Bar-Hillel Theorem mechanization in Coq

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

Different on languages intersection is a one of fundamental problem in formal languages theory. Many different problems: Emptiness of intersection, closure under intersection, constructing of intersection

It is the well-known fact tat context-free languages are closed under intersection with regular languages. Theoretical result is Bar-Hillel [1] theorem which provide construction for resulting language description.

Language intersection problem is a foundation in many areas. Parsing, program analysis, graph analysis [6, 7]. Method proposed by Hellings is B-H theorem. All-path semantics. Foundation in some areas: graphs, code analysis, etc. Bar-Hillel theorem is a main on .

Mechanization (formalization) is important and many work done on formal languages theory mechanization. Parsing algorithms and reasoning about other problems on languages intersection.

Short overview of current results. Many different parts of formal languages are mechanized. Algorithms and basic results.

The main contribution of this paper may be summarized as follows.

- We provide constructive proof of the Bar-Hillel theorem in Coq.
- We generalize Smolka's CFL results: terminals is abstract types....
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2 Related Work

All results you use in your work. All relevant results in this field (excluded this work). Smolka, smb else [2-4].

As a result of this section we should conclude, that (1) this problem is open (2) it is important to solve this problem.

3 Bar-Hillel Theorem

Original B-H theorem and proof which we use as base. We work with the next formulation of the theorem.

Lemma 3.1. If L is a context free language and $\varepsilon \notin L$ then there is grammar in Chomsky Normal Form that generates L.

Lemma 3.2. If $L \neq \emptyset$ and L is regular then L is the union of regular language A_1, \ldots, A_n where each A_i is accepted by a DFA with exactly one final state.

Theorem 3.3. If L_1 is a context free language and L_2 is a regular language then $L_1 \cap L_2$ is context free.

Sketch of proof:

- 1. By lemma 3.1 we can assume that there is a contextfree grammar G in Chomsky normal form, such that $L(G) = L_1$
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

4 CNF

One of important part of proof is the fact that any contextfree language can be described with grammar in CNF.

We want to reuse existing proof of convertion of original context-free grammar to CNF.

We choose Smolka's version.

5 B-H in Coq

Main part. All code are published on GitHub ¹ What did you do and how. And, possible, why. Problems, nontrivial solutions, stc.

5.1 Smolka's code generalization

First we nwwd to generalize code of ...

5.2 General scheme of proof

General scheme of our proof is based on constructive proof presented by [?]

5.3 Part one: regular language and automata

First step is !!!!

5.4 Part two

5.5 Part N: final step

Finally we should proof main statement!

6 Conclusion

Short resume of main part (main results formulation). We present mechanization of Bar-Hillel theorem on closure of contex-free languages under intersection with regular.

Other algorithms on regular and context-free languages intersection. One of direction of future reserch is mechanization of practical algorithms which are just implementation of Bar-Hillel theorem. For example, context-free path querying algorithm, based on GLL [10] parsing algorithm [5].

Other problems on language intersection [8, 9].

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A Appendix

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