

Infinite Regular Languages Exercise

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Exercise 1

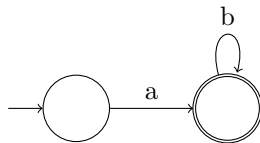
Show that $L = \{w \in \Sigma^\omega \mid |w|_a \neq \infty\}$ is not recognised by any DBA.

Hint: For a proof by contradiction, suppose DBA \mathcal{A} recognises L and consider runs on the family of words $w_0 = ab^\omega$, $w_1 = ab^{i_0}ab^\omega$, $w_2 = ab^{i_0}ab^{i_1}ab^\omega$, \dots , for a carefully chosen i 's. Reason then that $w = ab^{i_0}ab^{i_1}ab^{i_2}a \cdots \in L(\mathcal{A})$.

Exercise 2

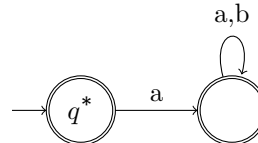
Show that for every NFA \mathcal{A} with $\epsilon \notin L(\mathcal{A})$, there exists a NBA \mathcal{B} s.t. $L(\mathcal{B}) = L(\mathcal{A})^\omega$.

Hint: The NFA construction for $L(\mathcal{A})^$ does not work, see the following counter example. To overcome this introduce a fresh, single final state in the construction.*



NFA \mathcal{A}

$$L(\mathcal{A}) = ab^*$$



NBA \mathcal{B}

$$L(\mathcal{B}) = a(a+b)^\omega \neq L(\mathcal{A})^\omega$$