

Home Work 4

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Question 1

1. Given the NFSA $N = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{0, 1\}, \delta, a, \{e\})$, where use the

δ	0	1	ε
a	$\{c\}$	$\{b\}$	ϕ
b	ϕ	$\{a, d\}$	ϕ
c	ϕ	$\{d\}$	$\{b\}$
d	$\{b, c\}$	$\{d\}$	$\{e\}$
e	$\{a\}$	ϕ	ϕ

Table 1:

method discussed in the class to find

- (a) the language of N ;
- (b) a deterministic automaton that is equivalent to N .

Question 2

Find a proof of the pumping lemma for regular languages based exclusively on regular expressions **do not use automata**. The first sentence in your proof should be: *Since L is regular, there is a regular expression R representing L .*

The pumping lemma states the following:

If L is a regular language, then there is a number p such that if r is any string of L and has length of at least p , then $R = xyx$ and R is said to satisfy the following conditions:

1. for each $i \geq 0, xy^iz \in L$
2. $|y| > 0$
3. $|xy| \leq p$

Since L is regular, there is a regular expression R representing L . We first consider the case, where R is not of the length of at least p . In this case, the pumping lemma would be trivial(true), since the regular expression representing L meets all of the three conditions.

The more interesting case would be when R is of the length of at least p . Our assumption is that R is a regular expression and it can be expressed as $R = xyz$. We define p as the number of nodes of the parsed regular expression in conjunctive normal form of the expression. Since R is a regular expression, we can use the operations defined for regular expressions and ensure the pumping lemma can be met using these operations. Let $R = r_1r_2...r_n$, such that $|R| = n$ and $n \geq p$. There are $n + 1$ concatenation operations in the parsing tree (the $+1$ is due to the root of the tree). Given the above, it means there is

at least $p+1$ operations, this is done so to satisfy the bound condition. Among the first $p+1$ operations, there will be one operation, or node in the parsing tree, that will contain the same symbol, this is due to the pigeon hole principle. Let us call the first instance of this node in the parsing tree r_j and the second r_l . Given that r_l node occurs among the first nodes, we have $l \leq p+1$.

Now we let $R = xyz$, such that $x = s_1 \dots s_{j-1}$, $y = s_j \dots s_{l-1}$ and $z = s_l \dots s_n$. This is done so x takes the part of r_1 to r_j of the parsing tree, y takes r_j and z belongs to r_j to r_{n+1} of the parsing tree of the regular expression. The regular expression defines $R = xy^i z$ has the same parsing for $i \geq 0$. Condition 1 is met. We know $j \neq l$, so $|y| > 0$. Condition 2 is met. We also know that $l \leq p+1$, so $|xy| \leq p$. Thus we have satisfied all conditions of the pumping lemma.

For the first condition, (for each $i \geq 0, xy^i z \in L$), we can concatenate a symbol