

Typst-setting finite automata with CeTZ

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https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite

FINITE is a Typst package to draw transition diagrams for finite automata (finite state machines) with the power of CETZ.

The package provides new elements for manually drawing states and transitions on any CETZ canvas, but also comes with commands to quickly create automata from a transition table.

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Part I.

Usage

I.1. Load from package repository (Typst 0.6.0 and later)

For Typst 0.6.0 and later, the package can be imported from the *preview* repository:

```
#import "@preview/finite:0.1.0": automaton
```

Alternatively, the package can be downloaded and saved into the system dependent local package repository.

Either download the current release from GitHub¹ and unpack the archive into your system dependent local repository folder² or clone it directly:

```
git clone https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite.git finite/0.1.0
```

In either case, make sure the files are placed in a subfolder with the correct version number: finite/0.1.0

After installing the package, just import it inside your typ file:

```
#import "@local/finite:0.1.0": automaton
```

I.2. Dependencies

FINITE loads CETZ and the utility package T4T from the preview package repository. The dependencies will be downloaded by Typst automatically on first compilation.

¹https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite

²https://github.com/typst/packages#local-packages

Part II.

Drawing automata

FINITE helps you draw transition diagrams for finite automata in your Typst documents, using the power of CETZ.

To draw an automaton, simply import #automaton() from FINITE and use it like this:

```
1 #automaton((
2 q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),
3 q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),
4 q2: none,
5 ))

0,1

q_0
q_1
q_2
q_2
```

As you can see, an automaton ist defined by a dictionary of dictionaries. The keys of the top-level dictionary are the names of states to draw. The second-level dictionaries have the names of connected states as keys and transition labels as values.

In the example above, the states q0, q1 and q2 are defined. q0 is connected to q1 and has a loop to itself. q1 transitions to q2 and back to q0. #automaton() selected the first state in the dictionary (in this case q0) to be the initiat state and the last (q2) to be a final state.

To modify the defaults, #automaton() accepts a set of options:

```
#automaton(
      (
 2
        q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),
 3
        q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),
 4
 5
        q2: (),
 6
      ),
      initial: "q1",
 7
      final: ("q0", "q2"),
 8
      style:(
 9
        state: (fill: luma(248), stroke:luma(120)),
10
        transition: (stroke: (dash:"dashed")),
11
        q1: (initial:top),
12
        q1-q2: (stroke: 2pt + red)
13
      )
14
15 )
```



For larger automatons, the states can be arranged in different ways:

```
#let aut = (:)
   #for i in range(10) {
 2
      let name = "q"+str(i)
 3
      aut.insert(name, (:))
 4
      if i < 9 {
        aut.at(name).insert("q" + str(i + 1), none)
 6
 7
      }
8 }
9 #automaton(
      aut,
10
      layout: finite.layout.circular.with(offset: 45deg),
11
      style: (
12
        transition: (curve: 0),
13
        q0: (initial: top+left)
14
15
      )
16 )
      q_{\text{o}}
                                  q_4
   q_8
                             q_5
                    q_{6} \\
```

See Section II.4 for more details about layouts.

II.1. Command reference

```
#automaton(
   states,
   initial: auto,
   final: auto,
```

2.1 Command reference

```
style: "(:)",
label-format: (...) => ...,
layout: "layout.linear",
..canvas-styles
)
```

Draw an automaton from a transition table.

The transition table states has to be a dictionary of dictionaries, having the names of all states as keys in the first level dictionary and names of states, the state has a transition to as keys in the second level dictionaries. The values in the second level dictionary are labels (inputs) for the transitions.

The following example, defines three states q0, q1 and q2. For the input 0 q0 transitions to q1 and to q2 for the inputs q1 and q2 for q2 has no transitions.

```
#automaton((
   q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),
   q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),
   q2: none
))
```

If no initial and final states are defined, #automaton() selects the first and last state in the dictionary respectively (q0 and q2 in this example).

As you can see, the transition labels can be provided as a single value or an array. Arrays are joined with a comma (,) to generate the final label.

For now, there is no difference in providing inputs as arrays or strings. Internally, string are split on commas, to get atomic symbols, and later joined again. Future versions might use these symbols, though, to actually simulate the automaton and decide if a word is accepted or not.



inital and final can be used to customize the initial and final states.

```
states dictionary

A dictionary of dictionaries, defining the transition table of an automaton.
```

```
Argument initial: auto string auto none

The name of the initial state. For auto, the first state in states is used.
```

```
Argument
final: auto

A list of final state names. For auto, the last state in states is used.
```

```
style: "(:)" dictionary
```

A dictionary with styles for states and transitions.

```
label-format: (...) => ... function
```

A function (string, boolean) => string to format labels. The function will get the label as a string and a boolean is-state, if the label is generated for a state (true) or a transition (false). It should return the final label as content.

```
Argument
layout: "layout.linear"

A layout function. See below for more information on layouts.
```

```
Argument ...canvas-styles any
Arguments for #cetz.canvas()
```

```
#transition-table(
   states,
   initial: auto,
   final: auto,
   format: (...) => ...,
   format-list: (...) => ...,
   ..table-style
)
```

Displays a transition table for an automaton.

The format for states is the same as for automaton().

```
1 #finite.transition-table((
2  q0: (q1: 0, q0: (1,0)),
3  q1: (q0: 1, q2: (1,0)),
4  q2: (q0: 1, q2: 0),
5 ))
```

	0	1
q0	{q1,q0}	q0
q1	q2	{q0,q2}
q2	q2	q0

A dictionary of dictionaries, defining the transition table of an automaton.

```
initial: auto string auto none

The name of the initial state. For auto, the first state in states is used.
```

```
Argument

final: auto array auto none

A list of final state names. For auto, the last state in states is used.
```

```
Argument any

Arguments for table.
```

II.2. Styling the output

As common in CETZ, you can pass general styles for states and transitions to the #cetz.set-style() function within a call to #cetz.canvas(). The elements functions #state() and #transition() (see below) can take their respective styling options as arguments, to style individual elements.

automaton takes a style argument that passes the given style to the above functions. The example below sets a background and stroke color for all states and draws transitions with a dashed style. Additionally, the state q1 has the arrow indicating an initial state drawn from above instead from the left. The transition from q1 to q2 is highlighted in red.

```
#automaton(
 1
 2
        q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),
 3
        q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),
 4
 5
        q2: (),
 6
      ),
      initial: "q1",
final: ("q0", "q2"),
 7
8
      style:(
9
        state: (fill: luma(248), stroke:luma(120)),
10
        transition: (stroke: (dash:"dashed")),
11
        q1: (initial:top),
12
        q1-q2: (stroke: 2pt + red)
13
14
    )
15
 0,1
       0,1
```

Every state can be accessed by its name and every transition is named with its initial and end state joined with a dash (-).

The supported styling options (and their defaults) are as follows:

```
states:
  fill: auto Background fill for states.
  stroke: auto Stroke for state borders.
  radius: 0.6 Radius of states.
  • label:
    text: auto Default state label.
    size: auto Default text size for state labels.

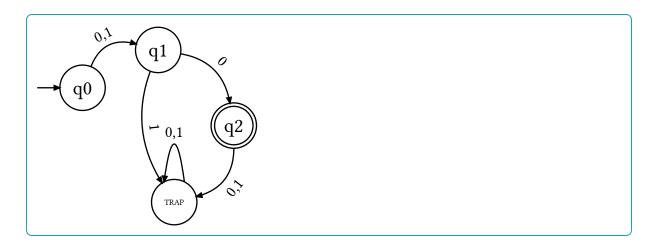
    transitions

  curve: 1.0 Curviness of transitions. Set to 0 to get straight lines.
  stroke: auto Stroke for transitions.
  • label:
    text: "" Default transition label.
    size: 1em Default size for label text.
    color: auto Color for label text.
    pos: 0.5 Position on the transition, between 0 and 1.0 sets the text at the initial, 1 at the
         end of the transition.
    dist: 0.33 Distance of the label from the transition.
    angle: auto Angle of the label text. auto will set the angle based on the transitions di-
         rection.
```

II.3. Using #cetz.canvas()

The above commands use custom CETZ elements to draw states and transitions. For complex automata, the functions in the draw module can be used inside a call to #cetz.canvas().

```
#cetz.canvas({
       import cetz.draw: set-style
       import finite.draw: state, transition
 3
 4
       state((0,0), "q0", initial:true)
 5
       state((2,1), "q1")
       state((4,-1), "q2", final:true)
state((rel:(0, -3), to:"q1.bottom"), "trap", label:"TRAP", anchor:"top-
 7
 8
 9 left")
10
      transition("q0", "q1", inputs:(0,1))
transition("q1", "q2", inputs:(0))
transition("q1", "trap", inputs:(1), curve:-1)
11
12
13
       transition("q2", "trap", inputs:(0,1))
14
       transition("trap", "trap", inputs:(0,1))
15
    })
```



II.3.1. Element functions

```
#state(
   position,
   name,
   label: auto,
   initial: "false",
   final: "false",
   anchor: ""center"",
   ..style
)
```

Draw a state at the given position.

```
#cetz.canvas({
   import finite.draw: state
   state((0,0), "q1", label:"S1", initial:true)
4   state("q1.right", "q2", label:"S2", final:true, anchor:"left")
5 })
S1 S2
```

```
Argument position coordinate

Position of the states center.
```

```
Name for the state.
```

```
label: auto string content auto none

Label for the state. If set to auto, the name is used.
```

```
| boolean | alignment
 initial: "false"
   Whether this is an initial state.
 final: "false"
                                                                                      boolean
   Whether this is a final state.
 anchor: ""center""
                                                                                       string
   Anchor to use for drawing.
  ..style
                                                                                           any
   Styling options.
#transition(
  from,
  to,
  inputs: none,
  label: auto,
  ..style
)
  Draw a transition between two states.
  The two states from and to have to be existing names of states.
    1 #cetz.canvas({
    2 import finite.draw: state, transition
    3 state((0,0), "q1")
4 state((2,0), "q2")
    5    transition("q1", "q2", label:"a")
6    transition("q2", "q1", label:"b")
    7 })
             a
                  q2
                                                                                       string
   Name of the starting state.
```

Name of the ending state.

inputs: none string array none

A list of atomic input symbols for the transition. If provided as a <code>string</code> , it is split on commas to get the list of input symbols.

label: auto string content auto dictionary

A label for the transition. For auto the input symbols are joined with commas. Can be

#transitions(states, ..style)

Draws all transitions from a transition table with a common style.

a dictionary with a text and additional styling keys.

```
Argument
States
A transition table given as a dictionary of dictionaries.

Argument
..style
Styling options.
```

II.3.2. Anchors

States have the common anchors (like top, top-left ...), transitions have a initial, end, center and label anchors. These can be used to add elements to an automaton:

```
#cetz.canvas({
   import cetz.draw: circle, line, place-marks, content
   import finite.draw: state, transition

state((0,0), "q0")
   state((4,0), "q1", final:true)
   transition("q0", "q1", label:$epsilon$)

circle("q0.top-right", radius:.4em, stroke:none, fill:black)

let magenta-stroke = 2pt+rgb("#dc41f1")
```

```
circle("q0-q1.label", radius:.5em, stroke:magenta-stroke)
12
      place-marks(
13
        line(
14
          name: "q0-arrow",
15
          (rel:(.6,.6), to:"q1.top-right"),
16
          (rel:(.15,.15), to:"q1.top-right"),
17
          stroke:magenta-stroke
18
        ),
19
        (mark:">", pos:1, stroke:magenta-stroke)
20
      )
21
      content(
22
        (rel:(0,.25), to:"q0-arrow.start"),
23
        text(fill:rgb("#dc41f1"), [*very important state*])
24
25
26 })
                    very important state
             \varepsilon
 q0
```

II.4. Layouts

Layouts can be used to move states to new positions within a call to #cetz.canvas(). They act similar to CETZ groups and have their own transform. Any other elements than states will keep their original coordinates, but be translated by the layout, if necessary.

FINITE ships with a bunch of layouts, to accomodate different scenarios.

II.4.1. Available layouts

```
#circular() #custom() #grid()

#linear(
   position,
   name: none,
   anchor: ""left"",
   dir: right,
   spacing: 0.6,
   body
)

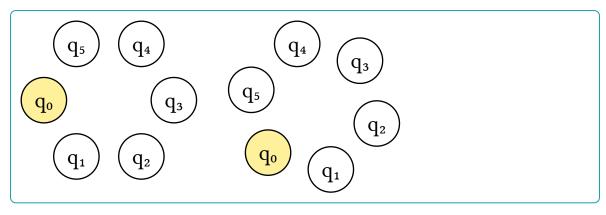
Arrange states in a line.
```

The direction of the line can be set via dir either to an alignment or a vector with a x and y shift.

```
1 #let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
2 #finite.automaton(
3 aut,
```

```
initial: none, final: none,
   4
        layout:finite.layout.linear.with(dir: right)
   5
   6 )
     #finite.automaton(
   7
   8
        initial: none, final: none,
   9
        layout:finite.layout.linear.with(dir:(.5, -.2))
  10
  11 )
                      q_2
                               q_3
                                       q_4
position
                                                                         coordinate
 Position of the anchor point.
name: none
                                                                            string
 Name for the element to access later.
anchor: ""left""
                                                                            string
 Name of the anchor to use for the layout.
                                                   vector alignment 2d alignment
dir: right
 Direction of the line.
spacing: 0.6
                                                                             float
 Spacing between states on the line.
body
                                                                             array
 Array of CETZ elements to draw.
```

```
#circular(
  position,
  name: none,
  anchor: ""left"",
  dir: right,
  spacing: 0.6,
  radius: auto,
  offset: Odeg,
  body
)
  Arrange states in a circle.
       #let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) \Rightarrow {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
       #grid(columns: 2, gutter: 2em,
     2
          finite.automaton(
     3
            aut,
     4
            initial: none, final: none,
     5
     6
            layout:finite.layout.circular,
     7
            style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
     8
          finite.automaton(
     9
    10
            initial: none, final: none,
    11
            layout:finite.layout.circular.with(offset:45deg),
    12
            style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
    13
    14
          finite.automaton(
    15
    16
            initial: none, final: none,
   17
            layout:finite.layout.circular.with(dir:left),
   18
            style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
    19
    20
          finite.automaton(
    21
    22
            aut,
            initial: none, final: none,
    23
            layout:finite.layout.circular.with(dir:left, offset:45deg),
    24
            style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
    25
    26
          )
    27
        )
                         q_3
```



Position coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

name: none string

Name for the element to access later.

Argument

anchor: ""left""

Name of the anchor to use for the layout.

dir: right

Direction of the circle. Either left or right.

spacing: 0.6

Spacing between states on the line.

radius: auto

Either a fixed radius or auto to calculate a suitable the radius.

offset: Odeg angle
An offset angle to place the first state at.

body

Array of CETZ elements to draw.

```
#grid(
  position,
  name: none,
  anchor: ""left"",
  columns: 4,
  spacing: 0.6,
  body
)
  Arrange states in rows and columns.
    _1 #let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
    2 #finite.automaton(
         aut,
         initial: none, final: none,
         layout:finite.layout.grid.with(columns:3)
    5
    6 )
 position
                                                                           coordinate
   Position of the anchor point.
 name: none
                                                                              string
   Name for the element to access later.
 anchor: ""left""
                                                                              string
   Name of the anchor to use for the layout.
 columns: 4
                                                                             integer
   Number of columns per row.
 spacing: 0.6
                                                                               float
   Spacing between states on the line.
 body
                                                                               array
   Array of CETZ elements to draw.
```

```
#snake(
  position,
  name: none,
  anchor: ""left"",
  columns: 4,
  spacing: 0.6,
  body
)
  Arrange states in a grid, but alternate the direction in every even and odd row.
    _1 #let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
    2 #finite.automaton(
         aut,
    3
         initial: none, final: none,
         layout:finite.layout.snake.with(columns:3)
    5
    6 )
 position
                                                                            coordinate
   Position of the anchor point.
 name: none
                                                                              string
   Name for the element to access later.
 anchor: ""left""
                                                                              string
   Name of the anchor to use for the layout.
 columns: 4
                                                                             integer
   Number of columns per row.
 spacing: 0.6
                                                                               float
   Spacing between states on the line.
 body
                                                                                array
   Array of CETZ elements to draw.
```

```
#custom(
  position,
  name: none,
  anchor: ""left"",
  positions: (...) => ...,
  body
)
```

Create a custom layout from a positioning function.

See "Creating custom layouts" for more information.

Position coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

```
name: none string

Name for the element to access later.
```

```
Argument—
anchor: ""left"" string

Name of the anchor to use for the layout.
```

```
positions: (...) => ... function
```

A function (dictionary , dictionary , array) => dictionary to compute coordinates for each state.

The function gets the current CETZ context, a dictionary of computed radii for each state and a list with all state elements to position. The returned dictionary contains each states name as a key and the new coordinate as a value.

```
body array
```

Array of CETZ elements to draw.

II.4.2. Using layouts

Layouts are elements themselves. This means, they have a coordinate to be moved on the canvas and they can have anchors. Using layouts allows you to quickly create complex automata, without the need to pick each states coordinate by hand.

```
#cetz.canvas({
 1
      import cetz.draw: set-style
 2
      import finite.draw: *
 3
 4
      set-style(state: (radius: .4))
 5
 6
      layout.grid(
 7
        (0,0),
 8
        name:"grid", columns:3, {
 9
          set-style(state: (fill: green.lighten(80%)))
10
11
          for s in range(6) {
            state((), "a" + str(s))
12
13
          }
        })
14
15
      layout.linear(
16
        (rel:(2,0), to:"grid.right"),
17
        dir: bottom, anchor: "center", {
18
          set-style(state: (fill: blue.lighten(80%)))
19
          for s in range(4) {
20
            state((), "b" + str(s))
21
22
          }
        })
23
24
      state((rel: (0, -1.4), to:"grid.bottom"), "TRAP", fill:red.lighten(80%))
25
26
      transition("a0", "TRAP", curve:-1)
27
      transition("b2", "TRAP")
28
      transition("a5", "b0")
29
      transition("a5", "b2", curve:-1)
30
31
   })
                             b0
```

II.4.3. Creating custom layouts

There are two ways to create custom layouts. Using the #layout.custom() layout or building your own from the ground up.

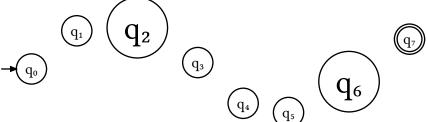
II.4.3.1. Using #layout.custom()

The custom layout passes information about states to a positions function, that computes a dictionary with new coordinates for all states. The custom layout will then place the states at the given locations and handle any other elements other than states.

The position function gets passed the CETZ context, a dictionary of state names and matching radii (for drawing the states circle) and the list of #state() elements.

This example arranges the states in a wave:

```
#let wave-layout = finite.layout.custom.with(
      positions: (ctx, radii, states) => {
        let (i, at) = (0, 0)
 3
 4
        let pos = (:)
        for (name, r) in radii {
 5
          at += r
 6
          pos.insert(name, (at, 1.2 * calc.sin(i)))
 7
          i += 1
 8
 9
          at += r + .4
10
        }
11
        return pos
12
    )
13
14
   #let aut = (:)
15
   #for i in range(8) {
16
      aut.insert("q"+str(i), none)
17
18
19
20 #automaton(
      aut,
21
      layout: wave-layout,
22
      style: (
23
        state: (radius: .4),
24
25
        q2: (radius: .8),
        q6: (radius: .8)
26
      )
27
   )
28
```



II.4.3.2. Creating a layout element

Layout are elements and are similar to CETZ's groups. A layout takes an array of elements and computes a new positions for each state in the list.

To create a layout, FINITE provides a base element that can be extended. A basic layout can look like this:

```
#let my-layout(
      position, name: none, anchor: "left", body
 2
3 ) = {
     // Layouts always need to have a name.
     // If none was provided, we create one.
    if is.n(name) {
       name = "layout" + body.map((e) => e.at("name", default:"")).join("-")
 7
     }
8
9
     // Get the base layout element
10
     let layout = base(position, name, anchor, body)
11
12
     // We need to supply a function to compute new locations for the elements.
13
     layout.children = (ctx) \Rightarrow \{
14
15
       let elements = ()
       for element in elements {
16
          // states have a custom "radius" key
17
         if "radius" in element {
18
           // Change the position of the state
19
            element.coordinates = ((rel:(.6,0)),)
20
21
         elements.push(element)
22
        }
23
        elements
24
     }
25
26
      return (layout,)
27
28 }
```

II.5. Utility functions

```
#align-to-vec() #label-pt() #prepare-ctx()
#ctrl-pt() #mark-dir() #quadratic-normal()
#fit-content() #mid-point() #transition-pts()
```

```
#vector-set-len(v, len)
```

Set the length of a vactor.

```
#vector-normal(v)
```

Compute a normal for a 2d vector. The normal will be pointing to the right of the original vector.

```
#align-to-vec(a)
  Returns a vector for an alignment.
#quadratic-normal(a, b, c, t)
  Compute a normal vector for a point on a quadratic bezier curve.
#mid-point(a, b, c)
  Compute the mid point of a quadratic bezier curve.
#ctrl-pt(a, b, curve: 1)
  Calculate the controlpoint for a transition.
#mark-dir(a, b, c, scale: 1)
  Calculate the direction vector for a transition mark (arrowhead)
#label-pt(
  a,
  b,
  style,
  loop: "false"
)
  Calculate the location for a transitions label, based on its bezier points.
#transition-pts(
  start,
  end,
  start-radius,
  end-radius,
  curve: 1
)
  Calculate start, end and ctrl points for a transition.
                                                                                    vector
 start
   Center of the start state.
```

2.5 Utility functions

```
end
                                                                                  vector
   Center of the end state.
 start-radius
                                                                                 length
   Radius of the start state.
 end-radius
                                                                                 length
   Radius of the end state.
 curve: 1
                                                                                  float
   Curvature of the transition.
#fit-content(
  ctx,
  width,
  height,
  content,
  size: auto,
  min-size: "6pt"
)
  Fits (text) content inside the available space.
                                                                             dictionary
 ctx
   The canvas context.
                                                                       string | content
 content
   The content to fit.
                                                                          length auto
 size: auto
   The initial text size.
 min-size: "6pt"
                                                                                 length
   The minimal text size to set.
```

#prepare-ctx(ctx)

Prepares the CeTZ context for use with finite

II.6. Doing other stuff with finite

Since transition diagrams are effectively graphs, finite could also be used to draw graph structures:

```
#cetz.canvas({
      import cetz.draw: set-style
 2
      import finite.draw: state, transitions
 3
 4
      state((0,0), "A")
 5
      state((3,1), "B")
state((4,-2), "C")
 6
 7
      state((1,-3), "D")
 8
      state((6,1), "E")
 9
10
      transitions((
11
          A: (B: 1.2),
12
          B: (C: .5, E: 2.3),
13
          C: (B: .8, D: 1.4, E: 4.5),
14
          D: (A: 1.8),
15
16
          E: (:)
17
        C-E: (curve: -1.2))
18
19 })
                           2.3
         1.2
                   В
                  1.4
```

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