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Assignment – 01

Formal Language and Automata Theory

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CSE-B

Q1 \rightarrow Consider the language S^* , where $S = \{a, b\}$. How many words does this language have of length 2? of length 3? of length n ?

\Rightarrow The language S^* , where $S = \{a, b\}$ includes all possible strings formed by concatenating elements from S , including the empty string.

- Length 2

with two positions there are $2 \times 2 = 2^2 = 4$

4 possible words

- Length 3

There are $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 2^3 = 8$

8 possible words

- Length n

2^n possible words

Q2 Consider the language S^* , where $S = \{ab, ba\}$. write out all the words in S^* that have seven or fewer letters. Can any words in this language contain the substrings aaa or bbb ?

\Rightarrow No, any words in this language cannot contain the substrings aaa or bbb because the language S only contains 'ab' and 'ba'. Therefore, it is impossible to have consecutive identical letters.

Q3 Consider the language S^* , where $S = \{aaababaa\}$. show that the words $aabaa$, $baaabaa$, & $baaaaaababaa$ are all in the language. Can any word in this language be interpreted as a string of elements from S in two different ways? Can any word in this language have an odd total number of a 's?

\Rightarrow No word in this language can be interpreted as a string of elements from S in two different ways because each word can only be parsed in one unique way based on the structure of the string "aaababaa".

⇒ No word in this language can have an odd number of 'a's because each element in S has an even number of 'a's. Concatenating any number of these elements will always result in a word with an even number of 'a's.

Q4 Show that if the concatenation of two words (neither Λ) in PALINDROME is also a word in PALINDROME then both words are powers of some other words; that is, if x and y and xy are all in PALINDROME then there is word z such that $x = z^n$ and $y = z^m$ for some integers $n \neq 0$ & m .

⇒ A palindrome reads the same forwards and backwards. If x and y are palindromes, then $x = x^R$ and $y = y^R$, where R denotes the reverse. If xy is also a palindrome, then $xy = (xy)^R = yx$.

→ Commutation

From $xy = yx$, it's deduced that x and y commute. A well-known result in formal language theory states that if two ~~words~~ words commute, they are powers of the same word.

Therefore, there exists a word z such that $x = z^n$ and $y = z^m$ for some integers n & m .

Q5 Let $S = \{ab, bb\}$ and $T = \{ab, bb, bbb\}$

① Show that $S^* \neq T^*$; but that $S^* \subseteq T^*$

② Prove in general that if $S \subseteq T$ then $S^* \subseteq T^*$. Find examples of S and T for which:

③ $S \subseteq T$ but $S \neq T$ and yet $S^* = T^*$

① Showing $S^* \neq T^*$ and $S^* \subseteq T^*$

$T^* = \{\Lambda, ab, bb, bbb, abab,$

Since bbb is in T^* but not in S^* , $S^* \subsetneq T^*$

→ Every string that can be formed by concatenating elements of S can also be formed by concatenating elements of T (Since $S \subseteq T$), Therefore, $S^* \subseteq T^*$

→ Proving if $S \subseteq T$ then $S^* \subseteq T^*$

- Let x be an arbitrary string in S^* .
- By definition of Kleene star, x can be written as a concatenation of elements from S : $x = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$ where each $s_i \in S$.
- Since $S \subseteq T$, each s_i is also in T .
- Therefore, x is a concatenation of elements from T , which means $x \in T^*$.
- Since x was an arbitrary string in S^* , this shows that every element of S^* is also in T^* , so $S^* \subseteq T^*$.

Example

- $S = \{a\}$, $T = \{a, b\}$

Q6 Prove that for all sets S .

$$(1) (S^+)^* = (S^*)^+$$

$$(2) (S^+)^+ = S^+$$

$\Rightarrow S^+ \rightarrow$ Represents the set of all possible strings formed by concatenating one or more strings from S .

$(S^+)^* \rightarrow$ Represents the set of all possible strings formed by concatenating zero or more strings from S^+ . This includes the empty string and any combination of strings from S^+ .

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Since S^+ is a subset of S^* , any string formed by concatenating elements from S^+ can also be formed by concatenating elements from S^* . Therefore, $(S^+)^*$ is a subset of $(S^*)^*$. Conversely, since S is a subset of S^+ , any string formed by concatenating elements from S can also be formed by concatenating elements from (S^+) .

Therefore, $(S^*)^*$ is a subset of $(S^+)^*$. Hence, $(S^+)^* = (S^*)^*$.

2 → Since S^+ is already defined as all concatenations of one or more strings from S , concatenating strings from S^+ again will still result in a string that can be formed by concatenating one or more strings from S . Therefore, $(S^+)^+$ is equivalent to S^+ . Hence, $(S^+)^+ = S^+$.

→ By definition $(S^{***})^* = S^{***}$ is this bigger than S^* ? Is it bigger than S .

S^{***} is not bigger than S^* . Both sets contain an infinite number of elements.

S^{***} is bigger than S , because it is made up of all concatenations of elements of S .

Q8 Let $S = \{a, bb, bob, abaab\}$. Is $abbaabab$ in S^* ?

Is $abaabbaabbb$? Does any word in S^* have an equal number of b's?

→ $abbaabab = (abab)(a)(abab)$

Since $abab$ is not in S , $abbaabab$ is not in S^* .

• $abaabbaabbb = (abaab)(bb)(a)(abaab)(bb)$

Since $abaab$, bb , a are in S .

$abaabbaabbb$ is in S^* .

a has 0 b's
bb has 2 b's
bab has 2 b's
ciboab has 2 b's.

Since, bb, bab, aboab has even no. of b's then no ~~any~~
concatenation have odd no. of b's.

Q9 Consider the language S^* where $S = \{aaa, ab, ba, bbb\}$.
Give another description of this language. Give an example
of a set S such that S^* contains all possible strings of a's
and b's that have length divisible by three.

$\Rightarrow S = \{aaa, aab, aba, baa, abb, bab, bba, bbb\}$

This set consists of all possible strings of length 3
using the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$.

When this set is used to form S^* , it will generate
strings whose length is a multiple of 3.