

Comp 330 - Lecture 6 - September 19th 2023

Silly announcements

→ Granola bar OH

→ Italian expression : Basta la pasta

→ Enough pasta!

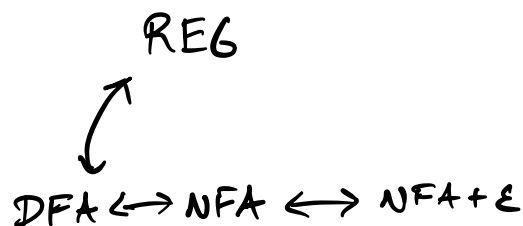
→ Stop being silly!

Serious announcements

→ Note $L_{DFA} = L_{NFA} = L_{NFA+E}$ &

→ Releasing A2 ~~as~~ early : Today

Closure properties of regular languages



NEW! Closure properties :

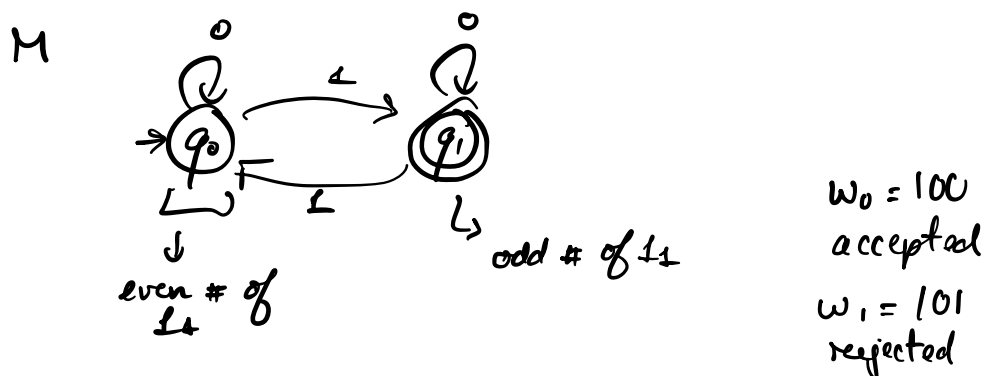
→ Show that L' is regular

→ Apply operator B to L s.t.
 $L' = B(L)$

→ If B "preserves regularity", then
 L' is regular

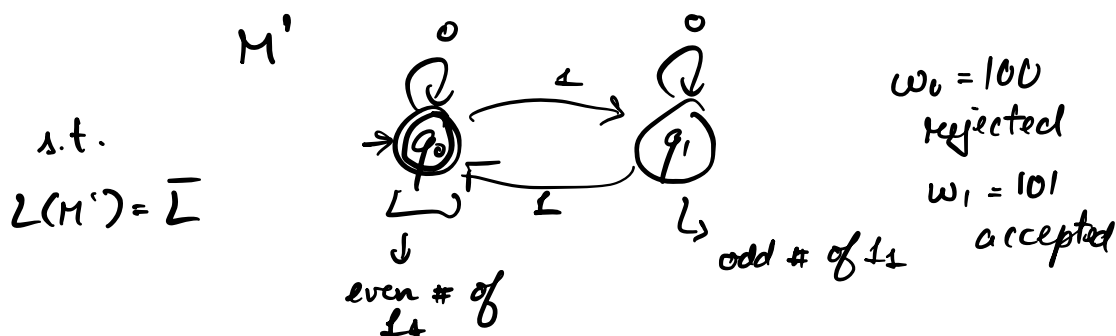
Ex Recall language $L = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ has odd \# of } 1\text{'s} \}$

We know L is regular since



Prove that $L' = \{ w \in \{0,1\}^* : w \text{ has even \# of } 1\text{'s} \}$

Notice that $L' = \bar{L}$



Exercise (For you) This is not true for NFA.

Claim Given some alphabet Σ , if $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is regular, then \bar{L} is also regular.

Reg languages are closed under the complement.

Proof Given $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$, L is regular,
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, F)$
 s.t. $L(M) = L$.

④ Construct DFA $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', s', F')$
 s.t. $L(M') = \bar{L}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Q' = Q \\ \delta' = \delta \\ s' = s_0 \\ F' = \bar{F} = Q - F \end{array} \right.$$

⑤ Show correctness: $L(M') = \bar{L} = \overline{L(M)}$

Suppose $x \in \Sigma^*$.

$$x \in L(M') \iff \delta'^*(s', x) \in F'$$

$$\text{Replacing } \iff \delta^*(s_0, x) \in \underline{Q - F}$$

$$\iff \delta^*(s_0, x) \notin F \quad \rightarrow \text{not an accept state}$$

$$\iff x \in \overline{L(M)}$$

Def (Closure properties of REG) Given Σ
 & a binary language operator $\Theta: 2^{\Sigma^*} \times 2^{\Sigma^*}$
 \downarrow
 2^{Σ^*}

We say that regular languages are closed
 under Θ if

$\forall L_1, L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$, if L_1 is REG AND L_2 is REG then $L_1 \Theta L_2$ is REG.

This generalizes to n-ary operators.

Ex Common reg. lang. closure properties.
Given Σ , $L_1, L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$, L_1, L_2 reg Then

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|---|-------------------|--------|
| ① | $L_1 \cup L_2$ | } REG. |
| ② | $L_1 \cap L_2$ | |
| ③ | $\underline{L_1}$ | |
| ④ | $L_1 \cdot L_2$ | |
| ⑤ | L_1^* | |

Proof technique { Proving that } $\overline{\Sigma}$ REG languages are closed under some binary operator Θ

- ① Assume $L_1, L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$ are regular.
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ DFA M_1, M_2 s.t. $L(M_1) = L_1$
 & $L(M_2) = L_2$

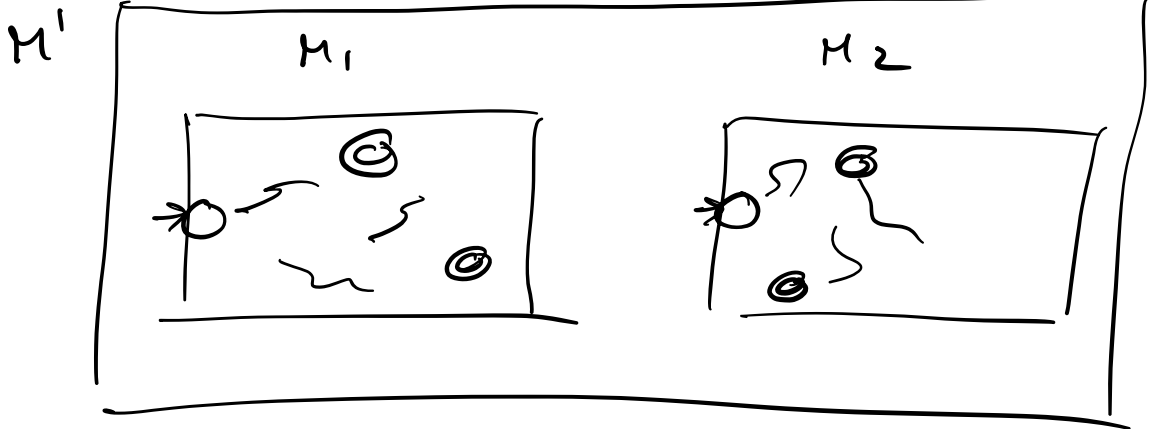
- ② Use M_1, M_2 to create DFA/NFA/NFA+ ϵ
 M' s.t. $L(M') = L_1 \Theta L_2$

③ Show correctness of M' [Good way of checking M' 's logic]

Proofs
(Sketch)

Suppose $L_1, L_2 \subseteq \Sigma^*$ are regular
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ DFA $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, s_1, F_1)$
 $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, s_2, F_2)$
 $\Rightarrow L(M_1) = L_1$ & $L(M_2) = L_2$

① $L_1 \cup L_2$ is reg.



s.t. $\mathcal{L}(M') = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2$

Build NFA $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \Delta', S', F')$

$$Q' = Q_1 \cup Q_2$$

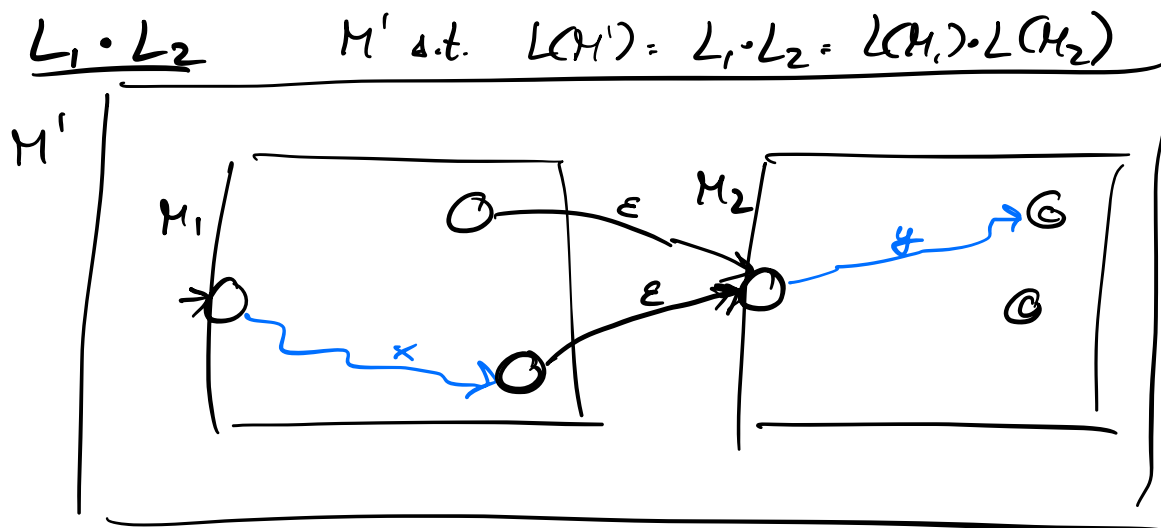
$$S' = \{s_1, s_2\}$$

$$F' = F_1 \cup F_2$$

$$\Delta'(q, a) = \begin{cases} \{S_1(q, a)\} & \text{if } q \in Q_1 \\ \{S_2(q, a)\} & \text{if } q \in Q_2 \end{cases}$$

Remark REG languages are closed under \cap

$$\overline{L_1 \cup L_2} = L_1 \cap L_2$$



$$x \in L_1, y \in L_2 \Rightarrow xy \in L_1 L_2$$

Construct NFA ϵ $N' = (Q', \Sigma, \epsilon', \Delta', S', F')$

$$Q' := Q_1 \cup Q_2$$

$$\epsilon \notin \Sigma$$

$$S' := \{s_1\}$$

$$F' := F_2$$

$$\Delta'(q, a) = \begin{cases} \{ \delta_1(q, a) \} & \text{if } q \in Q_1, a \in \Sigma \\ \{ s_2 \} & \text{if } q \in F_1, a = \epsilon \\ \{ \delta_2(q, a) \} & \text{if } q \in Q_2, a \in \Sigma \end{cases}$$

Exercise (For you) $L_1^* \rightarrow \Sigma$ [Post extra video]

Remark Closure properties are not bidirectional

Ex if $L_1 \cup L_2$ is REG $\nRightarrow L_1, L_2$ are REG

Why? $L_1 = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\} \rightarrow \text{Not REG}$

$$\underbrace{L_1}_{\text{Not REG}} \cup \underbrace{\{a, b\}^*}_{\text{REG}} = \{a, b\}^*$$

In fact, if $L_1 \cup L_2$ REG $\Rightarrow L_1$ is REG or L_2 is REG.

Ex Prove, using closure properties, that L is reg.

$$L = \{(ab)^n (ba)^m : n, m \geq 0\} \cup \{(aba)^n : n \text{ is odd}\}$$

Non-standard closure properties

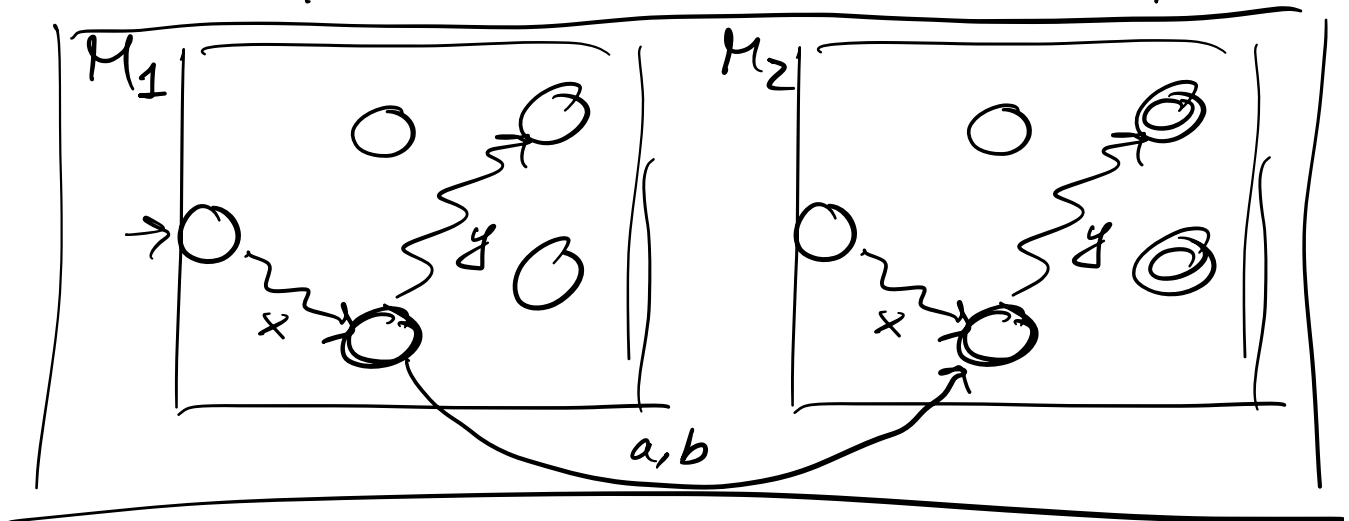
Ex Suppose L is regular, $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, show that following lang is REG

$$\text{add1}(L) = \{xoy : o \in \Sigma, \exists x, y, xy \in L\}$$

\hookrightarrow strings in $\text{add1}(L)$ are strings from L with an added letter at any position

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $aa \in L$, $baa, aba, aab \in \text{add1}(L)$

Sol Since L is reg, we know \exists DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ s.t. $L(M) = L$
 $xy \in L$, $xoy \in \text{add1}(L)$ M'



NFA $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', S_0, F')$

$Q' := Q \times \{1, 2\} \rightarrow$ 1, 2 will act as an index to M_1 or M_2

$S_0 := \{(s, 1)\}$

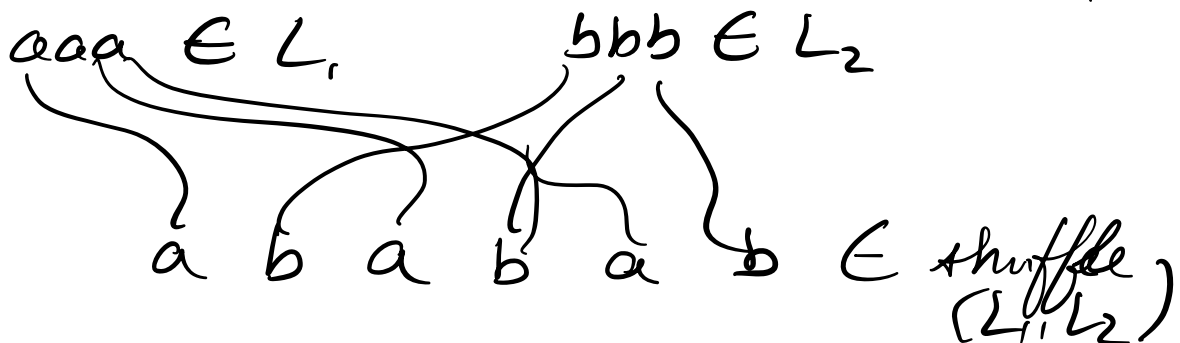
$$F' := F \times \{2\}$$

$$\Delta'((q, n), \sigma) = \begin{cases} \{(\delta(q, \sigma), 1), (q, 2)\} & \text{if } q \in Q, n=1 \\ \{(\delta(q, \sigma), 2)\} & \text{if } n=2 \end{cases}$$

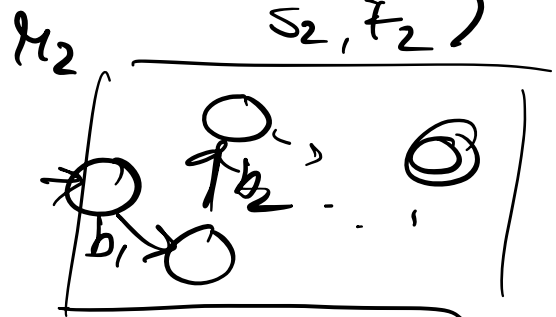
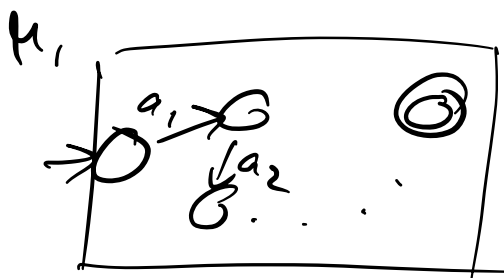
$\sigma \in \Sigma$

Ex Suppose L_1, L_2 are regular,
 $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, show the following is
 regular

$$\text{shuffle}(L_1, L_2) = \{a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots \mid \begin{array}{l} a_1 \dots a_n \in L_1 \\ b_1 \dots b_n \in L_2 \\ a_i, b_i \in \Sigma \end{array}\}$$



$$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, s_1, F_1) \quad M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, s_2, F_2)$$



$$x = a_1 \dots a_n \in L_1$$

$$y = b_1 \dots b_n \in L_2$$

M' : Desiderata \Rightarrow Given

$$\text{shuffle}(xy) = a_1 b_1 a_2 b_2 \dots a_n b_n$$

$$M' = (Q', \Sigma, \Delta', S_0, F')$$

$$Q' : \begin{pmatrix} p & q & n \\ \in Q_1 & \in Q_2 & \text{index} \\ & & \{1, 2\} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Q' = Q_1 \times Q_2 \times \{1, 2\}$$

$$S_0 = \{(s_1, s_2, 1)\}$$

$$\Delta((p, q, n), \sigma) = \begin{cases} \{(f_1(p, \sigma), q, 2)\} & \text{if } n=1 \\ \{(p, f_2(q, \sigma), 1)\} & \text{if } n=2 \end{cases}$$

$$F' = F_1 \times F_2 \times \{1\}$$

Check why!

$$(\text{if } a \in L_1, \quad b \in L_2$$

then



$$q_1 = \delta(s_1, a)$$

$$q_2 = \delta(s_2, b)$$

q_1 & q_2 are both accept states, end in M_1 .