

# Introduction to Computation Theory

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### **Abstract**

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# Chapter 0

## Basic Knowledge

### Lecture 1

#### 0.1 Mathematical Notions

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##### 0.1.1 Set & its operation

**Definition 0.1.1 (Set).** Omitted

**Definition (Sequence & Tuple).** Here are some definitions of basic containers

**Definition 0.1.2 (Sequence).** Sequence is the objects in order, which have two properties:

- Order:

$$(1, 2, 3) \neq (2, 1, 3)$$

- Repetition:

$$\text{Sequence : } (1, 2, 3) \neq (1, 1, 2, 3)$$

$$\text{Set : } \{1, 2, 3\} = \{1, 1, 2, 3\}$$

**Definition 0.1.3 (Tuple).** Finite sequence,  $(1, 2, 3)$  is a 3-tuple

**Definition 0.1.4 (Cartesian Product).** Here is the Cartesian Product between two sets. We define

$$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{x, y\}$$

then,

$$A \times B = \{(1, x), (1, y), (2, x), (2, y)\}$$

### 0.1.2 Function & Relation

**Definition 0.1.5** (Function). Function is a machine with single output.

**Definition** (Equivalence Relations). Here are the properties of Equivalence Relations.

**Definition 0.1.6** (reflexive).

$$\forall x, xRx$$

**Definition 0.1.7** (symmetric).

$$\forall x, y, xRy \iff yRx$$

**Definition 0.1.8** (transitive).

$$xRy, yRz \implies xRz$$

**Example.**

$$i \equiv_7 j, \text{ if } 0 = i - j \pmod{7}$$

- Reflexive

$$i - i = 0 \pmod{7}$$

- Symmetric

$$i - j = 7a, j - i = -7a$$

- Transitive

$$i - j = 7a, j - k = 7b \implies i - k = 7(a + b)$$

### 0.1.3 String & Languages

**Definition** (String & Languages). Here is the definition of Language.

**Example** (Alphabet).

$$\{0, 1\}$$

**Example** (String).

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**Definition 0.1.9** (Language). Set of Strings

$$L(A)$$

is the language of  $A$

## 0.2 Definitions, Theorems, and Proofs

- **Definition:** Introduce new concept.
- **Statement:** A sentence that is either true or false.
- **Theorem:** A statement that is true.
  - **Lemma:** A “helping” theorem.
  - **Corollary:** A theorem that follows easily from another theorem.

### 0.2.1 Proof by Construction

**Proposition 0.2.1.** Sum of degrees of every graph is even

**Proof.** Each edge contributes 2 nodes, so

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2 \times |E|$$

Hence, the sum of degrees of every graph is even. ■

**Note.** The implication is the definition of graphs.

### 0.2.2 Proof by Contradiction

Assume the statement is false, then deduce a contradiction.

### 0.2.3 Proof by Induction

- **Basis:** Prove for  $n = 0$  or  $n = 1$  or some trivial case.
- **Inductive Step:** Assume true for  $n = k$  (Induction Hypothesis), prove for  $n = k + 1$ .

# Chapter 1

## Regular Languages

### 1.1 Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)

- Automaton: single
- Automata: plural

**Definition 1.1.1** (Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)). We define a DFA as a 5-tuple

$$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where

- $Q$ : Set of states (**F**inite)
- $\Sigma$ : Alphabet (i.e. set of input characters) (**F**inite)
- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$ : Transition Function
- $q_0 \in Q$ : Start state
- $F \subset Q$ : Set of accept states

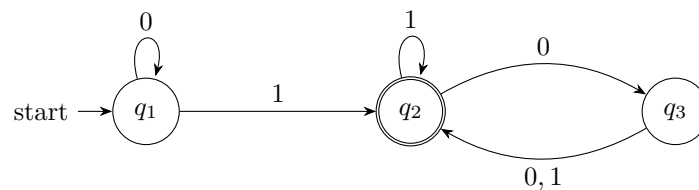


Figure 1.1: A state diagram

If we call this machine  $M$ , then we have.

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

For the example given above,

$$Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$q_0 = q_1$$

$$F = \{q_2\}$$

The  $\delta$  function:

	0	1
$q_1$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_2$
$q_3$	$q_2$	$q_2$

**Definition 1.1.2.** The language that recognize by a Machine  $M$  is denoted as

$$L(M) = A$$

We say  $A$  is recognizeed (accepted) by  $M$ .

### 1.1.1 Definition of Computation

Let,

- $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a finite automaton.
- $w = w_1, \dots, w_n$  be a string over  $\Sigma$ .

**Theorem 1.1.1.**  $M$  accepts  $w$  if  $\exists$  states  $r_0 \dots r_n$  such that

- (1)  $r_0 = q_0$
- (2)  $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}), \quad i = [0, n-1]$
- (3)  $r_n \in F$

**Definition 1.1.3 (Regular Language).** A language is regular if recognized by some automata.

### 1.1.2 Regular Operations

**Definition.** Assume  $A, B$  are given languages,

**Definition 1.1.4 (Union).**

$$A \cup B = \{w \mid w \in A \vee w \in B\}$$

**Definition 1.1.5 (Concatenation).**

$$A \circ B = \{w_1 w_2 \mid w_1 \in A, w_2 \in B\}$$



**Definition 1.1.6** (Kleene Star).

$$A^* = \{w_1 \cdots w_k \mid k \geq 0, w_i \in A\}$$

which can also be defined as

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{\epsilon\} \cup A \cup A^2 \cup A^3 \cup \cdots, \quad A^0 = \{\epsilon\}, \quad A^n = \{wv \mid w \in A^{n-1}, v \in A\}$$

**Definition 1.1.7** (closed). We say an operation  $R$  is closed if the following property holds if

$$x \in A, y \in A, \text{ then } xRy \in A$$

**Theorem 1.1.2.** Regular languages are closed under the union, concatenation, and Kleene star.

**Proof.** We define two machines as follows

$$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$$

$$M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$$

if we union them, we can define a new machine

$$M_1 \cup M_2 = \begin{cases} M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F) \\ Q = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in Q_1, r_2 \in Q_2\} \\ \delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a)) \\ q_0 = (q_1, q_2) \\ F = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in F_1 \text{ or } r_2 \in F_2\} \end{cases}$$

Hence, regular languages are closed under union. ■

## Lecture 2

### 1.2 Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA)

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First, we see a NFA that accept strings with 1 in 3rd position from the end,

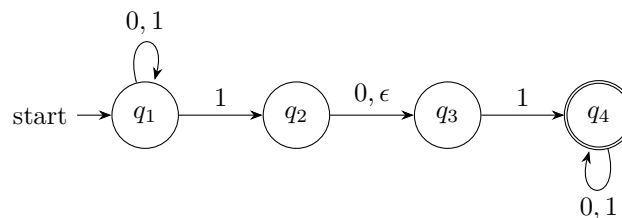


Figure 1.2: NFA machine

- $\delta$  is not a function, i.e.  $\delta(q_1, 1) = q_1$  or  $q_2$
- $\epsilon$  between  $q_2, q_3$  means  $q_2$  can move to  $q_3$  without any input

We can transport NFA to DFA by some method, for example, for the above NFA we can have:

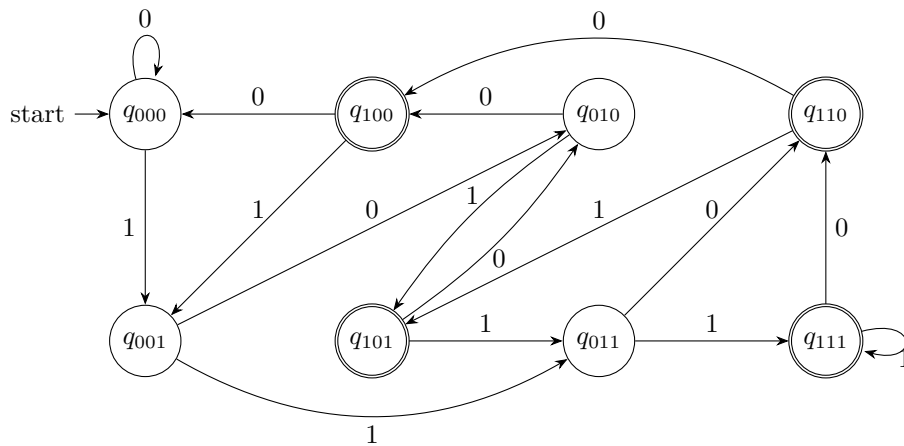


Figure 1.3: NFA machine transport to DFA

We can record it in three bits, it will be complicated.

**Definition 1.2.1** (power set).

$$P(Q) = \{X | X \subseteq Q\}$$

which contain all the  $2^{|Q|}$  combinations.

**Definition 1.2.2** (Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA)). We define a NFA as a 5-tuple

$$M = (Q, \Sigma_\epsilon, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where

- $Q$ : Set of states (**Finite**)
- $\Sigma_\epsilon = \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$
- $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow P(Q)$
- $q_0 \in Q$
- $F \subseteq Q$

**Theorem 1.2.1.** We have  $w$

$$w = y_1 \cdots y_m \quad \text{where } y_i \in \Sigma_\epsilon$$

A sequence  $r_0 \cdots r_m$  such that

- (1)  $r_0 = q_0$
- (2)  $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, y_{i+1}), \quad i = [0, m-1]$
- (3)  $r_m \in F$

**Note.** So  $m$  may not be the original length (as  $y_i$  may be  $\epsilon$ )

### 1.2.1 Equivalence of DFA and NFA

From DFA  $\Rightarrow$  NFA. Formally DFA is not an NFA due to  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_\epsilon$ . but we can easily handle this by adding

$$q_i, \epsilon \rightarrow \emptyset$$

For NFA  $\Rightarrow$  DFA, we have the example on the slides on a graph.

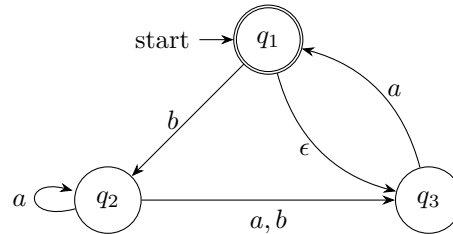


Figure 1.4: NFA example

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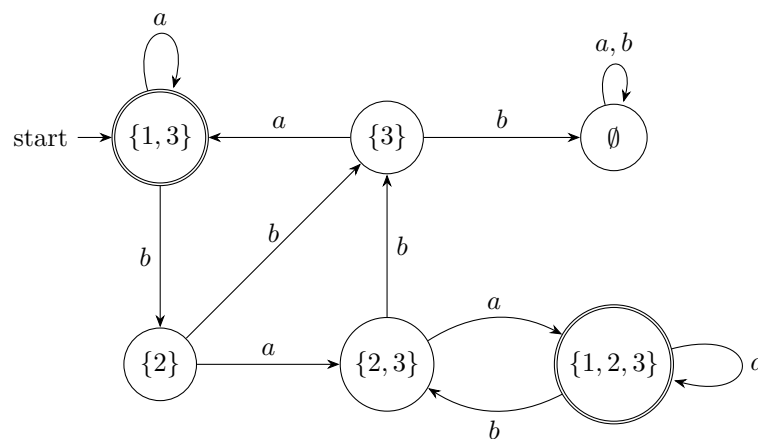


Figure 1.5: DFA conversion example

- Remove the states that are not reachable.
- Remove the states that not handle the  $\epsilon$  transition. For example, the start state

$$\{q_1\} \text{ wrong} \rightarrow \{q_1, q_3\} \text{ correct}$$

#### Definition 1.2.3.

$$E(\{q_0\}) = \{q_0\} \cup \{\text{states reached by } \epsilon \text{ from } q_0\}$$

Then we can redefine the procedure formally.

**Theorem 1.2.2.** Given a NFA

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

We can convert it to a DFA

$$M' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$$

where

- $Q' = P(Q)$
- $q'_0 \in P(Q) = E(\{q_0\})$
- $F' = \{R \mid R \in Q', R \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$
- $\delta'$ :

$$\delta'(R, a) = \bigcup_{r \in R} E(\delta(r, a))$$

### 1.2.2 Closure under regular operations

We give two NFAs  $N_1, N_2$ ,

$$N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$$

$$N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$$

note that  $\epsilon \notin \Sigma$ , and the graph of them are:

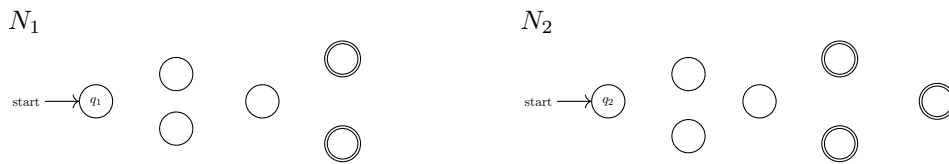


Figure 1.6:  $N_1, N_2$

- **Union:** We can construct the  $N_1 \cup N_2$  in

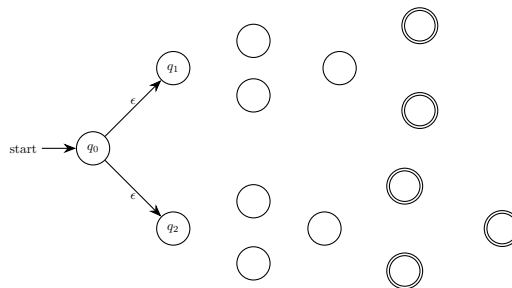


Figure 1.7:  $N_1 \cup N_2$

**Proposition 1.2.1 (Construction of Union).** New NFA is

$$N_1 \cup N_2 = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where

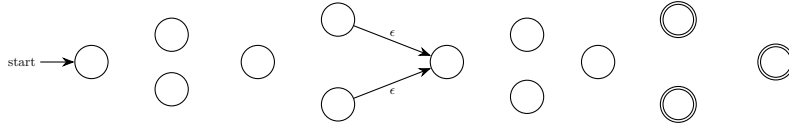
- $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup \{q_0\}$

- $\delta :$

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \\ \{q_1, q_2\} & q = q_0, a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0, a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

- $F = F_1 \cup F_2$

- **Concatenation:** We can construct the  $N_1 \circ N_2$  in

Figure 1.8:  $N_1 \circ N_2$ 

**Proposition 1.2.2** (Construction of Concatenation). New NFA is

$$N_1 \circ N_2 = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where

- $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$

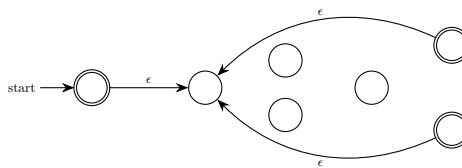
- $\delta :$

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1, F_1 \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \\ \delta_1(q, \epsilon) \cup \{q_2\} & q \in F_1, a = \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, \epsilon) & q \in F_1, a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

- $q_0 = q_1$

- $F = F_2$

- **Kleene star:**  $N_1^*$  can also accept  $\{\emptyset\}$ , then we can construct the  $N_1^*$  in

Figure 1.9:  $N_1^*$ 

**Proposition 1.2.3** (Construction of Kleene Star). New NFA is

$$N_1^* = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_0, F_1)$$

where

- $Q = Q_1 \cup \{q_0\}$

◦  $\delta$  :

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1, F_1 \\ \delta_1(q, a) \cup \{q_1\} & q \in F_1, a = \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, \epsilon) & q \in F_1, a \neq \epsilon \\ \{q_1\} & q = q_0, a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0, a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$

◦  $F = F_1 \cup \{q_0\}$

**Note.** Some operations are also closed under regular languages,

◦ **Intersection:**

$$A_1 \cap A_2$$

Use the product automaton (the same construction as for Union). A string is accepted if and only if the state is in the accept states of both  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  at the same time.

◦ **Set Difference:**

$$A_1 - A_2$$

Use the product automaton as well. A string is accepted if the state is in the accept states of  $N_1$  but *not* in the accept states of  $N_2$ .

◦ **Complement:**

$$A_1^c = \Sigma^* - A_1$$

Since  $\Sigma^*$  is regular and the class of regular languages is closed under set difference,  $A_1^c$  is also regular.

## Lecture 3

### 1.3 Regular expressions

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A regular expression is a tool to describe a language.

**Definition 1.3.1 (Regular expressions).**  $R$  is a regular expressions if it is one of the following expressions:

- (1)  $a$ , where  $a \in \Sigma$
- (2)  $\epsilon$  ( $\epsilon \notin \Sigma$ )
- (3)  $\emptyset$
- (4)  $R_1 \cup R_2$ , where  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions
- (5)  $R_1 \circ R_2$ , where  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions
- (6)  $R_1^*$ , where  $R_1$  is a regular expression

If there is no parentheses, we follow the order of:

$$\boxed{\text{Kleene star}} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Concatenation}} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Union}}$$

**Remark.**

$$R^+ = RR^*, \quad R^+ \cup \{\epsilon\} = R^*$$

For  $\emptyset$  and  $\epsilon$ , we have

- $\epsilon$ : empty string
- $\emptyset$ : empty language (language without any string)

$$(0 \cup \epsilon)1^* = 01^* \cup 1^*$$

$$(0 \cup \emptyset)1^* = 01^*$$

$$\emptyset 1^* = 1^* \emptyset = \emptyset$$

**Example.** Here are some examples,

- Strings that start and end with the same symbol:

$$0\Sigma^*0 \cup 1\Sigma^*1 \cup 0 \cup 1$$

- $(\Sigma\Sigma)^*$ : strings with even length
- $R \cup \emptyset = R$
- $R \circ \epsilon = R$
- $\emptyset^* = \{\epsilon\}$

Floating point numbers can also be represented by regular expressions. For example,

$$(+ \cup - \cup \epsilon)(DD^* \cup DD^*.D^* \cup D^*.DD^*), \text{ where } D = \{0, \dots, 9\}$$

**Example.**

$$72 \in DD^*$$

$$2.1 \in DD^*.D^*$$

$$7. \in DD^*.D^*$$

$$.01 \in D^*.DD^*$$

**Lemma 1.3.1.** Language by a regular expression  $\implies$  Regular (described by an automaton)

**Proof.** The proof is by induction,

- $R = a \in \Sigma$  can be recognize by

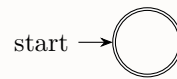


$$N = (\{q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, \{q_2\})$$

$$\delta(q_1, a) = \{q_2\}$$

$$\delta(r, b) = \emptyset, r \neq q_1 \text{ or } b \neq a$$

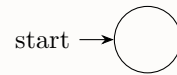
- $R = \epsilon$



$$N = (\{q_1\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, \{q_1\})$$

$$\delta(q_1, a) = \emptyset, \forall a$$

- $R = \emptyset$



$$N = (\{q\}, \Sigma, \delta, q, \emptyset)$$

$$\delta(r, a) = \emptyset, \forall r, a$$

- $R = R_1 \cup R_2$ ,  $R = R_1 \circ R_2$ ,  $R = R_1^*$  have proof by NFA.

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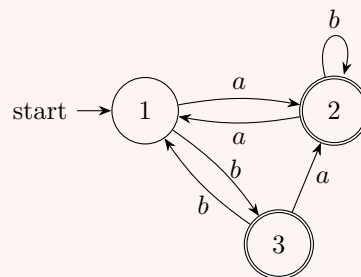
### 1.3.1 Convert a DFA to a regular expression

The idea is:

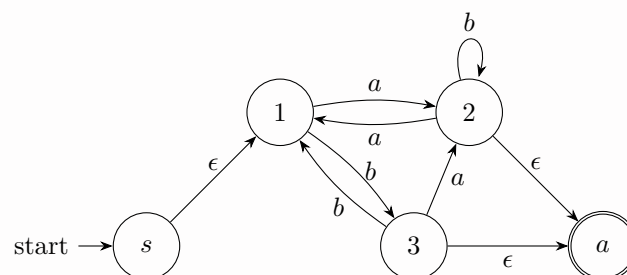
1° DFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA

2° Remove states from GNFA until only the start and accept states.

**Question.** Convert the following DFA into regular expression.



**Answer.** First, convert to GNFA:





Next, is to remove the states one by one. We skip, so we can get the answer:

$$(a(aa \cup b)^*ab \cup b)((ba \cup a)(aa \cup b)^*ab \cup bb)^*((ba \cup a)(aa \cup b)^* \cup \epsilon) \cup a(aa \cup b)^*$$

which is very complicated. ⊗

**Definition 1.3.2 (Generalized NFA(GNFA)).** We define a GNFA as a 5-tuple

$$G = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_{start}, q_{accept})$$

where

- $F$  is not a set, but a single accept state  $q_{accept}$
- $\delta$  function is:

$$(Q - \{q_{accept}\}) \times (Q - \{q_{start}\}) \rightarrow R$$

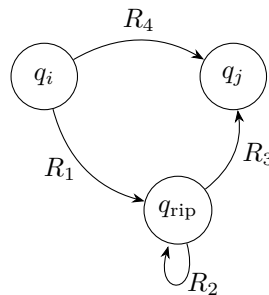
where  $R$  is all regular expressions over  $\Sigma$ .

- Two new states:

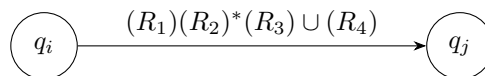
$$q_{start} \rightarrow q_0 \text{ with } \epsilon$$

$$\text{any } q \in F \rightarrow q_{accept} \text{ with } \epsilon$$

Consider  $q_{rip}$  is the state being removed



The new regular expression between  $q_i$  and  $q_j$  is



We can write the whole process into an algorithm.

**Algorithm 1.1:** CONVERT( $G$ ) —State-Elimination from GNFA to RE

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**Input:**  $G = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_s, q_a)$  a GNFA  
**Output:** A regular expression  $R$  for the language of  $G$

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1  $k \leftarrow |Q|$ ;
2 ; // number of states
3 if  $k = 2$  then
4   return  $\delta(q_s, q_a)$  ; // the (single) edge label from  $q_s$  to  $q_a$ 
5 Choose any  $q_{rip} \in Q \setminus \{q_s, q_a\}$ ;
6  $Q' \leftarrow Q \setminus \{q_{rip}\}$ ;
7 Initialize  $\delta'$  as the restriction of  $\delta$  to  $Q' \times Q'$ ;
8 foreach  $q_i \in Q' \setminus \{q_a\}$  do
9   foreach  $q_j \in Q' \setminus \{q_s\}$  do
10      $R_1 \leftarrow \delta(q_i, q_{rip})$ ;
11      $R_2 \leftarrow \delta(q_{rip}, q_{rip})$ ;
12      $R_3 \leftarrow \delta(q_{rip}, q_j)$ ;
13      $R_4 \leftarrow \delta(q_i, q_j)$ ;
14      $\delta'(q_i, q_j) \leftarrow R_4 \cup (R_1 R_2^* R_3)$ ;
15  $G' \leftarrow (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_s, q_a)$ ;
16 return CONVERT( $G'$ );

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## Lecture 4

## 1.4 Pumping lemma

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## 1.4.1 Non regular language

Some languages cannot be recognized by DFA such as,

$$\{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

We might remember #0 first, but # of possible  $n$ 's is  $\infty$ , so we have some method to prove that the language is non-regular.

**Theorem 1.4.1 (pumping lemma).** If  $A$  is regular,  $\exists p$  such that  $\forall s \in A, |s| \geq p$ ,

$$\exists x, y, z, \text{ such that } s = xyz \text{ and}$$

$$1^\circ \forall i \geq 0, xy^i z \in A$$

$$2^\circ |y| > 0$$

$$3^\circ |xy| \leq p$$

**Proof.** Skip, which is on the slides. ■

### 1.4.2 Example for Pumping Lemma

**Question.** Show that the language  $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular using the pumping lemma.

**Answer.** Now consider the string

$$s = 0^p 1^p$$

We know that  $|s| \geq p$ . By the lemma,  $s$  can be split into  $xyz$  such that

$$xy^i z \in B, \forall i \geq 0, \quad |y| > 0, \quad \text{and } |xy| \leq p$$

1° If  $y = 0 \cdots 0$ , then

$$xy = 0 \cdots 0 \quad \text{and} \quad z = 0 \cdots 0 1 \cdots 1.$$

Thus,

$$xy^2 z : \#0 > \#1.$$

Hence  $xy^2 z \notin B$ , a contradiction.

2° If  $y = 1 \cdots 1$ , then similarly

$$xy^2 z \notin B \quad \text{as} \quad \#0 < \#1.$$

3° If  $y = 0 \cdots 0 1 \cdots 1$ , then

$$xy^2 z \notin B \quad \text{since it is not of the form } 0^* 1^*.$$

**Note.** Just pick one is sufficient to show the answer.

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**Question.** Show that the language  $C = \{w \mid \#0 = \#1\}$  is not regular using the pumping lemma.

**Answer.** We can use the situation in the previous example, consider

$$s = 0^p 1^p$$

We can't proof the third condition due to  $C = \{w \mid \#0 = \#1\}$  which just require the  $\#0 = \#1$ . Then we can use the third condition

$$|xy| \leq p$$

which means  $y$  are strict into the first  $0^p$  we can only consider the first case.

$$|xy| \leq p \Rightarrow y = 0 \cdots 0 \text{ in } s = 0^p 1^p$$

Then,

$$xy^2 z \notin C$$

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**Lemma 1.4.1.** When using pumping lemma, we usually use contradiction, so we use

$$\forall p \exists s \in A, |s| \geq p, \left[ \forall x, y, z \left( (s = xyz \wedge |y| > 0 \wedge |xy| \leq p) \rightarrow \exists i \geq 0, xy^i z \notin A \right) \right].$$

Use the claim and the first, second condition to get the negation of the third condition.

**Question.**  $D = \{1^{n^2} \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular

**Answer.** We pick

$$s = 1^{p^2} \in D$$

Then, if  $s = xyz$ ,  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$ , we can get

$$p^2 < |xy^2z| \leq p^2 + p \leq (p+1)^2$$

hence,  $xy^2z \notin D$ .

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# Chapter 2

## Context-Free Languages

### Lecture 6

#### 2.1 Context-Free Grammars (CFG)

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Which is more powerful, and can be used in compilers. A **Grammar** is a collection of substitution rules that describe the structure of a language.

**Example.** Consider a grammar  $G_1$ :

$$A \rightarrow 0A1$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow \#$$

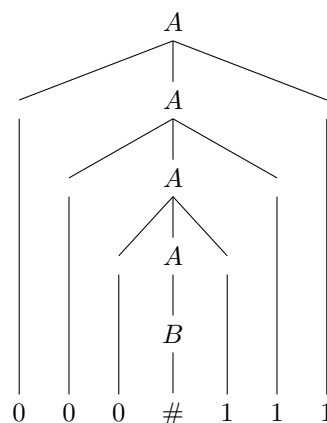
Here are the jargon terms:

- Each of one is called a **substitution rule**.
- **Variables** (non-terminals):  $A, B$  (Capital letters)
- **Terminals**:  $0, 1, \#$  (Lowercase letters, numbers, symbols)
- **Start variable**:  $A$  (the variable we start with)

The process of generating strings is called **derivation**.  $G_1$  generates  $000\#111$  by

$$A \Rightarrow 0A1 \Rightarrow 00A11 \Rightarrow 000A111 \Rightarrow 000B111 \Rightarrow 000\#111$$

We can show the derivation using a **parse tree**:



### 2.1.1 Definition of CFG

The language of grammar  $G$  is denoted by  $L(G)$ , for the language we discuss here,

$$L(G_1) = \{0^n \# 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Now we give the formal definition of CFG.

**Definition 2.1.1 (Context-Free Grammar).** We defined a CFG as a 4-tuple

$$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$$

where

- $V$ : Variables (Finite)
- $\Sigma$ : Terminals (Finite)
- $R$ : Rules:  
Variables  $\rightarrow$  Strings of Variables and Terminals (including  $\epsilon$ )
- $S \in V$ : Start variable

For instance, for  $G_1$ ,

$$G_1 = (\{A, B\}, \{0, 1, \#\}, R, A)$$

where  $R$  is:

$$A \rightarrow 0A1 \mid B, \quad B \rightarrow \#$$

**Notation.** If  $u, v, w$  are strings and rule  $A \rightarrow w$  is applied, then we say

$$uAv \text{ yields } uwv$$

denoted as

$$uAv \Rightarrow uwv$$

**Notation.** If

$$u = v \text{ or } u \Rightarrow u_1 \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow u_k \Rightarrow v$$

then we write

$$v \xRightarrow{*} u$$

**Definition 2.1.2 (Language of a CFG).** The language generated by a CFG  $G$  with start variable  $S$  is

$$L(G) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid S \xRightarrow{*} w\}$$

### 2.1.2 Examples of CFGs

**Question.** Consider the grammar  $G_2 = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$ :

$$S \rightarrow aSb \mid SS \mid \epsilon$$

What is  $L(G_2)$ ?

**Answer.** If we let  $a, b$  be the left and right parentheses respectively, then  $L(G_2)$  is the set of all balanced parentheses. \*

**Example.** Consider the grammar  $G_3 = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$  where

- $V = \{\langle \text{expr} \rangle, \langle \text{term} \rangle, \langle \text{factor} \rangle\}$
- $\Sigma = \{+, \times, (, ), a\}$
- $R$ :

$$\langle \text{expr} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{term} \rangle + \langle \text{expr} \rangle \mid \langle \text{term} \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{term} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{factor} \rangle \times \langle \text{term} \rangle \mid \langle \text{factor} \rangle$$

$$\langle \text{factor} \rangle \rightarrow (\langle \text{expr} \rangle) \mid a$$

## 2.2 Chomsky Normal Form



## **2.3 Pushdown Automata**

## **2.4 Deterministic Pushdown Automata**

## Chapter 3

# The Church-Turing Thesis

### 3.1 Turing Machines

### 3.2 Multitape Turing Machines

### 3.3 Nondeterministic Turing Machines

### 3.4 Hilbert's problems

## Chapter 4

# Decidability

### 4.1 Decidability

### 4.2 Halting Problem

## Chapter 5

# Reducibility

### 5.1 Reducibility

### 5.2 Computation Histories

## Chapter 6

# Complexity Theory

6.1 Big-O Notation

6.2 Time Complexity

6.3 Languages in P

6.4 Languages in NP