

# Lecture 6 - May 22

## Lexical Analysis

***Meanings, Precedence of RE Operators***  
***RE Constructions and Specifications***  
***DFA: Introduction***

$$\underline{L = \{ab, bc\}}$$

Given some language  $L$

✓  $L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$  *concat.  $L$  to itself zero times*  
*a string from zero concat.*

$$L^1 = \{x \mid x \in L\}$$

$$L^2 = LL = \{x_1 x_2 \mid x_1 \in L \wedge x_2 \in L\}$$

⋮

$$L^i = \underbrace{LL \dots L}_i = \{\underline{x_1} \underline{x_2} \dots \underline{x_i} \mid (\forall j, 1 \leq j \leq i \Rightarrow x_j \in L)\}$$

Q1.  $|L^i| = \underbrace{|L| \cdot |L| \dots |L|}_{\substack{\text{i times} \\ x_1 \dots x_i}} = |L|^i$

$$\boxed{L^*}$$

↳ as many concat/repetition as needed, including no concat/repet.

Q2. Given  $L = \{0\}^* = \{\epsilon, 0, 00, \dots\}$   
*language* *strings from arb. # of concat*  
*alphabet* *strings of arb. length*

What is  $L^*$ ?  $L^* = L$  *not necessarily true for any  $L$*

# Constructions of **REs**

Meaning of each reg. exp. operation is defined formally by its corresponding language.

**Recursive Case:** Given that  $E$  and  $F$  are regular expressions:

- The union  $E + F$  is a regular expression.

$$L(E + F) = L(E) \cup L(F)$$

an RE operator

- The concatenation  $EF$  is a regular expression.

$$L(EF) = L(E)L(F)$$

Concat. of reg. exp. → Concat. of reg. languages

- Kleene closure of  $E$  is a regular expression.

$$L(E^*) = L(E)^*$$

reg. exp.

- A parenthesized  $E$  is a regular expression.

$$L(E) = L(E)$$

**Base Case:**

- Constants  $\epsilon$  and  $\emptyset$  are regular expressions.

$$L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$L(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

a singleton language with just  $\epsilon$   
empty language

- An input symbol  $a \in \Sigma$  is a regular expression.

$$L(a) = \{a\}$$

match verbatim  
singleton language

$L(a) = \{a\}$   
only input string "a" can be matched/recognized  
 $\epsilon \notin L(a)$   
 $b \notin L(a)$   
 $aa \notin L(a)$

# RE Construction: Exercise

$$* \phi^* L = \{ \phi^* L \mid \phi^* \wedge L \}$$

$$\epsilon L = L = \{ \epsilon \mid L \}$$

Given a language  $L$ ,  
derive the following languages constructed from REs:

1.  $\emptyset + L$
2.  $\emptyset^* L$
3.  $\emptyset^*$
4.  $\emptyset^* L$

$$\emptyset + L = L = L + \emptyset$$

union

$$\emptyset^* L = \{ \phi^* L \mid \phi^* \wedge L \}$$

$$= \emptyset$$

$$\emptyset^* = \{ \epsilon \}$$

no concat

$$\emptyset^* = \{ \epsilon \}$$

# Implication

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
F	F	T
F	T	
T	F	F
T	T	T

## RE Specification: Exercise

Write a regular expression for the following language

set of strings  
language

$\{w \mid w \text{ has alternating 0's and 1's}\}$

$01 \in L$

$010 \in L$

$\epsilon \in L$

$0 \in L$

$00 \notin L$

no violation of alternating 0's and 1's

N1

$1(01)^*$   
 $\{1, 101, 10101, \dots\}$

$(01)^*$   
 $\{\epsilon, 01, 0101, \dots\}$

$(10)^*$   
 $\{\epsilon, 10, 1010, \dots\}$

$0(10)^*$   
 $\{0, 010, 01010, \dots\}$

N2

$(1 + \epsilon)(01)^* + (0 + \epsilon)(10)^*$

# RE: Operator Precedence

$*$  (highest)  
 $\text{concat}$   
 $+$  (lowest)

$10^*$  vs.  $(10)^*$

III  
 $I(0^*)$

Witness of inequality:

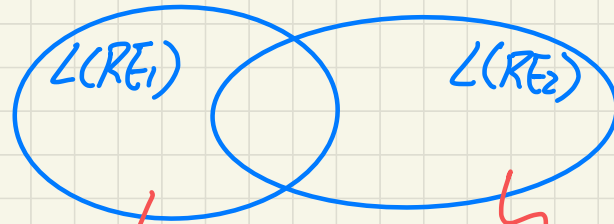
$100 \in 10^*$

$100 \notin (10)^*$

$01^* + 1$  vs.  $0(1^* + 1)$

$0 + 1^*$  vs.  $(0 + 1)^*$

- Are  $RE_1$  and  $RE_2$  equivalent?
- A string in  $L(RE_1)$  but not in  $L(RE_2)$ ?
- A string in  $L(RE_2)$  but not in  $L(RE_1)$ ?



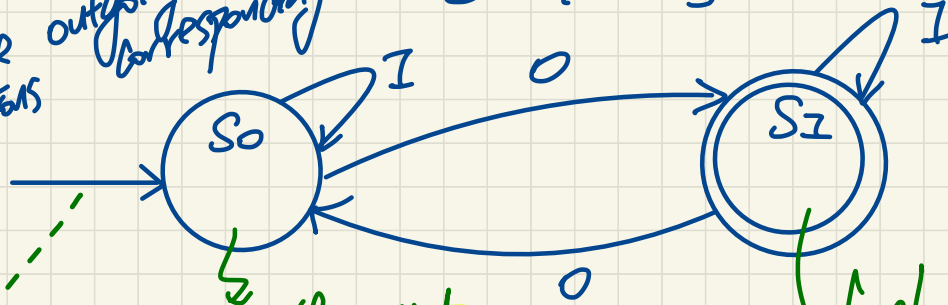
$\exists w. w \in L(RE_1) \wedge w \notin L(RE_2)$

$\exists w. w \in L(RE_2) \wedge w \notin L(RE_1)$

Exercises-

$\{w \mid w \text{ has an odd \# of } 0's\}$

Each state must have outgoing transitions corresponding to  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$



start state  
(with an unlabelled transition)

final, accept state  
(at least one)

$S_0$ : read even # of 0's

$S_1$ : read odd # of 0's



## DFA: Exercise

Draw the **transition diagram** of a **DFA** which **accepts/recognizes** the following language:

$\{ w \mid w \neq \varepsilon \wedge w \text{ has equal \# of alternating 0's and 1's} \}$