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idempotent semiring. So we need to investigate properties of Kronecker product over such semiring. Related research by Thomas Reps: “Newtonian Program Analysis via Tensor Product” [2]

1 INTRODUCTION

The problem is to check the emptiness of the intersection of the regular language R which is represented as FSA A with number of states n , and context-free language L in less than $O(n^3)$. The equivalent problem is a context-free reachability problem [1].

First step is a reduction of the given problem to $BMM(n)$ (with possibly polylogarithmic factors). We hope that such reduction helps us to get algorithm for CFL reachability with $\tilde{O}(BMM(n))$ time complexity where \tilde{O} means polylog factors.

2 ALGEBRAIC VIEW

Steps for reduction of our problem to purely algebraic problem.

- (1) Utilize Rytter’s [3] ideas to construct a grid graph \mathcal{G} . All are similar to the linear input parsing, with some details.
 - (a) We use states numbers instead of positions.
 - (b) To do it we should guarantee that state numbers are in $[0..n-1]$.
 - (c) As a result, grid graph can have cycles.
 - (d) Edges congruence property still holds.
- (2) We can see, that \mathcal{G} is a Cartesian product of two graphs: \mathcal{G}_H (a horizontal row of \mathcal{G}) and \mathcal{G}_V (a vertical row of \mathcal{G}) with respective adjacency matrices. Adjacency matrix of \mathcal{G} is $M(\mathcal{G}) = M(\mathcal{G}_V) \otimes I + I \otimes M(\mathcal{G}_H)$ where I is identity matrix of size $n \times n$ and \otimes is a Kronecker product.
- (3) Instead of SSSP in the Rytter’s algorithm we should compute APSP as an atomic step. We should do it because there is now start position in the graph (FSA). Then we should prove that the number of such steps is $O(\log n)$. Thus we want to compute $\text{vec}(X) * M(\mathcal{G})^k = \text{vec}(X) * [M(\mathcal{G}_V) \otimes I + I \otimes M(\mathcal{G}_H)]^k$. Where X is a matrix of already proved facts, and $M(\mathcal{G})^k$ is a transitive closure of the adjacency matrix of the \mathcal{G} . Is it possible to do it in $\tilde{O}(BMM(n))$?
- (4) Note that instead of $(B^T \otimes A) * \text{vec}(X) = \text{vec}(C)$ we can solve $A * X * B = C$ (one of fundamental properties of equations with Kronecker product [4]). The idea is to use this property. In our case it helps to reduce multiplication of $n^2 \times n^2$ matrices to multiplication of $n \times n$ matrices. **But** multiplication in our semiring is noncommutative. Namely, weights are from noncommutative

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