

ch. 2

$\Sigma$  = alphabet = finite non-empty set of symbols  
 $\Sigma^*$  = set of all strings over  $\Sigma$

Theorem:  $\Sigma^*$  is Countably infinite

Proof sketch:  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$\Sigma^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, c, aa, ab, ac, ba, bb, bc, ca, cb, cc, aaa, aab, aac, \dots\}$

Theorem:  $\mathcal{L}$  = set of all languages over  $\Sigma$  is uncountable  
Proof: Diagonalization argument

Regular languages

Def: It is defined as follows:

- 1)  $\{a\}$  is regular for each  $a \in \Sigma$
- 2)  $\{\epsilon\}$  is regular
- 3)  $\{\}$  is regular
- 4) If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular then
  - $L_1 L_2$  is regular ( $L_2 L_1$  is also regular)
  - $L_1 \cup L_2$  is regular
  - $L_1^*$  is regular ( $L_2^*$  is regular)
- 5) Nothing else is regular

Reg expressions ~~are defined over  $\Sigma$~~

~~$\phi$  is a r.e.~~  
 ~~$\epsilon$  " " "~~  
 ~~$a$  " " "~~ for each  $a \in \Sigma$   
 ~~$r+s, r^s, r^*$~~ ,  $(r)$  are r.e.

Language  
def

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$w^+$   
 $L^+$

concatenate 1 or more times

$$L^+ = L \cdot L^* = L \cdot (\underbrace{\{\epsilon\} \cup L \cup L^2 \cup L^3 \dots}_{L^*})$$

recall  $L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$

$$= L \cdot \{\epsilon\} \cup \underline{L \cdot L} \cup \underline{L \cdot L^2} \dots$$

### Regular Languages over $\Sigma$

- (1)  $\{\}$  is regular
- (2)  $\{\epsilon\}$  is regular
- (3)  $\{a\}$  is regular, for each  $a \in \Sigma$

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- (4) if  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages then so are  
 $L_1 \cdot L_2, L_1 \cup L_2, L_1^*$

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- (5) Nothing else is regular

### Regular Expression over $\Sigma$ (Compact notation to denote reg. lang. (finite representations of infinite languages))

- (1)  $\emptyset$  is a reg expr
- (2)  $\epsilon$  is a reg expr
- (3)  $a$  is a reg expr, for each  $a \in \Sigma$
- (4) if  $r$  and  $s$  are reg expr then so are  
 $rs, r+s, r^*, (r)$

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- (5) Nothing else is a reg. expr.

def the language denoted by reg expr  $r$ ,  $L(r)$ , is defined as follows:

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

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

$$L(a) = \{a\}, \text{ for each } a \in \Sigma$$

$$L(rs) = L(r) \cdot L(s)$$

$$L(r+s) = L(r) \cup L(s)$$

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

# Examples

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$L_1 = \{abaab, aaaaaa, a\}$$

Why?

$$L_1 = \{\underline{a}\} \cdot \{\underline{b}\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{b\} \cup \\ \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cdot \{a\} \cup \\ \{a\}$$

or

$$L_1 = L(abaab + aaaaaa + a)$$

$$L_2 = \{w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } w \text{ ends with 'a'}\}$$

$$L_2 = L((a+b)^*a) \quad L((a+b)^*) = \Sigma^*$$

ends with 2 a's  $(a+b)^*aa$

begins with 2 a's  $aa(a+b)^*$

contains 'aab' as substring

$$(a+b)^*aab(a+b)^*$$

$L_9 = \{ w \mid w \in \{a,b\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has even \# a's} \}$

Claim: ~~at all~~  
 $L_9 = L(b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*)$

Proof:

to prove:  $L_9 \subseteq L(b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*)$

let  $w \in L_9$



$w \in L(b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*)$   
 QED

to prove:

$L(b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*) \subseteq L_9$

let  $w \in L(b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*)$



$w$  has even # a's  
 $w \in L_9$

QED

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odd a's

$b^*ab^*$

~~$b^*(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*$~~

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

ends with 'a' or ends with 'b'

$$(a+bt+c)^* a + (a+bt+c)^* b$$

even a's ~~and~~ or even b's

$$b^* (b^* a b^* a b^*)^* + a^* (a^* b a^* b a^*)^*$$

even a's and even b's

~~$$(a+bt+c)^* (a+bt+c)^* (a+bt+c)^* \dots$$~~

$$(ab+ba)^* \underline{(aa+bb)^*} (ab+ba)^* \dots$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

does not contain 'ac' as a substring

$$(b+c)^* a (a+b) (b+c)^* + (b+c)^* a$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} aa\ bbbb\ aaaa\ aabb \\ abba \end{array} \right\}$$

$L_0$  = alternates 1- and 0-  
 $(01)^* + (10)^* + 0(10)^* + 1(01)^*$

- 1)  $L_1 =$  set of words over  $\{a, b, c\}$  ~~with substrings 'ac'~~ ~~which~~ <sup>which start 01/08/97</sup> and end with 'a'
- 2)  $L_2 =$  set of words over  $\{a, b, c\}$  with no substring 'ac'
- 3) Set of words over  $\{a, b, c\}$  with at least one 'ac' as a substring
- 4) Set of words with even # a's =  $\{bbb, baabbbaba, \dots\}$   
 $(b^* a b^* a b^*)^* b^*$
- 5) Set of words with odd # a's  
 $b^* a b^* (b^* a b^* a b^*)^*$
- 6) words which begin with 'a' or end with 'b'  
 $a(aub)^* \cup (aub)^* b$
- 7)  $L_2 =$  words with even # of a's and even # of b's  
 $L_1 = L [aa \cup bb \cup (abuba)(aaubbb)^* (abuba)^*$

Th. 2.2.2

1)  $\gamma \cup S = S \cup \gamma$

2)  $\gamma \cup \phi = \gamma = \phi \cup \gamma$

11)  $\gamma (S\gamma)^* = (\gamma S)^* \gamma$

12)  $(\gamma^* S)^* = \epsilon \cup (\gamma \cup S)^* S$

1.  $\Sigma^*$  is countably infinite

2.  $\mathcal{L}$  = Set of all Languages is uncountable.

"diagonalization" proof; proof by contradiction  
let  $\mathcal{L}$  be countable

	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s_3$	...	
$L_1$	1	0	0		
$L_2$	0	1			
$L_3$					
...					
...					
...					

$s_i \in \Sigma^*$

Place 1  
if  $s_i \in L$   
0 otherwise

3.  $X =$  set of all real numbers between 0 and 1 + including is uncountable  
Let  $X$  be countable.

$r_1$	0.	$d_{11}$	$d_{12}$	$d_{13}$	...
$r_2$	0.	$d_{21}$	$d_{22}$	$d_{23}$	...
$r_3$	0.	$d_{31}$	$d_{32}$	$d_{33}$	...
...					
...					
...					

Construct  
real number  
 $s = 0.d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots$   
where  $d_1 \neq d_{11}$   
 $d_2 \neq d_{22}$   
...

Is  $s = r_i$ ?