

31. We'll prove that the perfect shuffle of two regular languages A and B is regular by constructing a DFA that recognizes it. Let's say that A and B are recognized respectively by the DFAs $D_A = (Q_A, \Sigma, \delta_A, q_A, F_A)$ and $D_B = (Q_B, \Sigma, \delta_B, q_B, F_B)$. We construct a DFA D_S as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_S &= Q_A \times Q_B \times \{A, B\} \\ \Sigma_S &= \Sigma \\ \delta_S((q, q', A), c) &\rightarrow (\delta_A(q, c), q', B) \\ \delta_S((q, q', B), c) &\rightarrow (q, \delta_B(q', c), A) \\ q_S &= (q_A, q_B, A) \\ F_S &= F_A \times F_B \times \{A\} \end{aligned}$$

D_S tracks the progress of the input string through both D_A and D_B by keeping track of the states of these DFAs, and alternating between their transition function upon reading each symbol. D_S starts out tracking the start states of both DFAs, and expecting to effect the next transition on D_A . D_S reaches a final state upon reading the input string iff the input string has a form $a_1b_1a_2b_2 \cdots a_kb_k$ where $a_1a_2 \cdots a_k \in L(D_A)$ and $b_1b_2 \cdots b_k \in L(D_B)$, because such and only such strings can take the state of D_S to some state in $F_A \times F_B \times \{A\}$.

This concludes the proof.

33. We'll prove that $DROPOUT(A)$ is a regular language by constructing an NFA that recognizes it. Since A is a regular language, some DFA $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ recognizes it. We construct NFA N as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_N &= Q \cup \text{copy}(Q) \\ \Sigma_N &= \Sigma \\ \delta_N(q, c) &\rightarrow \delta(q, c) \\ \delta_N(q, \epsilon) &\rightarrow \text{copy}(q) \\ \delta_N(\text{copy}(q), c) &\rightarrow \text{copy}(\delta(q, c)) \\ q_{0N} &= q_0 \\ F_N &= \text{copy}(F) \end{aligned}$$

For every state q in Q , we'll create a copy state $\text{copy}(q)$. Call the set of all copy states $\text{copy}(Q)$. We'll augment the transition function as follows. Firstly, we'll add identical transitions within $\text{copy}(Q)$ to what existing in Q . Secondly, we'll add ϵ transitions from Q to $\text{copy}(Q)$. The latter makes skipping a symbol equivalent to transitioning from some state q to $\text{copy}(q)$. The idea is that once

the NFA has skipped a symbol, it enters some state in $copy(Q)$ and stays within $copy(Q)$ till the very end, since there is no way to go back into Q from $copy(Q)$. And further that unless the NFA skips a symbol (through an ϵ transition from Q to $copy(Q)$), it won't enter a state in $copy(Q)$ and thus won't be able to accept the input because $F_N = copy(F) \subseteq copy(Q)$. Therefore, N recognizes $DROPOUT(A)$.

This concludes the proof.

43. We need to prove two things, firstly that for each regular language, we can construct an all-NFA that recognizes it, and secondly that any all-NFA recognizes a regular language. The first part is clear because for each regular language, we can construct a DFA, and a DFA is also an all-NFA. We prove the second part below by constructing a DFA equivalent to any given all-NFA.

Given an all-NFA $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, construct an equivalent DFA D as follows. We'll assume that F is not empty, otherwise, it is trivial to construct an equivalent DFA, one that doesn't accept anything.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_D &= P(Q) \\ \Sigma_D &= \Sigma \\ \delta_D((\{q_{a_1}, q_{a_2}, \dots, q_{a_k}\}), c) &\rightarrow (\cup_{i=1}^k eps(\delta(q_{a_i}, c))) \\ q_{0D} &= (eps(q_0)) \\ F_D &= P(F) \setminus \{\emptyset\} \end{aligned}$$

This construction is very similar to the one used to prove that NFAs are equivalent to DFAs. We create a separate state in the DFA to represent each subset of states of the all-NFA (to represent the idea that the all-NFA could be in any subset of its states at a given point of time in its execution). The transition function of the DFA builds on the transition function of the all-NFA in such a manner that when the all-NFA transits from some subset of states to another subset of states upon a certain symbol, the DFA transits from the state that represents the first subset to the state that represents the ϵ closure of the second subset. The DFA starts out the state that represents the ϵ closure of the start state. And finally, by making sure that the states of the DFA that correspond to the subsets of the powerset of the all-NFA's final states (except the empty set) are the final states of the DFA, we ensure that the DFA accepts a string if and only if the all-NFA accepts it.

This concludes the proof.