

6. For sets of states  $S$  of an NFA- $\Lambda$ , prove that  $\Lambda(S)$  is a subset of  $\bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$ , that is  $\Lambda(S)$  is a subset of the union of  $\Lambda(\{p\})$  for all  $p \in S$ . [15 points]

To prove  $\Lambda(S) \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$

Definition of  $\Lambda(S)$

Basis Clause:  $S \subseteq \Lambda(S)$

Inductive Clause: if  $z \in \Lambda(S)$  for any state  $z$ ,  
then  $\delta(z, \Lambda) \subseteq \Lambda(S)$ .

Proof. Basis Step: To prove  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$

Let  $z$  be an arbitrary state of  $S$ . Then  $z \in \Lambda(\{z\})$  by definition of  $\Lambda(\{z\})$ . Hence  $z \in \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$

Inductive Step: To prove that if for any  $z \in \Lambda(S)$ ,  $z \in \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$  holds, then  $\delta(z, \Lambda) \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$ .

Proof. Since  $z \in \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$ , there is a state  $r$  in  $S$  such that  $z \in \Lambda(\{r\})$ .

By definition of  $\Lambda(\{r\})$ , if  $z \in \Lambda(\{r\})$ , then  $\delta(z, \Lambda) \subseteq \Lambda(\{r\})$

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Hence  $\delta(z, \Lambda) \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in S} \Lambda(\{p\})$

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