

Theoretical-Computer-Science

This repository contains basic notes about Theoretical-Computer-Science course of Università Della Calabria. You can use this repo for review but not for study as proofs of the theorems are missing

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Languages

What is a language? It is simple. A set of strings. Now the question is obvious. What are strings? Strings are a sequence of symbol of an alphabet. Mathematically we denote with this symbol Σ an alphabet, and with Σ^* all the strings from the alphabet.

Now we can define formally a language given an alphabet Σ like the set $L = \{ w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \}$

Example: $\Sigma = \{ 0, 1 \}$, $L = \{ 11, 01, 1 \}$

Grammars

Grammars generate languages. Formally a grammar is a quadruple $G = (V, T, P, S)$

- V is the set of non-terminal symbols
- T is the set of terminal symbols
- S is the initial non-terminal symbol
- P is a set of productions

What is a production? Simple a rule that allows you to replace the left side with the right. Formally a production is $\alpha A \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta$ $e A \in V, e \in \alpha, \gamma, \beta \in (V \cup T)^*$, With $(V \cup T)^*$ we identify strings of non-terminal and terminal symbols.

Chomsky hierarchy

We can divide grammars in 4 types base on the language they generate:

- Type 3 grammar: grammar production are of the type, $A \Rightarrow a$ $A \in V, a \in T$ $A \Rightarrow Ba$, $A, B \in V, a \in T$ $A \Rightarrow aB$, $A, B \in V, a \in T$
- Type 2 grammar: grammar production are of the type, $A \Rightarrow \gamma$ $A \in V, \gamma \in (V \cup T)^*$
- Type 0 grammar: grammar production are of the type, $\alpha A \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \gamma \beta$ $A \in V, \alpha, \gamma, \beta \in (V \cup T)^*$

Regular languages

Type 3 languages are generated by regular expression and recognized by Deterministic finite state automata DFA

Deterministic finite state automata

Deterministic finite state automata DFA formally is a $DFA = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$.

- Q is the set of states of the finite state automaton.
- Σ is the alphabet.
- q_0 is the initial state of the DFA.
- $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of final states of automata.
- δ is the set of transitions. In a DFA the transitions are of the type: $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

Non deterministic finite state automata

Regular expression

Properties of regular languages

Pumping lemma for regular languages