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Automata and Logic	25W	LVA 703026 + 703027
Lecture 8		November 28, 2025

Solved exercises must be marked and solutions (as a single PDF file) uploaded in OLAT. The (strict) deadline is 7 am on November 28.

Exercises

⟨2⟩ 1. Let $U_1, U_2, U_3 \subseteq \Sigma^*$. Determine whether the following equalities hold. Explain your answers.

   (a) $(U_1 \cdot U_2)^\omega \cdot U_3^\omega = U_1^\omega \cdot (U_2 \cdot U_3)^\omega$

   (b) $U_1^* \cdot (U_2 \cup U_3)^\omega = (U_1^* \cdot U_2^\omega) \cup (U_1^* \cdot U_3^\omega)$

   (c) $(U_1^* \cup U_2)^\omega = (U_1 \cup U_2)^\omega$

   (d) $(U_1^* \cdot U_2^*)^\omega = (U_1 \cdot U_2)^\omega$

⟨3⟩ 2. Construct Büchi automata that accept the following ω-regular sets. Which of these are accepted by a DBA?

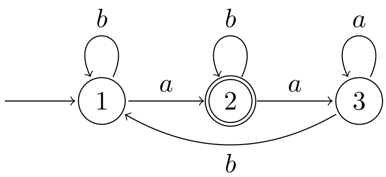
   (a) $\{aab\}^\omega$

   (b) $\{x \in \{a,b,c\}^\omega \mid x \text{ contains the substring } ba\}$

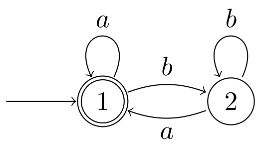
   (c) $\{x \in \{a,b,c\}^\omega \mid \text{there is at least one } b \text{ between each } a \text{ and the next occurrence of } c \text{ in } x\}$

⟨2⟩ 3. Consider the following NBAs over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$:

M_1:



M_2:



   (a) Show that the following sets are non-empty:

$$L(M_1) - L(M_2) \qquad L(M_2) - L(M_1) \qquad L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$$

   (b) Apply the product construction from slide 26 to obtain an NBA M such that $L(M) = L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$.

⟨2⟩ 4. Prove or disprove the following statement: For every Büchi automaton M there exists a Büchi automaton M' such that $L(M) = L(M')$ and M' has a single accepting state.

⟨1⟩ 5. Prove that it is decidable whether $L(M) = \varnothing$ for a given Büchi automaton M.