

Problem Set I

Computing Models

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1 Regular Language Proof

Problem 1.1.

Let L_1, L_2 be regular languages.

Prove the following language (L_3) to be a regular language:

$$L_3 = \{w_1w_2w_3 \mid w_1, w_3 \in L_1, w_2 \in L_2\}.$$

Solution.

Considering L_1, L_2 to be regular languages, declare A, B as the finite deterministic automatas which accept them correspondingly. I should like to define an additional automata to accept $A' \mid L(A') = L_1$

A, B and A' may be defined more rigorously as such:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{Q^A, \Sigma, \delta^A, q_0^A, F^A\} \\ B &= \{Q^B, \Sigma, \delta^B, q_0^B, F^B\} \\ A' &= \{Q^{A'}, \Sigma, \delta^{A'}, q_0^{A'}, F^{A'}\}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove a language to be regular, one must craft a finite, deterministic, automata to accept it.

Let there be a new automata $C = \{Q^C, \Sigma, \Delta^C, q_0^C, F^C\}$.

We must now utilise the previously defined automatas A, B and A' in order to read w_1, w_2 and w_3 correspondingly.

w_1, w_2 and w_3 will be read in the following manner; w_1 will be read using automata A , then upon having found itself admitted by the aforementioned automata an ε node path would relate it to the initial state of automata B . Once it had reached an accepting state of automata B , it would be push enable to proceed to automata A' 's initial state and repeat the discussed process.

For the above reason, it is cogent that the set states Q^C would be constructed the following way: $Q^C = Q^A \cup Q^B \cup Q^{A'}$

Considering A, B and A' to be finite deterministic automatas it may be inferred that their corresponding sets of states are finite. Accordingly, their union too shall be finite, and hence

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it may be declared that $|Q^C| \neq \infty$.

Now that a set of states is established I should like to define the initial state as such:
 $q_0^C \in Q^C \mid q_0^C = q_0^A$.

Furthermore, I should like to establish the set of accepting states s.t: $F^C = F^{A'}$.

As the final stage of the establishment of automata C , we must define an applicable transitions function.

$$\forall q \in Q^C \sigma \in \Sigma : \Delta^C(q, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \{\delta^A(q, \sigma)\}, & q \in Q^A \\ \{q_0^B\}, & q \in F^A \\ \{\delta^B(q, \sigma)\}, & q \in Q^B \\ \{q_0^{A'}\}, & q \in F^B \\ \{\delta^{A'}(q, \sigma)\}, & q \in Q^{A'} \end{cases}$$

To conclude, we have successfully designed an automata (C) s.t it is of every imminent trait required for an automata to be declared finite, and using a proof divulged formerly in the course, I should like to state that a claim that the latter automata, (C) - may be turned deterministic with an ease is of no fallaciousness. And hencefully I embrace this moment of time as I declare L_3 a regular language. ■