$(t + v - j)\%5 = 0 \neq (t + 3v - j)\%5 = 0.$$

By using pumping lemma, this exercise does not contain a regular language. For some examples this will still end as a regular language, but will fail most of the time.

- (d) $\{w \in \{Y, N\}^* \mid w \text{ contains at least two Y's and at most two N's}\}$ Regular like exercise 5a, since it's possible to make a FA for this language.

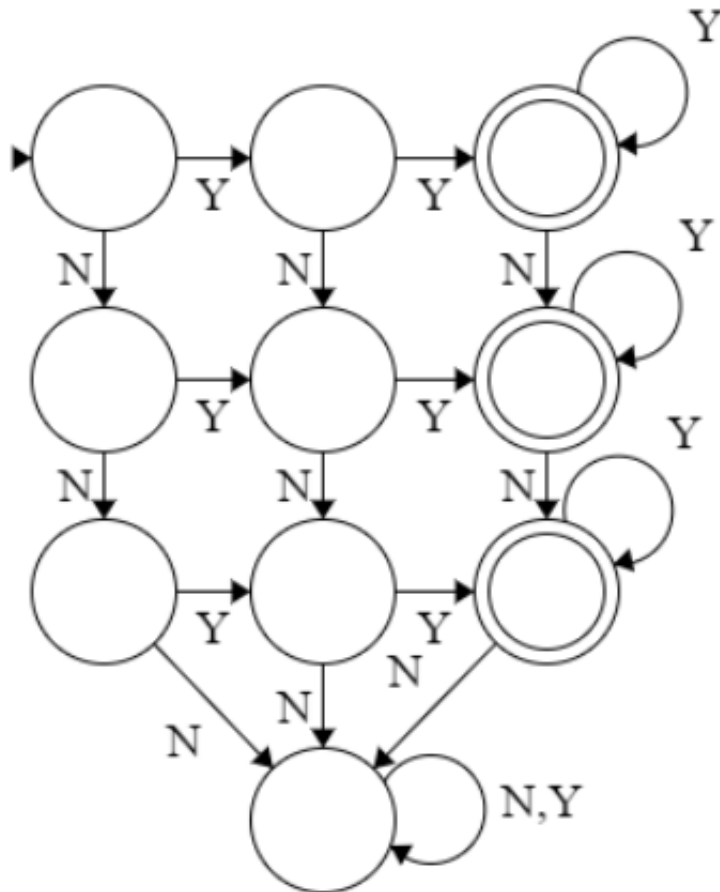


Figure 2:

- (e) $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w \text{ contains exactly two more b's than a's}\}$
 L is an infinite language and if we assume that L is regular, we'll try to apply the pumping lemma.
 We'll end up with: $w = a^m b^{m+2}$. Then we can write down the xyz:
 $xyz = a^k a^l b^{m+2}$ where $k + l = m$ and:
 $x = a^k$
 $y = a^l$
 $z = b^{m+2}$
 Now, by using the pumping lemma, we can tell if the language is regular or not. Because pumping lemma states that $xy^i z \in L$, even if $i = 0$. This leaves us with $xz \in L$. But for this language, that's not the case, since $xz = a^{k-l} b^{m+2} \notin L$, $k + l = m$ and $k - l \neq m$. In this case L is not regular, since $xz \notin L$.
- (f) $\{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid \text{the number of occurrences of the substring } ab \text{ is equal to the number of occurrences of the substring } ba.\}$
- (g) $\{w \in \{(,)\}^* \mid \text{the parentheses are balanced}\}$
- (h) $\{ww^R \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

6. Can you use the Pumping Lemma for regular languages to show that a language is regular? If yes, explain why. If no, explain why not.

Yes. This is from the Michel Sipser book: "Our technique for proving nonregularity stems from a theorem about regular languages, traditionally called the pumping lemma. This theorem states that all regular languages have a special property. If we can show that a language does not have this property, we are guaranteed that it is not regular."

7. Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$. Consider the following grammars.

- (a) $S \rightarrow aS|Sb|\epsilon$
- a, b, ϵ , ab, aaa
 - ba, baa, bab, baaa, baba
 - a^*b^*
 - L is in this exercise regular since we can write down a regular expression.
- (b) $S \rightarrow aSa|bSb|a|b$
- a, aa, aba, aabaa, bababab
 - abaa, aaba, bbab, aaab, ab
 - $w \in (a,b)^* \mid w$ is symmetric.
 - L is in this exercise not regular, this can be proven by applying Pumping Lemma.
- (c) $S \rightarrow aS|bS|\epsilon$
- a, b, ϵ , ab, aaa
 - \emptyset
 - $w \in (a,b)^* \mid w$ is anything

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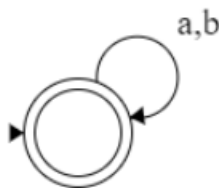


Figure 3:

- L is in this exercise regular since it takes every possible string and can be proven by a FA.
- (d) $S \rightarrow aS|aSbS|\epsilon$
- a, ab, aab, aaba, aaabaa
 - b, ba bab, abba, bb
 - $w \in (a,b)^* \mid w$ contains either a equal amount of a's and b's or always more a's than b's.
 - L is in this exercise not regular, this can be proven by applying Pumping Lemma.

For each language defined by the grammars, do the following:

- List five strings that are in L.
 - List five strings that are not in L.
 - Describe L concisely. You can use regular expressions, set theoretic expressions, etc.
 - Indicate whether or not L is regular. Prove your answer.
8. Consider the following grammar $G : S \rightarrow 0S1|SS|10$.
Show a parse tree produced by G for each of the following strings:
- 010110

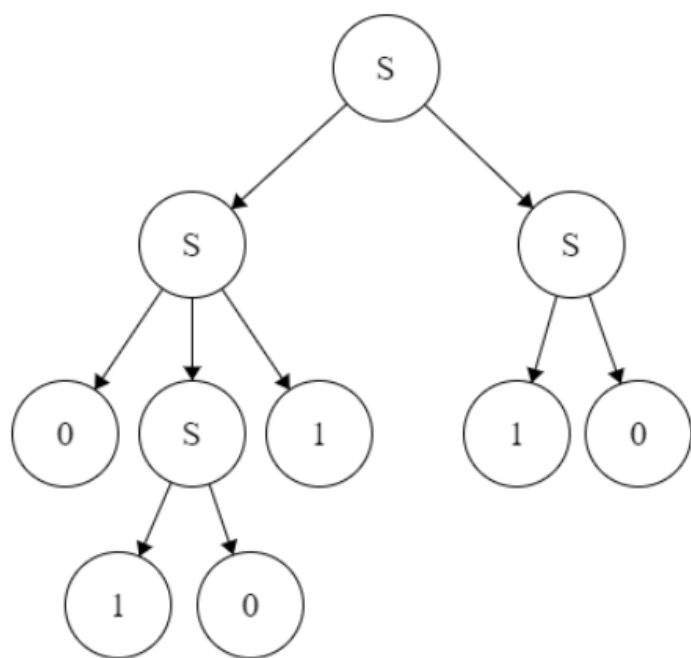


Figure 4:

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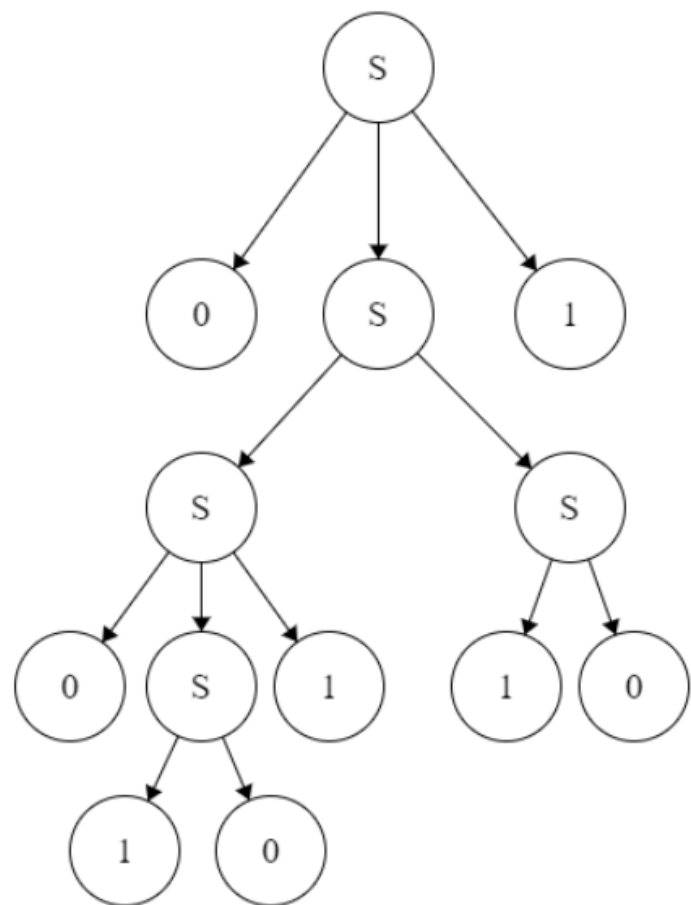


Figure 5: