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# Seminar on Semigroups, Automata and Languages

## How to prove that a language is regular or star-free?

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**Abstract:** The class of regular languages is the smallest class of languages containing the finite languages that is closed under finite union, finite product and star. The definition of star-free languages follows the same pattern, with the difference that the star operation is replaced by the complement. In other words, the class of star-free languages is the smallest class of languages containing the finite languages that is closed under finite union, finite product and complement.

In this lecture, I will present some standard and less standard methods to prove that a language is regular or star-free.

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