

Assignment 2: Theoretic exercises

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1 Theoretic exercices

1.1 Lexical analysis

Here is a regExp :

$$((a^*b) \mid (ab)^*)c$$

With this regExp, we can define an infinite number of sequences :

$$\{\epsilon, c, bc, abc, aabc, ababc, \dots\}$$

1.1.1 NFA with Thompson construction

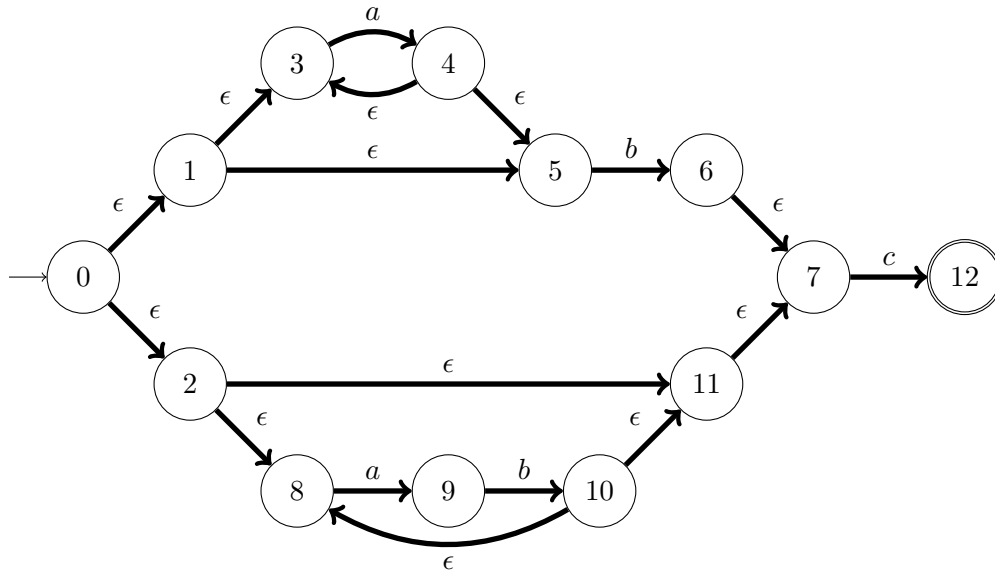


FIGURE 1 – NFA of $((a^*b)|(ab)^*)c$

1.2 NFA to DFA step-by-step

First we regroup all the states reachable from the initial only by using ϵ -closure (i.e. reachable only with ϵ -transitions).

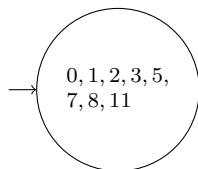


FIGURE 2 – NFA to DFA : Initial state

Then, we add which states are reachable from this initial state with an a -transition (including ϵ -transition) :

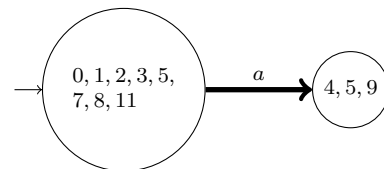


FIGURE 3 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and an a -transition

Then, we add which states are reachable from those states with a b -transition :

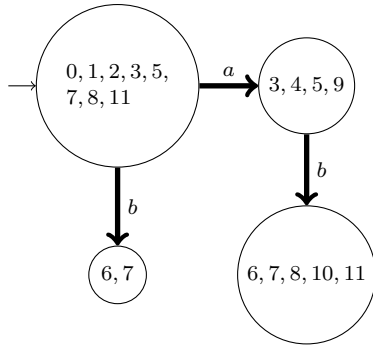


FIGURE 4 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and an a -transition and a b -transition

Then, we add which states are reachable from those states with an a -transition :

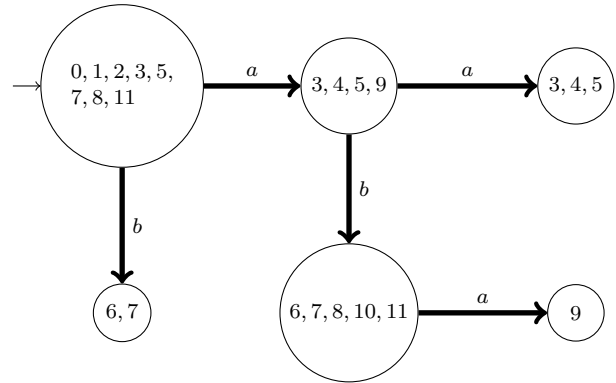


FIGURE 5 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and two a -transitions and a b -transition

We skip some steps by adding the remaining a - and b -transitions :

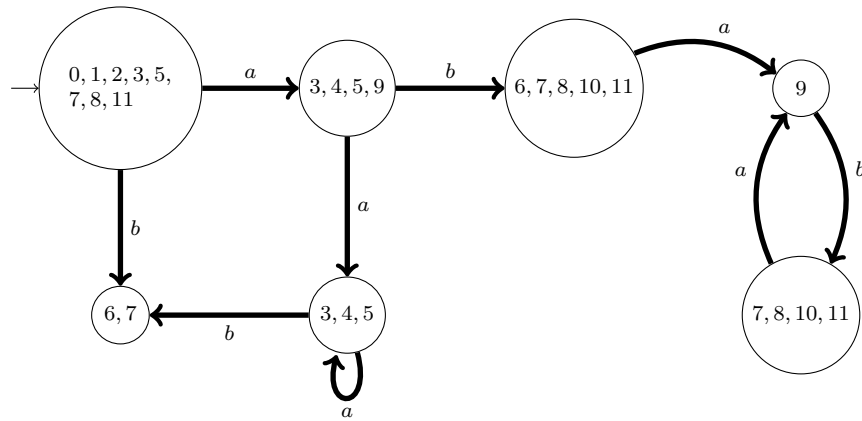


FIGURE 6 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and two a -transitions and a b -transition

We add the c -transitions :

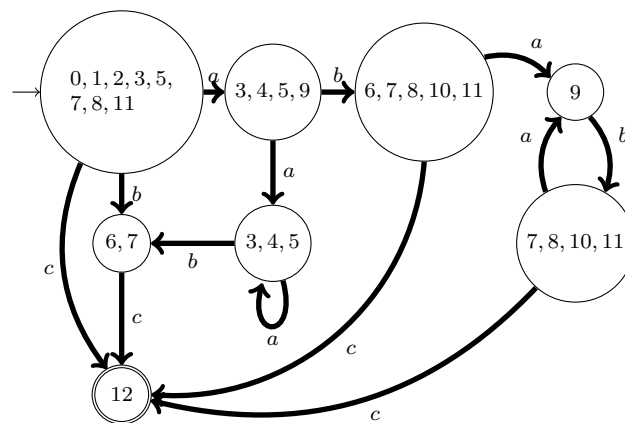


FIGURE 7 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and two a -transitions and a b -transition

We rename the sets of states to number to be more readable :

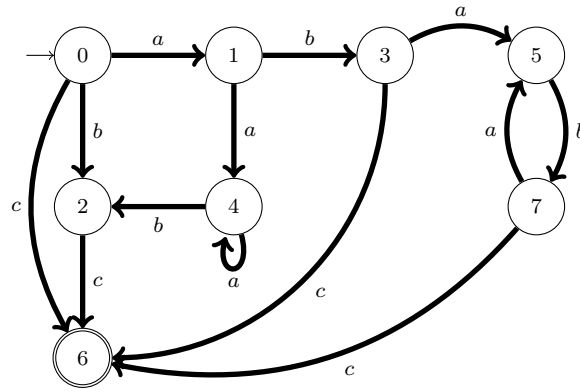


FIGURE 8 – NFA to DFA : Initial state and two a -transitions and a b -transition

Here is the minimized DFA :

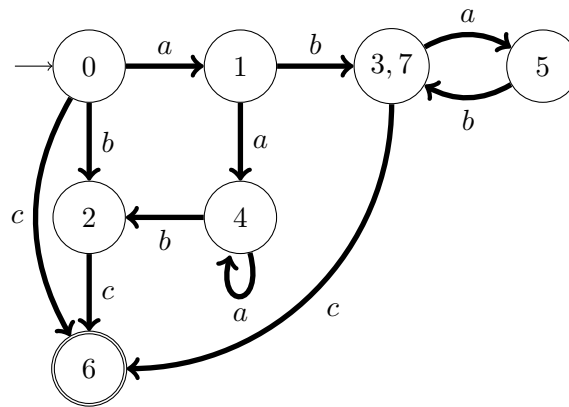


FIGURE 9 – Minimized DFA

1.3 Parsing

This grammar is not LL(1) as it is left recursive and as it has a first set conflict. An equivalent LL(1) grammar would be :

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. $Y ::= \text{move}(X Y1$ | 7. $P1 ::= \epsilon$ |
| 2. $Y1 ::=)$ | 8. $D ::= \text{left}$ |
| 3. $Y1 ::= ,P)$ | 9. $D ::= \text{right}$ |
| 4. $X ::= \text{id}$ | 10. $D ::= \text{forward}$ |
| 5. $P ::= D P1$ | 11. $D ::= \text{backward}$ |
| 6. $P1 ::= \rightarrow D P1$ | |

To build the table, we must then identify the first and follow set of our axioms. Thus obtaining the two following set :

First set :

- $\text{first}(Y) = \{ \text{move}(\}$
- $\text{first}(Y1) = \{) ; \text{virgule} \}$
- $\text{first}(X) = \{ \text{id} \}$
- $\text{first}(P) = \{ \text{left} ; \text{right} ; \text{forward} ; \text{backward} \}$
- $\text{first}(P1) = \{ \rightarrow \}$
- $\text{first}(D) = \{ \text{left} ; \text{right} ; \text{forward} ; \text{backward} \}$

Follow set :

- $\text{first}(Y) = \{ \emptyset \}$
- $\text{first}(Y1) = \{ \emptyset \}$
- $\text{first}(X) = \{) ; \text{virgule} \}$
- $\text{first}(P) = \{) \}$
- $\text{first}(P1) = \{) \}$
- $\text{first}(D) = \{ \rightarrow ;) \}$

Which allow us to build the following LL(1) parsing table :

		move(,)	id	→	left	right	forward	backward
Y		1								
Y1			3	2						
X					4					
P							5	5	5	5
P1				7	6					
D							8	9	10	11

Parsing move(id, left → right) would result in the following steps :

1. Y
2. move(X Y1
3. move(id Y1
4. move(id , P)
5. move(id , D P1)
6. move(id , left P1)
7. move(id , left → D P1)
8. move(id , left → right P1)
9. move(id , left → right ε)
10. move(id , left → right)

1.4 DFA

Yes, it is possible to accept an infinite language, for example $((1)^* 0)$ accept an infinite sequence of bit but can be represented by the following DFA :

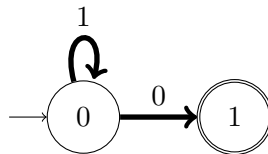


FIGURE 10 – DFA accepting an infinite language

1.5 Language

The language of balanced parenthesis is not regular. To demonstrate it, let us consider a simplified version of the language where we consider only a sequence of k left parenthesis followed by a sequence of k right parenthesis, this simplified version forming a subset of the language we wish to prove irregular :

$$\{(^k)^k \}$$

Using pumping lemmas, we can easily prove this language irregular by defining $w = \{(^k)^k \}$. By the pumping lemma, there should be some decomposition $w = xyz$ with $|xy| \leq p$ and $|y| \geq 1$ such that $x(y^i)z$ in L for every $i \geq 0$.

Since $|xy| \leq p$, we know that y can only contain a non-null sequence of left parenthesis. This means that by pumping y and obtaining xy^2z , we will a sequence of parenthesis with more open parenthesis than closed parenthesis.

Thus, this sequence will never be part of our simplified language L , and since this subset of the original language cannot be represent by a regular expression, we can infer that the whole language similarly cannot be represented.