

# Closure Properties of Linear Languages under Operations of Linear Deletion

# Random Parallel Deletion

## Definition

$L, K \subseteq T^*$  two languages

$$[\perp, L, K] = \{u_1 u_2 \dots u_n u_{n+1} \in T^* : u_1 x_1 u_2 \dots u_n x_n u_{n+1} \in L, \\ x_i \in K, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1\}$$

## Example

- $[\perp, \{\text{abababa}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \{\text{baba}, \dots\}$
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# Parallel Deletion

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$$\begin{aligned} [\perp_a, L, K] = \{ & u_1 u_2 \dots u_n u_{n+1} \in T^* : u_1 x_1 u_2 \dots u_n x_n u_{n+1} \in L, \\ & x_j \in K, \{u_i\} \cap T^*(K - \{\varepsilon\})T^* = \emptyset, \\ & 1 \leq i \leq n+1, 1 \leq j \leq n, n \geq 1 \} \end{aligned}$$

## Example

- $[\perp_a, \{a\textcolor{red}{ab}a\textcolor{red}{b}a\textcolor{red}{a}\}, \{aba\}] = \{aba, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_a, \{a\textcolor{red}{ab}a\textcolor{red}{b}a\textcolor{red}{a}\}, \{aba\}] = \{aba, aabbaa\}$

# Sequential Deletion

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$$[\perp_1, L, K] = \{u_1 u_2 \in T^* : u_1 x u_2 \in L, x \in K\}$$

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- $[\perp_1, \{\text{aba}\text{baba}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \{\text{baba}, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_1, \{\text{ab}\text{aba}\text{ba}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \{\text{baba}, \text{abba}, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_1, \{\text{abab}\text{aba}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \{\text{baba}, \text{abba}, \text{abab}\}$
- $[\perp_1, \{\text{aba}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \{\varepsilon\}$
- $[\perp_1, \{\text{ab}\}, \{\text{aba}\}] = \emptyset$

# Scattered Sequential Deletion

## Definition

$L, K \subseteq T^*$  two languages

$$[\perp_{1s}, L, K] = \{u_1 u_2 \dots u_n u_{n+1} \in T^* : u_1 x_1 u_2 \dots u_n x_n u_{n+1} \in L, \\ x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \in K, n \geq 1\}.$$

## Example

- $[\perp_{1s}, \{adbcea\}, \{ab, ca\}] = \{dcea, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_{1s}, \{adbcea\}, \{ab, ca\}] = \{dcea, adbe\}$

# Multiple Scattered Sequential Deletion

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- $[\perp_{1s}, \{ad\textcolor{red}{b}cea\}, \{ab, ca\}] = \{dcea, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_{1s}, \{adb\textcolor{red}{c}ea\}, \{ab, ca\}] = \{dcea, adbe, \dots\}$
- $[\perp_{1s}, \{ad\textcolor{red}{b}c\textcolor{red}{e}a\}, \{ab, ca\}] = \{dcea, adbe, de\}$

# Family of Languages

$LIN$  = family of linear languages

$\mathcal{X}$  is a family of languages

## Definition

$$\langle z, LIN, \mathcal{X} \rangle = \{[z, L, K] : L \in LIN, K \in \mathcal{X}\}$$

$$z \in \{\perp, \perp_a, \perp_1, \perp_{1s}, \perp_s\}$$

Regular deletion signifies  $\mathcal{X} = REG$ .

Linear deletion signifies  $\mathcal{X} = LIN$ .

# Regular Deletion



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$\supseteq$ :

$L \in LIN$ , then  $L = [z, L, \{\varepsilon\}] \in \langle z, LIN, REG \rangle$ .

# Proof Idea – Random Parallel Deletion

$\subseteq$ :

$L \in LIN, K \in REG.$

- $L = \mathcal{L}(G_L)$ ,  $G_L = (N_L, T_L, P_L, S_L)$  is a proper linear grammar
- $K = \mathcal{L}(G_K)$ ,  $G_K = (N_K, T_K, P_K, S_K)$  is a regular grammar such that  $S_K$  does not occur on the right-hand side of any rule

Construct linear grammar  $G = (N, T_L, P, S)$ , where

- $N = \{S, \langle x, B, y, X, Y \rangle : x, y \in T_L^*, B \in N_L \cup \{\varepsilon\}, X, Y \in N_K \cup \{\varepsilon\}, |x|, |y| \leq \max\{|u|, |v| : A \rightarrow uBv \in P_L\}\},$
- $P$  contains rules of the following forms

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## Rules

- 1  $S \rightarrow \langle \varepsilon, S_L, \varepsilon, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle$
- 2  $\langle \varepsilon, A, \varepsilon, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, B, y, X, Y \rangle$  if  $A \rightarrow xBy \in P_L$
- 3  $X \in \{S_K, \varepsilon\}$ 
  - a)  $\langle ax, A, yb, S_K, Y \rangle \rightarrow a \langle x, A, yb, S_K, Y \rangle$
  - b)  $\langle ax, A, yb, \varepsilon, Y \rangle \rightarrow a \langle x, A, yb, \varepsilon, Y \rangle$
  - c)  $\langle ax, A, yb, \varepsilon, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, yb, S_K, Y \rangle$
- 4  $Y \in \{S_K, \varepsilon\}$ 
  - a)  $\langle ax, A, yb, X, \varepsilon \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, y, X, \varepsilon \rangle b$
  - b)  $\langle ax, A, yb, X, S_K \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, y, X, S_K \rangle b$
  - c)  $\langle ax, A, yb, X, S_K \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, yb, X, \varepsilon \rangle$
- 5  $\langle ax, A, yb, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, A, yb, V, Y \rangle$  if  $X \rightarrow aV \in P_K, V \in N_K \cup \{\varepsilon\}$
- 6  $\langle ax, A, yb, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, y, X, V \rangle$  if  $V \rightarrow bY \in P_K, V \in N_K$
- 7  $\langle \varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon, X, X \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad S_L \rightarrow abcdef$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad S_K \rightarrow a$$

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$$S \Rightarrow$$

Used rule:

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Used rule:

$$1) \quad S \rightarrow \langle \varepsilon, S_L, \varepsilon, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle$$

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$$S \Rightarrow \langle \varepsilon, S_L, \varepsilon, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle \quad \Rightarrow \langle abc, \varepsilon, def, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle$$

Used rule:

$$2) \langle \varepsilon, A, \varepsilon, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, B, y, X, Y \rangle \text{ if } A \rightarrow xBy \in P_L$$

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$$S \Rightarrow \langle \varepsilon, S_L, \varepsilon, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \textcolor{red}{abc}, \varepsilon, \textcolor{red}{def}, S_K, \varepsilon \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \textcolor{red}{bc}, \varepsilon, \textcolor{red}{def}, \varepsilon, \varepsilon \rangle$$

Used rule:

$$5) \langle ax, A, yb, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, A, yb, V, Y \rangle \text{ if } X \rightarrow aV \in P_K, V \in N^*$$



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Used rule:

$$3b) \langle ax, A, yb, \varepsilon, Y \rangle \rightarrow a \langle x, A, yb, \varepsilon, Y \rangle$$

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$$5) \langle ax, A, yb, X, Y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, A, yb, V, Y \rangle \text{ if } X \rightarrow aV \in P_K, V \in N^*$$

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Used rule:

$$4a) \langle ax, A, yb, X, \varepsilon \rangle \rightarrow \langle ax, A, y, X, \varepsilon \rangle b$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Used rule:

$$7) \langle \varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon, X, X \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon$$

# Linear Deletion



# (Random) Parallel Deletion, Sequential Deletion

## Second Main Result

Linear Languages **are not** closed under Operations of Linear Deletion.

## Theorem

$$\langle z, LIN, LIN \rangle = RE \quad z \in \{\perp, \perp_a, \perp_1\}$$

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$\subseteq$ :

It is not hard to construct a Turing machine accepting  $\langle z, LIN, LIN \rangle$ ,  $z \in \{\perp, \perp_a, \perp_1\}$ .

# Extend Post Correspondence

⊇:

- Suppose  $L \in RE$ ,  $L \subseteq T^*$ ,  $T = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$
- Extended Post Correspondence (EPC)  
 $P = (\{(u_1, v_1), \dots, (u_r, v_r)\}, (z_{a_1}, \dots, z_{a_n})), \quad u_i, v_i, z_a \in \{0, 1\}^*$
- $\mathcal{L}(P) = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \in T^* : \exists s_1, \dots, s_l \in \{1, \dots, r\}, l \geq 1, \\ v_{s_1} \dots v_{s_l} = u_{s_1} \dots u_{s_l} z_{x_1} \dots z_{x_n}\}$
- For every  $L \in RE$ , there is an EPC,  $P$ , such that  $\mathcal{L}(P) = L$

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 &\Rightarrow^* \$z_{x_n}^R z_{x_{n-1}}^R \dots z_{x_1}^R u_{s_l}^R A v_{s_l} \$x_1 \dots x_{n-1} x_n
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 &= \$(\textcolor{red}{u}_{s_1} \dots \textcolor{red}{u}_{s_l} z_{x_1} \dots z_{x_n})^R \# (\textcolor{red}{v}_{s_1} \dots \textcolor{red}{v}_{s_l}) \$x_1 \dots x_n
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 &= \$w_1^R \# w_2 \$x_1 x_2 \dots x_n \\
 &\text{and } \mathbf{x}_1 x_2 \dots x_n \in L = \mathcal{L}(P) \text{ iff } w_1 = w_2, \quad \$, \# \notin T \cup \{0, 1\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# (Random) Parallel Deletion, Sequential Deletion

⊇:

Denote the linear grammar generating previous language by  $G$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{L}(G) = \{ \$w_1^R \# w_2 \$x_1 \dots x_n : w_1, w_2 \in \{0, 1\}^*, x_i \in T \}$$



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Thus,

$$L = [z, \mathcal{L}(G), \mathcal{L}(G')],$$

$$z \in \{\perp, \perp_a, \perp_1\}.$$



# (Multiple) Scattered Sequential Deletion

## Theorem

$$\langle z, LIN, LIN \rangle \not\subseteq REC \quad z \in \{\perp_{1s}, \perp_s\}$$

## Proof.

- $L \in RE, L \subseteq T^*, T \cap \{0, 1\} = \emptyset$ .
- The proof follows from the previous theorem since  $L = [z, \mathcal{L}(G), \mathcal{L}(G')] \cap T^*$ .
  - $\mathcal{L}(G) = \{\$w_1^R \# w_2 \$x_1 \dots x_n : w_1, w_2 \in \{0, 1\}^*, x_i \in T\}$
  - $\mathcal{L}(G') = \{\$w^R \# w \$ : w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$
- If  $[z, \mathcal{L}(G), \mathcal{L}(G')]$  is recursive, then so is  $L$ .
- For  $L \in RE - REC$  language  $[z, \mathcal{L}(G), \mathcal{L}(G')]$  is not recursive.



# Summary

- Linear Languages **are** closed under Operations of Regular Deletion.
- Linear Languages **are not** closed under Operations of Linear Deletion.
- Here we summarize two open problems:
  - 1 Is it true that  $\langle \perp_{1s}, LIN, LIN \rangle = RE$ ?
  - 2 Is it true that  $\langle \perp_s, LIN, LIN \rangle = RE$ ?