

## More closure properties

### Reversal

**Definition**  $x \in \Sigma^* \cdot x^R$  is the reversal of  $x$ . ( $x = x_1x_2 \dots x_n$  IMPLIES  $x^R = x_nx_{n-1} \dots x_1$ )  
 $L^R = \{x^R \mid x \in L\}$

**Theorem**  $L \in \mathcal{R}$  IMPLIES  $L^R \in \mathcal{R}$

Proof  $\emptyset^R = \emptyset, \{\lambda\}^R = \{\lambda\}, \forall a \in \Sigma. \{a\}^R = \{a\}$

Let  $s, s'$  be regular expressions such that  $\mathcal{L}(s) = (\mathcal{L}(r))^R, \mathcal{L}(s') = (\mathcal{L}(r'))^R$

$$(\mathcal{L}(r + r'))^R = \mathcal{L}(s + s')$$

$$(\mathcal{L}(rr'))^R = \mathcal{L}(s's)$$

$$(\mathcal{L}(r^*))^R = \mathcal{L}(s^*)$$

### Homomorphism

**Definition** a homomorphism is a function  $h: \Gamma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*$  defined on strings in  $\Gamma^*$ , which replaces each letter  $a \in \Gamma$  with a string  $h(a) \in \Sigma^*$

Recursively define a homomorphism function:

$$h(\lambda) = \lambda$$

$$h(xa) = h(x)h(a) \text{ for } x \in \Gamma^*, a \in \Gamma$$

**Example**  $h: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{a,b\}^* := h(0) = ab, h(1) = \lambda$

$$\text{Then } h(0011) = h(0)h(0)h(1)h(1) = abab$$

**Definition**  $L \subseteq \Gamma^*$  IMPLIES  $h(L) = \{h(w) \mid w \in L\}$

**Example**  $L = \{0,1,00\}, h(L) = \{ab, \lambda, abab\}$

**Theorem**  $L \in \mathcal{R}$  IMPLIES  $h(L) \in \mathcal{R}$

Proof  $\emptyset^R = \emptyset, \{\lambda\}^R = \{\lambda\}, \forall a \in \Sigma. \{a\}^R = \{a\}$

$$(\mathcal{L}(r + r'))^R = \mathcal{L}(h(r) + h(r'))$$

$$(\mathcal{L}(rr'))^R = \mathcal{L}(h(r)h(r'))$$

$$(\mathcal{L}(r^*))^R = \mathcal{L}(h(r)^*)$$

### Proof irregular using closure properties and contradiction

**Example**  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \neq n\}$

Proof Suppose  $L \in \mathcal{R}$

Then  $(\{a, b\}^* - L) \in \mathcal{R}$  close under complement

Then  $((\{a, b\}^* - L) \cap \mathcal{L}(aa^*bb^*)) \in \mathcal{R}$  close under intersection

Which  $\{a^i b^i \mid i \geq 1\} \in \mathcal{R}$

While  $\{a^i b^i \mid i \geq 1\} \notin \mathcal{R}$  as proven before

**Example**  $L = \{a^i b^j c^h \mid i, j, h \geq 0 \text{ AND } (i = 1 \text{ IMPLIES } j = h)\}$

Proof  $L \cap \mathcal{L}(ab^*c^*) = \{ab^j c^j \mid j \geq 0\} \in \mathcal{R}$  close under intersection

Let  $h: \{a, b, c\}^* \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}^* := h(a) = \lambda, h(b) = a, h(c) = b$

$h(\{ab^j c^j \mid j \geq 0\}) = \{a^j b^j \mid j \geq 0\} \in \mathcal{R}$  close under homomorphism

Then  $\{a^j b^j \mid j \geq 0\} \cap \mathcal{L}(aa^*bb^*) = \{a^i b^i \mid i \geq 1\} \in \mathcal{R}$  close under intersection

$\{a^i b^i \mid i \geq 1\} \notin \mathcal{R}$

Prove  $L$  is under pumping lemma

Proof Take  $n = 2$ , let  $x \in L$  be arbitrary s.t.  $|x| \geq 2, x = a^i b^j c^h$  where  $i, j, h > 0, i = 1 \text{ IMPLIES } j = h$

Case	i	j	u	v	w	$uv^k w$
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1	0	0	$\lambda$	c	$c^{h-1}$	$c^{k+h-1}$
2	0	$> 0$	$\lambda$	b	$b^{j-1}c^h$	$b^{k+j-1}c^h$
3	1	$j = h$	$\lambda$	a	$b^j c^j$	$a^k b^j c^j$
4	2	$\mathbb{N}$	$\lambda$	aa	$b^j c^n$	$a^{2k} b^j c^n$
5	$> 2$	$\mathbb{N}$	$\lambda$	a	$a^{i-1} b^j c^n$	$a^{k+j-1} b^j c^h$

In all cases, pumping lemma works.

Pumping lemma can only be used to prove that something is not regular, but can't say that everything satisfies pumping lemma is regular