
CS 361– Homework 8 – Answer Key

1. Create a decider TM1 for the following language
 $END_{DFA} = \{ \langle D, s \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA and accepts at least one string that ends on symbol } s \}$

SOLUTION 1:

The basic idea is to find all reachable states and examine incoming transitions – if at least one such transition in on symbol s then accepts otherwise reject.

On input string $\langle D, s \rangle$

TM1 checks whether $\langle D, s \rangle$ is a valid encoding of a DFA and a symbol.

if invalid then

 TM1 rejects $\langle D, s \rangle$

Else

 TM1 marks all reachable state of D using BFS

 For each marked state q do

 If q is a final state then

 If q has an incoming transition t on symbols s then

 TM1 accepts $\langle D, s \rangle$

 End if

 End if

 End for

 TM1 rejects $\langle D, s \rangle$

SOLUTION 2:

The basic idea is to construct another DFA $D1$ that accepts all strings that ends on s , and then create a new DFA $D2$, which is the intersection of D and $D1$ and use E_{DFA} to determine whether they have some strings in common.

On input string $\langle D, s \rangle$

TM1 checks whether $\langle D, s \rangle$ is a valid encoding of a DFA and a symbol.

if invalid then

 TM1 rejects $\langle D, s \rangle$

Else

 TM1 generates a DFA $D1$ that accepts all strings that end on s

 TM1 create a DFA $D2$ such as $L(D2) = L(D) \cap L(D1)$

 TM1 call the decider for DFA's Emptiness problem, E_{DFA}

 If $E_{DFA}(\langle D2 \rangle)$ accepts then

 TM1 rejects $\langle D \rangle$

 Else

 TM1 accepts $\langle D \rangle$

 End if

End if

2. Create a decider TM2 for the following language
 $3SIZE_{DFA} = \{ \langle D \rangle \mid D \text{ is a DFA and } |L(D)| = 3 \}$
Recall that $L(D)$ denotes the language of the machine D .

SOLUTION:

On input string $\langle D \rangle$

TM2 checks whether $\langle D \rangle$ is a valid encoding of a DFA

if invalid then

 TM2 rejects $\langle D \rangle$

Else

 Create a counter count and sets it to 0, i.e., $\text{count} = 0$

 Create an empty stack S and pushed the start state of $\langle D \rangle$ on it

 TM2 performs the DFS using S with the following modifications:

 If a child of the top element of S is already on S then

 TM2 rejects $\langle D \rangle$ (discovered a loop)

 Else

 If a child of the top element of S is a final state then

$\text{Count} = \text{count} + 1$ (increments the counter)

 End if

 End If

 If $\text{count} == 3$ then

 TM2 accepts $\langle D \rangle$

 Else

 TM2 rejects $\langle D \rangle$

3. Create a decider TM4 for the following language

$3StepsTM = \{ \langle T \rangle \mid T \text{ is a TM and rejects the empty string within 3 steps, i.e., transitions} \}$

SOLUTION:

On input string $\langle T \rangle$

TM4 checks whether $\langle T \rangle$ is a valid encoding of a DFA and a string

If invalid then

 TM4 rejects $\langle T \rangle$

Else

 For all i in $\{1, 2, 3\}$ do

 TM4 simulates T on ϵ for i steps

 If T rejects then

 M accepts $\langle T \rangle$

 End if

 End for

 M rejects $\langle T \rangle$

End if