

### Exercise 3.7.

Find a regular expression corresponding to each of the following subsets of  $\{a, b\}^*$ .

- a. ♣ The language of all strings containing exactly two  $a$ 's.
- c. ♣ The language of all strings that do not end with  $ab$ .
- e. ♣ The language of all strings not containing the substring  $aa$ .
- f. ♣ The language of all strings in which the number of  $a$ 's is even.
- g. ♣ The language of all strings containing no more than one occurrence of the string  $aa$ . (The string  $aaa$  should be viewed as containing two occurrences of  $aa$ .)

### Exercise 3.7.

Find a regular expression corresponding to each of the following subsets of  $\{a, b\}^*$ .

i. The language of all strings containing both  $bb$  and  $aba$  as substrings.

j. The language of all strings not containing the substring  $aaa$ .

k. ♣ The language of all strings not containing the substring  $bba$ .

l. ♣ The language of all strings containing both  $aba$  and  $bab$  as substrings.

m. ♣ The language of all strings in which the number of  $a$ 's is even and the number of  $b$ 's is odd.

### Exercise 3.1. ♣

In each case below, find a string of minimum length in  $\{a, b\}^*$  **not** in the language corresponding to the given regular expression.

a.  $b^*(ab)^*a^*$

b.  $(a^* + b^*)(a^* + b^*)(a^* + b^*)$

**Exercise 3.2.** Consider the two regular expressions

$$r = a^* + b^* \quad s = ab^* + ba^* + b^*a + (a^*b)^*$$

- a.** Find a string corresponding to  $r$  but not to  $s$ .
- b.** Find a string corresponding to  $s$  but not to  $r$ .
- c.** Find a string corresponding to both  $r$  and  $s$ .
- d.** Find a string in  $\{a, b\}^*$  corresponding to neither  $r$  nor  $s$ .

### Exercise 3.10. ♣

- a. If  $L$  is the language corresponding to the regular expression  $(aab + bbaba)^*baba$ , find a regular expression corresponding to  $L^r = \{x^r \mid x \in L\}$ .
- b. Using the example in part (a) as a model, give a recursive definition (based on Definition 3.1) of the reverse  $e^r$  of a regular expression  $e$ .
- c. Show that for every regular expression  $e$ , if the language  $L$  corresponds to  $e$ , then  $L^r$  corresponds to  $e^r$ .

**Exercise 3.41.** For each of the following regular expressions, draw an NFA accepting the corresponding language, so that there is a recognizable correspondence between the regular expression and the transition diagram.

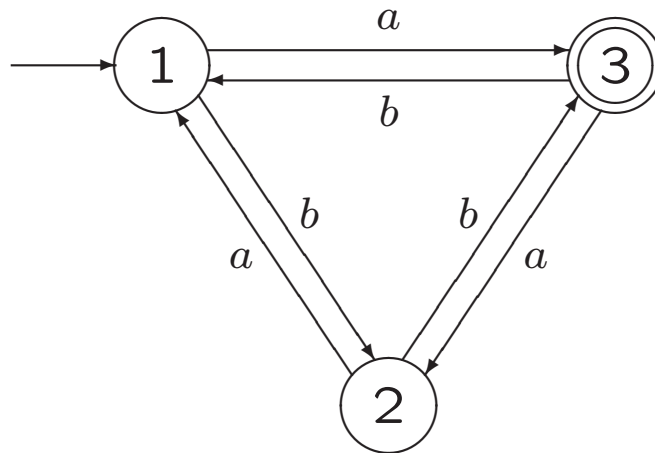
e.  $(a^*bb)^* + bb^*a^*$

**Exercise 3.42.** For part (e) of Exercise 3.41, draw the NFA that is obtained by a literal application of Kleene's theorem, without any simplifications.

**Exercise 3.51 (variant).**

Use the algorithm of **Brzozowski and McCluskey** to find a regular expression corresponding to the FA below.

**a.**





**Exercise 4.10.** Find context-free grammars generating each of the languages below.

a. ♣  $\{a^i b^j \mid i \leq j\}$

c. ♣  $\{a^i b^j \mid j = 2i\}$

e. ♣  $\{a^i b^j \mid j \leq 2i\}$

f. ♣  $\{a^i b^j \mid j < 2i\}$

d. ♣  $\{a^i b^j \mid i \leq j \leq 2i\}$

d2.  $\{a^i b^j \mid i < j < 2i\}$

**Exercise 4.12.**

Find a context-free grammar generating the language

$$\{a^i b^j c^k \mid i \neq j + k\}$$

### Exercise 4.1. ♣

In each case below, say what language (a subset of  $\{a, b\}^*$ ) is generated by the context-free grammar with the indicated productions.

**b.**  $S \rightarrow SS \mid bS \mid a$

**c.**  $S \rightarrow SaS \mid b$

**e.**  $S \rightarrow TT \quad T \rightarrow aT \mid Ta \mid b$

**f.**  $S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid aAb \mid bAa \quad A \rightarrow aAa \mid bAb \mid a \mid b \mid \Lambda$

**g.**  $S \rightarrow aT \mid bT \mid \Lambda \quad T \rightarrow aS \mid bS$

### Exercise 4.3. ♣

In each case below, find a CFG generating the given language.

**b.** The set of even-length strings in  $\{a, b\}^*$  with the two middle symbols equal.

**c.** The set of odd-length strings in  $\{a, b\}^*$  whose first, middle, and last symbols are all the same.

### Exercise 4.4. ♣

In both parts below, the productions in a CFG  $G$  are given.

In each part, show first that for every string  $x \in L(G)$ ,  $n_a(x) = n_b(x)$ ; then find a string  $x \in \{a, b\}^*$  with  $n_a(x) = n_b(x)$  that is not in  $L(G)$ .

**a.**  $S \rightarrow SabS \mid SbaS \mid \Lambda$

**b.**  $S \rightarrow aSb \mid bSa \mid abS \mid baS \mid Sab \mid Sba \mid \Lambda$

**Exercise 4.9.** Suppose that  $G_1 = (V_1, \{a, b\}, S_1, P_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, \{a, b\}, S_2, P_2)$  are CFGs and that  $V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ .

**a.** It is easy to see that no matter what  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are, the CFG  $G_u = (V_u, \{a, b\}, S_u, P_u)$  defined by  $V_u = V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $S_u = S_1$  and  $P_u = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_1 \rightarrow S_2\}$  generates every string in  $L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$ . Find grammars  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  (you can use  $V_1 = \{S_1\}$  and  $V_2 = \{S_2\}$ ) and a string  $x \in L(G_u)$  such that  $x \notin L(G_1) \cup L(G_2)$ .

**b.** As in part (a), the CFG  $G_c = (V_c, \{a, b\}, S_c, P_c)$  defined by  $V_c = V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $S_c = S_1$  and  $P_c = P_1 \cup P_2 \cup \{S_1 \rightarrow S_1 S_2\}$  generates every string in  $L(G_1)L(G_2)$ .

Find grammars  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  (again with  $V_1 = \{S_1\}$  and  $V_2 = \{S_2\}$ ) and a string  $x \in L(G_c)$  such that  $x \notin L(G_1)L(G_2)$ .

**Exercise 4.9.** (continued)

c. The CFG  $G^* = (V, \{a, b\}, S, P)$  defined by  $V = V_1$ ,  $S = S_1$  and  $P = P_1 \cup \{S_1 \rightarrow S_1 S_1 \mid \Lambda\}$  generates every string in  $L(G_1)^*$ . Find a grammar  $G_1$  with  $V_1 = \{S_1\}$  and a string  $x \in L(G^*)$  such that  $x \notin L(G_1)^*$ .