

## CSC236 A3

1.

WTS:  $\text{term}(x)$  terminates.

Proof:

Let  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $x_i$  be  $x$  after the  $i$ th iteration and  $y_i$  be  $y$  after the  $i$ th iteration.

Define  $p(i)$ : after the  $i$ th iteration of the loop (if it occurs),  $x_i$  is an integer and

$x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$  and  $y_i = (x_i)^3$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ . I will prove that  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}, p(i)$  using

simple induction on  $i$ .

Base case:  $x_0 = x, y_0 = x^3 = (x_0)^3$  (by initialization). Since  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , hence  $y_0 = x^3 \geq 0$ . By code (line4) we know that if there is a iteration then  $x_1 = x_0 -$

1. Since  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x$  is an integer, hence  $x_0 = x$  is also an integer. So  $p(0)$  follows.

Inductive step:

Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $p(i)$ , that is  $x_i$  is an integer and  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$  and  $y_i = (x_i)^3$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ . Show that  $p(i+1)$  follows. If there is an  $(i+1)$ th loop iteration.

Then by code,  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i+1} &= y_i - 3 \times x_{i+1} \times x_{i+1} - 3 \times x_{i+1} - 1 \\ &= (x_i)^3 - 3 \times x_{i+1} \times x_{i+1} - 3 \times x_{i+1} - 1 \\ &= (x_{i+1} + 1)^3 - 3 \times x_{i+1} \times x_{i+1} - 3 \times x_{i+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$= (x_{i+1})^3 + 3(x_{i+1})^2 + 3(x_{i+1}) + 1 - 3 \times x_{i+1} \times x_{i+1} - 3 \times x_{i+1} - 1$   
 $= (x_{i+1})^3$  (# by induction hypothesis we know that  $y_i = (x_i)^3$ ). If there is a next

iteration, then by code (line4), we know that  $x_{i+2} = x_{i+1} - 1$ . Since there is an

$(i+1)$ th loop iteration, by the loop condition we know that  $y_i \neq 0$ , and by

induction hypothesis we know that  $y_i \geq 0$  hence  $y_i > 0$ , and by induction

hypothesis we know that  $y_i = (x_i)^3$ , hence  $x_i > 0$ , since  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$ , hence

$x_{i+1} \geq 0$ , hence  $y_{i+1} = (x_{i+1})^3 \geq 0$ . Since by induction hypothesis,

$x_i$  is an integer,  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$  is also an integer. So  $p(i+1)$  follows.

Hence we've proved that  $\forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ , after the  $i$ th iteration of the loop (if it occurs),

$x_i$  is an integer and  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$  and  $y_i = (x_i)^3$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ . Then we will prove

termination by this loop iteration.

Try the sequence  $\{y_i\}$ , since by loop iteration we know that

$x_i$  is an integer and  $y_i = (x_i)^3$  and  $y_i \geq 0$ . Hence  $y_i$  is an integer and  $y_i \geq 0$ .

Hence  $y_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence each element of the sequence is a natural number. It

remains to show that the sequence is strictly decreasing. Suppose that there is

an  $(i+1)$ th iteration of the loop, then by loop iteration we know that  $y_i =$

$(x_i)^3$  and  $x_{i+1} = x_i - 1$ , hence  $y_{i+1} = (x_{i+1})^3 = (x_i - 1)^3 < (x_i)^3 = y_i$  since

$(x)^3$  is monotonic increasing. So, the sequence is strictly decreasing.

Since a strictly decreasing sequence in  $\mathbb{N}$  is finite, and hence has a last (smallest)

element. Thus, the loop terminates.

Hence, we've proved that  $\text{term}(x)$  terminates.

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2.

(a)

Here is my specification for  $M_a = \{Q, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_a$ :

$$Q = \{A, A_D\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	a	b
A	A	$A_D$
$A_D$	$A_D$	$A_D$

$$Q_0 = A,$$

$$F = \{A\}$$

Prove that  $M_a$  accepts  $L_a$ :

Define  $\Sigma^*$  as the smallest set such that:

$$(a) \varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$$

$$(b) s \in \Sigma^* \Rightarrow sa \in \Sigma^* \wedge sb \in \Sigma^*$$

Define  $P(s)$  as:

$$P(s): \delta^*(A, s) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \\ A_D & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \end{cases}$$

I will prove that  $\forall s \in \Sigma^*, P(s)$  by structural induction.

Base case:

$\varepsilon$  contains only  $as$  and  $\delta^*(A, \varepsilon) = A$  so the implication in the first line of the invariant is true in this case. Also, since  $\varepsilon$  does not contain any  $bs$ , the implication in the second line of the invariant is vacuously true. So  $P(\varepsilon)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $s \in \Sigma^*$ , assume  $P(s)$ . I will show that  $P(sa)$  and  $P(sb)$  follow. There are two cases to consider:

Case  $sa$ : Then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^*(A, sa) &= \delta(\delta^*(A, s), a) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(A, a) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \\ \delta(A_D, a) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ by } P(s) \\ &= \begin{cases} A & \text{if } sa \text{ contains only } as \\ A_D & \text{if } sa \text{ contains at least one } b \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ one more } a \end{aligned}$$

So  $P(sa)$  follows.

Case  $sb$ : Then

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^*(A, sb) &= \delta(\delta^*(A, s), b) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(A, b) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \\ \delta(A_D, b) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ by } P(s) \\ &= A_D \quad \# \text{ add one } b \text{ cause the set contain at least one } b \end{aligned}$$

$sb$  contains at least one  $b$  so the implication in the second line of the invariant is true in this case. Also, since  $s$  does not contain only  $as$ , the implication in the first line of the invariant is vacuously true. So  $P(sb)$  follows.

The first line of the invariant ensures that all strings contain only  $as$  are accepted.

The contrapositive of the second line of the invariant ensures that any string that does not drive the machine to state  $A_D$  does not contain any  $bs$ , in other words all strings that drive the machine to state  $A$  contain only  $as$ .

Notice that a string contains only  $as$  is the same to say that this string  $= a^k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

So  $M_a$  accepts  $L_a$ .

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(b)

Here is my specification for  $M_b = \{Q, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_b$ :

$$Q = \{B, B_D\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	a	b
B	$B_D$	B
$B_D$	$B_D$	$B_D$

$$Q_0 = B,$$

$$F = \{B\}$$

Prove that  $M_b$  accepts  $L_b$ :

Define  $\Sigma^*$  as the smallest set such that:

$$(a) \varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$$

$$(b) s \in \Sigma^* \Rightarrow sa \in \Sigma^* \wedge sb \in \Sigma^*$$

Define  $P(s)$  as:

$$P(s): \delta^*(B, s) = \begin{cases} B & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } bs \\ B_D & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } a \end{cases}$$

I will prove that  $\forall s \in \Sigma^*, P(s)$  by structural induction.

Base case:

$\varepsilon$  contains only  $bs$  and  $\delta^*(B, \varepsilon) = B$  so the implication in the first line of the invariant is true in this case. Also, since  $\varepsilon$  does not contain any  $as$ , the implication in the second line of the invariant is vacuously true. So  $P(\varepsilon)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $s \in \Sigma^*$ , assume  $P(s)$ . I will show that  $P(sa)$  and  $P(sb)$  follow. There are

two cases to consider:

Case  $sb$ : Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta^*(B, sb) &= \delta(\delta^*(B, s), b) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \delta(B, b) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } bs \\ \delta(B_D, b) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } a \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ by } P(s) \\
 &= \begin{cases} B & \text{if } sb \text{ contains only } bs \\ B_D & \text{if } sb \text{ contains at least one } a \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ one more } b
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $P(sb)$  follows.

Case  $sa$ : Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta^*(B, sa) &= \delta(\delta^*(B, s), a) \\
 &= \begin{cases} \delta(B, a) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } bs \\ \delta(B_D, a) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } a \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ by } P(s) \\
 &= B_D \quad \# \text{ add one } a \text{ cause the set contain at least one } a
 \end{aligned}$$

$sa$  contains at least one  $a$  so the implication in the second line of the invariant is true in this case. Also, since  $s$  does not contain only  $bs$ , the implication in the first line of the invariant is vacuously true. So  $P(sa)$  follows.

The first line of the invariant ensures that all strings contain only  $bs$  are accepted.

The contrapositive of the second line of the invariant ensures that any string that does not drive the machine to state  $B_D$  does not contain any  $as$ , in other words all strings that drive the machine to state  $B$  contain only  $bs$ .

Notice that a string contains only  $bs$  is the same to say that this string  $= b^j$ , where  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ .

So  $M_b$  accepts  $L_b$ .

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(c)

Here is my specification for  $M_2 = \{Q, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \{E, O\}, \\
 \Sigma &= \{a, b\},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	a	b
E	O	O
O	E	E

$$Q_0 = E,$$

$$F = \{E\}$$

Prove that  $M_2$  accepts  $L_2$ :

Define  $\Sigma^*$  as the smallest set such that:

$$(a) \varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$$

$$(b) s \in \Sigma^* \Rightarrow sa \in \Sigma^* \wedge sb \in \Sigma^*$$

Define  $P(s)$  as:

$$P(s): \delta^*(E, s) = \begin{cases} E & \text{if } |s| \text{ is even} \\ O & \text{if } |s| \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

I will prove that  $\forall s \in \Sigma^*, P(s)$  by structural induction.

Base case:

$|\varepsilon| = 0$ , an even number, and  $\delta^*(E, \varepsilon) = E$  so the implication in the first line of the invariant is true in this case. Also, since  $|\varepsilon|$  is not odd, the implication in the second line of the invariant is vacuously true. So  $P(\varepsilon)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $s \in \Sigma^*$ , assume  $P(s)$ . Let  $c \in \{a, b\}$ . I will show that  $P(sc)$  follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^*(E, sc) &= \delta(\delta^*(E, s), c) \\ &= \begin{cases} \delta(E, c) & \text{if } |s| \text{ is even} \\ \delta(O, c) & \text{if } |s| \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ by } P(s) \\ &= \begin{cases} O & \text{if } |sc| \text{ is odd} \\ E & \text{if } |sc| \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad \# \text{ one more element} \end{aligned}$$

So  $P(sc)$  follows.

The first line of the invariant ensures that all strings with an even number of elements are accepted.

The contrapositive of the second line of the invariant ensures that any string

that does not drive the machine to state  $O$  does not have an odd number of elements, in other words all strings that drive the machine to state  $E$  have an even number of elements.

Notice that a string  $x$  with an even number of elements is the same to say that  $|x|$  is even.

So  $M_2$  accepts  $L_2$ .

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(d)

Here is my specification for  $M_{a|b} = \{Q, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_a \cup L_b$ :

$$Q = \{(A, B), (A, B_D), (A_D, B), (A_D, B_D)\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	a	b
(A, B)	(A, B <sub>D</sub> )	(A <sub>D</sub> , B)
(A, B <sub>D</sub> )	(A, B <sub>D</sub> )	(A <sub>D</sub> , B <sub>D</sub> )
(A <sub>D</sub> , B)	(A <sub>D</sub> , B <sub>D</sub> )	(A <sub>D</sub> , B)
(A <sub>D</sub> , B <sub>D</sub> )	(A <sub>D</sub> , B <sub>D</sub> )	(A <sub>D</sub> , B <sub>D</sub> )

$$Q_0 = (A, B),$$

$$F = \{(A, B), (A, B_D), (A_D, B)\}$$

Prove that  $M_{a|b}$  accepts  $L_a \cup L_b$ :

Denote the states for  $M_a$  as  $Q_a$ , the states for  $M_b$  as  $Q_b$ , their respective transition functions as  $\delta_a$  and  $\delta_b$ , and the transition function for  $M_{a|b}$  as  $\delta_{a|b}$ . Inspection of  $\delta_{a|b}$  shows that if  $(q_a, q_b, c) \in Q_a \times Q_b \times \Sigma$ , then  $\delta_{a|b}((q_a, q_b), c) = (\delta_a(q_a, c), \delta_b(q_b, c))$ . Thus, the following invariant follows by simply taking conjunctions of the invariants of the component machines, for any  $s \in \Sigma^*$ :

$$P(s): \delta^*((A, B), s) = \begin{cases} (A, B) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \\ (A, B_D) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \\ (A_D, B) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \\ (A_D, B_D) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \end{cases}$$

The implication on the first line ensures that all strings contain only  $as$  and

only  $bs$  end up in state  $(A, B)$ .

The implication on the second line ensures that all strings contain only  $as$  and at least one  $a$  end up in state  $(A, B_D)$ .

The implication on the third line ensures that all strings contain at least one  $b$  and only  $bs$  end up in state  $(A_D, B)$ .

The contrapositive of the implication on the fourth line ensure that any string that does not drive the machine to state  $(A_D, B_D)$  must contain only  $as$ , or only  $bs$ , or only  $as$  and only  $bs$ .

Hence  $M_{a|b}$  accepts  $L_a \cup L_b$ .

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(e)

Here is my specification for  $M_{a|b \text{ even}} = \{Q, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $(L_a \cup L_b) \cap L_2$ :

$$\{Q = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ((A, B), E), ((A, B), O), ((A, B_D), E), ((A, B_D), O), \\ ((A_D, B), E), ((A_D, B), O), ((A_D, B_D), E), ((A_D, B_D), O) \end{array} \right\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	a	b
$((A, B), E)$	$((A, B_D), O)$	$((A_D, B), O)$
$((A, B), O)$	$((A, B_D), E)$	$((A_D, B), E)$
$((A, B_D), E)$	$((A, B_D), O)$	$((A_D, B_D), O)$
$((A, B_D), O)$	$((A, B_D), E)$	$((A_D, B_D), E)$
$((A_D, B), E)$	$((A_D, B_D), O)$	$((A_D, B), O)$
$((A_D, B), O)$	$((A_D, B_D), E)$	$((A_D, B), E)$
$((A_D, B_D), E)$	$((A_D, B_D), O)$	$((A_D, B_D), O)$
$((A_D, B_D), O)$	$((A_D, B_D), E)$	$((A_D, B_D), E)$

$$Q_0 = ((A, B), E),$$

$$F = \{((A, B), E), ((A, B_D), E), ((A_D, B), E)\}$$

(Notice that state  $((A, B), O)$  is unreachable, just keep it for the sake of proof).



Prove that  $M_{a|b \text{ even}}$  accepts  $(L_a \cup L_b) \cap L_2$ :

Denote the states for  $M_{a|b}$  as  $Q_{a|b}$ , the states for  $M_2$  as  $Q_2$ , their respective transition functions as  $\delta_{a|b}$  and  $\delta_2$ , and the transition function for  $M_{a|b \text{ even}}$  as  $\delta_{a|b \text{ even}}$ . Inspection of  $\delta_{a|b \text{ even}}$  shows that if  $(q_{a|b}, q_2, c) \in Q_{a|b} \times Q_2 \times \Sigma$ , then  $\delta_{a|b \text{ even}}((q_{a|b}, q_2), c) = (\delta_{a|b}(q_{a|b}, c), \delta_2(q_2, c))$ . Thus, the following invariant follows by simply taking conjunctions of the invariants of the component machines, for any  $s \in \Sigma^*$ :

$$P(s): \delta^*((A, B), E), s$$

$$= \begin{cases} ((A, B), E) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \wedge |s| \text{ is even} \\ ((A, B), O) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \wedge |s| \text{ is odd} \\ ((A, B_D), E) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \wedge |s| \text{ is even} \\ ((A, B_D), O) & \text{if } s \text{ contains only } as \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \wedge |s| \text{ is odd} \\ ((A_D, B), E) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \wedge |s| \text{ is even} \\ ((A_D, B), O) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains only } bs \wedge |s| \text{ is odd} \\ ((A_D, B_D), E) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \wedge |s| \text{ is even} \\ ((A_D, B_D), O) & \text{if } s \text{ contains at least one } b \wedge s \text{ contains at least one } a \wedge |s| \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

The implication on the first line ensures that all strings contain only  $as$  and only  $bs$ , and have an even number of elements end up in state  $((A, B), E)$ .

The implication on the third line ensures that all strings contain only  $as$  and at least one  $a$ , and have an even number of elements end up in state  $((A, B_D), E)$ .

The implication on the fifth line ensures that all strings contain at least one  $b$  and only  $bs$ , and have an even number of elements end up in state  $((A_D, B), E)$ .

The contrapositive of the implications on the other lines ensure that any string that does not drive the machines to one of those 5 states must (contain only  $as$  and have an even number of elements), or (contain only  $bs$  and have an even number of elements), or (contain only  $as$  and only  $bs$ , and have an even number of elements).

Hence  $M_{a|b \text{ even}}$  accepts  $(L_a \cup L_b) \cap L_2$ .

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3.

Explanation:

**Show that  $L_0 = \text{Rev}(L_0)$ :**

Here is my specification for  $M_0 = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_0 \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{q0_0, q0_1, q0_2\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}, \\ \delta &= \end{aligned}$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$q0_0$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$
$q0_1$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$
$q0_2$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$	$q0_0$	$q0_1$	$q0_2$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 &= q0_0, \\ F &= \{q0_0\} \end{aligned}$$

By swapping starting and accepting states and reversing all transitions of  $M_0$ , here is my specification for  $M^R_0 = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $Rev(L_0) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{Rq0_0, Rq0_1, Rq0_2\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}, \\ \delta &= \end{aligned}$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$
$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$
$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$	$Rq0_1$	$Rq0_0$	$Rq0_2$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0 &= Rq0_0, \\ F &= \{Rq0_0\} \end{aligned}$$

From the above we can see:

1. Both  $M_0, M^R_0$  have three states;  $M_0, M^R_0$  have the same  $\Sigma$ ;
2. The accepting state and starting state of  $M_0$  are the same state;
3. The accepting state and starting state of  $M^R_0$  are the same state;
4. In any of the three states of  $M_0$  or  $M^R_0$ , (0, 3, 6, 9) keeps the machine in the same state, (1, 4, 7) drives the machine to one of the remaining two states, and (2, 5, 8) drives the machine to the other one of the remaining two states.
5.  $1 \cdot 4 \cdot 7$  makes  $M_0$  and  $M^R_0$  go in a cycle of three different states.

6.  $2*5*8*$  makes  $M_0$  and  $M^R_0$  go in a cycle of three different states. This cycle has an opposite direction compare to the cycle made by  $1*4*7*$ .

Thus,  $M_0$  and  $M^R_0$  are actually the same machine.

Since  $M_0$  accepts  $L_0 \cup \{\varepsilon\}$  and  $M^R_0$  accepts  $Rev(L_0) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ , we can say that  $M_0$  accepts  $Rev(L_0) \cup \{\varepsilon\}$  and  $M^R_0$  accepts  $L_0 \cup \{\varepsilon\}$ .

Therefore,  $L_0 = Rev(L_0)$ .

**Show that  $L_1 = Rev(L_1)$ :**

Here is my specification for  $M_1 = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_1$ :

$$\{Q = \{q1_0, q1_1, q1_2\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$q1_0$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$
$q1_1$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$
$q1_2$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$	$q1_0$	$q1_1$	$q1_2$

$$Q_0 = q1_0,$$

$$F = \{q1_1\}$$

By swapping starting and accepting states and reversing all transitions of  $M_1$ , here is my specification for  $M^R_1 = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $Rev(L_1)$ :

$$\{Q = \{Rq1_0, Rq1_1, Rq1_2\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$
$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$
$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$	$Rq1_1$	$Rq1_0$	$Rq1_2$

$$Q_0 = Rq1_1,$$

$$F = \{Rq1_0\}$$

From the above we can see:

1. Both  $M_1, M_1^R$  have three states;  $M_1, M_1^R$  have the same  $\Sigma$ ;
2. The accepting state and starting state of  $M_1$  are different states, and they are adjacent;
3. The accepting state and starting state of  $M_1^R$  are different states, and they are adjacent;
4. In any of the three states of  $M_1$  or  $M_1^R$ , (0, 3, 6, 9) keeps the machine in the same state, (1, 4, 7) drives the machine to one of the remaining two states, and (2, 5, 8) drives the machine to the other one of the remaining two states.
5.  $1*4*7^*$  makes  $M_1$  and  $M_1^R$  go in a cycle of three different states.
6.  $2*5*8^*$  makes  $M_1$  and  $M_1^R$  go in a cycle of three different states. This cycle has an opposite direction compare to the cycle made by  $1*4*7^*$ .

Thus,  $M_1$  and  $M_1^R$  are actually the same machine.

Since  $M_1$  accepts  $L_1$  and  $M_1^R$  accepts  $Rev(L_1)$ , we can say that  $M_1$  accepts  $Rev(L_1)$  and  $M_1^R$  accepts  $L_1$ .

Therefore,  $L_1 = Rev(L_1)$ .

### **Show that $L_2 = Rev(L_2)$ :**

Here is my specification for  $M_2 = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $L_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{q2_0, q2_1, q2_2\}, \\ \Sigma &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}, \\ \delta &= \end{aligned}$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$q2_0$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$
$q2_1$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$
$q2_2$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$	$q2_0$	$q2_1$	$q2_2$

$$Q_0 = q2_0,$$

$$F = \{q2_2\}$$

By swapping starting and accepting states and reversing all transitions of  $M_2$ , here is my specification for  $M_2^R = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, Q_0, F\}$  that accepts  $Rev(L_2)$ :

$$\{Q = \{Rq2_0, Rq2_1, Rq2_2\},$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\},$$

$$\delta =$$

$\delta$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$
$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$
$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$	$Rq2_1$	$Rq2_0$	$Rq2_2$

$$Q_0 = Rq2_2,$$

$$F = \{Rq2_0\}$$

From the above we can see:

1. Both  $M_2, M^R_2$  have three states;  $M_2, M^R_2$  have the same  $\Sigma$ ;
2. The accepting state and starting state of  $M_2$  are different states, and they are adjacent;
3. The accepting state and starting state of  $M^R_2$  are different states, and they are adjacent;
4. In any of the three states of  $M_2$  or  $M^R_2$ , (0, 3, 6, 9) keeps the machine in the same state, (1, 4, 7) drives the machine to one of the remaining two states, and (2, 5, 8) drives the machine to the other one of the remaining two states.
5.  $1*4*7^*$  makes  $M_2$  and  $M^R_2$  go in a cycle of three different states.
6.  $2*5*8^*$  makes  $M_2$  and  $M^R_2$  go in a cycle of three different states. This cycle has an opposite direction compare to the cycle made by  $1*4*7^*$ .

Thus,  $M_2$  and  $M^R_2$  are actually the same machine.

Since  $M_2$  accepts  $L_2$  and  $M^R_2$  accepts  $Rev(L_2)$ , we can say that  $M_2$  accepts  $Rev(L_2)$  and  $M^R_2$  accepts  $L_2$ .

Therefore,  $L_2 = Rev(L_2)$ .

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4.

(a)

WTS:  $\forall r \in RE, \exists r' \in RE, Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$

Let RE be the set of regular expressions over the alphabet  $\Sigma=\{0,1\}$ , Define  $p(r): \exists r' \in RE, Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$ , I will show that  $\forall r \in RE, p(r)$  by structural induction on r. Let  $r \in RE$

Basis: Let  $r \in \{\emptyset, \varepsilon, 0, 1\}$ ,

For  $r = \emptyset$ , then  $r' = \emptyset$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = \{\}$ . And  $L(r') = \{\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = \varepsilon$ , then  $r' = \varepsilon$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{\varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = \{\varepsilon\}$  (since  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$ ). And  $L(r') = \{\varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = 0$ , then  $r' = 0$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{0\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = \{0\}$  (since  $0^R = 0$ ). And  $L(r') = \{0\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = 1$ , then  $r' = 1$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{1\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = \{1\}$  (since  $1^R = 1$ ). And  $L(r') = \{1\}$ , hence  $Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

So  $p(r)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $t, s \in RE$ , assume  $p(t), p(s)$ , that is  $\exists t' \in RE, Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$ ,  $\exists s' \in RE, Rev(L(s)) = L(s')$ . Let  $t', s'$  be those regular expression. I will show that  $(t+s), (ts), (t^*)$  follows. And I will prove this in 3 cases.

1. To show that  $(t+s)$  follows.

Take  $r' = t' + s'$ , since  $t' \in RE$  and  $s' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $t' + s' \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t + s)), x \in L(t' + s')$  and  $\forall y \in L(t' + s'), y \in Rev(L(t + s))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t + s)), x \in L(t' + s')$ , let  $x \in Rev(L(t + s))$ , then  $\exists xx \in L(t + s), x = xx^R$ , let  $xx$  be that regular expression, since  $xx \in L(t + s)$ ,  $xx$  must be one of the element of  $L(t)$  or  $L(s)$ , hence  $xx^R$  must be one of the element of  $L(t')$  or  $L(s')$  (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$

and  $Rev(L(s)) = L(s')$ , hence  $xx^R \in L(t') \cup L(s') = L(t' + s')$ , hence  $x \in L(t' + s')$ .

Second, show that  $\forall y \in L(t' + s'), y \in Rev(L(t + s))$ , let  $y \in L(t' + s') = L(t') \cup L(s')$ , hence  $y$  must be one of the element of  $L(t')$  or  $L(s')$ . Then  $\exists yy \in L(t)$  or  $L(s)$ ,  $y=yy^R$ , let  $yy$  be that regular expression (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$  and  $Rev(L(s)) = L(s')$ ), hence  $yy \in L(t) \cup L(s) = L(t + s)$ , hence  $yy^R \in Rev(L(t + s))$ , that is  $y \in Rev(L(t + s))$ .

Hence  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t + s)), x \in L(t' + s')$  and  $\forall y \in L(t' + s'), y \in Rev(L(t + s))$ . That is  $Rev(L(s + t)) = L(t' + s')$ .

So  $(t+s)$  follows.

2. To show that  $(ts)$  follows.

Take  $r' = s't'$ , since  $t' \in RE$  and  $s' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $s't' \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(ts)), x \in L(s't')$  and  $\forall y \in L(s't'), y \in Rev(L(ts))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(ts)), x \in L(s't')$ , let  $x \in Rev(L(ts))$ , then  $\exists xx \in L(ts)$ ,  $x = xx^R$ , let  $xx$  be that regular expression, since  $xx \in L(ts)$ ,  $xx$  must be a concatenation of one of the element of  $L(t)$  and one of the element of  $L(s)$ , Let's show it as

$t_1s_1$  (with  $t_1$  be one of the element of  $L(t)$ ,  $s_1$  be one of the element of  $L(s)$ .  
let them be their value)

Hence  $xx^R =$

$s_1^R t_1^R$  by the definition of reverse of string. We also know that  $s_1^R$  must be one of the element of  $L(s')$ ,  $t_1^R$  must be one of the element of  $L(t')$  (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$  and  $Rev(L(s)) = L(s')$ ), hence  $s_1^R t_1^R \in L(s')L(t') = L(s't')$ , hence  $x = xx^R = s_1^R t_1^R \in L(s't')$ .

Second, show that  $\forall y \in L(s't'), y \in Rev(L(ts))$ , let  $y \in L(s't') = L(s')L(t')$ ,

hence  $y$  must be a concatenation of one of the element of

$L(t')$  and one of the element of  $L(s')$ . Let show it as  $s_2^R t_2^R$ , let them be their

value. Then  $\exists s_2 \in L(s)$  and  $t_2 \in L(t)$ ,  $s_2 = s_2^R$ ,  $t_2 = t_2^R$  and  $(t_2 s_2)^R = s_2^R t_2^R$ , let  $s_2, t_2$  be that regular expression (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$  and  $Rev(L(s)) = L(s')$ ), hence  $t_2 s_2 \in L(t)L(s) = L(ts)$ , hence  $(t_2 s_2)^R \in Rev(L(ts))$ , that is  $y = s_2^R t_2^R \in Rev(L(t + s))$ .

Hence  $\forall x \in Rev(L(ts)), x \in L(s't')$  and  $\forall y \in L(s't'), y \in Rev(L(ts))$ .

So  $(ts)$  follows.

3. To show that  $(t^*)$  follows.

Take  $r' = t'^*$ , since  $t' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of  $RE$ , we know that  $t'^* \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t^*)), x \in L(t'^*)$  and  $\forall y \in L(t'^*), y \in Rev(L(t^*))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t^*)), x \in L(t'^*)$ , let  $x \in Rev(L(t^*))$ , then  $\exists xx \in L(t^*)$ ,  $x = xx^R$ , let  $xx$  be that regular expression, since  $xx \in L(t^*)$ ,  $xx$  must be a star of some of the elements of  $L(t)$ , let those elements be  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  (since the string are always finite, we only suppose 3 to be the number of the element, and this will cover all the cases) and  $xx = t_1 t_2 t_3$ . And by the definition of the reverse of the string, we know that  $xx^R = t_3^R t_2^R t_1^R$ , and  $t_3^R, t_2^R, t_1^R$  must be one of the element of  $L(t')$  (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$ ), hence  $t_3^R t_2^R t_1^R \in L(t')L(t')L(t') = L(t'^*)$ , hence  $x = xx^R = t_3^R t_2^R t_1^R \in L(t'^*)$ .

Second, show that  $\forall y \in L(t'^*), y \in Rev(L(t^*))$ , let  $y \in L(t'^*)$ , hence  $y$  must be one of the element of  $L(t'^*)$ , hence  $y$  must be a concatenation of some elements of  $L(t')$ , let them be  $t_6^R, t_5^R, t_4^R$  (since the string are always finite, we only suppose 3 to be the number of the element, and this will cover all the cases). Then  $y = t_6^R t_5^R t_4^R$ . And  $\exists t_4, t_5, t_6 \in L(t)$ ,  $t_4 = t_4^R, t_5 = t_5^R, t_6 = t_6^R$ , let  $t_4, t_5, t_6$  be that regular expression (since by inductive hypothesis  $Rev(L(t)) = L(t')$ ), and by the definition of the reverse of the string  $t_6^R t_5^R t_4^R = (t_4 t_5 t_6)^R$ , and since  $t_4, t_5, t_6 \in L(t)$ ,  $t_4 t_5 t_6 \in L(t^*)$ , hence  $(t_4 t_5 t_6)^R \in Rev(L(t^*))$ . That is  $y = t_6^R t_5^R t_4^R = (t_4 t_5 t_6)^R \in Rev(L(t^*))$ .

Hence  $\forall x \in Rev(L(t^*)), x \in L(t'^*)$  and  $\forall y \in L(t'^*), y \in Rev(L(t^*))$ . That is



$$Rev(L(t^*)) = L(t'^*).$$

So  $(t^*)$  follows.

Hence we've proved that  $\forall r \in RE, \exists r' \in RE, Rev(L(r)) = L(r')$  ■

$$(b) \text{ WTS: } \forall r \in RE, \exists r' \in RE, Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$$

Let RE be the set of regular expressions over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , Define  $p(r): \exists r' \in RE, Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$ , I will show that  $\forall r \in RE, p(r)$  by structural induction on  $r$ . Let  $r \in RE$

Basis: Let  $r \in \{\emptyset, \varepsilon, 0, 1\}$ ,

For  $r = \emptyset$ , then  $r' = \emptyset$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = \{\}$  *according to the definition of Prefix(L)*. And  $L(r') = \{\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = \varepsilon$ , then  $r' = \varepsilon$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{\varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = \{\varepsilon\}$  *(according to the definition of Prefix(L),  $\varepsilon\varepsilon = \varepsilon$ )*. And  $L(r') = \{\varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = 0$ , then  $r' = 0 + \varepsilon$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{0\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = \{0, \varepsilon\}$  *(according to the definition of Prefix(L),  $0\varepsilon = 0, \varepsilon 0 = 0$ )*. And  $L(r') = \{0, \varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

For  $r = 1$ , then  $r' = 1 + \varepsilon$ , hence by the definition of RE, we know that  $r' \in RE$ , and  $L(r) = \{1\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = \{1, \varepsilon\}$  *(according to the definition of Prefix(L),  $1\varepsilon = 1, \varepsilon 1 = 1$ )*. And  $L(r') = \{1, \varepsilon\}$ , hence  $Prefix(L(r)) = L(r')$ .

So  $p(r)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $t, s \in RE$ , assume  $p(t), p(s)$ , that is  $\exists t' \in RE, Prefix(L(t)) = L(t'), \exists s' \in RE, Prefix(L(s)) = L(s')$ . Let  $t', s'$  be those regular expression. Hence we can

write the above as  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$  and  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$ . I will show that  $(t+s)$ ,  $(ts)$ ,  $(t^*)$  follows. And I will prove this in 3 cases.

1. To show that  $(t+s)$  follows.

Take  $r' = t' + s'$ , since  $t' \in RE$  and  $s' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of  $RE$ , we know that  $t' + s' \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in Prefix(L(t+s)), x \in L(t' + s')$  and  $\forall x \in L(t' + s'), x \in Prefix(L(t+s))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in Prefix(L(t+s)), x \in L(t' + s')$ , let  $x \in Prefix(L(t+s)) = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t+s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t) \cup L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t) \cup L(s)$ , let  $y$  be that value, since  $xy \in L(t) \cup L(s)$ ,  $xy$  must be one of the element of  $L(t)$  or  $L(s)$ , if  $xy$  is a element of  $L(t)$ , then  $xy \in L(t)$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t) \cup L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$   $L(t') \cup L(s') = L(t' + s')$  (by inductive hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ ), if  $xy$  is a element of  $L(s)$ , then  $xy \in L(s)$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t) \cup L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$   $L(t') \cup L(s') = L(t' + s')$  (by inductive hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$ )

Hence  $x \in L(t' + s')$ .

Second, show that  $\forall x \in L(t' + s'), x \in Prefix(L(t+s))$ , let  $x \in L(t' + s') = L(t') \cup L(s') = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \cup \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$  (by inductive hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$  ,  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$ ), hence  $x$  must be one of the element of  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$  or  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ . If  $x$  is an element of  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t) \cup L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , that is  $x \in Prefix(L(t+s))$ . If  $x$  is an element of  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t) \cup L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$

$L(s)$ , for some  $y \in \Sigma^*$ , that is  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t + s))$ . Hence  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t + s))$ .

Hence  $\forall x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t + s)), x \in L(t' + s')$  and  $\forall x \in L(t' + s'), x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t + s))$ . That is  $\text{Prefix}(L(s + t)) = L(t' + s')$ .

So  $(t+s)$  follows.

2. To show that  $(ts)$  follows.

Take  $r' = t' + ts'$ , since  $t \in RE$  and  $t' \in RE$  and  $s' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of  $RE$ , we know that  $t' + ts' \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in \text{Prefix}(L(ts)), x \in L(t' + ts')$  and  $\forall x \in L(t' + ts'), x \in \text{Prefix}(L(ts))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in \text{Prefix}(L(ts)), x \in L(t' + ts')$ , let  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(ts)) = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(ts), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t)L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)L(s)$ , let  $y$  be that value, since  $xy \in L(t)L(s)$ ,  $xy$  must be a concatenation of one of the element of  $L(t)$  and one of the element of  $L(s)$ ,

Let's show it as

$t_1s_1$  (with  $t_1$  be one of the element of  $L(t)$ ,  $s_1$  be one of the element of  $L(s)$ ).

let them be their value)

Hence  $xy = t_1s_1$ , if  $|x| < |t_1|$ , then  $x$  is some first part of  $t_1$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ . (by induction hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$  )

If  $|x| \geq |t_1|$ , then  $x$  is the concatenation of  $t_1$  with some first part of  $s_1$ , then  $x \in t_1\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t)L(s') = L(ts')$  (by induction hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$ )

Hence  $x \in L(t') \cup L(ts') = L(t' + ts')$ .

Second, show that  $\forall x \in L(t' + ts'), x \in \text{Prefix}(L(ts))$ , let  $x \in L(t' + ts') = L(t') \cup L(t)L(s') = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \cup L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$  by inductive hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$  ,  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(s')$ ),

If  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)$ , let  $y$  be that

value, let  $s' \in L(s)$ , then  $xy \in L(t)L(s)$ , since  $RE$  is over  $\Sigma$ ,  $s \in RE$ , hence  $s' \in L(s)$  is over  $\Sigma$ , hence  $s' \in \Sigma^*$ . hence  $ys' \in \Sigma^*$ , hence  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t)L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(ts), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , hence  $x \in Prefix(L(ts))$ .

If  $x \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(s), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}y \in L(t)L(s) = L(ts)$ , hence  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(ts), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , hence  $x \in Prefix(L(ts))$ .

So (ts) follows.

3. To show that  $(t^*)$  follows.

Take  $r' = t^*t'$ , since  $t, t' \in RE$ , hence by the definition of  $RE$ , we know that  $t^*t' \in RE$ . And we will show that  $\forall x \in Prefix(L(t^*)), x \in L(t^*t')$  and  $\forall x \in L(t^*t'), x \in Prefix(L(t^*))$ .

First, show that  $\forall x \in Prefix(L(t^*)), x \in L(t^*t')$ , let  $x \in Prefix(L(t^*)) = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t^*), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , , hence  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t^*)$ , let  $y$  be that value and suppose  $xy = t_1t_2t_3$  (since the string are always finite, we only suppose 3 to be the number of the element, and it will cover all the cases).

if  $|x| < |t_1|$ , then  $x$  is some first part of  $t_1$  then  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ . (by induction hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ )

If  $|t_2| + |t_1| > |x| \geq |t_1|$ , then  $x$  is the concatenation of  $t_1$  with some first part of  $t_2$ , then  $x \in t_1\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t)L(t') = L(tt')$  (by induction hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ )

If  $|x| \geq |t_2| + |t_1|$ , then  $x$  is the concatenation of  $t_1, t_2$  with some first part of  $t_3$ , then  $x \in t_1t_2\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \in L(t)L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t)L(t)L(t') = L(t^2t')$  (by induction hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ )

Hence  $x \in L(t') \cup L(tt') \cup L(t^2t') = (\varepsilon \cup L(t) \cup L(t^2))L(t') \in L(t^*)L(t') =$

$L(t^*t')$

Second, we will show that  $\forall x \in L(t^*t'), x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t^*))$ . Let  $x \in L(t^*t') = L(t^*)L(t') = (\varepsilon \cup L(t) \cup L(t^2) \dots)L(t') = L(t') \cup L(tt') \cup L(t^2t') \dots$ . Since the strings are always finite, we only suppose the first 3 sets to be the constraint of  $x$ ,

and it will cover all the cases, that is  $x \in L(t') \cup L(tt') \cup L(t^2t') = L(t') \cup$

$L(t)L(t') \cup L(t)L(t)L(t') = \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \cup L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} \cup L(t)L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$   
(by inductive hypothesis  $\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\} = L(t')$ ),

If  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)$ , let  $y$  be that value, then  $xy \in L(t) \in (L(t))^* = L(t^*)$ , hence  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in$

$L(t^*), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , hence  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t^*))$ .

If  $x \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}y \in L(t)L(t) = (L(t))^2 \in (L(t))^* = L(t^*)$ , hence  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t^*), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , hence  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t^*))$ .

If  $x \in L(t)L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , then  $\exists y \in \Sigma^*, xy \in L(t)L(t)\{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}y \in L(t)L(t)L(t) = (L(t))^3 \in (L(t))^* = L(t^*)$ , hence  $x \in \{x \in \Sigma^*: xy \in L(t^*), \text{ for some } y \in \Sigma^*\}$ , hence  $x \in \text{Prefix}(L(t^*))$ .

So  $(t^*)$  follows.

Hence we've proved that  $\forall r \in RE, \exists r' \in RE, \text{Prefix}(L(r)) = L(r')$  ■

(c)

WTS: If  $r \in RE$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(r)|$  is finite.

Proof:

Let  $RE$  be the set of regular expressions over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , Define

$p(r)$ : If  $r$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(r)|$  is finite., I will show that

$\forall r \in RE, p(r)$  by structural induction on  $r$ . Let  $r \in RE$

Basis: Let  $r \in \{\emptyset, \varepsilon, 0, 1\}$ ,

For  $r = \emptyset$ ,  $\emptyset$  obviously does not contain the Kleene star. And  $L(r) = \{\}$ , hence  $|L(r)| = 0$ , hence  $|L(r)|$  is finite.

For  $r = \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon$  obviously does not contain the Kleene star. And  $L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$ , hence  $|L(r)| = 1$ , hence  $|L(r)|$  is finite.

For  $r = 0$ ,  $0$  obviously does not contain the Kleene star. And  $L(0) = \{0\}$ , hence  $|L(r)| = 1$ , hence  $|L(r)|$  is finite.

For  $r = 1$ ,  $1$  obviously does not contain the Kleene star. And  $L(1) = \{1\}$ , hence  $|L(r)| = 1$ , hence  $|L(r)|$  is finite.

So  $p(r)$  holds.

Inductive step:

Let  $t, s \in RE$ , assume  $p(t)$ ,  $p(s)$ , that is

If  $t$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(t)|$  is finite,

If  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(s)|$  is finite. I will show that  $(t+s)$ ,

$(ts)$ ,  $(t^*)$  follows. And I will prove this in 3 cases.

1. To show that  $(t+s)$  follows.

I will show that  $(t+s)$  follows in 4 cases.

- $t$  does not contain the Kleene star and  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star

Hence by the induction hypothesis, we know that  $|L(t)|$  is finite and

$|L(s)|$  is finite. (If  $t$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(t)|$  is finite,

If  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(s)|$  is finite.)

Since

$t$  does not contain the Kleene star and  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star,

$t+s$  must also does not contain the Kleene star.

And  $|L(t + s)| = |L(t) \cup L(s)| \leq |L(t)| + |L(s)|$  must be a finite number

since  $|L(t)|$  is finite and  $|L(s)|$  is finite.

Hence  $p(r)$  holds in this case.

- $t$  contains the Kleene star and  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star

Then  $t+s$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

- **t does not contain the Kleene star and s contains the Kleene star**

Then  $t+s$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

- **t contains the Kleene star and s contains the Kleene star**

Then  $t+s$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

Hence  $(t+s)$  follows.

2. To show that  $(ts)$  follows.

I will show that  $(ts)$  follows in 4 cases.

- **t does not contain the Kleene star and s does not contain the Kleene star**

Hence by the induction hypothesis, we know that  $|L(t)|$  is finite and

$|L(s)|$  is finite. (If  $t$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(t)|$  is finite,

If  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(s)|$  is finite.)

Since

$t$  does not contain the Kleene star and  $s$  does not contain the Kleene star,

$ts$  must also does not contain the Kleene star.

And  $|L(ts)| = |L(t)L(s)| = |\{xy | x \in L(t), y \in L(s)\}| = |L(t)| \times |L(s)|$  must be a finite number since  $|L(t)|$  is finite and  $|L(s)|$  is finite.

Hence  $p(r)$  holds in this case.

- **t contains the Kleene star and s does not contain the Kleene star**

Then  $ts$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

- **t does not contain the Kleene star and s contains the Kleene star**

Then  $ts$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

- **t contains the Kleene star and s contains the Kleene star**

Then  $ts$  must also contain the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

Hence  $(ts)$  follows.

3. To show that  $(t^*)$  follows.

Since  $(t^*)$  itself contains the Kleene star.

Since the assumption is false,  $p(r)$  is vacuously true in this case.

Hence  $(t^*)$  follows.

Hence we've proved that If  $r \in RE$  does not contain the Kleene star, then  $|L(r)|$  is finite. ■

5.

(a)

WTS: any DFA that accepts  $L_{R4}$  has at least nine states, not including dead states.

Proof:

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $L_{R4} = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid |x| = 4 \wedge x = x^R\}$ , I will prove that any DFA that accepts  $L_{R4}$  has at least nine states, not including dead states by contradiction. The proof is the following.

Assume, for the sake of contradiction, the negation of what we are proving, that is there is a DFA that accepts  $L_{R4}$  has less than 9 states not including dead states. That it be that value.

Then for this DFA, first ignoring the dead state, we know that if we choose 9 strings over  $\Sigma$ , then there must be at least two strings that will end with the same states since we've assumed that this DFA has less than 9 states.

Let  $x_0 = \epsilon$ ,  $x_1 = a$ ,  $x_2 = aa$ ,  $x_3 = aaa$ ,  $x_4 = aaaa$ ,  $x_5 = b$ ,  $x_6 = ccc$ ,  $x_7 = bbb$  and  $x_8 = c$ , be these 9 strings. Since each of them can be transferred into a string of  $L_{R4}$  by concatenating some string after them, hence by the definition of DFA, none of them are in the dead state. Then at least two strings of them will end with the same states as proved above.

For the strings end with the same states, let  $s$  be a string over  $\Sigma$ , then the concatenation of these strings with  $s$  must also end in the same state, since  $s=s$



and these strings end with the same states.

Hence these concatenations must be both accepted or both rejected.

Since at least two strings of  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8$  will end with the same states, that means there are two strings from  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8$ , for any string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , the concatenations of these two with  $s$  must always be both accepted or both rejected. (1)

We also know that:

Pair 1  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ :

Choose  $s = aaa$ .

Then  $x_0s = aaa$ , rejected;  $x_1s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 2  $x_0$  and  $x_2$ :

Choose  $s = aa$ .

Then  $x_0s = aa$ , rejected;  $x_2s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 3  $x_0$  and  $x_3$ :

Choose  $s = a$ .

Then  $x_0s = a$ , rejected;  $x_3s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 4  $x_0$  and  $x_4$ :

Choose  $s = \varepsilon$ .

$x_0s = \varepsilon$  is rejected;  $x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted.

Pair 5  $x_0$  and  $x_5$ :

Choose  $s = bbb$ .

Then  $x_0s = bbb$ , rejected;  $x_5s = bbbb$ , accepted.

Pair 6  $x_0$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = c$ .

Then  $x_0s = c$ , rejected;  $x_6s = cccc$ , accepted.

Pair 7  $x_0$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_0s = b$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$ , accepted.

Pair 8  $x_0$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_0s = ccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$ , accepted.

Pair 9  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ :

Choose  $s = aa$ .

Then  $x_1s = aaa$ , rejected;  $x_2s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 10  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ :

Choose  $s = a$ .

Then  $x_1s = a$ , rejected;  $x_3s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 11  $x_1$  and  $x_4$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_1s = a$  is rejected;  $x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted.

Pair 12  $x_1$  and  $x_5$ :

Choose  $s = bbb$ .

Then  $x_1s = abbb$ , rejected;  $x_5s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 13  $x_1$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = c$ .

Then  $x_1s = ac$ , rejected;  $x_6s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 14  $x_1$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_1s = ab$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 15  $x_1$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_1s = accc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 16  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ :

Choose  $s = a$ .

Then  $x_2s = aaa$ , rejected;  $x_3s = aaaa$ , accepted.

Pair 17  $x_2$  and  $x_4$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_2s = aa$  is rejected;  $x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted.

Pair 18  $x_2$  and  $x_5$ :

Choose  $s = bbb$ .

Then  $x_2s = aabbb$ , rejected;  $x_5s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 19  $x_2$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = c$ .

Then  $x_2s = aac$ , rejected;  $x_6s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 20  $x_2$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_2s = aab$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 21  $x_2$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_2s = aaccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 22  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_3s = aaa$  is rejected;  $x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted.

Pair 23  $x_3$  and  $x_5$ :

Choose  $s = bbb$ .

Then  $x_3s = aaabbb$ , rejected;  $x_5s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 24  $x_3$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = c$ .

Then  $x_3s = aaac$ , rejected;  $x_6s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 25  $x_3$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_3s = aaab$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 26  $x_3$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_3s = aaaccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 27  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted;  $x_5s = b$  is rejected.

Pair 28  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted;  $x_6s = ccc$  is rejected.

Pair 29  $x_4$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted;  $x_7s = bbb$  is rejected.

Pair 30  $x_4$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = \epsilon$ .

$x_4s = aaaa$  is accepted;  $x_8s = c$  is rejected.

Pair 31  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ :

Choose  $s = c$ .

Then  $x_5s = bc$ , rejected;  $x_6s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 32  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_5s = bb$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 33  $x_5$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_5s = bccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 34  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ :

Choose  $s = b$ .

Then  $x_6s = cccb$ , rejected;  $x_7s = bbbb$  accepted.

Pair 35  $x_6$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_6s = cccccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Pair 36  $x_7$  and  $x_8$ :

Choose  $s = ccc$ .

Then  $x_7s = bbbccc$ , rejected;  $x_8s = cccc$  accepted.

Hence for any two strings of  $x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8$ , there is a string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , make the concatenations of these two with  $s$  be one accepted and one rejected.

---><--- contradiction! The conclusion above is exactly the negation of (1) which we've assumed before. Since assuming that there is a DFA that accepts  $L_{R4}$  has less than 9 states leads to a contradiction, the assumption is false.

Hence we've proved that any DFA that accepts  $L_{R4}$  has at least nine states, not including dead states.

■

(b)

There does not exist a DFA that accepts  $L_R = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid x = x^R\}$ , the proof is the following:

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ , let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

I will first prove that for  $L_{Ra} = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid |x| = n \wedge x = x^R\}$ , any DFA that accepts  $L_{Ra}$  has at least  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  states, not including the dead states. The proof is the following.

I will prove that for any 2 different prefixes of length  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , there is a string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , the concatenation of these two prefixes with  $s$  will one be rejected one be accepted. We will prove this in 2 cases.

1.  $n$  is an even number. Then  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \frac{n}{2}$ . Let  $x, y$  be any 2 different prefixes of length  $\frac{n}{2}$ , let  $s = x^R$ , then  $xs = xx^R$  and  $|xs| = n$ , which is obviously accepted, while  $ys = yx^R$  is rejected since  $y \neq x, y^R \neq x^R$ , hence  $ys$  is not reversible. Hence the concatenation of these two prefixes with  $s$  are one rejected one accepted.

2.  $n$  is an odd number. Then  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Let  $x, y$  be any 2 different prefixes of length  $\frac{n-1}{2}$ , let  $s = a(x^R)$ , then  $xs = xa(x^R)$  and  $|xs| = |xa(x^R)| = 1 + \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2} = n$ , which is obviously accepted, while  $ys = ya(x^R)$  is rejected since  $y \neq x, y^R \neq x^R$ , hence  $ys$  is not reversible. Hence the concatenation of these two prefixes with  $s$  are one rejected one accepted.

Hence we've proved that for any 2 different prefixes of length  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , there is a string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , the concatenation of these two prefixes with  $s$  will one be rejected one be accepted. Hence the strings of these  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  prefixes (since  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ , hence the number of prefixes of length  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  is  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ ) are all end in different states as proved in (a), otherwise two of them end in the same states, for any string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , the concatenation of those 2 with  $s$  will end in the same states which is a contradiction of what we proved before that any 2 different prefixes of length  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , there is a string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$ , the concatenation of these two prefixes with  $s$  will one be rejected one be accepted.

Since the strings of these  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  prefixes are all end in different states, and none of them are dead state since all of these prefixes can be leaded into a string of  $L_{Ra}$  by concatenate with a string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$  as showed in the prove above, hence there must be at least  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  states, not including the dead states.

Hence, we've proved that for  $L_{Ra} = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid |x| = n \wedge x = x^R\}$ , any DFA that accepts  $L_{Ra}$  has at least  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  states, not including the dead states.

Generalize:

Let  $L_R = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid x = x^R\}$ .

For the sake of contradiction, assume that there exist a DFA that accepts  $L_R$ .

Then from what we've proven above, this DFA has at least  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$  states, not including the dead states.

I will show that this assumption for the general case is false.

We define  $L_R$  by removing  $|x| = n$  from  $L_{Rn}$ . From the above proof, we didn't use the length of  $x$  to prove whether or not a state is accepted or rejected.

Thus, removing  $|x| = n$  does not affect the least number of states the DFA has.

So, for  $L_R$ ,  $|x|$  does not have an upper bound, which means  $n$  does not have an upper bound.

As  $n \rightarrow \infty^+$ ,  $3^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \rightarrow \infty^+$ . -----><----- contradiction, since a DFA should have a finite number of states (by the definition of DFA).

Therefore, I've shown that there does not exist a DFA that accepts  $L_R = \{x \in \Sigma^* | x = x^R\}$ .

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