

## Review for theory of computation textbook / slides

### Proof dictionary

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|y| greater than 0 and

|xy| less than or equal to p

## 0.2

### Jargon and notation

Sets --  $\{ \}$  --

A group of objects represented as a unit

May contain any type of object including numbers symbols and even other sets

The objects in a set are called its elements or members

E shows set membership

$\notin$  shows nonmembership

Subset operator Shows that it is a sub set with a line through it it is a proper subset

Proper subset means that  $\langle A \rangle$  is a subset of  $\langle B \rangle$  but not equal to it

Order describing a set is irrelevant

Repetition is irrelevant unless multi set

Set with 0 members is called empty set

Describing a set according to some rules

$\{ \langle n \rangle \mid \text{rule about } \langle n \rangle \}$

Union --  $\cup$  --

Combining the elements of both sets into a single set called  $\langle A \rangle \cup \langle B \rangle$

Intersection -- intersection operator --

All elements in the set that are part of both sets

Complement --  $\langle A \rangle^c$  --

Set of all elements not considered in set  $\langle A \rangle$

Natural numbers --  $\mathbb{N}$  --

Numbers 0-9 positive

Integer --  $\mathbb{Z}$  --

Non fraction numbers infinite and positive and negative

Sequence --  $()$  --

A sequence of objects is a list of objects in some order designated by writing elements within parentheses

Order matters

Can be finite or infinite

Finite are called tuples

Sequence with  $\langle K \rangle$  elements is a  $\langle K \rangle$  tuple

2 tuple sequence also called ordered pair

Power set --  $\{\}$  --

Set of all the sets

Cartesian product --  $\times$  --

Set of all ordered pairs where the first element is a member of  $\langle A \rangle$  and the second element is a member of  $\langle B \rangle$

Function --  $f(\langle A \rangle) = \langle B \rangle$  --

Also called mapping

An object that sets up an input-output relationship

$f$  of  $\langle A \rangle = \langle B \rangle$

The set of possible inputs is called the domain --  $D$  --

The outputs of a function is the range --  $R$  --

Formal description of Finite automaton

5-tuple  $(Q, \sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$Q$  finite set called states

$\sigma$  is a finite set called the alphabet

$\delta : Q \times \sigma \rightarrow Q$  is the transition function

$q_0$  is a member of  $Q$  is the start state

$F$  is a subset of  $Q$  is the set of accept state

Straight lines --  $| \langle n \rangle |$  --

The length of string  $n$

Alphabet --  $\sigma$  --

Any non empty finite set

Members are the symbols

Order

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DFA reference to itself

Concatenation

DFA leads to another state

Union

DFA leads to another state through another state

1.3

Formal definition of regular expression

$R$  is a regular expression if  $R$  is

$\langle A \rangle$  for some  $\langle A \rangle$  in the alphabet  $\sigma$

It is in the set  $(E)$

An empty set

$R_1 \cup R_2$  when both are regular expressions

$R_1 \circ R_2$  when both are regular expressions

$R_1^*$  where  $R_1$  is a regular expression

### 1.3

#### Generalized nondeterministic finite automaton

The start state has transition arrows going to every other state but no arrows coming in from any other state

There is only a single accept state and it has arrows coming in from every other state but no arrows going to any other state. Furthermore, the accept state is not the same as the start state

Except for the start and accept states, one arrow goes from every state to every other state and also from each state to itself

#### Converting DFA into GNFA

Add new start state with epsilon to the old start state and a new accept state with epsilon arrow from the old accept states

If any arrows have multiple labels or if there are multiple arrows going between the same two states in the same direction we replace each with a single arrow whose label is the union of the previous label

Add arrows labeled empty set between states that had no arrows

Must have different accept and start state

If  $k$  states must have greater than or equal to 2 states, will equal  $k-1$  state if greater than 2

Remove state called  $q_{rip}$

Repaired labels go from  $q_i$  to  $q_j$

#### Formal description of generalized nondeterministic finite automaton

5 tuple

$Q$  is finite set of states

$\Sigma$  is alphabet

$\Delta : (Q - \{q_{accept}\}) \times (Q - \{q_{start}\})$  leads to  $\underline{R}$  transition

$\underline{R}$  = collection of all regular expressions over  $\Sigma$

$q_{start}$  is the start state, and

$q_{accept}$  is the accept state

#### CONVERT( $G$ ):

$K$  = number of states of  $G$

$K=2$   $G$  must consist of a start state, an accept state and a single arrow connecting them and labeled with a regular expression  $R$

Return expression  $R$

If  $K$  greater than 2 select any state  $q_{rip}$  membership  $Q$  different from  $q_{start}$  or  $q_{accept}$  and let  $G'$  be the GNFA  $(Q', \Sigma, \Delta', q_{start}, q_{accept})$ , where

$Q' = Q - \{q_{rip}\}$ ,

And For any  $q_i$  member of  $Q' - \{q_{accept}\}$  and any  $q_j$  member of  $Q' - \{q_{start}\}$ , let

$\Delta'(q_i, q_j) = (R_1)(R_2)^*(R_3)U(R_4)$ ,

For  $R_1 = \Delta(q_i, q_{rip})$ ,  $R_2 = \Delta(q_{rip}, q_{rip})$ ,  $R_3 = \Delta(q_{rip}, q_j)$  and  $R_4 = \Delta(q_i, q_j)$

Compute CONVERT( $G'$ ) and return this value

## 1.2

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5 tuple  $(Q, \sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$Q$  is a finite set of states

$\sigma$  is a finite alphabet

$\delta: Q \times \sigma_{\epsilon}$  leads to  $P(Q)$  is the transition function

Transition function takes a state and an input symbol or the empty string and produces the set of possible next states

$P(Q)$  power set of  $Q$

The collection of all subsets of  $Q$

$\sigma_{\epsilon}$  means  $\sigma \cup \{\text{empty string}\}$

$q_0$  membership  $Q$  is the start state

$F$  is a subset of  $Q$  is the set of accept states

## 1.4

Pumping lemma

Used to prove that a language is regular

All strings in a language can be pumped if they are at least as long as the pumping length

If  $A$  is a regular language, then there is a number  $p$  (the pumping length) where if  $s$  is any string in  $A$  of length at least  $p$ , then  $s$  may be divided into three pieces,  $s = xyz$ , satisfying the following conditions

For each  $i$  is greater than or equal to 0,  $xy^iz$  member of  $A$

$|y|$  greater than 0 and

$|xy|$  less than or equal to  $p$

Pigeonhole principle if  $p$  pigeons are placed in fewer than  $p$  holes more than one pigeon is in each hole

For DFA  $M$

$N$  = length of sequence states

$S$  = input  $\{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$

$S$  is divided into three pieces  $x, y, z$

$X$  = before repeating step

$Y$  = between both ends of repeat step

$Z$  = after repeating step

Thus DFA  $M$  will accept  $xy^iz$  for  $i=0$ ,  $xy^iz=xz$  condition 1 satisfied

$|y|$  is greater than 0 satisfying condition 2

$p+1$  states must have repetition and  $|XY|$  is less than or equal to  $p$

Theorem 0.20 For any two sets A and B,  $\text{not}(A \cup B) = \text{not}(A) \cap \text{not}(B)$

Theorem 0.21 For every graph G, the sum of the degrees of all the nodes in G is an even number

Theorem 0.22 For each even number n greater than 2, there exist a 3-regular graph with n nodes

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$q_{\text{accept}}$  is the accept state

Definition 1.16 a language is called a regular language if some finite automaton recognizes it

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### Definition 1.52

- R is a regular language if R is
  - A for some a in the alphabet  $\Sigma$
  - Epsilon
  - empty string
  - $R_1 \cup R_2$  both regular expressions
  - $R_1$  concatenate  $R_2$  both regular expressions
  - $R_1^*$  where  $R_1$  is regular expressions

### Definition 2.2

- A context-free grammar is a 4 tuple  $(V, \Sigma, R, S)$ 
  - $V$  is a finite set called the variables
  - $\Sigma$  is a finite set, disjoint from  $V$ , called terminals
  - $R$  is a finite set of rules, with each rule being a variable and a string of variables and terminals,
  - $S$  is a member of  $V$  is the start variable

### Definition 2.7

- A string  $w$  is derived ambiguously in context free grammar  $G$  if it has two or more different leftmost derivations. Grammar  $G$  is ambiguous if it generates some string ambiguously

#### Theorem 4.1

$A_{DFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA that accepts input string } w \}$

$A_{DFA}$  is a decidable language

$M =$  “ On input  $\langle B, w \rangle$ , where  $B$  is a DFA and  $w$  is a string:

1. Simulate  $B$  on input  $w$ .
2. If the simulation ends in an accept state, *accept*. If it ends in a non accepting state, *reject*.”

#### Theorem 4.2

$A_{NFA} = \{ \langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is an NFA that accepts input strings } w \}$

$A_{NFA}$  is a decidable language

$N =$  “ On input  $\langle B, w \rangle$ , where  $B$  is an NFA and  $w$  is a string:

1. Convert NFA  $B$  to an equivalent DFA  $C$ , using the procedure for this conversion given in theorem 1.39.
2. Run TM  $M$  from theorem 4.1 on input  $\langle C, w \rangle$ .
3. If  $M$  accepts, *accept*; otherwise, *reject*.”

#### Theorem 4.3

Let  $A_{REG} = \{ \langle R, w \rangle \mid R \text{ is a regular expression that generates string } w \}$

$A_{REG}$  is a decidable language

$P =$  “ On input  $\langle R, w \rangle$ , where  $R$  is a regular expression and  $w$  is a string:

1. Convert regular expression  $R$  to an equivalent NFA  $A$  by using the procedure for this conversion in theorem 1.54
2. Run TM  $N$  on input  $\langle A, w \rangle$ .
3. If  $N$  accepts, *accept*; if  $N$  rejects, *reject*.”

#### Theorem 4.4

$E_{DFA} = \{ \langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \text{null set} \}$

$E_{DFA}$  is a decidable language

$T =$  “ On input  $\langle A \rangle$ , where  $A$  is a DFA:

1. Mark the start state of  $A$ .
2. Repeat until no new states get marked:
  3. Mark any state that has a transition coming into it from any state that is already marked.
4. If no accept state is marked, *accept*; otherwise, *reject*.

#### Theorem 4.5

$EQ_{DFA} = \{ \langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B) \}$

$EQ_{DFA}$  is a decidable language

$F =$  “ On input  $\langle A, B \rangle$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are DFAs:

1. Construct DFA  $C$  that recognizes  $L(C) = (L(A) \text{ intersection of the compliment of } L(B)) \text{ union of } ( \text{ the compliment of } L(A) \text{ intersection of } L(B) )$ .
2. Run TM  $T$  from theorem 4.4 on input  $\langle C \rangle$
3. If  $T$  accepts, *accept*. If  $T$  rejects, *reject*.”

#### Theorem 4.7

$A_{CFG} = \{ \langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a CFG that generates string } w \}$

$A_{CFG}$  is a decidable language

$S =$  “ On input  $\langle G, w \rangle$ , where  $G$  is a CFG and  $w$  is a string:

1. Convert  $G$  to an equivalent grammar in Chomsky normal form.
2. List all derivation 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*”

#### Theorem 4.8

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

$E_{CFG}$  is a decidable language

R = "On input  $\langle G \rangle$ , 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  $A \rightarrow U_1 U_2 \dots U_k$  and each symbol  $U_1, \dots, U_k$  has already been marked.
4. If the start variable is not marked, *accept*; otherwise *reject*."

$EQ_{CFG} = \{ \langle G, H \rangle \mid G \text{ and } H \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(H) \} ?$

#### Theorem 4.9

Every context free language is decidable

$M_G =$  " On input  $w$ :

1. Run TM  $S$  on input  $\langle G, w \rangle$ .
2. If this machine accepts, *accept*; if it rejects, *reject*."

#### Theorem 4.11

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

$A_{TM}$  is undecidable

U = " On input  $\langle M, w \rangle$  where  $M$  is a TM and  $w$  is a string:

1. Simulate  $M$  on input  $w$
2. If  $M$  ever enters its accept state, *accept*; if  $M$  ever enters its reject state, *reject*."

#### Theorem 4.22

A language is decidable if it is turing recognizable and co turing recognizable

Show that decidable languages are closed under concatenation

Let  $K$  and  $L$  be decidable languages

Let  $KL = \{ xy \mid x \text{ member of } K \text{ and } y \text{ member of } L \}$

Let  $M_K$  and  $M_L$  decide  $K$  and  $L$  respectively

$M_{KL} =$  " On input  $\langle w \rangle$  where  $w$  is a string

1. Non-deterministically partition  $w$  into  $x$  and  $y$ .
2. Input  $x$  to  $M_K$  and  $y$  to  $M_L$ .
3. *Accept* if both  $M_K$  and  $M_L$  accept, otherwise *reject*.

Show that decidable language are closed under star

Let  $L$  be decidable language

Let  $L^* = \{ x \text{ member of } L \cup LL \cup LLL \dots \}$  all strings obtained by concatenating  $L$  with  $L$

Let  $M_L$  decide  $L$

$M_{L^*} =$  " On input  $\langle w \rangle$  where  $w$  is a string

1. partition  $w$  non-deterministically into  $w_1 w_2 \dots w_N$
2. Run  $M_L$  with input  $w_p$  for  $p = 1, \dots, N$
3. If  $M_L$  accept each string  $w_p$  *accept*, otherwise *reject*

Show that recognizable languages are closed under union

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages

Let  $L_U = L_1 \cup L_2$

Let  $M_1, M_2$  and  $M_U$  recognize  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_U$  respectively

$M_U =$  " On input  $\langle w \rangle$  where  $w$  is a string

1. Run  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with input  $w$  in parallel
2. If either  $M_1$  or  $M_2$  accept, *accept*, otherwise *reject*.



Show that recognizable languages are closed under intersection

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages

Let  $L_U = L_1 \cap L_2$

Let  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_U$  recognize  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_U$  respectively

$M_U =$  " On input  $\langle w \rangle$  where  $w$  is a string

1. Run  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with input  $w$  in parallel
2. If both  $M_1$  or  $M_2$  accept, *accept*, otherwise *reject*.

Show that recognizable languages are closed under concatenation

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be recognizable languages

Let  $L_U = L_1 \circ L_2$

Let  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$  and  $M_U$  recognize  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_U$  respectively

$M_U =$  " On input  $\langle w \rangle$  where  $w$  is a string

1. Non-deterministically partition  $w$  into  $x$  and  $y$ .
1. Run  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with input  $w$  in parallel
2. If both  $M_1$  or  $M_2$  accept, *accept*, otherwise *reject*.

Show that recognizable languages are closed under star

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CFG

Divide and conquer relax and turn into smaller logical parts, programming is your ace.