

# Chap. 4 Properties of Regular Languages

## 4.1 Proving Languages not to be Regular

$$L_{01} = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

*finite automata, regular expression?*

### 4.1.1 Pumping Lemma

**Theorem 4.1:** *(The pumping lemma for regular languages)*

*Let  $L$  be a regular languages. Then there exists a **constant**  $n$  (which **depends on**  $L$ ) such that for **every** string  $w \in L$  such that  $|w| \geq n$ , we can break  $w$  into three substrings,  $w = xyz$ , such that:*

- 1)  $y \neq \varepsilon$ , **non-empty string  $y$**
- 2)  $|xy| \leq n$ , and **not so far from the beginning**
- 3) for all  $k \geq 0$ , the string  $xy^kz \in L$ . **pumping  $y$  any number of times or deleting it**

**Proof**

Suppose  $L$  is regular. Then  $L = L(A)$  for some DFA  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ .

Suppose  $A$  has  $n$  states. ( $|Q| = n$ )

Consider  $\forall w = a_1a_2\dots a_m, m \geq n, 0 \leq \forall i \leq m: [a_i \in \Sigma, \delta^*(q_0, a_1a_2\dots a_i) = q_i]$

Consider  $q_0q_1\dots q_m \in Q^*$ . Since  $m \geq n, \exists i, j. \exists. 0 \leq i < j \leq n$  and  $q_i = q_j = q$ .

Now we break  $w = xyz$  as follows

$$1. x = a_1a_2\dots a_i. \quad \delta^i(q_0, x) = q_i = q$$

$$2. y = a_{i+1}a_{i+2}\dots a_j. \quad \delta^{j-i}(q_i, y) = q_j = q = \delta^{|y|}(q, y)$$

$$3. z = a_{j+1}a_{j+2}\dots a_m. \quad \delta^{m-j}(q_j, z) = \delta^{m-j}(q, z) = q_m \in F \quad (\text{Fig. 4.1})$$

Since,  $\delta^*(q, y) = q, \forall k \geq 0, \delta^*(q, y^k) = q. [\delta^*(q, \epsilon) = q, \delta^*(\delta^*(q, y), y^{k-1}) = q]$

$$\therefore \forall k \geq 0, xy^kz \in L. \quad (3) \quad \text{pumping}$$

$$|y| = j - (i+1) + 1 = j - i > 0 \quad (1) \quad \text{nonempty } y$$

$$|xy| = j \leq n \quad (2) \quad \text{first pump}$$

**Contraverse of the Pumping lemma**

If  $L \in$  regular languages. Then

$$\exists n \geq 0,$$

$$\forall w \in L [. \exists. |w| \geq n],$$

$$\exists x, y, z [. \exists. w = xyz, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n],$$

$$\forall k \geq 0, xy^kz \in L.$$

If  $\forall n \geq 0,$

$$\exists w \in L [. \exists. |w| \geq n],$$

$$\forall x, y, z [. \exists. w = xyz, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n],$$

$$\exists k \geq 0, xy^kz \notin L, \text{ Then}$$

$L \notin$  regular languages.

Two  $\forall$ 's. and two  $\exists$ 's.

$\forall$ ': *adversarial game* “for all considered harmful”(?) pp 130

**Example 4.2**

$L_{eq} = \{w \in (0+1)^* \mid w \text{ has equal number of } 0\text{'s and } 1\text{'s}\}$  is **not regular**.

**Proof**

$$\forall n \geq 0,$$

$$\exists w = 0^n 1^n \in L_{eq} .\exists. |w| = 2n \geq n.$$

$$\forall x, y, z .\exists. w = xyz, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall i, j .\exists. 0 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ where } i+j \leq n,$$

$$x = 0^i, y = 0^j, z = 0^{n-i-j} 1^n,$$

$$\exists k = 0, xy^k z = xz = 0^{n-j} 1^n \notin L_{eq}, \text{ since } j \neq 0.$$

$$\exists k = 2, xy^2 z = xy^2 z = 0^i 0^{2j} 0^{n-i-j} 1^n = 0^{n+j} 1^n \notin L_{eq}, \text{ since } j \neq 0.$$

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$\therefore L_{eq}$  is **not regular**.

**Example 4.3**

$L_{pr} = \{w \in 1^* \mid |w| \text{ is a prime number}\}$  is **not regular**.

$$\forall n \geq 0,$$

$\exists w = 1^p \in L_{pr} .\exists. |w| = p \geq n + 2$  and  $p$  is a prime number.

$$\forall x, y, z .\exists. w = xyz, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall m .\exists. m \geq 1, |y| = m, |xz| = p - m,$$

Consider  $\exists k = p - m \geq 0$ .

$$|xy^{p-m}z| = |xz| + |y|(p-m) = (p-m) + m(p-m) = (1+m)(p-m)$$

$$m+1 \neq 1 (\because m \geq 1), p-m \geq 2 (\because p \geq n + 2 \text{ and } m \leq n)$$

$\therefore (1+m)(p-m)$  is not prime.

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists k = p-m \geq 0, xy^{p-m}z \notin L_{pr}, \text{ since } j > 0.$$

$\therefore L_{pr}$  is **not regular**.

**Theorem 4.1: (Pumping lemma)**

If  $\forall n \geq 0,$   
 $\exists w \in L$  [. $\exists$ .  $|w| \geq n$ ],  
 $\forall x, y, z$  [. $\exists$ .  $w = xyz, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n$ ],  
 $\exists k \geq 0, xy^kz \notin L$ , Then

$L \notin$  regular languages.

**Theorem 4.1': (Pumping lemma, Stronger Form)**

If  $\forall n \geq 0,$   
 $\exists w \in L$  [. $\exists$ .  $|w| \geq n$ ],  
 $\forall u, x, y, z, v$  [. $\exists$ .  $w = uxyzv, |xyz| \geq n, y \neq \varepsilon, |xy| \leq n$ ],  
 $\exists k \geq 0, uxy^kzv \notin L$ , Then

$L \notin$  regular languages.

## 4.2 Closure Properties of Regular Languages

Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be a class of languages and  $\otimes$  and  $\oplus$  be unary and binary operations on  $\mathbb{L}$ , respectively, i.e.,  $\otimes: \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$  and  $\oplus: \mathbb{L} \times \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$

If  $\forall L \in \mathbb{L}, \otimes L \in \mathbb{L}$  and  $\forall L_1, L_2 \in \mathbb{L}, L_1 \oplus L_2 \in \mathbb{L}$ , then we say that the class of languages  $\mathbb{L}$  has the closure property on the unary and binary operation  $\otimes$  and  $\oplus$ , respectively.

**Theorem 4.4** If  $L$  and  $M$  are regular languages, then so is  $L \cup M$ ,  $LM$ , and  $L^*$  are also regular.

**Proof** Since  $L$  and  $M$  are regular,

$\exists R, S \in$  regular expressions  $\therefore L = L(R)$ , and  $M = L(S)$ .

$R + S$ ,  $RS$ , and  $R^* \in$  regular expressions denoting

$L \cup M$ ,  $LM$ , and  $L^*$ , respectively.

$\therefore L \cup M$ ,  $LM$ , and  $L^*$  are also regular. (Read Closure under R.E. p133)

**Theorem 4.5** *If  $L$  is a regular language, then  $\bar{L}(= \Sigma^* - L)$  is also regular.*

**Proof** Let  $L = L(A)$  for some DFA  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ . Then  $\bar{L} = L(B)$  where  $B = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \bar{F}(= Q - F))$  is a DFA.

*change the final states to nonfinal states and  
nonfinal states to final states*

**Example 4.6**  $\overline{(0+1)^*01}$  is regular. (Figure 4.2)

**Example 4.7**  $L_{ne} = \{w \in (0+1)^* \mid w \text{ has not equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$   
 $= \bar{L}_{eq}$  is not regular.

Read “What If Languages Have Different Alphabets?” in page 132



**Theorem 4.8** If  $L$  and  $M$  are **regular**, then  $L \cap M$  is also **regular**.

**Proof 1. DeMorgan's law**  $L \cap M = \neg(\neg L \cup \neg M)$ .

**Proof 2. product construction** Let  $L$  and  $M$  be the languages of

a DFA  $A_L = (Q_L, \Sigma, \delta_L, q_L, F_L)$  and  $A_M = (Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_M, q_M, F_M)$ .

Then  $A_{L \cap M} = (Q_L \times Q_M, \Sigma, \delta, (q_L, q_M), F_L \times F_M)$

where  $\delta((p, q), a) = (\delta_L(p, a), \delta_M(q, a))$  is a DFA  $L(A) = L \cap M$ .

**Proof:** Prove  $\delta^*((q_L, q_M), w) = (\delta_L^*(q_L, w), \delta_M^*(q_M, w))$  by induction.

**Basis:**  $\delta^*((q_L, q_M), \varepsilon) = (q_L, q_M) = (\delta_L^*(q_L, \varepsilon), \delta_M^*(q_M, \varepsilon))$  basis def of  $\delta^*$

**Induction:**  $\forall x \in \Sigma^*, \forall a \in \Sigma, \delta^*((q_L, q_M), xa)$

$= \delta(\delta^*((q_L, q_M), x), a)$  by recur. def. of  $\delta^*$ .

$= \delta((\delta_L^*(q_L, x), \delta_M^*(q_M, x)), a)$  by ind. hyp.

$= (\delta_L(\delta_L^*(q_L, x), a), \delta_M(\delta_M^*(q_M, x), a))$  by def. of  $\delta$  in Thm 4.8.

$= (\delta_L^*(q_L, xa), \delta_M^*(q_M, xa))$  by recur. def. of  $\delta^*$ .

**Theorem 4.10** If  $L$  and  $M$  are **regular** languages,  
then  $L - M$  is also **regular**.

**Proof 1.**  $L - M = L \cap \neg M$ .

**Proof 2.** Production construction

$$A_{L-M} = (Q_L \times Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_{L \times M}, (q_L, q_M), F_{L-M})$$

where  $\delta_{L \times M} = \delta$  in the proof 2 of Theorem 4.8 and

$$F_{L-M} = \{(f_L, f_M) \mid f_L \in F_L, f_M \notin F_M\}$$

$$A_{L \cap M} = (Q_L \times Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_{L \times M}, (q_L, q_M), F_{L \cap M})$$

where  $F_{L \cap M} = \{(f_L, f_M) \mid f_L \in F_L, f_M \in F_M\} = F_L \times F_M$ .

$$A_{L \cup M} = (Q_L \times Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_{L \times M}, (q_L, q_M), F_{L \cup M})$$

where  $F_{L \cup M} = \{(f_L, f_M) \mid f_L \in F_L \text{ or } f_M \in F_M\}$

## Reversal of Languages

Let  $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ . Then  $w^R = a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_1$ .

Let  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ . Then  $L^R = \{w^R \mid w \in L\}$ .

**Theorem 4.11** If  $L$  is a **regular** language, then  $L^R$  is also **regular**.

**Proof 1.** simulate the automaton for  $L$ ,  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  in reverse.

$B = (Q \cup \{p_0\}, \Sigma, \delta^R, p_0, \{q_0\})$  where  $p_0 \notin Q$ .

$$\delta^R(p, a) = \{q \mid p \in \delta(q, a)\} \cup \{\delta^R(p_0, \varepsilon) = F\}$$

**Proof 2.** Assume  $L(E) = E$  for regular expression  $E$ .

There is a regular expression  $E^R$ , such that  $L(E^R) = (L(E))^R$ .

**structural induction** on  $|E|$

**Basis:** If  $E$  is  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\emptyset$ , and  $a \in \Sigma$ , then  $\varepsilon^R = \varepsilon$ ,  $\emptyset^R = \emptyset$ , and  $a^R = a$ .

$$L(\varepsilon^R) = L(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\} = L(\varepsilon)^R, L(\emptyset^R) = L(\emptyset) = \emptyset = L(\emptyset)^R, \text{ and}$$

$$L(a^R) = L(a) = \{a\} = L(a)^R.$$

**Induction:**  $L(E^R) = (L(E))^R$ .

1. If  $E = E_1 + E_2$ , then  $E^R = E_1^R + E_2^R$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(E^R) &= L(E_1^R + E_2^R) = L(E_1^R) \cup L(E_2^R) \\ &= L(E_1)^R \cup L(E_2)^R = L(E_1 + E_2)^R = (L(E))^R. \end{aligned}$$

2. If  $E = E_1E_2$ , then  $E^R = E_2^RE_1^R$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(E^R) &= L(E_2^RE_1^R) = (L(E_2))^R(L(E_1))^R = (L(E_1E_2))^R = (L(E))^R. \\ &\text{since } w_2^Rw_1^R = (w_1w_2)^R. \end{aligned}$$

3. If  $E = E_1^*$ , then  $E^R = (E_1^R)^*$ .

$$L(E^R) = L((E_1^R)^*) = (L(E_1)^*)^R = (L(E))^R.$$

## Homomorphism

$h: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $\oplus_A: A \times A \rightarrow A$ , and  $\oplus_B: B \times B \rightarrow B$ .

$$\forall a, b \in A, h(a \oplus_A b) = h(a) \oplus_B h(b).$$

*string homomorphism from  $\Sigma$  to  $\Delta^*$ .*

$$h: \Sigma \rightarrow \Delta^*, \oplus_A = \cdot: \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*, \oplus_B = \cdot: \Delta^* \times \Delta^* \rightarrow \Delta^*.$$

$$h(a \cdot b) = h(a) \cdot h(b)$$

$$h(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) = h(a_1) h(a_2) \dots h(a_n)$$

*domain of  $h$  is extended to  $\Sigma^*$  and  $2^{\Sigma^*}$ .*

$$h: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*.$$

$$h: 2^{\Sigma^*} \rightarrow 2^{\Delta^*}.$$

$$\text{Let } L \in 2^{\Sigma^*}. h(L) = \{h(w) \mid w \in L\}$$

*Example 4.13*

**Theorem 4.14** *If  $h$  is a homomorphism from  $\Sigma$  to  $\Delta$ , and  $L$  is a regular language over  $\Sigma$ , then  $h(L)$  is also regular.*

**Proof:** *Let  $E$  be a regular expression over  $\Sigma$ .*

*If  $h(E)$  be the expression obtained by replacing  $a \in \Sigma$  in  $E$  by  $h(a)$ .*

*We are to claim  $h(E)$  is a regular expression and  $L(h(E)) = h(L(E))$ .*

**Basis:** *If  $E$  is  $\varepsilon$  or  $\emptyset$ .  $h(E) = \varepsilon$  or  $\emptyset$ .  $L(\varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon\} = h(\{\varepsilon\})$ .  $L(\emptyset) = \emptyset = h(\emptyset)$ .*

*If  $E = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $a \in \Sigma$ .  $h(E) = h(\mathbf{a}) = h(a)$ : r.e. over  $\Delta$ .  $L(h(\mathbf{a})) = L(h(a)) = h(a)$ .*

*$h(L(\mathbf{a})) = h(\{a\}) = h(a)$ .*

**Induction:** *If  $E = F + G$ ,  $h(E) = h(F) + h(G)$ ,  $h(F) + h(G)$ : r.e. over  $\Delta$ .*

*$L(h(E)) = L(h(F) + h(G)) = L(h(F)) \cup L(h(G))$ .*

*$h(L(E)) = h(L(F) \cup L(G)) = h(L(F) \cup h(L(G)))$*

*$L(h(F)) = h(L(F))$  and  $L(h(G)) = h(L(G))$       I.H.*

*concatenation and closure are similar*

*Let  $R$  be a regular expression  $\exists$ .  $L(R) = L$ ,  $h(R)$  is also a regular expression and  $L(h(R)) = h(L(R)) = h(L)$ .  $\therefore h(L)$  is also regular.*

## *Inverse Homomorphism*

$$h^{-1}: \Delta^* \rightarrow \Sigma^*.$$

$$h^{-1}: 2^{\Delta^*} \rightarrow 2^{\Sigma^*}.$$

$$\text{Let } L \in 2^{\Delta^*}. h^{-1}(L) = \{h^{-1}(w) \mid w \in L\}$$

*Example 4.15*  $h(a) = 01$ ,  $h(b) = 10$ ,  $L = L((\mathbf{00+1})^*) = (\mathbf{00+1})^*$ .

$$h^{-1}(L) = L(\mathbf{ba})^* = (\mathbf{ba})^*.$$

*Proof:*  $h(w) \in L$  if and only if  $w \in (\mathbf{ba})^*$ .

*(If)* Suppose  $w = (ba)^n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , ( $w = (ba)^0 = \varepsilon$ ).

$$h((ba)^n) = (1001)^n \in L = (\mathbf{00+1})^*.$$

*(Only if)* Assume  $w \notin (\mathbf{ba})^*$ .

1)  $w$  begins with  $a$ , then  $h(w)$  begins with  $01$ ,  $\therefore h(w) \notin (\mathbf{00+1})^*$ .

2)  $w$  ends in  $b$ , then  $h(w)$  ends in  $10$ ,  $\therefore h(w) \notin (\mathbf{00+1})^*$ .

3)  $w$  has two consecutive  $a$ 's, then  $h(w)$  has substring  $0101$

$\therefore h(w) \notin (\mathbf{00+1})^*$ .

4)  $w$  has two consecutive  $b$ 's, then  $h(w)$  has substring  $1010$

$\therefore h(w) \notin (\mathbf{00+1})^*$ .

5) Otherwise  $w \in (\mathbf{ba})^*$ .

Assume none of 1) through 4) holds

1)  $w$  begins with  $a$

2)  $w$  ends in  $b$

3) 4)  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's must alternate in  $w$

$\therefore w \in (\mathbf{ba})^*$ .

**Theorem 4.16** If  $h$  is a **homomorphism** from  $\Sigma$  to  $\Delta$ , and

$L$  is a **regular** language over  $\Delta$ , then  $h^{-1}(L)$  is also **regular**.

**Proof:** Let  $L = L(A)$  where DFA  $A = (Q, \Delta, \delta, q_0, F)$ . Define a DFA  $B$

$B = (Q, \Sigma, \gamma, q_0, F)$  where  $\gamma(q, a) = \delta^*(q, h(a))$ ,  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $h(a) \in \Delta^*$ .

It is easy to show that  $\gamma^*(q_0, w) = \delta^*(q_0, h(w))$ ,  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .

$\therefore L(B) = h^{-1}(L)$ .  $\therefore h^{-1}(L)$  is **regular**.



### ***4.3 Decision Properties of Regular Languages***

***Every finite languages are regular.***

***regular expressions***

***There are infinite languages that is regular.***

***closure***

***Finite representations of possibly infinite regular languages***

***DFA, NFA,  $\epsilon$ -NFA, XFA(FA), regular expressions***

***finite automata, regular expressions***

### *Decision problems on regular languages*

1. Is a regular language  $L$  **empty** or not?

*Is it reachable from initial state to final states in finite automaton?*

2. Is a regular language  $L$  **finite** or not?

*Is there cycle except empty string in fa,*

*Is there \* except  $\varepsilon^*$  and  $\emptyset^*$ , in re?*

3. Given  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and regular language  $L$ , is  $w \in L$ ?

**membership problem**

*simulate DFA*

4. Given two regular language  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are **equivalent** or not?

**unique** representation for each regular language

**minimal state DFA?**

## 4.4 Equivalence and Minimization of Automata

*Equivalence of two regular languages*

*Minimize the states of DFA(MDFA)*

*unique representation for regular language*

State  $p$  and  $q$  are **equivalent**, denoted  $p \equiv q$  if

$\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(p, w) \in F$  if and only if  $\delta^*(q, w) \in F$ . (DFA)

If  $\delta^*(p, w) \in F$ , then  $\delta^*(q, w) \in F$ , and

if  $\delta^*(p, w) \notin F$ , then  $\delta^*(q, w) \notin F$ .

*distinguishable, otherwise.*

The state of MDFA (**Minimal state DFA**)

*summarizes the all of the information concerning past inputs that is needed to determine the behaviour of the system on subsequent inputs.*

Two states  $p$  and  $q$  are **distinguishable**, denoted  $p \neq q$ , if  
 $\exists w \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(p, w) \in F$  but  $\delta^*(q, w) \notin F$  or vice versa.

*Example 4.18 (pp 156)*

**Recursive algorithm for finding distinguishable states**  
**table filling algorithm, repeat until no change**

**Basis:** If  $p \in F$  and  $q \notin F$ , then  $p \neq q$ .

**Induction:**  $\forall p, q \in Q$  (. $\exists$ .  $p \neq q$  is not found yet)

if  $\exists a \in \Sigma$  . $\exists$ .  $\delta(p, a) \neq \delta(q, a)$ , then  $p \neq q$ .

**Repeat the above induction process until**

**no new indistinguishable state pairs is found  $\forall p, q \in Q$**

*Example 4.19 (pp 157)*

**Theorem 4.20** *If two states are **not distinguishable** by the above alg., then the states are **equivalent**.*

**Proof:** *Assume state  $p$  and  $q$  are distinguishable, **but** the above alg. fails to find  $p$  and  $q$  to be distinguished. (**bad pair**)*

*Since  $p$  and  $q$  are the **bad pair**, distinguished by the **shortest** string  $u$ .*

$\exists u \in \Sigma^* . \exists . \delta^*(p, u) \in F$  but  $\delta^*(q, u) \notin F$ . (w.l.o.g.)

1.  $u \neq \varepsilon$ , since  $p$  and  $q$  must be checked distinguishable in the **basis**.

2. Let  $u = av$  ( $a \in \Sigma, v \in \Sigma^*$ ),  $s = \delta(p, a)$ , and  $t = \delta(q, a)$ .

*Since  $\delta^*(p, av) = \delta^*(s, v) \in F$  but  $\delta^*(q, av) = \delta^*(t, v) \notin F$ . (w.l.o.g.),  $(s, t)$  pair must be found to be **distinguishable** by the alg.*

*If the alg. can found  $(s, t)$  pair in  $k$ -th iteration, it must have added  $(p, q)$  pair in  $(k+1)$ -th iteration **contradicting** the fact that  $(p, q)$  pair couldn't be found by the alg.*

$\therefore s$  and  $t$  should be distinguishable, for the string  $v$ .

*But  $v$  is **shorter** than  $u (=av)$ .*

**Theorem 4.23** *The equivalence of state is transitive.*

**Proof** *Let's assume  $p \equiv q$  and  $q \equiv r$ .*

$\forall w \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(p, w) \in F$  if and only if  $\delta^*(q, w) \in F$  and

$\forall x \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(q, x) \in F$  if and only if  $\delta^*(r, x) \in F$ .

$\therefore \forall v \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(p, v) \in F$  if and only if  $\delta^*(r, v) \in F$ .

$\therefore p \equiv r$ .

$\equiv \subseteq Q \times Q$       *binary relation on  $Q$*

$\equiv$  *is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.*

$\therefore \equiv$  *is equivalence*

Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a DFA. Then equivalent **minimal state DFA**

$M = (Q_{\equiv}, \Sigma, \delta_{\equiv}, [q_0]_{\equiv}, F_{\equiv})$  is defined as follow.

1.  $Q_{\equiv} = \{[q]_{\equiv} \mid q \in Q\}$  **equivalence partition**
3.  $\delta_{\equiv}: Q_{\equiv} \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_{\equiv}$  where  $\delta_{\equiv}([q]_{\equiv}, a) = [\delta([q]_{\equiv}, a)]$
5.  $F_{\equiv} = \{[f]_{\equiv} \mid f \in F\}$

**proof**  $[q]_{\equiv} = \{p \in Q \mid q \equiv p\}$  **equivalence class, block**

If  $q \equiv p$ ,  $[q]_{\equiv} = [p]_{\equiv}$ , and if  $q \not\equiv p$ ,  $[q]_{\equiv} \cap [p]_{\equiv} = \emptyset$ ;  $\cup_{q \in Q} [q]_{\equiv} = Q$ .

$\forall q \in Q, \forall a \in \Sigma, \forall p \in [q]_{\equiv}, \delta(p, a) \in [\delta([q]_{\equiv}, a)]_{\equiv}$ .

$\therefore \delta_{\equiv}([q]_{\equiv}, a) = [\delta([q]_{\equiv}, a)]_{\equiv}$ .

$\forall x \in \Sigma^*, \delta^*(q_0, x) \in \delta_{\equiv}^*([q_0]_{\equiv}, w)$ .

$\therefore L(A) = L(M)$

Note that  $|Q_{\equiv}| \leq |Q|$  for any DFA  $Q$ .

## Example 4.25(p163)

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 A = 0B + 1F & A \equiv E & \{A, E\} \\
 B = 0G + 1C & B \equiv H & \{B, H\} \\
 C = 0A + 1C + \varepsilon & & \{C\} \\
 D = 0C + 1G & D \equiv F & \{D, F\} \\
 E = 0H + 1F & & \{E\} \\
 F = 0C + 1G & & \\
 G = 0G + 1E & & \\
 H = 0G + 1C & & 8 \text{ states}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \{A, E\} = 0\{B, H\} + 1\{D, F\} \\
 \{B, H\} = 0\{B, H\} + 1\{C\} \\
 \{C\} = 0\{A, E\} + 1\{C\} + \varepsilon \\
 \{D, F\} = 0\{C\} + 1\{B, G\} \\
 \{E\} = 0\{B, H\} + 1\{D, F\} & 5 \text{ states}
 \end{array}$$