

Advanced Automata Theory

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Exercise Sheet 5

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Exercise 1: Quantifier Elimination

a) Eliminate the quantifiers of the following formula using the method described in class:

$$\neg \forall x: \exists y: 3x < 2y \vee y < 2x .$$

b) An existential Presburger formula is a formula as described by the following EBNF:

$$\varphi ::= t_1 < t_2 \mid t_1 = t_2 \mid \exists x: \varphi_1 \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 .$$

In particular, it does not contain negations and it only contains the atomic predicates $<$ and $=$.

Prove that existential Presburger formulas are equally expressive as Presburger formulas.

Hint: Use Presburger's theorem.

Exercise 2: Parikh Images of Regular Languages

a) Prove that if $\mathcal{L} \in \text{REG}_\Sigma$ is regular, $\Psi(\mathcal{L})$ is semilinear.

b) Prove that for each semilinear set $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}^d$, there is a regular language \mathcal{L} over $\Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_d\}$ with $S = \Psi(\mathcal{L})$.

c) Let $\text{lsbf}^{-1} : (\mathbb{B}^d)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^d$ be the map that takes a word of binary vectors w and returns the vector of natural numbers \vec{n} such that w is the "least significant bit first"-encoding of \vec{n} .

Present a regular language \mathcal{L} over \mathbb{B}^d such that

$$\{\text{lsbf}^{-1}(w) \mid w \in \mathcal{L}\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^d$$

is not semilinear.

Exercise 3: Parikh Images of Context Free Languages

Use Parkikh's theorem to compute a representation for the semilinear set $\Psi(\mathcal{L}(G))$ for the grammar G which has the rules:

a) $S \rightarrow ab \mid XZ, Z \rightarrow SY, X \rightarrow a, Y \rightarrow b$

b) $S \rightarrow XY \mid \varepsilon, X \rightarrow aSb, Y \rightarrow bSc$

Exercise 4: Closure Properties of Semilinear Sets

- a) Let $S = \bigcup_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} \mathcal{L}(c_i, P_i) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^d$ be semilinear. Prove that semilinear sets are closed under Kleene iteration:

$$\{v_1 + \dots + v_t \mid t \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } v_1, \dots, v_t \in S\} = \bigcup_{J \subseteq \{1, \dots, k\}} \mathcal{L}\left(\sum_{i \in J} c_i, \bigcup_{i \in J} P_i \cup \{c_i\}\right).$$

- b) To prove that semilinear sets are closed under intersection, we showed that the intersection of two linear sets $\mathcal{L}(c, \{u_1, \dots, u_m\})$ and $\mathcal{L}(d, \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}) \subseteq \mathbb{N}^d$ is semilinear. We defined

$$B = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{N}^{m+n} \mid \sum_{i=1}^m x_i u_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i \right\}.$$

Let s_B be the set of minimal elements of $B \setminus \{0\}$ with respect to the product order \leq^d , i.e. $u \leq^d v$ if $u_c \leq v_c$ for all $c \in \{1, \dots, d\}$.

Prove that $B = \mathcal{L}(0, s_B)$.

Hint: You may use that \leq^d is well-founded.