

Computación y Estructuras Discretas III

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Introduction to Pyformlang

What is Pyformlang?

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- It is a Python3 library specialized in formal language manipulation.
- Designed to facilitate working with formal languages and automata theory.
- Provides a set of classes and functions that allow you to define, manipulate, and work with various types of formal languages, such as regular languages, context-free languages, and more.
- It is particularly useful for those studying theoretical computer science, formal language theory, compiler design, and related fields.
- It is composed of six modules.

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- Regular expressions
- Finite-state automata
- Finite-state transducers
- Context-free grammars
- Push-down automata
- Indexed grammars

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- Automata Theory Education:

- ▶ To teach and learn concepts of automata theory, formal languages, and computational models in an interactive and hands-on manner.

- Language Recognition:

- ▶ To create and manipulate finite automata for recognizing specific patterns or languages.
- ▶ Useful for tasks like validating inputs, checking whether a given string belongs to a specific language, or implementing lexical analysis in programming languages.

- Compiler Design:
 - ▶ Automata are fundamental in compiler design for tasks like tokenization, parsing, and syntax analysis.
 - ▶ It can aid in implementing various components of a compiler.
- Natural Language Processing (NLP):
 - ▶ Some simple NLP tasks involve pattern recognition, which can be approached using finite automata.
 - ▶ It can be useful for tasks like identifying certain phrases or structures in texts.
- Regular Expressions:
 - ▶ Regular expressions can be represented using finite automata.
 - ▶ PyFormLang can help you implement and understand how regular expressions work under the hood.

- Software Verification:
 - ▶ In software engineering, automata are used for software verification and validation, ensuring that a program behaves according to its specification.
- DNA Sequence Analysis:
 - ▶ Finite automata can be applied to DNA sequence analysis, helping to identify specific patterns or sequences in genetic data.
- Code Optimization:
 - ▶ In some code optimization techniques, automata can be used to analyze code paths and identify potential optimization opportunities.
- Database Query Languages:
 - ▶ Automata can be used in designing and implementing query languages or filters for databases.

- Game Development:
 - ▶ Finite automata can be used to model and control certain behaviors in game development, such as character movement or decision-making in non-player characters.
- Pattern Matching:
 - ▶ Automata can be applied to various pattern matching problems, such as searching for specific patterns in strings or data.
- Data Validation:
 - ▶ To create automata that validate data input, ensuring that it adheres to certain rules or constraints.

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- We import the necessary modules

```
from pyformlang.finite_automaton import  
    DeterministicFiniteAutomaton, State
```

- We define the states

```
q0 = State("q0")  
q1 = State("q1")
```

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- We create the automata

```
dfa = DeterministicFiniteAutomaton(  
    states={q0, q1},  
    input_symbols={"0", "1"},  
    start_state=q0,  
    final_states={q0} # Define the set of accepting states  
)
```

- We add the transitions

```
dfa.add_transitions([(q0, '0', q1),  
                    (q0, '1', q1),  
                    (q1, '0', q0),  
                    (q1, '1', q0)])
```

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- We test the FDA

```
print("Word '00' is accepted:", dfa.accepts('00'))  
print("Word '0101' is accepted:", dfa.accepts('0101'))  
print("Word '110' is not accepted:", dfa.accepts('110'))  
print("Word '1' is not accepted:", dfa.accepts('1'))
```

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Implementing NFA with Pyformlang

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```
from pyformlang.finite_automaton import
    NondeterministicFiniteAutomaton
nfa = NondeterministicFiniteAutomaton()
nfa.add_transition('q0', 'a', 'q1')
nfa.add_transition('q0', 'a', 'q2')
nfa.add_transition('q0', 'c', 'q3')
nfa.add_transition('q1', 'b', 'q4')
nfa.add_transition('q4', 'a', 'q4')
nfa.add_transition('q2', 'c', 'q5')
nfa.add_transition('q5', 'c', 'q5')
nfa.add_transition('q3', 'c', 'q3')
nfa.add_start_state('q0')
nfa.add_final_state('q4')
nfa.add_final_state('q5')
nfa.add_final_state('q3')
```

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```
print(nfa.accepts('ab'))
print(nfa.accepts('abc'))
print(nfa.accepts('abaaaa'))
print(nfa.accepts('abab'))
print(nfa.accepts('accc'))
print(nfa.accepts('bac'))
print(nfa.accepts('cccc'))
```

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How to implement a ENFA?

```
from pyformlang.finite_automaton import EpsilonNFA
enfa = EpsilonNFA()
enfa.add_transition('q0', 'a', 'q1')
enfa.add_transition('q1', 'epsilon', 'q2')
enfa.add_transition('q2', 'b', 'q2')
enfa.add_transition('q2', 'c', 'q3')
enfa.add_transition('q1', 'epsilon', 'q4')
enfa.add_transition('q4', 'a', 'q5')
enfa.add_transition('q5', 'a', 'q5')
enfa.add_transition('q1', 'epsilon', 'q6')
enfa.add_transition('q6', 'c', 'q7')
enfa.add_transition('q7', 'b', 'q8')
enfa.add_transition('q8', 'b', 'q8')
enfa.add_start_state('q0')
enfa.add_final_state('q3')
enfa.add_final_state('q5')
enfa.add_final_state('q8')
```

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```
print(enfa.accepts('ac'))
print(enfa.accepts('abc'))
print(enfa.accepts('abaaaa'))
print(enfa.accepts('abab'))
print(enfa.accepts('acbabb'))
print(enfa.accepts('bac'))
print(enfa.accepts('aaaa'))
```

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