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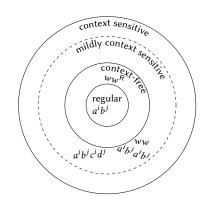
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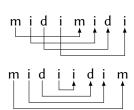
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- String reversals are rarely attested.
 - confined to language games (Bagemihl, 1989)

1(Rubino, 2013); (Dolatian and Heinz, 2020)





- unbounded copying $\{ww \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$
 - ► CH: mildly context-sensitive
 - NL: prevalent
- string reversal $\{ww^{R} \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$
 - CH: context-free
 - NL: rare
- most phonology and morphology: regular

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- the morphological analysis problem [©]
 midi-midi → midi

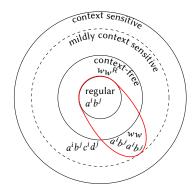
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Gazdar and Pullum (1985, p. 278)

We do not know whether there exists an independent characterization of the class of languages that includes the regular sets and languages derivable from them through reduplication,... this class might be relevant to the characterization of NL word-sets.

Goals of this talk



- give a formal characterization of regular languages + the copying-derived languages
 - ▶ unbounded copying ✓
 - string reversal X
 - Swiss-German crossing dependencies X
- analyze the closure properties of this class of languages

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- Discussion and conclusion

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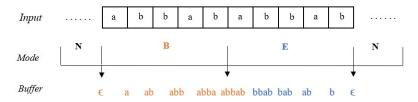
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 - three different modes
 - normal (N) mode: similar to a normal FSA
 - buffering (B) mode: copying input symbols to the buffer
 - ▶ emptying (E) mode: matching symbols in memory against the input





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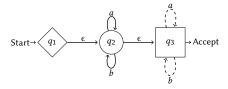


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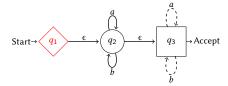


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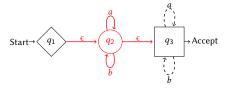


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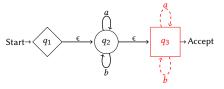


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- q1: "switch to buffering mode, please"
- keeps in buffering mode and storing symbols in the buffer (queue)
- q₃: "stop buffering and let's empty the buffer if strings match up"

Finite-state buffered machines: formal definition

A **Finite-State Buffered Machine (FSBM)** is a 7-tuple $\langle \Sigma, Q, I, F, G, H, \delta \rangle$ where

- Q: a finite set of states
- I ⊆ Q: initial states
- F ⊆ Q: final states
- $G \subseteq Q$: states where the machine must enter buffering (B) mode
- H⊆Q: states visited while the machine is emptying the buffer
- G ∩ H = Ø
- δ : $Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times Q$: the state transitions according to a specific symbol

A configuration of an FSBM D = $(u, q, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{t}) \in \Sigma^* \times Q \times \Sigma^* \times \{N, B, E\}$

- *u*: the input string
- q: the state the machine is currently in
- v: the string in the buffer
- t: the mode the machine is currently in

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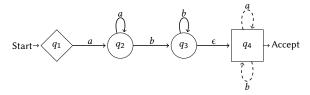
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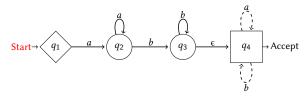
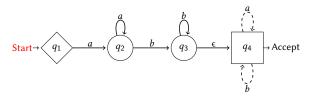


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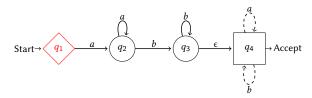


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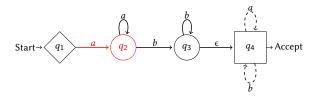
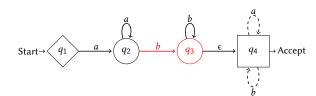


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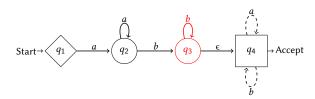


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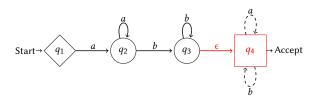
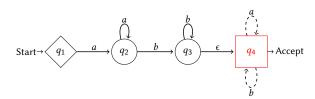


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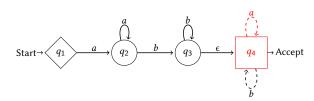


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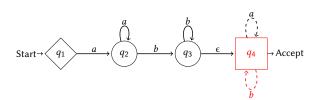


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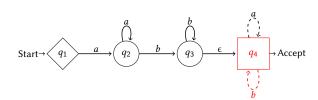


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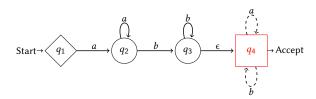


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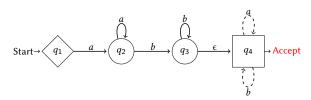


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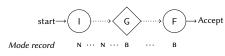


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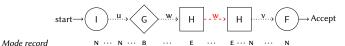
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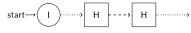
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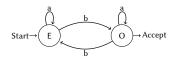
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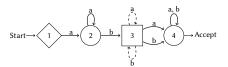
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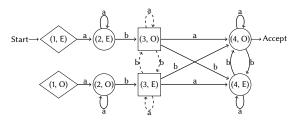
Intersection with regular languages



(a) an FSA enforcing odd number of bs in a string. State E and State O represent even, odd number of bs in the prefix respectively



(b) a machine recognizing initial 'aa* b'-identity. $G = \{1\}$, $H = \{3\}$

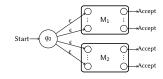


(c) the intersection FSBM after the construction: $G = \{(1, E), (1, O)\}, H = \{(3, 0), (3, E)\}.$

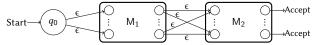
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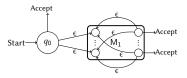
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concatenation:



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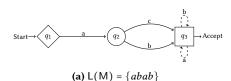


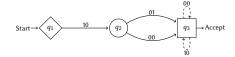
²That FSBM languages are closed under regular operations hints that the set of languages recognized by the new automata might be equivalent to the set of languages denoted by a version of regular expression with copying added.

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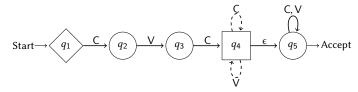


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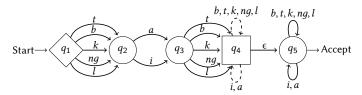
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(c) States $q_1', q_2', q_3'', q_3', q_3''$ are added to split the arcs. $L(M_h) = \{10001000\}$

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(b) Under-generation of the conventional construction of the inverse homomorphic image: only bakbak-; never baktal-

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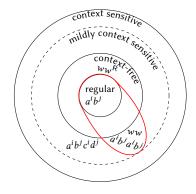
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FSBM:

- FSA: the incurred crossing dependencies: ©
- the augmented copying mechanism: ©
 - only identical copies
 - not general cases of symbol correspondence.

Operations	Closed or not
union	√
concatenation	\checkmark
Kleene star	\checkmark
homomorphism	\checkmark
intersection with regular languages	\checkmark
inverse homomorphism	X ?

Conclusion



Finite-state buffered machines

- FSA + a copying mechanism
- compute productive total reduplication on any regular languages
- introduce a new class of languages incomparable to CFLs.
 - string reversal X queue-like buffer
 - Swiss-German crossing dependencies X

Thank you!

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- multiple copies © Mokilese 'give a shudder' 'continue to shudder' roar roar-roar-roar
- ▶ non-identical copies ③ Javanese Habitual Repetitive 'remember' eliŋ elan-elin

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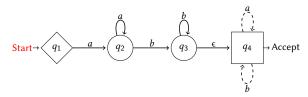


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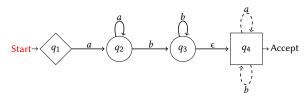


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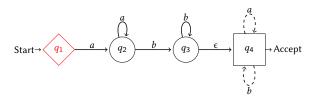


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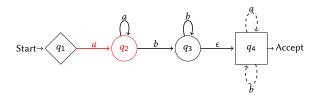
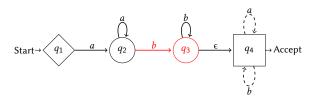


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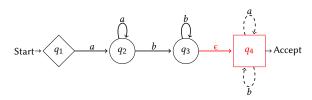


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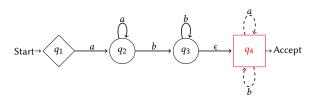


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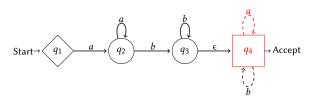


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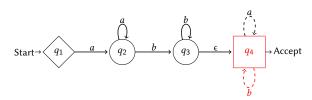


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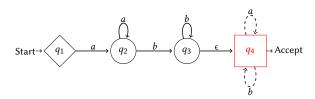


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