# Automata and Formal Languages

Lecture 01

### Books





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# Course Contents

≻Introduction to formal languages.

- Regular Languages and Finite Automata
  - Regular Languages
  - Regular Expressions
  - Finite Automata
  - Regular Grammar
  - Pumping Lemma (Regular Languages)
- Context-Free Languages and Pushdown Automata
  - Context-Free Languages
  - Pushdown Automata
  - Context-Free Grammars





Why Me?

Why????????

- In compilers , interpreters , .....
- natural language processing

a model of computation

artificial intelligence

in probability

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# A Simple Vending Machine

Suppose we have a simple vending machine that allows the user to pick from two 10-cent items A and B. (To simplify things, the slot will accept only dimes.)





# A Simple Vending Machine

- •There are four inputs to the machine:
  - d (dime),
  - a (select item A),
  - b (select item B),
  - and r (return coins).
- •The outputs will be
  - n (do nothing),
  - A (vend item A),
  - B (vend item B),
  - and d (dime).





# Language

•A language is a set of strings.

- •An alphabet is a set of elements (letters).
- •If A is an alphabet, then a *language* over A is a collection of strings whose components come from A.
- Recall that A\* denotes the set of all strings over A.
- •So A\* is the biggest possible language over A,
- and every other language over A is a subset of A\*.





### Words

#### A word over an alphabet $A = \{a\}$ is a finite sequence of letters. $W_1 = aaa$

 $A = \{a,b\}$ 

$$W_1 = aaa$$
  
 $W_2 = aba$ 

# Examples

A = {a}	A = {a, b}
$L_1 = \emptyset$	L <sub>1</sub> = {a, aa, aaa,}
$L_2 = \{ \in \}$	L <sub>2</sub> = {aa, ab, ba, bb}
L <sub>3</sub> = {∈, a, aa, aaa, aaaa,}	L <sub>3</sub> = {a, aa, ab, aaa, aab, aba, abb, }

# Combining Languages

•Since languages are sets of strings, they can be combined by the usual set operations of:

- union,
- intersection,
- difference,
- and complement



# Concatenations

- Another important way to combine two languages *L* and *M* is to form:
  - the set of all concatenations of strings in *L* with strings in *M*.
- •This new language is called the product of *L* and *M* and is

denoted by *L.M* .

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$$L \cdot M = \{s \cdot t | s \in L \text{ and } t \in M\}$$



### Word Concatenations

W = bb	W.U = bbab
U = ab	U.W = abbb
V = b	W.W = bbbb

#### Is W.U = U.W for any two words W and U?

W.V = bbb

V.W = bbb

# Example

#### ≻L = {ab, ac}

>and M = (a, bc, abc)

#### L.M = (aba, abbc, ababc, aca, acbc, acabc}.

Properties  
L.{A) = {A}.L = L.  

$$L. \emptyset = \emptyset.L = \emptyset.$$
  
 $L^{\circ} = \{\Lambda\},$   
 $L^{n} = L \cdot L^{n-1}$  if  $n > 0.$   
 $L^{*} = L^{\circ} \cup L^{1} \cup L^{2} \cup ...$ 

### Properties of Closure

Let L and M be languages over the alphabet A. Then

a) 
$$\{\Lambda\}^* = \emptyset^* = \{\Lambda\}.$$

b) 
$$L^* = L^* \cdot L^* = (L^*)^*$$
.

- c)  $\Lambda \in L$  if and only if  $L^+ = L^*$ .
- d)  $(L^* \cdot M^*)^* = (L^* \cup M^*)^* = (L \cup M)^*.$
- e)  $L \cdot (M \cdot L)^* = (L \cdot M)^* \cdot L.$

