

Chapter1 regular language(正则语言)

1.1 finite automaton(有穷自动机)

1.1.1 Formal definition of a finite automaton(有穷自动机的形式化定义)

A **(deterministic)finite automaton** is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, where

1. Q is finite set called states(状态集)
2. Σ is finite set called alphabet(字母表)
3. $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \longrightarrow Q$ is the transition function(转移函数)
4. $q_0 \in Q$ is the start state(起始状态)
5. $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of accept states(接受状态集)

1.1.3 Formal definition of computation(计算的形式化定义)

Let $M=(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be a finite automaton and let $w=w_1w_2.....w_n$ be a string with $w_i \in \Sigma$ for all $i \in [n]$. Then M accepts w if a sequence of states $r_0, r_1,, r_n$ in Q exists with:

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

We say M recognizes A if $A=\{w|M \text{ accepts } w\}$;

Definition of regular language

A language is called **regular** if some finite automaton recognizes it.

1.1.5 Regular operation(正则运算)

Let A and B be languages. We define the regular operations **union**(并), **concatenation**(连接), and **star**(星号) as follows:

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

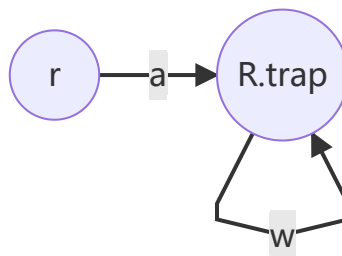
(Union)Theorem[正则语言在并运算下封闭]

The class of regular languages is closed under the union operation. In other words, if A_1 and A_2 are regular languages, so is $A_1 \cup A_2$.

Proof:[构造一个有穷自动机识别 $A_1 \cup A_2$]

1. assume without generality $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$: [我们可以不失一般性的假设 $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$, 后面都假设它们相同]

- Let $a \in \Sigma_2 - \Sigma_1$;
- We add $\delta_1(r, a) = r_{\text{trap}}$, where r_{trap} is a new state with $\delta_1(r_{\text{trap}}, w) = r_{\text{trap}}$ for every w .



2. We construct $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ to recognize $A_1 \cup A_2$:

- $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2 = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in Q_1, r_2 \in Q_2\}$;
- $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 = \Sigma_2$;
- For each $(r_1, r_2) \in Q$ and $a \in \Sigma$ we let $\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (\delta_1(r_1, a), \delta_2(r_2, a))$;

- $q_0 = (q_1, q_2)$;
- $F = (F \times Q_2) \cup (Q_1 \times F) = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in F_1 \text{ or } r_2 \in F_2\}$;

1.2 Nondeterminism(非确定性)

1.2.1 Nondeterministic finite automaton(非确定型有穷自动机)

Formal definition of nondeterministic finite automaton

A **nondeterministic finite automaton(NFA)** is a **5-tuple** $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, where

1. Q is a finite set of states;

2. Σ is a finite alphabet;

3. $\delta : Q \times \Sigma^* \longrightarrow P(Q)$ is the transition function, where $\Sigma^* = \Sigma \cup \epsilon$;

相比于确定型有穷自动机 $\begin{cases} 1. \epsilon \text{ 作为空串的使用} \\ 2. P(Q) \text{ 也可以是空集, 即不是每一个字母都要有对应的状态} \end{cases}$

4. $q_0 \in Q$ is the start state;

5. $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of accept states;

Formal definition of computation for an NFA

Let $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be an NFA and let $w = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m$ be a string with $y_i \in \Sigma^*$ for all i

$i \in [m]$. Then N accepts w if a sequence of states r_0, r_1, \dots, r_m in Q exists with:

- $r_0 = q_0$;
- $r_{i+1} \in \delta(r_i, y_{i+1})$ for $i = 0, \dots, m-1$;
- $r_m \in F$;

1.2.2 Equivalence of NFAs and DFAs(NFA与DFA的等价性)

(DFA~NFA)Theorem

Every NFA has an equivalent DFA, i.e., they recognize the same language.

Proof:[证明的主要想法是抽象化DFA， DFA的每一个新状态都是Q的一个子集]

Let $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be the NFA recognizing some language A. We construct a DFA $M = (Q', \Sigma', \delta', q_0', F')$ recognizing the same A.

First assume N has no ϵ arrows:

$$1. Q' = P(Q);$$

$$2. \Sigma' = \Sigma;$$

$$3. \delta'(R, a) = \{q \in Q \mid q \in \delta(r, a) \text{ for some } r \in R\}, \text{ let } R \in Q' \text{ and } a \in \Sigma;$$

$$4. q_0' = \{q_0\};$$

$$5. F' = \{R \in Q' \mid R \cap F \neq \emptyset\};$$

Now we allow ϵ arrows:

For every $R \in Q'$, i.e., $R \subseteq Q$ let

$$E(R) = \{q \in Q \mid q \text{ can be reached from } R \text{ by traveling along 0 and more } \epsilon \text{ arrows}\};$$

$$1. Q' = P(Q);$$

$$2. \text{ Let } R \in Q' \text{ and } a \in \Sigma. \text{ Then we define } \delta'(R, a) = \{q \in Q \mid q \in E(\delta(r, a)), \text{ for some } r \in R\};$$

$$3. q_0' = E(\{q_0\});$$

$$4. F' = \{R \in Q' \mid R \cap F \neq \emptyset\};$$

(NFA~regular language)Corollary

A language is regular if and on if some nondeterministic finite automaton recognizes it.

1.2.3 Closure under the regular operation

Closure union:

For $i \in [2]$ let $N_i = (Q_i, \Sigma_i, \delta_i, q_i, F_i)$ recognize A_i . We construct an $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ to recognize $A_1 \cup A_2$:

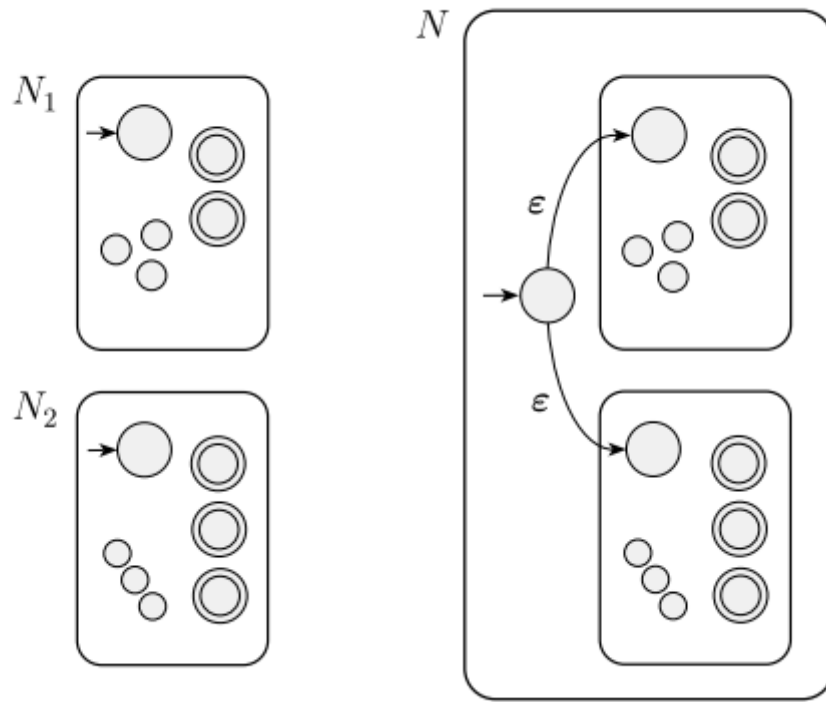
1. $Q = \{q_0\} \cup Q_1 \cup Q_2$;

2. q_0 is the start state;

3. $F = F_1 \cup F_2$;

4. For any $q \in Q$ and any $a \in \Sigma$,

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



Closure concatenation:

For $i \in [2]$ let $N_i = (Q_i, \Sigma_i, \delta_i, q_i, F_i)$ recognize A_i . We construct an $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ to recognize $A_1 \circ A_2$:

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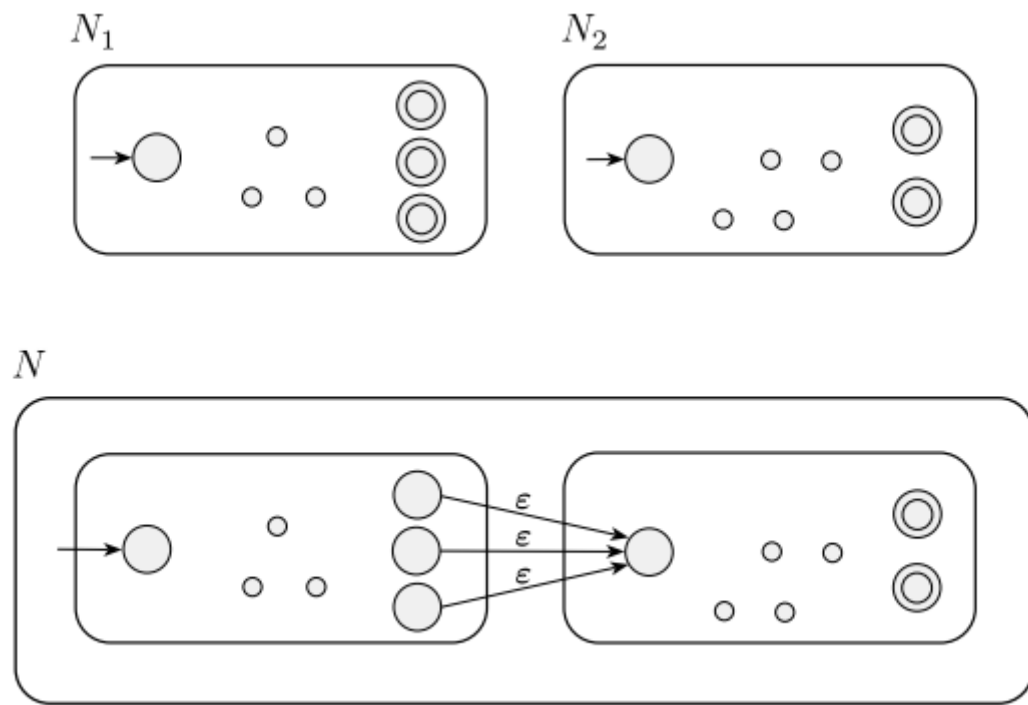
$$1. Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$$

$$2. \Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$$

$$3. q_0 = q_1$$

$$4. F = F_2$$

$$5. \delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \\ \{q_2\} \cup \delta_1(q, a) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ q_1 & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$



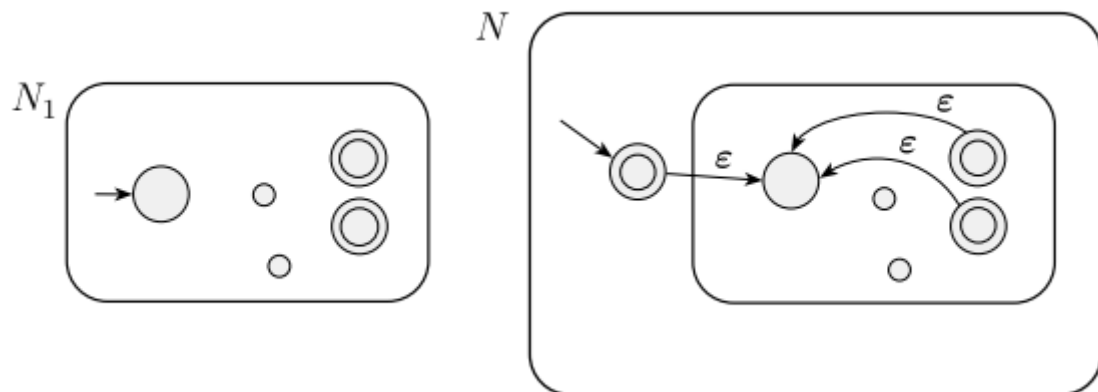
Closure star:

Let $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ recognizes A_1 , construct $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ recognizes A_1^* .

$$1. Q = Q_1 \cup \{q_0\}$$

$$2. F = F_1 \cup \{q_0\}$$

$$3. \delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \{q_1\} & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \\ \{q_1\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \end{cases}$$



1.3 Regular expressions(正则表达式)

1.3.1 Definition of regular expression

R is a regular expression if R is

1. a for some a in the alphabet Σ
2. ϵ
3. \emptyset
4. $(R_1 \cup R_2)$, where R_1 and R_2 are regular expressions
5. $R_1 \circ R_2$, where R_1 and R_2 are regular expressions
6. R_1^* , where R_1 are regular expressions

regular expression R	language $L(R)$
a	$\{a\}$
ϵ	$\{\epsilon\}$
\emptyset	\emptyset
$(R_1 \cup R_2)$	$L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$
$(R_1 \circ R_2)$	$L(R_1) \circ L(R_2)$
(R_1^*)	$L(R_1)^*$

1.3.2 Equivalence with finite automata(与有穷自动机的等价性)

Theorem: A language is regular if and only if some regular expression describes it

Definition of a generalized nondeterministic finite automaton(广义非确定型有穷自动机的定义)

A GNFA is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_{\text{start}}, q_{\text{accept}})$, where

1. Q is the finite set of states

2. Σ is the input alphabet

3. $\delta : (Q - \{q_{\text{accept}}\}) \times (Q - \{q_{\text{start}}\}) \rightarrow R$ is transition function

[GNFA的特点: 任意 $q \in Q - \{q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{start}}\}$, q 有到除起始状态外所有其他状态的箭头, q_{start} 只出不进, q_{accept} 只进不出]

A GNFA accept a string w in Σ^* if $w = w_1 w_2 \cdots w_k$, where w_i is in Σ^* , and a sequence of states q_0, q_1, \cdots, q_k exists such that:

1. $q_0 = q_{\text{start}}$

2. $q_k = q_{\text{accept}}$

3. for each i , $w_i \in L(R_i)$, where $R_i = \delta(q_{i-1}, q_i)$

1.4 Nonregular languages(非正则语言)

Pumping Lemma(泵引理)

If A is a regular language, then there is a number p (the pumping length) where if s is any string in A of length at least p , then s may be divided into three pieces, $s = xyz$, satisfying that :

1. for each $i \geq 0, xy^i z \in A$

2. $|y| > 0$

3. $|xy| \leq p$

[注意]

1. 若 A 中没有长度大于 p 的字符串, 则 A 是正则语言, 因为 A 中元素都是有限长, 可以通过穷举构造有穷自动机

2. $|y| > 0$ 为了限制条件1

3. 条件3是在证明语言的非正则性时有时可用

Proof:

由于A是正则语言，存在有穷自动机 $M(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ 识别A，取 $p = |Q| < \infty$;

1. 若 $s \in A, |s| \geq p$, 则计算s时遍历的状态数 $n = |s| + 1 > |Q|$: $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_n \in F$, 由鸽巢原理，必存在 $q_i = q_j (i < j)$, 取x满足 $\delta(q_0, x)$ 依次遍历 q_0, q_1, \dots, q_i , y满足 $\delta(q_i, y)$ 依次遍历 $q_{i+1}, q_{i+2}, \dots, q_j$, z满足 $\delta(q_j, z)$ 依次遍历 $q_{j+1}, q_{j+2}, \dots, q_n$; 则 $|y| > 0$, 满足条件2

2. $y_i: q_i \rightarrow q_j$, 满足条件1

3. 由于一共有p个状态，则 $|xy| \leq p$

[我们常用pumping lemma证明一个语言是非正则的，用反证法，假设一个语言是正则的，设泵长度是p，找到一个不满足pumping lemma的字符串]