

Problem

Let B and C be languages over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. Define

$$B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C = \{w \in B \mid \text{for some } y \in C, \text{ strings } w \text{ and } y \text{ contain equal numbers of 1s}\}.$$

Show that the class of regular languages is closed under the $\stackrel{1}{\leftarrow}$ operation.

Step-by-step solution

Step 1 of 2

Given that B and C are two languages and $B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C = \{w \in B \mid \text{for some } y \in C, \text{ strings } w \text{ and } y \text{ contain equal numbers of 1s}\}$ over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

We have to prove that class of regular languages closed under $\stackrel{1}{\leftarrow}$ operation

That means if B and C are regular languages than $B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C$ is also a regular language.

So given that B and C are regular languages.

We know that

"A language is regular if it is recognized by an automation"

• Let M_B be the DFA that recognizes the language B

$$M_B = (Q_B, \Sigma, \delta_B, q_B, F_B)$$

• Let M_C be the DFA that recognizes the language C $M_C = (Q_C, \Sigma, \delta_C, q_C, F_C)$

Now we have to construct an NFA which recognizes $B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C$.

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Step 2 of 2

Construction of NFA to recognize $B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C$:

Let $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be the NFA.

Now N has to decide whether a string $w \in B \stackrel{1}{\leftarrow} C$ or not.

- For that first machine M checks whether $w \in B$ or not.
- If $w \in B$, then non deterministically find out a string of that contains the same number of 1s as contained in w and checks that $y \in C$.
- That means for each string B , there are C (number of strings in C) parallel machings will exist

Thus $Q =$ set of states

$$= Q_B \times Q_C$$

$\Sigma =$ set of alphabet

$=$ same as B and C

δ is given by, for $(q, r) \in Q$ and $a \in \Sigma$

$$\delta(q, r), a = \begin{cases} \{(\delta_B(q, 0), r)\} & \text{if } a = 0 \\ \{(\delta_B(q, 1), \delta_C(r, 1))\} & \text{if } a = 1 \\ \{(\delta_C(q, 0), r)\} & \text{if } a = \epsilon \end{cases}$$

q_0 = start state

$= (q_B, q_C)$

F = set of final states

$= F_B \times F_C$

Thus we defined an NFA N to recognize $B \xleftarrow{1} C$.

Hence $B \xleftarrow{1} C$ is regular.

Therefore class of regular languages closed under $B \xleftarrow{1} C$ operation

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