

Last Time:

strings
languages

- union, intersection, complement
- concatenation

$$L_1 L_2 = \{ xy \mid x \in L_1, y \in L_2 \}$$

- Kleene star

$$L^* = \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} L^i \quad (\emptyset^* = \{\epsilon\})$$

Regular Languages

all langs obtainable from
union, concat, star
(starting from trivial base cases)

Inductive Def'n

(i) $\emptyset, \{\epsilon\}, \{a\}$ are regular langs
 $\forall a \in \Sigma$

(ii) if L_1, L_2 are regular langs
then so are $L_1 \cup L_2, L_1 L_2, L_1^*$

(Nothing else is regular unless it can
be obtained by finite # of appl of (i), (ii))

Ex ($\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$)

a) $\{0110\}$ is regular

$$= \{0\} \{1\} \{1\} \{0\} \checkmark$$

b) $\{0110, 01, 0\}$ is regular

$$= \{0\} \{1\} \{1\} \{0\} \cup$$

$$\{0\} \cup \{1\} \cup \{0\}$$

c) more generally, all finite langs are regular

d) $\{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid |x| \text{ is odd}\}$
is regular

$$\Rightarrow \{00, 01, 10, 11\}^* \cdot \{0,1\}$$

$$= (\{0\}\{0\} \cup \{0\}\{1\} \cup \{1\}\{0\} \cup \{1\}\{1\})^* \cdot (\{0\} \cup \{1\})$$

Notation regular exprs

(i) ϕ, ϵ, a are regular exprs for
 $\phi, \{\epsilon\}, \{a\}$ ($\forall a \in \Sigma$)

(ii) if r_1, r_2 are reg. exprs for L_1, L_2
resp,

then $(r_1 + r_2)$ are reg exprs for $L_1 \cup L_2$
 $(r_1 r_2)$ $L_1 L_2$
 (r_1^*) L_1^*

Let $L(r)$ denotes lang. corresponding to expr r .

Ex $(00 + 01 + 10 + 11)^* (0+1)$

Rmk - omit unnecessary parentheses
Precedence: $*$, \cdot , $+$

- shorthand: $r^+ = r \cdot r^*$

- a lang may have mult. reg exprs

e.g. $((0+1)(0+1))^* (0+1) \leftarrow$

$(0+1) ((0+1)(0+1))^*$
- useful way to specify patterns

Ex ($\Sigma = \{0,1\}$)

d) all strings not beginning with 00

~~not $00(0+1)^*$~~

Cases: begin with 1 ✓
or begin with 01 ✓

$$(1 + 01)(0+1)^* + 0 + \epsilon$$

e) all strings not containing 00
as a substring

$$(1 + 01)^*(0 + \epsilon)$$

f) all strings with even # of 0's
and even # of 1's

idea - divide into blocks of two
(00, 01, 10, 11)

$$\left((00+11)^*(01+10)(00+11)^*(01+10)(00+11)^* \right)^* + (00+11)^*$$

f') odd # 0's & odd # 1's

g) all strings with even # 0's
& # 1's div by 3
& not containing 0100

hard but possible!

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$$h) \{0^i 1^i \mid i \geq 0\}$$

impossible! (but how to
prove it?)

Some identities

$$a) L((r_1 + r_2)r_3) = L(r_1r_3 + r_2r_3)$$

$$b) L((r^*)^*) = L(r^*)$$

$$c) L((rs)^*r) = L(r(sr)^*)$$

$$d) L((r+s)^*) = L((r^*+s^*)^*) \\ = L((r^*s^*)^*) \\ = \dots$$

(in general, how to tell if
two reg exprs are equiv.?)