

# Langages Formels - TD 5

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## Exercise 1 : Flashback

We proved that the language of palindromes over alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  is not recognizable. We say a palindrome is *non trivial* if its length is greater than or equal to 2. Determine which of the following languages are recognizable (and prove it):

1. The language  $L_1$  of words in  $\Sigma^*$  containing a non trivial palindrome as a prefix.
2. The language  $L_2$  of words in  $\Sigma^*$  containing a non trivial palindrome of even length as a prefix.

## Exercise 2 : Congruences and monoids

An equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\Sigma^*$  is a *congruence* if  $uRv$  implies  $xuyRxyv$  for all  $x, y$ . We will call *congruence classes* the equivalence classes of a congruence.

1. Prove that a language is regular iff it is the union of some of the congruence classes of a congruence relation of *finite index*, i.e. with a finite number of congruence classes.

A congruence  $c_1$  is *coarser* (i.e. “grossière”) than another congruence  $c_2$  if every congruence class of  $c_2$  is included in a congruence class of  $c_1$ .

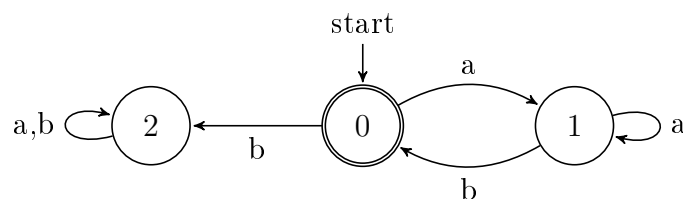
2. Let  $L$  be a language. Find a characterization of the coarsest congruence  $\equiv_L$  such that  $L$  is the union of some of its congruence classes.

This congruence is called the *syntactic* congruence of  $L$ .

3. Give a more precise criterion for the recognizability of a language. Apply it to prove that  $\{a^n b^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is not recognizable.
4. We know that a language of  $\Sigma^*$  is regular iff there exists a finite monoid  $(M, \times)$ , a morphism  $\mu : (\Sigma^*, \cdot) \rightarrow (M, \times)$ , and a set  $P \subseteq M$  such that  $L = \mu^{-1}(P)$ . Find a characterization of the smallest such monoid for a regular language  $L$ .
5. What is the link between the syntactic congruence, this smallest monoid, and the minimal automaton?

## Exercise 3 : Transition monoid

We consider the following finite deterministic complete automaton  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  :



1. Give  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ .
2. Give  $M$  the transition monoid of this automata, a morphism  $\phi$  and  $P \subset M$  such that  $L = \phi^{-1}(P)$ .
3. What is the syntactical congruence of  $L$ ? What are its equivalence classes?

#### Exercise 4 : State complexity of a language

Given a recognizable language  $L$ , we define its *state complexity*  $\text{Sc}(L)$  by the number of states of its minimal automaton. Show that the following inequalities hold ( $L^t$  is the transposed of  $L$ , the language of the mirror images of words of  $L$ ):

1.  $\text{Sc}(L \cap K) \leq \text{Sc}(L)\text{Sc}(K)$ ;
2.  $\text{Sc}(L \cup K) \leq \text{Sc}(L)\text{Sc}(K)$ ;
3.  $\text{Sc}(L^t) \leq 2^{\text{Sc}(L)}$ ;
4.  $\text{Sc}(LK) \leq (2\text{Sc}(L) - 1)2^{\text{Sc}(K)-1}$ .

We will now show that some of these bounds have the right order of magnitude. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .

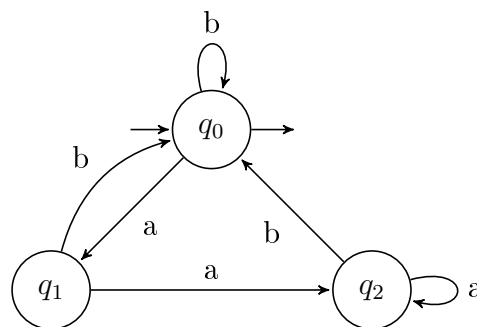
5. Consider  $L_n = \{|w|_a + |w|_b = 2n\}$  and  $L'_n = \{|w|_a + 2|w|_b = 3n\}$  for the bound for intersection.
6. Consider  $L_n = \Sigma^{n-1}a\Sigma^*$  for the bound for transposition.

## Contrôle continu 5

À rendre pour le 07/03 à 16h15.

#### Exercise 5 : Automate $\rightarrow$ Monoïde

Donnez le monoïde syntaxique  $M$  du langage  $\mathcal{L}$  reconnu par cet automate, un morphisme  $\phi$  et  $P \subset M$  tel que  $\phi^{-1}(P) = \mathcal{L}$ .



Quelle est la congruence syntaxique de  $\mathcal{L}$ ? Quelles sont ses classes d'équivalence ?

#### Exercise 6 : Minimization by BRZOWSKI inversion

1. Show that the determinized of a co-deterministic co-accessible automaton which recognizes a language  $L$  is (isomorphic to) the minimal automaton of  $L$ .
2. Using this result, devise a procedure to minimize an automaton. What is the complexity of this method ?