

CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation

Finite Automata:

Closure Properties – Part 2

Lecture No. 18



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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

01 Closure properties for regulars

02 Important Questions

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closed \Rightarrow ^{proof by} Algorithm

Not closed \Rightarrow ^{proof by} Example

Closure Properties for regular languages



① Union for regular languages

Regular lang₁ \cup Regular Lang₂ \Rightarrow Regular Language

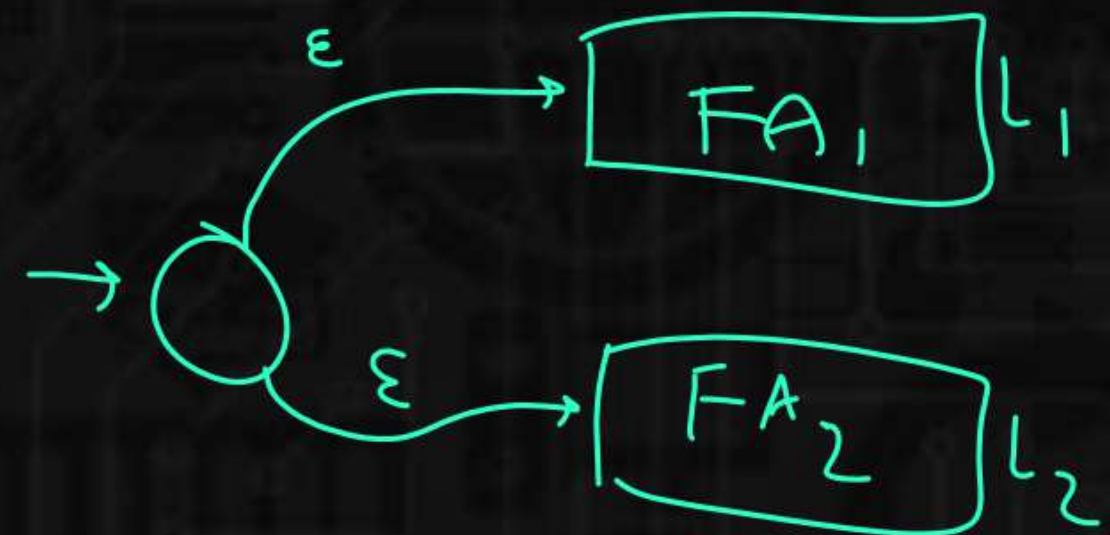
Proof 3: $L_1 \Downarrow LLG_1(S_1)$ $L_2 \Downarrow LLG_2(S_2)$

New LLG \Leftarrow $\begin{array}{|l} S \rightarrow S_1 | S_2 \\ LLG_1 \\ LLG_2 \end{array}$ $\Downarrow L_1 \cup L_2$

Given L_1 and L_2
 Proof 1: $\boxed{RegExp_1 + RegExp_2}$
 $\Downarrow L_1 \cup L_2$
 Proof 2: $\boxed{FA_1 \times FA_2}$ compound FA $\begin{array}{l} \nearrow U \\ \rightarrow N \\ \searrow - \end{array}$

Proof 4: Use RLG_s

Proof 5: Use ϵ -NFA



Closure Properties



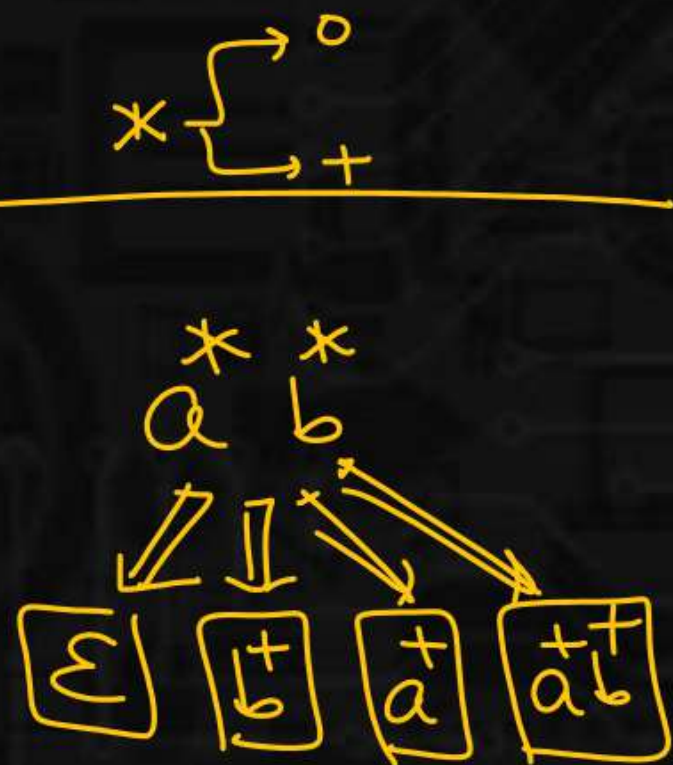
$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^* \\ L_2 = b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2 = a^* + b^* = \epsilon + a^* + b^* = a^* + b^* = a^* + b^*$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = (a+b)^* \\ L_2 = a^* b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2 = (a+b)^* = L_1$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^+ b^+ \\ L_2 = a^* b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2 = a^* b^* = L_2$$

④

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^+ b^* \\ L_2 = a^* b^+ \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cup L_2 = \underline{a^+ b^*} + \underline{a^* b^+} = \underline{a^+ a^* b^*} + \underline{a^* a^+ b^*} = a^* (a^+ + a^+) b^* = a^* (a^+ + a^+) b^*$$



Closure Properties



Note:

- I) If L_1 and L_2 are regular languages then $L_1 \cup L_2$ is Regular Language
- *** II) If $L_1 \cup L_2$ is Regular language then L_1 is may or may not be regular

Given $L_1 \cup L_2$ is Regular

$$\begin{aligned} & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \uparrow \\ & \text{non reg} \cup \Sigma^* = \Sigma^* \\ & \text{non reg } (a^n b^n) \cup \Sigma^* = \Sigma^* \\ & \text{reg } (a^* b^*) \cup \Sigma^* = \Sigma^* \end{aligned}$$

III) If L_1 and L_2 are non regular languages then

$L_1 \cup L_2$ is May or may not be nonreg

$$i) a^n b^n \cup a^n b^m \Rightarrow a^n b^n$$

$$ii) a^n b^n \cup \overline{a^n b^n} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{reg}^*$$

Union is not closed for non-regular languages.

IV) $\text{Reg} \cup \text{Non-Reg} \Rightarrow$ May or may not be regular

$$\text{i) } \Sigma^* \cup \text{nonreg} \Rightarrow \text{reg}$$

(Σ^*)

$$\text{ii) } \phi \cup \text{nonreg} \Rightarrow \text{nonreg}$$

② Intersection

→ closed for regular languages

$Reg_1 \cap Reg_2 \Rightarrow \text{Always Regular}$

proof:



Closure Properties



$$\textcircled{1} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \phi \\ L_2 = \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2 = \underline{\phi}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \Sigma^* \\ L_2 = \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2 = \underline{L_2}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^+ b^+ \\ L_2 = a^* b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2 = \underline{L_1}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^* \\ L_2 = b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2 = \underline{\{\epsilon\}}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = ab^* \\ L_2 = a^* b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow L_1 \cap L_2 = \underline{\{ab\}}$$

$$ab^* = \{ab^0, ab^1, ab^2, \dots\}$$

$$= \{a, a\textcircled{b}, ab^2, \dots\}$$

$$a^*b = \{b, \textcircled{a}b, aa^2b, \dots\}$$

I) $\text{Reg} \cap \text{Reg} \Rightarrow$ Regular language

II) $\text{Reg} \cap \text{Non-reg} \Rightarrow$ May or may not be regular

III) $\text{NonReg} \cap \text{NonReg} \Rightarrow$ may or may not be regular

$$a^n b^n \cap \overline{a^n b^n} = \emptyset_{\text{reg}}$$
$$a^n b^n \cap a^n b^n \Rightarrow a^n b^n_{\text{nonreg}}$$

Closure Properties



ϕ
 Σ^*

} reg_s

$a^n b^n$
 $\overline{a^n b^n}$

} non reg_s

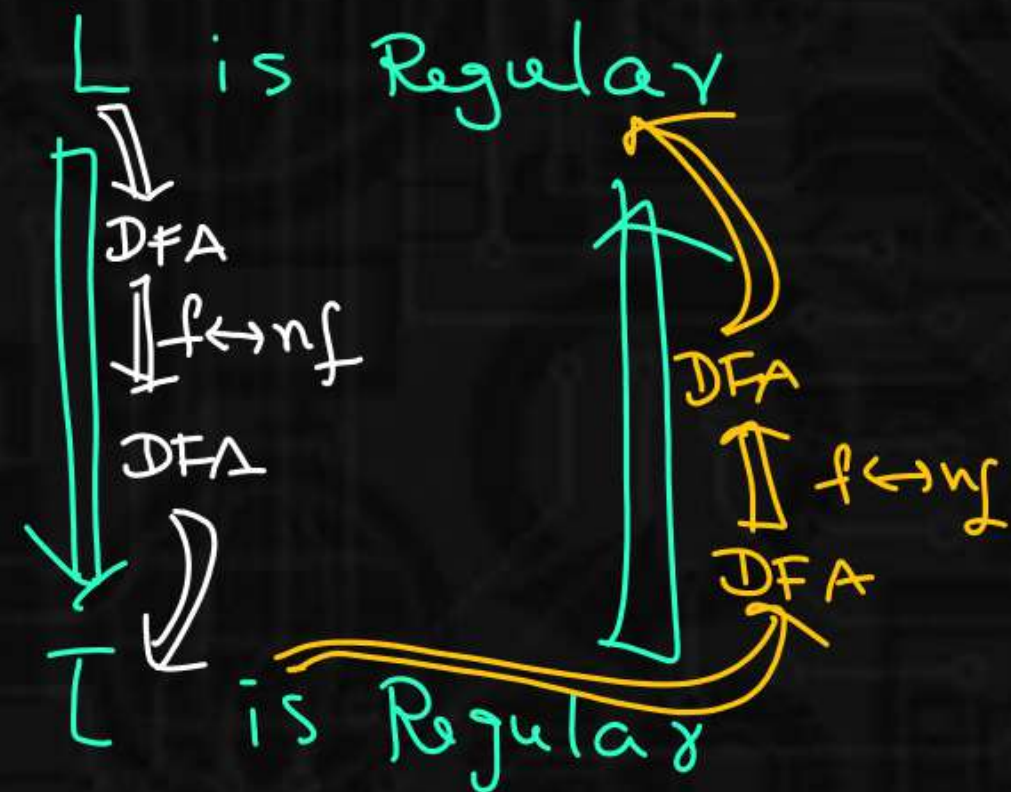
$$\phi \cap \text{Any} \Rightarrow \phi$$
$$\phi \cap a^n b^n \Rightarrow \phi$$

③ Complement

→ closed for regular languages

- I) If L is Regular then \bar{L} is Regular
- II) If \bar{L} is Regular then L is Regular
- III) L is Regular iff \bar{L} is Regular
- IV) L is nonregular iff \bar{L} is nonregular

proof:



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$L = \{w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^*, w \text{ does not contain 3 consecutive 1's or more}\}$

no. of states required in min DFA that accepts L is _____

$$\bar{L} = (0+1)^* 111 (0+1)^*$$

$\bar{L} \Rightarrow$ contain 3 consecutive 1's
4 states

\Downarrow

$L \Rightarrow$ 4 states

Closure Properties



$$\textcircled{1} \quad L = \phi \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \Sigma^*$$

$$\underline{\underline{\Sigma = \{a, b\}}}$$

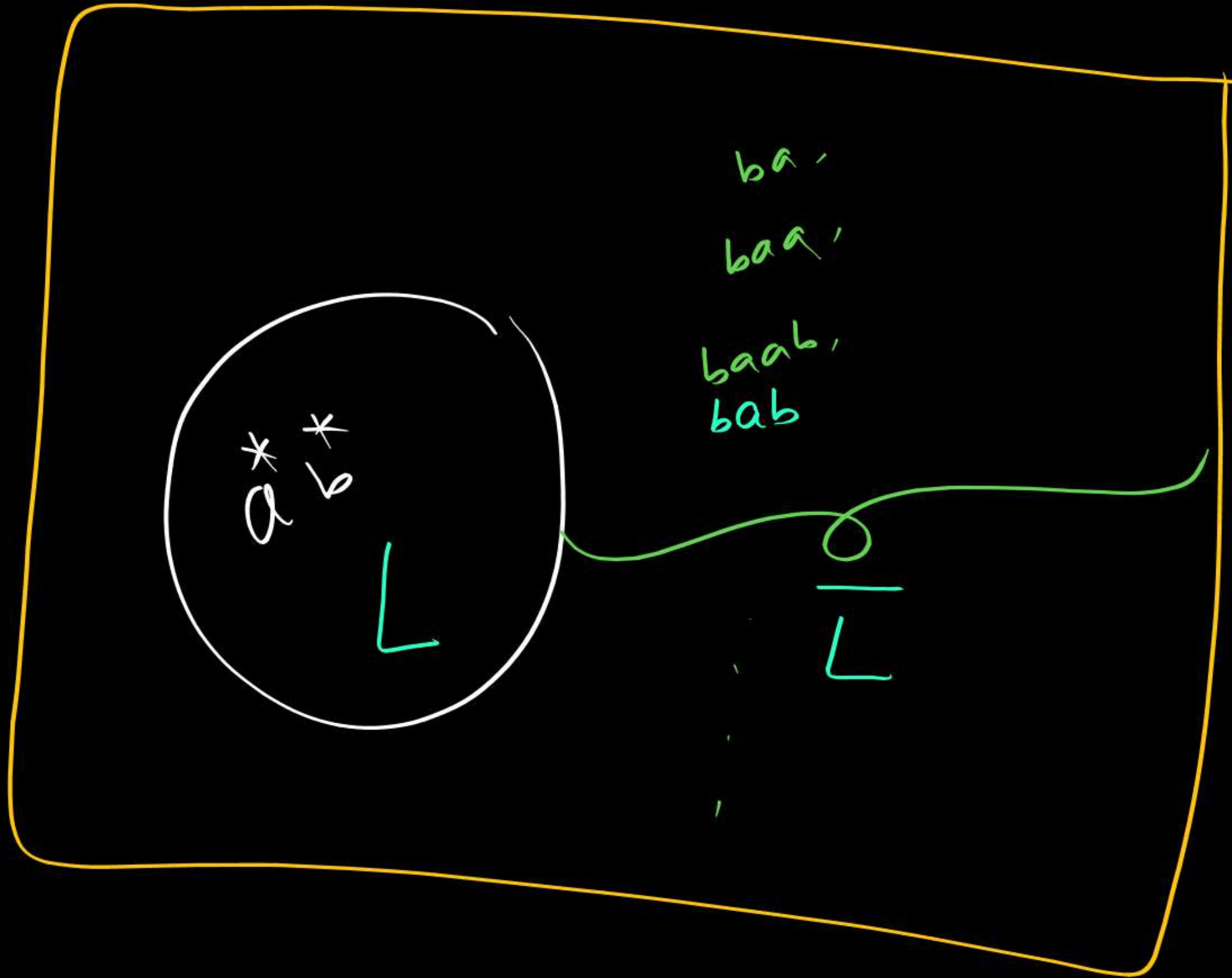
$$\textcircled{2} \quad L = \Sigma^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \phi$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad L = a\Sigma^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L = \Sigma^* - a\Sigma^* = b\Sigma^* + \epsilon$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad L = \Sigma^*a \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \underbrace{\Sigma^*}_b + \underbrace{\epsilon}_a$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad L = \Sigma^*a\Sigma^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = b^*$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad L = a^*b^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \Sigma^*ba\Sigma^* = (a+b)^*ba(a+b)^*$$



$$L = \underbrace{a^* b^*}_{\text{a's followed by b's}}$$

$$\bar{L} = \sum^* \underbrace{ba}_{\text{must}} \sum^* \longrightarrow \text{min} = ba$$

contains 'ba'

$$L \cup \bar{L} = \sum^*$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \Sigma^* \\ b \Sigma^* \end{array} \right\} \varepsilon$$

Σ^*

Closure Properties



I)

$$\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$$

$w \in L$

II)

$$L \cup \bar{L} = \Sigma^*$$

iff

$w \notin \bar{L}$

III)

$$L \cap \bar{L} = \emptyset$$

$w \in \bar{L}$

iff

$w \notin L$

④ Difference

↳ closed for regular languages

$Reg_1 - Reg_2 \Rightarrow \text{Always Regular}$

Proof:

$FA_1 \times FA_2$

Closure Properties



$$\textcircled{1} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^* \\ L_2 = b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 - L_2 = a^* - b^* = a^+ \\ L_2 - L_1 = b^* - a^* = b^+ \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \phi \\ L_2 = \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 - L_2 = \phi - L_2 = \phi \\ L_2 - L_1 = L_2 - \phi = L_2 \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \Sigma^* \\ L_2 = \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 - L_2 = \Sigma^* - L_2 = \overline{L_2} \\ L_2 - L_1 = L_2 - \Sigma^* = \phi \end{array}$$

No

$$L - \Sigma^* = \phi$$

$$\Sigma^* - L = \overline{L}$$

I) $Reg_1 - Reg_2 \Rightarrow Regular$

II) $Reg - NonReg \Rightarrow$ May or may not be Regular $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i) \phi - NonReg \Rightarrow \phi_{\phi} \\ ii) \Sigma^* - NonReg \Rightarrow NonReg \end{array} \right.$

III) $NonReg - Reg \Rightarrow$ May or may not be Regular $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i) NonReg - \phi \Rightarrow NonReg \\ ii) NonReg - \Sigma^* \Rightarrow Reg \end{array} \right.$

IV) $NonReg_1 - NonReg_2 \Rightarrow$ May or may not be regular $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i) a^n b^n - a^n b^n \Rightarrow Reg \\ ii) a^n b^n - b^n a^n = a^n b^n \end{array} \right.$
 $\frac{nonReg}{nonReg}$

⑤ Concatenation

→ closed for regular languages

$Reg_1 \cdot Reg_2 \Rightarrow Regular$

Proof: Use Reg Exp

Proof 2: Use ϵ -NFA

Closure Properties



$$\textcircled{1} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = a^* \\ L_2 = b^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 \cdot L_2 = a^* b^* \\ L_2 \cdot L_1 = b^* a^* \end{array}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \phi \\ L_2 = \text{Any} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 \cdot L_2 = \phi \\ L_2 \cdot L_1 = \phi \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} L_1 = \{a\} \\ L_2 = \Sigma^* \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} L_1 \cdot L_2 = a \Sigma^* = a(a+b)^* \\ L_2 \cdot L_1 = \Sigma^* a = (a+b)^* a \end{array}$$

I) $Reg_1 \cdot Reg_2 \Rightarrow$ Regular language

II) $Reg \cdot NonReg \Rightarrow$ either reg or non reg

i) $\emptyset \cdot Nonreg \Rightarrow reg$

ii) $\epsilon \cdot Nonreg \Rightarrow Nonreg$

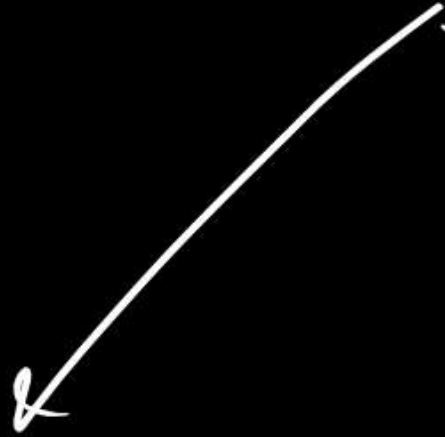
III) $NonReg \cdot Reg \Rightarrow$ either reg or not reg

* * * II) $NonReg_1 \cdot NonReg_2 \Rightarrow$ either reg or not reg

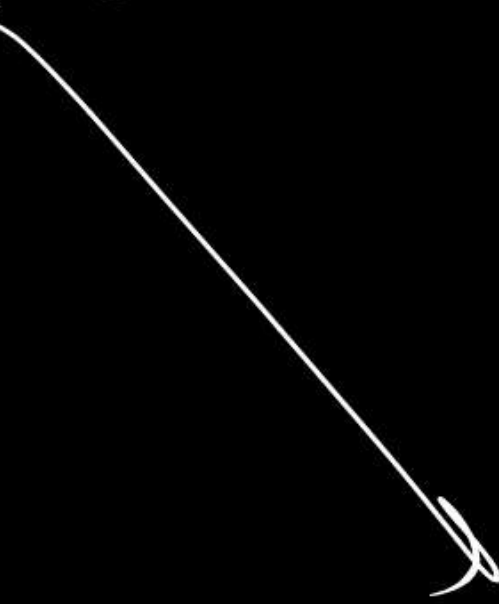
i) $\{ \underbrace{a^n}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^n}_{\downarrow} \} \cdot \{ \underbrace{a^n}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^n}_{\downarrow} \} \Rightarrow \{ \underbrace{a^{n_1}}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^{n_1}}_{\downarrow} \cdot \underbrace{a^{n_2}}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^{n_2}}_{\downarrow} \}$

ii) $\{ \underbrace{a^n}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^n}_{\downarrow} \} \cdot (\overline{\{ \underbrace{a^n}_{\uparrow} \underbrace{b^n}_{\downarrow} \}} \cup \{ \epsilon \}) \Rightarrow \Sigma^*$

$$(L \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \cdot (\bar{L} \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \Rightarrow \Sigma^*$$



$$L \cdot \varepsilon = L$$



$$\varepsilon \cdot \bar{L} = \bar{L}$$

⑥ Reversal

→ closed for regular languages

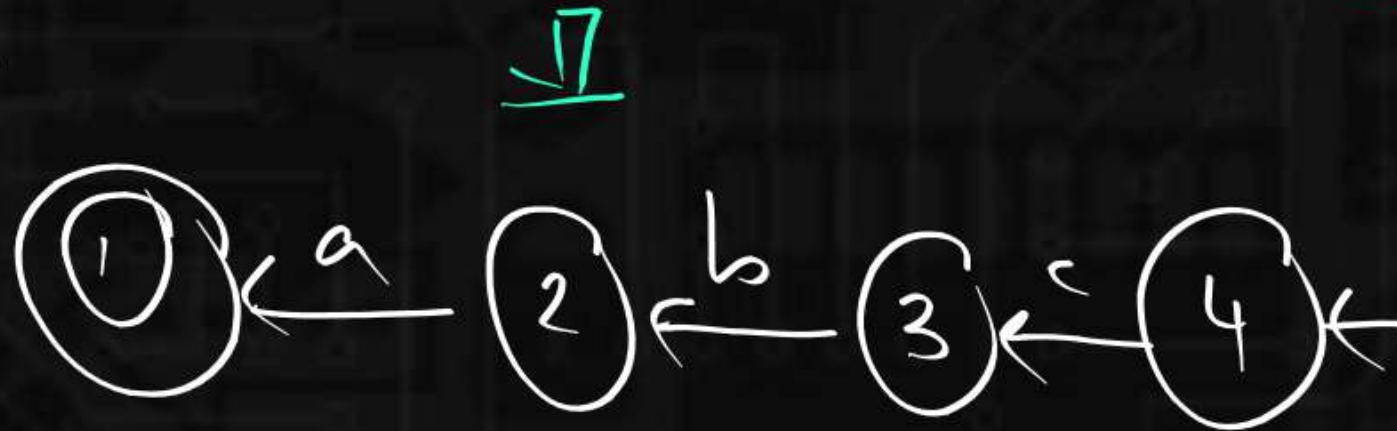
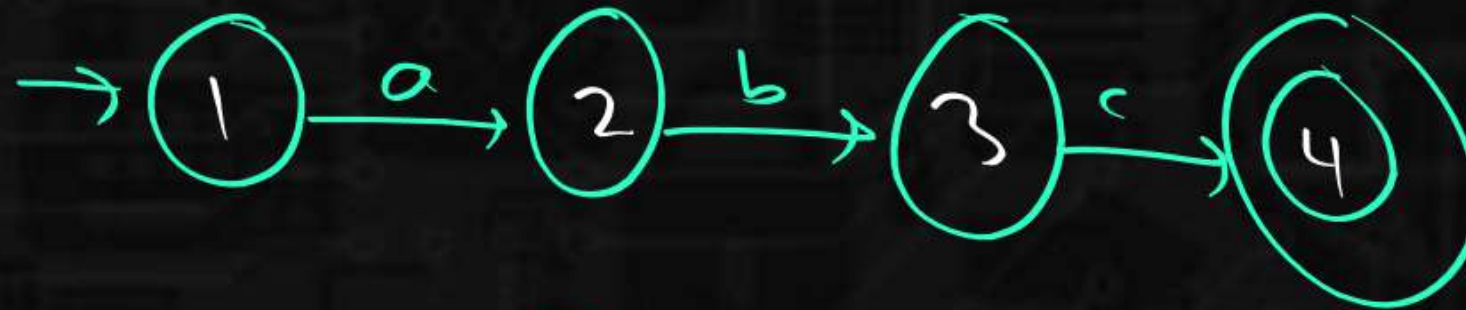
$$L = ba^*$$

$$S \rightarrow Sa \mid b$$

Reverse every production

$$S \rightarrow aS \mid b$$

$$L^{Rev} = a^*b$$



proof:

- i) Use Reg Exp
- ii) Use NFA
- iii) Use LLG / RLG

$$L = a^*b^*$$

$$L^{Rev} = b^*a^*$$

Closure Properties



$$\textcircled{1} \quad L = \emptyset \Rightarrow L^{\text{Rev}} = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad L = \Sigma^* \Rightarrow L^{\text{Rev}} = \Sigma^*$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad L = ab^* \Rightarrow L^{\text{Rev}} = b^*a$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad L = a\Sigma^* \Rightarrow L^{\text{Rev}} = \Sigma^*a$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad (L^{\text{Rev}})^{\text{Rev}} = L$$

$$\overline{(\overline{L})} = L$$

$$(L^{\text{Rev}})^{\text{Rev}} = L$$

I) $(\text{Reg})^{\text{Rev}}$

\Rightarrow Regular

II) $(\text{NonReg})^{\text{Rev}}$

\Rightarrow Non reg

III)

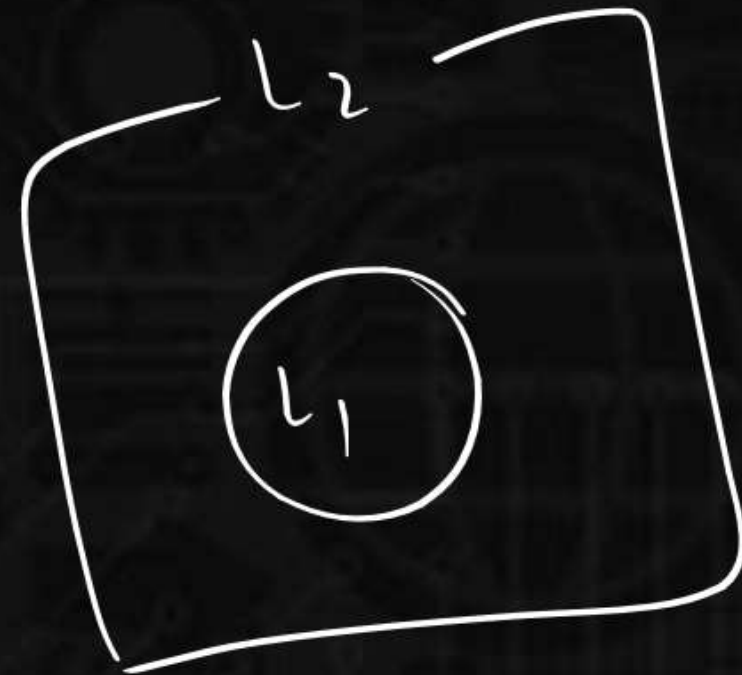
L is Reg iff L^{Rev} is Reg

IV)

L is not reg iff L^{Rev} is not reg

Summary

- U ✓
- \cap ✓
- \subseteq ✓
- $L_1 - L_2$ ✓
- $L_1 \cdot L_2$ ✓
- L^R ✓



$$L_1 \cup L_2 = L_2$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = L_1$$

