# Review for CMSC 452 Midterm

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Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)

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## What is the language?



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Odd number of *a*'s followed by an even number of *b*'s, but at least two.

# $\{w: \#_a(w) \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \land \#_b(w) \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\}$

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Transition function

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<b>q</b> 3	$q_5$	$q_4$
$q_4$	$q_5$	<i>q</i> <sub>3</sub>
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# Divisibility

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Proof may be on HW or Midterm or Final or some combination.

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**Classifier** If end in (i, 0) or (i, 1) then number is  $\equiv i$ .

# Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA)

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# **NFA's Intuitively**

- 1. An NFA is a DFA that can guess.
- 2. NFAs do not really exist.
- 3. Good for  $\cup$  since can guess which one.
- 4. An NFA accepts iff SOME guess accepts.

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#### **Every NFA-lang a DFA-lang!**

**Thm** If *L* is accepted by an NFA then *L* is accepted by a DFA. **Pf Sketch** *L* is accepted by NFA  $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, s, F)$  where

- 1. Get rid of *e*-transitions using reachability.
- Get rid of non-determinism by using power sets. Possibly 2<sup>n</sup> blowup.

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## **Regular Expressions**

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#### **Examples**

- 1. b\*(ab\*ab\*)\*ab\*
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- 3.  $(b^*(ab^*ab^*)^*ab^*) \cup (b^*(ab^*ab^*ab^*)^*)$

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We skip rest of the proof.

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## Inductive Step R(i, j, k) as a Picture



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If ALL R(i, j, k - 1) are Regex, then ALL R(i, j, k) are Regex.

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Often the trex is shorter than the regex.

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$L_1 \cap L_2$	Prod	Prod	Х
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$L_1 \cdot L_2$	X	<i>e</i> -trans	Def
L*	X	<i>e</i> -trans	Def

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$L_1 \cdot L_2$	X	$n_1 + n_2 + 1$	$\ell_1 + \ell_2$
T	n	Х	Х
L*	Х	n+1	$\ell+1$

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# Number of States for DFAs and NFAs

Minimal DFA for  $L_1 = \{a^i : i \equiv 0 \pmod{35}\}$ 



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Min DFA for  $L_2 = \{a^i : i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{35}\}$ 

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 $\exists$  DFA for  $L_2$ : 35 states: swap final-final states in DFA for  $L_1$ .

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Small NFA for  $L_2 = \{a^i : i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{35}\}$ 

Need these two NFA's.





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DFA for  $L_2$  requires 35 states. NFA for  $L_2$  can be done with 1 + 5 + 7 = 13 states.

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# DFA for $L_4 = \{a^i : i \neq 1000\}$

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DFA for  $L_4 = \{a^i : i \neq 1000\}$ 

1. There is a DFA for  $L_4$  that has 1000 states.

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2. Any DFA for  $L_3$  has  $\geq 1000$  states.

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By the loop Theorem for 32, 33, the NFA

- 1. Accepts  $\{a^i : i \ge 1001\}$ .
- 2. Might accept more.
- 3. DOES NOT accept  $a^{1000}$ .

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Total number of states: 9 + 33 = 42.

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How Many States for  $\{a^i : i \leq 999\}$  AND More, but NOT  $a^{1000}$ ?

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2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11 = 28 states. Plus the start state, so 29.

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Take NFA of union using *e*-transitions for an NFA and do not count start state twice, so have

42 + 29 - 1 = 70 states.

#### Can We Do Better than 70 States?

YES-59 states:



Figure: 59 State NFA for  $L_4$ 

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Proving That a Language Is Not Regular

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# Pumping Lemma (PL)

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 $a^{n+k}b^n$  is accepted by following the loop again. Contradiction.

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