

Discussion Week of 3/11: Midterm Preparation

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1 Regular Expressions

1. (a) Write a regex that matches binary strings divisible by 8.

Answer: $[01]^*000|0|00$

- (b) Provide a *regular* grammar for the regex from part (a).

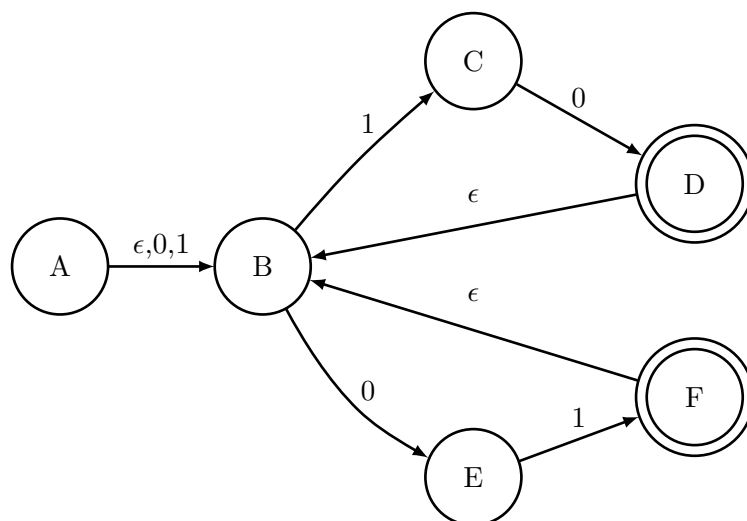
Answer:

$$B : "0" | "1"$$
$$P : \epsilon$$
$$| B P$$
$$S : P "000"$$
$$| "0"$$
$$| "00"$$

2 Finite State Automata

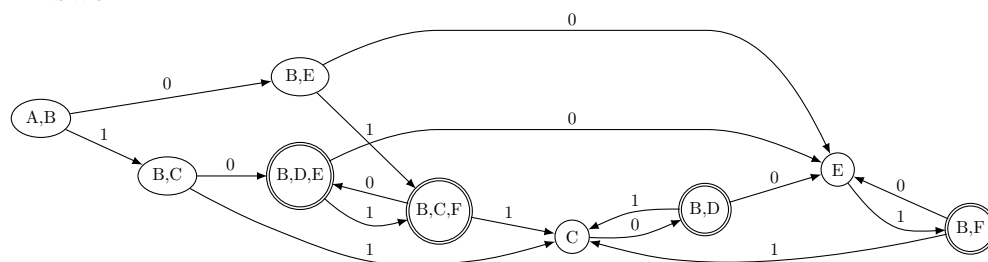
1. (a) Write the corresponding NFA for the regular expression $(0|1)^(10|01)^+$;

Answer:



(b) Convert the NFA from part (a) into a DFA.

Answer:



3 Grammar Rewriting and LL(k) Parsing

Consider the simple ambiguous grammar (which we've seen before):

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &: E \neg \\
 E &: E + E \\
 &| E * E \\
 &| ID
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Show that the grammar is ambiguous with two different leftmost derivations of the string $a+b*c$;

Answer:

- $S \rightarrow E \rightarrow E * E \rightarrow E + E * E \rightarrow a + E * E \rightarrow a + b * E \rightarrow a + b * c$
- $S \rightarrow E \rightarrow E + E \rightarrow a + E \rightarrow a + E * E \rightarrow a + b * E \rightarrow a + b * c$

2. Rewrite this grammar so that it preserves the standard order of operations, is LL(1), and is unambiguous. Draw the resulting tree for the string $a+b*c$;

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &: E \rightarrow \\
 E &: T E' \\
 E' &: \epsilon \\
 &| + E \\
 T &: F T' \\
 T' &: \epsilon \\
 &| * T \\
 F &: ID
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Write down the equivalent unambiguous grammar that enforces both **left** associativity and correct precedence. Why can't this be achieved with an LL(1) grammar?

Answer: This can't be achieved with an LL(1) because it introduces left recursion.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &: E \rightarrow \\
 E &: E + T \\
 &| T \\
 T &: T * F \\
 &| F \\
 F &: ID
 \end{aligned}$$

4 Earley's Algorithm

Consider the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &: E \rightarrow \\
 E &: ID \\
 &| \lambda ID . E \\
 &| E E
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Use it to parse the following expression with Earley's algorithm: $\lambda ID . ID ID \rightarrow$

Answer: We can construct two different parse trees.

	λ	ID	.	ID	ID	
	0	1	2	3	4	5
a	$P : \bullet E \neg, 0$	$E : \lambda \bullet ID.E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID \bullet .E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID . \bullet E, 0$	$E : ID \bullet, 3$	$E : ID \bullet, 4$
b	$E : \bullet ID, 0$			$E : \bullet ID, 3$	$E : \lambda ID.E_a \bullet, 0$	$E : E E_a \bullet, 3$
c	$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 0$			$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 3$	$E : E_a \bullet E, 3$	$E : E E_a \bullet, 0$
d	$E : \bullet E E, 0$			$E : \bullet E E, 3$	$P : E_b \bullet \neg, 0$	$E : E_a \bullet E, 4$
e					$E : E_b \bullet E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID.E_b \bullet, 0$
f					$E : \bullet ID, 4$	$E : E_b \bullet E, 3$
g					$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 4$	$P : E_c \bullet \neg, 0$
h					$E : \bullet E E, 4$	$E : E_c \bullet E, 0$
i						$P : E_e \bullet \neg, 0$
j						$E : E_e \bullet E, 0$

	λ	ID	.	ID	ID	
	0	1	2	3	4	5
a	$P : \bullet E \neg, 0$	$E : \lambda \bullet ID.E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID \bullet .E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID . \bullet E, 0$	$E : ID \bullet, 3$	$E : ID \bullet, 4$
b	$E : \bullet ID, 0$			$E : \bullet ID, 3$	$E : \lambda ID.E_a \bullet, 0$	$E : E E_a \bullet, 3$
c	$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 0$			$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 3$	$E : E_a \bullet E, 3$	$E : E E_a \bullet, 0$
d	$E : \bullet E E, 0$			$E : \bullet E E, 3$	$P : E_b \bullet \neg, 0$	$E : E_a \bullet E, 4$
e					$E : E_b \bullet E, 0$	$E : \lambda ID.E_b \bullet, 0$
f					$E : \bullet ID, 4$	$E : E_b \bullet E, 3$
g					$E : \bullet \lambda ID.E, 4$	$P : E_c \bullet \neg, 0$
h					$E : \bullet E E, 4$	$E : E_c \bullet E, 0$
i						$P : E_e \bullet \neg, 0$
j						$E : E_e \bullet E, 0$

2. Is the expression in the language? Is the grammar ambiguous?

Answer: Yes. Yes.