

Deciding Kleene Algebra with converse is $PSPACE$ -complete

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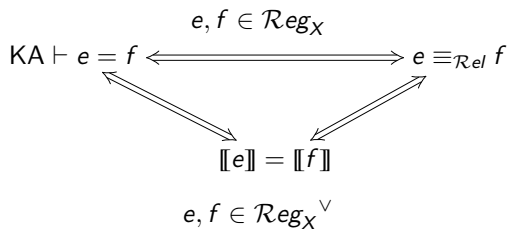
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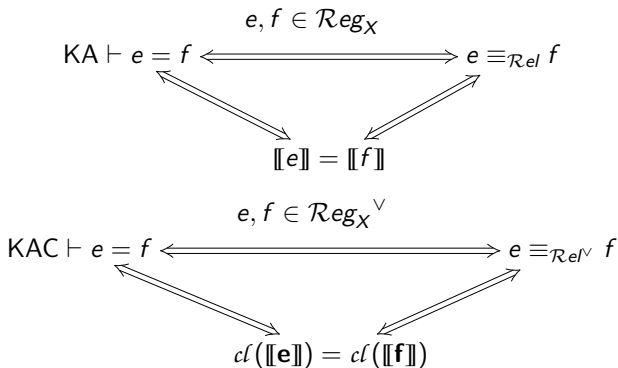
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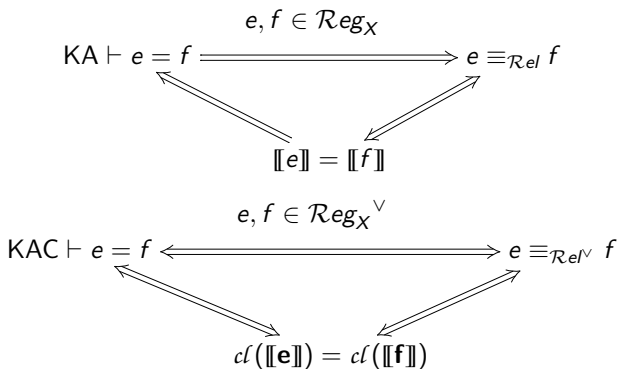
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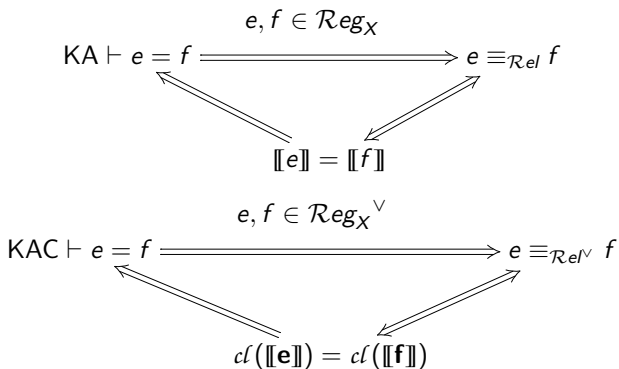
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A relational interpretation of regular expressions with converse over X can be specified by a domain S and a map

$$\sigma : X \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(S^2)$$

We will write

$$\hat{\sigma} : \mathcal{R}eg_X^\vee \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(S^2)$$

for the unique morphism equal to σ on X .

Relational equivalence

For $e, f \in \mathcal{Reg}_X^\vee$:

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means that

$$\forall S, \forall \sigma : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S^2), \hat{\sigma}(e) = \hat{\sigma}(f).$$

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- 2 We substitute x^\vee with x' in the result. We get $\mathbf{e} \in \text{Reg}_\mathbf{X}$.

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\bar{w}

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Theorem^a

a. Bloom, S. L., Ésik, Z., and Stefanescu, G. (1995). [Notes on equational theories of relations.](#)

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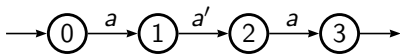
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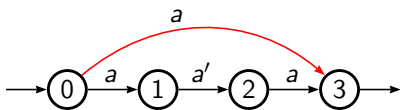
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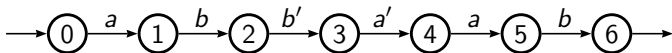
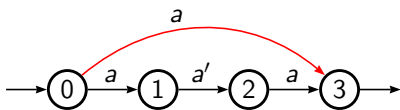
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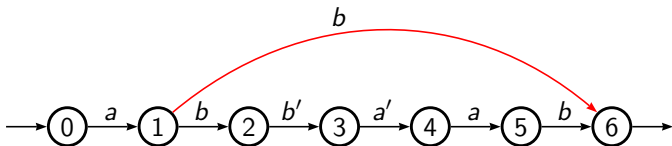
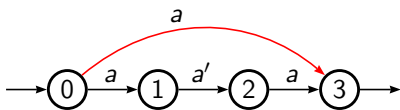
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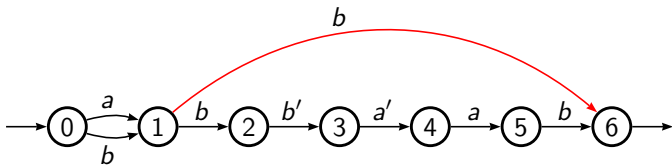
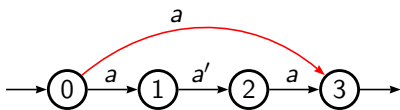
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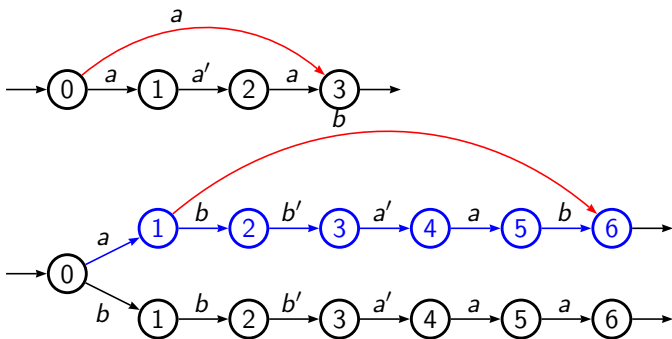
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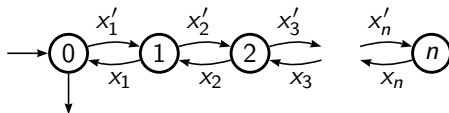
$$\Gamma(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$\Gamma(wx) = (\{x'\} \cdot \Gamma(w) \cdot \{x\})^*$$

Lemma

$$u \in \Gamma(w) \Leftrightarrow \exists v \in \text{suffixes}(w) : u \rightsquigarrow^* \bar{v}$$

$\Gamma(x_n \cdots x_1)$ is recognised by the automaton :



$\gamma(w)$

Consider an automaton $\mathcal{A} = \langle Q, A, I, T, \Delta \rangle$, we write $\Delta_x := \{(p, q) \mid p \xrightarrow{x} q \in \Delta\}$.

Definition : $\gamma(w)$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma(\epsilon) &= \text{Id}_Q \\ \gamma(wx) &= (\Delta_{x'} \cdot \gamma(w) \cdot \Delta_x)^*\end{aligned}$$

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Histories

The set of histories is $G := \{r \in \mathcal{P}(Q^2) \mid \exists w \in \mathbf{X}^* : r = \gamma(w)\}$.

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A PSPACE algorithm for KAC

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10     $x \leftarrow \text{random}(\mathbf{X})$ ;
11     $(R_1, R_2) \leftarrow ((\Delta_1(x') \circ R_1 \circ \Delta_1(x))^*, (\Delta_2(x') \circ R_2 \circ \Delta_2(x))^*)$ ;
12     $(P_1, P_2) \leftarrow (P_1 \cdot (\Delta_1(x) \circ R_1), P_2 \cdot (\Delta_2(x) \circ R_2))$ ;
13  else
14    return false
15  end
16 end
17 return true

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Complexity annotations:

- Line 1: $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$
- Line 3: $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 4: $\sim \log(n) + \log(m) + n^2 + m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$

A PSPACE algorithm for KAC

Let's write n and m for the sizes of e and f .

input : Two regular expressions with converse $e, f \in \text{Reg}_X^\vee$

output: A Boolean, saying whether or not $\text{KAC} \vdash e = f$.

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1  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle Q_1, \mathbf{X}, I_1, T_1, \Delta_1 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket e \rrbracket$ 
2  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \mathbf{X}, I_2, T_2, \Delta_2 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ ;
3  $N \leftarrow (2^{(|e|+1)^2} \times 2^{(|f|+1)^2})$ ;
4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((I_1, \text{Id}_{Q_1}), (I_2, \text{Id}_{Q_2}))$ ;
5 while  $N > 0$  do
6    $N \leftarrow N - 1$ ;
7    $f_1 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_1 \cap T_1)$ ;
8    $f_2 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_2 \cap T_2)$ ;
9   if  $f_1 = f_2$  then
10     $x \leftarrow \text{random}(\mathbf{X})$ ;
11     $(R_1, R_2) \leftarrow ((\Delta_1(x') \circ R_1 \circ \Delta_1(x))^*, (\Delta_2(x') \circ R_2 \circ \Delta_2(x))^*)$ ;
12     $(P_1, P_2) \leftarrow (P_1 \cdot (\Delta_1(x) \circ R_1), P_2 \cdot (\Delta_2(x) \circ R_2))$ ;
13  else
14    return false
15  end
16 end
17 return true

```

Complexity annotations:

- $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$ for line 1
- $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$ for line 3
- $\sim \log(n) + \log(m) + n^2 + m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$ for line 4
- $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$ for line 8

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2  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \mathbf{X}, l_2, T_2, \Delta_2 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ ;
3  $N \leftarrow (2^{(|e|+1)^2} \times 2^{(|f|+1)^2})$ ;
4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((l_1, \text{Id}_{Q_1}), (l_2, \text{Id}_{Q_2}))$ ;
5 while  $N > 0$  do
6    $N \leftarrow N - 1$ ;
7    $f_1 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_1 \cap T_1)$ ;
8    $f_2 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_2 \cap T_2)$ ;
9   if  $f_1 = f_2$  then
10     $x \leftarrow \text{random}(\mathbf{X})$ ;
11     $(R_1, R_2) \leftarrow ((\Delta_1(x') \circ R_1 \circ \Delta_1(x))^*, (\Delta_2(x') \circ R_2 \circ \Delta_2(x))^*)$ ;
12     $(P_1, P_2) \leftarrow (P_1 \cdot (\Delta_1(x) \circ R_1), P_2 \cdot (\Delta_2(x) \circ R_2))$ ;
13  else
14    return false
15  end
16 end
17 return true

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Complexity annotations:

- Line 1: $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$
- Line 3: $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
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- Line 8: $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$

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Let's write n and m for the sizes of e and f .

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1  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle Q_1, \mathbf{X}, l_1, T_1, \Delta_1 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket e \rrbracket$ ;
2  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \mathbf{X}, l_2, T_2, \Delta_2 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ ;
3  $N \leftarrow (2^{(|e|+1)^2} \times 2^{(|f|+1)^2})$ ;
4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((l_1, \text{Id}_{Q_1}), (l_2, \text{Id}_{Q_2}))$ ;
5 while  $N > 0$  do
6    $N \leftarrow N - 1$ ;
7    $f_1 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_1 \cap T_1)$ ;
8    $f_2 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_2 \cap T_2)$ ;
9   if  $f_1 = f_2$  then
10     $x \leftarrow \text{random}(\mathbf{X})$ ;
11     $(R_1, R_2) \leftarrow ((\Delta_1(x') \circ R_1 \circ \Delta_1(x))^*, (\Delta_2(x') \circ R_2 \circ \Delta_2(x))^*)$ ;
12     $(P_1, P_2) \leftarrow (P_1 \cdot (\Delta_1(x) \circ R_1), P_2 \cdot (\Delta_2(x) \circ R_2))$ ;
13  else
14    return false
15  end
16 end
17 return true

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Complexity annotations:

- Line 1: $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$
- Line 3: $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 4: $\sim \log(n) + \log(m) + n^2 + m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 8: $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$
- Line 11: n^2

A PSPACE algorithm for KAC

Let's write n and m for the sizes of e and f .

input : Two regular expressions with converse $e, f \in \text{Reg}_X^\vee$

output: A Boolean, saying whether or not $\text{KAC} \vdash e = f$.

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1  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \langle Q_1, \mathbf{X}, l_1, T_1, \Delta_1 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket e \rrbracket$ ;
2  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \mathbf{X}, l_2, T_2, \Delta_2 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ ;
3  $N \leftarrow (2^{(|e|+1)^2} \times 2^{(|f|+1)^2})$ ;
4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((l_1, \text{ld}_{Q_1}), (l_2, \text{ld}_{Q_2}))$ ;
5 while  $N > 0$  do
6    $N \leftarrow N - 1$ ;
7    $f_1 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_1 \cap T_1)$ ;
8    $f_2 \leftarrow \text{is\_empty}(P_2 \cap T_2)$ ;
9   if  $f_1 = f_2$  then
10     $x \leftarrow \text{random}(\mathbf{X})$ ;
11     $(R_1, R_2) \leftarrow ((\Delta_1(x') \circ R_1 \circ \Delta_1(x))^*, (\Delta_2(x') \circ R_2 \circ \Delta_2(x))^*)$ ;
12     $(P_1, P_2) \leftarrow (P_1 \cdot (\Delta_1(x) \circ R_1), P_2 \cdot (\Delta_2(x) \circ R_2))$ ;
13  else
14    return false
15  end
16 end
17 return true

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Complexity annotations:

- Line 1: $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$
- Line 3: $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 4: $\sim \log(n) + \log(m) + n^2 + m^2 \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 8: $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$
- Line 11: $2 \times m^2$

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Let's write n and m for the sizes of e and f .

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output: A Boolean, saying whether or not $\text{KAC} \vdash e = f$.

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2  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \langle Q_2, \mathbf{X}, l_2, T_2, \Delta_2 \rangle \leftarrow$  Glushkov' automaton recognising  $\llbracket f \rrbracket$ ;
3  $N \leftarrow (2^{(|e|+1)^2} \times 2^{(|f|+1)^2})$ ;
4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((l_1, \text{ld}_{Q_1}), (l_2, \text{ld}_{Q_2}))$ ;
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4  $((P_1, R_1), (P_2, R_2)) \leftarrow ((l_1, \text{Id}_{Q_1}), (l_2, \text{Id}_{Q_2}))$ ;
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Complexity annotations:

- $\mathcal{O}(n + m)$ (lines 1-2)
- $\sim \log(2^{n^2} \times 2^{m^2}) \sim \mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$ (line 3)
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- Line 8: $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$
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- Line 11: $\mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$
- Line 12: $\mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$

So we get a space complexity $\mathcal{O}(n^2 + m^2)$.

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