

TOC Module 1:

* Automata

- An automata is an abstract model of a digital computer.
- An automation has a mechanism to read the input tape.
- A Machine with intermediate stages which on receival of inputs, chooses a path from the initial state to the final state to produce a valid output. such a machine having a finite number of intermediate states is called finite automata.

* Computability

- Deals with question of how problems can be solved algorithmically.
- Finite automata is an example of a simple computational model.

* complexity

- complexity focuses on the resources (time and space) required to solve computational problems.
- time complexity of a finite automata is usually measured in the no. of steps taken from initial state to final state.

* common terminologies:

- ① Alphabet : set of input symbols
- ② String : sequential arrangement of input symbols.
- ③ Empty string : empty or null string
- ④ Language : collection of strings which satisfy the finite automata.

* Finite State Machine (FSM)

- It is a mathematical model of computation used to design and describe systems with discrete states.

→ consists of finite set of states 'q' which on receiving an input provides an output.

* Formal definition of Finite Automata

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

Q = set of states

Σ = Alphabetic set of all input symbols

δ = Transition function

$$\delta = Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \quad (\text{used to find the next state})$$

q_0 - Initial state.

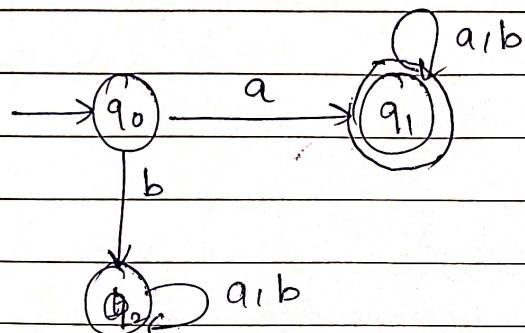
F = Set of final state.

* Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)

→ DFA is a type of Finite state Machine (FSM) that recognises a set of strings in a language, where each string is composed of symbols from a finite alphabet.

→ DFAs have a deterministic behaviour, meaning that for each combination of current state and an input symbol, there is exactly one state which is next.

Eg. String starting with 'a' for $\Sigma(a,b)$



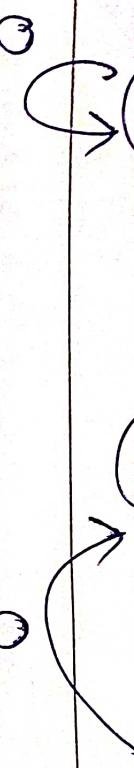
$$\Phi = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$F = \{q_1\}$$

$$q_0 = q_0$$

$q \setminus \Sigma$	a	b
q_0	q_1	q_2
q_1	q_1	q_1
q_2	q_2	q_2



* NFA (Non - Deterministic Finite Automata).

→ NFA is another type of FSM that recognizes languages similar to DFA

However, NFA can have multiple possible transitions from a given state for a particular input symbol.

* Properties of NFA

- ① Can have more than one transition for same symbol.
- ② Not necessary to perform transition for every symbol.
- ③ No dead state.
- ④ Practical implementation is not possible.
- ⑤ No need to complete NFA.

$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

$$|\delta| = |\{Q\} \times \Sigma| = 2^Q$$

DFA

NFA vs DFA

① There is only one transition for an input

② Transition function

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

③ Accepts a string if the computation path leads to an accepting state

④ Simpler to implement and analyze

⑤ No need for conversions, already deterministic.

① Allows multiple transitions from a state for one input.

② Transition Function.

$$\delta: \Sigma \times Q \rightarrow 2^Q$$

③ Accepts the string if there is at least one accepting path.

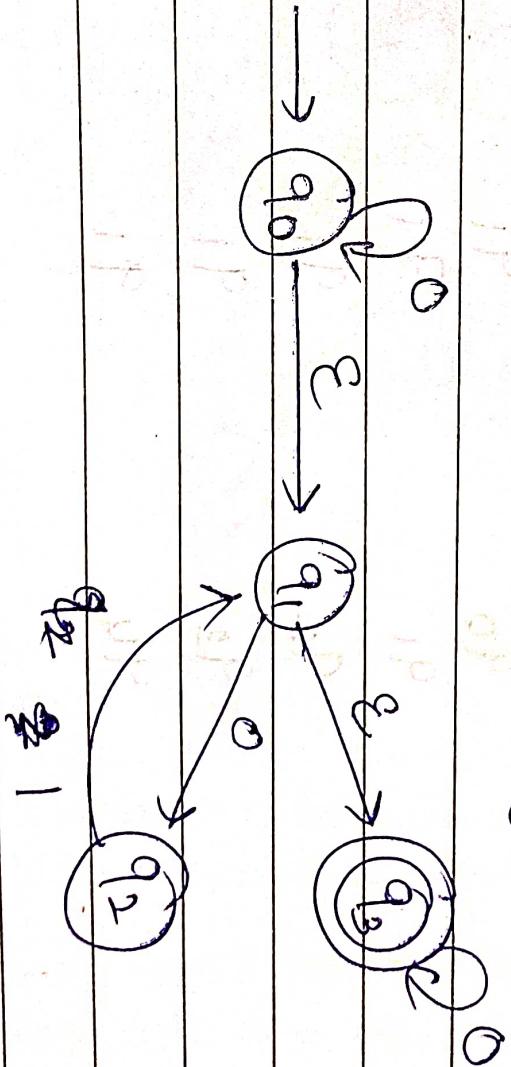
④ More complex due to multiple transition.

⑤ Can be converted to equivalent DFA.

* Epsilon - NFA.

→ It is an extension of NFA which contains epsilon NFA transitions.

→ It has the notion where transition can occur without consuming any input symbol.



* Applications of NFA | DFA. | E-NFA.

- ① Lexical Analysis in Compilers: used for lexical analysis to recognise tokens in programming languages
- ② Spell checker: NFA/DFA are employed in spell checkers to identify and correct misspelled words.
- ③ Pattern Matching: NFAs can be used for pattern matching in text processing application. States represent patterns, and transitions occur based on matching input character.

Module 2.

* Regular Expression.

→ Regular Expressions are used to describe regular languages, which are a class of languages recognised by finite automata.

Some operations which can be performed on regular expressions

- ① union (|) : If you have two regex R, S then union is denoted by $R|S$. This represents the strings can be from either R or S.
- ② Concatenation (.) : For R and S, concatenation denotes RS and represents the language formed from strings concatenated from both R and S.
- ③ Kleen Closure : If R is a regular expression, then R^* represents the language formed by zero or more concatenations from string R.
- ④ Intersection (\cap) (n) : If you have two regular expressions R and S, then $R \cap S$ represents strings present in both R and S.

⑤ Complement (''): If R is a regex, then R' (complement of R) represents the language of all strings over the alphabet that are not in language R .

* Identities of Regular Expressions.

$$① \phi + R = R + \phi = R$$

$$② \phi \cdot R = R \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$③ \epsilon R = R\epsilon = R$$

$$④ \epsilon^* = \epsilon$$

$$⑤ \phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$⑥ \epsilon + RR^* = RR^* + \epsilon = R^*$$

* Conversion of FA to RE

Method 1: Arden's Theorem.

→ If P & Q are two RE over Σ and if P does not contain ϵ then the following equation in R given by

$$R = Q + RP \text{ has a unique soln } R = QP^*$$

$$= Q + (Q + RP) P$$

$$= Q + QP + RP^2$$

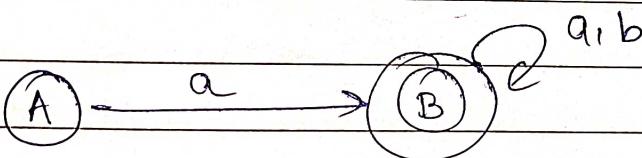
$$= Q + QP + (Q + RP) P^2$$

$$= QP + QP + QP^2 + RP^3$$

$$= Q(P^0 + P^1 + P^2 + P^3)$$

$$\therefore | R = QP^* |$$

Example



$$A = \epsilon$$

$$B = Aa + Ba + Bb$$

$$= \epsilon a + B(a+b)$$

$$B = a + B(a+b)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$RB = Q + R P$$

$$B = a(a+b)^*$$

* Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages.

→ The Pumping Lemma states that 'For every regular language L , there exists a constant p (the pumping length) such that for any string s in L with length at least p , s can be divided to three parts xyz such that :-

① Length condition: $|xyz| \leq p$

② Pumping condition: $|y| > 0$

③ Closure condition: For all $i \geq 0$, xy^iz is in L .

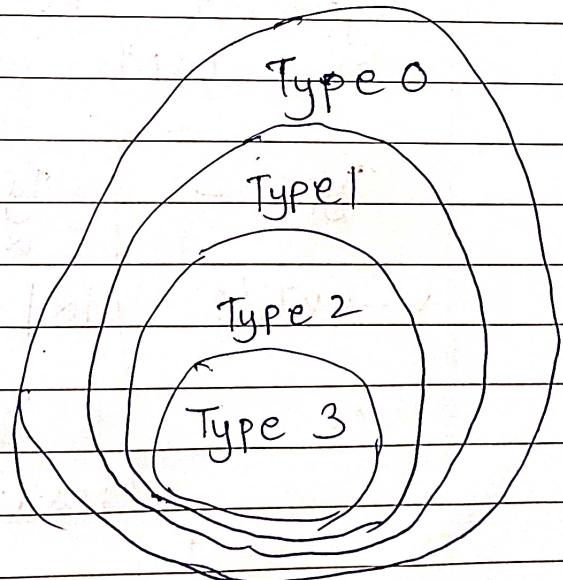
* Chomsky Hierarchy

Type 0: Unrestricted grammar.

Type 1: Context-sensitive grammar

Type 2: Context-free grammar

Type 3: Regular grammar.



- Type 0 grammar includes all formal grammars. Type 0 grammar languages are recognised by Turing Machine
- Also Known as Recursively Enumerable Languages.
- Type 1 grammar is recognised by Linear Bound Automata.
- Type 2 is context free grammar recognised by PDA.
- Type 3 is regular grammar recognised by PSM.

Type 3	Type 2 $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$	Type 1 $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ $\alpha \leftarrow \beta$	Type 0 $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ $\alpha = (V+T)^* V$ $(V+T)^*$ $B = (V+T)^*$
$V \rightarrow VT/T$	$ \alpha = 1$	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ $\alpha \leftarrow \beta$	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
or $V \rightarrow TV/T$	B has no restriction	β cannot be ϵ	$B \in (V+T)^+$

* Context Free Grammar (CFG)

$$S \rightarrow (S) \mid \lambda$$

$$S \rightarrow (S)S$$

$$S \rightarrow ((S)S)S$$

A formal grammar used to describe the syntax of languages in a form that is convenient for parsing

$$CFG = (V, T, S, P)$$

$V \rightarrow$ Set of Non-Terminal symbols

$T \rightarrow$ set of Terminal symbols

$S \rightarrow$ Start symbol

$P \rightarrow$ Production Rules.

CNF

Production Rule:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

GNF

① Production Rule:

$$A \rightarrow a\alpha$$

$$\alpha \Rightarrow ABC \dots$$

More restrictive, allows only binary productions

② More general, allows productions with a terminal symbol followed by string of non-terminal

Conversion is complex as it involves introducing new productions

③ Simpler as it requires adjusting existing productions.

Used in CYK (Cocke-Younger-Kasami) Algorithm.

④ Used in NLP and analysis of programming languages

* Applications of CNF and GNF

- ① Parsing Algorithms : CNF is used in parsing algorithms like CYK algorithm
- ② NLP : CNF is applied in the analysis of natural language sentences and syntax.
- ③ Compiler Design: GNF is used in code generation in compiler design due to its concise nature.
- ④ Compact Representation: GNF provides a more compact representation of certain languages compared to CNF

* Pumping Lemma for CFL

For every CFL L , there exists a constant p (the pumping length) such that for any string s in L with length at least p ,

s can be divided into five parts, $s = uvwxy$

* Pushdown Automata.

→ PDA is a finite automata with extra memory called stack, which helps the PDA recognise CFL.

Q = set of states

Σ = set of input symbols

Γ = set of pushdown symbols.

q_0 = initial state.

z = initial stack symbol.

F = set of final states.

δ = transition function

$$Q \times \{ \Sigma \cup z \} \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^*$$

- ① Length condition : $|vwx| \leq p$
- ② Pumping condition : $|vn| \geq 1$
- ③ closure condition : for all $i \geq 0$,

uv^nvw^n is in L .

$\underline{\text{X}} \xrightarrow{\text{rule}} \underline{\text{X}}$

* Idea of universal Turing Machine

- Idea of universal Turing Machine is a fundamental concept in the field of science.
- It represents a theoretical model of computation that can simulate the behaviour of any other Turing Machine/computational device, given the appropriate instructions.
- Takes the description of the type of Turing Machine it wants to simulate; then it can simulate that Turing Machine

- UTM is an extended idea of Turing Machine introduced by Alan Turing.
- In a theoretical sense, a single machine can perform computation for any problem which can be solved algorithmically.
- Thus UTM serves as basis of digital computers and lets us know about the limits of computation and algorithms.

* church's Thesis-

- "Every effectively calculable function is a computable function!"
- This thesis asserts that any function that is intuitively computable (can be solved algorithmically), can also be solved by a turing machine.
- This thesis is a hypothesis about the nature of computability and the limits of what can be algorithmically solved, given by Alonzo Church in 1930s.

* Halting Problem. (Alan Turing - 1936)

- The halting problem is a classic computability theory and the theory of algorithms
- The problem states that we have to check whether a program will halt or will run indefinitely.
- Alan Turing proved that it is impossible to create a general algorithm that can solve the halting problem for all possible inputs.
- The proof is based on diagonalisation, where we assume the existence of a universal halting problem solver, but then construct a program which contradicts the existence.

* Hilbert's Problems.

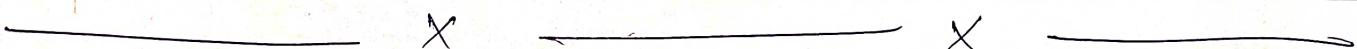
- Hilbert's problems are a set of 23 mathematical problems posed by German mathematician David Hilbert in 1900.

→ These problems spanned various areas of mathematics and were influential in shaping the course of mathematics today.

→ Hilbert's problems did not directly affect the computation field:

- (1) The Continuum Hypothesis (1st)
- (2) Riemann's Hypothesis (8th)
- (3) Axiomization of Physics (6th)
- (4) Quadratic Reciprocity (9th)

These are some examples of Hilbert's problems



* classes P and NP

P (Polynomial Time)

→ P is a class of decision problems that can be solved using a deterministic Turing Machine in polynomial time.

→ P problems are considered to be easy and efficient in terms of computation.

② NP (Non-deterministic Polynomial Time)

- NP is a class of decision problems for which a solution, once proposed, can be checked quickly (in polynomial time) by a deterministic Turing Machine.
- Problems in NP are considered 'verifiable' in polynomial time while finding a solution may be difficult, verifying a proposed solution is easier.

NP-Complete: A problem is NP-complete, if it is both in NP and at least as hard as the hardest problem in NP.

If a solution to an NP-complete problem exists, then we can solve all NP problems.

NP-Hard: A problem is NP-hard if solving it efficiently would allow to solve all problems in NP, may not be NP itself.

* Post's Correspondence Problem

- The Post's Correspondence Problem is a classic problem in the theory of computation and formal languages.
- Problem Statement
- Given a set of dominoes, each with two strings written on it, (one on top and one on the bottom). Can we arrange these dominoes in such a way that the top strings and bottom strings match.
- There is no general algorithm that can determine whether solution exists for an arbitrary value.
- So the Post correspondence problem is undecidable.

Variations of Turing Machine

- ① Multi-Tape TM: Has multiple tapes that can move independently.
- ② Multi-Head TM: Has multiple heads on a single tape used to change (R/W) multiple values at once.
- ③ Non-deterministic TM: Allows for multiple possible transitions for a given set of instructions.
- ④ Multi-Dimensional TM: Has 4 possible movements instead of 2, (Up, Down, Left, Right), so it can move accordingly in various directions.
- ⑤ Two-Way Infinite Tape: Infinite tape on both ways left and right.



* Undecidability

→ Undecidability refers to the property of certain problems for which there is no algorithmic procedure to determine a yes/no answer.

- Recursive Languages: Languages which can have a turing machine and accepts all strings in L and rejects all strings not in L.
- Turing machine gives a decision and halts without going into loop forever.
- Recursively Enumerable language: Languages which can have a Turing Machine and accepts all strings in L and halts. Machine doesn't halt may or may not halt for rejection of strings.
- For an Undecidable Language, Turing Machine cannot be made.

* Terminologies and components of Turing Machine

Φ = set of states

X = tape symbol

Σ = input alphabet set

δ = transition function $\delta: \Phi * X \rightarrow \Phi * X * \{L, R\}$

q_0 = initial state

B = blank symbol

F = set of final states.

Components

- ① Tape: infinite 1-D tape divided into cells. Each cell on the tape can contain a finite symbol including blank.
- ② R/W Head: The read/write head is a mechanism that moves left and right along the tape.
- ③ Finite Control: Brain of the Turing Machine controls the state management of the Turing machine.
- ④ State Register: contains the current state of the TM.