

English Language

- Alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, \dots, x, y, z\}$
- A sentence is nothing but string over alphabet.
- There can be infinitely many strings possible. Some of them may belong to the language.
- String 1 : I am a student .
- String 1 belongs to english language
- String 2: student i a am
- String 2 does not belong to english language.
- How do we say a given string is in the language or not? By checking grammar.(Set of rules)
- So we need grammar to define language. Grammar is a language generating device.



C++ Language

- Alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b..z, 0, 1..9, \#, ,, ", (,), +, -, *, /, \{, \}, [,], <, >, =, \dots\}$
- A program is nothing but string over alphabet.
- We can write infinitely many programs. Some of these may belong to c++ language.
- Which one?
- Program written using c++ syntax rules/grammar.
- Compiler checks whether program belongs to c++ language or not.
- We also define language using automata which accepts string belonging to the language.
- Automata is a language accepting device.



Operations on Languages

- Union
- Intersection
- Complement
- Set Difference
- **Concatenation**
- **Closure**

Operation on Languages

Union

- $L_1 \cup L_2$ is defined as a set consisting of strings which are either in language L_1 or Language L_2 .
- $L_1 \cup L_2 = \{ x \mid x \in L_1 \text{ or } x \in L_2 \}$
- $L_1 = \{a, ab, aab, aaab\}$
- $L_2 = \{a, aba, aabaa\}$
- $L_1 \cup L_2 = \{a, ab, aab, aaab, aba, aabaa\}$



Operation on Languages

Intersection

- ▶ $L_1 \cap L_2$ is defined as a set consisting of strings which are both in language L_1 and L_2 .
- ▶ $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{x \mid x \in L_1 \text{ and } x \in L_2\}$
- ▶ $L_1 = \{a, ab, aab, aaab\}$
- ▶ $L_2 = \{a, aba, aabaa\}$
- ▶ $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{a\}$



Operation on Languages

Complement

- ▶ L' is defined as a set consisting of strings which are not in language L
- ▶ $L' = \{ x \mid x \notin L \}$ or $L' = \Sigma^* - L$
- ▶ $L = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ begins with a '0'} \}$
- ▶ $L' = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ does not begin with a '0'} \}$

Operation on Languages


Difference

- $L_1 - L_2$ is defined as a set consisting of strings which are in language L_1 but not in L_2 .
- $L_1 - L_2 = \{ x \mid x \in L_1 \text{ and } x \notin L_2 \}$
- $L_1 = \{a, ab, aab, aaab\}$
- $L_2 = \{a, aba, aabaa\}$
- $L_1 - L_2 = \{ab, aab, aaab\}$

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Concatenation


- L_1L_2 is defined as a set consisting of strings xy such that x belongs to Language L_1 and y belongs to Language L_2 .
- $L_1L_2 = \{ xy \mid x \in L_1 \text{ and } y \in L_2 \}$
- $L_1 = \{a,b\}$
- $L_2 = \{c,d\}$
- $L_1L_2 = \{a,b\}\{c,d\} = \{ac,ad,bc,bd\}$
- $L_2L_1 = \{c,d\}\{a,b\} = \{ca,cb,da,db\}$
- Note $L_1L_2 \neq L_2L_1$ in general but
- $L_1L_2 = L_2L_1$ if $L_1 = L_2$



Operation on Languages

Power of alphabet Σ^i as Concatenation

- Power of an alphabet Σ^i may be defined as concatenation of Σ
- $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$
- $\Sigma^0 = \{\epsilon\}$: set of strings of length 0
- $\Sigma^1 = \{0,1\}$: set of strings of length 1 = Σ
- $\Sigma^2 = \{00,01,10,11\}$: set of strings of length 2 = $\{0,1\}\{0,1\} = \Sigma\Sigma$
- $\Sigma^3 = \{000,001,010,011,100,101,110,111\}$: set of strings of length 3 = $\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma = \Sigma^2\Sigma$ or $\Sigma\Sigma^2$
- $\Sigma^4 = \Sigma^3\Sigma$ or $\Sigma\Sigma^3$, $\Sigma^5 = \Sigma^4\Sigma$ or $\Sigma\Sigma^4$ and so on.....



Operation on Languages Closure

- Kleene closure L^*
- Positive closure L^+