

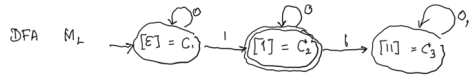
Example of R_L and M_L

Recall: $xR_L y \iff xz \in L \iff yz \in L$ for all $z \in \Sigma^*$

Let $L = 0^*10^*$

Then $xR_L y \iff$

- (i) x, y have no 1's : $C_1 = \emptyset^*$
- (ii) x, y " one 1 : $C_2 = 0^*10^*$
- (iii) x, y " more than one 1 : $C_3 = 0^*10^*1(0+1)^*$



Fact: If L is regular then the DFA M_L is a minimum state DFA that accepts L .

Why? Because R_M refines R_L .

States of DFA $M \leftrightarrow$ Equiv classes of R_M
" " $M_L \leftrightarrow$ " " R_L

Isomorphism between DFA $M_i = (Q_i, \Sigma, \delta_i, q_i, F_i)$ $i = 1, 2$

: a bijection $f: Q_1 \rightarrow Q_2$ s.t.

$$f(q_0) = q_0$$

$$f(\delta_1(q, a)) = \delta_2(f(q), a) \text{ for all } q, a$$

$$q \in F_1 \iff f(q) \in F_2$$

Thm: The minimum state DFA accepting a sub L is unique up to an isomorphism and is given by M_L in the proof of the Myhill Nerode theorem.

Proof: Since R_M refines R_L for any DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ that accepts L , the no. of states of M is greater than or equal to the no. of states of M_L .

If equality holds, consider the following function $f: Q \rightarrow Q_L$.

Let q be a state in M . Then q must be reachable by a string x , i.e., $\delta(q_0, x) = q$.

Define $f(q) = \delta_L(q_0, x)$.

Now if $\delta(q_0, x) = \delta(q_0, y)$ then $\delta_L(q_0, x) = \delta_L(q_0, y)$ $\rightarrow xR_M y \rightarrow xR_L y$

Why? Since R_M refines R_L .
Hence f is well defined.

Also, f is injective and surjective. (Easy)

$$(i) f(q_0) = [\epsilon] = q_0 \text{ since } \delta(q_0, \epsilon) = q_0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (ii) f(\delta(q, a)) &= f(\delta(\delta(q_0, x), a)) \text{ by assump.} \\ &= f(\delta(q_0, xa)) \text{ property of } \delta \\ &= \delta_L(q_0, xa) \text{ by defn. of } f \\ &= \delta_L(\delta_L(q_0, x), a) \text{ prop. of } \delta_L \\ &= \delta_L(f(q), a) \end{aligned}$$

DFA Minimization: Find the minimum state DFA M' equivalent to a given DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

Define the equivalence relation $\equiv \subseteq Q \times Q$ as
 $p \equiv q \iff$ for each $x \in \Sigma^*$, $\delta(p, x) \in F \iff \delta(q, x) \in F$

Note: There is an isomorphism between

(1) Equivalence classes of \equiv that contain a state reachable from q_0 by some input string, and

(2) Q_L , the states of the minimum state DFA M_L

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Say that

(1) p is equivalent to q if $p \equiv q$

(2) p is distinguishable from q if there exists an x

$$\text{s.t. } \delta(p, x) \in F \text{ and } \delta(q, x) \notin F$$

$$\text{OR } \delta(p, x) \notin F \text{ and } \delta(q, x) \in F.$$

Algorithm for computing the equivalence classes of \equiv