

## LECTURE 3: KLEENE'S THEOREM AND CLOSURE PROPERTIES

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**Theorem 1.** For any two DFAs,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , there is a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$ .

$$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, s_1, F_1)$$

$$M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, s_2, F_2)$$

$$L_1 = L(M_1)$$

$$L_2 = L(M_2)$$

$L_1 \cup L_2$ : Given input  $w$ .  
 Answer Yes if  $w \in L_1 \cup L_2$   
 if  $w \in L_1$  or  $w \in L_2$ .  
 if  $w$  is accepted by  $M_1$   
 or  $w$  is accepted by  $M_2$ .

Algo for  $L_1 \cup L_2$ : Input  $w$ .

Run  $M_1$  on  $w$  } Answer "Yes" if  
 Run  $M_2$  on  $w$  } either one does.

$$M_1 \times M_2 = (Q_1 \times Q_2, \Sigma, \delta, (s_1, s_2), F)$$

$$\delta((p_1, p_2), a) = (\delta_1(p_1, a), \delta_2(p_2, a))$$

$$F = F_1 \times F_2 \rightarrow L(M_1 \times M_2) = L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$$

$$F = (F_1 \times Q_2) \cup (Q_1 \times F_2) = \{(p_1, p_2) \mid p_1 \in F_1 \text{ or } p_2 \in F_2\} \rightarrow L(M_1 \times M_2) = L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$$

**NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions** is a NFA that can take change its state *without reading an input symbol*. Transitions taken without reading an input symbol are called " $\epsilon$ -transitions". Formally, it is a tuple  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, S, F)$  where  $Q$ ,  $\Sigma$ ,  $S$ , and  $F$  are the states, input alphabet, set of start states and final states (as for NFAs) and the transition function  $\Delta : Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \rightarrow 2^Q$ .

A run of  $N$  on input  $x$  is <sup>a sequence  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$</sup>  ~~a sequence  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$~~  and a sequence of states  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n$  such that (a)  $a_i \in \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$  for each  $i$ , (b)  $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ , (c)  $q_0 \in S$ , and (d)  $q_{i+1} \in \Delta(q_i, a_i)$  for every  $i \geq 0$ . An accepting run is one where  $q_n \in F$ . And an input  $x$  is **accepted** if  $N$  has **some** accepting run on  $x$ .  $L(N)$  is the collection of all strings accepted by  $N$ .

**Theorem 2.** For every NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions  $N$ , there is an NFA  $M$  such that  $L(N) = L(M)$ .

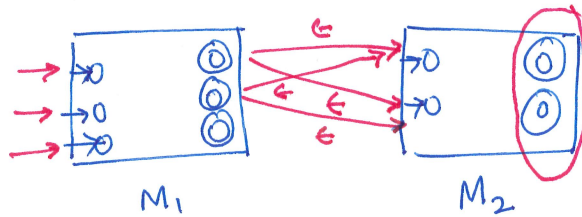
**Theorem 3.** For any two NFAs  $M_1, M_2$

1. there is an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions  $N$  such that  $L(N) = L(M_1)L(M_2)$ , and

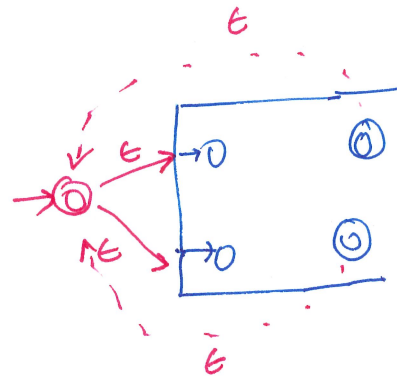
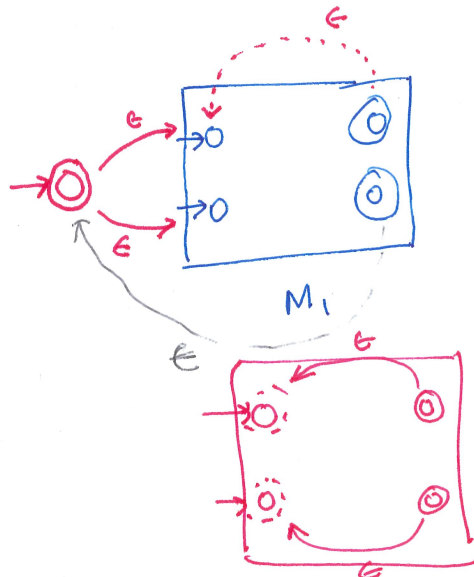
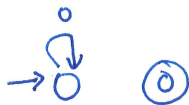
2. there is an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions  $N$  such that  $L(N) = (L(M_1))^*$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Delta_1, S_1, F_1) \\
 M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \Delta_2, S_2, F_2) \\
 L_1 = L(M_1), \quad L_2 = L(M_2)
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{l}
 L_1 L_2: \text{Input } w \\
 \exists u, v. u \in L_1 \ \& \ v \in L_2 \\
 w = uv
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 L_1^*: \text{Input } w. \\
 \exists u_1, u_2 \dots u_n. u_1 u_2 \dots u_n = w \\
 \forall u_i \in L_1
 \end{array}$$



Guess where to divide the string into 2 parts and check that the first part  $\in L_1$  & second part  $\in L_2$ .



**Theorem 4 (Kleene).** A language is regular if and only if it is recognized by a DFA (NFA, UFA, 2DFA).

$(\Rightarrow)$  Regular languages are inductively built from  $\{\emptyset, \{\epsilon\}, \{a\}\}$  using concatenation, union and Kleene closure.

$\exists$  NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions that solves any regular.

$(\Leftarrow)$  Proof Lecture 9 of the book.

**Homomorphism:** A function  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$  is a *homomorphism* if and only if  $h(\epsilon) = \epsilon$ , and for every  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $h(xy) = h(x)h(y)$ .  $\rightarrow$

**Proposition 5.** Consider homomorphisms  $h_1, h_2 : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$ .  $h_1 = h_2$  if and only if for all  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $h_1(a) = h_2(a)$ .

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Obvious

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume  $h_1(a) = h_2(a) \forall a \in \Sigma$ . Goal: Prove  $\forall w \in \Sigma^* h_1(w) = h_2(w)$

By induction on  $|w|$ .

$$h_1(u \cdot a) = h_1(u) \cdot h_1(a) = h_2(u) h_2(a) = h_2(ua)$$

**Homomorphic and Inverse Homomorphic Images:** Let  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$  be a homomorphism,  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ , and  $B \subseteq \Gamma^*$ . Then,

$$h(A) = \{h(w) \mid w \in A\}$$

$$h^{-1}(B) = \{w \mid h(w) \in B\}$$

**Example:** Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and  $\bar{\Sigma} = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$ . Consider homomorphisms unbar and rembar defined as

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{unbar}(0) = 0 & \text{unbar}(1) = 1 & \text{unbar}(\bar{0}) = 0 & \text{unbar}(\bar{1}) = 1 \\ \text{rembar}(0) = 0 & \text{rembar}(1) = 1 & \text{rembar}(\bar{0}) = \epsilon & \text{rembar}(\bar{1}) = \epsilon \end{array}$$

$$\{0, 1, \bar{0}, \bar{1}\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^*$$

1.  $\text{unbar}(\bar{1010}) = 1010$

$\text{rembar}(\bar{1010}) = 10$

2.  $\text{unbar}(\Sigma^* \bar{1} \bar{1} \Sigma^*) = \Sigma^* 11 \Sigma^*$

$\text{rembar}(\Sigma^* \bar{1} \bar{1} \Sigma^*) = \Sigma^*$

3.  $\text{unbar}^{-1}(\{10\}) = \{\bar{1}\bar{0}, \bar{1}0, 1\bar{0}, 10\}$

4.  $\text{rembar}^{-1}(\{10\}) = \bar{\Sigma}^* 1 \bar{\Sigma}^* 0 \bar{\Sigma}^*$

**Theorem 6.** Regular languages are closed under both homomorphic and inverse homomorphic images.

If  $L$  is regular and  $h$  is homomorphism then  $h(L)$  &  $h^{-1}(L)$  are regular.