

Regular Expressions and Finite Automata

Resources

- SIPSUV, book exercises, prior midterms

Tracing Comprehensions as a Bug

- Restricted programming languages: $|TMI| > |other\ prog|$

- DAO (Distributed Autonomous Organization)



- ran into the HAITing problem, stuck in infinite loop

Restricted Models

- set of functions $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$ s.t.

- Description D_F of function F yields algo to compute F (algo always terminates)

- correct semantic properties of D_F :

Context-free
grammars

- Emptiness: $D_F \equiv \emptyset$

- Fullness: $D_F \equiv \Sigma^*$

- Equivalence: $D_F \equiv D_G$

} regular
expressions

Regular Expressions

alphabet $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

Expression ϵ corresponds to $\Phi_\epsilon: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

mapping function

$$t = (001\ 11)^*$$

$$\Phi_{C(\tau)} = \begin{cases} 1 & x = \text{001 11 00 00 00} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Expression τ

\emptyset null

" empty

σ number

$u v$ or

$\tau \tau'$ concat

Function Φ_τ

$$\Omega(\forall x \Phi_\tau(x) = 0)$$

$$\Phi_\tau(x) = 1 \text{ iff } x = "$$

$$\Phi_\tau(x) = 1 \text{ iff } x = \sigma$$

$$\Phi_{\tau u v}(x) = \Phi_\tau(x) \vee \Phi_{u v}(x)$$

$$\Phi_{\tau \tau'}(x) = 1 \text{ iff } \exists u, v \in \Sigma^* \text{ s.t. } x = u v \wedge \Phi_\tau(u) = 1 \wedge \Phi_{\tau'}(v) = 1$$

τ^* for all lengths

$$\Phi_{\tau^*}(x) = 1 \text{ iff } \exists u_0 \dots u_{k-1} \in \Sigma^* \text{ s.t. } x = u_0 \dots u_{k-1}$$

s.t. $x = u_0 \dots u_{k-1}$ and $\forall i \in [k]$

$$\Phi_{\tau}(u_i) = 1$$

QX: Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$. What is Φ_τ for

$$\tau = (11213141516171817)(0111213141516171817)^*$$

decimal representation of an integer

QX: Let $\Sigma' = \{0, 1\}$. Find τ s.t. $\Phi_\tau(x) = 1$ iff x contains

0110 as a substring

$$\tau = (012)^*(0110)(012)^*$$

QX: Let $\Sigma' = \{0, 1\}$. Find τ s.t. $\Phi_\tau(x) = 1$ iff $\sum x_i = 0 \pmod{3}$

$$\tau = ((0)^*(1)(0)^*(1)(0)^*(1)(0)^*)^* | 0^*$$

$$\tau = 0^* (10^+ 10^+ 10^+)^* 0^+$$

Theorem: Let τ be a regular expression. Then the function $\Phi_\tau: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^*$ is computable.

Moreover, \exists algorithm computing $\Phi_\tau(x)$ for $x \in \{0,1\}^n$ in $O(n)$ time.

Moreover, \exists such algorithm making single pass over x with $O(1)$ memory.

Deterministic
Finite
Automaton

Moreover, $F = \Phi_\tau$ for some τ iff \exists DFA computing F .

Fix some function/language

$$L_F = \{x \mid F(x) = 1\}$$

Proof of Theorem:

$\text{MATCH}(\tau, x)$:

input: τ regexp, $x \in \{0,1\}^n$

operations:

if $\tau = " "$ or $\tau = 0$ or $\tau = 1$: return 1 if $x = \tau$

if $\tau = \tau' \mid \tau''$:

return $\text{MATCH}(\tau', x) \vee \text{MATCH}(\tau'', x)$

if ($\tau = \tau' \tau''$):

return $\bigvee_{i=0}^n (\text{MATCH}(\tau', x_0 \dots x_i), \text{MATCH}(\tau'', x_{i+1} \dots x_{n-1}))$

if $\tau = (\tau')^*$:

return $\bigvee_{k=1}^n V_k$, $V_0 = i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_n = n \wedge \bigwedge_{j=0}^{k-1} \text{MATCH}(\tau', x_{i_j} \dots x_{i_{j+1}-1})$

Claim. $\text{MATCH}(\tau, v) = \Phi_\tau(x)$ for every τ, x

Pf. Induction on $|\tau|$

$|\tau| \leq 1$: obvious

If τ of form $\tau'|\tau''$, $\tau'\tau''$ or $(\tau')^*$ follows from induction hypothesis since $|\tau'|, |\tau''| < |\tau|$. \square

Proof of Moreover #1: $\exists O(|x|)$ time alg $\text{FMATCH}(\tau, x)$ to compute $\Phi_\tau(x)$.

Lemma 1. If τ is a regex, exist $\tau[0]$ and $\tau[1]$ (and compute them) s.t.

$$\Phi_{\tau[0]}(x) = \Phi_\tau(x_0) \quad \Phi_{\tau[1]}(x) = \Phi_\tau(x_1)$$

Q: if τ is a regex s.t. $\Phi_\tau(x) = 1$ iff $\sum_i x_i \bmod 3 = 0$

What is $\Phi_{\tau[1]}$?

$$\Phi_{\tau[1]}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } \sum_i x_i \bmod 3 = 2 \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$$

$$\tau[1] = \tau(0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*)$$

Proof of Lemma 1: (skip base)

if $\tau = \tau'|\tau''$ then $\tau[1] = \tau'[1]|\tau''[1]$

if $\tau = \tau'\tau''$ then $\tau[0] = \tau'\tau''[0]|\tau''[0]$ if $\Phi_{\tau''}(0) = 1$

if $\tau = (\tau')^*$ then $\tau[1] = (\tau')^* \tau'[1]$

Lemma 2. If τ is a regex, $|\tau[0]|, |\tau[1]|, |\tau[0][0]| \dots \leq C(|\tau|)$

$\text{FMATCH}(\epsilon, x) :$

$\epsilon \vdash \epsilon = \text{orig expression}$

Input: ϵ regexp, $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$

$T_0 := \max \text{ term to compute}$

Operations:

$$\epsilon'(0) \epsilon'(1) \leq C(1\epsilon)$$

if $x = n^n$: return $\Phi_\epsilon(n)$

return $\text{FMATCH}(\epsilon[x_{n-1}], x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-2})$

$$\text{TIME}(n) = T_0 + \text{TIME}(n-1)$$

Using memoization to make it a single-pass O(1)

Space algorithm: DFA

all regular or size $\leq C(\epsilon)$	0	1	2	3	...	i	...	$n-2$	$n-1$
ϵ^0									
ϵ^1									
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ϵ^i									

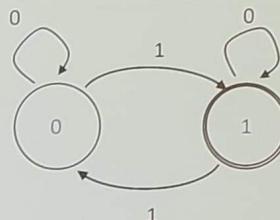
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$\Phi_{\epsilon^i}(x_0 \dots x_i)$

Deterministic Finite Automaton

Single pass constant memory algorithm.

- Constant number of states.
- Every step read x_i , change state based on whether $x_i = 0$ or $x_i = 1$
- When done output 0 or 1 based on state (accepting / rejecting).



Theorem: $F: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ regular if and only if F computable by a DFA.

Corollary: If $F: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ regular then $\text{NOT}(F)$ is also regular.

Corollary: If $F, G: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ regular then $\text{NAND}(F, G)$ is also regular.

Corollary: Let $\text{EQ}(e, f) = 1$ iff $\Phi_e = \Phi_f$. Then EQ is computable.

Pumping Lemma

Q: Let $e = (0000|111|0100)(020)^*(00111|11|00|11)$.

Prove that if $|x| > 100$ and $\Phi_e(x) = 1$ then x must contain the digit 2

Pumping Lemma: (Informal version). Let $F = \Phi_e$ for some e .

If $|w| > 2|e|$ and $\Phi_e(w) = 1$ then "we must use star" to match w .

Pumping Lemma: (formal version). Let $F = \Phi_e$ for some e and $n = 2|e|$.

If $|w| > n$ and $\Phi_e(w) = 1$ then $\exists x, y, z$ s.t. $w = xyz$, $|xy| \leq n$, $|y| \geq 1$ s.t.

$$\Phi_e(xy^kz) = 1$$

for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$