

Let L be an arbitrary regular language.

1. Prove that the language $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L) := \{x\mathbf{1}y \mid xy \in L\}$ is regular.

Intuitively, $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L)$ is the set of all strings that can be obtained from strings in L by inserting exactly one **1**. For example, if $L = \{\varepsilon, \mathbf{00K!}\}$, then $\text{insert}\mathbf{1}(L) = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{100K!}, \mathbf{010K!}, \mathbf{001K!}, \mathbf{00K1!}, \mathbf{00K!1}\}$.

2. Prove that the language $\text{delete}\mathbf{1}(L) := \{xy \mid x\mathbf{1}y \in L\}$ is regular.

Intuitively, $\text{delete}\mathbf{1}(L)$ is the set of all strings that can be obtained from strings in L by deleting exactly one **1**. For example, if $L = \{\mathbf{101101}, \mathbf{00}, \varepsilon\}$, then $\text{delete}\mathbf{1}(L) = \{\mathbf{01101}, \mathbf{10101}, \mathbf{10110}\}$.

Work on these later: (In fact, these might be easier than problems 1 and 2.)

3. Consider the following recursively defined function on strings:

$$\text{stutter}(w) := \begin{cases} \varepsilon & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ aa \cdot \text{stutter}(x) & \text{if } w = ax \text{ for some symbol } a \text{ and some string } x \end{cases}$$

Intuitively, $\text{stutter}(w)$ doubles every symbol in w . For example:

- $\text{stutter}(\mathbf{PRESTO}) = \mathbf{PPRREESSTT00}$
- $\text{stutter}(\mathbf{HOCUS}\diamond\mathbf{POCUS}) = \mathbf{HH00CCUUSS}\diamond\diamond\mathbf{PPO0CCUUSS}$

Let L be an arbitrary regular language.

- (a) Prove that the language $\text{stutter}^{-1}(L) := \{w \mid \text{stutter}(w) \in L\}$ is regular.
- (b) Prove that the language $\text{stutter}(L) := \{\text{stutter}(w) \mid w \in L\}$ is regular.

4. Consider the following recursively defined function on strings:

$$\text{evens}(w) := \begin{cases} \varepsilon & \text{if } w = \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon & \text{if } w = a \text{ for some symbol } a \\ b \cdot \text{evens}(x) & \text{if } w = abx \text{ for some symbols } a \text{ and } b \text{ and some string } x \end{cases}$$

Intuitively, $\text{evens}(w)$ skips over every other symbol in w . For example:

- $\text{evens}(\mathbf{EXPPELLIARMUS}) = \mathbf{XELAMS}$
- $\text{evens}(\mathbf{AVADA}\diamond\mathbf{KEDAVRA}) = \mathbf{VD}\diamond\mathbf{EAR}$.

Once again, let L be an arbitrary regular language.

- (a) Prove that the language $\text{evens}^{-1}(L) := \{w \mid \text{evens}(w) \in L\}$ is regular.
- (b) Prove that the language $\text{evens}(L) := \{\text{evens}(w) \mid w \in L\}$ is regular.