

CPSC-406 Report

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

2 Week by Week

2.1 Week 1

Comments and Questions

How do automata models like parking machines demonstrate the concepts of states and transitions? How does complexity theory contribute to these models?

2.2 Week 2

Notes

Chapter 2.1 of ITALC discusses the basic model of computation that demonstrates the structure and components of finite automata. It explains that a finite automaton is a simple computational machine which is composed of a set of states, including a start state, and one or more end states. As the automaton reads an input, it transitions between states based on a set of rules, the transition functions. The section uses examples with simple intuition, such as an on/off switch, to show how a system can 'remember' essential information despite its simplicity. Also, it talks about the difference between deterministic and non-deterministic models. A deterministic model is one in which each state has a unique transition for each input, and a non-deterministic model is one where multiple transitions may be possible for one input. Although these two models are very different in practice, they recognize the same set of basic regular language.

Homework 1

Introduction to Automata Theory:

Homework: Characterize all the accepted words (i.e., describe exactly those words that get recognized).

Answer: [5, 5, 5, 5, 5], [5, 5, 5, 10], [5, 5, 10, 5], [5, 10, 5, 5], [5, 10, 10], [10, 5, 5, 5], [10, 5, 10], [10, 10, 5]

Homework: Characterize all the accepted words. Can you describe them via a regular expression?

Answer: Any word which ends in 'pay' will result in end state being unlocked

Deterministic and Non-Deterministic Finite Automata:

Homework: Determine for the following words, if they are contained in L_1 , L_2 , or L_3 .

Answer:

word	A_1	A_2
aaa	no	yes
aab	yes	no
aba	no	no
abb	no	no
baa	no	yes
bab	no	no
bba	no	no
bbb	no	no

Homework: Consider the DFA from above: Consider the paths corresponding to the words $w_1 = 0010$, $w_2 = 1101$, $w_3 = 1100$.

Answer: w_1 and w_2 both achieve the end state

Comments and Questions

Because finite automata have limited memory, their ability to recognize more complex language patterns is restricted. Will the range of what is categorized as a finite automaton broaden over time? How could we modify automata to recognize more complex language?

2.3 Week 3

Homework 2

Exercise 2, 1-3:

The file **dfa.py** implements a class representing a deterministic finite automaton(DFA) The automaton is defined by a set of states, inputs, transition functions, an initial state, and accepting states, all of which are initialized in the constructor function. The repr method offers a formatted string representation of the DFA for easy inspection. The run method processes an input word by iterating through its characters and transitions between states according to the defined rules. If an undefined transition is encountered or an invalid symbol is detected, the word is rejected. Finally, the refuse method generates a complementary DFA by changing the set of accepting states to accept words that the original DFA rejects. The file **dfa – ex01.py** implements two DFAs, A1 and A2, and runs each through dfa.py to test them respectively.

```
# dfa.py
class DFA :

    # init the DFA
    def __init__(self, Q, Sigma, delta, q0, F) :
        self.Q = Q          # set of states
        self.Sigma = Sigma   # set of symbols
        self.delta = delta   # transition function
        self.q0 = q0         # initial state
        self.F = F          # final (accepting) states

    # print the data of the DFA
    def __repr__(self) :
        return f"DFA({self.Q},\n\t{self.Sigma},\n\t{self.delta},\n\t{self.q0},\n\t{self.F})"

    # run the DFA on the word w
    # return if the word is accepted or not
    def run(self, w) :
        current_state = self.q0
        for symbol in w:
            if symbol not in self.Sigma:
                raise ValueError(f"Symbol {symbol} not in the DFA alphabet {self.Sigma}.")
            # look up transition state, if none is defined the word is rejected
            if (current_state, symbol) not in self.delta:
                return False
            current_state = self.delta[(current_state, symbol)]
        return current_state in self.F

    # returns a new DFA that accepts the words that the current DFA refuses and vice versa
    def refuse(self):
        new_F = self.Q - set(self.F)
        return DFA(self.Q, self.Sigma, self.delta, self.q0, new_F)

    def to_NFA(self):
        # make new transition function where each DFA transition becomes a set
        from nfa import NFA
        nfa_delta = {}
        for (state, symbol), next_state in self.delta.items():
            nfa_delta[(state, symbol)] = {next_state}
        return NFA(self.Q, self.Sigma, nfa_delta, self.q0, self.F)
```

```
# dfa_ex01.py
import dfa as dfa
```

```

# generate words for testing
def generate_words():
    words = []
    alphabet = ['a', 'b']
    for first in alphabet:
        for second in alphabet:
            for third in alphabet:
                words.append(first + second + third)
    return words

def __main__() :
    Q1 = {'1', '2', '3', '4'}
    Sigma1 = {'a', 'b'}
    delta1 = {
        ('1', 'a'): '2',
        ('1', 'b'): '4',
        ('2', 'a'): '2',
        ('2', 'b'): '3',
        ('3', 'a'): '2',
        ('3', 'b'): '2',
        ('4', 'a'): '4',
        ('4', 'b'): '4'
    }
    q01 = '1'
    F1 = {'3'}

    Q2 = {'1', '2', '3'}
    Sigma2 = {'a', 'b'}
    delta2 = {
        ('1', 'a'): '2',
        ('1', 'b'): '1',
        ('2', 'a'): '3',
        ('2', 'b'): '1',
        ('3', 'a'): '3',
        ('3', 'b'): '1',
    }
    q02 = '1'
    F2 = {'3'}

    A1 = dfa.DFA(Q1, Sigma1, delta1, q01, F1)
    A2 = dfa.DFA(Q2, Sigma2, delta2, q02, F2)

    words = generate_words()
    automata = [A1, A2]

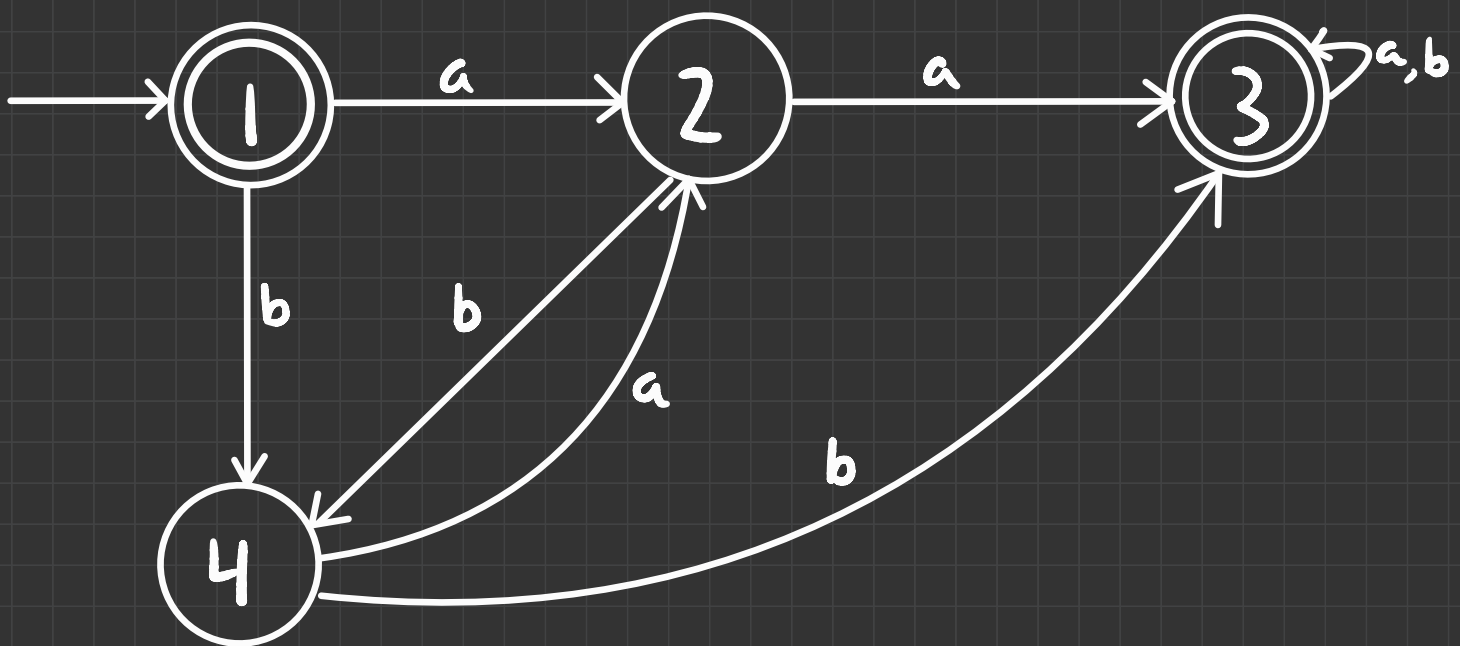
    for X in automata: # test words
        print(f"{X.__repr__()}")
        for w in words:
            print(f"{w}: {X.run(w)}")
        print("\n")

__main__()

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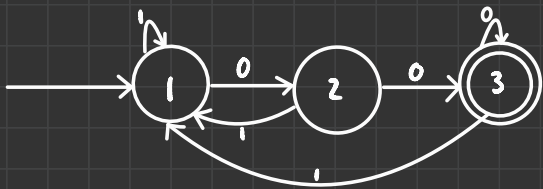
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Lab Exercise 4:

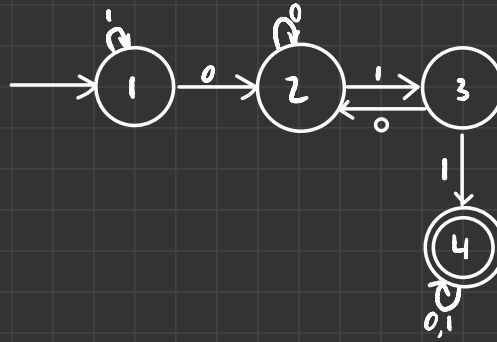


ITALC Exercise 2.2.4:

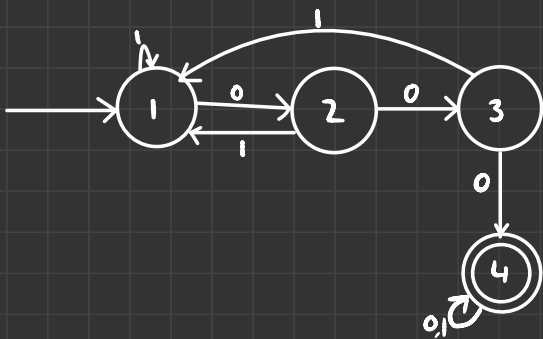
a) String ending in 00



c) Set of strings having substring 011



b) all strings w/ 3 consecutive 0s



Comments and Questions

I occasionally find myself struggling to recognize the pattern when first looking at a new DFA. Is there an insightful method or trick to recognizing these patterns more easily?

2.4 Week 4

Homework 3

Homework 1

1. The language of the automata A2 can be described as starting with an a and having an odd length. Any b's that may occur must do so from state 2. This can be described as a regular expression $a((a|b)a)^*$.
2. The extended transition functions can be evaluated as follows:

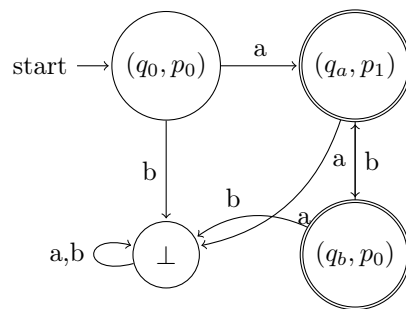
A1:

- $\delta_1(1, a) = 2$
- $\delta_1(2, b) = 4$
- $\delta_1(4, a) = 2$
- $\delta_1(2, a) = 3$

A2:

- $\delta_2(1, a) = 2$
- $\delta_2(2, b) = 1$
- $\delta_2(1, b) = 3$
- $\delta_2(3, a) = 3$

Homework 2



2. When constructing the product automaton, a word w is processed by both components simultaneously. The word is said to be accepted iff the computation ends in a state (q, p) where q is in $F(1)$ and p is in $F(2)$. This means that w is accepted by both A(1) and A(2), so $L(A)$ can be the intersection between the two.
3. In the product automaton construction, the set of states is always $Q_1 * Q_2$ and the transitions are the same. To find an automaton which is the union of the two languages, we change the accepting states. So, a word w is accepted by A' iff it is accepted by at least one of the original automata, which gives $L(A')$ to be the union of $L(A1)$ and $L(A2)$.

To summarize:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q &= Q^{(1)} \times Q^{(2)}, \\
\delta((q, p), x) &= (\delta^{(1)}(q, x), \delta^{(2)}(p, x)), \\
q_0 &= (q_0^{(1)}, q_0^{(2)}), \\
F' &= \left\{ (q, p) \in Q^{(1)} \times Q^{(2)} : q \in F^{(1)} \text{ or } p \in F^{(2)} \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.2.7 - ITALC

Theorem. Let $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be a DFA and let $q \in Q$ be such that

$$\delta(q, a) = q \quad \text{for all } a \in \Sigma.$$

Then for all $w \in \Sigma^*$, $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = q$.

Proof. We prove by induction on the length of w .

Base Case: $w = \varepsilon$ (the empty string). By definition of the extended transition function,

$$\hat{\delta}(q, \varepsilon) = q.$$

Inductive Step: Assume that for some $w \in \Sigma^*$, $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = q$. Let $a \in \Sigma$. Then,

$$\hat{\delta}(q, wa) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q, w), a) = \delta(q, a) = q.$$

Thus, by the principle of induction, for all $w \in \Sigma^*$, $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = q$.

Comments and Questions

Do automata with some form of union or intersection have real world applications relating to natural language processing? Could they be used to improve parsing in conversational AI?

2.5 Week 5

Notes

Chapter 3.1-3.2 of ITALC explores regular expressions as a powerful way to more accurately describe formal languages, specifically being useful in various text processing. Regular expressions are built using basic operations such as union, concatenation, and Kleene closure, which combines simple patterns in order to create more complex expressions. These operations and the way they are used is defined through standard set operations. Union is able to combine languages by joining their elements, concatenation makes new strings by combining parts from each language, and Kleene closure allows for the generation of all potential strings. Also, Kleene's algorithm is shown as a structured method in order to change DFAs into regular expressions, usually relying on induction that builds expressions incrementally that represent state transitions. With larger automata, this algorithm can become very computationally expensive. Finally, the transition between regular expressions and automata is bidirectional, meaning you can go from one to the other and back again.

Homework 4

Homework 1:

Let $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q, q_0, F)$ be a DFA.

1. Viewing \mathcal{A} as an NFA:

A DFA is a specific case of an NFA where the transition function returns only one next state for each input symbol and state. To show the DFA as an NFA, we make a new transition function $\delta' : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$ such that:

$$\delta'(q, a) = \{\delta(q, a)\}$$

This shows that each deterministic transition becomes a singleton set in the NFA transition function. All other components of the DFA remain unchanged:

- $Q' = Q$
- Σ remains the same
- $q'_0 = q_0$
- $F' = F$

2. General Construction:

Given a DFA $\mathcal{A} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, we define an equivalent NFA $\mathcal{A}' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Q' &= Q \\ \Sigma' &= \Sigma \\ q'_0 &= q_0 \\ F' &= F \\ \delta'(q, a) &= \{\delta(q, a)\} \quad \text{for all } q \in Q, a \in \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

3. Justification:

This design ensures that \mathcal{A}' accepts the same language as \mathcal{A} . Because each transition in the NFA δ' corresponds to the DFA's transition, the NFA has exactly one computational path for any given input string, mirroring the DFA. So,

$$L(\mathcal{A}) = L(\mathcal{A}')$$

Homework 2:

1. **Language accepted by \mathcal{A} :** The NFA accepts all binary strings that have the substring 010.

2. **Specification of \mathcal{A} :**

- $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
- q_0 is the start state
- $F = \{q_3\}$
- Transition function δ :

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(q_0, 0) &= \{q_0\} \\ \delta(q_0, 1) &= \{q_0, q_1\} \\ \delta(q_1, 0) &= \{q_2\} \\ \delta(q_2, 0) &= \{q_3\}, \quad \delta(q_2, 1) = \{q_1\} \\ \delta(q_3, 0) &= \{q_3\}, \quad \delta(q_3, 1) = \{q_3\} \end{aligned}$$

3. **Extended transition: compute $\hat{\delta}(q_0, 10110)$ step-by-step:**

- Step 0: $\{q_0\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_2\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_2\}$
- Final result: $\hat{\delta}(q_0, 10110) = \{q_0, q_2\}$

4. **All paths for $v = 1100$ and $w = 1010$:**

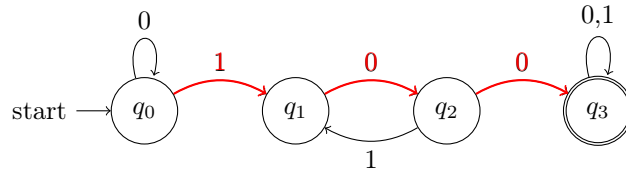
Step-by-step for $v = 1100$:

- Start at $\{q_0\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_2\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_3\} \rightarrow$ accepted

Step-by-step for $w = 1010$:

- Start at $\{q_0\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_2\}$
- Read 1: $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- Read 0: $\{q_0, q_2\} \rightarrow$ rejected

Common diagram of all paths:



5. **Powerset construction for DFA \mathcal{A}^D :**

Start from state $\{q_0\}$:

- $\delta(\{q_0\}, 0) = \{q_0\}$
- $\delta(\{q_0\}, 1) = \{q_0, q_1\}$

Continue expanding:

- $\delta(\{q_0, q_1\}, 0) = \{q_0, q_2\}$
- $\delta(\{q_0, q_1\}, 1) = \{q_0, q_1\}$
- $\delta(\{q_0, q_2\}, 0) = \{q_0, q_3\}$
- $\delta(\{q_0, q_2\}, 1) = \{q_0, q_1\}$

- $\delta(\{q_0, q_3\}, 0) = \{q_0, q_3\}$, etc.

Accepting states: all subsets that contain q_3

6. **Verification and minimization:** $L(\mathcal{A}) = L(\mathcal{A}^D)$ by construction. A simple DFA for the language contains substring '010' has 4 states, so \mathcal{A}^D can be simplified further.

Comments and Questions

How does the powerset construction in Homework 2 show the relationship between DFAs and NFAs, and how does this relate to the transformation approach in Homework 1?

2.6 Week 6

Comments and Questions

Why does state equivalence require all the suffixes, which might be infinite? Is there a bound on suffix length past which no new differences between states can arise?

2.7 Week 7

Homework 5

DFA Regular Expressions and State Elimination (Exercise 3.2.1)

Given a transition table:

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_1$	q_2	q_1
q_2	q_3	q_1
$*q_3$	q_3	q_2

- a. $R_{ij}^{(0)}$ (Initial regular expressions with no intermediate states)

Let

$$R_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} \text{the symbol(s) labeling direct transitions from state } i \text{ to state } j, \\ \emptyset, & \text{if no direct transition,} \\ \epsilon, & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11}^{(0)} &= \epsilon, & R_{12}^{(0)} &= 0, & R_{13}^{(0)} &= \emptyset, \\ R_{21}^{(0)} &= 1, & R_{22}^{(0)} &= \epsilon, & R_{23}^{(0)} &= 0, \\ R_{31}^{(0)} &= \emptyset, & R_{32}^{(0)} &= 1, & R_{33}^{(0)} &= 0 \mid \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

- b. $R_{ij}^{(1)}$ (Using state q_1 as intermediate)

Using the formula

$$R_{ij}^{(k)} = R_{ij}^{(k-1)} \cup R_{ik}^{(k-1)} (R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^* R_{kj}^{(k-1)},$$

with q_1 as the singular intermediate state we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(1)} &= \epsilon \cup (\epsilon)(\epsilon)^*\epsilon = \epsilon, \\
R_{12}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup (\epsilon)(\epsilon)0 = 0, \\
R_{13}^{(1)} &= \emptyset \cup (\epsilon)(\epsilon)\emptyset = \emptyset, \\
R_{21}^{(1)} &= 1 \cup (1)(\epsilon)^*\epsilon = 1, \\
R_{22}^{(1)} &= \epsilon \cup (1)(\epsilon)0 = 10, \\
R_{23}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup (1)(\epsilon)\emptyset = 0, \\
R_{31}^{(1)} &= \emptyset \cup (1)(\epsilon)^*\epsilon = \emptyset, \\
R_{32}^{(1)} &= 1 \cup (1)(\epsilon)0 = 1, \\
R_{33}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup (1)(\epsilon)\emptyset = 0.
\end{aligned}$$

c. $R_{ij}^{(2)}$ (Using q_1 and q_2 as intermediates)

Now we add q_2 as an intermediate state:

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{(2)} &= \epsilon \cup 0(10)^*1, \\
R_{12}^{(2)} &= 0 \cup 0(10)^*10, \\
R_{13}^{(2)} &= 0(10)^*0, \\
R_{21}^{(2)} &= 1 \cup 10(10)^*1, \\
R_{22}^{(2)} &= 10(10)^*10 \cup \epsilon, \\
R_{23}^{(2)} &= 0 \cup 10(10)^*0, \\
R_{31}^{(2)} &= \emptyset \cup 1(10)^*1, \\
R_{32}^{(2)} &= 1 \cup 1(10)^*10, \\
R_{33}^{(2)} &= 0 \cup 1(10)^*0.
\end{aligned}$$

d. Regular Expression for the Language

Start state: q_1 Final state: q_3 .

The regex is $R_{13}^{(2)}$, so

$$R = 0(10)^*0.$$

e. Transition Diagram and State Elimination (eliminate q_2)

A simpler diagram of the DFA is:

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0} q_2 \xrightarrow{0} q_3 \text{ (final)}$$

with loops and additional transitions that are indicated in the original DFA. After getting rid of q_2 , the path from q_1 to q_3 becomes:

$$(1 \cup 01)00(0),$$

so final regular expression becomes

$$R = (1 \cup 01)00(0).$$

DFA Regular Expressions and State Elimination (Exercise 3.2.2)

Given the transition table:

	0	1
$\rightarrow q_1$	q_2	q_3
q_2	q_1	q_3
$*q_3$	q_2	q_1

a. $R_{ij}^{(0)}$ (Initial regular expressions with no intermediate states)

Let

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11}^{(0)} &= \epsilon, & R_{12}^{(0)} &= 0, & R_{13}^{(0)} &= 1, \\ R_{21}^{(0)} &= 0, & R_{22}^{(0)} &= \epsilon, & R_{23}^{(0)} &= 1, \\ R_{31}^{(0)} &= 1, & R_{32}^{(0)} &= 0, & R_{33}^{(0)} &= \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

b. $R_{ij}^{(1)}$ (Using q_1 as intermediate)

Apply:

$$R_{ij}^{(1)} = R_{ij}^{(0)} \cup R_{i1}^{(0)} (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{1j}^{(0)}.$$

This gives:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11}^{(1)} &= \epsilon \cup \epsilon \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon, \\ R_{12}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup \epsilon \cdot \epsilon \cdot 0 = 0, \\ R_{13}^{(1)} &= 1 \cup \epsilon \cdot \epsilon \cdot 1 = 1, \\ R_{21}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup 0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon = 0, \\ R_{22}^{(1)} &= \epsilon \cup 0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot 0 = \epsilon \cup 00, \\ R_{23}^{(1)} &= 1 \cup 0 \cdot \epsilon \cdot 1 = 1 \cup 01, \\ R_{31}^{(1)} &= 1 \cup 1 \cdot \epsilon \cdot \epsilon = 1, \\ R_{32}^{(1)} &= 0 \cup 1 \cdot \epsilon \cdot 0 = 0 \cup 10, \\ R_{33}^{(1)} &= \epsilon \cup 1 \cdot \epsilon \cdot 1 = \epsilon \cup 11. \end{aligned}$$

c. $R_{ij}^{(2)}$ (Using q_1 and q_2 as intermediates)

Apply:

$$R_{ij}^{(2)} = R_{ij}^{(1)} \cup R_{i2}^{(1)} (R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{2j}^{(1)}.$$

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11}^{(2)} &= \epsilon \cup 0 ((\epsilon \cup 00))^* 0, \\ R_{12}^{(2)} &= 0 \cup 0 ((\epsilon \cup 00))^* (\epsilon \cup 00), \\ R_{13}^{(2)} &= 1 \cup 0 ((\epsilon \cup 00))^* (1 \cup 01), \end{aligned}$$

and in a similar manner for the other entries.

d. Regular Expression for the Language

Start state: q_1 Final state: q_3 .

Thus,

$$R = R_{13}^{(2)} = 1 \cup 0 ((\epsilon \cup 00))^* (1 \cup 01).$$

e. Transition Diagram and State Elimination (eliminate q_2)

A simplified diagram is as follows:

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0} q_2 \xrightarrow{0} q_1 \quad \text{and} \quad q_3 \xleftarrow{1} q_3.$$

By getting rid of q_2 and considering the other paths:

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0} q_2 \xrightarrow{1} q_3 \Rightarrow 01,$$

$$q_1 \xrightarrow{0} q_2 \xrightarrow{0} q_1 \Rightarrow 00 \text{ (loop)},$$

the final regex becomes:

$$R = (1 \cup 0(00)^*1).$$

DFA Minimization (Exercise 4.4.1)

Given the transition table:

	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	B	A
B	A	C
C	D	B
$*D$	D	A
E	D	F
F	G	E
G	F	G
H	G	D

a. Table of Distinguishabilities

Final table (X = marked/inequivalent, blank = equivalent): The unmarked (equivalent) states are E , F ,

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
A	X	X	X	X	X		X
B		X	X	X		X	X
C			X		X	X	X
D				X	X	X	X
E					X	X	X
F						X	X
G							X
H							

Table 1: Table of distinguishable state pairs

and G .

b. Minimum-State Equivalent DFA Define the minimized DFA $M' = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Q' &= \{ [AG], [BF], [CE], [D], [H] \}, \\ \Sigma &= \{0, 1\}, \\ q'_0 &= [AG], \\ F' &= \{[D]\}. \end{aligned}$$

The transition function δ' is given by:

δ'	0	1
[AG]	[BF]	[AG]
[BF]	[AG]	[CE]
[CE]	[D]	[BF]
[D]	[D]	[AG]
[H]	[AG]	[D]

DFA Minimization (Exercise 4.4.2)

Given the transition table:

	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	B	E
B	C	F
$*C$	D	H
D	E	I
E	F	H
$*F$	G	B
G	H	B
H	I	C
$*I$	A	E

a. Table of Distinguishabilities

Final states: C , F , and I .

Mark all the pairs with one final and one non-final state, then make distinctions. The final table ($X =$ distinguishable) is:

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C			X	X	X	X	X	X
D				X	X	X	X	X
E					X	X	X	X
F						X	X	X
G							X	X
H								X

Table 2: Table of distinguishable state pairs

b. Minimum-State Equivalent DFA

Define $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= \{[A], [B], [C], [D], [E], [F], [G], [H], [I]\}, \\
 \Sigma &= \{0, 1\}, \\
 q_0 &= [A], \\
 F &= \{[C], [F], [I]\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The transition function δ is given by:

δ	0	1
[A]	[B]	[E]
[B]	[C]	[F]
[C]	[D]	[H]
[D]	[E]	[I]
[E]	[F]	[H]
[F]	[G]	[B]
[G]	[H]	[B]
[H]	[I]	[C]
[I]	[A]	[E]

Comments and Questions

In Exercise 3.2.1, how does the order of state elimination change the final regular expression's structure, and could a different order get us to a more simplified form?

2.8 Week 8

Comments and Questions

Suppose you have a recursively enumerable language L accepted by a TM M . What conditions are needed to guarantee there is a halting decider M' for L , and how would you go about constructing such an M' ?

2.9 Week 9

Homework 6

Exercise A (1). TM for $L = \{10^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ that outputs 10^{n+1} :

$$M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_1, q_0, B, F_1), \quad Q_1 = \{q_0, q_1, q_{acc}, q_{rej}\}, \quad \Sigma = \{0, 1\}, \quad \Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}, \quad F_1 = \{q_{acc}\}.$$

$$\delta_1: Q_1 \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \times \{L, R, S\} \times Q_1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1(q_0, 1) &= (1, R, q_1), & \delta_1(q_0, 0) &= (_, _, q_{rej}), \\ \delta_1(q_0, B) &= (_, _, q_{rej}), & \delta_1(q_1, 0) &= (0, R, q_1), \\ \delta_1(q_1, B) &= (0, S, q_{acc}). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise A (2). TM for $L = \{10^n\}$ that outputs just "1":

$$M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_2, q_0, B, F_2), \quad Q_2 = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_{acc}, q_{rej}\}, \quad \Sigma = \{0, 1\}, \quad \Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}, \quad F_2 = \{q_{acc}\}.$$

$$\delta_2: Q_2 \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \times \{L, R, S\} \times Q_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2(q_0, 1) &= (1, R, q_1), & \delta_2(q_0, 0) &= (_, _, q_{rej}), \\ \delta_2(q_0, B) &= (_, _, q_{rej}), & \delta_2(q_1, 0) &= (0, R, q_1), \\ \delta_2(q_1, B) &= (B, L, q_2), & \delta_2(q_2, 0) &= (B, L, q_2), \\ \delta_2(q_2, 1) &= (1, S, q_{acc}), & \delta_2(q_2, B) &= (_, _, q_{rej}). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise A (3). TM for all binary strings that swaps $0 \leftrightarrow 1$:

$$M_3 = (Q_3, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta_3, q_0, B, F_3), \quad Q_3 = \{q_0, q_{acc}\}, \quad \Sigma = \{0, 1\}, \quad \Gamma = \{0, 1, B\}, \quad F_3 = \{q_{acc}\}.$$

$$\delta_3: Q_3 \times \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma \times \{L, R, S\} \times Q_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_3(q_0, 0) &= (1, R, q_0), & \delta_3(q_0, 1) &= (0, R, q_0), \\ \delta_3(q_0, B) &= (B, S, q_{acc}). \end{aligned}$$

Homework 7

Exercise 1.1

Let

$$L_1 = \{M \mid M \text{ halts on } \langle M \rangle\}.$$

L_1 is recursively enumerable but not decidable, and its complement is not recursively enumerable.

Exercise 1.2

Let

$$L_2 = \{(M, w) \mid M \text{ halts on } w\}.$$

L_2 is recursively enumerable but not decidable, and its complement is not recursively enumerable.

Exercise 1.3

Let

$$L_3 = \{(M, w, k) \mid M \text{ halts on } w \text{ within } k \text{ steps}\}.$$

L_3 is decidable (hence both recursively enumerable and co-recursively enumerable).

Exercise 2.1. True. Argument: If M_1 and M_2 decide L_1 and L_2 , then when you have an input w run $M_1(w)$; if it accepts, accept; otherwise run $M_2(w)$; if it accepts, accept; else it rejects. This always halts and decides if $L_1 \cup L_2$.

Exercise 2.2. True. Argument: If M decides L , then when you have an input w run $M(w)$ and flip the output (accept \leftrightarrow reject). The resulting machine will halt on every input and decides \bar{L} .

Exercise 2.3. True. Argument: To decide L^* , on an input w use dynamic programming principles. Set $\text{dp}[0] = \text{true}$ and for $1 \leq i \leq |w|$, let:

$$\text{dp}[i] = \exists j < i [\text{dp}[j] \wedge M(w_{j+1} \dots w_i) \text{ accepts}].$$

Then accept iff $\text{dp}[|w|]$. This halts in a finite amount of steps.

Exercise 2.4. True. Argument: If M_1 and M_2 recognize L_1 and L_2 , combine their simulations on input w . If either accepts, accept. This kind of decides $L_1 \cup L_2$, so $L_1 \cup L_2$ is r.e.

Exercise 2.5. False. Counterexample: The halting set

$$K = \{\langle M, w \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on } w\}$$

is r.e. but its complement \bar{K} is not r.e. So, r.e. languages are not closed under the complement.

Exercise 2.6. True. Argument: To recognize L^* , we nondeterministically split $w = w_1 \dots w_k$, 'dovetail'-run the recognizer M on each w_i , and accept if all accept. Every $w \in L^*$ will have some accepting 'decomposition', so this semi-decides L^* , but not completely.

Comments and Questions

1. What modifications are required to combine the "increment-zeros" TM (Ex. 1) and the "bit-swap" TM (Ex. 3) into a single 2-tape TM that performs both operations in one pass? 2. Is there a way we can augment the standard TM model that would greatly enlarge the overall class of decidable languages?

2.10 Week 10

Notes

input len n , interested in num of steps for n also interested in maximal number of steps $T: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \geq 0$
looking at non negative functions from $f, g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \geq 0$ we say the f is an element of $O(g)$ iff $f(n) \leq M \cdot g(n)$, we want this to hold true for some $M > 0$, and all $n > N$ this is a measure with which we can compare the growth of functions

Homework 8 and 9

Due April 27th

Exercise 1 (Warmup)

- f. $\log \log n$,
- c. $\log n$,
- b. $e^{\log n} = n$,
- e. $e^{2 \log n} = n^2$,
- g. 2^n ,
- d. e^n ,
- h. $n!$,
- a. 2^{2^n} .

Exercise 2

Exercise 2.1 *Claim:* $f \in O(f)$. *Proof.* Choose $c = 1$ and any n_0 . Then for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$f(n) \leq 1 \cdot f(n).$$

Exercise 2.2 *Claim:* If $c > 0$ is constant then $O(c \cdot f) = O(f)$. *Proof.*

\subseteq If $g \in O(c f)$ then there exist constants C, n_1 such that for all $n \geq n_1$,

$$g(n) \leq C (c f(n)) = (C c) f(n),$$

so $g \in O(f)$.

\supseteq If $g \in O(f)$ then there exist constants D, n_2 such that for all $n \geq n_2$,

$$g(n) \leq D f(n) = (D/c) (c f(n)),$$

so $g \in O(c f)$.

Exercise 2.3 *Claim:* If $f(n) \leq g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$, then $O(f) \subseteq O(g)$. *Proof.* Let $h \in O(f)$, so there exist C, n_1 such that for all $n \geq n_1$,

$$h(n) \leq C f(n) \leq C g(n).$$

Thus $h \in O(g)$.

Exercise 2.4 *Claim:* If $O(f) \subseteq O(g)$ then $O(f + h) \subseteq O(g + h)$. *Proof.* From $O(f) \subseteq O(g)$ we have $f \in O(g)$, so there exist A, N such that for all $n \geq N$,

$$f(n) \leq A g(n).$$

If $k \in O(f + h)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$k(n) \leq C(f(n) + h(n)) \leq C(A g(n) + h(n)) \leq C \max(A, 1) (g(n) + h(n)),$$

hence $k \in O(g + h)$.

Exercise 2.5 *Claim:* If $h(n) > 0$ for all n and $O(f) \subseteq O(g)$ then $O(f \cdot h) \subseteq O(g \cdot h)$. *Proof.* Again $f \in O(g)$, so there exist A, N such that for all $n \geq N$,

$$f(n) \leq A g(n).$$

If $k \in O(f \cdot h)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$k(n) \leq C f(n) h(n) \leq C (A g(n)) h(n) = (C A) (g(n) h(n)),$$

hence $k \in O(g \cdot h)$.

Exercise 3

Exercise 3.1 *Claim:* If $j \leq k$ then $O(n^j) \subseteq O(n^k)$. *Proof.* For all $n \geq 1$, $n^j \leq n^k$. If $f \in O(n^j)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$f(n) \leq C n^j \leq C n^k,$$

so $f \in O(n^k)$.

Exercise 3.2 *Claim:* If $j \leq k$ then $O(n^j + n^k) \subseteq O(n^k)$. *Proof.* For all $n \geq 1$, $n^j + n^k \leq 2n^k$. If $g \in O(n^j + n^k)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq n_0$,

$$g(n) \leq C (n^j + n^k) \leq 2C n^k,$$

so $g \in O(n^k)$.

Exercise 3.3 *Claim:* $O(\sum_{i=0}^k a_i n^i) = O(n^k)$. *Proof.* Let $A = \sum_{i=0}^k |a_i|$. For all $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=0}^k a_i n^i \leq \sum_{i=0}^k |a_i| n^k = A n^k.$$

Hence any $h \in O(\sum a_i n^i)$ satisfies $h(n) \leq C A n^k$ for some C, n_0 , so $h \in O(n^k)$.

Exercise 3.4 *Claim:* $O(\log n) \subseteq O(n)$. *Proof.* For all $n \geq 2$, $\log n \leq n$. If $p \in O(\log n)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq \max(2, n_0)$,

$$p(n) \leq C \log n \leq C n,$$

so $p \in O(n)$.

Exercise 3.5 *Claim:* $O(n \log n) \subseteq O(n^2)$. *Proof.* For all $n \geq 2$, $\log n \leq n$, hence $n \log n \leq n^2$. If $q \in O(n \log n)$ then there exist C, n_0 such that for all $n \geq \max(2, n_0)$,

$$q(n) \leq C n \log n \leq C n^2,$$

so $q \in O(n^2)$.

Comments and Questions

Why does Big-O ignore constant factors and smaller terms, and how does that help us choose and improve algorithms?

3 Synthesis

4 Evidence of Participation

5 Conclusion

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