



Computational Learning Theory

Extending Patterns with Deductive Inference

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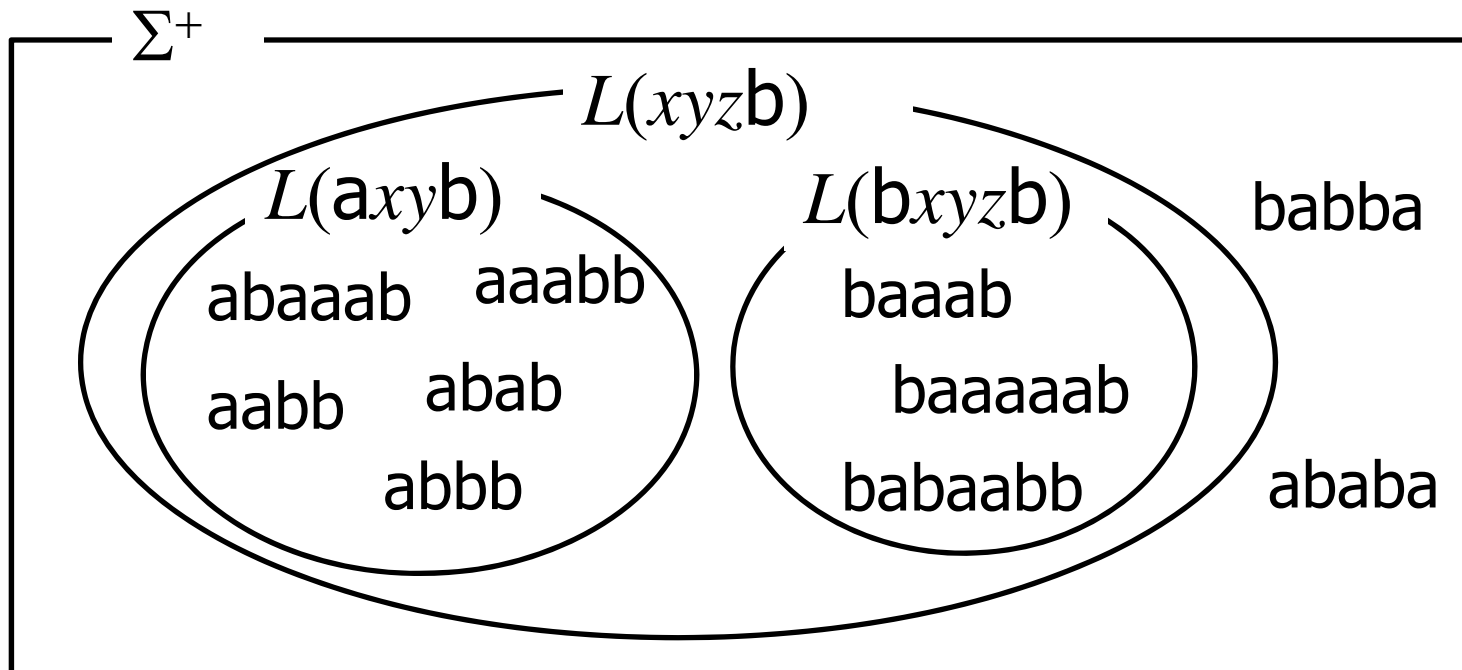
What about a pair of patterns?

Outputting a Pair of Patterns

$C = \{\text{babaabb}, \text{aaab}, \text{baaab}, \text{aabb}, \text{abab}, \text{baaaaab}, \text{abbb}, \text{aaabb}, \text{baaab}\}$

$\text{abaaaab}, \text{aabb}, \text{abab}, \text{abbb}, \text{aaabb} \in L(\text{axb})$

$\text{baaab}, \text{baaaaab}, \text{babaabb} \in L(\text{bxyzb})$

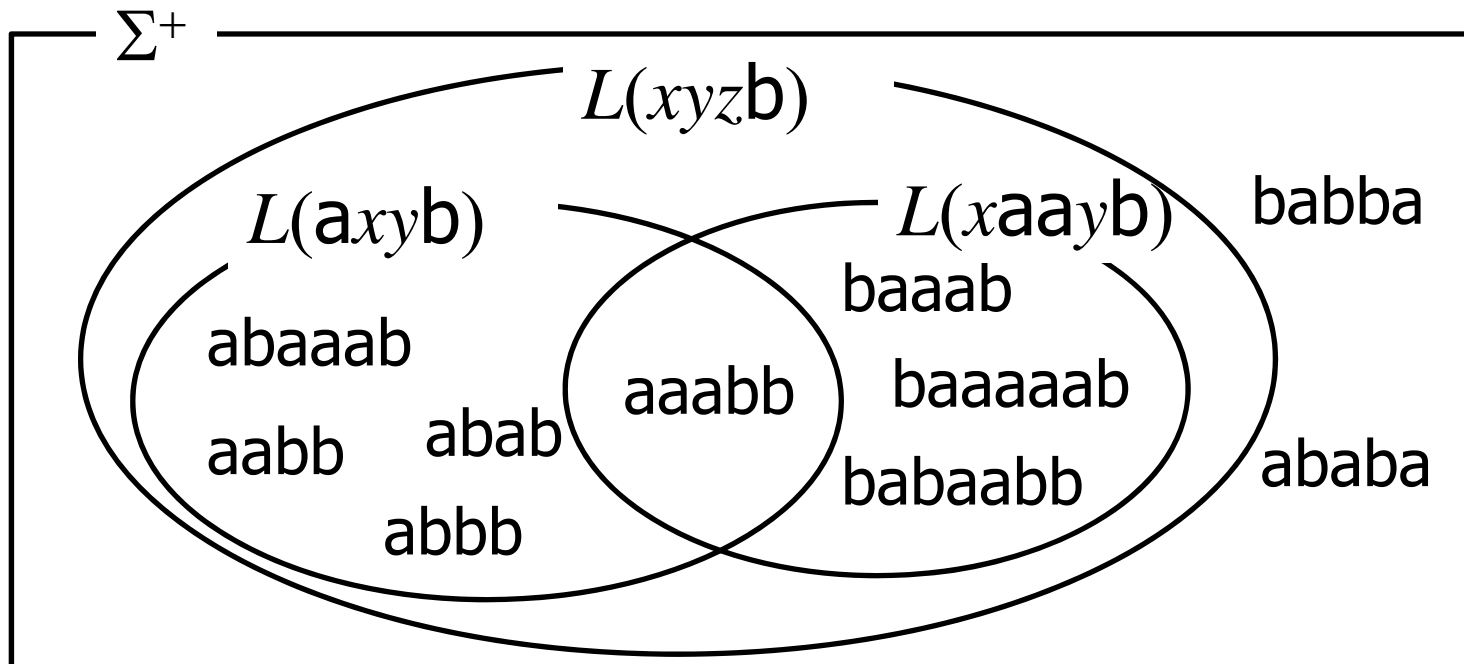


Outputting a Pair of Patterns

$C = \{babaabb, aaab, baaab, aabb, abab, baaaaab, abbb, aaabb, baaab\}$

$abaaab, aabb, abab, abbb, aaabb \in L(axyb)$

$baaab, baaaaab, aaabb, babaabb \in L(xaayb)$





Downward Coverset Algorithm

Given a data set C

For each minimally common anti-unifier π of C

For each a pair π_1, π_2 of patterns just beneath π in the
Hasse Diagram

if $L(\pi_2) \subset C - L(\pi_1)$ then

make minimally common anti-unifier π_1' of $C \cap L(\pi_1)$

and

minimally common anti-unifier π_2' of $C - L(\pi_1)$



Elementary Formal Systems

Introducing Predicate Symbols

- Introducing a new class of symbols called **predicate symbols**.
 - Every predicate symbol is **interpreted** as a language (a set of strings) or a set of tuples (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) of strings.
 - In this course we use symbols p, q, r, \dots which are respectively interpreted as sets P, Q, R, \dots
- An **atomic formula** is a formula of the form

$$p(\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_n)$$

where $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_n$ are patterns. If $n=1$ and $\pi_1 = s$ is ground, $p(s)$ is interpreted as $s \in P$.

Example

Some examples of atomic formulae are $p(axb)$, $q(ax, by)$, $q(x, bxb)$, $p(aabb)$, $q(aa, bb)$. The last two formulae are ground.

Definite Clause (Rules) and EFS

- An definite clause is a formula of the form

$$p(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n) \leftarrow q_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), q_2(\tau_{21}, \dots), \dots, q_k(\tau_{k1}, \dots)$$

where $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \tau_{11}, \dots, \tau_{k1}, \dots$ are patterns. The definite clause is interpreted as

“for any substitution θ , if $(\tau_{11}\theta, \dots) \in Q_1, (\tau_{21}\theta, \dots) \in Q_2, \dots, q_k(\tau_{k1}\theta, \dots) \in Q_k$ then $(\pi_1\theta, \pi_2\theta, \dots, \pi_n\theta) \in P$ ”

- A clause $p(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n) \leftarrow$ which has no conditions is sometimes called a unit clause.
- A finite set of definite clause is called an elementary formal system (EFS). [Smullyan 61]



Examples

Some examples of definite clauses are

$$p(ax) \leftarrow r(x)$$

$$r(b)$$

$$p(axby) \leftarrow r(x), r(y)$$

$$q(ax, by) \leftarrow q(x, y)$$

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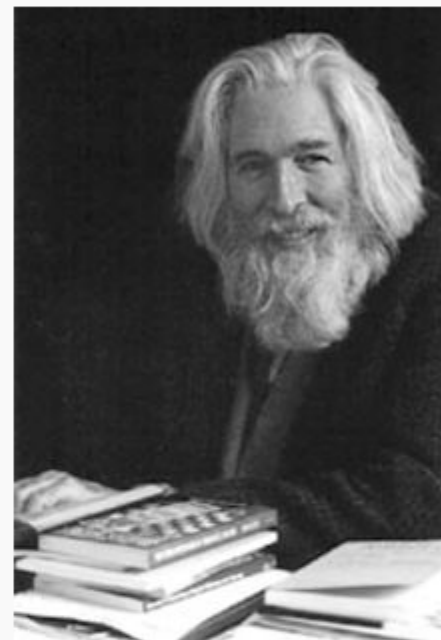
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Life [edit]

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Inference Rules for Definite Clauses

- A goal clause is a sequence (conjunction) of atomic formulae $p_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), \dots, p_k(\tau_{k1}, \dots)$
- We use the following two rules

Instantiation

$$\frac{p(\pi_1, \dots) \leftarrow q_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), q_2(\tau_{21}, \dots), \dots, q_k(\tau_{k1}, \dots)}{(p(\pi_1, \dots) \leftarrow q_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), q_2(\tau_{21}, \dots), \dots, q_k(\tau_{k1}, \dots))\theta}$$

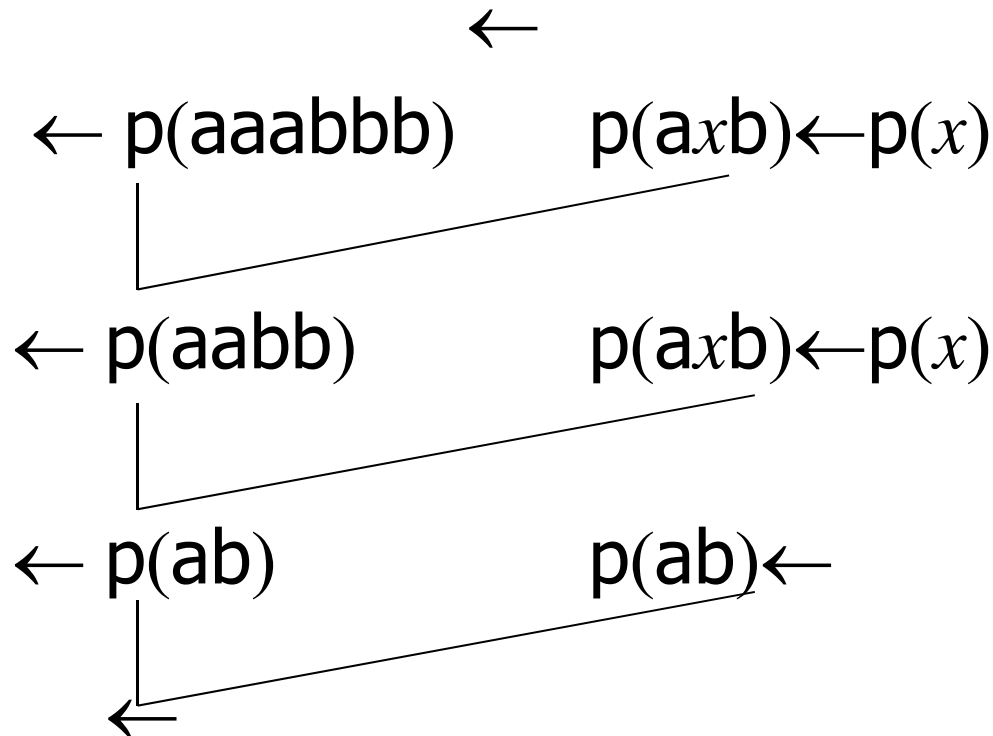
Modus Ponens

$$\frac{\leftarrow p_1(\pi_{11}, \dots), \dots, p_k(\pi_{k1}, \dots) \quad p_1(\pi_1, \dots) \leftarrow q_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), \dots}{\leftarrow q_1(\tau_{11}, \dots), \dots, p_2(\pi_{21}, \dots), \dots, p_k(\pi_{k1}, \dots)}$$

- A proof is a continuous application of the inference rules.

Example of Proof (1)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\leftarrow p(\text{aaabbb}) \quad \frac{p(\text{axb}) \leftarrow p(x)}{p(\text{aaabbb}) \leftarrow p(\text{aabb})}}{\leftarrow p(\text{aabb})} \quad \frac{p(\text{axb}) \leftarrow p(x)}{p(\text{aabb}) \leftarrow p(\text{ab})}}{\leftarrow p(\text{ab}) \quad p(\text{ab}) \leftarrow}
 \end{array}$$



Defining a language by proofs

- A ground atomic formula $p(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ is provable from an EFS S if
 - there is a proof which derives an empty clause from $\leftarrow p(s_1, \dots, s_n)$ and S .
- We define a language with a proof from an EFS.
$$P = L(p, S) = \{ s \mid p(s) \text{ is provable from } S \}$$

Example

$S : p(axb) \leftarrow p(x)$

$p(ab) \leftarrow$

$P = L(p, S) = \{ ab, aabb, aaabbb, aaabbb, \dots \}$

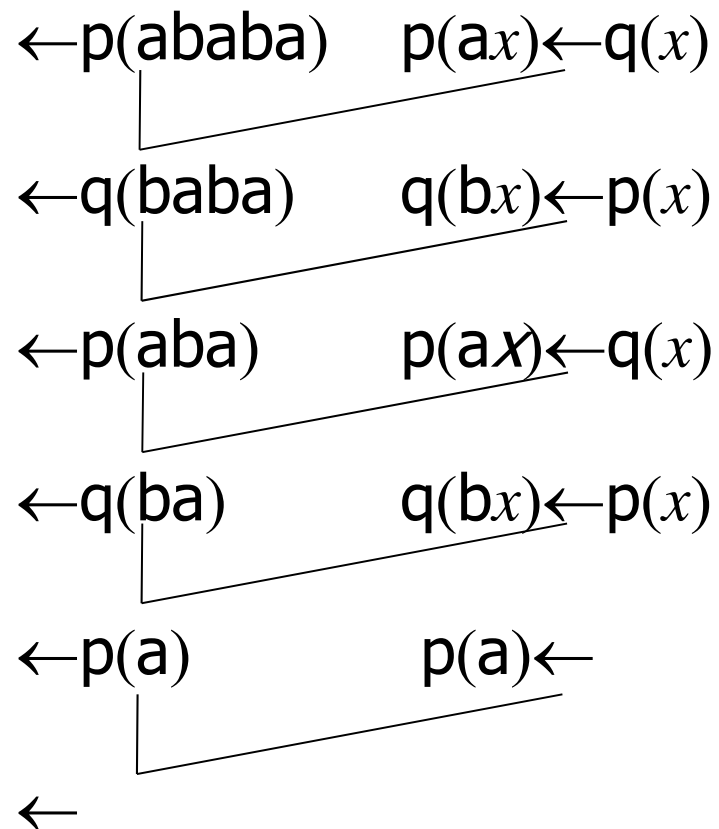
Example of Proof (2)

S: $p(ax) \leftarrow q(x)$ $q(bx) \leftarrow p(x)$

$p(a) \leftarrow$ $q(b) \leftarrow$

$L(p, S) = \{a, ab, aba, abab, \dots\}$

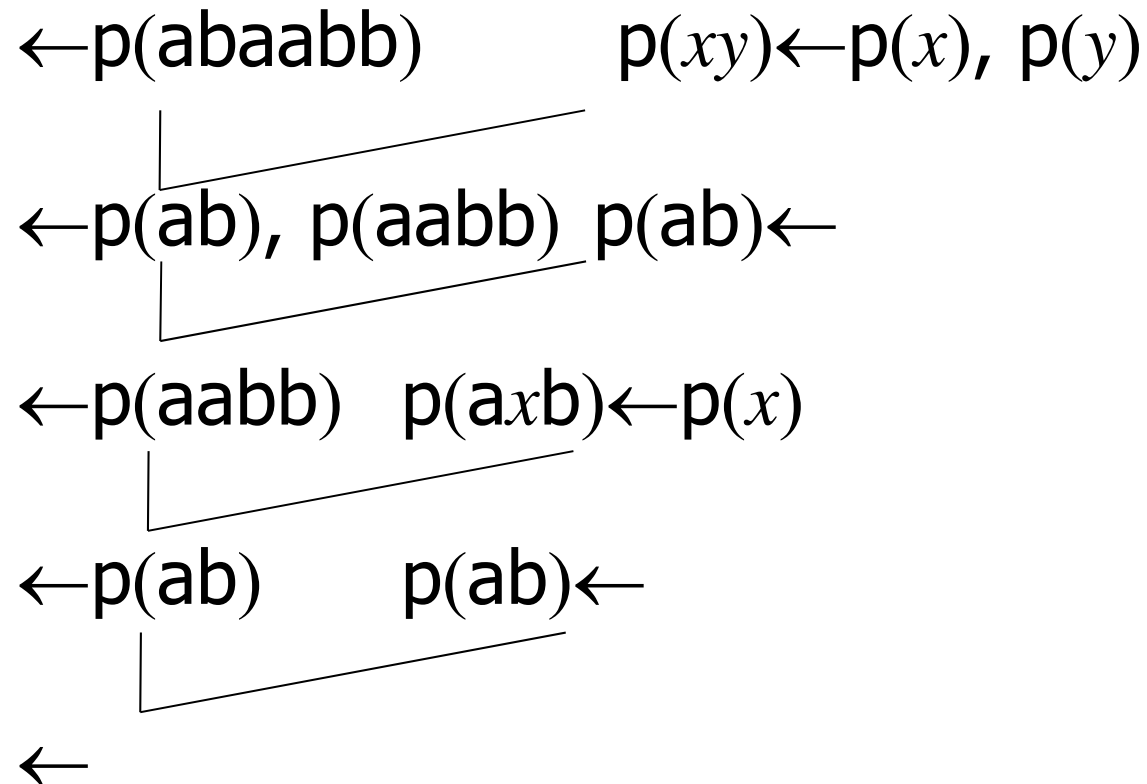
$L(q, S) = \{b, ba, bab, baba, \dots\}$



Example of Proof (3)

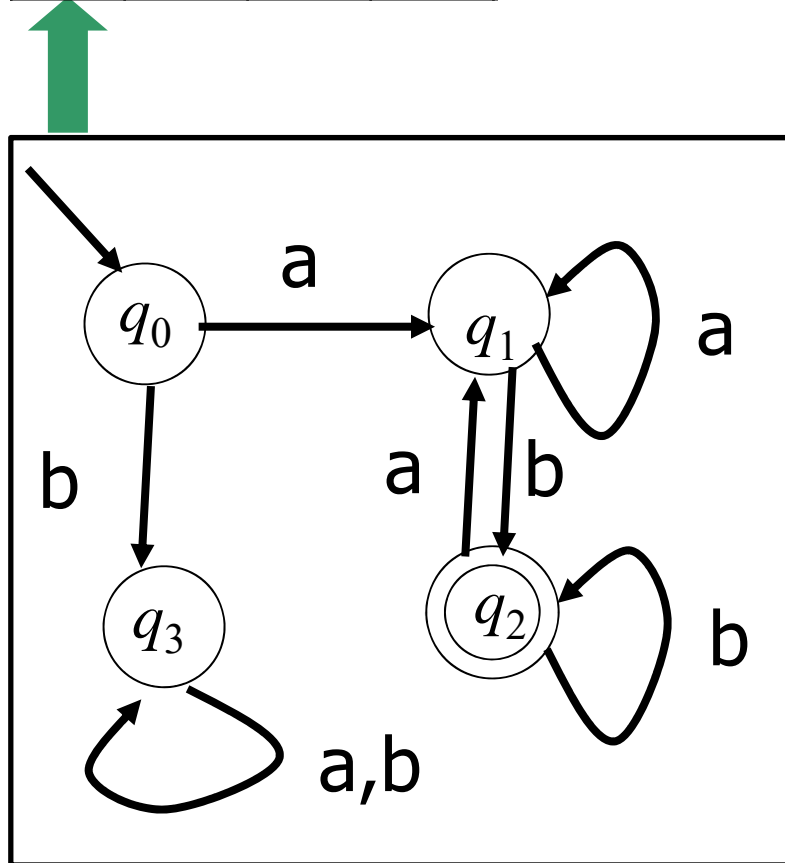
S: $p(axb) \leftarrow p(x)$ $p(xy) \leftarrow p(x), p(y)$ $p(ab) \leftarrow$

$L(p, S) = \{ab, aabb, aaabbb, abaabb, \dots\}$



States of Languages in FA

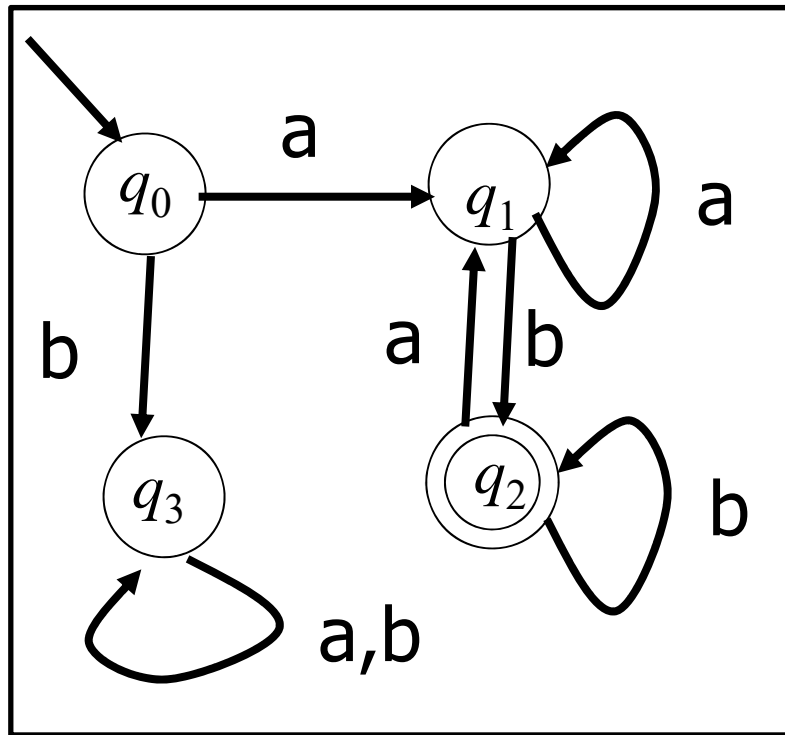
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$\leftarrow q_0(\text{abab})$ $q_0(ax) \leftarrow q_1(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_1(\text{bab})$

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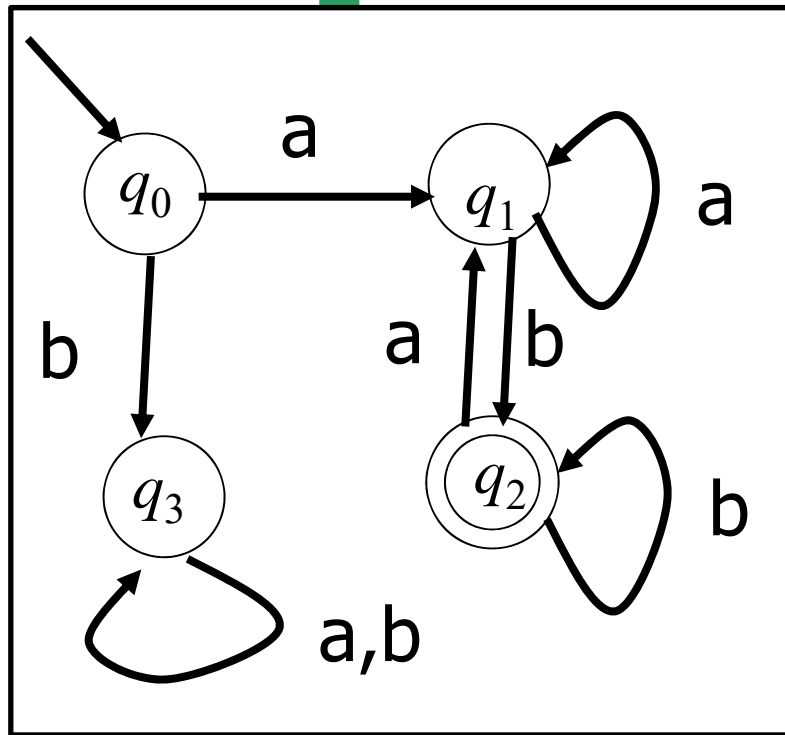
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$\leftarrow q_0(abab)$ $q_0(ax) \leftarrow q_1(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_1(bab)$ $q_1(bx) \leftarrow q_2(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_2(ab)$

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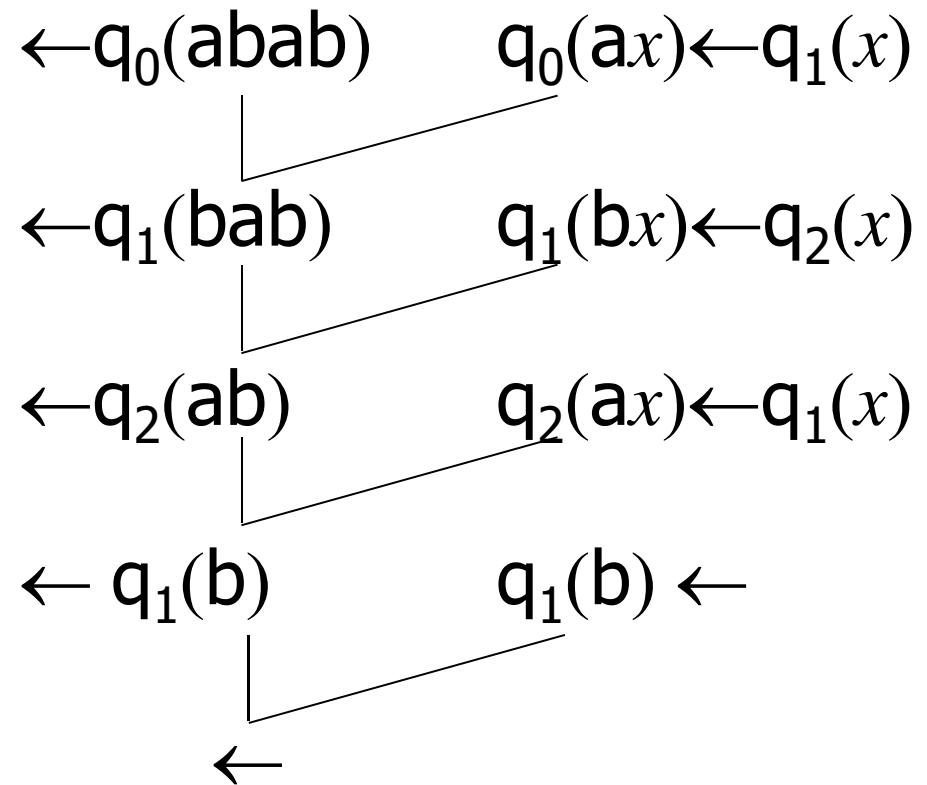
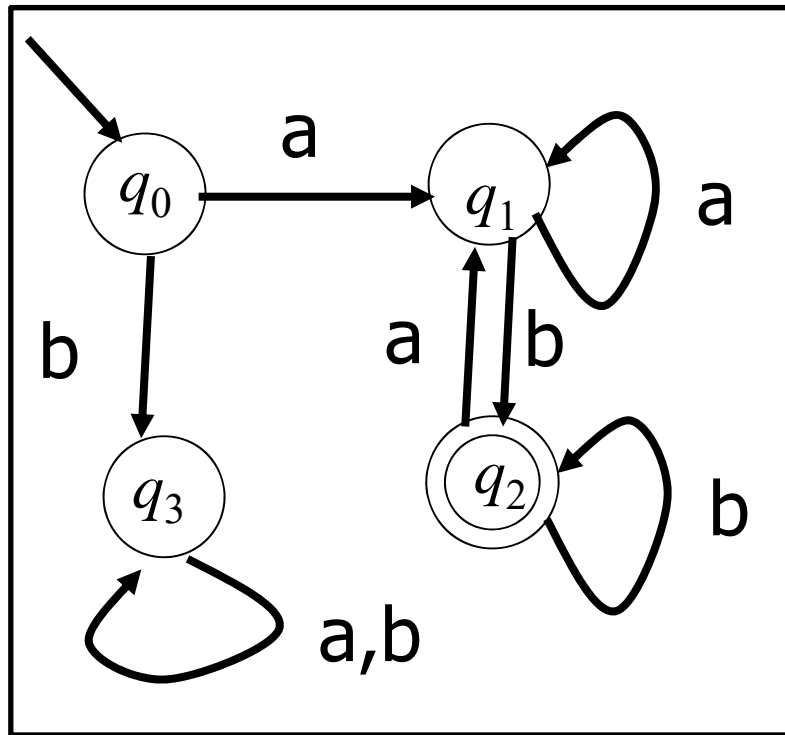
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$\leftarrow q_0(abab)$ $q_0(ax) \leftarrow q_1(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_1(bab)$ $q_1(bx) \leftarrow q_2(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_2(ab)$ $q_2(ax) \leftarrow q_1(x)$
 $\leftarrow q_1(b)$

States of Languages in FA

a b a b



Representation of Finite State Automata

- Mathematically, a finite state automaton is represented in the form $M=(\Sigma, S, \delta, s_0, F)$

where

Σ is the alphabet,

S is a set of states,

$\delta : S \times \Sigma \rightarrow S$ is a transition function

represented as a transition table,

$s_0 \in S$ is an initial state,

$F \subset S$ is a set of final states.

| | F | a_1 | \dots | a_n |
|---------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| q_0 | | | | |
| \dots | | | | |
| q_m | | | | |

Transformation from Finite State Automata

- We use the elements in S as a predicate symbols.

- If $\delta(p, c) = q$, we prepare a definite clause

$$p(cx) \leftarrow q(x)$$

- If $\delta(p, c) = q$ and $q \in F$ we prepare a definite clause

$$p(c) \leftarrow$$

| | F | a_1 | \dots | a_n |
|---------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| q_0 | | | | |
| \dots | | | | |
| q_m | | | | |



Context Free Grammar

- A context free grammar is defined as $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ where
 - N is a finite set of non-terminal symbols (non-terminals, syntactic categories).
 - Σ is a finite set of characters or terminals.
 - P is a set of rules (productions).
 - $S \in N$ is an initial state.
- A production is of the form $A \rightarrow \gamma$ where
 - A is a non-terminal and γ is a sequence of terminals and non-terminals.
 - Note: In general definition γ can be an empty sequence ε .
In this course we do not allow γ to be ε .



Derivations

- An application of a production rule $A \rightarrow \gamma \in P$ is written as
$$\alpha A \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta \quad \text{where } \alpha, \beta \in (N \cup \Sigma)^*$$
 - This means that only one occurrence of A in a string is replaced with γ .

$$S * (S + S) \Rightarrow V * (S + S)$$

$$S * (S + S) \Rightarrow S * (V + S)$$

$$S * (S + S) \not\Rightarrow V * (V + V)$$

- A derivation from α to β is a finite sequence of applications starting with α and ending with β :

$$\alpha = \gamma_1 \Rightarrow \gamma_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \gamma_n = \beta$$

We write $\alpha \Rightarrow^* \beta$ if $\alpha = \beta$ or there is a derivation from α to β .



Context Free Languages

- The language defined a context free grammar $G = (N, \Sigma, P, S)$ is $L(G) = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{there is a derivation } S \Rightarrow^* w \}$.
- A language L is context free if there is a context free grammar G such that $L = L(G)$.

Example For $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, \{S \rightarrow ab, S \rightarrow aSb\}, S)$,
 $L(G) = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$.



Example 1

- $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
- $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \} = \{ \underbrace{a \dots a}_{n \text{ times}} \underbrace{b \dots b}_{n \text{ times}} \mid n \geq 1 \}$
 $= \{ab, aabb, aaabbb, aaaabbbb, \dots \}$
- The language is defined with a set of productions:
 $S \rightarrow ab, S \rightarrow aSb$
- Some examples of derivations:
 $S \Rightarrow ab$
 $S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aabb$
 $S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aaabbb$
 $S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aaaSbbb \Rightarrow aaaabbbb$
- It is easy to show that there is no FA which accepts L .



Example 2

- Mathematical formulae consisting of x , y , $+$, $*$, $($, and $)$

correct: $x + y$, $y * (x + y)$, $((x * x) + x)$, x , ...

incorrect: $x +$, $(y * x + y)$, $($, ...

Note: We assume strict use of $($ and $)$.

correct: $(x + y)$, (x)

incorrect: $x * x * x$, $y * x + x$

- The set are defined by a set of rules

$$S \rightarrow V \qquad V \rightarrow x$$

$$S \rightarrow S + S \qquad V \rightarrow y$$

$$S \rightarrow S * S$$

$$S \rightarrow (S)$$



Example 2 (cont.)

- An example of a derivation:

$$\begin{array}{lll} S \rightarrow V & S \rightarrow S * S & V \rightarrow x \\ S \rightarrow S + S & S \rightarrow (S) & V \rightarrow y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\Rightarrow S * S \Rightarrow S * (S) \Rightarrow S * (S + S) \\ &\Rightarrow V * (S + S) \Rightarrow V * (V + V) \\ &\Rightarrow y * (V + V) \Rightarrow y * (x + V) \Rightarrow y * (x + y) \end{aligned}$$

Transforming CFG to EFS

- For every production rule

$$P \rightarrow w_1 Q_1 w_2 Q_2 \dots Q_n w_{n+1} \quad P, Q \in N, w_i \in \Sigma^*$$

we define a definite clause

$$p(w_1 x_1 w_2 x_2 \dots x_n w_{n+1}) \leftarrow q_1(x_1), q_2(x_2), \dots, q_n(x_n)$$

Example

$$P \rightarrow aPb \quad \longrightarrow \quad p(axb) \leftarrow p(x)$$

$$P \rightarrow aPb \quad \longrightarrow \quad p(ab) \leftarrow$$

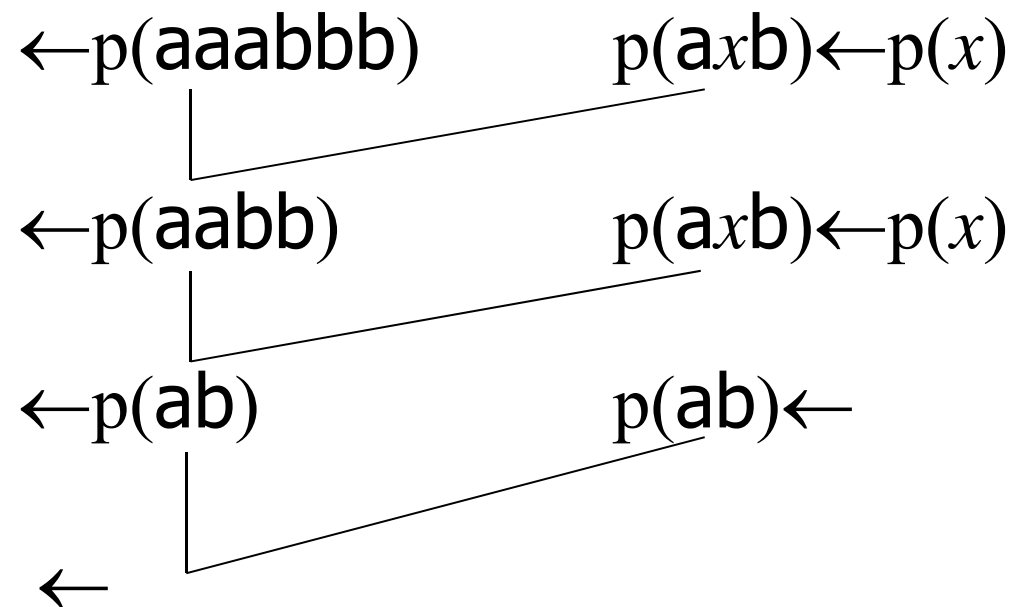
Derivation and Proof

- Productions and derivation

$$P \rightarrow ab, P \rightarrow aPb$$

$$P \Rightarrow aPb \Rightarrow aaPbb \Rightarrow aaabbbb$$

- EFS and proof





Notes

- There is a class of EFS which corresponds to the context sensitive grammar.
- There is a class of EFS which corresponds to TM.
- It is not easy to check which class $L(p, S)$ belongs to

$$p(xx) \leftarrow p(x)$$

$$p(\mathbf{a}) \leftarrow$$



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