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CS704

BEL Theorem:  $\Sigma$  - finite alphabet.

A language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is regular



iff

today

$L$  is  $\text{MSO}(\Sigma)$  - definable.

MSO : {

$x < y$	$x \in X$
$P_a(x)$	$\wedge$
$\text{succ}(x)$	$\vee$
$\text{max}$	$\neg$
$\text{min}$	$\exists x, \forall x, \exists X, \forall X$

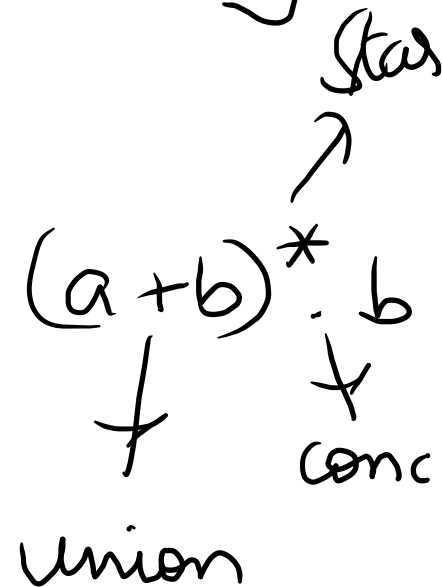
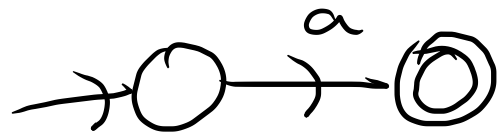
} Atomic formulas

The proof proceeds similar to Kleene's theorem.

Given a reg. exp.  $r$ , we inductively construct an NFA.

Base case

$a, a \in \Sigma$



$\exists$  quantifier in logic is the same as the projection operation.

$$\begin{array}{l} \exists x (x \in X) \wedge \forall y (y \in X \Rightarrow y \geq x) \\ \downarrow \\ Q = \exists X (\exists x (x \in X) \wedge \forall y (y \in X \Rightarrow y \geq x)) \end{array}$$

free variable so we have to interpret.

$$X = \mathbb{N} ? \checkmark$$

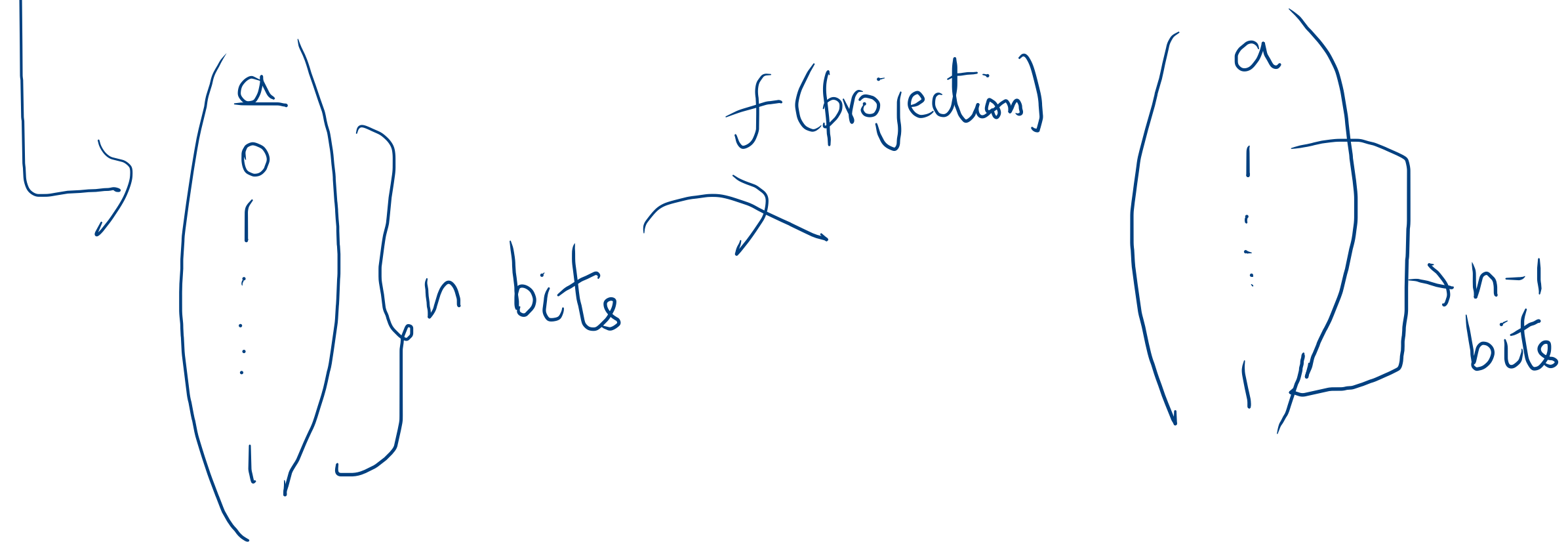
$$X = [0, 1] \checkmark$$

$$X = (0, 1] \times$$

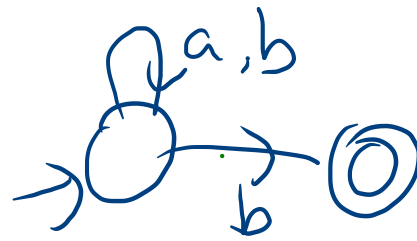
$$X = (0, 1) \times$$

$Q(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow n$  free variables

$\exists x_1, Q(x_2, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow n-1$  free variables



$$\Sigma: (a+b)^* \cdot b$$



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$$\exists x (P_b(x) \wedge \neg \exists y (x < y))$$

$x$  is free  
in

$$\exists y (x < y)$$

defines regular language

construct an NFA

will not  
be assigned  
for  $x$

assign  
position  
to  $x$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

position 1 to  $x$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

pos<sub>1</sub> pos<sub>2</sub> pos<sub>3</sub>

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are positions  
for  $x$

