第4章 正则表达式

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4. 1正则表达式与正则运算

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Regular operations be used to:

- Design automata to recognize particular languages.
- •Prove that certain other languages are nonregular.



Definition 4.1

Let A and B be languages. We define the regular

operations *union*, *concatenation*, and *star* as follows:

Union: $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}.$

Concatenation: $A \circ B = \{xy \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}.$

Star: $A^* = \{x_1x_2...x_k \mid k \ge 0 \text{ and each } x_i \in A\}.$



Theorem 4.1 The class of RL is closed under union operation.

Let N_1 =(Q_1 , \sum , δ_1 , q_1 , F_1) recognize A_1 , N_2 =(Q_2 , \sum , δ_2 , q_2 , F_2), N_1 , N_2 is NFA.

Construct N=(Q, \sum , δ ,q₀,F) to recognize A1UA2.

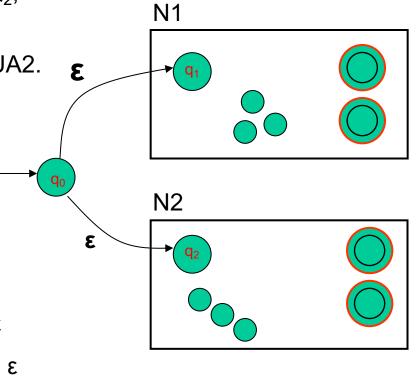
 $1.Q = \{q_0\}UQ_1UQ_2$

2. The State q_0 is the start state of N.

3. The accept state $F = F_1 \cup F_2$

4.

 $\delta_1(q,a) \ q \in Q_1$ $\delta_2(q,a) \ q \in Q_2$ $\{q_1,q_2\} \ q = q_0 \ \text{and} \ a \neq \epsilon$ $\emptyset \qquad q = q_0 \ \text{and} \ a \neq \epsilon$

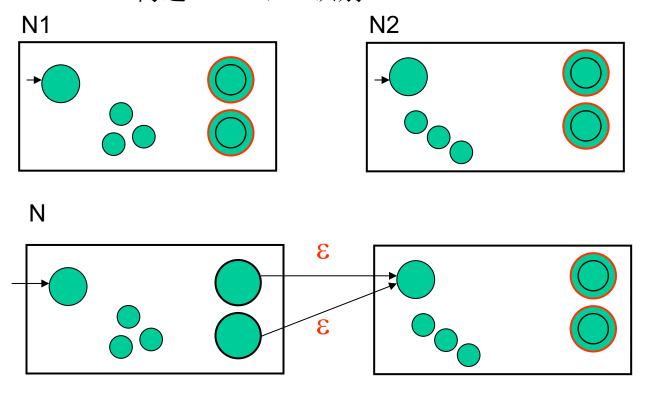






Theorem 4.2 The class of RL is closed under concatenation operation.

Proof Idea:构造NFAN,N识别A1·A2





Theorem 4.2 The class of RL is closed under concatenation operation.

PROOF

Let N1 = $(Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ recognize A_1 , and $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$ recognize A_2 .

Construct N = $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F_2)$ to recognize $A_1 \circ A_2$.

- **1.** $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$. The states of N are all the states of N1 and N₂.
- **2.** The state q_1 is the same as the start state of N_1 .
- **3.** The accept states F_2 are the same as the accept states of N_2 .
- **4.** Define δ so that for any $q \in Q$ and any $a \in \Sigma \varepsilon$,

$$\delta(q,a) = egin{cases} \delta_1(q,a) & q \in Q_1 ext{ and } q
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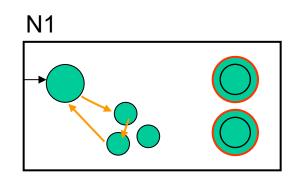


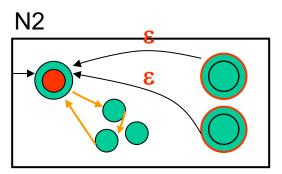
Theorem 4.3 The class of RL is closed under star operation.

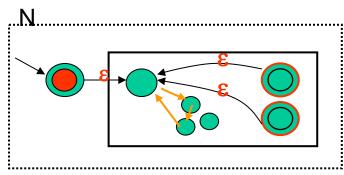
Star: $A^* = \{x_1x_2...x_k \mid k \ge 0 \text{ and each } x_i \in A\}$

Proof Idea: Construction of N to recognize A*

- ho A* 可分解成若干个片段 $x_{i,j}$ 且 $x_{i} \in A$, 所以,接受状态应返回起始状态;
- A* 包含 ε , 所以, 起始状态起应该 是接受状态;
- ▶ 问题: N2正好识别A*吗?









Theorem 4.3 The class of RL is closed under star operation.

PROOF

Let $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ recognize A_1 .

Construct N = $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ to recognize A_1^* .

1.
$$Q = \{q_0\} \cup Q_1$$
.

The states of N are the states of N_1 plus a new start state.

- **2.** The state q_0 is the new start state.
- **3.** $F = \{q_0\} \cup F_1$.

The accept states are the old accept states plus the new start state.

4. Define δ so that for any $q \in Q$ and any $a \in \Sigma \varepsilon$,

$$\delta(q,a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q,a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_1(q,a) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \neq \varepsilon \\ \delta_1(q,a) \cup \{q_1\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \varepsilon \\ \{q_1\} & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \varepsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \neq \varepsilon. \end{cases}$$



Definition 4.2

Given an alphabet Σ , R is a regular expression if

- 1. R = a, with $a \in \Sigma$; denoting the languages $\{a\}$.
- 2. $R = \varepsilon$; denoting the languages $\{\varepsilon\}$.
- 3. $R = \emptyset$; denoting the languages \emptyset .
- 4. $R = (R_1 + R_2)$, with R_1 and R_2 regular expressions; denoting the languages $L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$.
- 5. $R = (R_1 \cdot R_2)$, with R_1 and R_2 regular expressions; denoting the languages L(R1) L(R2).
- 6. $R = (R_1^*)$, with R_1 a regular expression; denoting the languages $L(R_1)^*$.



Example 4.1 What is the language defined by $r = (a + b)^*(a + bb)$.

$$a \to \{a\}, b \to \{b\}$$

 $a + b \to \{a\} \cup \{b\} = \{a, b\}$
 $bb \to \{b\} \{b\} = \{bb\}$
 $a + bb \to \{a\} \cup \{bb\} = \{a, bb\}$
 $(a + b)^* \to \{a, b\}^*$
 $(a + b)^* (a + bb) \to \{a, b\}^* \{a, bb\}$
 $L(r) = \{a, bb, aa, abb, ba, bbb,\}$



Example 4.2 What is the language defined by r

$$r = (aa)^* (bb)^* b$$

L(r) = ({ a } { a })* ({ b} {b}) * {b}
=({aa})*({bb})*{b}
= {aa}* {bb}*{b}
= {
$$a^{2n}b^{2m+1} | n \ge 0, m \ge 0$$
}



Example 4.3

Write a regular expression for the set of strings that consist of alternating 0's and 1's.

Partition:

$$010101...0101$$
 \longrightarrow $(01)^*$
 $101010...1010$ \longrightarrow $(10)^*$
 $0101010...1010$ \longrightarrow $0(10)^*$ or $(01)^*0$
 $101010...10101$ \longrightarrow $(10)^*1$ or $1(01)^*$

The regular expression:

$$(01)^* + (10)^* + 0(10)^* + (10)^* 1 \Rightarrow (\varepsilon + 0)(10)^* (\varepsilon + 1)$$



Example 4.4 Design regular expression for L, $L=\{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has no pair of consecutive 0's } \}$.



构造正则表达式的一般性规则

1. 语言只含字符串本身:字符串作为正则表达式。

如: 正则表达式00和11表示语言{00}和{11}。

2. 语言含多个字符串的连接得到的串:字符串的连接作为 正则表达式。

如:正则表达式00和111表示语言{00}和{111},那么,正则表达式00111表示语言{00111}。

3. 语言含零次或多次出现的串: 串的闭包作为正则表达式。如: 含01的零次或多次出现的串,正则表达式为(01)*。



构造正则表达式的一般性规则

4. 语言中的串有多种可能的形式: 用+运算符表达多种可能性(相当于语言的并)。

如: (01)*+(10)*+0(10)*+1(01)*。

5. 语言的串中含<u>可有可无</u>的子串:用ε和该子串的并与串的其余部分连接。

如: (ε+1)(01)*(ε+1)



Example 4.5 In the following instances, we assume that the alphabet Σ is $\{0,1\}$.

- 1. $0*10* = \{w | w \text{ contains a single } 1\}.$
- 2. $\Sigma^* 1 \Sigma^* = \{ w | w \text{ has at least one } 1 \}$.
- 3. $\Sigma^*001\Sigma^* = \{w | w \text{ contains the string } 001 \text{ as a substring} \}.$
- 4. $1*(01^+)* = \{w | \text{ every } 0 \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by at least one } 1\}.$
- 5. $(\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{w | w \text{ is a string of even length} \}$.
- 6. $(\Sigma\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{w | \text{ the length of w is a multiple of 3} \}.$
- 7. $01 + 10 = \{01, 10\}.$



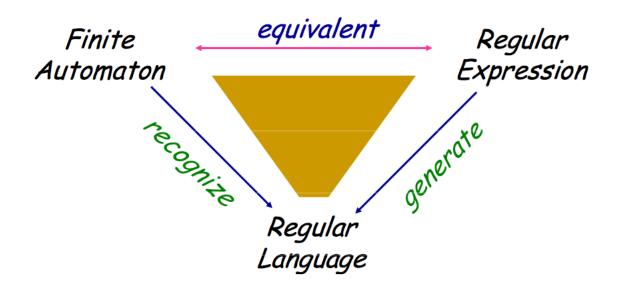
Example 4.5 In the following instances, we assume that the alphabet Σ is $\{0,1\}$.

- 8. $0\Sigma^*0 + 1\Sigma^*1 + 0 + 1 = \{w | w \text{ starts and ends with the same symbol}\}.$
- 9. $(0 + \varepsilon)1^* = 01^* \cup 1^*$.
- 10. $(0 + \varepsilon)(1 + \varepsilon) = \{\varepsilon, 0, 1, 01\}.$
- 11. $1*\emptyset = \emptyset$.
- 12. $\emptyset^* = \{ \epsilon \}.$
- 13. $R + \emptyset = R$.
- 14. R $\varepsilon = R$.
- 15. $R \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset$.



4.2 正则表达式与FA的等价关系

FA & RE



Theorem 4. 4 A language is regular if and only if some regular expression describes it.

Lemma 4.5 If a language is described by a regular expression, then it is regular.

(正则表达式表示的语言是正则语言, RE⇒FA)

Lemma 4.6 If a language is regular, then it is described by a regular expression.

(正则语言可以用正则表达式表示, FA⇒RE)



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Proof Idea:

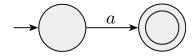
NFA N recognizes L(N), L(N) is RL.

How to convert RE R to NFA N?



Proof1: Let's convert R into NFA N. We consider the six cases if the formal definition of regular expressions.

1. R = a for some $a \in \Sigma$. Then $L(R) = \{a\}$, and the following NFA recognizes L(R).



- Note that this machine fits the definition of an NFA but not that of a DFA because it has some states with no exiting arrow for each possible input symbol. Of course, we could have presented an equivalent DFA here; but an NFA is all we need for now, and it is easier to describe.
- Formally, $N = \{ \{q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, \{q_2\} \}$, where we describe δ By saying that $\delta(q_1,a) = \{q_2\}$ and that $\delta(r,b) = \phi$ for $r \neq q_1$ or $b \neq a$.



Proof1(续):

2. $R = \varepsilon$. Then $L(R) = \{\varepsilon\}$, and the following NFA recognizes L(R).

Formally, $N=\{\ \{q_{\scriptscriptstyle l}\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_{\scriptscriptstyle l}, \{q_{\scriptscriptstyle l}\}\ \}$, where $\delta(r,b)=\phi$ for any r and b.

3. $R = \emptyset$. Then $L(R) = \phi$, and the following NFA recognizes L(R).



Formally, $N = \{ \{q\}, \Sigma, \delta, q, \phi \}$, where $\delta(r,b) = \phi$ for any r and b.



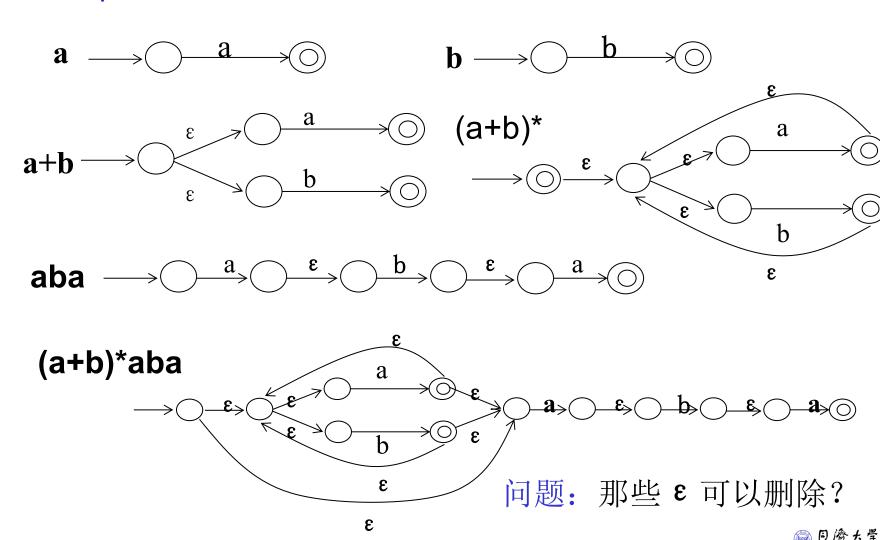
Proof1 (续): Let's convert R into an NFA N. We consider the six cases in the formal definition of regular expressions.

- 4. $R = R_1 + R_2$.
- 5. $R = R_1 \circ R_2$.
- 6. $R = R_1^*$.

For the last three cases, we use the constructions given in the proofs that the class of regular languages is closed under the regular operations. In other words, we construct the NFA for R from the NFAs for R_1 and R_2 (or just R_1 in case 6) and the appropriate closure construction. THeorem4.1, 4.2, 4.3.

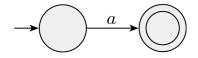


Example 4.6 将正则表达式(a+b)*aba转化为NFA。



Proof2:对正则表达式的运算符个数n进行归纳证明。

1. n=0, R是单个字母,如a,造自动机识别它



- 2. 设定理对n=k成立
- 3. n=k+1时,r有3种情况 r_1+r_2 , r_1 . r_2 , r_1^* 。对最后计算的一个符号分情况(连接,并,星)用定理(Theorem4.1,4.2,4.3)即得。



Lemma 4.6 If a language is regular, then it is described by a regular expression.

(正则语言可以用正则表达式表示, FA⇒RE)

Proof Idea:

方法一: GNFA法

- ① RL有DFA M识别,把DFA转化成广义的GNFA。
- ② 把广义的GNFA转化成正则表达式 RE。

方法二: R_{ij}k法



GNFA

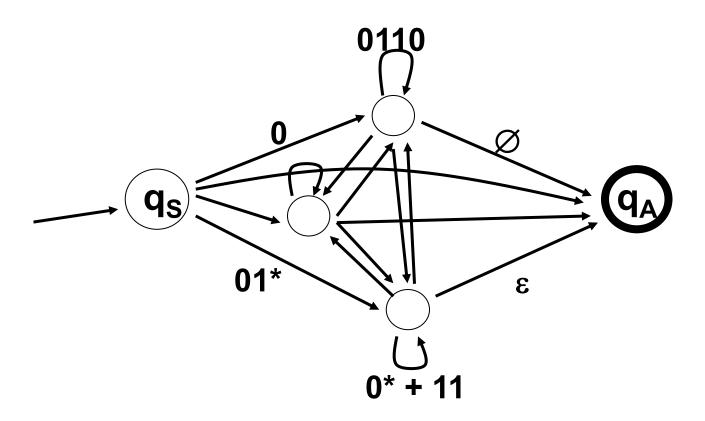
Definition 4.3

A Generalized nondeterministic finite automaton(GNFA) is a

5-tuple(Q, Σ , δ , q_{start}, q_{accept}), where

- 1. Q is the finite states.
- 2. Σ is the input alphabet.
- 3. q_{start} is the start state.
- 4. q_{accept} is the accept state.
- 5. $\delta:(Q-\{q_{accept}\})\times(Q-\{q_{start}\}) \to \mathcal{R}$ is the transition function.
- \blacksquare \mathcal{R} is the set of regular expressions over Σ .
- $\delta(q_i, q_i)=R \Leftrightarrow \text{ from } q_i \text{ to } q_i \text{ has the RE R as the label, } R \in \mathcal{R}.$





A generalized nondeterministic finite automaton



GNFA的特点

- 1. The interior Q- $\{q_{accept}, q_{start}\}$ is fully connected by δ
- 2. From q_{start} only 'outgoing transitions'
- 3. To q_{accept} only 'ingoing transitions'
- 4. Impossible $q_i \rightarrow q_i$ transitions are " $\delta(q_i, q_i) = \emptyset$ "
- 5. $q_{accept} \neq q_{start}$

Observation: This GNFA recognizes the language L(R) $R \in \mathcal{R}$ $R \in \mathcal{R}$

- **GNFA与一般NFA的唯一区别**: GNFA的边推广为 **RE**(子自动机),而不是单个的字母或ε。
- 为了简洁易读,通常省略不可能的转移 $(q_i,q_i) = \emptyset$ 。

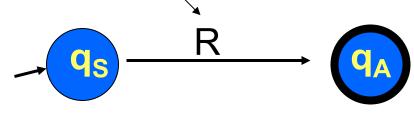


Proof Idea (given a DFA M):

减少状态(减少跳转标号), 扩大广义边(子程序)

- Construct an equivalent GNFA M' with k≥2 states
- 2. Reduce one-by-one the internal states until k=2 逐个等价地减少状态,把内部的正则表达式变大
- 3. This GNFA will be of the form

This regular expression R will be such that L(R) = L(M)





证明(方法一)

Let M have k states $Q = \{q_1, ..., q_k\}$

- 1. Add two states q_{accept} and q_{start} (加首尾)
 - Connect q_{start} to earlier q₁:
 - Connect old accepting states to q_{accept}



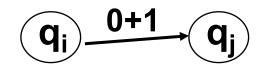
2. Complete missing transitions by Ø (补空边)

$$Q_i \xrightarrow{\emptyset} q_j$$

3. Join multiple transitions

 $q_i \xrightarrow{1} q_j$ becomes

(并标号)

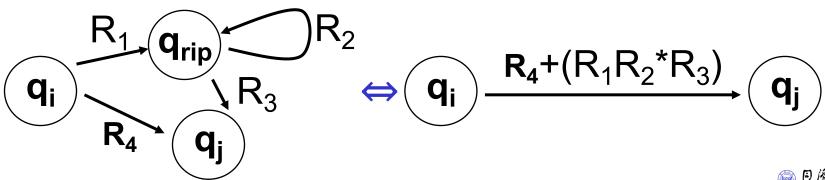




4. Rip the internal states, one by one

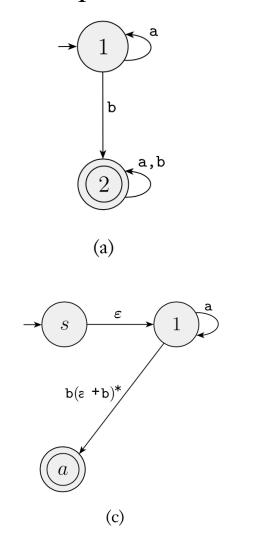
- ① Removing state q_{rip}∈Q- {q_{start}} {q_{accept}}: Q'=Q {q_{rip}} 逐步减少内态
- ① Changing the transition function δ by $\delta'(q_i,q_j) = \delta(q_i,q_j) + \delta(q_i,q_{rip})(\delta(q_{rip},q_{rip}))^*\delta(q_{rip},q_j)$ for every $q_i \in Q'$ $\{q_{accept}\}$ and $q_i \in Q'$ $\{q_{start}\}$

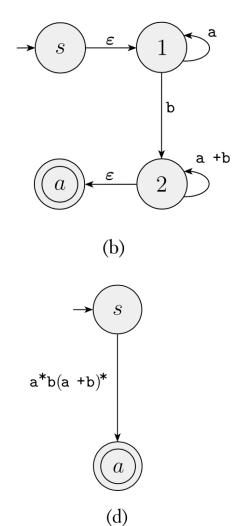
5. If k-1>2 goto 4, else return R





Example 4.7 Converting a two-state DFA to an equivalent regular expression.







证明(方法二)

设 DFA M($\{q_1,q_2,...,q_n\}$, \sum , δ , q_1 ,F) 接受语言 L,对M的状态进行了编号。在此基础上,引入记号 R_{ij}^k ,它是字符串的集合,定义如下:

 $R_{ij}^{k} = \{ x \mid \delta(q_i,x) = q_j, 且中间不经过编号大于k的状态,但i、j可以大于k,x <math>\in \Sigma^* \}$ 注意: x 是字符串

k的意义是: 对于x的一切非空真前缀y, $\delta(q_i,y) = q_m$,其中m≤k。



R_{ij}k的递归定义如下:

解释:

- ① **k=0 & i** ≠ **j**时,**q**_i到**q**_j只能一步到达,::a是单个字符;
- ② k=0 & i=j时,除了a外,还包括 ϵ , ::对于任意状态 q_i ,都 有 $\delta(q_i, \epsilon) = q_i$ 。
- ③ R_{ii}^k分两种情况讨论:见下一页。



③ R_{ii}k分两种情况讨论:

Case 1: 若M从 q_i 出发,读字符串x,到达 q_j 的过程中,不经过编号大于k-1的任何状态,则x应在 R_{ij}^{k-1} 中,当然也在 R_{ii}^{k} 中,所以它应是 R_{ii}^{k} 的一部分;

Case 2: 若经过编号等于k的状态一次或多次,状态变化 序列如下,其中 "…"处出现的状态编号均小于k。

$$q_i \dots q_k \dots q_k \dots q_j$$

从 q_i 读过x的子串属于 R_{ik}^{k-1} ,从 q_k …读过的x的子串属于 $(R_{kk}^{k-1})^*$,从最后一个 q_k 开始, q_k …读过的x的子串属于 R_{ki}^{k-1} 。因此,x应在 $R_{ik}^{k-1}(R_{kk}^{k-1})^*R_{ki}^{k-1}$ 中。

综合case1、2有: $R_{ij}^{k} = R_{ik}^{k-1} (R_{kk}^{k-1}) * R_{kj}^{k-1} \cup R_{ij}^{k-1}$



回到原点: Lemma 4.6 If a language is regular, then it is described by a regular expression.

即,已知**DFA M**识别语言L,如何证语言L可用正则 表达式描述?

$$L(M) = \bigcup_{q_f \in F} R_{1f}^n$$

容易证明,L(M)就是DFA M识别的语言,其中q_f是可接受状态。

问题: 如何将L(M)用正则表达式表示呢?

如果对于任意的R_{1f}ⁿ,存在正则表达式r_{1f}ⁿ,则即可。



Equivalence with FA

现证,对于任何 R_{ij}^{k} ,存在正则表达式 r_{ij}^{k} 代表 R_{ij}^{k} 。

归纳基础: k=0。 R_{ij}^{0} 是一个无穷集合,其中每个元素是 Σ 中的符号或 ε ,因此 r_{ij}^{0} 可以写成 $a_1+a_2+...+a_p$ ($i\neq j$)或 $a_1+a_2+...+a_p+\varepsilon$ (i=j)的形式。这里, $\{a_1,a_2,...,a_p\}$ 是使 $\delta(q_i,a)=q_i$ 的一切符号a的集合。

归纳步骤: 设对m<k的一切m,都已求出正则表达式 r_{ij} ^m代表 R_{ij} ^m,现在考虑m=k。根据 R_{ij} ^k递归定义,存在正则表达式 r_{ij} ^{k=} r_{ik} ^{k-1} $(r_{kk}$ ^{k-1})* r_{kj} ^{k-1} 十 r_{ij} ^{k-1} 代表 R_{ij} ^k。

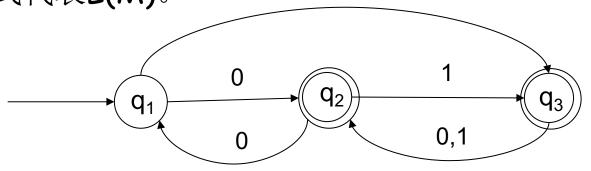
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Equivalence with FA

Example 4.8 给定一个**DFA M**,按照证明方法二 构造一个正则表达式代表**L(M)**。

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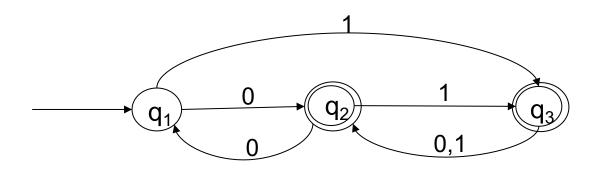
- 1. 共3个状态, n=3; k=0, 1, 2, 3;
- 2. 根据递归公式求r_{ij}k,

$$r_{ij}^{k} = r_{ik}^{k-1} (r_{kk}^{k-1}) * r_{kj}^{k-1} + r_{ij}^{k-1}$$

3. 由状态图可知L(M) = $R_{12}^3 \cup R_{13}^3$,问题是求 $r_{12}^3 + r_{13}^3$ 代表L(M)。



Equivalence with FA



	k=0	k=1	k=2
r_{11}^{k}	ε	ε	(00)*
r_{12}^{k}	0	0	0(00)*
r_{13}^{k}	1	1	0*1
r_{21}^{k}	0	0	0(00)*
r_{22}^{k}	ε	ε +00	(00)*
r_{23}^{k}	1	1+01	0*1
r_{31}^{k}	Ø	Ø	(0+1)(00)*0
r_{32}^{k}	0+1	0+1	(0+1)(00)*
r_{33}^k	ε	ε	ε+(0+1)0*1



主要目的:正则表达式的变换。

基本问题: 在定义相同语言的意义下, 两个表达

式等价。

基本思路: 类比算术代数, 比如: 加法交换律、

乘法分配律等

用途:正则表达式化简、变换、推算



1. 交换律与结合律

设L、M和N是正则表达式,则:

- ① L+M=M+L, 并的交换率
- ② (L+M)+N=L+(M+N),并的结合律
- ③ (LM)N = L(MN), 连接的结合律



2. 单位元与零元

单位元: 当运算符作用于单位元和某个其它值时,结果等于其他值。

零 元: 当运算符作用到零元和其它值时,结果是零元。

- ① $\phi + L = L + \phi = L$, ϕ 是并运算的单位元
- ② \mathcal{E} L = L \mathcal{E} = L, \mathcal{E} 是连接运算的单位元
- ③ $\Phi L = L\Phi = \Phi$, Φ 是连接运算的零元

3. 分配律

$$L(M + N) = LM + LN$$
, 连接对于并的左分配律 $(M + N)L = ML + NL$, 连接对于并的右分配律

4. 幂等律

幂等:一个运算符作用到两个相同的参数值, 结果还是那个值。



5. 与闭包有关的定律

- ① (L*)* = L*, 表达式闭包的闭包, 不改变该语言
- ② $L(\Phi^*) = L(\mathcal{E}) = \{\mathcal{E}\}$, Φ 的闭包与 \mathcal{E} 等价,可以写 Φ^* = \mathcal{E}
- ③ $\mathcal{E}^* = \mathcal{E}$,多个空串连接,还是空串
- ④ L+ = LL* =L*L, L+表示1个或多个L
- (5) $L^* = L^{+} + \varepsilon$



4.4 正则表达式的应用

- UNIX中的正则表达式
- 词法分析
- 查找文本中的模式

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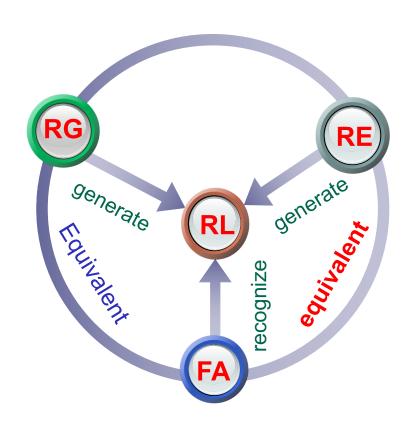
Review

• Review:

- Language & Regular language
 - A language is a set of strings;
 - language is called a regular language if some finite automaton recognizes it.
- Regular Operations
 - Theorem 4.1,4.2, 4.2.
- Regular Expressions
 - The value of a Regular expression is a language.
 - Theorem 4.4 RL \leftrightarrow RE (describes it)
 - Lemma 4.5 If a language is described by a regular expression, then it is regular
 - Lemma 4.6 If a language is regular, then it is described by a regular expression.



Review



- RL: Regular Language
- RG: Regular Grammar
- RE: Regular Expression
- FA: Finite Automaton

