

## Graph unit

- ▶ Languages, finite automata, and regular expressions (**today**)
- ▶ Equivalence of models of computation (Friday)
- ▶ The lambda calculus (next week Monday)
- ▶ Computability and tractability (next week Wednesday)

## Today:

- ▶ Languages
- ▶ Finite automata
- ▶ Nondeterminism
- ▶ Regular expressions

<i>alphabet</i>	$\{a, b, c\}$	$\{A, B, \Gamma, \Delta\}$	$\{\text{☎, ⬡, ☕, ☒}\}$
<i>some strings</i>	$\epsilon$	AAG $\Delta$ BAA	☎☎
<i>over the</i>	aaaabaaabcaaaa	$\Gamma\Gamma\Gamma$	☎☒⬡☒
<i>alphabet</i>	bbabc	$\Delta\Gamma A A \Delta$	☕☕☎☕⬡☕
	ccccc	$\epsilon$	⬡⬡☒☕☒⬡⬡

A language over  $\Sigma$  is any subset of  $\Sigma^*$ . Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $L_1$  be the language of strings of size 3,  $L_2$  the language of strings with only occurrences of a, and  $L_3$  be the language of palindromes (strings the same backwards and forwards), all over the alphabet  $\Sigma$ .

aaa  $\in L_1$

aba  $\in L_1$

abc  $\in L_1$

ccb  $\in L_1$

cbb  $\in L_1$

aaa  $\in L_2$

a  $\in L_2$

aaaaaaaaa  $\in L_2$

aa  $\in L_2$

$\varepsilon \in L_2$

aaa  $\in L_3$

aba  $\in L_3$

aabaa  $\in L_3$

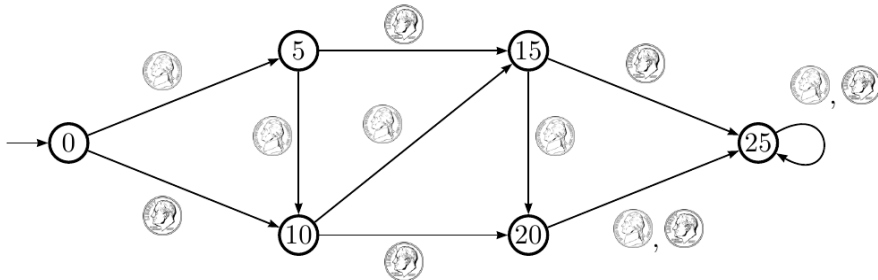
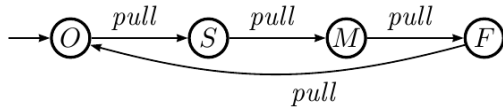
aaccaa  $\in L_3$

$\varepsilon \in L_3$

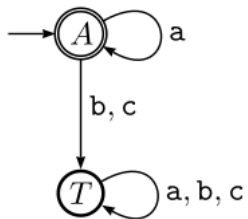
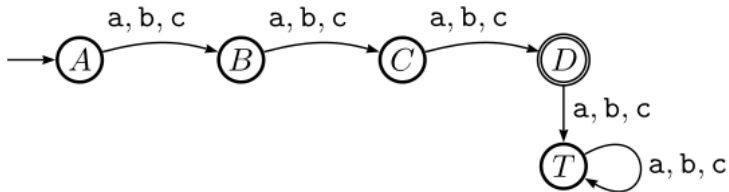
$$L_1 = \{x \in \{a, b, c\}^* \mid |x| = 3\}$$

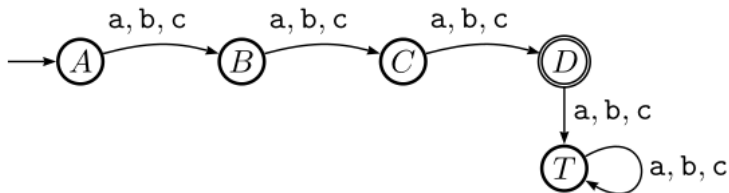
$$L_2 = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\} \text{ or simply } \{a\}^*$$

$$L_3 = \{xyx^R \mid x, y \in \{a, b, c\}^*, |y| = 0 \text{ or } |y| = 1\}$$



Diagrams generated by VAUCANSON-G





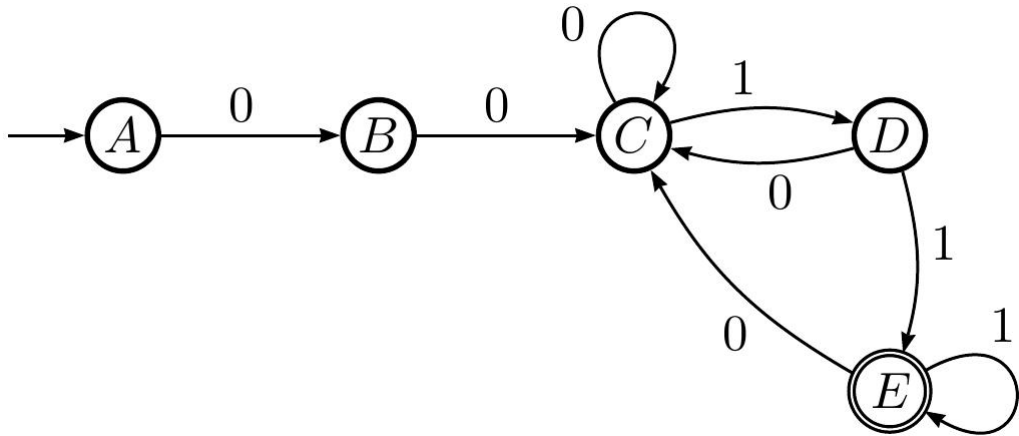
$$Q = \{A, B, C, D, T\}$$

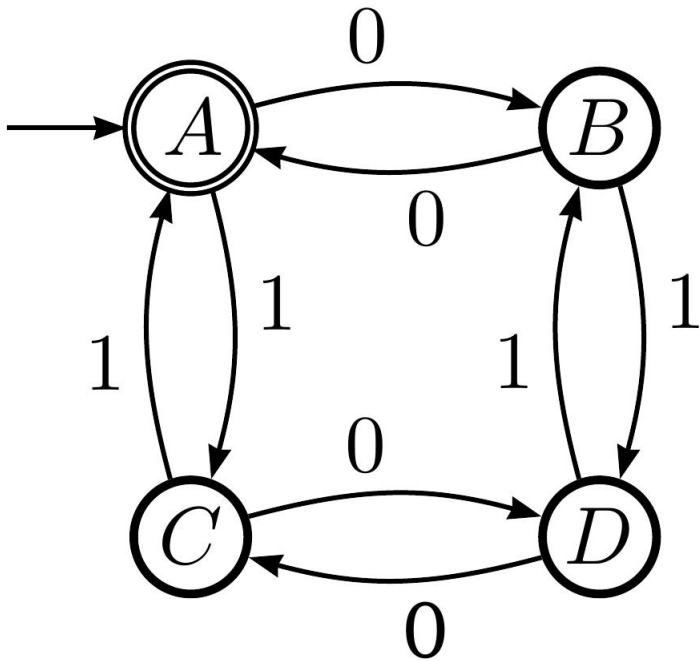
$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

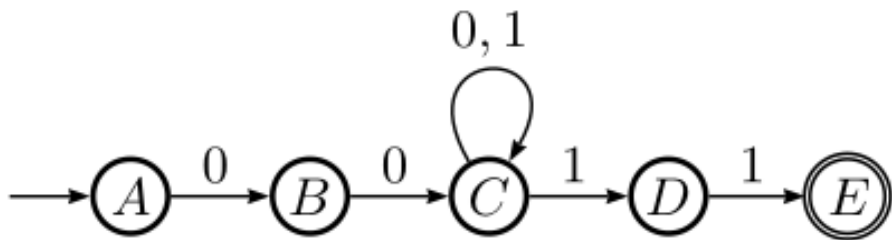
$$\delta = \{((a, A), B), (b, A), B), (c, A), B), \\ ((a, B), C), (b, B), C), (c, B), C), \\ ((a, C), D), (b, C), D), (c, C), D), \\ ((a, D), T), (b, D), T), (c, D), T), \\ ((a, T), T), (b, T), T), (c, T), T)\}$$

$$q_0 = A$$

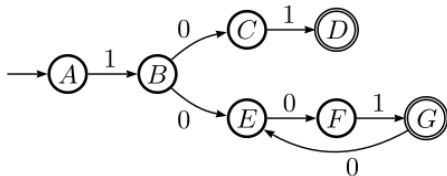
$$F = \{D\}$$



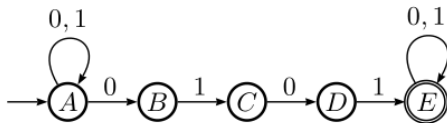




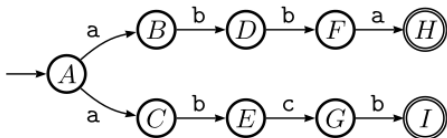
$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Strings beginning with 1 followed by occurrences of 001, with the special case that string 101 is in the language. Examples: 101, 1001, 1001001.



$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Strings containing the substring 0101. Examples: 01011111, 000101001, 0010111010100.



$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . The language of just the strings abba and abcb.



Given an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , a **regular expression** is one of the following:

- ▶  $\emptyset$ , which denotes the set  $\emptyset$ , that is, the set/language of no strings.
- ▶  $\varepsilon$ , which denotes the set  $\{\varepsilon\}$ , that is, the set/language containing only the empty string.
- ▶  $a$ , where  $a \in \Sigma$ , which denotes the set  $\{a\}$ , that is, the set/language containing only the string with only the symbol  $a$ .
- ▶  $r|s$ , where  $r$  and  $s$  are regular expressions, which denotes the set/language  $r \cup s$  (remember that  $r$  and  $s$  each denote a set). For example,  $a|\varepsilon$  represents the language  $\{a, \varepsilon\}$ , and  $a|b|c$  represents the language  $\{a, b, c\}$ .
- ▶  $rs$ , where  $r$  and  $s$  are regular expressions, which denotes the set/language of strings each composed of a string from  $r$  concatenated with a string from  $s$ ; formally,  $\{RS \mid R \in r \text{ and } S \in s\}$ . For example,  $(a|b|\varepsilon)c(d|e)$  represents the language  $\{acd, ace, bcd, bce, cd, ce\}$ .
- ▶  $r^*$ , where  $r$  is a regular expression, denoting the set of strings which are composed of the concatenation of zero or more strings, each from  $r$ ; formally,  $\{R_0R_1 \dots R_n \mid n \in \mathbb{W} \text{ and } \forall i, 0 \leq i \leq n, R_i \in r\}$ . For example,  $a(bc)^*d$  represents the language  $\{ad, abcd, abc^2cd, abc^3cd, \dots\}$ .

**For Fri, Apr 24:**

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