

# 1 Regularity of Zigzag

*Proof.*  $Zigzag(L_1, L_2) = \{w | w = a_1b_1a_2b_2\dots a_nb_n, \text{ such that } a_1\dots a_n \in L_1 \text{ and } b_1\dots b_n \in L_2\}$

Let A, B be finite deterministic automatas defined the following way:

$$A = (Q^A, \Sigma, \delta^A, q_0^A, F^A)$$

$$B = (Q^B, \Sigma, \delta^B, q_0^B, F^B)$$

Let  $L_1, L_2$  be two regular languages, accepted by A,B correspondingly, such that:

$$L(A) = L_1$$

$$L(B) = L_2$$

Let there be a new automata C, defined as follows:

$$C = (Q^C, \Sigma, \delta^C, q_0^C, F^C)$$

Let  $L_3$  be a language, we shall prove its regularity by proving C to be a finite deterministic automata.

To prove C to be a finite deterministic automata, we shall prove that:

- $|Q^C| \neq \infty$
- That we have a valid transition function:  $\delta^C : Q^C \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q^C$
- A valid initial state:  $q_0^C$
- A valid set of accept states:  $F^C$

Knowing the input would be of the following form:  $a_1b_1a_2b_2\dots a_nb_n$ ,

And that  $a_1a_2\dots a_n$  is a valid word in the language  $L_1$ ,

And that  $b_1b_2\dots b_n$  is a valid word in the language  $L_2$ ,

We must somehow be capable of using the current automatas (A,B) in order to distinguish valid words from fallacious ones.

We must be capable of reading  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  using the automata A

And accordingly  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  using the automata B

In accordance to the previous statements, it is as coherent as ever that in order for a set of states to be used in the automata to be groundly established, it must be rendered cogent for the set to include not only the current case;  $(q_a, q_b) \mid q_a \in Q^A \wedge q_b \in Q^B$  but also the automata using which it should next read;  $(q_a, q_b, automata \mid q_a \in Q^A \wedge q_b \in Q^B \wedge (automata = A \vee automata = B))$

Hence,  $Q^C$  must be defined as such:  $Q^C = Q^A \times Q^B \times \{A, B\}$

Using our general assumption that both A and B are finite deterministic automatas, we may infer that  $|Q^A| \neq \infty \wedge |Q^B| \neq \infty$ .

The above is adequate for us to infer that  $|Q^C| \neq \infty$  and accordingly is a cogent set to be used as the set of cases for our automata C.

Additionally, we must specify an initial state. For it is a compulsory field of the valid automata. I should like to propose the following:

$q_0^C \in Q^C \mid q_0^C = (q_0^A, q_0^B, A)$ .

The aforementioned definition of an initial state not only imbues the two initial states corresponding with automatas A and B, but also the automata from which it should next read. (Automata A).

Having already defined a set of states composed of a defined initial state and others, we may now craft the transitions function;  $(\delta^C)$ .

$$\delta^C((q_n^A, q_m^B, automata), \sigma) = \begin{cases} (\delta^A(q_n^A, \sigma), q_m^B, B), & automata = A \\ (q_n^A, \delta^B(q_m^B, \sigma), A), & automata = B \end{cases}$$

We have by now defined all that is to be defined for our automata to be valid, but one thing. The set of accepted states. For a state to be adequate to be an accepted one, it must match the following form:

$F^C = \{q_i^C = (q_n^A, q_m^B, A) \in Q^C \mid q_n^A \in F^A \wedge q_m^B \in F^B\}$

Using the above set of proofs I should now like to divulge that the Zigzag automata (automata C) is a finite deterministic automata.  $\square$