

Tutorial 1

Theory of Computation

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Overview

- Some related topics about regular languages
- Homework 1



Closed operations

- Union
- Concatenation
- Star
- Complement (Homework 1, Q2)
 - Let A be a language.

$$\overline{A} = \{x \mid x \notin A\}$$



Intersection

- Let A and B be languages.

Intersection :

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \}$$



Intersection (1st proof)

- Theorem: If A and B are regular languages, so is $A \cap B$.

- Proof

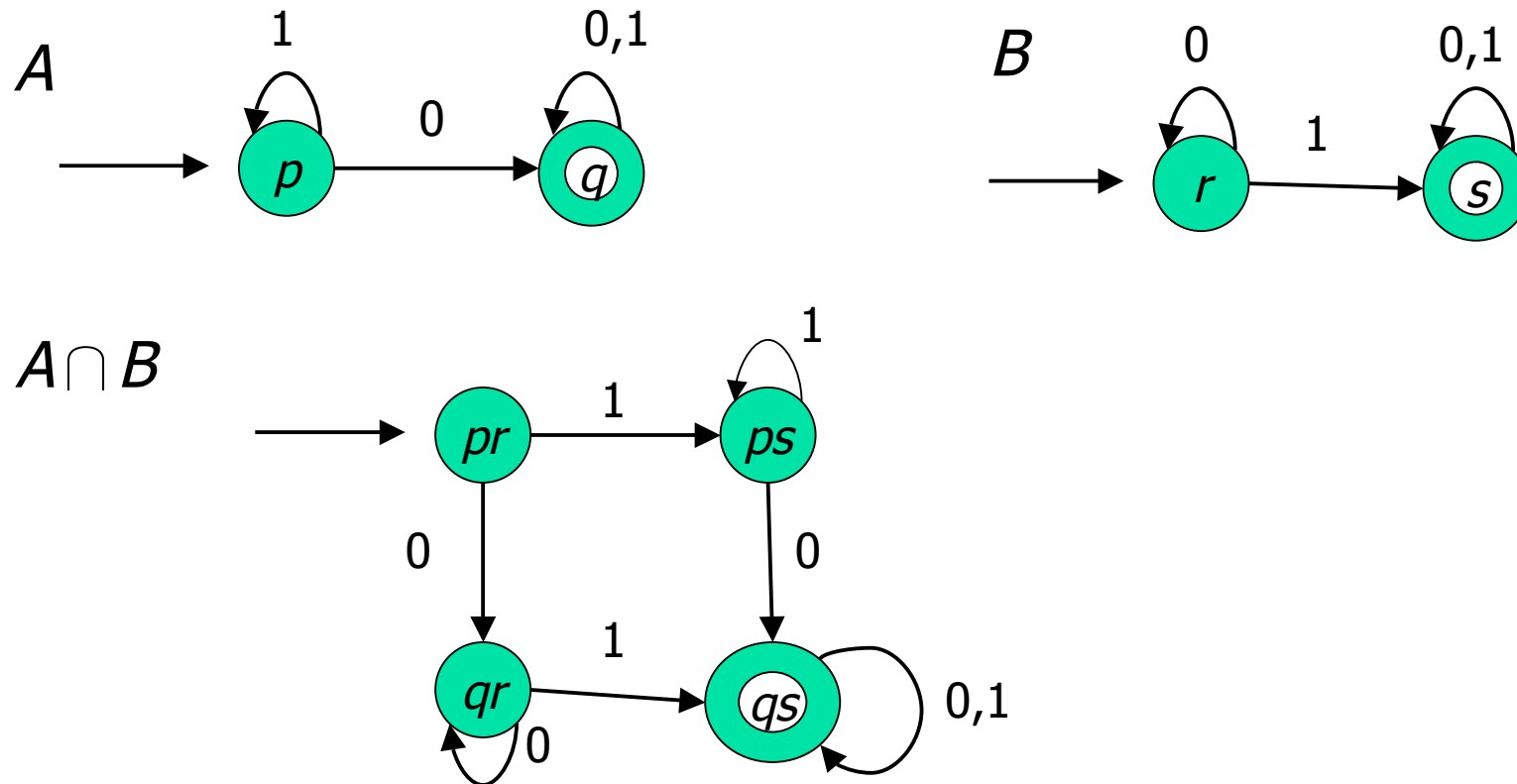
- By DeMorgan's laws,

$$A \cap B = \overline{\overline{A} \cup \overline{B}}$$

- The union and complement operations are closed operations

Intersection (2nd proof)

Example





Intersection (2nd proof)

- A: $D_A = (Q_{A'}, \Sigma, \delta_{A'}, q_{A'}, F_A)$
 - B: $D_B = (Q_{B'}, \Sigma, \delta_{B'}, q_{B'}, F_B)$
 - Construct $D = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$
 - $Q = Q_A \times Q_B$
 - $\delta((p, q), a) = (\delta_A(p, a), \delta_B(q, a))$
 - $q = (q_A, q_B)$
 - $F = F_A \times F_B$
- Then we can show $L(D) = A \cap B$



Quiz

- We learnt that
 $\{w \mid w \text{ has equal \# of 0s and 1s}\}$
is nonregular
- How about this one?
 $\{w \mid w \text{ has equal \# of 01 and 10}\}$
Is it still nonregular?



Homework 1

1. DFA construction (easy)
2. Complement operation (easy)
3. NFA conversion (straightforward)
4. Pumping Lemma (easy)
5. Pumping Lemma + Closed Operation (a bit challenging)
6. A/B (hard)



Homework 1

5. Prove the following languages are nonregular:

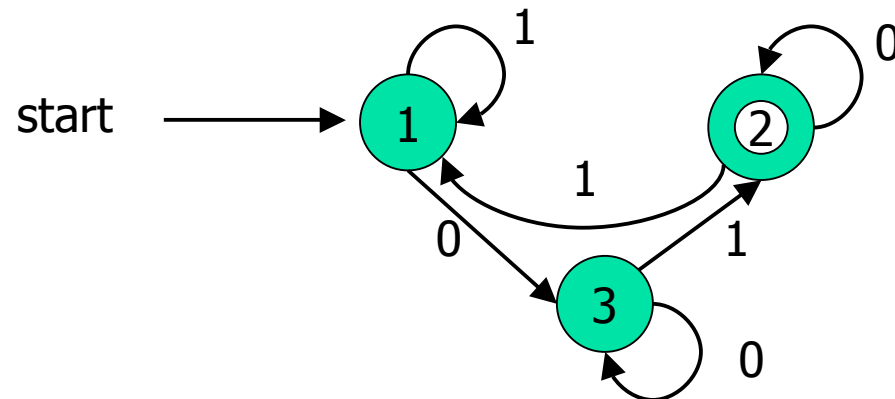
- (a) $\{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ is not a palindrome}\}^1$
- (b) $\{wtw \mid w, t \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$

¹A palindrome is a string such that it reads the same forward and backward. E.g., dad, level, racecar.

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6. Let $A/B = \{w \mid wx \in A \text{ for some } x \in B\}$.

(a) Suppose A is recognized by

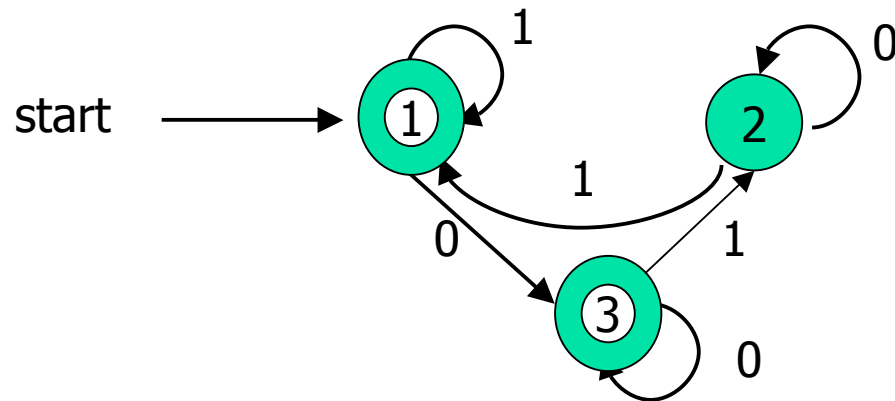


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Also, suppose that $B = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1\}$.

(Note: B is nonregular!!)

Show A/B is recognized by





Homework 1

6.(b) In general, show that

if A is regular and B is **any** language,
 A/B is regular.



Homework 1: Further Studies

7. Reg Exp \rightarrow NFA (straightforward)
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