

Multisets

multiset M over V — function from V^* into \mathbf{N}

$M(x)$ — multiplicity of $x \in V^*$

A multiset M is called finite if there is a finite subset U of V^* such that $M(x) = 0$ for all $x \notin U$.

Cardinality — $\#(M) = \sum_{x \in V^*} M(x)$,

Length — $l(M) = \sum_{x \in V^*} M(x)|x|$

a finite multiset can be represented as $[w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$,

$l(M) = |w_1 w_2 \dots w_n|$,

$\#_a(M) = \#_a(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n)$

Multiset Splicing I

Definition: For multisets $M = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$ and $M' = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n]$ of words over V and a set P of splicing rules over V , we define

- a sequential derivation step $M \xRightarrow[s]{p} M'$ by $[w_1, w_2] \xRightarrow[p]{p} [v_1, v_2]$ and $w_i = v_i$ for $3 \leq j \leq n$ for some $p \in P$ and some appropriate order of the elements in M and M' ,
- a maximally parallel derivation step $M \xRightarrow[mp]{p_i} M'$ by $[w_{2i-1}, w_{2i}] \xRightarrow[p_i]{p_i} [v_{2i-1}, v_{2i}]$ for $1 \leq i \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$ and $w_i = v_i$ for $2k + 1 \leq j \leq n$ for some $p_i \in P$ and some appropriate order of the elements in M and M' , and by the requirement that there is no multiset $[w, w'] \subseteq [w_{2k+1}, w_{2k+2}, \dots, w_n]$ to which a splicing rule $p \in P$ can be (successfully) applied,
- a strongly maximally parallel derivation step $M \xRightarrow[smp]{p} M'$ by $M \xRightarrow[mp]{p} M'$ for some k (as in the preceding item) and there is no M'' with $M \xRightarrow[mp]{p} M''$ for some $k' > k$.

Multiset Splicing Systems

Definition: A multiset splicing system is a triple $G = (V, P, M)$ where

- V is an alphabet,
- P is a finite set of splicing rules over V such that, for any rule $r_1\#r_2\$r_3\#r_4 \in P$, $r_i \neq \lambda$ for $1 \leq i \leq 4$, and
- M is a finite multiset over V .

Definition We define the sequential, maximally parallel and strongly maximally parallel multiset languages $mL(G, s)$, $mL(G, mp)$ and $mL(G, smp)$ generated by G as

$$\begin{aligned} mL(G, s) &= \{K \mid M \Longrightarrow_s^* K\}, \\ mL(G, mp) &= \{K \mid M \Longrightarrow_{mp}^* K\}, \\ mL(G, smp) &= \{K \mid M \Longrightarrow_{smp}^* K\}. \end{aligned}$$

Some Notations

for $Y \in \{s, mp, smp\}$, we denote by

- $m\mathcal{L}(Y)$ – the family of all languages $mL(G, Y)$ which can be generated by a multiset splicing system G in the derivation mode Y ,
- $m\mathcal{L}_n(Y)$ – the family of all languages $mL(G, Y)$ which can be generated by a multiset splicing system $G = (V, P, M)$ with $\#(M) = n$ in the derivation mode Y .

Some Facts I

Lemma:

For any multiset splicing system $G = (V, P, M)$, $a \in V$, $Y \in \{s, mp, smp\}$, and any $K \in mL(G, Y)$,

$$\#(K) = \#(M), \quad l(K) = l(M), \quad \text{and} \quad \#_a(K) = \#_a(M).$$

Theorem:

For two integers n and m , $m \neq n$, and two derivation modes $Y \in \{s, mp, smp\}$ and $Y' \in \{s, mp, smp\}$, the language families $m\mathcal{L}_n(Y)$ and $m\mathcal{L}_m(Y')$ are incomparable.

Some Facts II

Theorem:

- i) For $n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, $m\mathcal{L}_n(s) = m\mathcal{L}_n(mp) = m\mathcal{L}_n(smp)$.
- ii) For $n \geq 4$, $m\mathcal{L}_n(mp)$ and $m\mathcal{L}_n(smp)$ are both incomparable to $m\mathcal{L}_n(s)$.
- iii) For $n \geq 5$, $m\mathcal{L}_n(mp)$ is not contained in $m\mathcal{L}_n(smp)$.
- iv) For $n \geq 6$, the classes $m\mathcal{L}_n(s)$, $m\mathcal{L}_n(mp)$, and $m\mathcal{L}_n(smp)$ are pairwise incomparable.

Sticking Operation – Prolongation to the Right

For $x \in W_\rho(V)$ mit $x = x_1x_2x_3$, $y \in W_\rho(V)$, we define $\mu_r(x, y)$ by

1. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} y'$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ v \end{pmatrix} y'$ ($u, v \in V^*$, $y' \in R_\rho(V)$),
2. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} y'$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ v \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} y'$ ($u, v \in V^*$, $y' \in R_\rho(V)$),
3. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} uu' \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v, u' \in V^*$, $y' \in R_\rho(V)$),
4. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ v' \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ vv' \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v, v' \in V^*$, $y' \in R_\rho(V)$),
5. $x_1x_2 \begin{pmatrix} uv \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v \in V^*$),
6. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} v \\ u \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ u' \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ uu' \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v, u' \in V^*$),
7. $x_1x_2 \begin{bmatrix} v \\ u \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v' \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ u \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} vv' \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v, v' \in V^*$),
8. $x_1x_2 \begin{pmatrix} uv \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, if $x_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ u \end{pmatrix}$, $y = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ v \end{pmatrix}$ ($u, v \in V^*$).

Sticker Systems

Definition: i) A *sticker system* is a quadruple $G = (V, \varrho, A, D)$ where

- V is an alphabet,
- $\varrho \subset V \times V$ is a symmetric relation on V ,
- A is a finite subset of $LR_{\varrho}(V)$, and
- D is a finite subset of $W_{\varrho}(V) \times W_{\varrho}(V)$.

ii) We say that $y \in LR_{\varrho}(V)$ is derived by $x \in LR_{\varrho}(V)$ in one step (written as $x \Longrightarrow y$) iff $y = \mu_l(\mu_r(x, y_2), y_1)$ for some $(y_1, y_2) \in D$.

By \Longrightarrow^* we denote the reflexive and transitive closure of \Longrightarrow .

iii) The molecule language $ML(G)$ and the word language $wL(G)$ generated by G are defined by

$$ML(G) = \{z \mid x \Longrightarrow^* z, x \in A, z \in \left[\begin{array}{c} V \\ V \end{array} \right]_{\varrho}^+ \}$$

and

$$wL(G) = \{w \mid \left[\begin{array}{c} w \\ v \end{array} \right] \in ML(G) \text{ for some } v \in V^+\},$$

respectively.

Special Sticker Systems I

Definition:

A sticker system $G = (V, \rho, A, D)$ is called

- *one-sided* if, for each pair $(u, v) \in D$, $u = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ or $v = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ hold,
- *regular* if, for each pair $(u, v) \in D$, $u = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ holds,
- *simple* if, for each pair $(u, v) \in D$, $uv \in \begin{pmatrix} V^* \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ or $uv \in \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \\ V^* \end{pmatrix}$ hold.

Special Sticker Systems II

Definition:

i) For a sticker system $G = (V, \varrho, A, D)$ and a natural number $d \geq 1$, we define the language $ML_d(G)$ as the set of all molecules which have a derivation

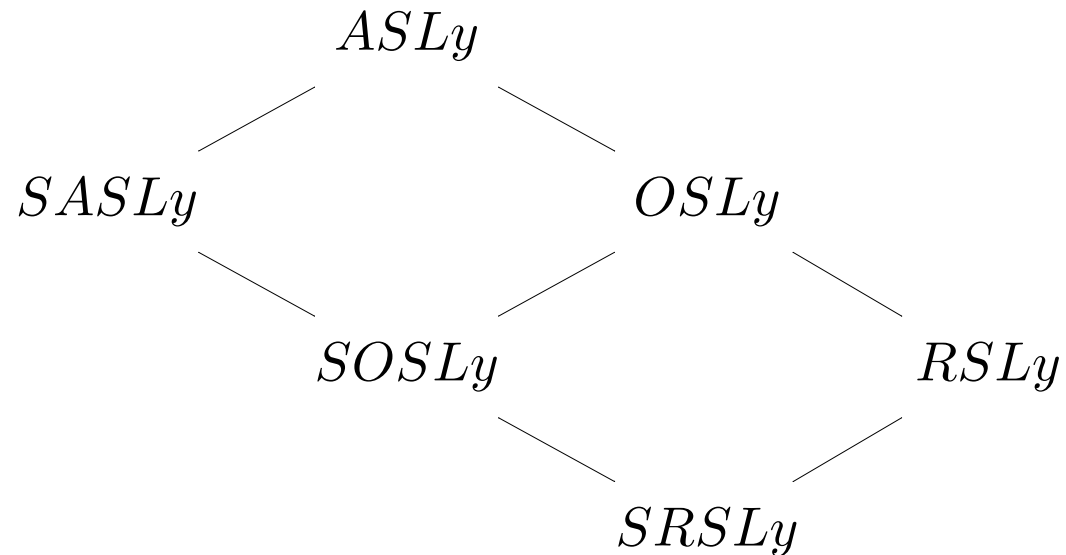
$$x = x_0 \Longrightarrow x_1 \Longrightarrow \dots \Longrightarrow x_k \text{ with } x_k \in \left[\begin{array}{c} V \\ V \end{array} \right]_{\varrho}^* \text{ and } d(x_i) \leq d \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq k.$$

ii) We say that a molecule language $L \subset \left[\begin{array}{c} V \\ V \end{array} \right]_{\varrho}^*$ or a word language $L' \subset V^*$ can be generated with *bounded delay*, if there are a sticker system $G = (V, \varrho, A, D)$ and a natural number $d \geq 1$ such that $ML(G) = ML_d(G)$ and $L = ML(G)$ and $L' = wL(G)$, respectively, are valid.

Sticker System – Results I

Lemma: For $X \in \{A, O, R, SA, SO, SR\}$, $XSL(b) \subseteq XSL$.

Lemma: For $y \in \{(b), \lambda\}$, the following diagram holds.



Sticker Systems – Results II

Lemma: $ASL \subseteq \mathcal{L}(CS)$.

Lemma: $OSL \subseteq \mathcal{L}(REG)$.

Lemma: $SOSL(b) = SOSL$ und $SRSL(b) = SRSL$.

Lemma: $\mathcal{L}(REG) \subseteq RSL(b)$.

Lemma: $ASL(b) = \mathcal{L}(LIN)$.

Lemma: There is a regular language which is not in $SOSL$.

Sticker Systems – Results III

Satz: The following diagram holds.

