

CSE 311 Section 08

Regular Expressions, CFGs, & Relations

Administrivia



Announcements & Reminders

- Homework 6 was due Wednesday (5/15)
- Midterm grades have been released? (Maybe)
 - Regrade requests are open
- Check your section participation grade on canvas
 - If it different than what you expect, let your TA know

Regular Expressions



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Basis:

- ε is a regular expression. The empty string itself matches the pattern (and nothing else does).
- \emptyset is a regular expression. No strings match this pattern.
- a is a regular expression, for any $a \in \Sigma$ (i.e. any character). The character itself matching this pattern.

Recursive:

- If A, B are regular expressions then $(A \cup B)$ is a regular expression. matched by any string that matches A or that matches B [or both].
- If A, B are regular expressions then AB is a regular expression. matched by any string x such that $x = yz$, y matches A and z matches B .
- If A is a regular expression, then A^* is a regular expression. matched by any string that can be divided into 0 or more strings that match A .

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A regular expression is a recursively defined set of strings that form a language.

A regular expression will generate all strings in a language, and won't generate any strings that ARE NOT in the language

Hints:

- Come up with a few examples of strings that ARE and ARE NOT in your language
- Then, after you write your regex, check to make sure that it CAN generate all of your examples that are in the language, and it CAN'T generate those that are not

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Our everyday numbers!
Notice we have 10 symbols
(0-9) to represent numbers.

$$256: (2 * 10^2) + (5 * 10^1) + (6 * 10^0)$$

base-2 numbers: (binary)

$$10: (1 * 2^1) + (0 * 2^0)$$

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A context free grammar (CFG) is a finite set of production rules over:

- An alphabet Σ of “terminal symbols”
- A finite set V of “nonterminal symbols”
- A start symbol (one of the elements of V) usually denoted S

A production rule for a nonterminal $A \in V$ takes the form

- $A \rightarrow w_1 \mid w_2 \mid \dots \mid w_k$

Where each $w_i \in V \cup \Sigma^*$ is a string of nonterminals and terminals.

Problem 2 – CFGs

Write a context-free grammar to match each of these languages.

- a) All binary strings that start with 11
- d) All binary strings that contain at least three 1's
- e) All strings over 0, 1, 2 with the same number of 1s and 0s and exactly one 2.
([^]bonus)

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Strings to Consider:

0001112 ← **beware!**

20101

01210

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Correct Answer:

$S \rightarrow 2 \mid ST \mid TS \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0$

$T \rightarrow TT \mid 0T1 \mid 1T0 \mid \epsilon$

Relations

R is **reflexive** iff $(a,a) \in R$ for every $a \in A$

R is **symmetric** iff $(a,b) \in R$ implies $(b, a) \in R$

R is **antisymmetric** iff $(a,b) \in R$ and $a \neq b$ implies $(b,a) \notin R$

R is **transitive** iff $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ implies $(a, c) \in R$

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In other words, there is a z (namely y) such that $(x, z) \in R$ and $(z, y) \in R$.

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That's All, Folks!

Thanks for coming to section this week!
Any questions?

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