

# Math 239 - Lecture 11 - Concatenation - (Block) Decomposition

## Review:

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### Concatenation:

$AB = \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$  set! (not multiset) unambiguous if  
 $\nexists a_1, a_2 \in A, b_1, b_2 \in B$   $a_1b_1 = a_2b_2$

### Star:

$$A^* = E \cup (A^1) \cup (A^2) \cup (A^3) \cup \dots$$

### Unambiguous

- $A^k$  unambiguous  $\forall k \geq 0$
- all pairwise disjoint

### Product Lemma

If  $AB$  is unambiguous then  $\Phi_{AB}(x) = \Phi_A(x)\Phi_B(x)$ .

### Star Lemma

If  $A^*$  is unambiguous, then  $\Phi_{A^*}(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \Phi_A(x)}$

**Note:** we say an expression for binary strings is unambiguous if all products and stars unambiguous and unions disjoint

## Expressions for the set of all binary strings:

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Let  $B$  be the set of all binary strings;

#1:  $B = \{0,1\}^*$  is **unambiguous**, why?

- every string is uniquely reconstructable
- alternatively, the exp. comes from a "decomposition rule"

A **decomposition rule** is a rule to decompose a string into "parts" **uniquely**. Here the rule is: decompose where each part is a single digit

Ex:  $[0][1][0][1]$

each part is in  $0,1$ , each string is formed from any # of these parts. So we get  $0,1^*$  as the expression

**Remark:** decomposing after every 2nd digit  $00,01,10,11^* \in 0,1$  is another unique rule (we won't use). however, decomposing where each part is length 1 or 2 is not unique (and hence is ambiguous)

### Useful unambiguous for expressions for $B$ :

Decomposition Rule	Expression
After each 0	$(\{1\}\{0\}),\{1\}^*$
After each 1	$(\{0\}\{1\})\{0\}^*$
After each block of 0s	$\{0\}^*(\{1\}\{1\}\{0\}\{0\})\{1\}$
1s	$\{1\}^*(\{0\}\{0\}\{1\}\{1\})\{1\}$

**Why?**

Main parts of Decomp (used any # of times)	Final part
$\{0,10,110,1110,\dots\} = \{1\}^*\{0\}$	$\{\epsilon,1,11,111,\dots\} = \{1\}^*$

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{0}*{1}		{0}*
Beginning part	Main part	Final part
(possibly empty) block of 0 s: {0}*	non empty block of 1s followed by a non empty block of 0 s: {1,11,111,...}{0,00,000,...}	(possibly empty) block of 1s: {1}*

## Finding Gen series from Block Decompositions:

the 1st rule  $B=0,1^*$  is really only useful to find  $\Phi_B$ . By Star Lemma

$$\Phi_B(x) = \frac{1}{1 - \Phi_{\{0,1\}(x)}} = \frac{1}{1 - 2x}$$

One can check the other rules also give  $\Phi_B(x) = \frac{1}{1 - 2x}$

Using the block decomposition rules, we can find unambiguous expressions for sets of binary strings w/ restriction parts and from there use sum/product/star lemmas to find  $\phi_i$

**Ex.** No blocks of exactly 4 1's: We choose a decomposition where the restriction can be used on the parts.

Let's use after each block of 1's:  $B = \{1\}(\{0\}\{0\}\{1\}\{1\})\{0\}^*$

We modify the exp. by modifying the acceptable parts

	Before(all)	After (number of blocks of ex. 4 1's)
Beg part	{1}*	{ $\epsilon$ ,1,11,111,1111,...} (no 4 1's)
Main part	{0}{0}{1}{1}	{0,00,...}{1,11,111,1111,...}
Final part	{0}*	{0}*

$$\{E, 1, 11, 111, 1111, \dots\}(\{0\}\{0\}\{1\}\{E, 1, 11, 111, \dots\})\{0\}^* = (\{E, 1, 11, 111\} \cup \{1111\}\{1\})(\{0\}\{0\}\{1\}(\{E, 1, 11\} \cup \{1111\}\{1\}))\{0\}^*$$

$$\text{Exp } (1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \frac{x^5}{1-x}) (\frac{1}{1-x \cdot \frac{1}{1-x} \cdot x \cdot (1+x+x^2+\frac{x^4}{1-x})}) (1/(1-x))$$

## Reminder main part is starred

so it will show as  $\frac{1}{1-\Phi_{\text{Main}}}$  in the middle You final expression is,

$$\Phi_{\text{Beg}} \left( \frac{1}{1-\Phi_{\text{Main}}} \right) \Phi_{\text{end}}$$

- it may be useful to calculate  $\Phi_{\text{Beg}}$ ,  $\Phi_{\text{Main}}$ , and  $\Phi_{\text{end}}$  first