

# Minimal DFA's for Divisibility Testing (LSB first)

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## 1 Introduction

## 2 Non-Distinguishability Criteria

### 2.1 Initial ND Criteria

**Lemma 2.1.** *The strings  $s_x, s_y$  are non distinguishable if and only if*  
 $\forall d \in \mathbb{N} \ r_2(s_x)d + x \equiv 0 \iff r_2(s_y)d + y \equiv 0$

### 2.2 Revised ND Criteria

**Lemma 2.2.** *For all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  there exists  $\alpha^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  such that*  
 $a \times a^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  *if  $a, p$  are coprime and  $a \neq 0$*

*Proof.* If we pick  $a$  and we have that  $a$  and  $p$  are coprime we have by Bezout's identity we have that there exists integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + py = 1$  which implies that

$$\alpha x + py \equiv \alpha x + 0 \equiv \alpha x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

And so we take  $\alpha^{-1} = x$  which fulfills our required properties □

**Lemma 2.3.** *The strings  $s_x, s_y$  are non distinguishable if and only if*  
 $(r_2(s_x))^{-1}x \equiv (r_2(s_y))^{-1}y \pmod{p}$

## 3 Equivalence Relation Classes

As we have shown our distinguishability equivalence relation  $=_{d,p}$  is equivalent to  $r_2(s_y)x \equiv r_2(s_x)y \pmod{p}$  and we want to construct our distinguishing set from this which leads us to.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The amount of equivalence classes under  $=_{d,p}$  is exactly  $p$*   
*Also said as  $\Sigma^*/ND = p$*

*Proof.* Firstly since there is only  $p$  possible values for the numbers to be congruent to mod  $p$  as they are integers we have that the amount of equivalence classes is  $\leq p$ .

Now all we need to do is find  $p$  possible equivalence classes of distinguishability which will force it to be  $p$ .

Consider the strings of 0 to  $p - 1$ .

Prepend 0s to the start of these strings to make them all the same length so we have  $r_2(s_x) = \alpha$  for all of them.

We then have that they are all distinct under  $=_{d,p}$  as for any two such strings  $s_x, s_y, x \neq y$  assuming they are non distinguishable we have by 2.3

$$\begin{aligned}(r_2(s_x))^{-1}x &\equiv (r_2(s_y))^{-1}y \pmod{p} \\ \alpha^{-1}x &\equiv \alpha^{-1}y \pmod{p} \\ x &\equiv y \pmod{p}\end{aligned}$$

This forms a contradiction as we picked them to be distinct numbers between 0 and  $p - 1$  and so they must all be distinguishable and hence in different equivalence classes.

Thus we have found  $p$  distinct equivalence classes and so the amount of equivalence classes is exactly  $p$ .  $\square$

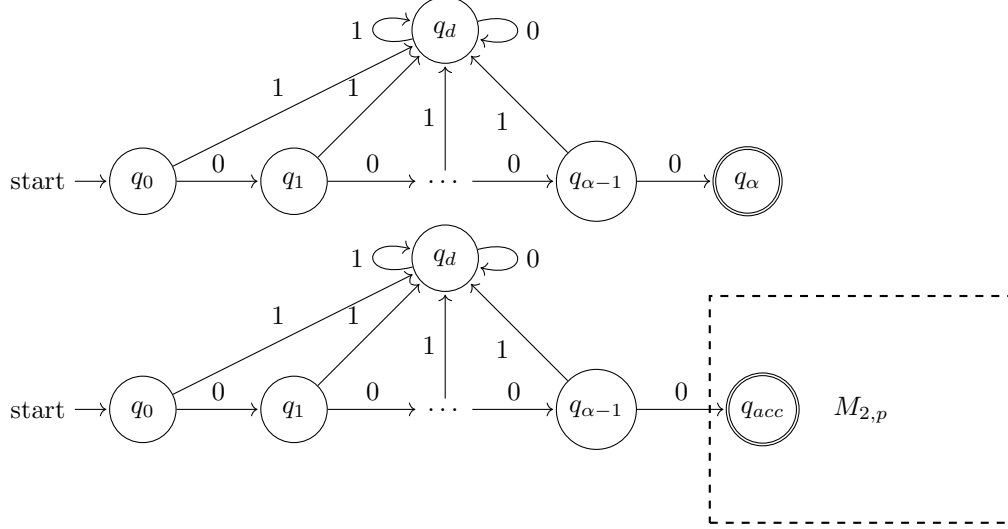
## 4 Even Numbers

Now we aim to extend our Minimal DFA's to work with even numbers specifically numbers of the form  $2^\alpha p$  where  $\alpha, p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p$  is odd.

### 4.1 Construction

We will construct a proposed minimal DFA

#### 4.1.1 Checking for Divisibility by $2^\alpha$



#### 4.2 Proof of it working

**Lemma 4.1.** *For any binary string  $s_w$  the run of  $s_w$  on  $M_{2,2^\alpha p}$  is accepting if and only if  $s_w$  is divisible by  $2^\alpha p$*

#### 4.3 Reachability

**Lemma 4.2.** *For all  $q_m$  in the states of  $M_{2,2^\alpha p}$  there exists a string  $s_w$  such that the run of  $s_w$  ends at  $q_m$*

*Proof.* We split  $q_m$  into cases based on which part of the DFA it is in, we consider 3 cases.

Case 1:  $q_m$  is in the  $2^\alpha$  part of the dfa  $0 \leq m \leq \alpha - 1$  then the string is just  $s_w = 0^m$  and we know the run of this ends at  $q_m$  by definition.

Case 2:  $q_m = q_d$  in which case the string is  $s_w = 1$  and we can see the run of this ends at  $q_d$

Case 3:  $q_m$  is a state in  $M_{2,p}$  in which case we can construct  $s_w$  by first taking the string  $0^\alpha$  which will take us to the accepting state (also the start state of  $M_{2,p}$ ) and then concatenating it with a string from the equivalence class of  $q_m$  and so we can the run of this ends at  $q_m$  by definition of  $M_{2,p}$   $\square$

#### 4.4 Distinguishability

**Lemma 4.3.** *For all  $q_m$  in the states of  $M_{2,2^\alpha p}$  where  $q_m \neq q_d$  we have that there exists a string  $s_w$  such that running the string  $w$  from  $q_m$  we get to the accepting state.*

*Proof.* We split  $q_m$  into cases based on which part of the DFA it is in, we consider 2 cases.

Case 1:  $q_m$  is in the  $2^\alpha$  part of the dfa  $0 \leq m \leq \alpha - 1$ , if this is the case we have the trivial string of  $s_w = 0^{\alpha-m}$  which we can see will go to the accepting state.

Case 2:  $q_m$  is a state in  $M_{2,p}$  if this is the case we know that after running the string  $s_w$  at the state the value will be  $r_2(s_x)w + x$  and so all we need to do is find a string  $s_w$  such that  $w \equiv -(r_2(s_x))^{-1}x$  which we know we can find as  $r_2(s_x)^{-1}$  must exist by 2.2  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** *For all  $q_m, q_n$  in the states of  $M_{2,2^\alpha p}$   $m \neq n$  we have that  $q_m$  is distinguishable from  $Sqn$*

*Proof.* We split  $q_m$  and  $q_n$  into cases based on which part of the DFA they are in we consider 3 cases for each of them being the dead state  $q_d$ , being any other state in the divisibility by  $2^\alpha$  part  $q_l, 0 \leq l \leq \alpha - 1$  or being any state in  $M_{2,p}$ .  
Case 1:  $q_m \neq q_d$  and  $q_n = q_d$ . In this case we have that the distinguishing string is the accepting string of  $q_m$  which we know exists from 4.3 with this  $q_m$  will go to the accepting state and  $q_n$  will stay at the dead state and so they are distinguishable.

Case 2:  $q_m$  is in the  $2^\alpha$  part of the dfa  $0 \leq m \leq \alpha - 1$  and  $q_n$  in the states of  $M_{2,p}$ , in this case for our distinguishing string we first take 1 which will take  $q_m$  to  $q_d$  and  $q_n$  to another state in  $M_{2,p}$  as no transitions leave the machine. We then take the rest of the distinguishing string to be the accepting string of the state  $q_n$  goes to and then we have that the run on  $q_n$  will be accepting and the run on  $q_m$  will go to the dead state and stay there and so they are distinguishable.

Case 3:  $q_m, q_n$  are both in the  $2^\alpha$  part of the dfa  $0 \leq m, n \leq \alpha - 1$ , in this case the distinguishing string is  $0^{\alpha-\max m, n}$  which will take the state the closest to the accepting state to the accepting state and leave the other state still in the  $2^\alpha$  part of the DFA and so these states are distinguishable.

Case 4:  $q_m, q_n$  are both in  $M_{2,p}$  we know these states are all distinguishable from our construction of the machine using equivalence classes.  $\square$