

## COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY.

## REGULAR EXPRESSIONS RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT.

1. Regular expressions for languages over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

Ⓐ All strings starting with 'a' and ending with 'b'.

- Keys:
- A string must start with 'a'.
  - the string must end with 'b'.
  - Any string/character may take the middle part.  $\{a, b\}^*$
  - the middle can be empty hence ab.
- $a(\{a, b\}^*)b$ .

Hence the regular expression,  $R = a(a+b)^*b$

Ⓑ All strings containing exactly 3 a's.  
from  $\{a, b\}$ .

strings =  $\{a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aab, \dots, aaa, aab, \dots, ababa, \dots\}$

- Keys:
- A string can consist of only a's.  $\{aaa\}$ .
  - strings of all the 3 a's together,  $\{baaa, aaa, baaab, \dots\}$ .
  - At most 2 a's together  $\{abaa, bbaaba, aaba, \dots\}$ .
  - No consecutive a's.  $\{ababa, bbababba, \dots\}$ .
  - the string can begin and end with any character.

$b^*(a)b^*(a)b^*(a)b^*$

Hence a regular expression,  $R = b^*ab^*ab^*ab^*$ , taking only 3 a's with any number of b's (including  $\lambda$ ).

Ⓒ All strings containing no consecutive identical letters.  
strings =  $\{a, b, aa, ba, ab, bb, aab, aba, \dots\}$ .

Keys: A string cannot have 2 a's or 2 b's in a row.

- Pattern alternates between a and b.

$R_1 = (ab)^*$      $R_2 = (ba)^*$

$L_{R_1} = \{ab, abab, ababab, \dots\}$ ,  $L_{R_2} = \{ba, baba, bababa, \dots\}$

$L_{R_1}$  and  $L_{R_2}$  only contains strings of even length.



$R_3 = (a|b) \rightarrow$  a string of either a or b.

$$R = (ab)^* + (ba)^* + (ab)^*(a) + (ba)^*(b) + (a+b).$$

$$R = (ab)^*(\lambda + a) + (ba)^*(\lambda + b) + (a+b)$$

① All strings with length of at least 2.

Strings =  $\{a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aba, abab, \dots\}$ .

Key: - String must contain a minimum of 2 character.  
- String can be any combination of 'a's and 'b's.

$$R_1 = (a+b)(a+b)$$

$$L_{R_1} = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\} \text{ exactly of length 2.}$$

$$R_2 = (a+b)^*$$

$$L_{R_2} = \{\lambda, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\}$$

final regular expression,  $R = R_1 R_2$ .

$$R = (a+b)(a+b)(a+b)^*$$

2. Languages under Regular Expressions.

①  $r = a(baba)^*$

$$L_a = \{a\}$$

$$L_{(baba)^*} = \{\lambda, baba, babababa, \dots\}$$

Language,  $L_r = \{a, ababa, ababababa, \dots\} \Rightarrow$  all strings start with a followed by 0 or more repetition of 'baba'.

②  $r = (a+b)abb(a+b)$ .

$$r = \{a, b\} \{abb\} \{a, b\}.$$

$$L_r = \{aabb, babb\} \{a, b\}.$$

language,  $L_r = \{aabbba, aabbbb, babbaa, babbba\}$ .

$$\textcircled{c} \quad r = (ab + ba)^* (a + b + \lambda).$$

$$\text{let } r_1 = (ab + ba)^* \quad \text{and } r_2 = (a + b + \lambda).$$

$$L_{r_1} = \{\lambda, ab, ba, abab, baba, abba, ababba, bababa, \dots\}$$

$$L_{r_2} = \{a, b, \lambda\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow L_r = L_{r_1} \cdot L_{r_2}.$$

$$\text{language, } L_r = \{\lambda, a, b, aab, aba, ab, ba, bab, bba, abab, \dots\}.$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad r = 1(0101)^*$$

$$r = \{1\} \{ \lambda, 0101, 01010101, 010101010101, \dots \}.$$

hence, Language of  $r$ ,  $L_r$ .

$$L_r = \{1, 10101, 101010101, 1010101010101, \dots\}.$$

All strings in the language of  $r$  starts with 1 followed by 0 or more repetition of '0101'.

$$\textcircled{e} \quad r = (aa + bb)^* b.$$

$$r = (\{aa, bb\}^*) \{b\}.$$

language of  $r$ .

$$L_r = \{\lambda, aa, bb, aabb, aabbaa, \dots\} \cdot \{b\}.$$

$$L_r = \{b, aab, bbb, aabbb, aabbaab, \dots\}.$$

All strings in the language ends with 'b' but starts with 0 or more repetition of '(aa+bb)'.