

# INT201 Final

## Lecture 1 Overview

### Languages

- Several symbols and definition

- Alphabet - a finite nonempty set  $\Sigma$  of symbols
- Strings(word) - a finite sequence of symbols from the alphabet
- Empty string(word) - the string with no symbols, denoted as  $\epsilon$

$$|\epsilon| = 0$$

$$\epsilon w = w\epsilon = w$$

- Length of a string - the number of symbols in the string, denoted as  $|w|$

$$|w_1 w_2| = |w_1| + |w_2|$$

- Reverse of a string - obtained by writing the symbols in reverse order, denoted as  $w^R$

$$w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$$

$$w^R = a_n \dots a_2 a_1$$

- A palindrome is a string  $w$  satisfying  $w = w^R$
- The concatenation of 2 strings is obtained by appending the symbols to the right end

$$w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$$

$$v = b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$$

$$wv = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$$

- If  $u, v, w$  are strings and  $w = uv$  then  $u$  is a prefix of  $w$  and  $v$  is a suffix of  $w$ . A proper prefix of  $w$  is a prefix that is not equal to  $\epsilon$  or  $w$
- $w^n$  denotes the concatenation of  $n$  copies of  $w$
- $\Sigma^*$  (star closure of  $\Sigma$ ) denotes the set of all strings(words) over  $\Sigma$
- $\Sigma^+$  (positive closure of  $\Sigma$ ) denotes the set of non-empty strings(words) over  $\Sigma$
- Both of  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\Sigma^+$  are infinite set

- A **formal language** is a set of strings(sequence of symbols) constructed from a finite alphabet, according to specific set of precise, mathematical rules. The key idea is that it is defined by its form, not its meaning
- A formal language  $L$  over alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a subset of  $\Sigma^*$

- We can express new languages in terms of other languages using concatenation and closure:

$$L_1 L_2 = \{w_1 w_2 : w_1 \in L_1 \text{ and } w_2 \in L_2\}$$

$$L^* = \{w_1 w_2 \dots w_n : n \geq 0 \text{ and } w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \in L\}$$

## Grammars

- Arbitrarily long sentences can be generated
- Semantics can be given with reference to grammar, e.g. logical conjunction of subsentences formed by word "and"
- parse Tree: identify relationships between tokens
  - parse tree is an ordered, rooted tree that represents the syntactic structure of a string according to some context-free grammar(CFG)

## Mathematical preliminaries

### Complexity theory

The main question asked in this area is "what makes some problems computationally hard and other problems easy"

如果一个问题高效可解的，则称之为“容易”

### Computation theory

Central question in Computability Theory: classify problems as being solvable or unsolvable

### Automata theory

- Central question in Automata Theory: Do these models have the same power, or can one model solve more problems than others
  - FA(DFA / NFA) These are used in text processing, compilers, and hardware design
  - CFG These are used to define programming languages and in artificial Intelligence
  - Turing machines These form a simple abstract model of a "real" computer, such as your PC at home

## Lecture 2 Deterministic Finite Automata

- DFA is a finite-state machine that accepts or rejects a given string of symbols, by running through a state sequence uniquely determined by the string
- DFA can be used to describe:
  - Any finite set of strings

- Various infinite sets of strings
  - strings having exactly 2 occurrences of the letter a
  - strings having more than 6 letters
  - strings in which letter b never comes before letter a
- DFA can't be used in describe certain languages such as:
  - the set of strings containing more a's than b's
  - well-formed arithmetic expressions, if there is no limit on nesting of parentheses
  - all words that remain the same if you read them back to front

## Definition

- A DFA is defined as a 5-tuple

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

Where

1.  $Q$  is a finite set of states
  2.  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of symbols, called the alphabet of the automation
  3.  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is a function, called the transition function
  4.  $q \in Q$  is called the initial state
  5.  $F \subseteq Q$  is a set of accepting/terminal states
- Transition function  $\delta$  tells you how state should change when an additional letter is read by the DFA
    - If initially the state is  $i$  and if the input word is  $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  then, as each letter is read, the state changes and we get  $q_1, q_2 \dots q_n$  defined by:

$$q_1 = \delta(i, a_1)$$

$$q_2 = \delta(q_1, a_2)$$

$$q_3 = \delta(q_2, a_3)$$

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$$q_n = \delta(q_{n-1}, a_n)$$

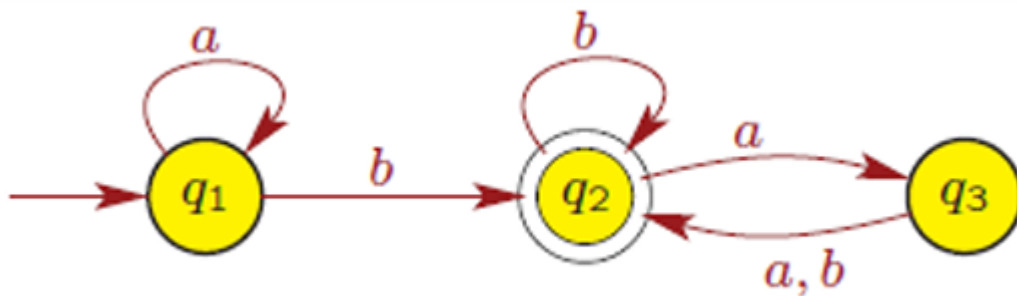
- we can extend the definition of the transition function  $\delta$  so that it tells us which state we reach after a word has been scanned
  - extend the map  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  to  $\delta^*: Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$  by defining:

$$\delta^*(q, \epsilon) = q \text{ for all } q \in Q$$

$$\delta^*(q, wa) = \delta(\delta^*(q, w), a) \text{ for all } q \in Q; w \in \Sigma^*; a \in \Sigma$$

- A DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  is often depicted as a directed graph  $G_M$  (called transition graph) has exactly  $|Q|$  vertices, each labeled with different  $q_i \in Q$ . For each transition

function  $\delta(q_i, a) = q_j$ , the graph has edges  $(q_i, q_j)$  labeled  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $(a, b)$ . The vertex associated with  $q_1$  is called the initial vertex, while those labeled with  $q_f$  are the final vertices.



- Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  be a finite automaton and let  $w = w_0w_1 \dots w_n$  be a string over. Define the sequence  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n$  of states, in the following way

- $q_0 = q_1$
- $q_{i+1} = \delta(q_i, w_{i+1})$ , for  $i=0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

- If  $q_n \in F$ , then we say that  $M$  accepts  $w$ .
- If  $q_n \notin F$ , then we say that  $M$  rejects  $w$ .

## Symbolic description of the example DFA

- If  $\delta$  is a partial function(not defined for some state / letter pairs), then the DFA rejects an input if it ever encounters such a pair
- This convention often simplifies the definition of a DFA. We could use transition table

	0	1
i	t	t
t	t	t

## Language defined by DFA

- Suppose we have a DFA  $M$ . A word  $w \in \Sigma^*$  is said to be accepted or recognized by  $M$  if  $\delta^*(q_0, w) \in F$ , otherwise it is said to be rejected. The set of all words accepted by  $M$  is called the language accepted by  $M$  and will be denoted by  $L(M)$ . Thus

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* : \delta^*(q_0, w) \in F\}$$

Any finite language is accepted by some DFA

- A language  $A$  is called regular, if there exists a finite automaton  $M$  such that  $A = L(M)$
- Regular operations on languages
  - let  $A$  and  $B$  be two languages over the same alphabet

- The union of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as:

$$A \cup B = \{w : w \in A \text{ or } w \in B\}$$

- The concatenation of  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as

$$AB = \{ww' : w \in A \text{ and } w' \in B\}$$

- The star of  $A$  is defined as:

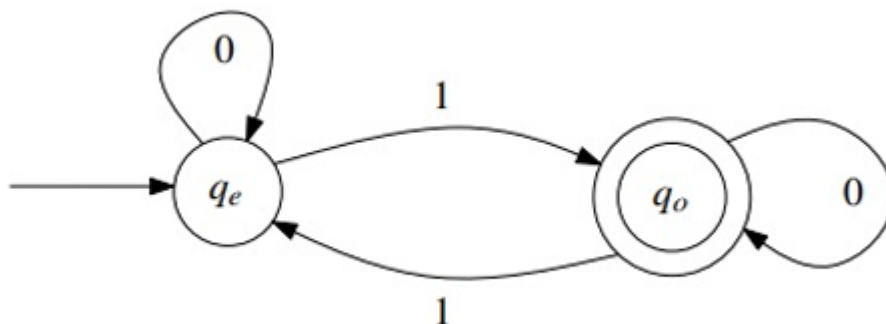
$$A^* = \{u_1u_2 \dots u_k : k \geq 0 \text{ and } u_i \in A \text{ for all } i = 1, 2 \dots k\}$$

- Theorem

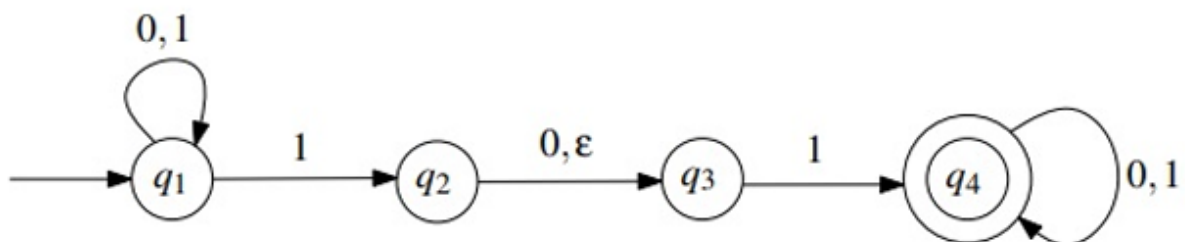
The set of regular languages is closed under the union operation, i.e., if  $A$  and  $B$  are regular languages over the same alphabet  $\Sigma$ , then  $A \cup B$  is also a regular language

## Lecture 3 Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- A finite automata is deterministic, if the next state the machine goes on any given symbol is uniquely determined



- DFA has exactly one transition leaving each state for each symbol
- A finite automata is nondeterministic, if the machine allows for several or no choices to exist for the next state on a given symbol



- For a state  $q$  and symbol  $s \in \Sigma$ , NFA can have
  - Multiple edges leaving  $q$  labelled with the symbol  $s$ ;
  - No edge leaving  $q$  labelled with symbol  $s$ ;
  - Edge leaving  $q$  labelled with  $\epsilon$  (without reading any symbol)

- The NFA accepts the input string, if any copy ends in an accept state after reading entire string, otherwise, NFA rejects.

## Formal Definition of NFA

For any alphabet  $\Sigma$ , we define  $\Sigma_\epsilon$  to be the set

$$\Sigma_\epsilon = \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$$

Recall the notion of a power set: For any set  $Q$ , the power set of  $Q$ , denoted by  $P(Q)$ , is the set of all subsets of  $Q$

$$P(Q) = \{R : R \subseteq Q\}$$

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3.  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q)$  is a function, called the transition function
4.  $q \in Q$  is called the initial state
5.  $F \subseteq Q$  is a set of accepting / terminal states

Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  be an NFA, and let  $w \in \Sigma^*$ . We say that  $M$  accepts  $w$ , if  $q$  can be written as  $w = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m$  where  $y_i \in \Sigma_\epsilon$  for all  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , and there exists a sequence of states  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$  in  $Q$ , such that:

- $r_0 = q$
- $r_{i+1} \in \delta(r_i, y_{i+1})$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$
- $r_m \in F$

Otherwise, we say that  $M$  rejects the string  $w$

Extend the map  $\delta$  to a map  $Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow P(Q)$  by defining:

$$\delta(q, \epsilon) = \{q\} \text{ for all } q \in Q$$

$$\delta(q, wa) = \bigcup_{p \in \delta(q, w)} \delta(p, a) \text{ for all } q \in Q; w \in \Sigma^*; a \in \Sigma$$

Thus  $\delta(q, w)$  is the set of all possible states that can arise when the input  $w$  is received in the state  $q$ .  $w$  is accepted provided that  $\delta(q, w)$  contains an accepting state

## Difference between DFA and NFA

- DFA has transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
- NFA has transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q)$
- Returns a set of states rather than a single state

- Allows for  $\epsilon$ - transition because  $\Sigma_\epsilon = \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$
- Note that every DFA is also an NFA

## Notation: accepting / rejecting paths

Suppose, in a DFA, we can get from state  $p$  to state  $q$  via transitions labelled by letters of a word  $w$ . Then we say that the states  $p$  and  $q$  are connected by a path with label  $w$ .

If  $w = abc$  and the 2 intermediate states are  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  we could write this as:

$$p \xrightarrow{a} r_1 \xrightarrow{b} r_2 \xrightarrow{c} q$$

In NFA, if  $\delta(p, a) = (p, r)$ , we could write:

$$\{p\} \xrightarrow{a} \{q, r\}$$

and this would be an accepting path if any state on RHS is an accepting state, otherwise it would be rejecting path

## Language accepted by NFA

Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  be an NFA. The language  $L(M)$  accepted by  $M$  is defined as

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* : M \text{ accepts } w\}$$

## Equivalence of DFAs and NFAs

Two machines(of any type) are equivalent if they recognize the same language

DFA is a restricted form (受限形式) of NFA

- Every NFA has an equivalent DFA
- We can convert an arbitrary NFA to an NFA that accepts the same. language
- DFA has the same power as NFA

### DFA to NFA

The formal conversion of a DFA to NFA is done as follows: Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  be a DFA.

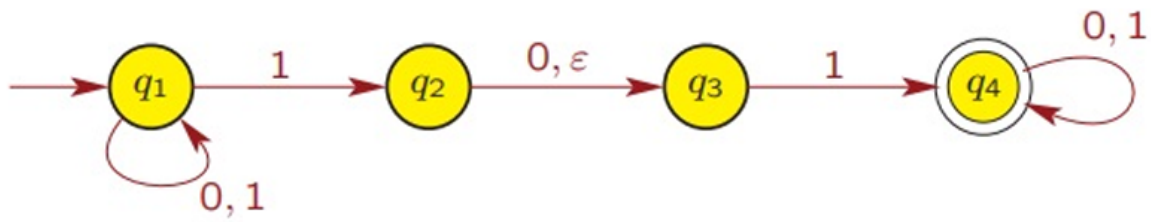
Recall that  $\delta$  is a function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$ . We define the function  $\delta' : Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow P(Q)$  as follows. For any  $r \in Q$  and for any  $a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$

$$\delta'(r, a) = \begin{cases} \{\delta(r, a)\} & \text{if } a \neq \epsilon \\ \emptyset & \text{if } a = \epsilon \end{cases}$$

Then  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta', q, F)$  is an NFA whose behavior the same as that of the DFA  $M$ ; the easiest way to see this is by observing that the state diagrams of  $M$  and  $N$  are equal.

Therefore, we have  $L(M) = L(N)$

## NFA to DFA



The original NFA:

$$Q = q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$\delta$ :

- $\delta(q_1, 0) = q_1$  ,  $\delta(q_1, 1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$
- $\delta(q_2, 0) = q_3$
- $\delta(q_3, 1) = q_4$
- $\delta(q_4, 0) = q_4$  ,  $\delta(q_4, 1) = q_4$

$$F = \{q_4\}$$

Now define the state of DFA, the state of DFA is the subset of NFA

$$q_0 = q_1$$

compute the transition

- Start from  $\{q_1\}$   
 $\delta_{DFA}(\{q_1\}, 0) = \{q_1\}$ ,  
 $\delta_{DFA}(\{q_1\}, 1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$
- Start from  $\{q_1, q_2\}$   
 $\delta_{DFA}(\{q_1, q_2\}, 0) = \{q_1, q_3\}$   
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- Start from  $\{q_4\}$   
 $\delta_{DFA}(\{q_4\}, 0) = \{q_4\}$   
 $\delta_{DFA}(\{q_4\}, 1) = \{q_4\}$

$$F_{DFA} = \{\{q_4\}, \{q_1, q_4\}, \{q_1, q_2, q_4\}, \{q_1, q_3, q_4\}\}$$

## Lecture 4 Regular Language I

- Definition
  - Previous: A language is regular if it is recognized by some DFA
  - Now: A language is regular if and only if some NFA recognizes it
- Closed under operations
  - A collection S of objects is closed under operation  $f$  if applying  $f$  to member of S always returns an object still in S
  - Regular languages are indeed closed under the regular operations (union, concatenation, Star)

## Regular Languages Closed Under Union

- Proof:

*$L_1$  and  $L_2$  are both regular languages, then  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also regular language*

- Define  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ , let  $L(N_1) = L_1$ ;  $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$ , let  $L(N_2) = L_2$ , and  $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = \emptyset$
- Construct a new machine  $N : (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 
  - $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup \{q_0\}$
  - $F = F_1 \cup F_2$
  - start state:  $q_0$
  - $\delta$ :
    - new  $\epsilon$  – transition:  $\delta(q_0, \epsilon) = \{q_1, q_2\}$
    - internal transition: keep the original transition in  $N_1$  and  $N_2$

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

- Verify the correctness
  - If  $w \in L_1$ : the machine  $N$  can start from  $q_0$ , and  $\epsilon$  – transition to  $q_1$ , and then following the path of  $N_1$  to deal with  $w$ , finally stop at a state of  $F_1$ . Because of  $F_1 \subseteq F$ ,  $N$  accepts  $w$ .
  - If  $w \in L_2$ : the machine  $N$  can start from  $q_0$ , and  $\epsilon$  – transition to  $q_2$ , and then following the path of  $N_2$  to deal with  $w$ , finally stop at a state of  $F_2$ . Because of  $F_2 \subseteq F$ ,  $N$  accepts  $w$ .

- So the language accept by  $N$  is all strings in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ ;  $L(N) = L_1 \cup L_2$
- We construct a NFA which recognizes  $L_1 \cup L_2$ , this language is also regular language

## Regular Languages Closed Under Concatenation

- Proof:

$L_1$  and  $L_2$  are both regular languages, then  $L_1L_2$  is also regular language

- Define  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ , let  $L(N_1) = L_1$ ;  $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$ , let  $L(N_2) = L_2$ , and  $Q_1 \cap Q_2 = \emptyset$
- Construct a new machine  $N : (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 
  - $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$
  - $F = F_2$
  - start state:  $q_0 = q_1$
  - $\delta$ :
    - new  $\epsilon$  – transition:  $\delta(q, \epsilon) = \{q_2\}, q \in F_1$
    - internal transition: keep the original transition in  $N_1$  and  $N_2$

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_1(q, a) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, a) \cup \{q_2\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \end{cases}$$

- Verify the correctness
  - If the input string  $w$  can be divided as  $w = xy$ , where  $x \in L_1$  and  $y \in L_2$ 
    - the machine start from  $q_1$ , when it reads  $x$  and it will stop in a state  $q$  in  $N_1$ ,  $q \in F_1$ , by using  $\epsilon$  – transition, the machine jump to  $q_2$ , and  $q_2$  reads  $y$ , finally it will stop in a state in  $N_2$ (which belongs to  $F_2$ ),  $F_2 \subseteq F$ , so  $N$  accepts  $w$
  - So the language accept by  $N$  is all strings in  $L_1L_2$ ;  $L(N) = L_1L_2$
- We construct a NFA which recognizes  $L_1L_2$ , this language is also regular language

## Regular Languages Closed Under Kleene star

- The star of A is defined as:

$$A^* = \{u_1u_2 \dots u_k : k \geq 0 \text{ and } u_i \in A \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots k\}$$

- Proof

$L$  is regular languages, then  $L^*$  is also regular language

- Define  $N = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ , let  $L(N) = L$ ;

- Construct a new machine  $N : (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

- $Q = Q_1 \cup \{q_0\}$
- $F = F_1 \cup \{q_0\}$
- start state:  $q_0$
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- line 3 的解释：一旦你在  $N_1$  中读完了一段属于 A 的字符串，你可以选择停下来，也可以选择利用  $\epsilon$  - transition 来回到起始位置
- The N can accept empty set, it can also accept the  $L^*$ , so  $L(N) = L^*$ , the language is closed under Kleene star

## Regular Language Closed Under Complement

- 注：由于DFA是确定性而安全的（对于每一个输入字符都有且仅有一个确定的状态转移），我们只需要把接收状态和非接受状态互换即可，如果使用NFA证明，NFA对于拒绝的定义是不存在接受路径，简单翻转状态并不等同于逻辑取反
- Proof

*If language  $L$  is regular language, the complement  $\bar{L}$  is also regular language*

- Suppose  $L$  is a regular language, and a DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \epsilon, q_0, F)$  recognizes it
- Construct a new DFA  $M' = (Q, \Sigma, \epsilon, q_0, F')$ 
  - $F' = Q - F$ : it accepts all strings rejected before, and rejects all strings accepted before
- Verify the correctness
  - When  $M$  reads  $w$  and stop at the state  $q$ .
  - If  $w \in L, q \in F, q \notin F'$ , so  $M'$  rejects  $w$
  - If  $w \notin L, q \notin F, q \in F'$ , so  $M'$  accepts  $w$
  - So  $M'$  recognizes  $\bar{L}$
- So Regular language closed under complement

## Regular Language Closed Under Intersection

- Proof:

- By De Morgan's Law

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \overline{\overline{L_1} \cup \overline{L_2}}$$

- So regular language is also closed under intersection

## Regular Expressions

- Regular expressions are means to describe certain languages
- Formal definition of regular expressions
  - Let  $\Sigma$  be a non-empty alphabet
    1.  $\epsilon$  is a regular expression 接受空串
    2.  $\emptyset$  is a regular expression 什么都不接受
    3. For each  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $a$  is a regular expression 接受单个字符的机器
    4. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions, then  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is a regular expression
    5. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions, then  $R_1 R_2$  is a regular expression
    6. If  $R$  is regular expressions, then  $R^*$  is a regular expression

## Lecture 5 Regular Languages II

### Kleene's Theorem

- Let  $L$  be a language. Then  $L$  is regular if and only if there exists a regular expression that describes  $L$ 
  - If a language is describe by a regular expression, then it is regular
  - If a language is regular, then it has a regular expression

### The language described by a regular expression is a regular language

- Proof: Convert a regular expression  $R$  into a NFA  $M$ 
  - 1st case. If  $R = \epsilon$ , then  $L(R) = \{\epsilon\}$ . The NFA is  $M = \{\{q\}, \Sigma, \delta, q, \{q\}\}$  where:(什么都接受 一开始就接受)

$$\delta(q, a) = \emptyset \text{ for all } a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$$

- 2nd case. If  $R = \emptyset$ , then  $L(R) = \emptyset$ . The NFA is  $M = \{\{q\}, \Sigma, \delta, q, \emptyset\}$  where:(什么都不接受)

$$\delta(q, a) = \emptyset \text{ for all } a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$$

- 3rd case.If  $R = a$  for  $a \in \Sigma$ , then  $L(R) = \{a\}$ . The NFA is  $M = \{\{q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, \{q_2\}\}$  where:

$$\delta(q_1, a) = \{q_2\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, b) = \emptyset \text{ for all } b \in \Sigma_\epsilon \setminus \{a\}$$

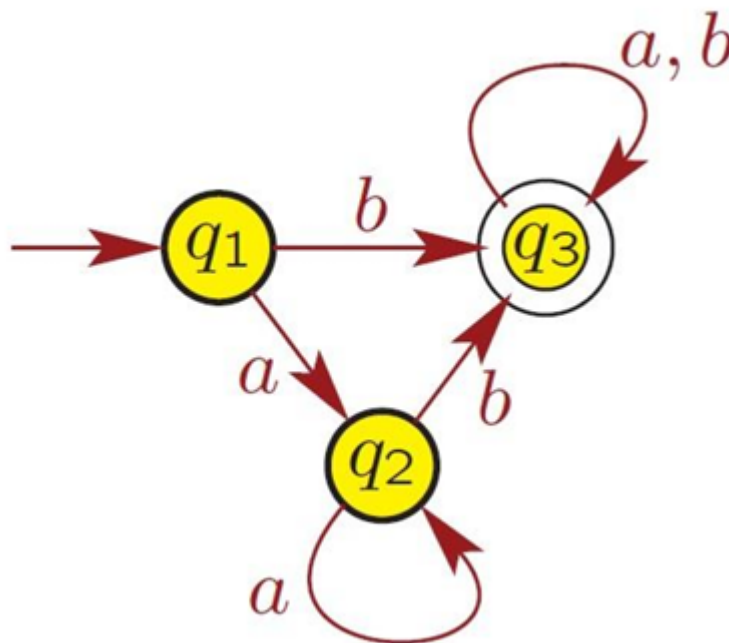
$$\delta(q_2, b) = \emptyset \text{ for all } b \in \Sigma_\epsilon$$

- 逻辑：如果你在起点读到了除了a以外的任何字符/或者epsilon转移 是不会接受的
- 4th case(union). If  $R = (R_1 \cup R_2)$  and
  - $L(R_1)$  has NFA  $M_1$
  - $L(R_2)$  has NFA  $M_2$
  - Then  $L(R) = L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$  has NFA to describe according to [Regular Languages Closed Under Union](#)
- 5th case(concatenation). If  $R = (R_1 R_2)$  and
  - $L(R_1)$  has NFA  $M_1$
  - $L(R_2)$  has NFA  $M_2$
  - Then  $L(R) = L(R_1)L(R_2)$  has NFA to describe according to [Regular Languages Closed Under Concatenation](#)
- 6th case(Kleene star).
  - If  $R = (R_1)^*$  and  $L(R_1)$  has NFA  $N$
  - Then  $L(R) = (L(R_1))^*$  has NFA to describe according to [Regular Languages Closed Under Kleene star](#)

## A regular language has a regular expression

- Convert DFA into regular expression
  - Every DFA can be converted to a regular expression that describes the language  $L(M)$
  - Generalized NFA (GNFA)
    - A GNFA can be defined as a 5-tuple,  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, \{s\}, \{t\})$  consisting of
      - a finite set of states  $Q$
      - a finite set called the alphabet  $\Sigma$
      - a transition function  $(\delta : (Q \setminus \{t\} \times (Q \setminus \{s\})) \rightarrow Q)$
      - a start state  $(s \in Q)$
      - an accept state  $(t \in Q)$
      - where  $R$  is the collection of all regular expressions over the alphabet  $\Sigma$
    - 普通NFA/DFA，箭头标签上只能是一个字符，而GNFA标签可以是整个正则表达式；如果我想从状态A走到状态B，我必须读入一串符合该正则表达式的字符，发明它就是为了解决从复杂的DFA直接写出正则表达式的问题，通过一种“拆迁算法”，一步步拔掉中间状态，每拔掉一个状态，就把原来的路径信息压缩到剩下的边上，直到最后只剩两个状态，那条边上的正则表达式就是最终答案

- Iterative procedure for converting a DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  into a regular expression
  1. Convert DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  into equivalent GFNA  $G$ 
    - introduce new start state  $s$
    - introduce new start state  $t$
    - Change edge labels into regular expressions  
e.g., "a, b" becomes  $a \cup b$
  2. Iteratively eliminate a state from GNFA  $G$  until only 2 states remaining: start and accept
    - need to take into account all possible previous oaths
    - Never eliminate new start state  $s$  or new accept state  $t$ .
- example:



- 1st step: DFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA
  - $s \xrightarrow{\epsilon} q_1$
  - $q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_2$
  - $q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_3$
  - $q_2 \xrightarrow{a} q_2$
  - $q_2 \xrightarrow{b} q_3$
  - $q_3 \xrightarrow{a \cup b} q_3$
  - $q_3 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} t$
- 2nd step: Eliminate states 移除中间状态
  - eliminate  $q_2$ : we found that  $q_1 \rightarrow q_2 \rightarrow q_3$ 
    - $q_1 \xrightarrow{aa^*b} q_3$

- update  $q_1 \rightarrow q_3$ 
  - new path:  $b \cup aa^*b$ ,  $b$  is the origin.
- now only the state  $s, q_1, q_3, t$
- eliminate  $q_1$ : we found that  $s \rightarrow q_1 \rightarrow q_3$ 
  - $s \xrightarrow{\epsilon} q_1$
  - $q_1 \xrightarrow{a^*b} q_3$
  - update  $s \rightarrow q_3$
  - now only state  $s, q_3, t$
- eliminate  $q_3$ : we found that  $s \rightarrow q_3 \rightarrow t$ 
  - $s \xrightarrow{a^*b} q_3$
  - $q_3 \xrightarrow{a \cup b} q_3$
  - $q_3 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} t$

The final regular expression:

$$a^*b(a \cup b)^*$$

## Pumping Lemma for Regular languages

A tool that can be used to prove that certain languages are not regular. This theorem states that all regular languages have a special property.

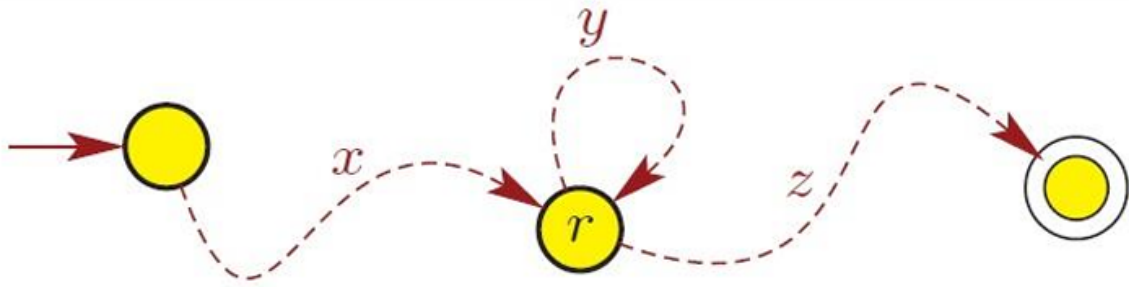
This property states that all strings in the language can be "pumped" if they are at least as long as a certain special value, called the **pumping length**

- If a language  $L$  is regular, it always satisfies pumping lemma, if there exists at least one string made from pumping which is not in  $L$ , then  $L$  is surely not regular
- The opposite may not be true. If pumping lemma holds, it doesn't mean that the language is regular

## Consider

- language  $A$  with DFA  $M$  having  $p$  states (where  $p$  is number of states in DFA)
- strings  $s \in A$  with  $|s| \geq p$

- When processing  $s$  on  $M$ , guaranteed to visit some state twice



- let  $r$  be first state visited twice
- Using state  $r$ , can divide  $s$  as  $s = xyz$ 
  - $x$  are symbols read until first visit to  $r$
  - $y$  are symbols read from first to second visit to  $r$
  - $z$  are symbols read from second visit to  $r$  to end of  $s$
- Because  $y$  corresponds to starting in  $r$  and returning to  $r$

$$xy^i z \in A \text{ for each } i \geq 1$$

- Also, note  $xy^0 z = xz \in A$ , so

$$xy^i z \in A \text{ for each } i \geq 0$$

- $|y| > 0$  because
  - $y$  corresponds to starting in  $r$  and coming back
  - this consumes at least one symbol (because DFA), so  $y$  can't be empty
- $|xy| \leq p$ , where  $p$  is number of states in DFA, because
  - $xy$  are symbols read up to second visit to  $r$
  - Because  $r$  is the first state visited twice, all states visits before second to  $r$  are unique
  - So just before visiting  $r$  for second time, DFA visited at most  $p$  states, which corresponds to reading at most  $p - 1$  symbols
  - The second visit to  $r$ , which is after reading 1 more symbol, corresponds to reading at most  $p$  symbols

## Definition

- Let  $A$  be a regular language. Then there exists an integer  $p \geq 1$ , called the pumping length, such that the following holds: Every string  $s$  in  $A$ , with  $|s| \geq p$ , can be written as  $s = xyz$ , such that
  - $y \neq \epsilon$
  - $|xy| \leq p$ , and
  - for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in A$



- example: Language  $L = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$  is Non-regular
  - Proof
    - Assume  $L = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$  is regular, it must satisfy the pumping lemma
    - choosing string  $s$ , let  $s = 0^p 1^p$ ,  $|s| = 2p \geq p$  satisfying the request
    - Decomposition to  $s = xyz$  which satisfying three conditions
      1.  $y \neq \epsilon$
      2.  $|xy| \leq p$ , and
      3. for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in A$
    - Make contradiction
      - according to pumping lemma, the first  $xy$  must all be 0
      - let  $i = 2$ , the new string  $xy^2 z = xyxz$
      - the number of 0s becomes  $p + k$ , but the number of 1s still equal  $p$
      - So it is contradict with the pumping lemma
  - Language  $L = \{0^n 1^n | n \geq 0\}$  is Non-regular

## Lecture 6 Context-Free Languages I

- Finite machine accept precisely the strings in the language  
perform a computation to determine whether a specific string is in the language
- Regular expressions describe precisely the strings in the language  
describe the general shape of all strings in the language
- Context-free grammar(CFG) is an entirely different formalism for defining a class of languages  
give a procedure for listing off all strings in the language

### Definition

A context-free grammar is a 4-tuple  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , where

1.  $V$  is a finite set, whose elements are called variables
2.  $\Sigma$  is a finite set, whose elements are called terminals
3.  $V \cap \Sigma = \emptyset$
4.  $S$  is an element of  $V$ ; it is called the start variable
5.  $R$  is a finite set, whose elements are called rules. Each rule has the form  $A \rightarrow w$ , where  $A \in V$  and  $w \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

## Deriving strings and languages using CFG

$\Rightarrow$ : yield

Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  be a context free grammar with

- $A \in V$
- $u, v, w \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$
- $A \rightarrow w$  is a rule of the grammar

The string  $uvw$  can be derived in one step from the string  $uAv$ , written as

$$uAv \Rightarrow uvw$$


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$\Rightarrow^*$ : derive

Let  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  be a context free grammar with

- $u, v \in (V \cup \Sigma)^*$

The string  $v$  can be derived from the string  $u$ , written as  $u \xRightarrow{*} v$ , if one of the following conditions holds

1.  $u = v$
2. there exists an integer  $k \geq 2$  and a sequence  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$  of strings in  $(V \cup \Sigma)^*$ , such that
 

- $u = u_1$ ,
  - $v = u_k$ , and  $u_1 \Rightarrow u_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow u_k$

## Regular language are context-free

Theorem

Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet and let  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be a regular language. Then  $L$  is a context-free language.

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Proof

Since  $L$  is a regular language, there exists a deterministic finite automaton

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$  that accepts  $L$ . To prove that  $L$  is context-free, we have to define a context free grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , such that  $L = L(M) = L(G)$ . Thus,  $G$  must have the same following property:

For every string  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$w \in L(M) \text{ if and only if } w \in L(G)$$

which can be reformulated as

$$M \text{ accepts } w \text{ if and only if } S \xRightarrow{*} w$$

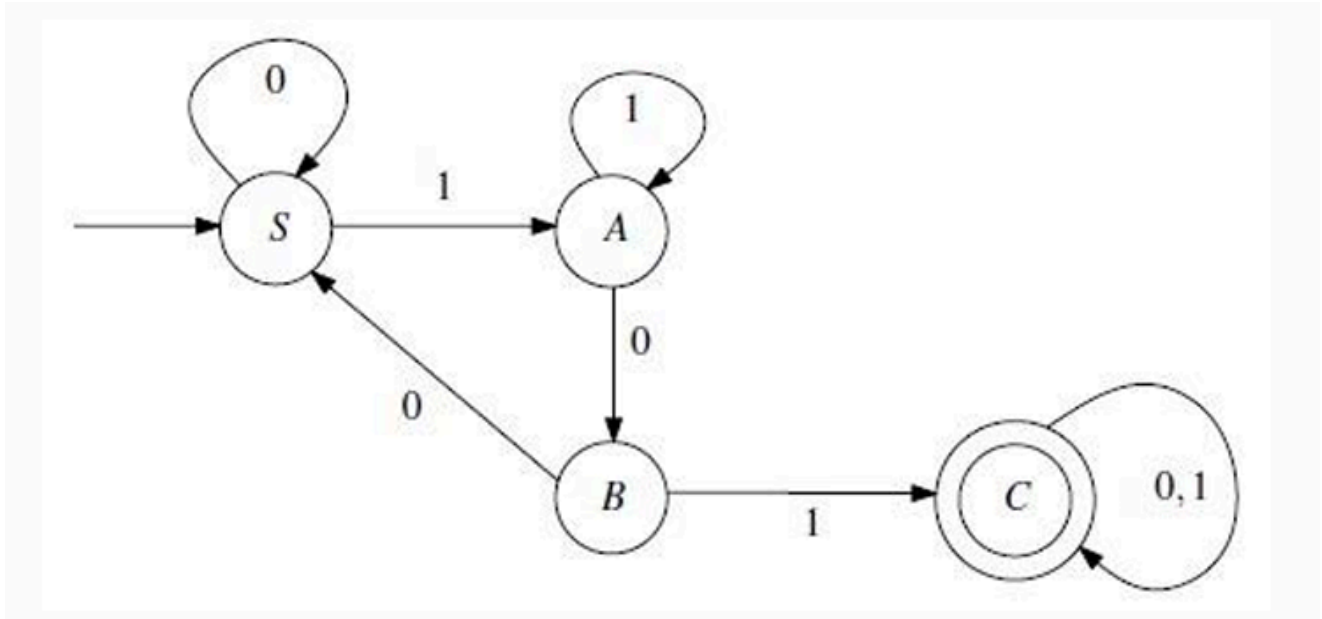
Set  $V = \{R_i | q_i \in Q\}$  (that is,  $G$  has a variable for every state of  $M$ ). Now for every transition

$\delta(q_i, a) = q_j$  add a rule  $R_i \rightarrow aR_j$ . For every accepting state  $q_i \in F$  add a rule  $R_i \rightarrow \epsilon$ . Finally, make the start variable  $S = R_0$ .

### Example

Let  $L$  be the language defined as  $L = \{w \in 0, 1^* : 101 \text{ is a substring of } w\}$

The DFA  $M$  accepts  $L$



convert  $M$  to a context-free grammar  $G$  whose languages is  $L$

Solution:

$V = \{S, A, B, C\}$

$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

The start variable:  $S$

Rules  $R$ :

transit from  $S$ :

$S \rightarrow 0S$

$S \rightarrow 1A$

transit from  $A$ :

$A \rightarrow 1A$

$A \rightarrow 0B$

transit from  $B$ :

$B \rightarrow 0S$

$B \rightarrow 1C$

transit from  $C$ :

$C \rightarrow 0C$

$C \rightarrow 1C$

$$C \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Closure properties of CFLs: CFLs are closed under operations like union and concatenation but not under intersection or complementation

## Chomsky Normal Form(CNF)

### Definition

A context-free grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  is said to be in Chomsky normal form, if every rule in  $R$  has one of the following three forms:

- $A \rightarrow BC$ , where  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are elements of  $V$ ,  $B \neq S$ , and  $C \neq S$  非终结符生成两个非终结符
- $A \rightarrow a$ , where  $A$  is an element of  $V$  and  $a$  is an element of  $\Sigma$  非终结符生成一个终结符
- $S \rightarrow \epsilon$ , where  $S$  is the start variable

Grammars in Chomsky normal form are far easier to analyze

### Theorem

Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet and let  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be a context-free language. There exists a context-free grammar in Chomsky normal form, whose language is  $L$  (Every CFL can be described by a CFG in CNF)

### CFG $\rightarrow$ CNF

Given CFG  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ . Replace, one-by-one, every rule that is not "Chomsky"

- Start variable (not allowed on RHS of rules)
- $\epsilon$  - rule ( $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  not allowed when  $A$  isn't start variable)
- all other violating rules ( $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $A \rightarrow aBc$ ,  $A \rightarrow BCDE$ )

### Transformation steps

Step 1. Eliminate the start variable from the RHS of the rules

- New start variable  $S_0$
- New rule  $S_0 \rightarrow S$

Step 2. Remove  $\epsilon$  - rules, where  $A \in V - \{S\}$

- Before:  $B \rightarrow xAy$  and  $A \rightarrow \epsilon \mid \dots$
- After:  $B \rightarrow xAy \mid xy$  and  $A \rightarrow \dots$

when removing  $A \rightarrow \epsilon$  rules, insert all new replacements:

- Before:  $B \rightarrow AbA$  and  $A \rightarrow \epsilon | \dots$
- After:  $B \rightarrow AbA|bA|Ab|b$  and  $A \rightarrow \dots$

Step 3. Remove unit rules  $A \rightarrow B$ , where  $A \in V$

- Before:  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow xCy$
- After:  $A \rightarrow xCy$  and  $B \rightarrow xCy$

Step 4. Eliminate all rules having more than 2 symbols on the RHS

- Before:  $A \rightarrow B_1B_2B_3$
- After:  $A \rightarrow B_1A_1, A_1 \rightarrow B_2B_3$

Step 5. Eliminate all rules of the form  $A \rightarrow ab$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are not both variables

- Before:  $A \rightarrow ab$
- After:  $A \rightarrow B_1B_2, B_1 \rightarrow a, B_2 \rightarrow b$

Example:

Given a CFG  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ , where  $V = \{A, B\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $A$  is the start variable, and  $R$  consists of the rules:

$$A \rightarrow BAB|B|\epsilon$$

$$B \rightarrow 00|\epsilon$$

convert this  $G$  to CNF

Step 1. Eliminate the start variable from the RHS of the rules

- New start variable:  $S_0$
- New rule  $S_0 \rightarrow S$

Step 2. Remove  $\epsilon$  – rules

New rule:

$$S_0 \rightarrow A|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow BAB|AB|BB|BA|A|B$$

$$B \rightarrow 00$$

Step 3. Remove unit-rules

New rule:

$$S_0 \rightarrow BAB|AB|BB|BA|00|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow BAB|AB|BB|BA|00$$

$$B \rightarrow 00$$

Step 4. Eliminate all rules having more than 2 symbols on the RHS

New rule:

$$C_1 \rightarrow AB$$

$$S_0 \rightarrow BC_1|AB|BB|BA|00|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow BC_1|AB|BB|BA|00$$

$$B \rightarrow 00$$

Step 5. Eliminate all rules, whose RHS side contains exactly 2 symbols, which are not both variables

New rule:

$$U \rightarrow 0$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow AB$$

$$S_0 \rightarrow BC_1|AB|BB|BA|UU|\epsilon$$

$$A \rightarrow BC_1|AB|BB|BA|UU$$

$$B \rightarrow UU$$

先消除在右侧的起始变量（引入新的起始变量），然后消除 $\epsilon$ 规则，消除单一规则 $X \rightarrow Y$ ，最后在转换成CNF，只能产生一个非终结符生成两个非终结符，或者一个非终结符到一个终结符的形式

## Lecture 7 Context-Free Languages II

### Closure Properties of Context Free Language

Theorem: If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are context-free languages, their union  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is also context free.

Proof idea:

For  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , there exists corresponding CFG  $G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$  and

$G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma_2, R_2, S_2)$ . Let  $G_3 = (S \cup V_1 \cup V_2, \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1|S_2\}, S)$ , clearly

$$L(G_3) = L_1 \cup L_2$$

Theorem: If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are CFL, their concatenation  $L_1 \circ L_2$  is also context free

Proof idea

For  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , there exists corresponding context free grammars  $G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$  and

$G_2 = (V_2, \Sigma_2, R_2, S_2)$ . Let  $G_3 = (S \cup V_1 \cup V_2, \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1S_2\}, S)$ , clearly

$$L(G_3) = L_1 \circ L_2$$

Theorem: If  $L_1$  is CFL, their Kleene closure  $L_1^*$  is also context free

Proof idea

For  $L_1$ , there exists corresponding context free grammars  $G_1 = (V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1, S_1)$ . Let  $G_2 = (S \cup V_1, \Sigma_1, R_1 \cup \{S \rightarrow S_1 S | \epsilon\}, S)$

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CFLs are not closure under intersection & complement

Counterexample:

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^n | n, m \geq 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^m b^n c^n | n, m \geq 0\}$$

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{a^n b^n c^n | n \geq 0\}$$

By De Morgan's law

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \overline{\overline{L_1} \cup \overline{L_2}}$$

the complement is also not closure

## Pushdown Automata(PDAs)

有限自动机 (NFA) + 一个栈 (Stack)

The class of languages that can be accepted by pushdown automata is exactly the class of context-free languages (finite automata are for regular languages)

能被PDA接受的语言正好是CFLs

- The input for a pushdown automaton is a string  $w$  in  $\Sigma^*$
  - PDA accepts or doesn't accept  $w$ .
  - Different from finite automata, PDAs have a stack
  - Stack have 2 different operations:
    - push - adds item to top of stack
    - pop - removes item from top of stacks
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- A PDA consists of a tape, a stack and a state control
    - Tape: divided into cells that store symbols belonging to  $\Sigma_{\epsilon} = \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$
    - Tape head: move along the tape, one cell to the right per move
    - Stack: containing symbols from a finite set  $\Gamma$ , called the stack alphabet. This set contains a special symbol  $\$$  (often mark bottom of stack) 标记栈底
    - Stack head: reads the top symbol of the stack. This head can also pop the top symbol, and it can push symbols of  $\Gamma$  onto the stack
    - State control: can be in any one of a finite number of states. This set of states is denoted by  $Q$ . The set  $Q$  contains one special state  $q$ , called the start state

## PDA definition

A pushdown automation is a 6-tuple  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q, F)$ :

- $Q$  is finite set of states
- $\Sigma$  is finite input tape alphabet
- $\Gamma$  is finite stack alphabet
- $\delta$  is the transition function:  $Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon)$
- $q$  is start state,  $q \in Q$
- $F$  is set of accept states,  $F \subseteq Q$ , PDA accepts as long as it is in  $F$  regardless of the stack  
Let  $r, r' \in Q, a \in \Sigma^*$  and  $b, c \in \Gamma^*$

$$\delta(r, a, b) = \{(r', c')\}$$

In state  $r$ , PDA reads  $a$  on the tape and pop  $b$  from the stack, move to state  $r'$  and push  $c$  to the stack. The tape head moves to the right

PDA is Nondeterministic, PDA transition function allows for nondeterminism

$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \times \Gamma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma_\epsilon)$$

## Language accepted by PDA

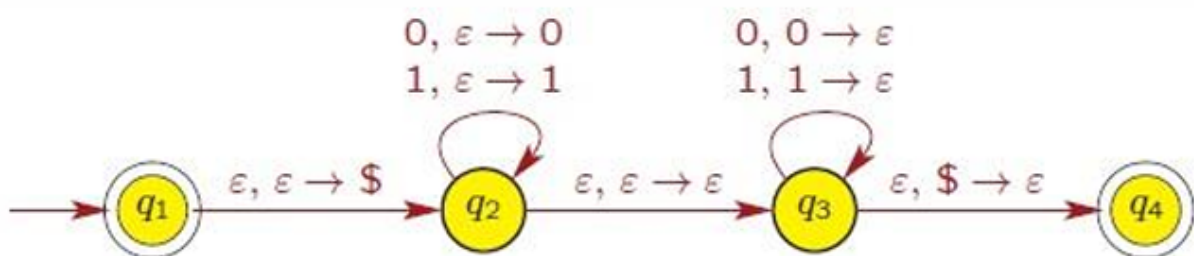
Definition

The set of all input strings that are accepted by PDA  $M$  is the language recognized by  $M$  and is denoted by  $L(M)$

CFG  $\Leftrightarrow$  PDA

Example:

PDA for language  $\{ww^R | w \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$



CFG:  $G = \{\{S\}, \{0, 1\}, R, S\}$

R:

$$S \rightarrow 0S0 | 1S1 | \epsilon$$



# Lecture 7 Context-Free languages III

## Equivalence of PDA and CFGs

Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet and let  $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$  be a language. Then  $A$  is a context-free if and only if there exists a nondeterministic pushdown automaton that recognizes  $A$

- If  $A = L(G)$  for some CFG  $G$ , then  $A = L(M)$  for some PDA  $M$
- If  $A = L(M)$  for some PDA  $M$ , then  $A = L(G)$  for some CFG  $G$

Basic idea: Given CFG  $G$ , convert it into PDA  $M$  with  $L(M) = L(G)$  by building PDA that simulates a derivation, where stack symbols are CFG symbols and type reading happens when a stack head is terminal and matches with tape control 堆栈的符号是CFG 符号 栈顶是终结符且与输入带符号匹配时读带, 从而将其转换满足为  $L(M) = L(G)$

## Convert CFG into PDA

CFG  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$

Start symbol  $S$ ,

production rules  $A \in V \rightarrow U \in (V \cup \Sigma)$ ,

Terminal Symbols  $a \in \Sigma$ ,

End generation when no variables left

Problem:  $U$  could consist of multiple symbols, PDA only push one at a time.

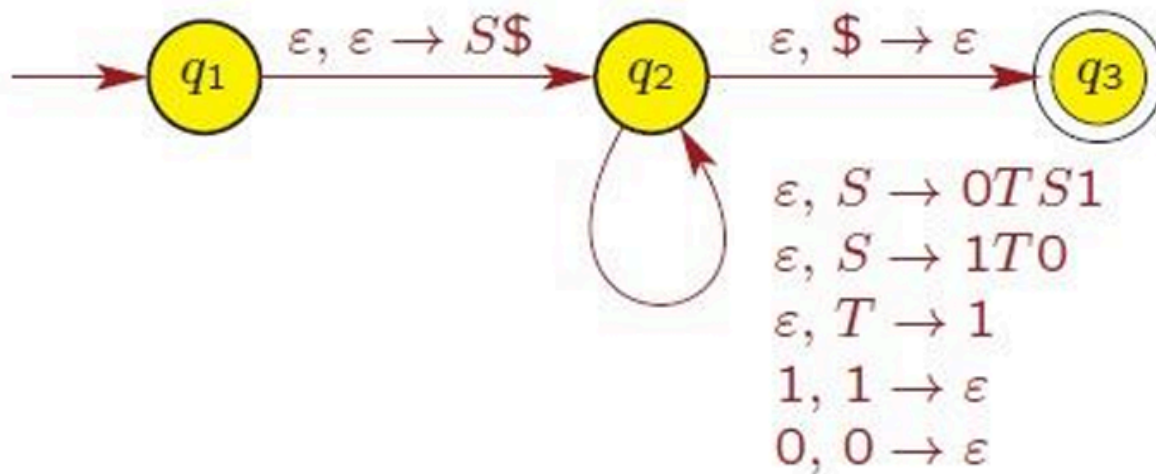
Solution: enter intermediate states when a production rule is applied, and use epsilon transitions to add symbols one by one 在应用产生式规则时进入中间状态 并使用  $\epsilon$ -transition 逐个加入符号

PDA works as follows

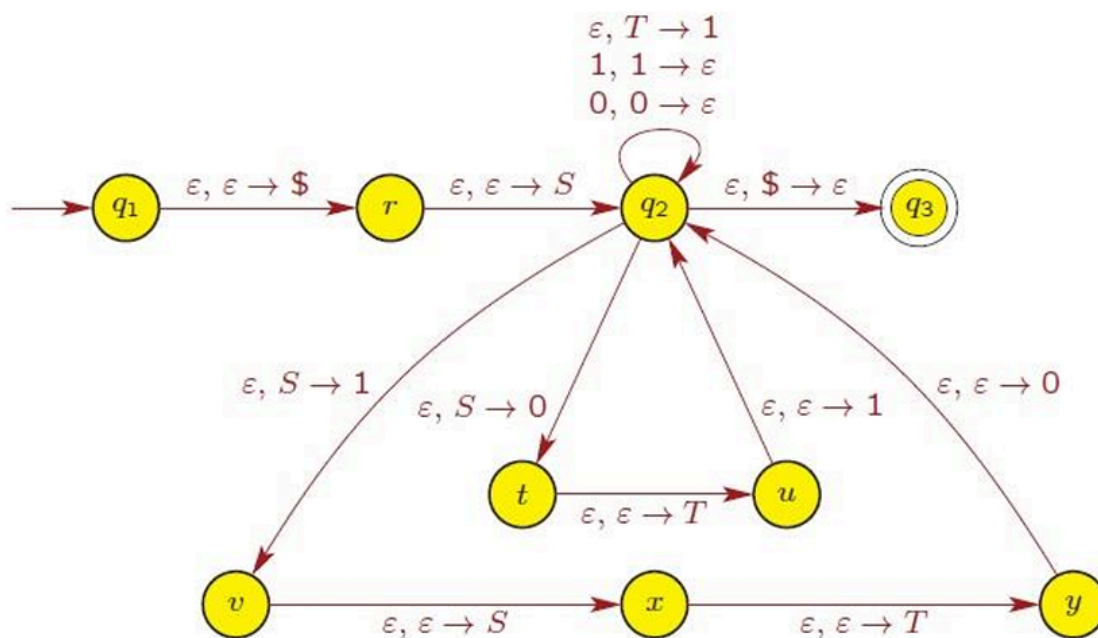
1.  $\epsilon, \epsilon \rightarrow S\$$  初始化栈 准备好模拟推导过程  $S$ 是CFG的起始变量
2.  $\epsilon, A \rightarrow u$  不读输入字符 且栈顶是变量 $A$  将栈顶的变量 $A$ 弹出 替换为产生式右侧的字符串 (对应规则  $A \rightarrow u$ )
3.  $a, a \rightarrow \epsilon$  读取输入字符 $a$ , 且栈顶也是终结符 $a$ 匹配成功将栈顶 $a$ 弹出, 验证生成的字符是否与输入字符串一致
4.  $\epsilon, \$ \rightarrow \epsilon$  当栈中只剩下栈底符号时, 进入接受状态

Example

Given CFG  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  Variables  $V = \{S, T\}$  Terminals  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  Rules  $S \rightarrow 0TS1 \mid 1T0, T \rightarrow 1$  convert the above CFG into a PDA



but PDA cannot push strings(e.g.  $S\$, 0TS1$ ) onto stack. We need to create the intermediate states



## Convert PDA into CFG

the PDA we built from CFG looks quite special. It has a single accepting state with empty stack. This suggests that we need to somehow convert all PDA to some simplified PDA 空栈作为单一接受状态

We propose the following simplification of PDA

1. PDA  $P$  has a single accepting state  $q_{accept}$
2. PDA  $P$  accepts on empty stack
3. Each transition either pushes a symbol onto the stack(a push move) or pops one off the stack(a pop move), but it does not do both at the same time 每个转移要么将一个符号压到栈中, 要么弹出, 不会同时进行

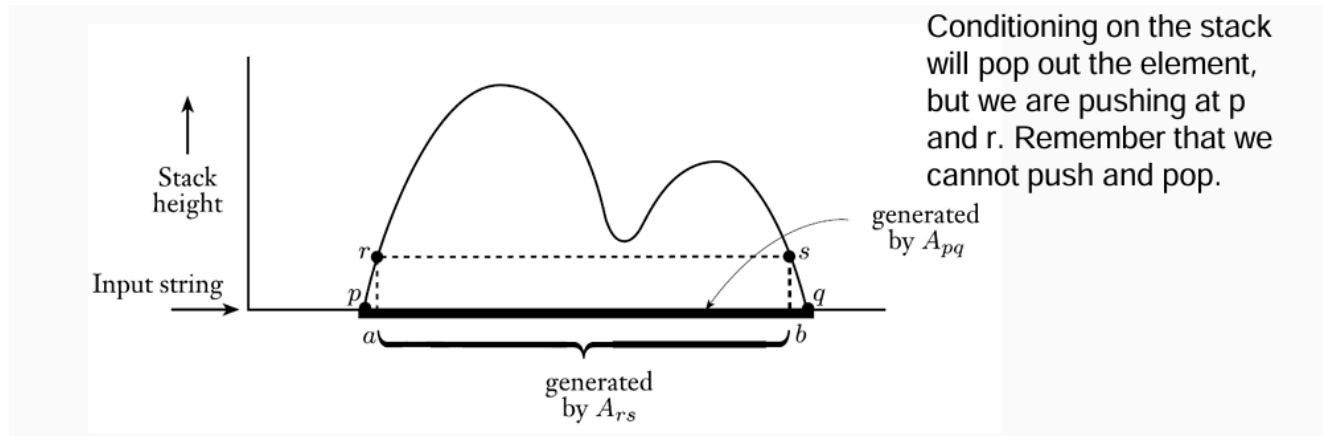
Lemma:

PDA with the above simplifications are equivalent to standard PDA

Formally, for PDA  $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, \{q_{accept}\})$

We construct  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, A_{q_0 q_{accept}})$  with  $V = \{A_{pq} | p, q \in Q\}$

and most importantly production rules in 3 parts 这三条规则涵盖了PDA从状态p走到状态q且清空栈的所有可能路径



1. For each  $p \in Q$ , put  $A_{pp} \rightarrow \epsilon$  base case 起点就是重点 什么都不需要做
2. For each  $p, q, r \in Q$ , put  $A_{pq} \rightarrow A_{pr}A_{rq}$  (路径拼接 我们可以通过一个中间状态来拆分旅程, 如果想从p走到q且清空栈, 我们可以先走到中间的某个状态 (此时栈的状态必须回到空), 然后再从中间状态到q)
3. For each  $p, q, r, s \in Q, u \in \Gamma(\text{stack symbol}), \text{ and } a, b \in \Sigma_\epsilon$ , if  $\delta(p, a, \epsilon)$  contains  $(r, u)$  and  $\delta(s, b, u)$  contains  $(q, \Sigma)$ , put  $A_{pq} \rightarrow aA_{rs}b$

整个过程被包在一个主要的压栈与出栈的操作中

开始从状态p读取输入a, 压入一个符号u, 转移到状态r 此时栈变高了;

中间  $r \rightarrow s$  不管发生什么复杂的计算栈的高度永远没有低过被压入的u, 符号u一直在栈底;

结束状态, 在状态s读取输入b, 看到栈顶是u将其弹出, 转移到状态q, 此时状态回到基准线

### Example

$L = \{01\}$  now PDA  $P = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$Q = q_0, q_1, q_2$

$\delta(q_0, 0, \epsilon) \rightarrow \{(q_1, X)\}$

$\delta(q_1, 1, X) \rightarrow \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$

### Solution

generate the CFG rules

Step 1 Base case: For each  $p \in Q, A_{pp} \rightarrow \epsilon$

- $A_{00} \rightarrow \epsilon$
- $A_{11} \rightarrow \epsilon$
- $A_{22} \rightarrow \epsilon$

Step 2 (Rule 3)

- Push:  $(p \rightarrow q)$  read 0, and push  $X$
- Pop:  $(p \rightarrow q)$  read 1, and pop  $X$
- So the rule  $A_{02} \rightarrow 0A_{11}1$

Step 3 (Rule 2)

- now we have  $A_{00} \rightarrow \epsilon | A_{11} \rightarrow \epsilon | A_{22} \rightarrow \epsilon | A_{02} \rightarrow 0A_{11}1$
- so we have  $A_{02} \rightarrow 0\epsilon 1$

## Pumping Lemma for CFLs

If we try to derive infinite long string without repeating variables, we run out of variables sooner or later

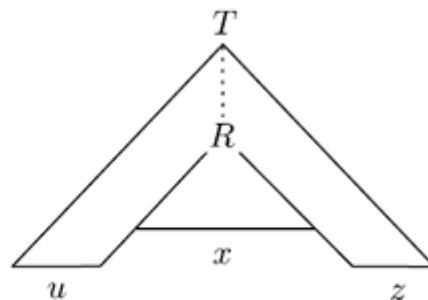
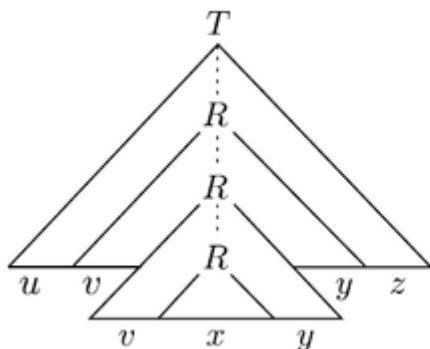
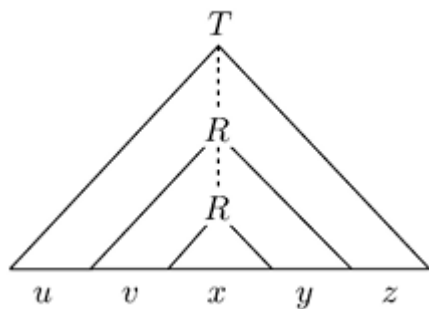
Let  $L$  be a context-free language. Then there exists an integer  $p \geq 1$ , called the pumping length, such that the following holds: Every string  $s$  in  $L$ , with  $|s| \geq p$ , can be written as  $s = uvxyz$ , such that

1.  $|vy| \geq 1$  (i.e.,  $v$  and  $y$  are not both empty)
2.  $|vxy| \leq p$  and
3.  $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ , for all  $i \geq 0$

Proof idea:

Since the grammar is finite, if every variable only appear once in the parse tree, only strings of finite length can be generated. For long enough strings, there must exist variables being used at least twice. Consequently, we can pump it.

$u$ 和 $z$ 是两边的部分,  $v$ 和 $y$ 是上面的 $R$ 生成但包裹在下面 $R$ 之外的部分,  $x$ 是由下面 $R$ 生成的核心部分



### Proof

Let  $b$  = length of the longest RHS of a rule = max branching of the parse tree

let  $h$  = height of the parse tree for (string)  $s$

A tree of height  $h$  and max branching  $b$  has at most  $b^h$  leaves. So  $|s| \leq b^h$

let  $p = b^{|V|} + 1$  where  $|V|$  = # variables in the grammar

So if  $|s| \geq p > b^{|V|}$  then  $|s| > b^{|V|}$  and  $h > |V|$

As only variables can be nonterminal, at least  $|V| + 1$  variables occur in the longest path. So some variable  $R$  must repeat on a path

### Example

CFL:  $S \rightarrow \epsilon | 0S0 | 1S1$

Branching factor:  $B = 3$

Variable numbers:  $V = 1$

Pumping length  $p = b^{|V|} + 1$

For strings of length, let's consider  $s = 0110$

Pumping Lemma claims  $s = uvxyz$ , such that

1.  $|vy| \geq 1$  (i.e.,  $v$  and  $y$  are not both empty)
  2.  $|vxy| \leq p$  and
  3.  $uv^i xy^i z \in L$ , for all  $i \geq 0$
- $u = 0, v = 1, x = \epsilon, y = 1, z = 0$

### Example.2

$L = \{a^n b^n c^n | n\}$  is non-CFL

Proof by contradiction:

we assume that B is a CFL. Let  $p$  be the pumping length  $s = a^p b^p c^p$ . Clearly  $s$  is a member of B and of length at least  $p$

we show that no matter how we divide  $s$  into  $uvxyz$ , one of the 3 conditions of the lemma is violated

Condition 2 require we find the  $vxy$  substring to be of length  $p$  at most

Case 1: If  $a^{p-k}$  where  $k \geq 0$ , and due to  $|vy| \geq 1$ , pumping will change the number  $a$ , and we get strings not in the language. Similarly,  $b^{p-k} = vxy$  or  $c^{p-k} = vxy$  won't work so  $vxy$  must be the combination of 2 alphabets

Case 2:  $a^m b^{p-m-k} = vxy$  where  $k \geq 0$ . Still, after pumping either the number of  $a$  or  $b$  will be different from number  $c$ . Similarly,  $b^m c^{p-m-k} = vxy$  won't work

In all, we get a contradiction by assuming  $L$  is CFL, so it must not be CFL.

## Lecture 9 Turing machine

- Infinite long type, divided into cells. Each cell stores a symbol belonging to  $\Gamma$  (tape alphabet)
- Tape head( $\downarrow$ ) can move both right and left, one cell per move. It read from or write to a tape 每移动一格，他可以读取或写入纸带
- State control can be in any one of a finite number of states  $Q$ . It is based on: state and symbol read from tape 状态控制器可以处于有限状态集中的任何一个状态，他基于状态和从纸带读取的符号
- Machine has one start state, and can accept or reject at any time
- Machine can run forever: infinite loop
- Properties of Turing machine
  - TM can both read from tape and write on it
  - Tape head can move both right and left
  - Tape is infinite and can be used for storage 纸带是无限的也可以用于出处
  - Accept and reject states take immediate effect

### Definition

A Turing Machine (TM) is a 7-tuple  $M = \{\Sigma, \Gamma, Q, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject}\}$ , where

- $\Sigma$  is a finite set, called the input alphabet, the blank symbol  $\sqcup$  is not contained in  $\Sigma$
- $\Gamma$  is a finite set, called the tape alphabet, this alphabet contains the blank symbol, and  $\sqcup$ , and  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$
- $Q$  is a finite set. whose elements are called states
- $q$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the start state
- $q_{accept}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the accept state
- $q_{reject}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the reject state
- $\delta$  is called the transition function, which is a function  $\delta : Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R, L\}$

- L move to left, R move to right, N no move

### Example

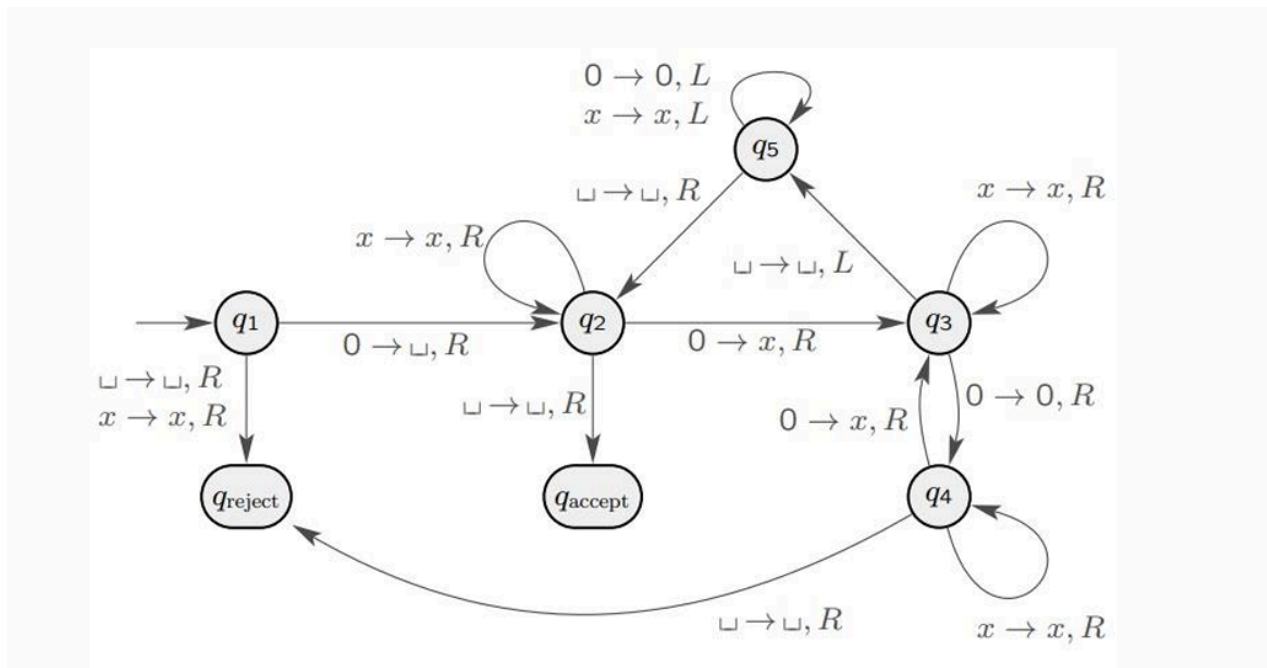
TM  $M$  for language

$$A = \{0^{2^n} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

which consists of strings of 0s whose length is a power of 2

On input  $w$ :

- Sweep left to right across the tape, crossing off every other 0
- If in stage 1 the tape contains a single 0, accepts
- If in stage 1 the tape contained more than a single 0 and the number of 0s was odd, reject
- Return the head to the left end of the tape



- Start configuration: The input is a string over the input alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Initially, this input string is stored on the first tape, and the head of this tape is on the leftmost symbol of the input string
- Computation and termination: Starting in the start configuration, the Turing machine performs a sequence of computation steps. The computation terminates at the moment when the Turing machine enters the accept state or reject state
- Acceptance: The TM  $M$  accepts the input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , if the computation on this input terminates in the state  $q_{\text{accept}}$

## TM configuration

Provides a "snapshot of TM" at any point during computation

- State
- tape contents
- head location

Definition

Configuration of a TM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject})$  is a string  $uqv$  with  $u, v \in \Gamma^*$  and  $q \in Q$ , and specifies that currently

- M is in state  $q$
- Tape contains  $uv$
- tape head is pointing to the cell containing the first symbol in  $v$

## TM Transitions

- Definition

Configuration  $C1$  yields configuration  $C2$  if the Turing machine can legally go from  $C1$  to  $C2$  in a single step. For TM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject})$ , suppose

- $u, v \in \Gamma^*$
- $a, b, c \in \Gamma$
- $q_i, q_j \in Q$
- transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R, N\}$

- Example

Configuration  $uaq_i bv$  yields configuration  $uq_j acv$

$$\text{if } \delta(q_i, b) = (q_j, c, L)$$

## TM Computation

- Definition

Given a TM  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject})$  and input string  $w \in \Sigma^*$ . M accepts input  $w$  if there is a finite sequence of configurations  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k$  for some  $k \geq 1$  with

$C_1$  is the starting configuration  $q0w$

$C_i$  yields  $C_{i+1}$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k-1$  (sequence of configurations obeys transition function  $\delta$ )

$C_k$  is an accepting configuration  $uq_{accept}v$  for some  $u, v \in \Gamma^*$

## Recognizable Languages

The language  $L(M)$  accepted by the Turing Machine  $M$  is the set of all strings in  $\Sigma^*$  that accepted by  $M$

Language  $A$  is Turing-recognizable if there is a TM  $M$  such that  $A = L(M)$



- On an input  $w \notin L(M)$ , the machine  $M$  can either halt in a rejecting state, or it can loop indefinitely 要么机器M在拒绝状态停止 要么无限循环
  - On an input  $w \in L(M)$ , the machine  $M$  will halt in accepting state
- Turing recognizable not practical because we never know if TM will halt

## Multi-tape TM

Multi-tape TM has multiple tapes

- Each tape has its own head
- Transition determined by
  - state
  - the content read by all heads
- Reading and writing of each head are independent of others

Definition

- A  $k$ -tape Turing Machine (TM) is a 7-tuple  $M = \{\Sigma, \Gamma, Q, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject}\}$  has  $k$  different tapes and  $k$  different read/write heads, where
- $\Sigma$  is a finite set, called the input alphabet, the blank symbol  $\sqcup$  is not contained in  $\Sigma$
- $\Gamma$  is a finite set, called the tape alphabet, this alphabet contains the blank symbol, and  $\sqcup$ , and  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$
- $Q$  is a finite set. whose elements are called states
- $q$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the start state
- $q_{accept}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the accept state
- $q_{reject}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the reject state
- $\delta$  is called the transition function, which is a function  $\delta : Q \times \Gamma^k \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma^k \times \{L, R, N\}^k$ 
  - L move to left, R move to right, N no move
  - Given  $\delta(q_i, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = (q_j, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k, L, R, \dots, L)$ 
    - TM is in state  $q_i$
    - heads  $1 - k$  read  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$
  - Then
    - TM moves to  $q_j$
    - heads  $1 - k$  write  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$
    - Heads move left or right or don't move

## Multi-tape TM equivalent to 1-tape TM

Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer. Any  $k$ -tape Turing machine can be converted to an equivalent 1-tape Turing machine. For every multi-tape TM  $M$ , there is a single-tape  $M'$  such that

$$L(M) = L(M')$$

## Proof

Basic idea: simulate k-tape TM using 1-tape TM

Let TM  $M = \{\Sigma, \Gamma, Q, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject}\}$  be a k-tape TM

M has:

- input  $w = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k$  on tape 1
- other tapes contain only blanks  $\sqcup$
- each heads points to first cell

Construct 1-tape TM  $M'$  by extending tape alphabet

$$\Gamma' = \Gamma \cup \dot{\Gamma} \cup \{\#\}$$

Note: head positions of different tapes are marked by dotted symbol

For each step of k-tape TM  $M$ , 1-tape  $M'$  operates its tape as:

- At the start of the simulation, the tape head of  $M'$  is on the leftmost #
- Scans the tape from first # to (k+1)st # to read symbols under heads 从第一个#扫描到第k+1个#, 读取磁头下的符号
- rescans to write new symbols and move heads

Turing-recognizable  $\leftrightarrow$  Multiple-tape Turing-recognizable

Language  $L$  is TM-recognizable if and only if some multi-tape TM recognizes  $L$

## Nondeterministic TM

A nondeterministic Turing machine (NTM)  $M$  can have several options at every step. It is defined by the 7-tuple  $M = \{\Sigma, \Gamma, Q, \delta, q, q_{accept}, q_{reject}\}$ , where

- $\Sigma$  is a finite set, called the input alphabet, the blank symbol  $\sqcup$  is not contained in  $\Sigma$
- $\Gamma$  is a finite set, called the tape alphabet, this alphabet contains the blank symbol, and  $\sqcup$ , and  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$
- $Q$  is a finite set. whose elements are called states, transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Gamma \rightarrow P(Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\})$
- $q$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the start state
- $q_{accept}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the accept state
- $q_{reject}$  is an element of  $Q$ , it is called the reject state

## Computation

With any input  $w$ , computation of NTM is represented by a configuration tree

If  $\exists$  (at least) one accepting leaf, then NTM accepts

## NTM equivalent to TM

Every nondeterministic TM has an equivalent deterministic TM

Proof

- Build TM  $D$  to simulate NTM  $N$  on each input  $w$ .  $D$  tries all possible branches of  $N$ 's tree of configuration
- If  $D$  finds any accepting configuration, then it accepts input  $w$
- If all branches reject, then  $D$  rejects input  $w$
- If no branch accepts and at least one loops, then  $D$  loops on  $w$

## Address

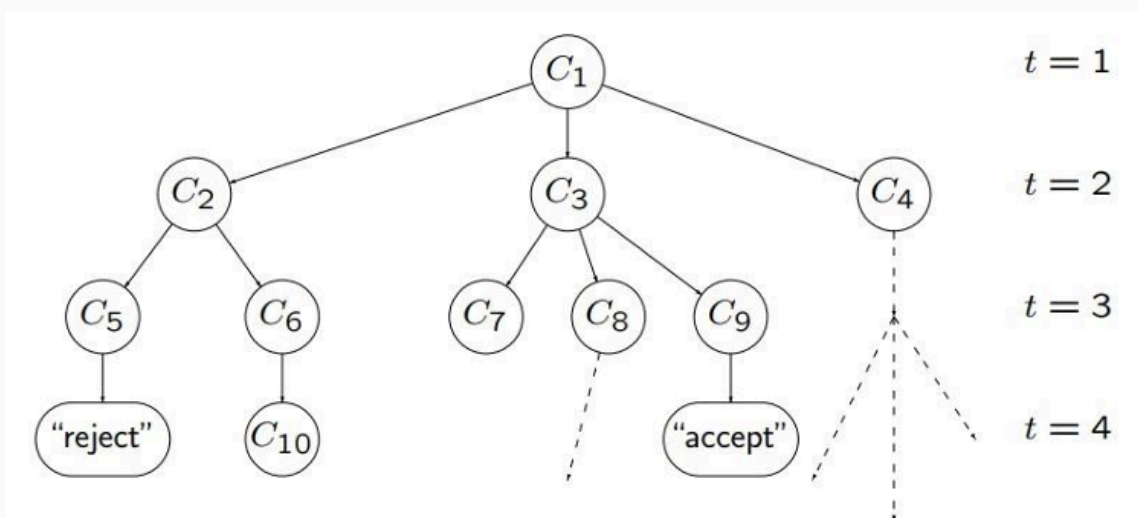
- Every node in the tree has at most  $b$  children
- $b$  is size of largest set of possible choices for  $N$ 's transition function
- Every node in tree has an address that is a string over the alphabet  $\Gamma_b = \{1, 2, \dots, b\}$  To get to node with address 231:

- start at root
- take second branch
- then take third branch
- then take first branch

- Ignore meaningless address
- Visit nodes in breadth-first search order by listing addresses in  $\Gamma_b^*$  in string order:

$$\epsilon, 1, 2, \dots, b, 11, 12, \dots, 1b, 21, 22$$

- example  
 "accept" configuration has address 231  
 Configuration  $C_6$  has address 12  
 Configuration  $C_1$  has address  $\epsilon$   
 Address 132 is meaningless



## Simulating NTM by DTM

1. Initially, input tape contains input string  $w$ . Simulation and address tapes are initially empty
2. Copy input tape to simulation tape
3. Use simulation tape to simulation NTM  $N$  on input  $w$  on path in tree from root to the address on address tape
  - At each node, consult next symbol on address to determine which branch to take
  - Accept if accepting configuration reached
  - Skip to next step if
    - symbols on address tape exhausted 地址纸带上的符号耗尽
    - nondeterministic choice invalid
    - rejecting configuration reached
4. replace string on address tape with next string in  $\Gamma_b^*$  in string order, and go to Stage 2

more explain:

input tape存放原始输入 $w$ ，作用是只读，用来当作存档，每次模拟一条新路径失败了，都要回来这里把原始数据重新拷贝一份，模拟带是NTM的沙盒或草稿纸，每一轮模拟都在这里进行，如果这条路走不通，就清空它准备下一轮，地址带相当于导航指令（广度搜索写入）

### Turing machine Possible Outcomes

On input  $w$  a TM  $M$  may halt(enter  $q_{acc}$  or  $q_{rej}$ ) or loop. So  $M$  has 3 possible outcomes for each input  $w$

## Decidable Languages

- Definition

A **decider** is TM that halts on all inputs, i.e. never loops

Language  $A = L(M)$  is decided by TM  $M$  if on each possible input  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , the TM finishes in a halting configuration, i.e.

- $M$  ends in  $q_{accept}$  for each  $w \in A$
- $M$  ends in  $q_{reject}$  for each  $w \in A$

- $A$  is Turing-decidable if  $\exists$  TM  $M$  that decides  $A$

- Differences to Turing-recognizable languages:

- Turing-decidable language has TM that halts on every string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  图灵可判定要求对于每个输入都停机不会死循环

- TM for Turing-recognizable language may loop on strings  $w \notin$  this language 图灵可识别要可能会死循环 不一定会停机
- 所有有限语言都是可判定语言 这其中包括正则语言 上下文无关语言...
- 停机问题 确定图灵机是否接受任何字符串的问题 确定两个图灵机是否等价的问题 确定上下文无关法是否生成所有字符串的问题都属于不可判定问题

## Lecture 10 Church-Turing Thesis and Limit of Computation

### Diagonalization method

Questions:

If we use natural numbers to list natural numbers, couldn't we construct a new number by flipping the diagonal and get a new number that is not in the natural number set

Answers:

True but the number you get is of infinite length. All natural numbers are of finite length. Therefore, you actually constructs a real number. There is nothing wrong with a real not in the natural number set

### The church-Turing Thesis

existence of non-Turing-recognizable languages

**Proposition:** Each Turing machine can be encoded by a distinct, finite string of 1's and 0's and some finite special symbols

**Proof:** encode TM as 7 tuple with special symbols, and encode alphabets in binary.

Transitions can be encoded as sequence of 5 tuples(state, tape, new state, new tape, left or right)

**Corollary:** There are countable many Turing machines 图灵机是可数的 如果把它想成一段代码, 虽然能有无限种输入 但是代码文件本身是有现成的

**Proposition:** There are uncountable many languages 有不可数多的语言

**Proof:** There is a bijection between languages and countable binary sequences that is uncountable by the diagonalization method 语言与可数二进制序列之间存在双射, 根据对角线法, 二进制序列是不可数的

**Corollary:** There exists non Turing-recognizable languages 图灵机有 $N$ 个 但是语言有无数多个 所以鸽巢原理 一定会有一个语言是Non-Turing-recognizable language

Theorem **Universal Turing Machine** Exists 通用图灵机

There exists a TM  $U$  that takes a Turing machine description and input tape and simulated one step of that given Turing machine on input tape

- Input to TM  $U$  is in the format  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  is the TM description, and  $w$  is the converted input

To prove the thesis, we need to show that the world is Turing computable

To disprove the thesis, we need to prove there is a non-Turing-recognizable/decidable languages that can be recognized or decided by a physical device

## Decidability

Given a language  $L$  whose elements are pairs of the form  $(B, w)$ , where

- $B$  is some computation model(e.g. DFA, NFA...)
- $w$  is a string over the alphabet  $\Sigma$

The pair  $(B, w) \in L$  if and only if  $w \in L(B)$

Since the input to computation model  $B$  is a string over  $\Sigma$ , we must encode the pair  $(B, w)$  as a string

## Acceptance problem for computational model

Decision problem: Does the given model accept/reject a given model  $w$ ?

Instance  $\langle B, w \rangle$  is the encoding pair  $(B, w)$

Universe  $\Omega$  comprises every possible instance:

$$\Omega = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a model and } w \text{ is a string} \}$$

Language comprises all "yes" instances:

$$L = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a model that accept } w \} \subseteq \Omega$$

- $L_{DFA}$  is decidable

$$L = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA that accept } w \} \subseteq \Omega$$

$$\Omega = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a model and } w \text{ is a string} \}$$

Basic idea:

To prove  $L_{DFA}$  is decidable, we need to construct TM  $M$  that decides  $L_{DFA}$

For  $M$  that decides  $L_{PDA}$ :

- take  $\langle B, w \rangle \in \Omega$  as input
- halt and accept if  $\langle B, w \rangle \in L_{DFA}$
- halt and reject if  $\langle B, w \rangle \notin L_{DFA}$

Proof

On input  $\langle B, w \rangle \in \Omega$  where

- $B = (\Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0, F)$  is a DFA
- $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \in \Sigma^*$  is input string to process on  $B$

1. check if  $\langle B, w \rangle$  is "proper" encoding. If not, reject
  2. Simulate  $B$  on  $w$  based on:
    - $q \in Q$ , the current state of  $B$
    - $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |w|\}$ , the pointer that illustrates the current position in  $w$
    - $q$  changes in accordance with  $w_i$  and the transition function  $\delta(q, w_i)$
  3. If  $B$  ends in  $q \in F$ , then  $M$  accepts; otherwise, reject.
- CFGs are decidable
- A context-free grammar  $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  is in Chomsky normal form if each rule is of the form

$$A \rightarrow BC \text{ or } A \rightarrow x \text{ or } S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

- every CFG can be converted into Chomsky normal form, CFG  $G$  in CNF is easier to analyze
  - For any string  $w \in L(G)$  with  $w \neq \epsilon$  by derivation  $S \xRightarrow{*} w$  takes exactly  $2|w| - 1$  steps. Base case where  $w$  is singular letter takes 1 step. Additional one step to increase number of variables and other to realize it
- Proof
 

$S = \text{"On input } \langle G, w \rangle\text{"}$ , where  $G$  is a CFG and  $w$  is a string:

  1. convert  $G$  into CNF
  2. List all derivations with  $2n - 1$  steps, where  $n$  is the length of  $w$ ; except if  $n = 0$ , then instead list all derivations with one step
  3. If any of these derivations generate  $w$ , accept; if not reject

## Emptiness of CFLs are decidable

$$E_{CFG} = \{ \langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG and } L(G) = \emptyset \}$$

给定的CFG是否生成不了任何字符串

Proof idea:

Rule set is finite and try exhaustively build parse tree from all potential list of terminals, and check whether we can reach the start symbol 规则集是有限的 尝试从所有可能的终结符列表中穷举地分析语法分析树，并检查是否能达到起始符号

Proof

Construct a Turing Machine  $R$

$R = \text{"On input } \langle G \rangle\text{"}$ , where  $G$  is a CFG"

1. Mark all terminal symbols in  $G$
2. Repeat until no new variables get marked

3. Mark any variable  $A$  where  $G$  has a rule  $A \rightarrow U_1U_2 \dots U_k$  and each symbol  $U_1U_2 \dots U_k$  has already been marked
  4. If the start variable is not marked, accept; otherwise, reject
- 第二步中，检查文法中的每一个产生式，如果在箭头右边的所有符号都已经被标记过了，意味着它们能够生成终结字符串，那么箭头左边的变量 $A$ 也肯定能生成终结字符串（反向标记）

## The Language $L_{TM}$ is Turing-recognizable

$$L_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a Turing machine that accepts the string } w \}$$

If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , then  $\langle M, w \rangle \in L_{TM}$

If  $M$  doesn't accept  $w$  (reject or loop), then  $\langle M, w \rangle \notin L_{TM}$

The language  $L_{TM}$  is Turing-recognizable

Proof

A universal Turing machine  $U$  simulates  $M$  on  $w$

- If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , simulation will halt and accept
- If  $M$  doesn't accept  $w$  (reject or loop), TM  $U$  either reject or loops

## The Language $L_{TM}$ is undecidable

$$L_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a Turing machine that accepts the string } w \}$$

我们永远不知道通用图灵机是否会停机，内层的TM可能永远运行

Proof

We will prove by contradiction and use the diagonalization method. We assume such a decider  $H$  exists, then show that the set of Turing machine is uncountable

通过反证法并且使用对角线法来证明，我们假设存在这样的判定器 $H$ ，然后根据图灵机的可数性推导出矛盾

$$H(\langle M, w \rangle) = \begin{cases} \text{accept} & \text{if } M \text{ accepts } w \\ \text{reject} & \text{if } M \text{ does not accept } w. \end{cases}$$

As the set of Turing machine is known to be countable, let's index them by  $M_i$

Now, it takes sense to ask the answer  $H \langle M_i, \langle M_j \rangle \rangle$  that is whether  $M_i$  accepts the description of  $M_j$  as input  $M_i$ 是否接受 $M_j$ 的描述作为输入

We may get a table which describes the answer of  $M_i$ 是否接受 $M_j$ 的描述作为输入



	$\langle M_1 \rangle$	$\langle M_2 \rangle$	$\langle M_3 \rangle$	$\langle M_4 \rangle$	$\dots$
$M_1$	accept	reject	accept	reject	
$M_2$	accept	accept	accept	accept	
$M_3$	reject	reject	reject	reject	$\dots$
$M_4$	accept	accept	reject	reject	
$\vdots$			$\vdots$		

By Diagonalization method:

we get a Turing Machine that is not in this table, so the set of Turing machines is not countable, and we have a contradiction, but how?

Implementation

we know this process will halt, as  $H$  is a decider

we construct another Turing Machine  $D$  that flips the diagonal(saying flipping is not enough, as the flipping needs to be done by a Turing Machine):

$D = \text{"On input } \langle M \rangle, \text{ where } M \text{ is a TM"}$

1. run  $H$  on input  $\langle M, \langle M \rangle \rangle$
2. Output the opposite of what  $H$  outputs, that is, if  $H$  accepts, reject, and if  $H$  rejects, accepts

Clearly,  $D$  is a decider and hence a Turing machine, It should be in the list, but

$\forall_i D(M_i) \neq H(M_i, \langle M_i \rangle) \neq M_i(\langle M_i \rangle)$ , Therefore,  $D$  is not in the list. This is contradiction to the fact TMs are countable

OR

An alternative proof:

Should  $D$  accepts  $\langle D \rangle$ ?

应该接受自己吗

$D$ 本身是一个图灵机 如果 $D$ 接受了 $\langle D \rangle$ , 那么他在 $H$ 那里就是接受的accept 但是他在对角线翻转中与自己矛盾了

If  $D$  accepts  $\langle D \rangle$ , In step 1  $H$  accepts  $\langle D, \langle D \rangle \rangle$ , then in step 2  $D$  rejects the  $\langle D \rangle$

## Instance of non Turing-recognizable languages

Theorem: A language  $A$  is decidable if and only if it is Turing-recognizable and co-Turing-recognizable 语言 $A$ 是可判定的当且仅当它是图灵可识别的且其补集也是图灵可识别的

Proof:

the only if part is simple, a decider always halts, and the decider accepts the language. For

the complement of the language, a Turing machine accepts when the decider rejects and vice versa

For the if part, if both  $A$  and  $\bar{A}$  are Turing -recognizable, we let  $M_1$  be the recognizer for  $A$  and  $M_2$  be the recognizer for  $\bar{A}$ . The following Turing machine  $M$  is a decider for  $A$   
 $M =$ "On Input  $w$ :

1. Run both  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  on input  $w$  in parallel
2. If  $M_1$  accepts, accepts; if  $M_2$  accepts, rejects"

Corollary  $\overline{L_{TM}}$  is not Turing-recognizable

## Lecture 11 Reducibility and Rice's Theorem

### Undecidable Problems

- Definition:

**Undecidable problem** The associated language of a problem cannot be recognized by a TM that halts for all inputs 一个问题的关联语言不能被一个对所有输入都停机的图灵机识别

**Unrecognizable problem** The associated language of a problem cannot be recognized by a TM

**The language of TMs** are undecidable but recognizable

$$L_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle : M \text{ is a Turing machine that accepts the string } w \}$$

We consider undecidable problems unsolvable(informal)

对于可判定语言 等待时间有一个上界 一定会停机 对于不可判定语言 可能会死循环

### Reducibility

- Definition:

**Reduction** is a way of converting one problem to another problem, so that the solution to the second problem can be used to solve the first problem

If  $A$  reduces to  $B$ , then any solution of  $B$  solves  $A$  (Reduction always involves two problems,  $A$  and  $B$ )

- If  $A$  is reducible to  $B$ , then  $A$  cannot be harder than  $B$
- If  $A$  is reducible to  $B$  and  $B$  is decidable, then  $A$  is also decidable
- If  $A$  is reducible to  $B$  and  $A$  is undecidable, then  $B$  is also undecidable

- A common strategy for proving that a language  $L$  is undecidable is by reduction method, proceeding as follows:

Typically approach to show  $L$  is undecidable via reduction from  $A$  to  $L$ :

- Find a problem  $A$  known to be undecidable (HALT problem)
- Suppose  $L$  is decidable
- Let  $R$  be a TM that decides  $L$
- Using  $R$  as subroutine to construct another TM  $S$  that decides  $A$

- But  $A$  is not decidable
- Conclusion:  $L$  is not decidable

## Mapping reduction

- Definition:

Suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are two languages

- $A$  is defined over alphabet  $\Sigma_1^*$ , so  $A \subseteq \Sigma_1^*$
- $B$  is defined over alphabet  $\Sigma_2^*$ , so  $B \subseteq \Sigma_2^*$

Then  $A$  is mapping reducible to  $B$ , written

$$A \leq_m B$$

if there is a computable (Turing Machine can simulate through the tape) function

$$f : \Sigma_1^* \rightarrow \Sigma_2^*$$

such that, for every  $w \in \Sigma_1^*$

$$w \in A \iff f(w) \in B$$

The function  $f$  is called a reduction of  $A$  to  $B$

- Theorem

If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is decidable, then  $A$  is decidable

Proof

- Let  $M_B$  be TM that decides  $B$
- Let  $f$  be reducing function from  $A$  to  $B$
- Consider the following TM:  
 $M_A =$  "On input  $w$ :
  1. Compute  $f(w)$
  2. Run  $M_B$  on input  $f(w)$  and give the same result."
- Since  $f$  is a reducing function,  $w \in A \iff f(w) \in B$ 
  - If  $w \in A$ , then  $f(w) \in B$ , so  $M_B$  and  $M_A$  accept
  - If  $w \notin A$ , then  $f(w) \notin B$ , so  $M_B$  and  $M_A$  reject
- Thus,  $M_A$  decides  $A$

- More explanation

- 为了证明 $A$ 是可判定的 需要造出一台能解决 $A$ 问题的机器并且在所有输入结果下停机

- Corollary

If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is undecidable, then  $B$  is undecidable also.

- Theorem  
If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $B$  is Turing-recognizable, then  $A$  is Turing-recognizable
  - Corollary  
If  $A \leq_m B$  and  $A$  is not Turing-recognizable, then  $B$  is not Turing-recognizable
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- Theorem  
If  $A \leq_m B$ , then  $\overline{A} \leq_m \overline{B}$
  - Corollary  
 $L_{TM}$  is not mapping reducible to  $E_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \emptyset \}$
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Mapping Reduction v.s. Turing(General) Reduction

Mapping Reducibility of  $A$  to  $B$ : translate  $A$  questions to  $B$  questions

$$w \in A \iff f(w) \in B$$

Turing Reducibility of  $A$  to  $B$ : Use  $B$  solver to solve  $A$

Clearly, we can use mapping reduction to construct general reduction

## Emptiness of TMs is undecidable

$$E_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \emptyset \}$$

Intuitively, we need to show the Turing machine won't enter the accept state for any strings. However, unlike the CFG/DFA cases, we find it hard to enumerate over all possible derivations

直观上 我们需要证明图灵机对于任何字符串都不会进入接受状态 然而 与CFG/DFA的情况不同 无法对所有可能的推导进行枚举

Proof by reduction from  $L_{TM}$ :

For a given TM  $M$  and input  $w$ , we construct a TM  $M_w$  s.t.  $M$  accepts  $w$  iff  $L(M_w) \neq \emptyset$

We claim  $M_w =$  "On input  $x$ :

1. If  $x \neq w$ , reject
2. If  $x = w$ , run  $M$  on input  $w$  and *accept* if  $M$  does."

If  $M$  accepts  $w$ , in step 1  $M_w$  rejects all strings other than  $w$ , and in step 2,  $M_w$  accepts it, and hence  $L(M_w) \neq \emptyset$ , then as it rejects all strings other than  $w$ , and accepts  $w$  only when  $M$  accepts  $w$ . Therefore  $M$  accepts  $w$

$L_{TM}$  is undecidable, so must  $E_{TM}$ .

核心思路是reduction 从 $L_{TM}$ 归约到 $E_{TM}$  因为 $L_{TM}$ 是undecidable的 所以 $E_{TM}$  也一定不可判定 通过先构造一个对外界任何输入的 $x$ 的过滤器

1. 如果不等于 $w$ 则直接拒绝

2. 如果等于 让内层机器  $M$  跑 如果它接受 那么 外层机器也接受 如果它不接受 这外层机器也不接受

这种嵌套将  $M$  是否接受  $w$  的问题转换为了  $M_w$  是否是空集的问题

如果原来的  $M$  接受  $w$  那么我们制造出来的  $M_w$  在接收到  $w$  之后 进入了第二步 运行内层 内层也接受 那么  $M_w$  接受的语言  $L(M_w)$  里面至少有一个元素 是非空的

如果原来的  $M$  不接受  $w$  那么我们制造出的  $M_w$  在接收到  $w$  之后 进入了第二步 运行内层 内层不接受 那么  $M_w$  也拒绝了 那么  $M_w$  什么都不接受 所以  $L(M_w)$  是空集

那我们制造出了一个机器能够判定机器是否为空 这就相当于我们也能检测  $L_{TM}$  这是不可能成立的

## Halting problem for TMs is undecidable

$L_{TM}$  is undecidable, where

$$L_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ accepts string } w \}$$

Define related problem

$$HALT_{TM} = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ halts on string } w \}$$

$L_{TM}$  and  $HALT_{TM}$  has same universe:

$$\Omega = \{ \langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ is TM, } w \text{ is string} \}$$

Given a  $\langle M, w \rangle \in \Omega$

- if  $M$  halts on input  $w$ , then  $\langle M, w \rangle \in HALT_{TM}$
- if  $M$  doesn't halt on input  $w$ , then  $\langle M, w \rangle \notin HALT_{TM}$

Proof by general reduction from  $L_{TM}$

We reduce  $L_{TM}$  to  $HALT_{TM}$ . We claim the following machine  $S$  decides  $L_{TM}$

$S =$  "On input  $\langle M, w \rangle$ , an encoding of a TM  $M$  and a string  $w$

1. Run TM  $R$  on input  $\langle M, w \rangle$
2. If  $R$  rejects, *reject*
3. If  $R$  accepts, simulate  $M$  on  $w$  until it halts
4. If  $M$  has accepts, *accept*; if  $M$  has rejected, *reject*"

Clearly,  $S$  accepts  $\langle M, w \rangle$  iff  $M$  halts on  $w$  and  $M$  accept  $w$ ,  $S$  rejects, iff  $M$  loops on  $w$  or  $M$  halts and rejects  $w$

Now, as  $L_{TM}$  is undecidable, so must  $HALT_{TM}$

## Other Undecidable Problems

Define  $T$  to be the set pf all Turing machines descriptions, i.e.,

$$T = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ is a Turing machine} \}$$

- $INFINITE_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } |L(M)| = \infty \}$
- $LT_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = L(T) \}$
- $FINITE_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, |L(M)| = n \}$
- $ALL_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \Sigma^* \}$

Non-trivial properties in common:

1. none of them are empty set
2. none of them includes all Turing machines
3.  $\langle M \rangle \in P$  iff  $L(M)$  satisfy some properties, i.e.,

$$P = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } p(L(M)) = 1 \} \text{ where } p : \{ L(M) \mid M \in T \} \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$$

Informal Rice's Theorem

Any non-trivial property of Turing machine is undecidable

## Rice's Theorem

Define  $T$  to be the set of all Turing machines descriptions, i.e.,

$$T = \{ \langle M \rangle : M \text{ is a Turing machine} \}$$

Let  $P$  be a subset of  $T$  such that

1.  $P \neq \emptyset$ , i.e. there exists a Turing machine  $M$  such that  $\langle M \rangle \in P$ ,
2.  $P$  is a proper subset of  $T$ , i.e., there exists a Turing machine  $N$  such that  $\langle N \rangle \notin P$
3. for any two Turing machines  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with  $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$ 
  - a) either both  $\langle M_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle M_2 \rangle$  are in  $P$  or
  - b) none of  $\langle M_1 \rangle$  and  $\langle M_2 \rangle$  is in  $P$

Then the language  $P$  is undecidable

非空真子集 并且对于相同语言的图灵机要么都在P中 要么都不在

$$E_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } L(M) = \emptyset \}$$

1. A TM rejects all inputs will suffice is in the set
2. A TM accepts all input is not in the set
3. If  $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$ , they are both either  $\emptyset$  or non-empty, either both in the set or not in the set respectively

Therefore  $E_{TM}$  is undecidable by Rice's theorem

$$INFINITE_{TM} = \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } |L(M)| = \infty \}$$

1. A TM rejects all inputs will suffice is in the set

2. A TM rejects all input is not in the set
  3. If  $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$ ,  $|L(M_1)| = |L(M_2)|$  so they are both either infinite or finite, either both in the set or both in the set respectively
- Therefore  $INFINITE_{TM}$  is undecidable by Rice's theorem

$$FIVE_{TM} \{ \langle M \rangle \mid M \text{ is a TM and } M \text{ has 5 states} \}$$

We can't apply Rice's theorem here, as clearly we can have a UTM with 3 states recognize the same language as given 5 states TM by simulating that machine

**In general, a property is about the language not about the TMs**

Rice定理的核心是 你不存在一个适用于所有情况且能终止的机器 所有可证明的命题都是图灵可识别的 也就是说 如果你对可证明的命题进行穷尽搜索 总有一天能找到证明 然而 如果程序一直运行 你就不知道应该继续运行还是该命题是不可证明的

## Rice's theorem and Proof

Let  $P$  be a proper non-empty subset of TM descriptions such that for  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with  $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$ ,  $M_1 \in P \iff M_2 \in P$ . Then,  $P$  is undecidable

Proof attempt by reduction from  $L_{TM}$

假设属性  $P$  是可判定的 也就是说 存在一个图灵机判定器  $R_p$  他可以告诉你任何给定的图灵机  $M$  是否具有属性  $P$  利用这个假设的  $R_p$  来构造一个能够解决  $L_{TM}$  的机器 利用  $R_p$  来解决一个已知不可解的问题 推导出矛盾

归约: 现在假设用判定器来解决  $L_{TM}$  拿到了一对  $\langle M, w \rangle$  根据以上的代码构造出  $M_w$  的描述 把  $M_w$  喂给  $R_p$  如果  $R_p$  说是 即  $M_w \in P$  这意味着  $L(M_w) = L(T)$  倒退回去 意味着  $M$  接受了  $w$  这相当于判定了 产生矛盾

we will reduce  $L_{TM}$  to all non-trivial property problems. Denote any given  $P$ , we have a decider  $R_p$  and a Turing machine  $T$  such that  $\langle T \rangle \in P$ . For a given TM  $M$  and input  $w$ , ideally we construct a TM  $M_w$  s.t.  $M$  accepts  $w$  iff  $\langle M_w \rangle \in P$

$M_w^{(T)} = \text{"On input } w:$

1. Simulate  $M$  on  $w$ . If it halts and rejects, reject. If it accepts, proceed to stage 2
2. Simulate  $T$  on  $x$ . If it accepts accept"

If  $M$  accepts  $w$  we have  $L(M_w(T)) = L(T)$ . As  $\langle T \rangle \in P$ , we have  $\langle M_w(T) \rangle \in P$

If  $M$  rejects or loops on  $w$ , we have  $L(M_w(T)) = \emptyset$ . Now  $\langle M_w(T) \rangle \notin P$  iff Turing machines with empty language is not in the property  
obviously this is not true for all property