



Practice 3

Theory of languages and machines

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1.1

a) $L = \{a^i b^j a^k \mid k > i + j\}$

b) $L = \{a^i b^j \mid j = i \vee j = 2i\}$

$$a^n b^{2n} = a^{n-1} a b^{2n}$$

$$|xy| = n \leq n, |y| = 1 \leq 1$$

$$a^{n-1} b^{2n}, 2n \neq n-1 \text{ or } 2n \neq 2(n-1) \Rightarrow$$

$$a^{n-1} b^{2n} \text{ not regular}$$

c) $L = \{\omega \in \{a, b\}^* \mid na(\omega) < 2nb(\omega)\}$

$$a^n b^n = a^{n-1} a b^n$$

$$|xy| = n \leq n, |y| = 1 \leq 1$$

$$a^{2n} b^n, \text{ not } 2n < n \Rightarrow$$

$$a^{2n} b^n \text{ not regular}$$

d) $L = \{\omega \omega \omega \mid \omega \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

$$a^{2^n n}$$

$$|xy| \leq n,$$

the pumping part, which has to be non-zero in length
cannot be of length greater than n

e) $L = \{a^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$

$$a^{2^n} = a a a^{2^{n-2}}$$

$$|xy| = 2 \leq n, |y| = 1 \leq 1$$

$$a^{2^{n+1}} \text{ not regular}$$

f) $L = \{\omega \in \{\alpha, \gamma\}^* \mid \omega = \omega_1 \gamma \omega_2 \gamma \dots \gamma \omega_k, \text{ for } k \geq 0, \text{ each } \omega_i \in \alpha^*, \text{ and } \omega_i \neq \omega_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$

1.2

Suppose F is regular.

Let $L = \{x \mid x \text{ begins with } 1 a\}$.

L is regular, the intersection of two regular languages is regular, so the language $L' = F \cap L$ is regular.

p = pumping length of L' .

$L' = \{ab^nc^n \mid n \geq 0\}$, so ab^pc^p in L' .

By pumping lemma, ab^pc^p written as xyz $|y| > 0$, $|xy| \leq p$, and for each $i \geq 0$, $xy^iz \in L'$.

However

- (i) if y includes a , the string $xyyz$ has at least 2 a 's
- (ii) else, if y includes both b and c , the string $xyyz$ has at least 2 substrings bc
- (iii) else, y includes only b or only c , and so the number of b and the number of c in $xyyz$ will not be equal.

so $xyyz$ can't be in L' , so F is not regular.

1.3

a)

This restatement does not change any of the original pumping lemma's criteria ($|z_2| = n$ implies $|uv| \leq n$) and the proof is similar, but it does allow us to switch our focus of attention anywhere along a long string. The new pumping lemma statement allowed us to shift our attention to the 1s in the middle of the string, resulting in a simple proof.

b)

$z_1 = an$, $z_2 = bn$, $z_3 = cn$; $z = z_1 z_2 z_3 = anbn cn$ is in L . Since z_2 consists only of b , so does v ; therefore the string $z_1 uv^2 wz_3$ is $anbn + |v|cn$ is not in $L \Rightarrow$

L is not regular

1.4

to prove that a language L is not regular using closure properties to combine L with regular languages by operations that preserve regularity in order to obtain a language known to be not regular.

a) $L = \{a^n b^m c^{n+m} \mid n \geq m \geq 0\}$

$L' = \{a^* b^*\}$ is regular

$L'' = L' \cap L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

L'' is not regular $\Rightarrow L$ is not regular

b) $L = \{\omega_1 \omega_2 \in \{a, b\}^* \mid |\omega_1| = |\omega_2| \text{ and } \omega_1 \neq \omega_2\}$

$L' = \{\}$ is regular

$L'' = L' \cap L = \{\}$

L'' is not regular $\Rightarrow L$ is not regular

c) $L = \{a^n b^{2^k} \mid n, k \geq 1\}$

$L' = \{b^*\}$ is regular

$$L'' = L' \cap L = \{b^{2^k} \mid k \geq 1\}$$

L'' is not regular $\Rightarrow L$ is not regular

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2.1

a) $L = \{\omega \in \{a, b\}^* \mid (na(\omega) - nb(\omega)) \bmod 3 = 2\}$

$$na(\omega) \bmod 3 = 2, nb(\omega) \bmod 3 = 0$$

$$na(\omega) \bmod 3 = 1, nb(\omega) \bmod 3 = 2$$

$$na(\omega) \bmod 3 = 0, nb(\omega) \bmod 3 = 1$$

$$((aaa)^+b)^* \cup ((aa)(bbb)^+)^* \cup (a(bb))^*$$

b) $L = \{\omega \in \{a, b\}^* \mid (2na(\omega) + 3nb(\omega)) \bmod 2 = 0\}$

$$2na(\omega) \bmod 2 = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$(2na(\omega) + 3nb(\omega)) \bmod 2 = 3nb(\omega) \bmod 2 \rightarrow$$

$$3nb(\omega) \bmod 2 = nb(\omega) \bmod 2 \rightarrow$$

Language that accept even number of b \rightarrow

$$(ba^*ba^*)^*$$

c) $L = \{a^n b^m, n \geq 3, m \leq 4\}$

$$aaa + ((bbbb) \cup (bbb) \cup (bb) \cup (b) \cup (\epsilon))$$

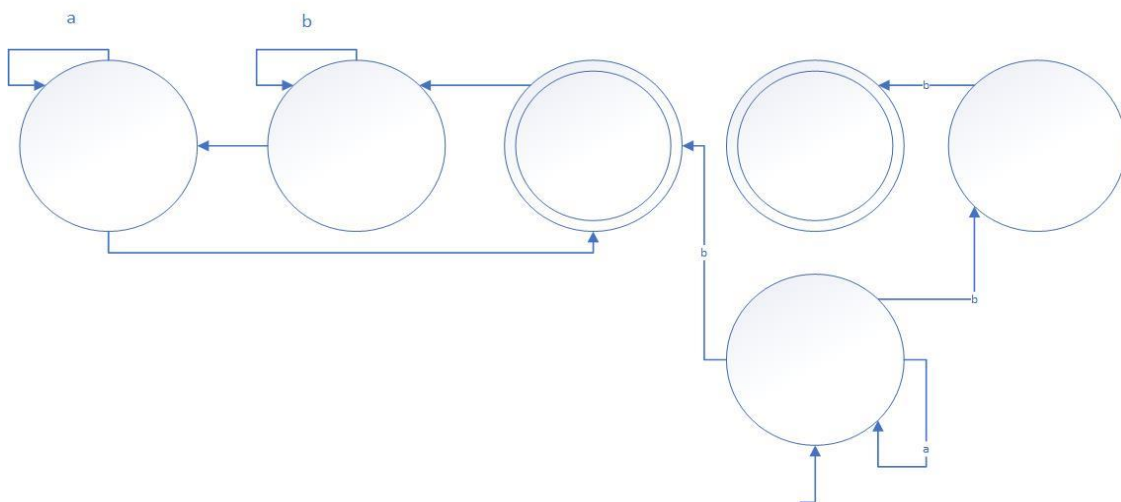
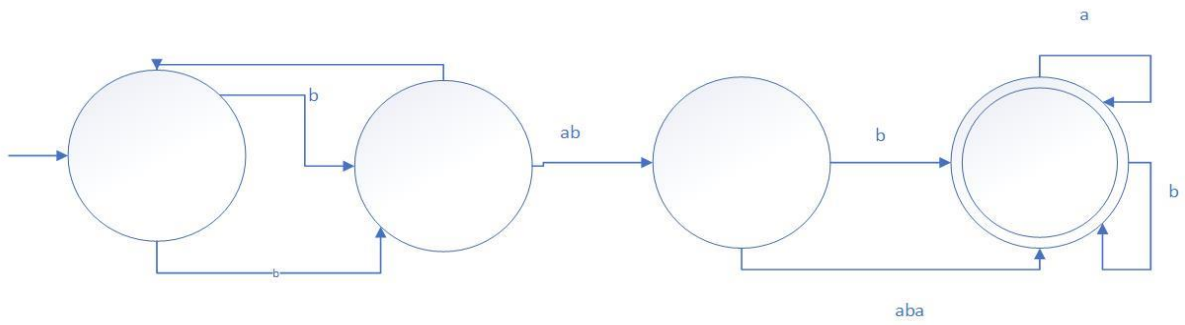
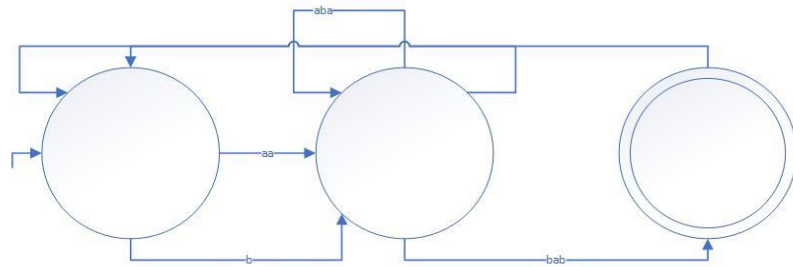
2.2

a) $a(a+b^*aba^*b)b^*aba^*$

b) $ab(ababb + ababaab)^* + abab$

c) $b^* + a(ba^*bb)^*aa$

2.3



2.4

a) $(a \cup b)^* = (a^* \cup ba^*)^*$

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b) $b^+(a^*b^* \cup \epsilon)b = b(b^*a^* \cup \epsilon)b^+$

$$b^+(a^*b^* \cup \epsilon)b = bb^*(a^*b^* \cup \epsilon)b$$

$$= b(b^*a^* \cup \epsilon)b^*b$$

$$= b(b^*a^* \cup \epsilon)b^+$$

c) $(ba)^+(a^*b^* \cup a^*) = (ba)^+ba^+(b^* \cup \epsilon)$

$$(ba)^+(a^*b^* \cup a^*) = (ba)^+ba(a^*b^* \cup a^*)$$

$$= (ba)^+baa^*(b^* \cup \epsilon)$$

$$= (ba)^+ba^+(b^* \cup \epsilon)$$

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3.1

a)

$$S \rightarrow AAS \mid ab \mid aab$$

$$A \rightarrow ab \mid ba \mid \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow ababS \mid abS \mid abbaS \mid baS \mid baabS \mid abS \mid aab$$

b)

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow aAa \mid bAb \mid a \mid b$$

$$B \rightarrow aB \mid bB \mid \epsilon$$

$$S \rightarrow aB \mid Bb$$

$$B \rightarrow aB \mid bB \mid \epsilon$$

c)

$S \rightarrow AA \mid B$

$A \rightarrow AAA \mid Ab \mid bA \mid a$

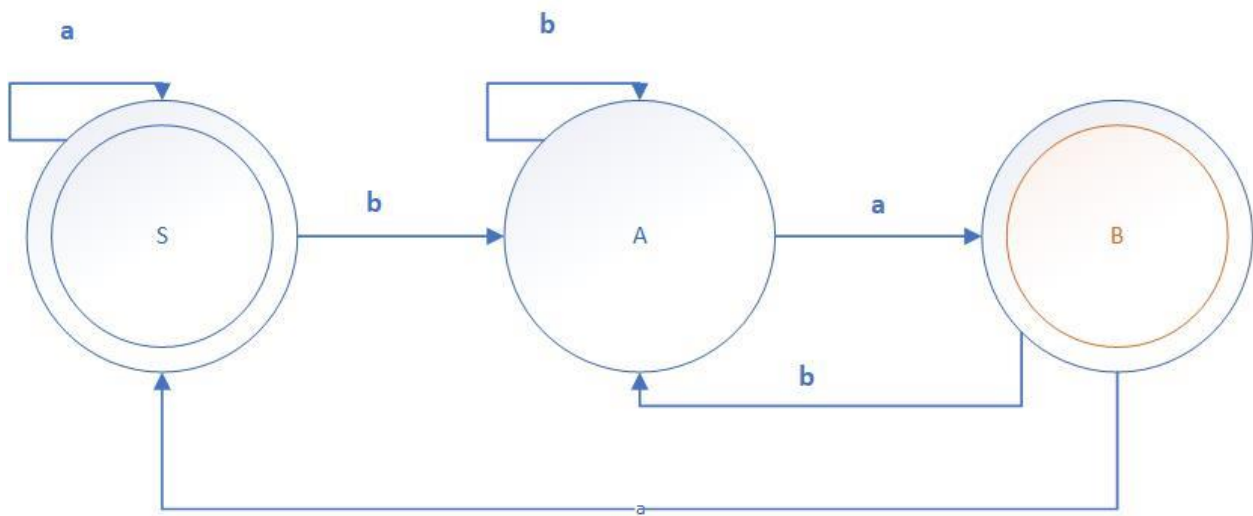
$B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow$

3.2

First, we draw NFA and then reverse it (change arrows and initial state). Then we get reversed grammar from reversed NFA

a)



$S \rightarrow aS \mid bA$

$A \rightarrow bA \mid aB$

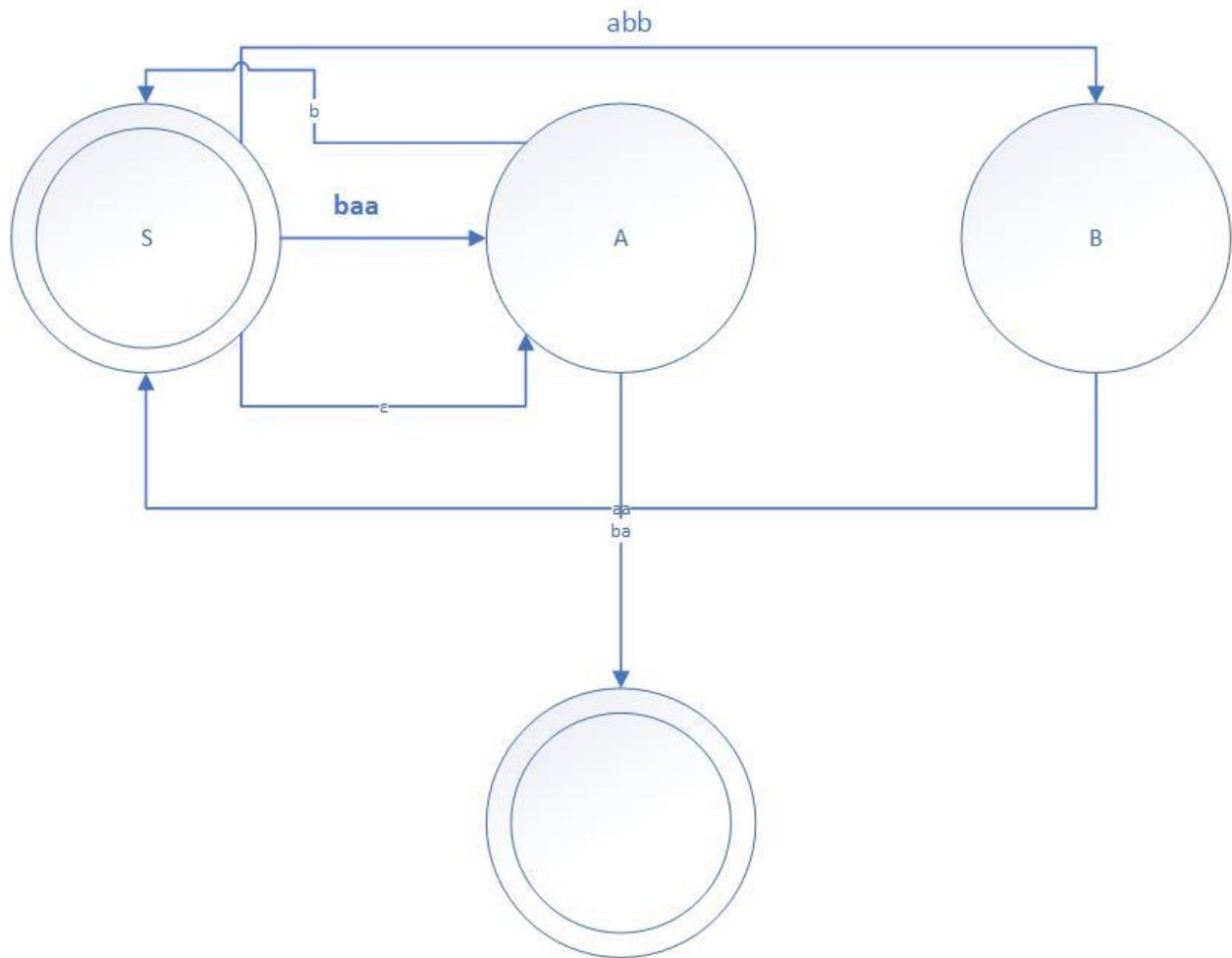
$B \rightarrow bA \mid aS \mid \epsilon$

$S \rightarrow aS \mid aB$

$A \rightarrow bA \mid bS \mid bB$

$B \rightarrow aA \mid S$

b)



$S \rightarrow baaA \mid abbB \mid A \mid \epsilon$

$A \rightarrow bS \mid ba$

$B \rightarrow aaS$

$S \rightarrow bA \mid aaB$

$A \rightarrow aabS \mid S$

$B \rightarrow bbaS$

$Z \rightarrow abA$

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4.1

4.2