

Finite Automata

A Finite Automata receives a file name as a parameter when it is declared. The given file contains all the data that it needs in the following format:

- First line: finite set of states (Q) – (letters + digits – example: q0, r, qf)
- Second line: finite alphabet (Σ) – (letters, digits, symbols)
- Third line: initial state (q0) – ($q0 \in Q$)
- Fourth line: set of final states (F) – ($F \in Q$)
- Fifth line – end of the file: list of transitions, each one written on one line, respecting the following format:
 - o state1, alphabetComponent -> state2 – (example: q0, 'a' -> q1)

After the declaration, in the initialization, the FA reads the data from the given file and keeps it in the following way:

- The set of states is kept into a list: ([state1, state2, etc.])
- The alphabet is kept as a list: ([element1, element2, etc.])
- The initial state is kept as an element: (String state)
- The final states are added into a list: ([finalState1, finalState2, etc.])
- For the transitions, we create a dictionary that has as the key a tuple containing the pair of the first state and the element from the alphabet ((state1, alphabetComponent)). The value can be either a state or a list of states, in case there is a transition that starts from the same state, having the same element from the alphabet, but going into multiple states ([state1, state2, etc.] - nondeterministic)

After the initialization was performed, we can test if given sequences are accepted by the FA using the function validateSequence.

Representation:

- **FiniteAutomata:**
 - o fileName: String
 - o states: List
 - o inputSymbols: List
 - o initialState: String
 - o finalStates: List
 - o transitions: Dictionary

Interface:

- **init(FA, givenFileName):**
 - input: givenFileName – the file name of the Finite Automata elements
 - pre: true
 - desc: creates the Finite Automata keeping the given file name
 - post:
 - states – filled with states read from the file
 - inputSymbols – filled with the alphabet read from the file
 - initialState – initialized with the read initial state
 - finalStates – filled with the given final state/states
 - transitions – filled with the given transition functions
 - output: -

- **readInputFromFile(FA):**
 - input: -
 - pre: true
 - desc: reads the elements from the given file and fills the internal representation
 - post:
 - states – filled with states read from the file
 - inputSymbols – filled with the alphabet read from the file
 - initialState – initialized with the read initial state
 - finalStates – filled with the given final state/states
 - transitions – filled with the given transition functions
 - output: -

- **readStates(FA, givenCurrentLine, givenFileReader):**
 - input:
 - givenCurrentLine – the current read line from the file
 - givenFileReader – the fileReader initialized in readInputFromFile
 - pre: file reader exists
 - desc: reads the states line, reading all states and filling the states list
 - post:
 - states – filled with states read from the file
 - output: -

- readInputSymbols(FA, givenCurrentLine, givenFileReader):
 - input:
 - givenCurrentLine – the current read line from the file
 - givenFileReader – the fileReader initialized in readInputFromFile
 - pre: file reader exists
 - desc: reads the input symbols line, reading the alphabet and filling the inputSymbols list
 - post:
 - inputSymbols – filled with the alphabet read from the file
 - output: -

- readInitialState(FA, givenCurrentLine, givenFileReader):
 - input:
 - givenCurrentLine – the current read line from the file
 - givenFileReader – the fileReader initialized in readInputFromFile
 - pre: file reader exists
 - desc: reads the initial state line, and initializes the initialState variable
 - post:
 - initialState – initialized with the read initial state
 - output: -

- readFinalStates(FA, givenCurrentLine, givenFileReader):
 - input:
 - givenCurrentLine – the current read line from the file
 - givenFileReader – the fileReader initialized in readInputFromFile
 - pre: file reader exists
 - desc: reads the final states line, reading all states and filling the finalStates list
 - post:
 - finalStates – filled with the given final state/states
 - output: -

- readTransitions(FA, givenCurrentLine, givenFileReader):
 - input:
 - givenCurrentLine – the current read line from the file
 - givenFileReader – the fileReader initialized in readInputFromFile

- pre: file reader exists
 - desc: reads all the remaining lines, getting from each line a transition function, then filling the transition dictionary
 - post:
 - transitions – filled with the given transition functions
 - output: -
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- `_validateSequence(FA, currentState, givenSequence):`
 - input:
 - `currentState` – the current state in which the verification is at the point of entering the function
 - `givenSequence` – the given sequence that needs to be verified
 - pre: the FA was filled with the required data
 - desc: internal function that verifies if a given sequence is accepted by the FA
 - post: the sequence was verified, returning True if it is accepted and False otherwise
 - output:
 - True – if the sequence was accepted
 - False - otherwise
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- `validateSequence(FA, givenSequence):`
 - input:
 - `currentState` – the current state in which the verification is at the point of entering the function
 - `givenSequence` – the given sequence that needs to be verified
 - pre: the FA was filled with the required data
 - desc: function that verifies if a given sequence is accepted by the FA
 - post: the sequence was verified, returning True if it is accepted, None if the FA is not deterministic or False otherwise
 - output:
 - True – if the sequence was accepted
 - None – the FA is not deterministic
 - False – otherwise
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- `print(FA):`
 - input: -
 - pre: FA elements were read from the file
 - desc: prints the contents of the FA
 - post: the contents of the FA were printed
 - output: the contents of the FA were printed

FA.in in EBNF form:

program = states endLine inputSymbols endLine initialState endLine finalStates endLine
transitions

endLine = "\n"

letter = "A" | "B" | ... | "Z" | "a" | "b" | ... | "z"

digit = "0" | "1" | ... | "9"

symbol = "+" | "-" | "*" | "/" | "%" | "=" | "_" | "<" | ">" | "," | "." | "?" | "!" | "@" | "#"
| "\$" | "^" | "&" | "(" | ")" | "[" | "]" | "{" | "}" | "\" | "|" | ";" | ":" | "'" | ""

letterOrDigit = letter | digit

state = letter {letterOrDigit}

states = state | {state}

inputSymbol = letter | digit | symbol

inputSymbols = inputSymbol | inputSymbols {inputSymbol}

initialState = state

finalStates = states

transition = state " , " inputSymbol " -> " state endLine

transitions = transition | {transition}

Example:

p q r

a b

p

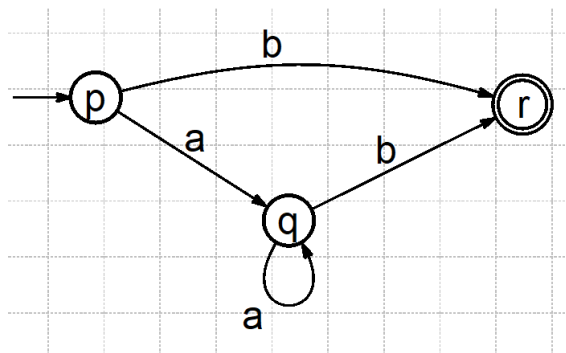
r

p, a -> q

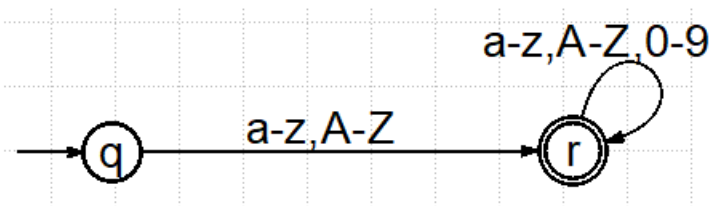
p, b -> r

q, a -> q

q, b -> r



Finite Automata Identifier:



Finite Automata Integer Constant:

