

CSC236 Assignment 3
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1a.

Let Σ be a finite alphabet. The set of extension of regular expression \mathcal{REQ} (over Σ) is the smallest set such that:

Basis: \emptyset , ϵ and a (for each $a \in \Sigma$) belong to \mathcal{REQ} .

Induction: If R and S belong to \mathcal{REQ} , then $(R+S)$, (RS) , R^* and $R^?$ also belong to \mathcal{REQ} .

1b.

$P(R): R \in \mathcal{REQ} \implies \exists R' \in \mathcal{RE}, \mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

WTS: $\forall R \in \mathcal{REQ}, P(R)$

Let $R \in \mathcal{REQ}$

Basis: R is \emptyset or ϵ or a (for each $a \in \Sigma$)

$R \in \mathcal{RE}$, then let $R' = R$. We have $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$.

Induction: Assume T and $S \in \mathcal{REQ}$ (defined as in 1a) and $P(S), P(T)$. Which is to say, $\exists S' \in \mathcal{RE}, \mathcal{L}(S) = \mathcal{L}(S'), \exists T' \in \mathcal{RE}, \mathcal{L}(T) = \mathcal{L}(T')$. We want to show $P(R)$ for $R = S+T$ or ST or S^* or $S^?$

Case1: $R = S+T$

Let $R' = S' + T'$.

By definition 7.7 we know, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(S+T) = \mathcal{L}(S) \cup \mathcal{L}(T) = \mathcal{L}(S') \cup \mathcal{L}(T') = \mathcal{L}(S'+T') = \mathcal{L}(R')$

So, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

Case2: $R = ST$

Let $R' = S'T'$

By definition 7.7 we know, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(ST) = \mathcal{L}(S) \circ \mathcal{L}(T) = \mathcal{L}(S') \circ \mathcal{L}(T') = \mathcal{L}(S'T') = \mathcal{L}(R')$

So, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

Case3: $R = S^*$

Let $R' = S'^*$

By definition 7.7 we know $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(S^*) = \mathcal{L}(S)^* = \mathcal{L}(S')^* = \mathcal{L}(S'^*) = \mathcal{L}(R')$.

So, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

Case4: $R = S^?$

Let $R' = (S' + \epsilon)$

$\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(S^?) = \mathcal{L}(S) \cup \mathcal{L}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{L}(S') \cup \mathcal{L}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{L}(S' + \epsilon) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

So, $\mathcal{L}(R) = \mathcal{L}(R')$

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2a.

For all element a in the alphabet, there is a state q_1 , such that in any state if the next reading element is a , then the automata will transit to q_1 .

2b.

There is only one q_1 for any element a in the alphabet. Because if there are more than one q_1 for a , then if the current state is one of the q_1 s and the next reading element is a , then automata must transit to all q_1 s. But this contradict to the definition of Deterministic Finite State Automata. So, there is only one q_1 for a , let's call it q_{1a} .

If one string is ending by a , then obviously the last state is q_{1a} . If $q_{1a} \in F$, then the string is accepted. So, $\mathcal{L}(M)$ is the set of all strings whose last element's q_1 is in F .

2c.

By 2b we know that for 1 there is a q_1 . For 0 there is a q_1 , we call it q_0 here.

Case1: $q_1 \in F, q_0 \in F$

$\mathcal{L}(M)$ is the set of all strings over $\{0,1\}$

Case2: $q_1 \in F, q_0 \notin F$

$\mathcal{L}(M)$ is the set of strings over $\{0,1\}$, whose last element is 1.

Case3: $q_1 \notin F, q_0 \in F$

$\mathcal{L}(M)$ is the set of strings over $\{0,1\}$, whose last element is 0.

Case4: $q_1 \notin F, q_0 \notin F$

$\mathcal{L}(M)$ is \emptyset

So, in total, 4 languages

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3.

No

Let R be 01^* over alphabet $\{0,1\}$

Let L be $\mathcal{L}(R)$.

$L = \{0, 01, 011, 0111, 01111, 011111, \dots\}$ all strings that are started by 0 and followed by any number of 1.

WTS S , that $L = SS^*$ does not exist

Case1: $\forall x \in S, 0 \notin x$

So, $\forall y \in SS^*, 0 \notin y$.

So, $0111 \notin SS^*$, but $0111 \in L$.

So, $L \neq SS^*$

So, such an S does not exist

Case2: $\exists x \in S, 0 \in x$

Let x be $a0b$ (a and b can be 0 or 1 or ϵ)

Then xx which is $a0ba0b \in SS^*$, but $a0ba0b \notin L$, because there are 2 0s in $a0ba0b$ and strings in L could have only one 0.

So, $L \neq SS^*$

So, such an S does not exist

So, the answerer is no

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