

# LIMITED CONTEXT RESTARTING AUTOMATA AND MCNAUGHTON FAMILIES OF LANGUAGES

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# Introduction

- **Part I:** Introduction,
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# Part I: Introduction

- **Restarting Automata:**

- Model for the linguistic technique of *analysis by reduction*.
- Many different types have been defined and studied intensively.

- **Analysis by Reduction:**

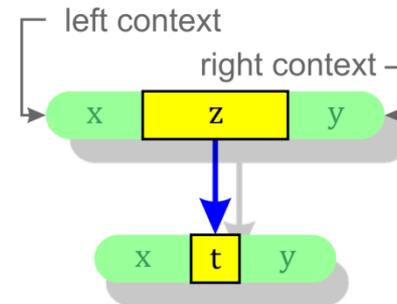
- Method for checking [non-]correctness of a sentence.
- Iterative application of simplifications.
- Until the input cannot be simplified anymore.

- **Restricted Models:**

- Clearing,  $\Delta$ -Clearing and  $\Delta^*$ -Clearing Restarting Automata,
- Limited Context Restarting Automata.

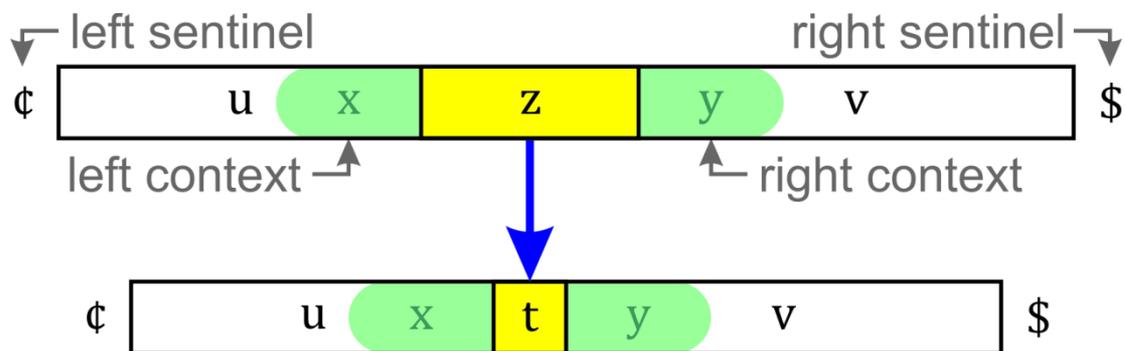
# Part II: Clearing Restarting Automata

- Let  $k$  be a *nonnegative integer*.
- $k$ -context rewriting system ( $k$ -CRS)
- Is a triple  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  :
  - $\Sigma$  ... *input alphabet*,  $\phi, \$ \notin \Sigma$ ,
  - $\Gamma$  ... *working alphabet*,  $\Gamma \supseteq \Sigma$ ,
  - $I$  ... finite set of *instructions*  $(x, z \rightarrow t, y)$  :
    - $x \in \{\phi, \lambda\}.\Gamma^*$ ,  $|x| \leq k$  (left context)
    - $y \in \Gamma^*.\{\lambda, \$\}$ ,  $|y| \leq k$  (right context)
    - $z \in \Gamma^+$ ,  $z \neq t \in \Gamma^*$ .
  - $\phi$  and  $\$$  ... *sentinels*.



# Rewriting

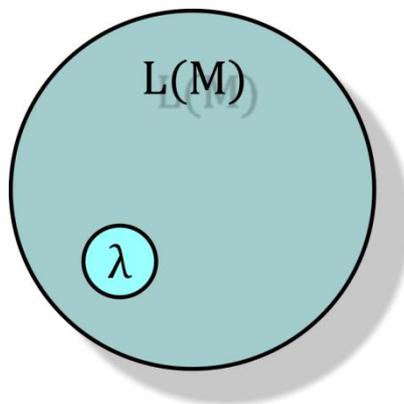
- $uzv \vdash_M utv$  iff  $\exists (x, z \rightarrow t, y) \in I$ :
- $x$  is a **suffix** of  $\mathfrak{c}.u$  and  $y$  is a **prefix** of  $v.\mathfrak{s}$ .



- $L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \vdash_M^* \lambda\}$ .
- $L_C(M) = \{w \in \Gamma^* \mid w \vdash_M^* \lambda\}$ .

# Empty Word

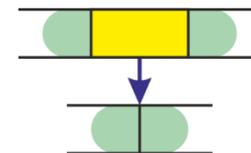
- **Note:** For every  $k$ -CRS  $M$ :  $\lambda \vdash_M^* \lambda$ , hence  $\lambda \in L(M)$ .
- Whenever we say that a  $k$ -CRS  $M$  recognizes a **language**  $L$ , we always mean that  $L(M) = L \cup \{\lambda\}$ .
- We simply **ignore the empty word** in this setting.



# Clearing Restarting Automata

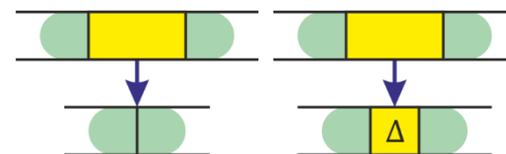
- **$k$  – Clearing Restarting Automaton ( $k$ -cl-RA)**

- Is a  $k$ -CRS  $M = (\Sigma, \Sigma, I)$  such that:
- For each  $(x, z \rightarrow t, y) \in I$ :  $z \in \Sigma^+, t = \lambda$ .



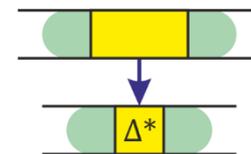
- **$k$  –  $\Delta$  – Clearing Restarting Automaton ( $k$ - $\Delta$ -cl-RA)**

- Is a  $k$ -CRS  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  such that:
- $\Gamma = \Sigma \cup \{\Delta\}$  where  $\Delta$  is a new symbol, and
- For each  $(x, z \rightarrow t, y) \in I$ :  $z \in \Gamma^+, t \in \{\lambda, \Delta\}$ .



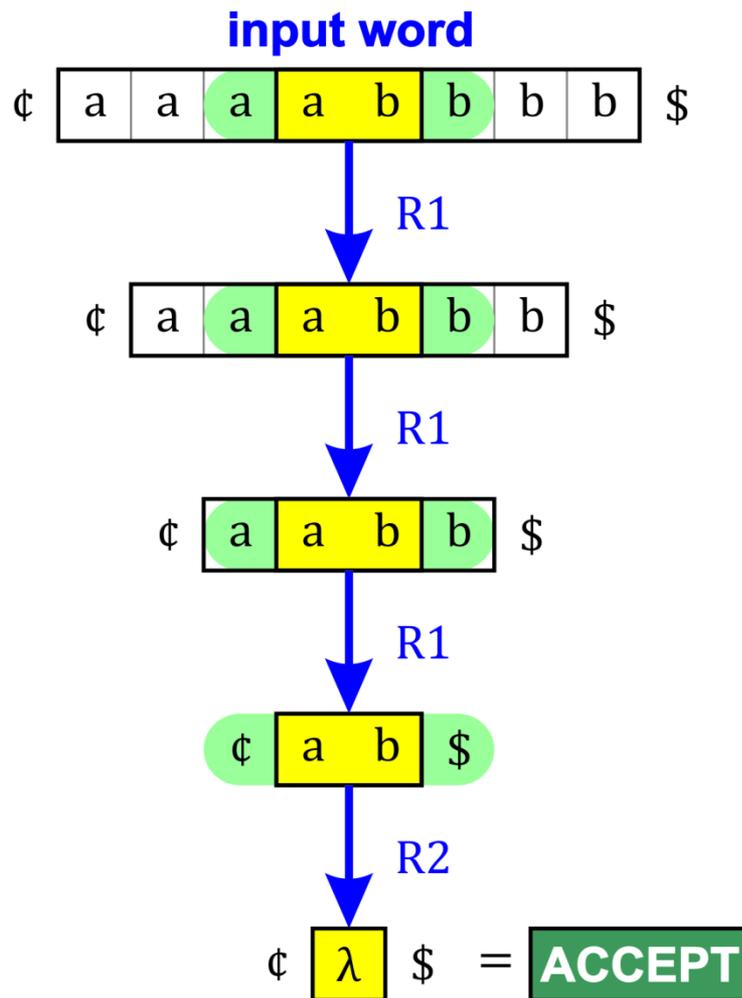
- **$k$  –  $\Delta^*$  – Clearing Restarting Automaton ( $k$ - $\Delta^*$ -cl-RA)**

- Is a  $k$ -CRS  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  such that:
- $\Gamma = \Sigma \cup \{\Delta\}$  where  $\Delta$  is a new symbol, and
- For each  $(x, z \rightarrow t, y) \in I$ :  $z \in \Gamma^+, t = \Delta^i, 0 \leq i \leq |z|$ .



# Example 1

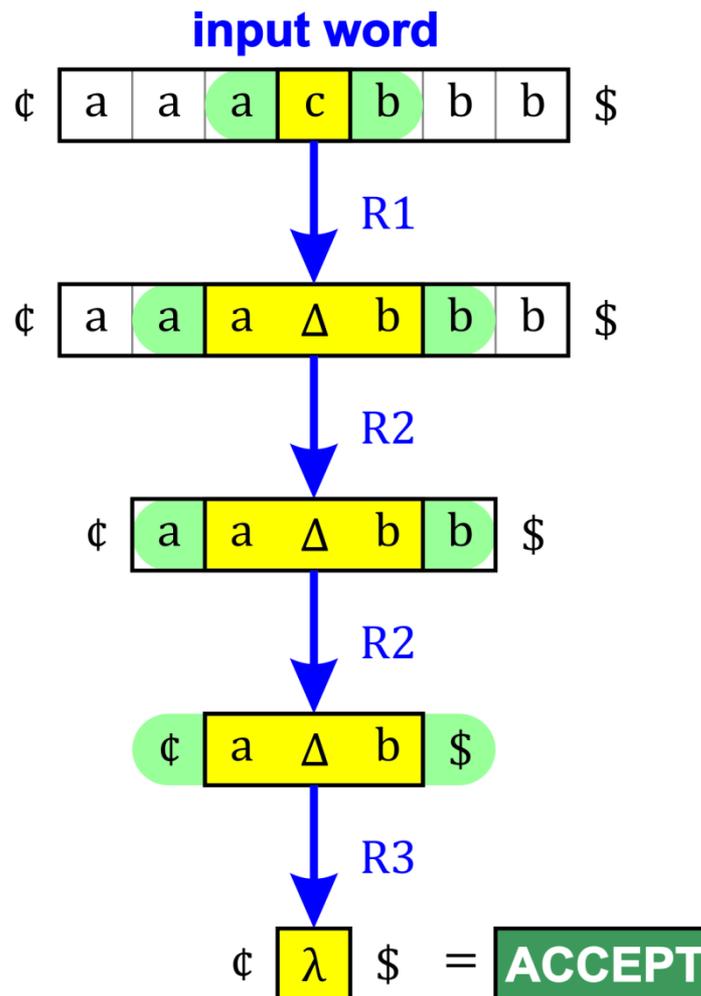
- $L_1 = \{a^n b^n \mid n > 0\} \cup \{\lambda\}$ :
- 1-cl-RA  $M = (\{a, b\}, I)$ ,
- Instructions  $I$  are:
  - $R1 = (a, \underline{ab} \rightarrow \lambda, b)$ ,
  - $R2 = (\underline{\$}, \underline{ab} \rightarrow \lambda, \$)$ .



- **Note:**
  - We did not use  $\Delta$ .

# Example 2

- $L_2 = \{a^n cb^n \mid n > 0\} \cup \{\lambda\}$ :
- 1- $\Delta$ -cl-RA  $M = (\{a, b, c\}, I)$ ,
- Instructions  $I$  are:
  - $R1 = (a, \underline{c} \rightarrow \Delta, b)$ ,
  - $R2 = (a, \underline{a\Delta b} \rightarrow \Delta, b)$ ,
  - $R3 = (\underline{\$}, \underline{a\Delta b} \rightarrow \lambda, \$)$ .



- **Note:**

- We must use  $\Delta$ .

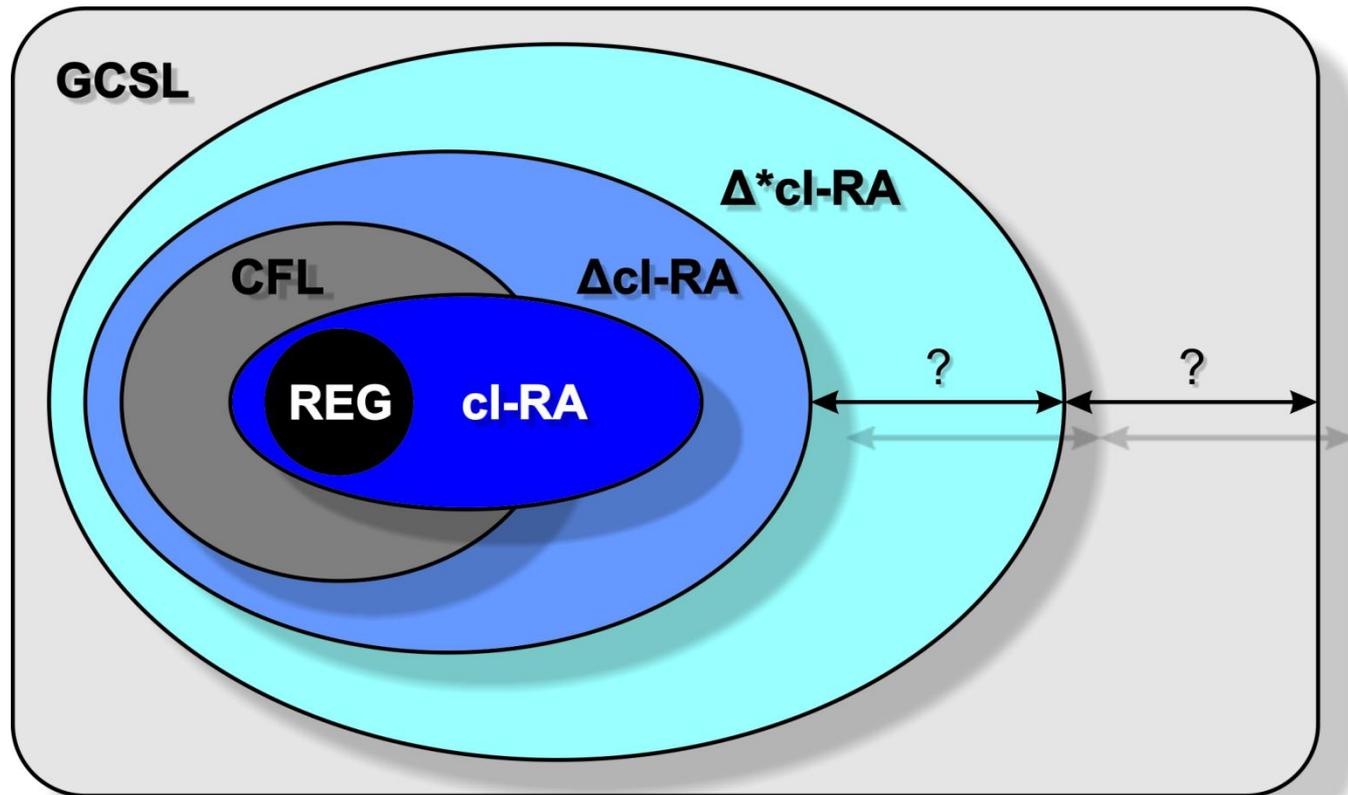
# Clearing Restarting Automata

- **Clearing Restarting Automata:**
  - Accept **all regular** and even **some non-context-free** languages.
  - They do **not** accept **all context-free** languages ( $\{a^n cb^n \mid n > 0\}$ ).
- **$\Delta$ -Clearing and  $\Delta^*$ -Clearing Restarting Automata:**
  - Accept **all context-free** languages.
  - The exact expressive power remains open.
- Here we establish an **upper bound** by showing that **Clearing,  $\Delta$ - and  $\Delta^*$ -Clearing Restarting Automata** only accept languages that are **growing context-sensitive**  
*[Dahlhaus, Warmuth].*

# Clearing Restarting Automata

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(\Delta^*\text{-cl-RA}) \subseteq \text{GCSL}$ .
- **Proof.**
  - Let  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  be a  $k\text{-}\Delta^*\text{-cl-RA}$  for some  $k \geq 0$ .
  - Let  $\Omega = \Gamma \cup \{\$, \$, Y\}$ , where  $Y$  is a new letter.
  - Let  $S(M)$  be the following **string-rewriting system** over  $\Omega$ :
$$S(M) = \{xzy \rightarrow xty \mid (x, z \rightarrow t, y) \in I\} \cup \{\$, \$ \rightarrow Y\}.$$
  - Let  $g$  be a **weight function**:  $g(\Delta) = 1$  and  $g(a) = 2$  for all  $a \neq \Delta$ .
- **Claim:**  $L(M)$  coincides with the **McNaughton language** [Beaudry, Holzer, Niemann, Otto] specified by  $(S(M), \$, \$, Y)$ .
- As  $S(M)$  is a **finite weight-reducing system**, it follows that the **McNaughton language**  $L(M)$  is a **growing context-sensitive language**, that is,  $L(M) \in \text{GCSL}$ . ■

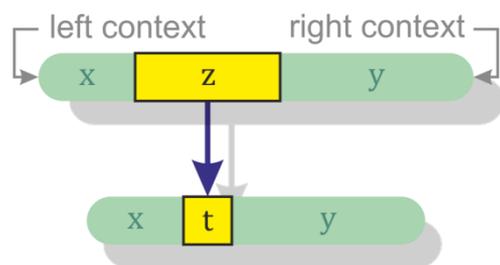
# Clearing Restarting Automata



# Part III: Limited Context RA

- Limited Context Restarting Automaton (*lc-RA*):

- Is defined exactly as **Context Rewriting Systems**, except that:
- There is **no upper bound  $k$  on the length of contexts**.
- The **instructions** are usually written as:  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y)$ .
- There is a **weight function  $g$**  such that  $g(z) > g(t)$  for all instructions  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y)$  of the automaton.



# Limited Context Restarting Automata

- **Restricted types:**  $lc\text{-}RA\ M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  is of **type**:
  - $\mathcal{R}_0'$ , if  $I$  is an arbitrary finite set of (**weight-reducing**) instructions,
  - $\mathcal{R}_1'$ , if  $|t| \leq 1$ ,
  - $\mathcal{R}_2'$ , if  $|t| \leq 1$ ,  $x \in \{\epsilon, \lambda\}$ ,  $y \in \{\lambda, \$\}$ ,
  - $\mathcal{R}_3'$ , if  $|t| \leq 1$ ,  $x \in \{\epsilon, \lambda\}$ ,  $y = \$$ ,for all  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I$ .
- **Moreover**,  $lc\text{-}RA\ M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  is of **type**:
  - $\mathcal{R}_0$ , ( $\mathcal{R}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_3$ , respectively) if it is of type:
  - $\mathcal{R}_0'$ , ( $\mathcal{R}_1'$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2'$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_3'$ , respectively) and all instructions of  $M$  are **length-reducing** (i.e.  $|z| > |t|$  for all  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I$ ).
- We use the notation  $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_i']$ ,  $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_i]$  to denote the corresponding **class** of the **restricted**  $lc\text{-}RA$ s.

# $lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_0']$ and $lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_0]$

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_0']) = \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_0]) = GCSL$ .
- **Proof.**
  - For each  $lc\text{-RA } M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  we can **associate** a **finite weight-reducing string-rewriting system**  $S(M)$  such that  $L(M)$  is the **McNaughton language** specified by the four-tuple  $(S(M), \#, \$, Y)$ .
$$S(M) = \{ xzy \rightarrow xty \mid (x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I \} \cup \{ \#\$ \rightarrow Y \}.$$
  - **It follows that**  $L(M) \in GCSL$ .
  - **On the other hand**, **each** growing context-sensitive language is accepted by an  $lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_0]$ . ■

# $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1']$

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1']) = GCSL$ .
- **Proof.**
  - Let  $G = (N, T, S, P)$  be a **weight-increasing context-sensitive grammar**. By taking:
    - $I(G) = \{ (u/x \rightarrow A/v) \mid (uAv \rightarrow uxv) \in P \} \cup \{ (\epsilon/r \rightarrow \lambda/\$) \mid (S \rightarrow r) \in P \}$ ,
  - we obtain an  $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1']$   $M(G) = (T, N \cup T, I(G))$  such that
  - $L(M(G)) = L(G) \cup \{\lambda\}$ .
  - The class of languages generated by **weight-increasing context-sensitive grammars**, which is known as the class **ACSL (acyclic context-sensitive languages)**, coincides with the class **GCSL** [Niemann, Woinowski].
  - Thus,  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1']) \supseteq GCSL$ . ■

# $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1]$

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_1]) = GACSL$ .
- **Proof.**
  - Let  $lc\text{-}RA\ M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  be of type  $\mathcal{R}_1$ .
    - For all  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I : |z| > |t|$  and  $|t| \leq 1$ .
  - **Lemma:** It is possible to obtain an **equivalent**  $lc\text{-}RA\ M$  such that:
    - For all  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I : |z| > |t|$  and  $|t| = 1$  if  $x \neq \epsilon$  or  $y \neq \$$ .
  - From **string-rewriting system**:  $R = \{xty \rightarrow xzy \mid (x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I\}$ ,
  - We construct a **length-increasing context-sensitive grammar** :
  - $G = (\Gamma, \Sigma, S, R)$  such that  $L(G) = \epsilon \cdot L(M) \cdot \$$ .
  - The class of languages generated by **length-increasing context-sensitive grammars** is known as the class **GACSL** (**growing acyclic context-sensitive languages**).  $GACSL \subseteq ACSL = GCSL$ .
  - $\epsilon \cdot L(M) \cdot \$ \in GACSL$ , i.e.  $L(M) \in GACSL$  [Buntrock]. **Similarly  $\supseteq$ .** ■

# $lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_2']$ and $lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_2]$

• **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_2']) = \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_2]) = CFL.$

• **Proof.**

• Let  $lc\text{-RA } M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  be of type  $\mathcal{R}_2'$ .

• For all  $(x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I : |t| \leq 1, x \in \{\epsilon, \lambda\}, y \in \{\lambda, \$\}.$

• We split  $R(M) = \{xzy \rightarrow xty \mid (x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I\}$  into **4 subsystems**:

(a)  $R_{bif} = \{\epsilon x \$ \rightarrow \epsilon y \$ \mid (\epsilon \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \$) \in I\}$ , the *bifix rules* of  $R(M)$ ,

(b)  $R_{pre} = \{\epsilon x \rightarrow \epsilon y \mid (\epsilon \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \lambda) \in I\}$ , the *prefix rules* of  $R(M)$ ,

(c)  $R_{suf} = \{x \$ \rightarrow y \$ \mid (\lambda \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \$) \in I\}$ , the *suffix rules* of  $R(M)$ ,

(d)  $R_{inf} = \{x \rightarrow y \mid (\lambda \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \lambda) \in I\}$ , the *infix rules* of  $R(M)$ .

• Take  $A(M) = \{\alpha \in \Gamma^* \mid \epsilon \alpha \$ \in \text{dom}(R_{bif}) \text{ and } \epsilon \alpha \$ \Rightarrow_{R(M)}^* \epsilon \$\}$

• Then  $A(M)$  is a **finite set**. Let  $R' = R_{pre} \cup R_{suf} \cup R_{inf}$ . Then  $L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \epsilon w \$ \Rightarrow_{R(M)}^* \epsilon \$\} = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \exists \alpha \in A(M) \cup \{\lambda\} : \epsilon w \$ \Rightarrow_{R'}^* \epsilon \alpha \$\}$

# $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_2']$ and $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_2]$

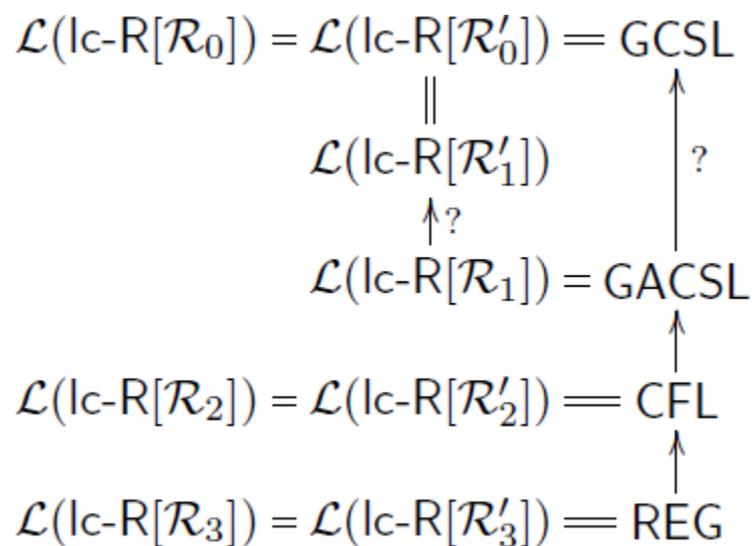
- **Proof.** (Continued).
  - Consider a **mixed rewriting system**:  $P(M) = P_{pre} \cup P_{suf} \cup P_{inf}$
  - **Prefix-rewriting system**:  $P_{pre} = \{x \rightarrow y \mid (\wp x \rightarrow \wp y) \in R_{pre}\}$
  - **Suffix-rewriting system**:  $P_{suf} = \{x \rightarrow y \mid (x\$ \rightarrow y\$) \in R_{suf}\}$
  - **String-rewriting system**:  $P_{inf} = R_{inf}$
  - The **rules** of a **prefix-rewriting system** (**suffix-rewriting system**) **are only applied to the prefix** (**suffix**) of a word.
  - **Apparently**:  $L(M) = \nabla_{P(M)}^*(A(M) \cup \{\lambda\}) \cap \Sigma^*$
  - As  $P(M)$  only contains **generalized monadic rules**, it follows that the language  $L(M)$  is **context-free** [Leupold, Otto].
  - Moreover, it is easy to obtain from a given **context-free grammar** an equivalent  $lc\text{-}RA M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  of the type  $\mathcal{R}_2$ .
  - Thus we have:  $CFL \subseteq \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_2]) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_2']) \subseteq CFL$ . ■

# $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3']$ and $lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3]$

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3']) = \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3]) = REG$ .
- **Proof.**
  - Let  $lc\text{-}RA M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  be of type  $\mathcal{R}_3'$ .
  - For all  $(\mathbf{x}/z \rightarrow t/\mathbf{y}) \in I : |t| \leq 1, \mathbf{x} \in \{\epsilon, \lambda\}, \mathbf{y} = \$$ .
  - We split  $R(M) = \{xzy \rightarrow xty \mid (\mathbf{x}/z \rightarrow t/\mathbf{y}) \in I\}$  into **2 subsystems**:
    - (a)  $R_{bif} = \{\epsilon x\$ \rightarrow \epsilon y\$ \mid (\epsilon \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \$) \in I\}$ , the *bifix rules* of  $R(M)$ ,
    - (b)  $R_{suf} = \{x\$ \rightarrow y\$ \mid (\lambda \mid x \rightarrow y \mid \$) \in I\}$ , the *suffix rules* of  $R(M)$ .
  - Now we take only the *suffix-rewriting system*  $P(M) = P_{suf}$ , where:
    - $P_{suf} = \{y \rightarrow x \mid (x\$ \rightarrow y\$) \in R_{suf}\}$
    - **Apparently:**  $L(M) = \Delta_{P(M)}^*(A(M) \cup \{\lambda\}) \cap \Sigma^*$  is **regular**.
    - Again, it is easy to obtain from a given **regular grammar** an equivalent  $lc\text{-}RA M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  of the type  $\mathcal{R}_3$ .
    - Thus we have:  $REG \subseteq \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3]) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[\mathcal{R}_3']) \subseteq REG$ . ■

# Limited Context Restarting Automata

- Hierarchy of Language Classes:



# Part IV: Confluent lc-RA

- Since *lc-RA*  $M$  is a **nondeterministic** device, it is **difficult** to decide the membership in  $L(M)$ .
- Here we are interested in *lc-RA*  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  for which **all computations** from  $\# w \$$  lead to  $\# \$$ , if  $w \in L(M)$ .
- The *reduction relation*  $\vdash_M$  corresponds to the *single-step reduction relation*  $\Rightarrow_{R(M)}$  induced by the *string-rewriting system*  $R(M) = \{ xzy \rightarrow xty \mid (x/z \rightarrow t/y) \in I \}$  on  $\# \Gamma^* \$$ .
- As it is **undecidable** whether  $R(M)$  is confluent on the congruence class  $[\# \$]_{R(M)}$ , we consider only **confluence**.
- An *lc-RA*  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$  is called **confluent** if the corresponding *string-rewriting system*  $R(M)$  is **confluent**.
- We use the **prefix con-** to denote **confluent lc-RA**.

# $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_0']$ and $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_0]$

- **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_0']) = \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_0]) = CRL$ .
- **Proof.**
  - For each  $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_0'] M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I) : S(M) = R(M) \cup \{ \# \$ \rightarrow Y \}$  is a **finite weight-reducing string-rewriting system** that is **confluent**.
  - $L(M)$  is the **McNaughton language** specified by  $(S(M), \#, \$, Y)$ , i.e.
  - $L(M)$  is a **Church-Rosser language** [McNaughton, Narendran, Otto].
  - **On the other hand**, each **Church-Rosser language**  $L$  is accepted by a **length-reducing deterministic two-pushdown automaton**  $A$  [Niemann, Otto].
  - Based on  $A$  it is possible to construct a **confluent  $lc\text{-}RA$**  of type  $\mathcal{R}_0$  recognizing the language  $L$ . ■

# $lc\text{-RA}[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_3']$ and $lc\text{-RA}[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_3]$

• **Theorem:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_3']) = \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_3]) = REG.$

• **Proof.**

• Apparently,  $\mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_3']) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(lc\text{-RA}[\mathcal{R}_3']) = REG.$

• Conversely, if  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is **regular** then there exists **DFA**  $A = (Q, \Sigma, q_0, F, \delta)$  that accepts  $L^R$ . We define **lc-RA**  $M = (\Sigma, \Sigma \cup Q, I)$ , where  $I =$   
 $\{ (\epsilon \mid ab \rightarrow q \mid \lambda) \mid \delta(q_0, ab) = q \} \cup \{ (\epsilon \mid qa \rightarrow q' \mid \lambda) \mid \delta(q, a) = q' \} \cup$   
 $\{ (\epsilon \mid q \rightarrow \lambda \mid \$) \mid q \in F \} \cup \{ (\epsilon \mid a \rightarrow \lambda \mid \$) \mid a \in \Sigma \cap L^R \}.$

• It is easy to see that  $L(M) = L^R$ , and that the **string-rewriting system**  $R(M)$  is **confluent**. By taking  $M' = (\Sigma, \Sigma \cup Q, I')$ , where:

$$I' = \{ (\lambda \mid u^R \rightarrow v^R \mid \$) \mid (\epsilon \mid u \rightarrow v \mid \lambda) \in I \} \cup \\ \{ (\epsilon \mid u^R \rightarrow v^R \mid \$) \mid (\epsilon \mid u \rightarrow v \mid \$) \in I \},$$

• We obtain a **confluent lc-RA** of type  $\mathcal{R}_3$  that accepts  $L$ . ■

# *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2'$ ]* and *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2$ ]*

- For other classes we have **no characterization results**.
- We have only some **preliminary results**.
- **Lemma:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc-RA[con-\mathcal{R}_2']) \subseteq DCFL \cap DCFL^R$ .

## **Proof Idea.**

- Consider the **leftmost derivation**, which can be realized by a **deterministic pushdown automaton**. ■
- **Lemma:** The **deterministic context-free language**

$$L_u = \{ca^n b^n c \mid n \geq 1\} \cup \{da^m b^{2m} d \mid m \geq 1\}$$

- Is **not accepted** by **any** *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2'$ ]*.
- **Note:** Both  $L_u$  and  $L_u^R$  are **DLIN languages**.
- **Corollary:**  $\mathcal{L}(lc-RA[con-\mathcal{R}_2']) \subset DCFL \cap DCFL^R$ .

## *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2'$ ] and lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2$ ]*

- **Lemma**: The **nonlinear language**  $\{ a^n b^n c^m d^m \mid n, m \geq 1 \}$  is accepted by a **confluent lc-RA of type  $\mathcal{R}_2$** .
- **Corollary**: The class of languages accepted by **confluent lc-RA of type  $\mathcal{R}_2'$**  is **incomparable** to **DLIN** and **LIN**.
- These results also hold for the class of languages that are accepted by **lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2$ ]**.
- The exact relationship of these classes of languages to the class of confluent *[generalized]* monadic McNaughton languages *[Leupold, Otto]* remains open.

# $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_1']$ and $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_1]$

- **Lemma:** The language  $L_{expo5} = \{a^{5^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$  is accepted by an  $lc\text{-}RA[con\text{-}\mathcal{R}_1]$ .
- **Proof.** Take  $\Sigma = \{a\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{a, b, A, B, C, D\}$ , and  $M = (\Sigma, \Gamma, I)$ , where  $I$ :

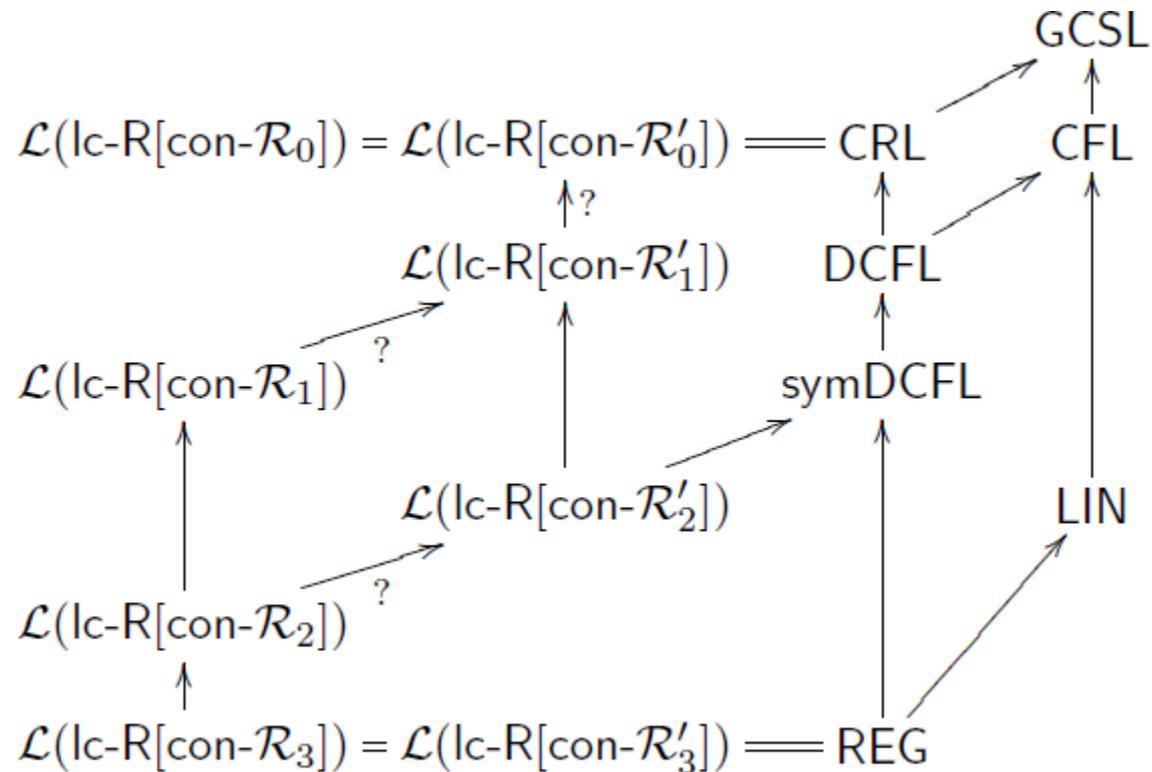
I	R(M)
(1) $(\epsilon a^2 \mid a^2 \rightarrow B \mid a)$	$\epsilon a^5 \rightarrow \epsilon a^2 B a$
(2) $(\epsilon \mid a^2 \rightarrow b \mid B a)$	$\epsilon a^2 B a \rightarrow \epsilon b B a$
(3) $(A a^2 \mid a^2 \rightarrow B \mid a)$	$A a^5 \rightarrow A a^2 B a$
(4) $(\lambda \mid A a^2 \rightarrow b \mid B a)$	$A a^2 B a \rightarrow b B a$
(5) $(b \mid B a \rightarrow A \mid \lambda)$	$b B a \rightarrow b A$
(6) $(\lambda \mid A \rightarrow \lambda \mid \$)$	$A \$ \rightarrow \$$
(7) $(\lambda \mid b^2 \rightarrow C \mid b^3 \$)$	$b^5 \$ \rightarrow C b^3 \$$
(8) $(C b \mid b^2 \rightarrow a \mid \$)$	$C b^3 \$ \rightarrow C b a \$$
(9) $(\lambda \mid C b \rightarrow D \mid a)$	$C b a \rightarrow D a$
(10) $(\lambda \mid b^2 \rightarrow C \mid b^3 D)$	$b^5 D \rightarrow C b^3 D$
(11) $(C b \mid b^2 D \rightarrow a \mid \lambda)$	$C b^3 D \rightarrow C b a$
(12) $(\epsilon \mid D \rightarrow \lambda \mid \lambda)$	$\epsilon D \rightarrow \epsilon$
(13) $(\epsilon \mid a \rightarrow \lambda \mid \$)$	$\epsilon a \$ \rightarrow \epsilon \$$
(14) $(\epsilon \mid b \rightarrow \lambda \mid \$)$	$\epsilon b \$ \rightarrow \epsilon \$$

## *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_1'$ ]* and *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_1$ ]*

- As the language  $L_{expo5}$  is **not context-free**, we obtain:
- **Corollary:** The class of languages accepted by **confluent *lc-RA* of type  $\mathcal{R}_1$**  is **incomparable** to **CFL**.
- **In particular,** *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_1$ ]*  $\supset$  *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_2$ ]*.
- These results also hold for the class of languages that are accepted by *lc-RA[con- $\mathcal{R}_1'$ ]*.

# Confluent lc-RA

- Hierarchy of Language Classes:



# Part V: Concluding Remarks

- The class *GCSL* forms an **upper bound** for **all types** of limited context restarting automata considered.
- Under the additional requirement of **confluence**, the **Church-Rosser languages** form an **upper bound**.
- For the **most restricted types** of *lc-RA* we obtain **regular languages**, both in *confluent* and *non-confluent* case.
- For the **intermediate systems**, the question for an exact characterization of the corresponding classes of languages **remains open**.
- For the **intermediate systems** it even **remains open** whether the **weight-reducing lc-RA** are more expressive than the corresponding **length reducing lc-RA**.

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