

**Definition 1** *Strings*

For a set  $X$ , we define strings over  $X$  to be elements of the free monoid over  $X$ , called  $X^*$ . We use the notation  $\cdot : (\text{String} \times \text{String}) \rightarrow \text{String}$  to mean the concatenation of strings.

**Definition 2** *Alphabet*

Let  $\Sigma$  be an arbitrary, finite set. This document will call  $\Sigma$  the Alphabet. We will let  $c$  be a metavariable ranging over  $\Sigma$ , and  $s$  be a metavariable ranging over  $\Sigma^*$ , ie, strings of  $\Sigma$ .

**Definition 3** *Parsing Expression Grammars*

We define the set  $\text{Peg}$  via the following bnf formula, overloading the operator  $\cdot$ .

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{peg} \in \text{Peg} & ::= & c \in \Sigma \\ & | & \text{peg}_1 \cdot \text{peg}_2 \\ & | & \text{peg}_1 / \text{peg}_2 \\ & | & \text{peg}^* \end{array}$$

Figure 1: Parsing Expression Grammar Syntax

These rules are called character, sequence, choice, and possessive star respectively.

**Definition 4** *Regular Expressions*

We define the set  $\text{Reg}$  via the following bnf formula, again overloading the operator  $\cdot$ .

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{reg} \in \text{Reg} & ::= & \varepsilon \\ & | & c \in \Sigma \\ & | & \cdot \\ & | & \perp \\ & | & \text{reg}_1 \cdot \text{reg}_2 \\ & | & \text{reg}_1 \cup \text{reg}_2 \\ & | & \text{reg}_1 \cap \text{reg}_2 \\ & | & \neg \text{reg} \\ & | & \text{reg}^* \end{array}$$

Figure 2: Regular Expression Grammar Syntax

These rules are empty, character, any, empty, sequence, union, intersection, negation, and kleene star respectively.

**Definition 5** *Parsing Expression Grammar Matching*

Letting  $\text{Matched} = \Sigma^*$  and  $\text{Remainder} = \Sigma^*$ ,

We inherit the partial function  $\text{pegMatch} : (\text{Peg} \times \Sigma^*) \rightarrow (\text{Matched} \times \text{Remainder}) \uplus \{\perp\}$  from the paper “Towards a Typed Semantics for Parsing Expression Grammars”.

**Definition 6** *Character Of*

For a set  $X$  with elements  $x \in X$ , we say that  $x$  is a character of the string  $xs \in X^*$  iff  $\exists(\text{prf}, \text{suf} \in X^*), xs = \text{prf} \cdot x \cdot \text{suf}$

We use the notation  $x \text{ char-of } xs$  to mean  $x$  is a character of the string  $xs$ .

**Definition 7** *Regular Expression Matching*

We define  $\text{regMatch} : (\text{reg} \times \Sigma^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  recursively:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{regMatch}(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) &= \mathbf{t} \\
\text{regMatch}(\varepsilon, c \cdot s) &= \mathbf{f} \\
\text{regMatch}(c, c) &= \mathbf{t} \\
\text{regMatch}(c, c') \text{ where } c \neq c' &= \mathbf{f} \\
\text{regMatch}(c, c' \cdot s) &= \mathbf{f} \\
\text{regMatch}(\cdot, c) &= \mathbf{t} \\
\text{regMatch}(\cdot, c' \cdot s) &= \mathbf{f} \\
\text{regMatch}(\perp, s) &= \mathbf{f} \\
\text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1 \cdot \mathbf{reg}_2, s) &= \exists(s', s'' \in \Sigma^*), s = s' \cdot s'' \wedge \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1, s') \wedge \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_2, s'') \\
\text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1 \cup \mathbf{reg}_2, s) &= \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1, s) \vee \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_2, s) \\
\text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1 \cap \mathbf{reg}_2, s) &= \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1, s) \wedge \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_2, s) \\
\text{regMatch}(\neg \mathbf{reg}_1, s) &= \neg \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1, s) \\
\text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1^*, s) &= \exists(ss \in \Sigma^{**}), \bigwedge_{s \text{ char-of } ss} \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}_1, s)
\end{aligned}$$

While most rules are self explanatory, the rule for concatenation and star may not be.

Concatenation splits the string into two halves, the first of which matches to the left regex, and the second to the right.

Star considers all possible splits of the string, and requires that the constituent strings of the split are each matched by the subexpression.

#### Definition 8 Parsing Expression Grammar Translation

On input  $(\mathbf{peg}, \mathbf{reg})$ , the function  $\text{pegreg}$  produces a regular expression with the characters consumed by  $\mathbf{peg}$  removed. It is defined in mutual recursion with the  $\text{negate}$  function, which on input  $\mathbf{peg}$ , generates a regular expression corresponding to the set of characters that cause  $\mathbf{peg}$  to match  $\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{pegreg} : (\text{Peg} \times \text{Reg}) &\rightarrow \text{Reg} \\
\text{pegreg}(c, \mathbf{reg}) &= c \cdot \mathbf{reg} \tag{1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_1 \cdot \mathbf{peg}_2, \mathbf{reg}) = \text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_1, \text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_2, \mathbf{reg})) \tag{2}$$

$$\text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_1 / \mathbf{peg}_2, \mathbf{reg}) = \text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_1, \mathbf{reg}) \cup (\text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_2, \mathbf{reg}) \cap \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_1)) \tag{3}$$

$$\text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}^*, \mathbf{reg}) = \text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}, \varepsilon)^* \cdot (\mathbf{reg} \cap \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg})) \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{negate} : \text{Peg} &\rightarrow \text{Reg} \\
\text{negate}(c) &= \cdot \cap \neg c \tag{5}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_1 \cdot \mathbf{peg}_2) = \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_1) \cap \text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}_1, \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_2)) \tag{6}$$

$$\text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_1 / \mathbf{peg}_2) = \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_1) \cap \text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}_2) \tag{7}$$

$$\text{negate}(\mathbf{peg}^*) = \perp \tag{8}$$

#### Proposition 1 Parsing Expression Grammar and Regex Correspondance

$$\begin{aligned}
&\forall \mathbf{peg} \in \text{Peg}, \mathbf{reg} \in \text{Reg}, (s, s', k \in \Sigma^*) \\
&\text{pegMatch}(\mathbf{peg}, s) = (s', k) \wedge \text{regMatch}(\mathbf{reg}, k) \implies \text{regMatch}(\text{pegreg}(\mathbf{peg}, \mathbf{reg}), s) \wedge \\
&\forall (\mathbf{peg} \in \text{Peg}, \mathbf{reg} \in \text{Reg}), (s \in \Sigma^*), \\
&(\forall (prf, suf \in \Sigma^*), prf \cdot suf = s \implies \neg \text{pegMatch}(\mathbf{peg}, s))
\end{aligned}$$