

RegEx

Format:

1. $a \in \Sigma$, “a” is a RegEx over Σ , where $L(a) = \{a\}$
2. $b \in \Sigma$, “b” is a RegEx over Σ , where $L(b) = \{b\}$
3. $c \in \Sigma$, “c” is a RegEx over Σ , where $L(c) = \{c\}$
4. $\lambda \in \Sigma$, “ λ ” is a RegEx over Σ , where $L(\lambda) = \{\lambda\}$
5. “ Σ ” is a RegEx, $L(\Sigma) = \Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ (of length 1, so $\Sigma \circ \Sigma$ has length 2)
6. “ Σ ” is a RegEx (line 8), so “ $(\Sigma)^*$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L((\Sigma)^*) = \Sigma^*$, set of all strings
7. “b” and “a” are RegEx (lines 2, 1), so “ $(b \cup a)$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L(b \cup a) = L(b) \cup L(a)$
8. “ $(b \cup a)$ ” is a RegEx (line 4), so “ $((b \cup a))^*$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L(((b \cup a))^*) = \{b, c\}^*$, set of all strings that do not include an “a”
9. “a” and “c” are RegEx (lines 1, 3), so “ $(a \circ c)$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L(a \circ c) = L(a) \circ L(b)$, set of size one
10. “ $((b \cup a))^*$ ” and “ $(a \circ c)$ ” are RegEx (lines 5, 4), so “ $((b \cup a))^* \circ (a \circ c)$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L(((b \cup a))^* \circ (a \circ c)) = L(((b \cup a))^*) \circ L(a \circ c)$, set of strings where any of “b” or “a” come before the last “a”, followed by a “c”
11. “c” and “ λ ” are RegEx (line 3, 4), so “ $(c \cup \lambda)$ ” is a RegEx over Σ , $L(c \cup \lambda) = L(c) \cup L(\lambda)$, set of strings that include at most 1 (or no) “c’s”

DFA

To recognize this language, the DFA needs to remember cases to hold $\omega \in \Sigma^*$:

List cases (e.g. $\{S_0 = \omega \in \Sigma^* \mid \omega \text{ does not include an “a’s”}\}$; corresponds to state q_0)

Sanity Check 1: If it has a finite number of subsets

List subsets (e.g. S_0, S_{od}, S_{ev})

Sanity Check 2: Every string belongs to exactly one subset

e.g. Every string must include some fixed number of “a’s”. Zero ($\omega \in S_0$), odd ($\omega \in S_{od}$), or at least two and even ($\omega \in S_{ev}$). Cannot be in more than one of these sets simultaneously: $S_0 \cap S_{od} = S_0 \cap S_{ev} = S_{od} \cap S_{ev} = \emptyset$

Sanity Check 3: If states are described as above...

e.g. Then, $S_0 \cap L = S_{od} \cap L = \emptyset$, while $S_{ev} \subseteq L$. From this, it follows that q_{ev} is an accepting state, hence, $q_{ev} \in F$

Sanity Check 4: Transitions must be well-defined

e.g. Transitions out of each are as follows:

- Number of “b’s” and “c’s” don’t change the number of “a’s” we need:

- $\{\omega \cdot b \mid \omega \in S_0\} \subseteq S_0$, $\{\omega \cdot c \mid \omega \in S_0\} \subseteq S_0$
- (Same idea for sets S_{od}, S_{ev})

Thus, retained in the same state.

- Number of “a’s” change when you add an “a”:

- Zero to one: $\{\omega \cdot a \mid \omega \in S_0\} \subseteq S_{od}$, well-defined transition from $q_0 \rightarrow q_{od}$ for “a”
- One to at least two: $\{\omega \cdot a \mid \omega \in S_{od}\} \subseteq S_{ev}$, well-defined transition from $q_{od} \rightarrow q_{ev}$ for “a”
- Even number to odd that is at least two: $\{\omega \cdot a \mid \omega \in S_{ev}\} \subseteq S_{od}$, well-defined transition from $q_{ev} \rightarrow q_{od}$ for “a”

All sanity checks passed, we know that S_0 is the same as $\{\omega \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(q_0, \omega) = q_0\}$ (Same for others), where S_0, \dots are the sets of strings described at the beginning of this answer. Since $F = \{q_{ev}\}$, $L = S_{ev}$ is the language of this DFA - as desired.

DFA NFA Equivalence

Format:

- 1st state introduced: initially, $\hat{Q} = \emptyset$, $\hat{R} = \{\hat{q}_0\}$, so \hat{q}_0 is $Cl\lambda(q_0) = \{q_0\}$.

Our current DFA: (Drawing of DFA w/ start state)

We pick \hat{q}_0 since it's the only state in \hat{R} so far:

- (a) Transitions out for $\omega = a$ for \hat{q}_0

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{r \in S_0} \bigcup_{s \in \delta(r,a)} Cl\lambda(s) &= \bigcup_{r \in \{q_0\}} \bigcup_{s \in \delta(r,a)} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= \bigcup_{s \in \delta(q_0,a)} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= \bigcup_{s \in \{q_0\}} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= Cl\lambda(q_0) \\ &= \{q_0\} = S_0 \end{aligned}$$

Same as S_0 , corresponding to state \hat{q}_0 . Thus, $\delta(\hat{q}_0, a) = \hat{q}_0$

- (b) Transitions out for $\omega = b$ for \hat{q}_0 (Same outcome as $\omega = a$)

- (c) Transitions out for $\omega = c$ for \hat{q}_0

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcup_{r \in S_0} \bigcup_{s \in \delta(r,c)} Cl\lambda(s) &= \bigcup_{r \in \{q_0\}} \bigcup_{s \in \delta(r,c)} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= \bigcup_{s \in \delta(q_0,c)} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= \bigcup_{s \in \{q_0, q_1\}} Cl\lambda(s) \\ &= Cl\lambda(q_0) \cup Cl\lambda(q_1) \\ &= \{q_0\} \cup \{q_1\} = \{q_0, q_1\} \end{aligned}$$

This set does not correspond to any states in $\hat{Q} \cup \hat{R}$, so it will be a new set $S_1 = \{q_0, q_1\}$ corresponding to the state \hat{q}_1 .

Now, $\hat{Q} = \{\hat{q}_0\}$, $\hat{R} = \{\hat{q}_1\}$. Our DFA: (draw DFA w/ state $\hat{q}_0 \rightarrow \hat{q}_1$)

2. Since only $\hat{R} = \{\hat{q}_1\}$, set state to \hat{q}_1

- (a) Transitions out for $\omega = a$ for $\hat{q}_1 \rightarrow$ same process, set $S_2 = \{q_0, q_2\}$

- (b) Transitions out for $\omega = b$ for $\hat{q}_1 \rightarrow$ corresponds to state \hat{q}_0 (b transition back to \hat{q}_0)

- (c) Transitions out for $\omega = c$ for $\hat{q}_1 \rightarrow$ corresponds to state \hat{q}_1 (c transition remain in \hat{q}_1)

Now, $\hat{Q} = \{\hat{q}_0, \hat{q}_1\}$, $\hat{R} = \{\hat{q}_2\}$. Our DFA: (draw DFA w/ state \hat{q}_2)

3. Repeat until no more new states found

- Since $\hat{R} = \emptyset$, we have to find set \hat{F} of accepting states:

- $S_0 = \{q_0\}$ corresponds to \hat{q}_0 , and $S_0 \cap F = \{q_0\} \cap \{q_2\} = \emptyset$
- $S_1 = \{q_0, q_1\}$ corresponds to \hat{q}_1 , and $S_1 \cap F = \{q_0, q_1\} \cap \{q_2\} = \emptyset$
- $S_2 = \{q_0, q_2\}$ corresponds to \hat{q}_2 , and $S_2 \cap F = \{q_0, q_2\} \cap \{q_2\} = \{q_2\} \neq \emptyset, \hat{q}_2 \in \hat{F}$
- $S_3 = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$ corresponds to \hat{q}_3 , and $S_3 \cap F = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \cap \{q_2\} = \{q_2\} \neq \emptyset, \hat{q}_3 \in \hat{F}$

Thus, $\hat{F} = \{\hat{q}_2, \hat{q}_3\}$. Final DFA: