

Equivalence of DFA & NFA

Thm 2.9 Every NFA has an equivalent DFA.

Proof: Let $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be the NFA recognizing A . Construct a DFA $M = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$ recognizing A . (Let

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

Define M as follows:

1. $Q' = P(Q)$

2. For $R \in Q'$ and $a \in \Sigma$, let

$$\begin{aligned}\delta'(R, a) &= \{q \in Q \mid q \in E(\delta(r, a)) \text{ for some } r \in R\} \\ &= \cup_{r \in R} E(\delta(r, a))\end{aligned}$$

3. $q'_0 = E(\{q_0\})$

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

Cor 2.10 A language is regular \Leftrightarrow Some NFA recognizes it.

(Cor 2.10 can be used to prove Thm 2.5 :**The class of regular languages is closed under union.**)

Thm 2.11 The class of regular languages is closed under concatenation.

Proof: Assume that L_1 and L_2 are two regular languages, and NFA N_1 and N_2 recognizes them respectively. Construct a new NFA to accept $L_1 L_2$ by using multiple $\xrightarrow{\epsilon}$ to connect the accept state(s) of N_1 and the start state of N_2 . The constructed NFA N recognizes $L_1 L_2$.

Thm 2.12 The class of regular languages is closed under Kleene Star.

Proof: Assume that L is a regular language recognized by N . Construct a new NFA to accept L^* by adding a new start state before N 's start state, and use multiple $\xrightarrow{\epsilon}$ to connect the accept state(s) of N and the added start state. The constructed NFA N' recognizes L^* .

Thm 2.13 The class of regular languages is closed under complement.

Proof: Let DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Q_{accept})$ be a DFA recognizing A . Construct $M' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, Q'_{accept})$, where

$$Q'_{accept} = Q \setminus Q_{accept}$$

It is easy to verify $L(Q') = \bar{A}$.

Regular Expressions

eg.

Odd numbers	$(0 \cup 1 \cup \dots \cup 9)^*(1 \cup 3 \cup 5 \cup 7 \cup 9)$
Strings that start with 0 or 1, then append zero or more 0s	$(0 \cup 1)0^*$
Σ^*	$(0 \cup 1)^*$
Strings that start with a 0 or end with a 1	$(0\Sigma^*) \cup (\Sigma^*1)$

Def 2.14 R is a regular expression if R is:

1. a for some $a \in \Sigma$
2. ϵ
3. ϕ
4. $(R_1 \cup R_2)$, where R_1, R_2 are regular expressions
5. $(R_1 R_2)$, where R_1, R_2 are regular expressions
6. (R^*) , where R is a regular expression

eg.

1. $0^*10^* = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ contains a single } 1\}$
2. $\Sigma^*1\Sigma^* = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least one } 1\}$
3. $\Sigma^*001\Sigma^* = \{w \mid w \text{ has a substring } 001\}$
4. $1^*(01^+)^* = \{w \mid \text{every } 0 \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by at least one } 1\}$
5. $(\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{w \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is even}\}$
6. $01 \cup 10 = \{01, 10\}$
7. $(0 \cup \epsilon)1^* = 01^* \cup 1^*$
8. $(0 \cup \epsilon)(1 \cup \epsilon) = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 01\}$
9. $1^*\phi = \phi$
10. $\phi^* = \{\epsilon\}$

Thm 2.15 A language is regular \Leftrightarrow some regular expression describes it.

Lem 2.16 If a language is described by a regular expression, it's regular.

Proof:

1. $R = a, a \in \Sigma, L(R) = \{a\}$

$$\rightarrow q_{start} \xrightarrow{a} q_{accept}$$

2. $R = \epsilon$

$$\rightarrow q_{accept}$$

3. $R = \phi$

$\rightarrow q_{start}$

4. $R = R_1 \cup R_2$ (Thm 2.5)

5. $R = R_1 R_2$ (Thm 2.6)

6. $R = R_1^*$ (Thm 2.11)