

<Lecture 3>

<Regular Operations>

- The idea is to build a new regular language using existing regular languages

- Def
- Union: $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$
 - Concatenation: $A \circ B = \{xy \mid x \in A \text{ and } y \in B\}$
 - Star: $A^* = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \mid k \geq 0 \text{ and each } x_i \in A\}$

Example: $A = \{a, b, c\}$, $B = \{d, e\}$

$$A \cup B = \{$$

$$A \circ B = \{$$

$$A^* = \{$$

Thm: The set of regular languages is closed under regular operations.

I.e., for any regular languages A and B , $A \cup B$, $A \circ B$, A^* are all regular!

That's why \cup , \circ , $*$ are called regular operations.

In general, we say that a set A is closed under operation \odot if the result of applying \odot for each element in A belongs to A as well.

Example: $N = \{1, 2, 3 \dots\}$

Thm 1.25. For any regular language A and B , $A \cup B$ is regular

Q. How to prove this?

Idea:

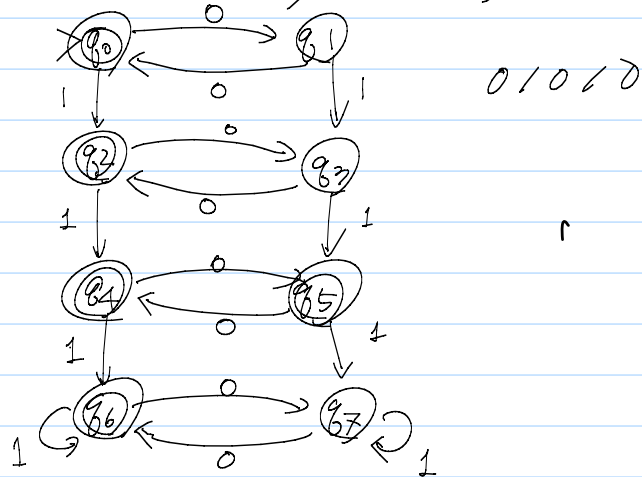
We need to construct machine M that simulates both machines M_1 and M_2

But how?

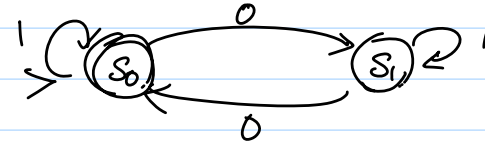
Q. What if we run M_1 on w , and if accepts, run M_2 on w ?

Recall P1.6 l (HW1)

1. $\{w \mid w \text{ contains an even \# of 0s or contains exactly two 1s}\}$



$A = \{w \mid w \text{ contains an even number of 0s}\}$



$B = \{w \mid w \text{ contains exactly two 1s}\}$



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 1 t1 t1 t0 t0 t1
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How to combine them?

Given $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ that recognizes A , and $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$ that recognizes B , we need to construct machine $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ that simulates M_1 and M_2 together?

How?

Q. How many states do we need?

Q. What should be the start state q_0 ?

Q. What should be the accept states?

Q. What should be the transition function?

1. States:

$Q = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in Q_1 \text{ and } r_2 \in Q_2\}$

Ex) $\{(s_0, t_0), (s_1, t_0), (s_0, t_1), (s_1, t_1), (s_0, t_2), (s_1, t_2), (s_0, t_3), (s_1, t_3)\}$

2. q_0 is the "common start state"

$q_0 = (q_1, q_2)$

Ex) (s_0, t_0)

{Show the construction}

$\times q_0, r_0$

q_1, r_0

q_0, r_1

q_1, r_1

q_0, r_2

q_1, r_2

q_0, r_3

q_1, r_3

3. accept states?

$$F = \{ (r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in F_1 \text{ or } r_2 \in F_2 \}$$

$$= (F_1 \times Q_2) \cup (Q_1 \times F_2)$$

$$\neq F_1 \times F_2.$$

Ex)

$$\{ (s_0, t_0), (s_1, t_0), (s_0, t_1), (s_1, t_1), (s_0, t_2), (s_1, t_2), (s_0, t_3), (s_1, t_3) \}$$

4. transition function.

Q. How many transitions (edges)?

$$\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a))$$

{ consider each transition by M_1 and M_2 }