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a Intersection.

Much like union. Given two languages A and B , let M_A and M_B be two Turing machines s.t. $L(M_A) = A$ and $L(M_B) = B$.

Run both simultaneously on two tracks, and if both accept, then accept

b Concatenate.

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Let w be an input string. $w = w_1 \circ w_2$ Let $|w_1| = 1$ and $|w_2| = |w| - |w_1|$
Run M_A on w_1 and M_B on w_2 . If both accept, accept, otherwise add 1 to $|w_1|$ and try again. Keep trying, increasing $|w_1|$ until accept or until the length of w_1 equals the length of w_2 , at which point, reject.

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This one is computationally intensive. Start the same way as concatenate. Essentially, run M_A on every possible set of substrings of the input string, and if at any point, all the strings in the set accept, accept.

d In order to prove closure for recursive languages, you need to prove decidability for the constituent languages. In the event of A not being a recursive language (just r.e.), intersection could potentially never reject, just accept and loop forever.