

Theoretical computer science

Tutorial - week 11

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Agenda

- ▶ Non-determinism:
 - ▶ NDFSA to DFSA
 - ▶ PDA
 - ▶ TM

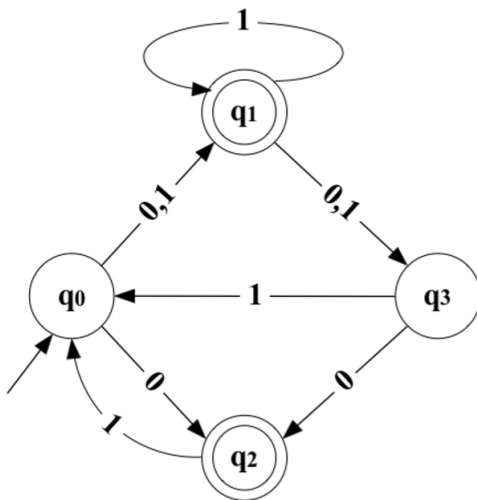
NDFSA to DFSA

Algorithm for NDFSA to DFSA

1. Create state table from the given NDFA
2. Create a blank state table under possible input alphabets for the equivalent DFA
3. Mark the start state of the DFA by q_0 (Same as the NDFA)
4. Find out the combination of States q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n for each possible input alphabet
5. Each time we generate a new DFA state under the input alphabet columns, we have to apply step 4 again, otherwise go to step 6
6. The states which contain any of the accepting states of the NDFA are the accepting states of the equivalent DFA

NDFSA to FSA: example

Let us consider the following NDFSA:



NDFSA to FSA: step 1

First, we build a transition table for NDFSA:

q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
*q ₁	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$
*q ₂	\emptyset	$\{q_0\}$
q ₃	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_0\}$

NDFSA to FSA: step 2

Using table from previous slide, let us create a similar table, but this time for FSA. Initially, the table is empty:

q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
...

NDFSA to FSA: step 3

We begin by adding the initial state and the set of states:

q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
...

NDFSA to FSA: step 4

The initial state can take us to two new states that are not yet in the table. Note that we treat a set of states as a single state now!

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$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$\{q_1, q_2\}$
q_1
...

The next step is to find possible states for $\{q_1, q_2\}$ and q_3 . For q_3 it is trivial, you just need to look it up in the original NDFSA table. However, the transition for $\{q_1, q_2\}$ will be a union of sets:

$$\delta(q_1, q_2, 0) = \delta(q_1, 0) \cup \delta(q_2, 0) = \{q_3\}$$

$$\delta(q_1, q_2, 1) = \delta(q_1, 1) \cup \delta(q_2, 1) = \{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$$

NDFSA to FSA: step 5

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NDFSA to FSA: step 5

Repeat the steps above until we have included all states from the original NDFSA and there are no new states.

q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
q_1	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$
...

NDFSA to FSA: step 6

After repeating previous steps and depicting final states (step 6) we will arrive to the following table:

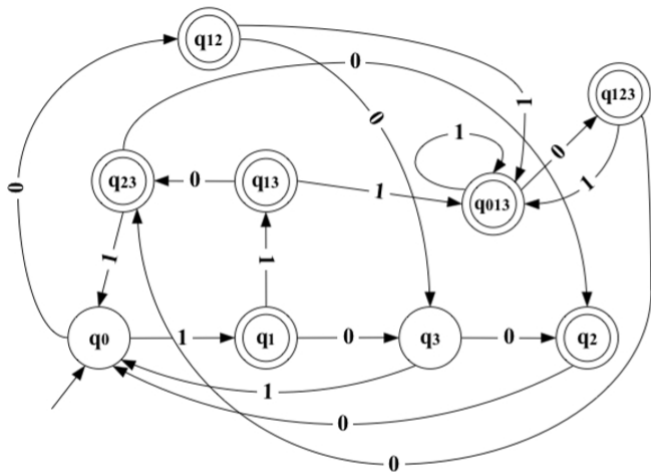
q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$*\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_1$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$
q_3	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_0\}$
$*\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$	$\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*\{q_1, q_3\}$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_2$	\emptyset	$\{q_0\}$
$*\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_0\}$

NDFSA to FSA: result (table representation)

q	$\delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$
$*q_{12}$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_1$	$\{q_3\}$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$
q_3	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_0\}$
$*q_{013}$	$\{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_{13}$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_2$	\emptyset	$\{q_0\}$
$*q_{123}$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
$*q_{23}$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_0\}$

NDFSA to FSA: result (graphical representation)

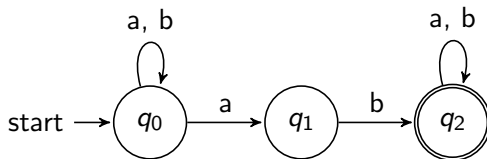
Finally, we can build the resulting DFSA:



Example

Build DFSA from the NDFSA that recognizes the language:

$$L_1 = \{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid x \text{ contains } ab\}$$



Deterministic PDA: recap

A Deterministic PDA – Formal Definition

A Deterministic Pushdown Automaton (DPDA)

A PDA $M = \langle Q, I, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$ is deterministic if it satisfies both of the following conditions.

1. For every $q \in Q$, every $x \in I \cup \{\epsilon\}$, and every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, the set $\delta(q, x, \gamma)$ has at most one element.
2. For every $q \in Q$, every $x \in I$, and every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, the two sets $\delta(q, x, \gamma)$ and $\delta(q, \epsilon, \gamma)$ cannot both be non-empty.

Transition

Transitions between configurations (\vdash) depend on the transition function. It is the way to commute from a PDA snapshot to another.

There are 2 cases:

1. The transition function is defined for an input symbol.
2. The transition function is defined for an ϵ move.

Transition – Case 1

If $(q', \alpha) \in \delta(q, i, A)$ then

$$(q, x, \gamma) \vdash (q', x', \gamma')$$

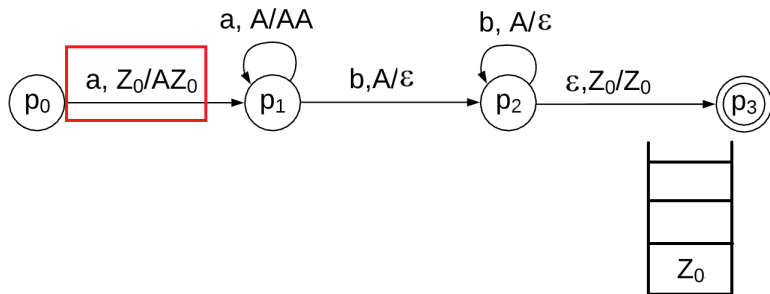
where (old snapshot)

- ▶ q is the current state
- ▶ $x = iy$
- ▶ $\gamma = A\beta$ (for some $\beta \in \Gamma^*$)

then (new snapshot)

- ▶ q' is the new state
- ▶ $x' = y$
- ▶ $\gamma' = \alpha\beta$

Transition – Case 1 (Graphical representation)



Transition – Case 2

If $(q', \alpha) \in \delta(q, \epsilon, A)$ then

$$(q, x, \gamma) \vdash (q', x', \gamma')$$

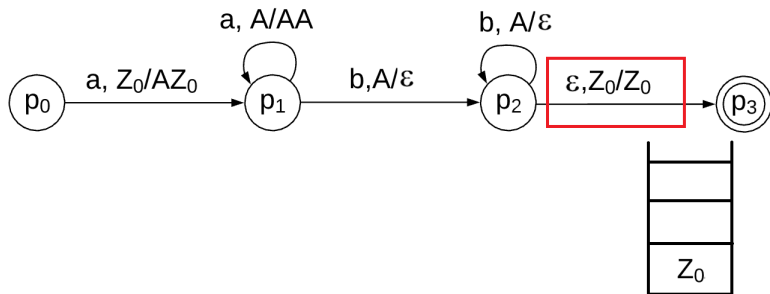
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then (new snapshot)

- ▶ q' is the new state
- ▶ $x' = x$
- ▶ $\gamma' = \alpha\beta$

Transition – Case 2 (Graphical representation)



Non-deterministic PDA.

Non-deterministic Pushdown Automaton (NDPDA)

Definition: NDPDA

A NDPDA is a tuple $\langle Q, I, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$, where $Q, I, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, F$ are defined as in (D)PDA and the transition function is defined as

$$\delta : Q \times (I \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times \Gamma \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{F}}(Q \times \Gamma^*)$$

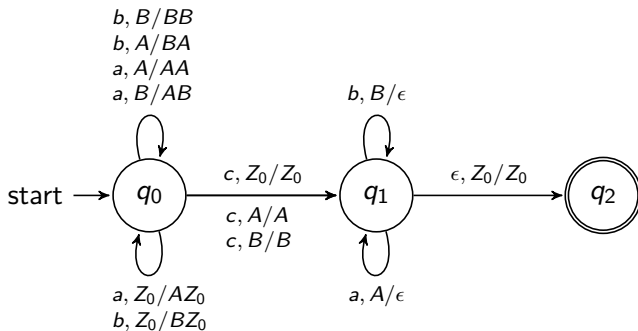
where $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbf{F}}$ indicates finite subsets.

Example: wcw^R

Deterministic PDA can accept $L_1 = \{wcw^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ where w^R is the reversed string w .

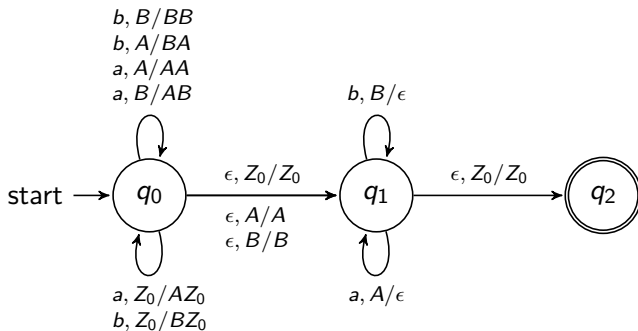
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NDPDA accepting $L_1 = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$ where w^R is the reversed string w .



Non-deterministic TM.

Turing Machine

Formal Definition

A Turing Machine (TM) with k-tapes is a tuple

$$T = \langle Q, I, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$$

where

Q is a finite set of states;

I is the input alphabet;

Γ is the memory alphabet;

δ is the transition function;

$q_0 \in Q$ is the initial state;

$Z_0 \in \Gamma$ is the initial memory symbol;

$F \subseteq Q$ is the set of final states.

Transition Function for Deterministic TM

The transition function for Deterministic TM

$$\delta : (Q - F) \times (I \cup \{_ \}) \times (\Gamma \cup \{_ \})^k \rightarrow Q \times (\Gamma \cup \{_ \})^k \times \{R, L, S\}^{k+1}$$

where elements of $\{R, L, S\}$ indicate “directions” of the head of the TM:

R : move the head one position to the right;

L : move the head one position to the left;

S : stand still.

Remarks:

- ▶ the transition function can be partial;
- ▶ no transition outgoing from the final states;
- ▶ the symbol $_ \notin \Gamma \cup I$ is a special blank symbol on the tapes.

Transition Function for Non-Deterministic TM

To define a NDTM, we need to change the transition function (all the other elements remain as in a (D)TM):

Definition: NDTM

A NDTM is a tuple $\langle Q, I, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, Z_0, F \rangle$, where $Q, I, \Gamma, q_0, Z_0, F$ are defined as in (D)TM and the transition function is defined as

$$\delta : (Q - F) \times (I \cup \{-\}) \times (\Gamma \cup \{-\})^k \rightarrow \mathbb{P} \left(Q \times (\Gamma \cup \{-\})^k \times \{R, L, S\}^{k+1} \right)$$

Acceptance: Among the various possible runs (with the same input) of the NDTM, it is sufficient that one of them succeeds to accept the input string.

Wrap up

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- ▶ What for this could be useful?