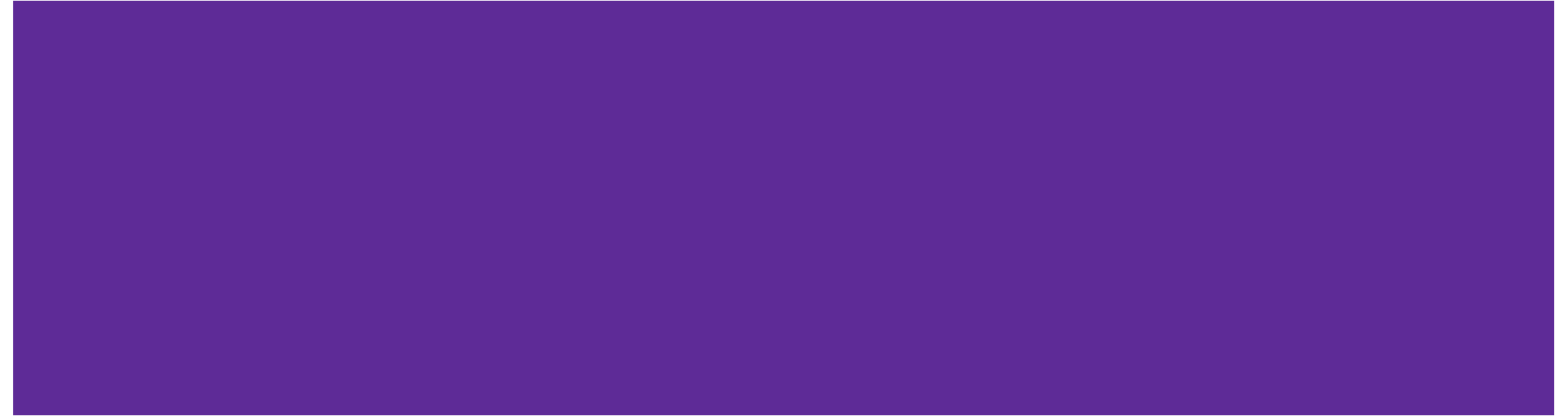


# CSE 311 Section 08

Induction, Regular Expressions, CFGs

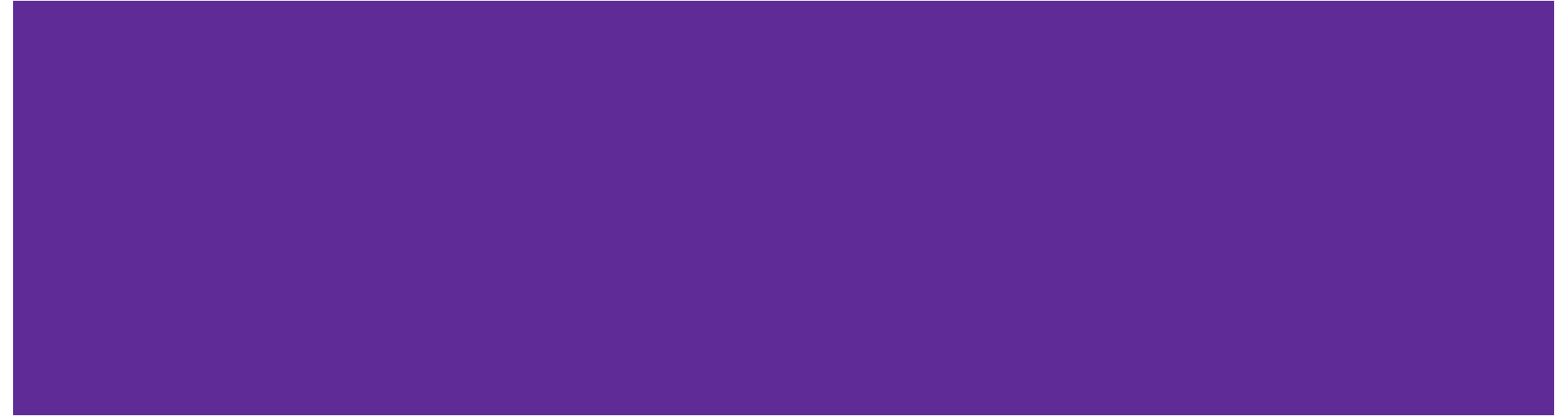
# Administrivia



# Announcements & Reminders

- Homework 6 was due Wednesday (2/21)
- Midterm grades have been released!
  - Regrade requests are open
  - Concerns about grades: Read Robbie's post on Ed!
- Check your section participation grade on gradescope
  - If it different than what you expect, let your TA know

# Recursively Defined Sets



# Recursive Definition of Sets

Define a set  $S$  as follows:

Basis Step:

Describe the basic starting elements in your set

ex:  $0 \in S$

Recursive Step:

Describe how to derive new elements of the set from previous elements

ex: If  $x \in S$  then  $x + 2 \in S$ .

Exclusion Rule: Every element of  $S$  is in  $S$  from the basis step (alone) or a finite number of recursive steps starting from a basis step.

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0's and 1's cannot be in the same string  
**unless 0's come first and 1's come second**

0's should be **built from the left** (0x)  
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such strings that have 1's and 0's can  
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If the string does not contain 10, then the first 1 in the string can only be followed by more 1s. Hence, it must be of the form  $0^m 1^n$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**New restriction** for adding a 0:

for every 0 we add, there must be **at least** an additional 1 accompanying it so we always have **# 1's  $\geq$  # 0's**

So lets change: 0x to 0x1

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## Basis:

- $\varepsilon$  is a regular expression. The empty string itself matches the pattern (and nothing else does).
- $\emptyset$  is a regular expression. No strings match this pattern.
- $a$  is a regular expression, for any  $a \in \Sigma$  (i.e. any character). The character itself matching this pattern.

## Recursive:

- If  $A, B$  are regular expressions then  $(A \cup B)$  is a regular expression. matched by any string that matches  $A$  or that matches  $B$  [or both].
- If  $A, B$  are regular expressions then  $AB$  is a regular expression. matched by any string  $x$  such that  $x = yz$ ,  $y$  matches  $A$  and  $z$  matches  $B$ .
- If  $A$  is a regular expression, then  $A^*$  is a regular expression. matched by any string that can be divided into 0 or more strings that match  $A$ .

# Regular Expressions

A regular expression is a recursively defined set of strings that form a language.

A regular expression will generate all strings in a language, and won't generate any strings that ARE NOT in the language

Hints:

- Come up with a few examples of strings that ARE and ARE NOT in your language
- Then, after you write your regex, check to make sure that it CAN generate all of your examples that are in the language, and it CAN'T generate those that are not



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- e) Write a regular expression that matches all binary strings of the form  $1^k y$ , where  $k \geq 1$  and  $y \in \{0,1\}^*$  has at least  $k$  1’s.

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Our everyday numbers!  
Notice we have 10 symbols  
(0-9) to represent numbers.

$$256: (2 * 10^2) + (5 * 10^1) + (6 * 10^0)$$

## base-2 numbers: (binary)

$$10: (1 * 2^1) + (0 * 2^0)$$

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10101	101011
0101	0100

Step 2: Find a pattern!

strings can be generated from **either a series of “01” or “10” substrings**

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Explanation: While it may seem like we need to keep track of how many 1's there are, it turns out that we don't. Convince yourself that strings in the language are exactly those of the form  $1x$ , where  $x$  is any binary string with at least one 1. Hence,  $x$  is matched by the regular expression  $(0 \cup 1)^* 1(0 \cup 1)^*$

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A context free grammar (CFG) is a finite set of production rules over:

- An alphabet  $\Sigma$  of “terminal symbols”
- A finite set  $V$  of “nonterminal symbols”
- A start symbol (one of the elements of  $V$ ) usually denoted  $S$

A production rule for a nonterminal  $A \in V$  takes the form

- $A \rightarrow w_1 \mid w_2 \mid \dots \mid w_k$

Where each  $w_i \in V \cup \Sigma^*$  is a string of nonterminals and terminals.

## Problem 2 – CFGs

Write a context-free grammar to match each of these languages.

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Work on this problem with the people around you.

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Alternative solution:

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~~$S \rightarrow 01S \mid 10S \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0 \mid S01 \mid S10 \mid 2$~~

Counter example: 001121100

Correct Answer:

$S \rightarrow 2T \mid T2 \mid ST \mid TS \mid 0S1 \mid 1S0$

$T \rightarrow TT \mid 0T1 \mid 1T0 \mid \epsilon$

# **That's All, Folks!**

**Thanks for coming to section this week!  
Any questions?**