

Midterm next Friday

9/14/18

List of topics will be sent today

HW 3 will be assigned Monday

Extra Office hours next Thurs. afternoon  
(probably 2:30 - ?)

I will announce preliminary grade cutoffs  
for the exam in advance.

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NFAs and (right)-regular grammars.

Comments: One of the HW problems is to show that the reverse of a ~~reg.~~ reg. lang. is a reg. lang.



left-regular grammars give regular language (b/c ~~etc~~ if you take all the prod. rules of a left reg. gram.  $G$  and reverse them, you get a right. reg. gram. that produces the reverse language (to the one produced by  $G$ ).

Convert a right regular grammar to an NFA

$S = \text{start}$

$V = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

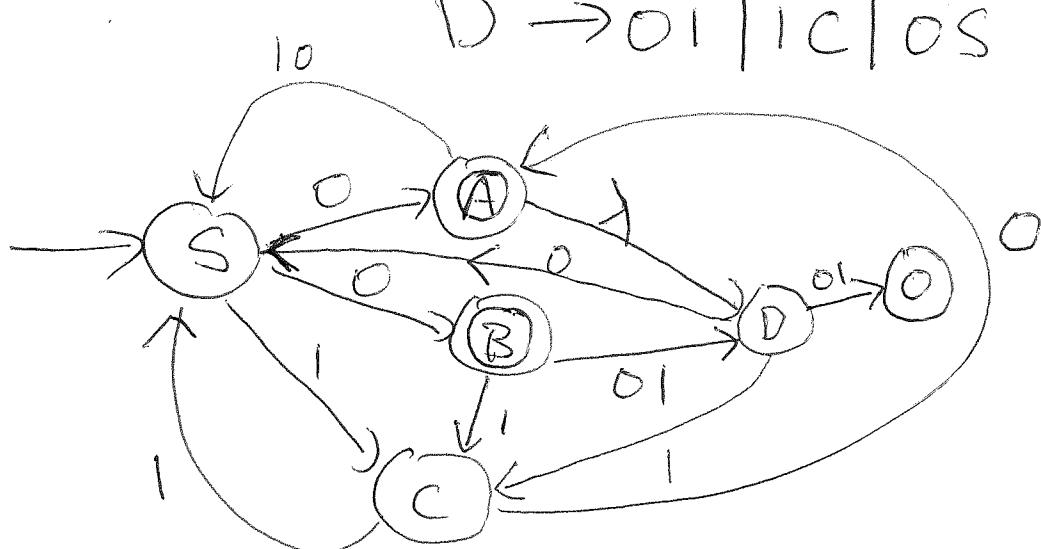
$S \rightarrow 0A | 0B | 1C$

$A \rightarrow 10S | 0 | \lambda$

$B \rightarrow 1C | 0 | D | \lambda$

$C \rightarrow 1S | 0A$

$D \rightarrow 01 | 1C | 0S$



# Ways to build new regular languages from known to be regular languages.

Suppose

$L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages.

- 1) The concatenation  $L_1 L_2$  is a reg. lang.
- 2) The union  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is regular.
- 3) The Kleene star  $(L_1)^*$  is regular.
- 4) The complement  $\bar{L}_1 = \Sigma^* - L_1$   
(i.e. every string not in  $L_1$ ) is regular.

Pf: If I have a DFA for  $L_1$ , I can construct a DFA for  $\bar{L}_1$  by making all final states non-final states and vice versa.

- 5) The intersection  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \in L_1 \text{ and } w \in L_2 \}$  is regular.

Pf: If  $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, S_1, s_1, F_1)$  is a DFA for  $L_1$ , and  $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, S_2, s_2, F_2)$  is a DFA for  $L_2$ , construct a DFA ~~M~~  $M = (Q, \Sigma, S, s, F)$  by:

$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2 = \{ \text{pairs } (q_1, q_2), q_1 \in Q_1, q_2 \in Q_2 \}$$

$S$  is defined by

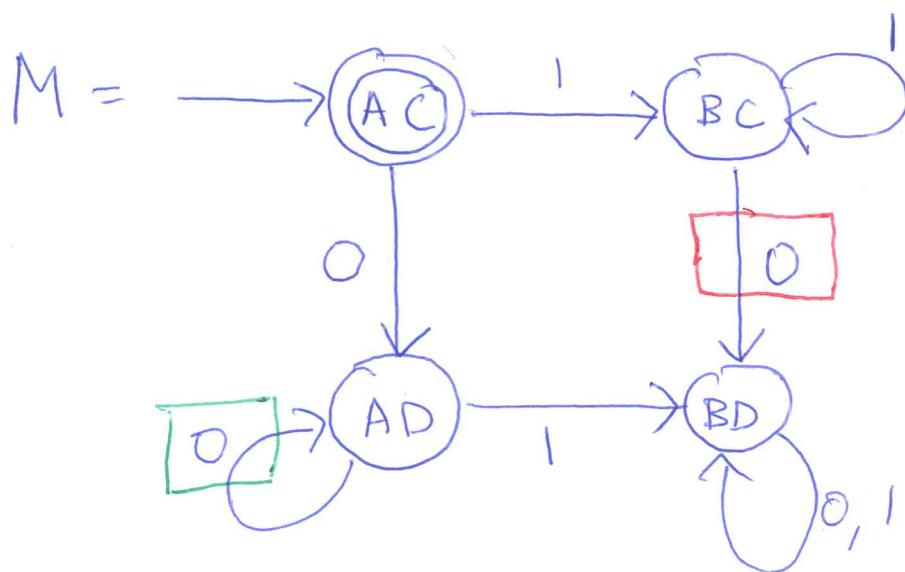
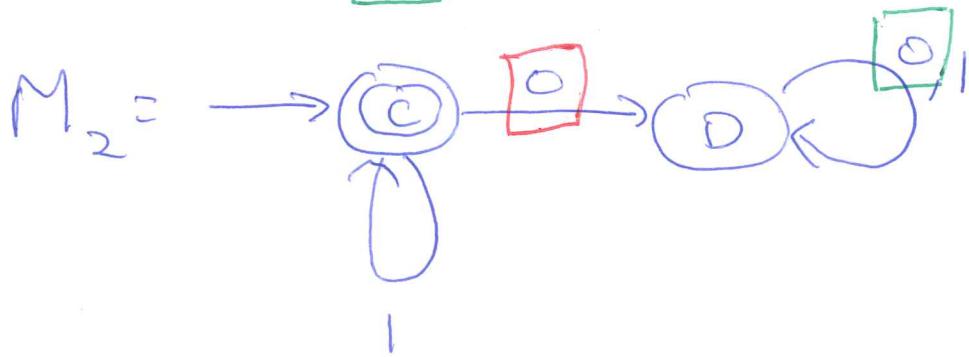
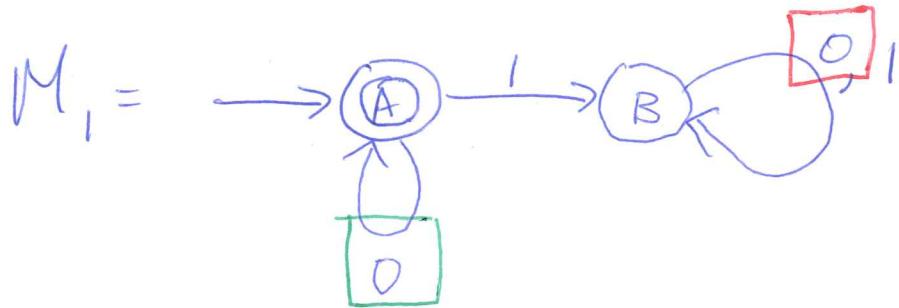
$$S((q_1, q_2), \alpha) = (S_1(q_1, \alpha), S_2(q_2, \alpha))$$

for all  $q_1 \in Q_1, q_2 \in Q_2, \alpha \in \Sigma$ .

$$s = (s_1, s_2).$$

$$F = F_1 \times F_2 = \{ (q_1, q_2) \in Q_1 \times Q_2 \mid q_1 \in F_1, q_2 \in F_2 \}$$

Silly example:



You can combine these rules: e.g.,  
if  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  are regular, then

$[(L_1 \cup L_2) \cap \bar{L}_3] \cup [L_3 \cap \bar{L}_2]$  is also  
regular.

(In fact, any Venn diagram region is  
regular).

Note: There are many ways to create a  
new regular language out of known to  
be regular languages. (Some are on HW)

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If we have 2 alphabets  $\Sigma, T$ , and a  
function  $f: \Sigma^* \rightarrow T^*$  this automatically  
gives a function  $f^*: \Sigma^* \rightarrow T^*$ . Then,  
if  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is regular,  $f^*(L)$  is  
regular.

Pf: Take an NFA for  $L$ , and replace all the  $\Sigma^*$  labels by  ~~$\Sigma^*$~~  the transition  $(q, w, q')$  by  $(q, f^*(w), q')$ .

E.g.  $L$  is a reg. lang. on  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$L' = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ s.t. you obtain } w \cancel{\in L}$   
by removing all  $c$ 's from some string in  $L\}$

$L'$  is regular by the function

$f: a \mapsto a$   
 $b \mapsto b$   
 $c \mapsto \lambda$

This removes  
all the  $c$ 's