

West 7: Lecture Notes

Minimization of FA

- $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F)$
- $q_1 \equiv q_2$ if $\hat{\delta}(q_1, x), \hat{\delta}(q_2, x)$ both $\in F$ $\forall x \in \Sigma^*$
or both $\notin F$
- not possible to check for all $x \in \Sigma^*$ as Σ^* has infinite number of elements
- k -equivalent
 q_1, q_2 are k -equivalent ($k > 0$)
if $\hat{\delta}(q_1, x), \hat{\delta}(q_2, x)$ both $\in F$ or both $\notin F$ for all strings x of length $\leq k$
 $\forall x \in \Sigma^*$ with $|x| \leq k$

Properties

equivalence
partition
of
 Q
 $\downarrow$
 π

k -equivalence $\rightarrow$ both equivalence relation
partition of Q
 $\downarrow$
 $\pi_k \rightarrow$ induced partition of Q
 $\rightarrow$ elements in " π_k " are k -equivalence classes

- q_1, q_2 k -equivalent $\forall k > 0 \Rightarrow q_1, q_2$ are equivalent
- q_1, q_2 $(k+1)$ -equivalent $\Rightarrow$ they are k -equivalent
- $\pi_n = \pi_{n+1}$ for some n , where π_n is the set of equivalence classes under n -equivalence.

Theorem

Two states q_1, q_2 are $(k+1)$ -equivalent if

- i. they are k -equivalent
- ii. $\delta(q_1, a), \delta(q_2, a)$ are also k -equivalent for every $a \in \Sigma$

Proof:

We prove this by contradiction.

Let q_1, q_2 are not $(k+1)$ equivalent

$\Rightarrow \exists w = aw_1 \in \Sigma^*, |w| = k+1, |w_1| = k$ such that

$$\hat{\delta}(q_1, w) \in F, \text{ but } \hat{\delta}(q_2, w) \notin F$$

$$\text{i.e. } \hat{\delta}(\underbrace{\delta(q_1, a)}_{=q_3}, w_1) \in F \text{ but } \hat{\delta}(\underbrace{\delta(q_2, a)}_{=q_4}, w_1) \notin F$$

$\Rightarrow q_3 = \delta(q_1, a), q_4 = \delta(q_2, a)$ are not k -equivalent
as w_1 is a string of length k .

which is a contradiction.

Construction of Minimum Automata (DFA)

1. Construction of $\pi_0 \rightarrow$ by definition of 0-equivalence

$$\pi_0 = \{ \mathcal{Q}_1^0, \mathcal{Q}_2^0 \} \text{ where}$$

$\mathcal{Q}_1^0$ = the set of accepting states of DFA

$$M = (\mathcal{Q}, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$$\mathcal{Q}_2^0 = \mathcal{Q} - \mathcal{Q}_1^0$$

2. Construction of π_{k+1} from π_k

Let $\mathcal{Q}_i^k \in \pi_k$

- $q_1, q_2 \in \mathcal{Q}_i^k$ are $(k+1)$ -equivalent if

$\delta(q_1, a), \delta(q_2, a)$ are in the same equivalence class of π_k for every $a \in \Sigma$

- if so, $\mathcal{Q}_i^k$ is further divided into $(k+1)$ -equivalence classes.
- Repeat this for every $\mathcal{Q}_i^k \in \pi_k$ to get all the elements of π_{k+1}

3. Construct π_n for $n=1, 2, \dots$ until $\pi_n = \pi_{n+1}$

4. Construction of minimum automata

- state table states are equivalence classes obtained in step 3, i.e. the elements of π_n

replace q by its equivalence class $[q]$

- number of equivalence classes $\leq |\mathcal{Q}|$

$\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow$ set of the states of F

- $[q_1] = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k\} \rightarrow$ an equivalence class
- let q_1 is reached while processing the string $w_1, w_2 \in L(M)$ with $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w_1) = q_1$

Then $\hat{\delta}(q_1, w_2) \in F$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\delta}(q_i, w_2) \in F$ for $i = 2, \dots, k$

as $q_2, \dots, q_k \in [q_1]$

i.e. q_i is reached on processing $w \in L(M)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$
iff q_1 is reached on processing w .

i.e. q_1 of $[q_1] = \{q_1, \dots, q_k\}$ can play the role of $q_2 \dots q_k$

Example (8-states)

δ	0	1
q_0	q_1	q_5
q_1	q_6	q_2
q_2	q_0	q_2
q_3	q_2	q_6
q_4	q_7	q_5
q_5	q_2	q_6
q_6	q_6	q_4
q_7	q_6	q_2

8 states DFA



5 states minimum
DFA

- $\pi_0 = \{ \{q_2\}, \{q_0, q_1, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6, q_7\} \}$ - 0-equivalence
- $\pi_1 = \{ \{q_2\}, \{q_0, q_4, q_6\}, \{q_1, q_3\}, \{q_5, q_7\} \}$
 $\rightarrow$ 1-equivalence

$$\pi_2 = \{ \{q_2\}, \{q_0, q_4\}, \{q_1, q_3\}, \{q_5, q_6\}, \{q_7\} \}$$

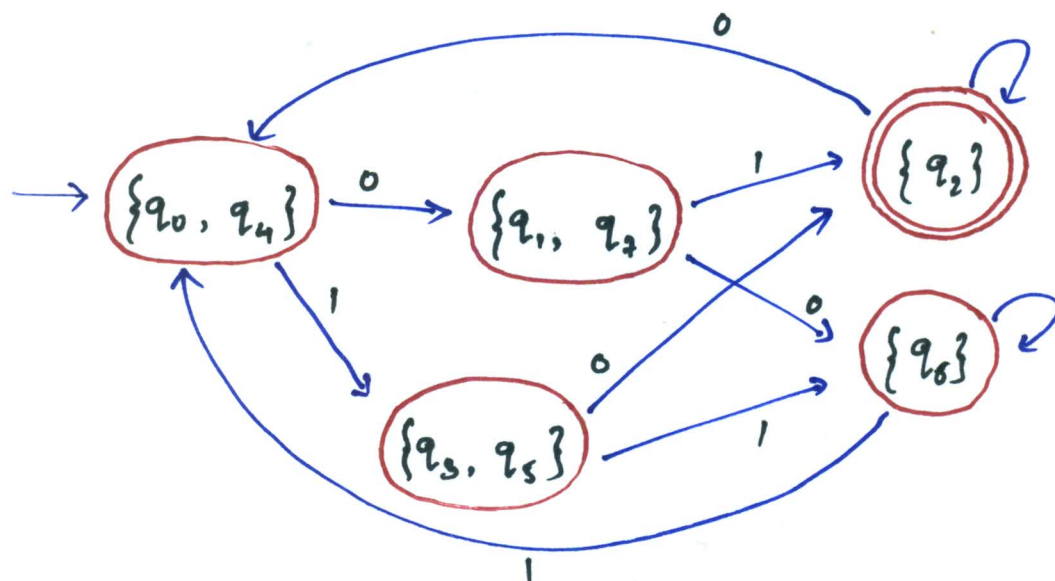
→ 2-equivalence

$$\pi_3 = \{ \{q_2\}, \{q_6\}, \{q_0, q_4\}, \{q_1, q_3\}, \{q_5, q_7\} \}$$

$$= \pi_2$$

STOP.

Minimum DFA (5-states)



The minimization process consists of two stages

1. Get rid of inaccessible states; that is state for which there exists no string $x \in \Sigma^*$ such that

$$\hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = q, \quad q_0 \text{ being the start state}$$

(Dfs may be used to find such inaccessible states)

2. Collapse "equivalent" states

(Removing inaccessible states does not change the set of accepted states)

- Collapsing relation $\equiv$ defined over Q by

$$p \equiv q \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \forall x \in \Sigma^* (\hat{\delta}(p, x) \in F \iff \hat{\delta}(q, x) \in F)$$

p, q are indistinguishable

- $\equiv$ is an equivalence relation on Q that induces a partition of Q into disjoint equivalence classes

$$[p] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ q \in Q \mid q \equiv p \}$$

- every element $p \in Q$ is contained in exactly one equivalence class $[p]$ and

$$p \equiv q \iff [p] = [q]$$

Quotient Automaton Construction from DFA M

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

using collapsing relation $\equiv$ on Q , define DFA

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

where $Q' = \{ [p] \mid p \in Q \}$

$$\delta'([p], a) = [\delta(p, a)]$$

$$q_0' = [q_0]$$

$$F' = \{ [p] \mid p \in F \}$$

- $L(M') = L(M)$

This is easy to establish.

For any $x \in \Sigma^*$

$$x \in L(M')$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}'(q_0', x) \in F'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}'([q_0], x) \in F'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\hat{\delta}(q_0, x)] \in F'$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) \in F$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \in L(M)$$

- Quotient automaton M' cannot be further collapsed
- All states in an equivalence class are **indistinguishable**
- Two states from two different equivalence classes are **distinguishable**

Minimization Algorithm

(Computing the collapsing relation $\approx$ for a given DFA M with no inaccessible states)

Table filling algorithm:

1. Write down a table of all pairs $\{p, q\}$, initially unmarked
2. Mark $\{p, q\}$ if $p \in F$ and $q \notin F$ and vice-versa
3. Repeat the following until no more changes occur:
if there exists an unmarked pair $\{p, q\}$ such that $\{\delta(p, a), \delta(q, a)\}$ is marked for some $a \in \Sigma$, then mark $\{p, q\}$
4. When done, $p \approx q$ iff $\{p, q\}$ is not marked

Running time $\rightarrow O(n^4)$

Note:

- if $\{p, q\}$ is marked in step 2, then p, q are surely not equivalent

$p \approx q$ (unmarked pair)

$$\stackrel{\text{defn}}{\iff} \forall x \in \Sigma^* (\hat{\delta}(p, x) \in F \iff \hat{\delta}(q, x) \in F)$$

Note:

Test equivalence of regular languages.

Two DFA are equivalent if their start states are equivalent using the above table filling algorithm.

Example: Minimize the FA below

	a	b
→ 0	1	2
* 1	3	4
* 2	4	3
3	5	5
4	5	5
* 5	5	5

Step 1:

0					
-	1				
-	-	2			
-	-	-	3		
-	-	-	-	4	
-	-	-	-	-	5

Step 2:

0					
✓	1				
✓	-	2			
-	✓	✓	3		
-	✓	✓	-	4	
✓	-	-	✓	✓	5

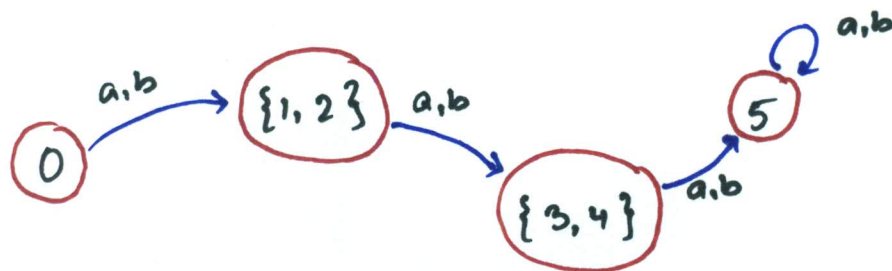
Step 3:

0					
✓	1				
✓	-	2			
-	✓	✓	3		
-	✓	✓	-	4	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5

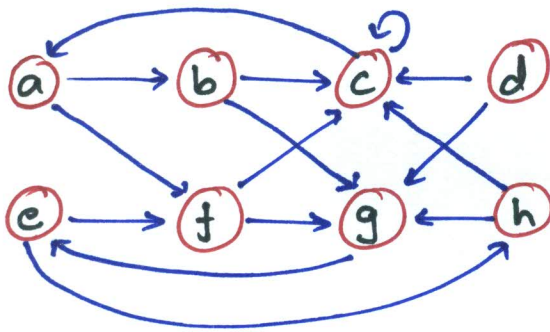
Step 4:

0					
✓	1				
✓	-	2			
✓	✓	✓	3		
✓	✓	✓	-	4	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5

$1 \approx 2, 3 \approx 4$



Example:



δ	o	1
$\rightarrow a$	b	f
b	g	c
* c	a	c
e	h	f
f	c	g
g	g	e
h	g	c

1.

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a
- b
- - c
- - - d inaccessible
- - - - e state
- - - - - f
- - - - - g
- - - - - h
  
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2.

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a
- b
✓ - ✓ c
- - ✓ e
- - ✓ - f
- - ✓ - - g
- - ✓ - - - h
  
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3.

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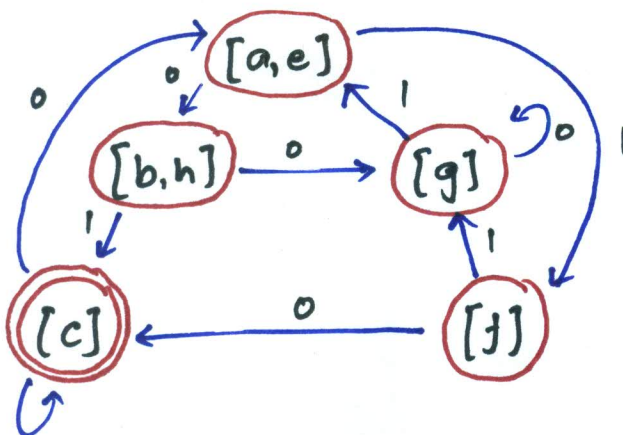
a
✓ b
✓ ✓ c
- ✓ ✓ e
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ f
- ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ g
✓ - ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ h
  
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4.

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a
✓ b
✓ ✓ c
- ✓ ✓ e
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ f
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ g
✓ - ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ h
  
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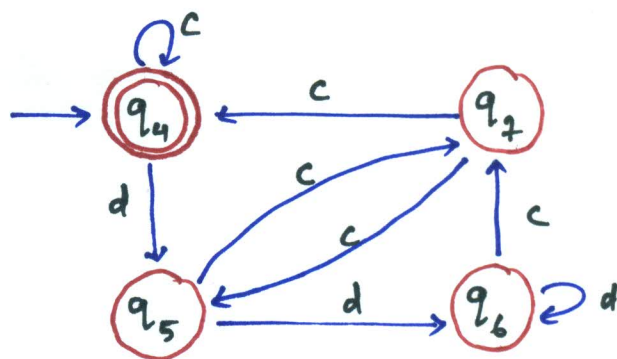
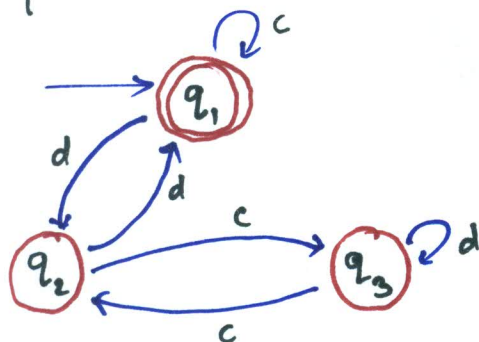
$\therefore a \equiv e, b \equiv h$



- Marked pair = distinguishable
- Unmarked pair = equivalent

Example

Show that the DFA M_1 and M_2 defined below are not equivalent



We have

δ	c	d
* q_1	q_1	q_2
q_2	q_3	q_1
q_3	q_2	q_3
* q_4	q_4	q_5
q_5	q_7	q_6
q_6	q_7	q_6
q_7	q_4	q_5

Alternatively

	c	d
(q_1, q_4)	(q_1, q_4)	(q_2, q_5)
(q_2, q_5)	(q_3, q_7)	(q_1, q_6)

accepting state

non-accepting state

M_1, M_2 are not equivalent.

Comparison Method

q_1						
✓	q_2					
✓	✓	q_3				
✓	✓	✓	q_4			
✓	✓	✓	✓	q_5		
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	q_6	
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	q_7

$q_5 \approx q_6$, $q_1 \not\approx q_4 \Rightarrow$ given DFA's are not equivalent

Example

	0	1
a	b	f
b	g	c
c	a	c
d	c	g
e	h	f
f	c	g
g	g	e
h	g	c

Find the minimum state FA equivalent to the following transition table.

OR

Find the automation obtained by collapsing equivalent states and removing inaccessible states.

Step 1:

a							
-	b						
✓	✓	c					
-	-	✓	d				
-	-	✓	-	e			
-	-	✓	-	-	f		
-	-	✓	-	-	-	g	
-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	h

Step 2:

a							
✓	b						
✓	✓	c					
✓	✓	✓	d				
-	✓	✓	✓	e			
✓	✓	✓	-	✓	f		
-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	g	
✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	h

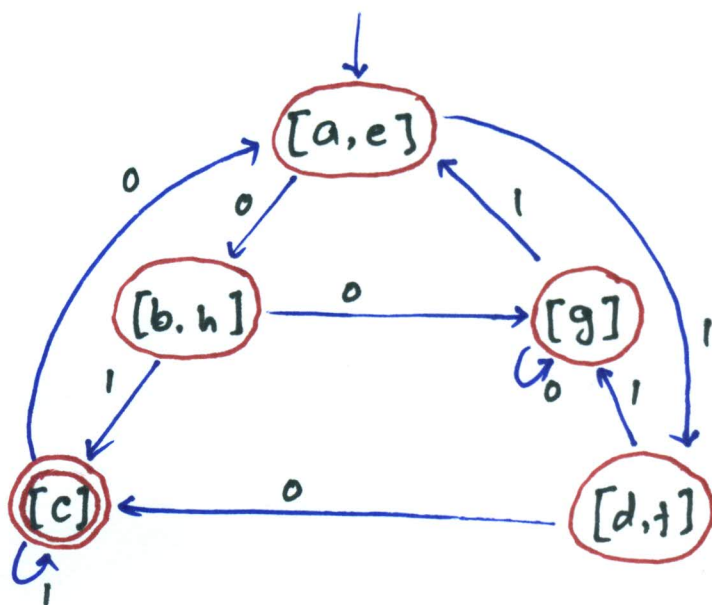
Step 3:

a							
✓	b						
✓	✓	c					
✓	✓	✓	d				
-	✓	✓	✓	e			
✓	✓	✓	-	✓	f		
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	g	
✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	h

$a \approx e$

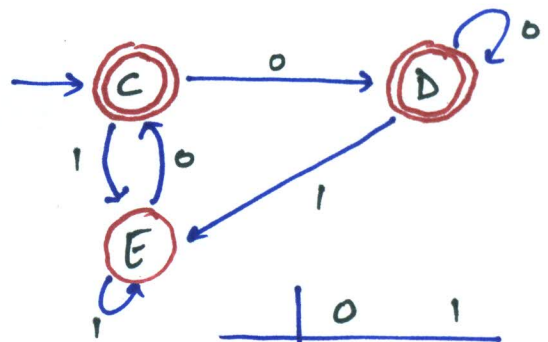
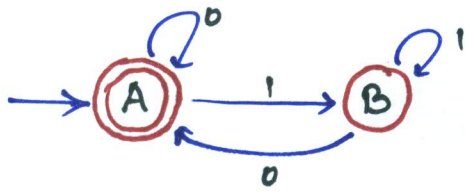
$d \approx f$

$b \approx h$



Example:

Check the equivalence of the given DFA's



A
 $\checkmark$ B
 - $\checkmark$ C
 - $\checkmark$ - D
 $\checkmark$ - $\checkmark$ $\checkmark$ E

	0	1
A	A	B
B	A	B
C	D	E
D	D	E
E	C	E

$A \approx C$, $A \approx D$, $C \approx D$, $B \approx E$

$\therefore$ the two DFA's are equivalent

Note 1: If $\{p, q\}$ is marked in Step 2, then p, q are surely not equivalent. Take $x = \epsilon$ in the definition of $\approx$

Note 2: We may have to look at the same pair $\{p, q\}$ many times in Step 3, since any change in the table may suddenly allow $\{p, q\}$ to be marked. We stop only after we have marked all or we make an entire pass through the table with no new marks.

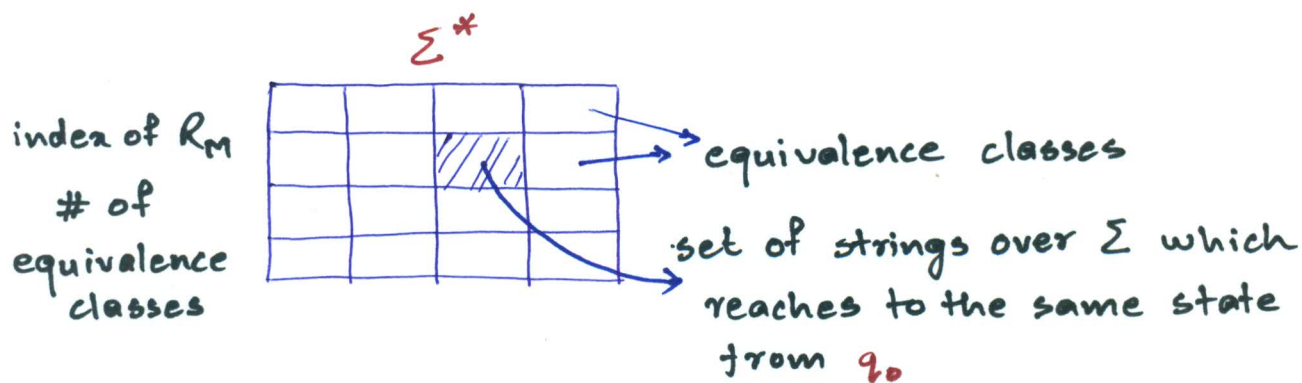
The Myhill - Nerode Theorem and Minimization of FA

• $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ a DFA

• Define a relation R_M as follows

For $x, y \in \Sigma^*$, $x R_M y$ iff $\hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y)$

• R_M : equivalence class on Σ^* induced by DFA M



Claim: $x R_M y \Rightarrow xz R_M yz \quad \forall z \in \Sigma^*$

(Hint: $\hat{\delta}(q_0, xz) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q_0, x), z) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q_0, y), z) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, yz)$)

Right invariant relation: An equivalence relation R is right invariant if $x R y \Rightarrow xz R yz \quad \forall z$.

• R_M defined above is right invariant.

The Myhill - Nerode Theorem

The following three statements are equivalent

- i. The set $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is accepted by some finite automata
- ii. L is the union of some of the equivalence classes of a right invariant equivalence relation of finite index

iii. Let equivalence relation R_L be defined by

" $x R_L y$ iff $\forall z \in \Sigma^*$, xz is in L exactly when yz is in L "

Then R_L is of finite index

Proof:

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (2)

Assume L is accepted by some DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

Define (right invariant equivalence) relation R_M as:

$$x R_M y \text{ iff } \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y)$$

Index of R_M is finite $\leq |Q|$

L is the union of these equivalence classes that include string x such that

$$\hat{\delta}(q_0, x) \in F$$

i.e. the equivalence classes corresponding to final states.

Σ^* equivalence class of strings x s.t.



- corresponds to a state $q \in Q$

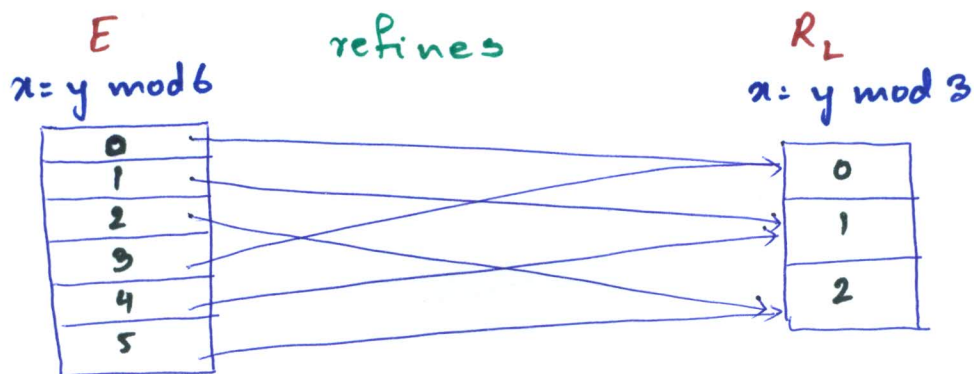
- $x \in L$ if $q \in F$

$\Rightarrow L = \bigcup \left\{ \text{equivalence classes of strings } x \text{ corr. to } \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = q \in F \right\}$

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3)

claim: Any equivalence relation E satisfying (2) is a refinement of R_L

i.e. every equivalence class of E is entirely contained in some equivalence class of R_L



Thus index of R_L cannot be greater than the index of E and so is finite.

Assume $x \in y$

Since E is right invariant, for each $z \in \Sigma^*$, $xz \in yz$

$$\Rightarrow xz \in L \Rightarrow yz \in L$$

$$\Rightarrow x R_L y$$

Hence equivalence class of x in E is the equivalence class of x in R_L

$\Rightarrow$ each equivalence class of E is contained within some equivalence class of R_L

Hence the result.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (1)

Let R_L be an equivalence relation defined by

$$x R_L y \text{ iff } \forall z \in \Sigma^*$$

xz is in L exactly when yz is in L

and let R_L has finite index

Claim: R_L is right invariant.

Let $x R_L y$ and $w \in \Sigma^*$ be any string

We must prove that $xw R_L yw$, i.e. prove that

$\forall z \in \Sigma^*$, xwz is in L exactly when ywz is in L

$x R_L y \Rightarrow$ for any $v \in \Sigma^*$, xv is in L exactly when yv is in L

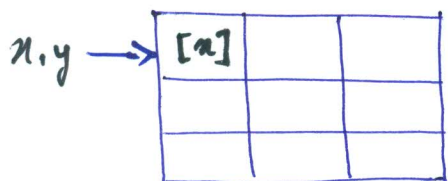
Take $v = wz$

$\Rightarrow xwz \in L$ exactly when $ywz \in L$

$\Rightarrow xw R_L yw$.

This proves the claim

- Consider the equivalence classes induced by the right invariance relation R_L



Q' : finite set of equivalence classes of R_L

$[x] \rightarrow$ the class of Q' contains the string x

Construction of FA that accepts L

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

$$q_0' = [\epsilon]$$

$$F' = \{[x] \mid x \text{ is in } L\}$$

$$\delta'([x], a) = [xa]$$

δ' is well defined as R_L is right invariant

$$\delta'([x], a) = [ya], y \in [x]$$

But

$x R_L y \Rightarrow xz \in L$ exactly when $yz \in L$ for any $z \in \Sigma^*$

Take $z = az'$

Then we get $xaz' \in L$ exactly when $yaz' \in L$ for any $z' \in \Sigma^*$

$$\Rightarrow x R_L y$$

$$\Rightarrow [xa] = [ya]$$

The FA M accepts L since

$$\hat{\delta}'(q_0', x) = [\epsilon x] = [x] \text{ and then}$$

$$x \in L(M') \text{ iff } [x] \in F$$

i.e. iff $x \in L$.

- $L \rightarrow$ a regular language accepted by DFA M

Construction of unique minimal DFA for L using Myhill-Nerode Relation R_L for L on Σ^*

$$x R_M y \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y); \quad q_0 - \text{start state of } M.$$

Definition:

An equivalence relation $\equiv$ for L is said to be a Myhill-Nerode Relation for L if it satisfies

1. right congruence

for any $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ and $a \in \Sigma$

$$x \equiv y \Rightarrow xa \equiv ya$$

2. refines L

for any

$$x \equiv y \Rightarrow (x \in L \Leftrightarrow y \in L)$$

($\hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y)$ implies either both x and y are accepted or both are rejected)

3. Finite index

It has only finitely many equivalence classes

($\exists$ exactly one equivalence class $\{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = q\}$ corresponding to each state q of M)

- A natural one to one correspondence (upto isomorphism of automata) between

- DFA M for L with input alphabet Σ and with no inaccessible states

and - Myhill Nerode relations for L on Σ^*

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

↓
Minimal if constructed using the equivalence relation R_L
↓

$$Q' = \{ [x] \mid x \in \Sigma^* \}$$

$$q_0' = [\epsilon]$$

$$F' = \{ [x] \mid x \in L \}$$

↓
 R_L is the coarsest possible Myhill-Nerode relation for L

$$\delta'([x], a) = [xa]$$

Refinement between equivalence relations

→ is a partial order

i.e. i. reflexive ii. transitive iii. antisymmetric

→ A refines B implies A is finer and B is coarser

Example (Myhill-Nerode Relation)

$$1. R_M : x R_M y \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y)$$

$$2. R_L : x R_L y \Leftrightarrow \forall z \in \Sigma^* (xz \in L \Leftrightarrow yz \in L)$$

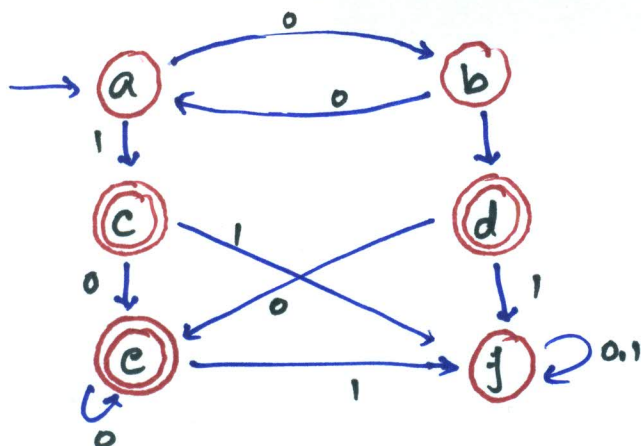
provided L is a regular set.

R_M refines R_L and R_L has smaller index than R_M

Example:

Let L be the language 0^*10^*

L is accepted by the following DFA



Equivalence relation R_M

$$x R_M y \text{ iff } \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) = \hat{\delta}(q_0, y)$$

- As all states of M are reachable from $q_0 = a$ there are six equivalence classes induced by R_M

$$C_a = (00)^*$$

$$C_d = (00)^* 01$$

$$C_b = (00)^* 0$$

$$C_e = 0^* 1 00^*$$

$$C_c = (00)^* 1$$

$$C_f = 0^* 1 0^* 1 (0+1)$$

$$L = C_c \cup C_d \cup C_e \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \delta(a, x) = e \\ \forall x \in C_e \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \delta(a, x) = c \\ \forall x \in C_c \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \downarrow \\ \delta(a, x) = d \\ \forall x \in C_d \end{array}$$

Note: $C_a, C_b, \dots, C_f$: equivalence classes of strings

Equivalence relation R_L : (less index than R_M)

$$x R_L y \text{ iff } \forall z \in \Sigma^* (xz \in L \text{ exactly when } yz \in L)$$

- R_M is a refinement of R_L , i.e. index of $R_L <$ index of R_M

• $L = 0^*10^*$

$xR_L y$ iff either

1. x and y have no 1's

2. x and y have one 1

or 3. x and y have more than one 1

Example:

a. Let $x = 010$, $y = 1000$

Then $xz \in L$ iff $z \in 0^*$

$yz \in L$ also, under the same condition.

b. Let $x = 01$, $y = 00$

Then $\exists z = 0$, such that $xz = 010 \in L$ but $yz = 000 \notin L$

Equivalence classes of R_L

$C_1 = 0^*$

$C_2 = 0^*10^*$

$C_3 = 0^*10^*1(0+1)^*$

• L consists of only one of these classes namely C_2

R_M

C_a	C_b	C_c
C_d	C_e	C_f

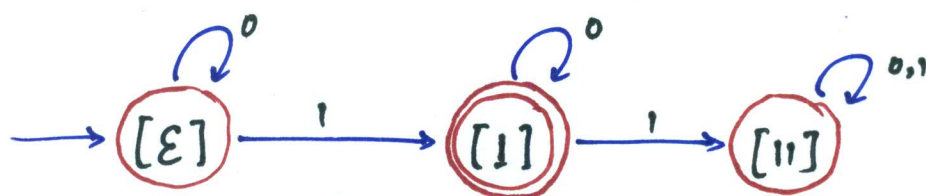
$L = C_e \cup C_c \cup C_d$

refines

R_L

C_1	C_2	C_3
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$L = C_2$



$C_1 = [\epsilon]$ no 1's

$C_2 = [1]$ one 1's

$C_3 = [11]$ two 1's

Myhill-Nerode Theorem

Let $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$. The following statements are equivalent

- L is regular
- $\exists$ a Myhill-Nerode relation for R
- the relation R_L defined by
$$x R_L y \Leftrightarrow \forall z \in \Sigma^* (xz \in L \Leftrightarrow yz \in L)$$
is of finite index

An application

The Myhill-Nerode theorem can be used to determine whether a set R is regular or non-regular by determining the number of equivalence classes induced by R_L

Example:

Consider the set $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

if $k \neq n$, then $a^k b^k \in L$, but $a^m b^k \notin L$

$\Rightarrow a^k R_L a^m$ does not hold

$\Rightarrow a^k, a^m$ are in different equivalence classes of R_L

Therefore, there are infinitely many equivalence classes of R_L , at least one for each $a^k, k \geq 0$

$\therefore$ By the Myhill-Nerode Theorem, L is not regular

In fact, one can show that the equivalence classes of R_L are exactly

$$G_k = \{a^k\}, k \geq 0$$

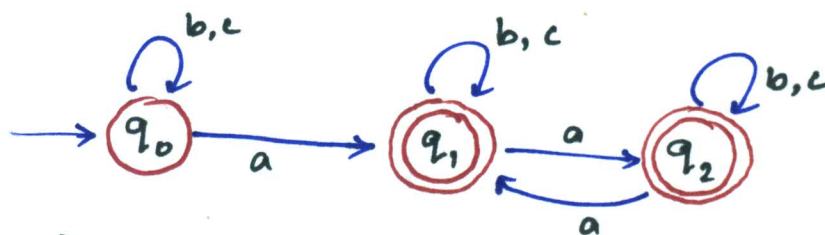
$$H_k = \{a^{n+k} b^n \mid 0 \leq n\}, k \geq 0$$

$$F_k = \{\Sigma^* \cup (G_k \cup H_k) = \Sigma^* - \{a^m b^n \mid 0 \leq n \leq m\}\}$$

- For strings in G_k all and only the strings in $\{a^n b^{n+k} \mid n \geq 0\}$ can be appended to obtain a string in L
- For strings in H_k only the string b^k can be appended to obtain a string in L
- No string can be appended to a string in F_k to obtain a string in L

Example:

DFA M :



- M accepts set of strings having at least one a
- $\Sigma^* = \{a, b, c\}^*$ is partitioned by R_M in 3 equivalence classes:

$$C_0 = \{b, c\}^*$$

C_1 = set of strings over Σ^* having an odd no. of a 's

C_2 = set of strings over Σ^* having an even no. of a 's

$$L = L(M) = C_1 \cup C_2$$

Equivalence classes of R_L

- C_0, C_1 cannot be merged since

if $x \in C_0, y \in C_1$ then $xb \notin L$ but $yb \in L$

- C_0, C_2 cannot be merged since

$x \in C_0, y \in C_2$ then $xb \notin L$ but $yb \in L$

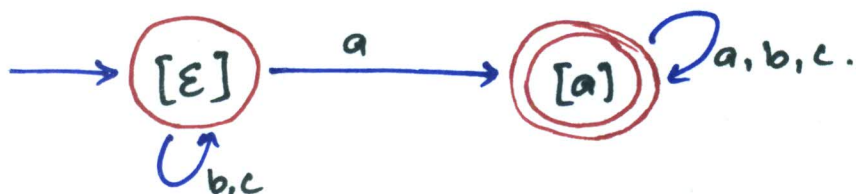
- C_1, C_2 can be merged since

if $x \in C_1, y \in C_2$ then

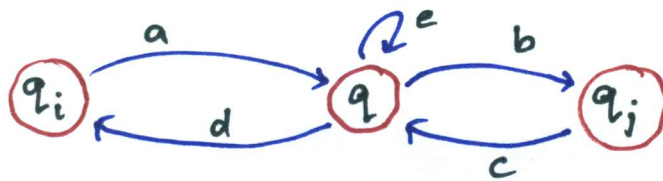
$xz \in L$ exactly when $yz \in L \quad \forall z \in \Sigma^* = \{a, b, c\}^*$

$C_0 = [\varepsilon]$ strings with no a

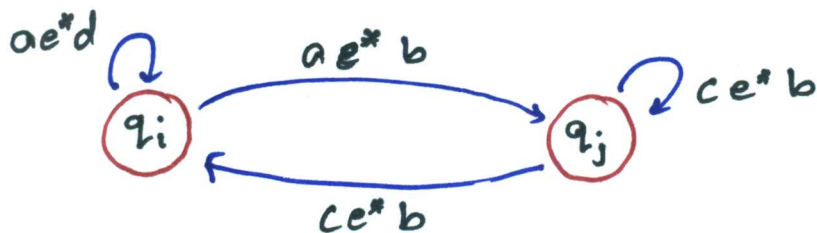
$C_1 \cup C_2 = [a]$ strings with at least one a



State Removal Method



Desired pattern for state removal (q to be removed)



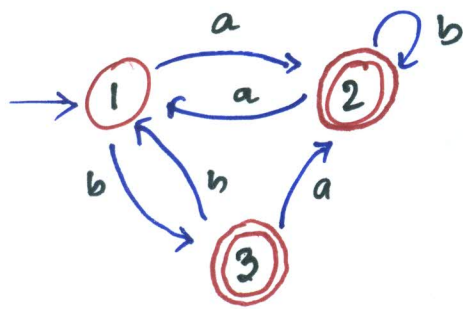
Algorithm (Linz)

Step 1: If the state (start) is an **accepting state** or has **transition in**, add a new - non-accepting start state and add an ϵ -transition between the new start state and the former start state.

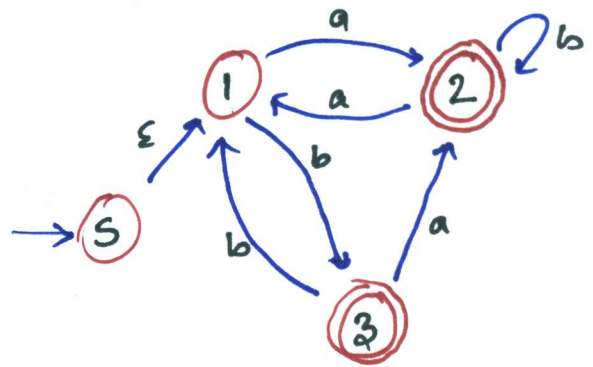
Step 2: If there is more than one accepting state, or if the single accepting state has **transition out**, add a new accepting state. Make all other states non-accepting, and add an ϵ -transition from each former accepting state to new accepting state.

Step 3: For each non-accepting state in turn, eliminate the state and update transitions according to the procedure above.

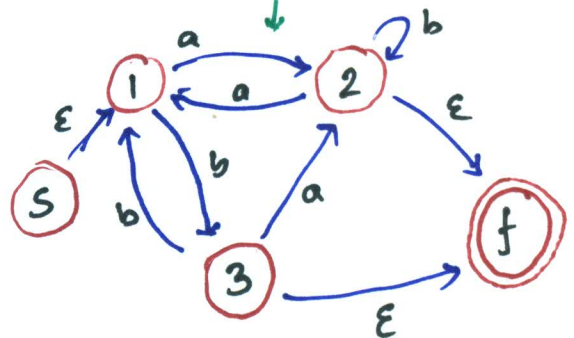
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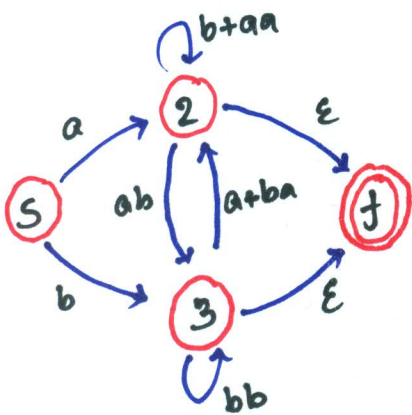
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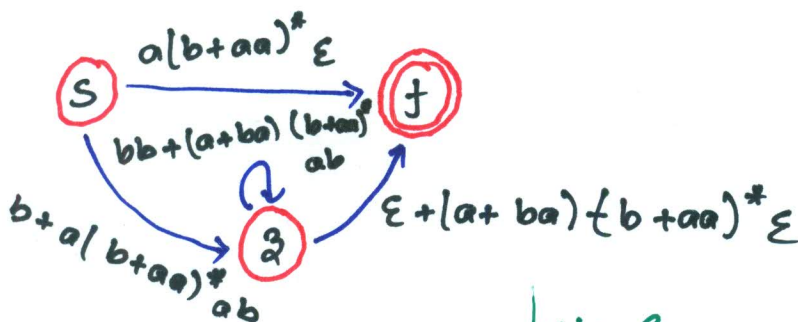
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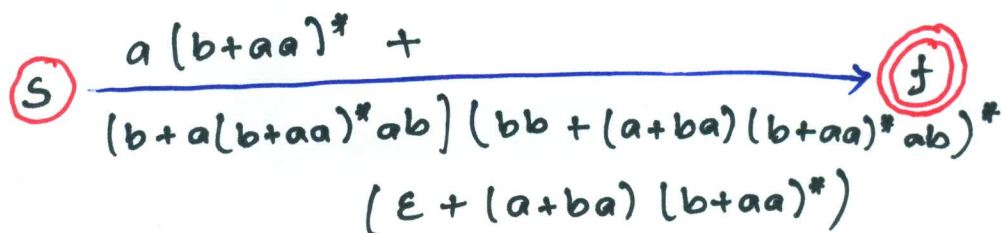
step 3
remove 1



step 3
Remove 2



step 3
Remove 3



Two way FA

DFA: a control unit that reads a tape moving **one** square **right** at each move

NFA: nondeterminism is added to the model
many **copies** of the control unit to exist
and scan the tape simultaneously

ϵ -NFA: Change the state without reading the input symbol or moving the tape head

2-way FA: tape head moves left as well as right

- These generalizations does not increase the power of FA $\rightarrow$ all accepts only regular sets.

2-DFA (two-way deterministic finite automata)

quintuple $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ and

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \times \{L, R\}$$

i) $q \xrightarrow{a} p$ $\delta(q, a) = (p, R)$

ii) $p \xleftarrow{a} q$ $\delta(q, a) = (p, L)$

In (i) state q , scanning input symbol a , the 2-DFA enters state p and moving its head right one square. Similarly in (ii).

Extended transition function: $\hat{\delta}: Q \times \Sigma^*$

Concept is insufficient for **2-DFA** as it can move left

Instantaneous Description (ID) of a 2-DFA

• $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F) \rightarrow 2\text{-DFA}$

• $ID \in \Sigma^* Q \Sigma^*$

• relation on ID's $\rightarrow \vdash_M$

$I_1 \vdash_M I_2$ iff M can go from the instantaneous description I_1 to I_2 in one move

When M is understood, we say $I_1 \vdash I_2$

ID $wq\alpha$, $w, \alpha \in \Sigma^*$, $q \in Q$

i. $w\alpha$ is the input string

ii. q is the current state

iii. the input head is scanning the first symbol of α

• If $\alpha = \epsilon$, then the input head has moved off the right end of the input.

Relation $\vdash_M$

1. $a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-1} q a_i \dots a_n \vdash a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-1} a_i p a_{i+1} \dots a_n$
if $\delta(q, a_i) = (p, R)$

2. $a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-2} a_{i-1} q a_i \dots a_n \vdash a_1 a_2 \dots a_{i-2} p a_{i-1} a_i \dots a_n$
if $\delta(q, a_i) = (p, L)$ and $i > 1$

- $i > 1$ prevents any action in the event that the tape head would move off the left end of the tape.
- no move is possible if $i = n+1$, i.e. if the tape head has moved off the right end.

$\vdash^*$ (reflexive, transitive closure of $\vdash$)

i.e. $I \vdash^* I \quad \forall \text{ ID's } I \in \Sigma^* Q \Sigma$

$I_1 \vdash^* I_k$ whenever $I_1 \vdash I_2 \vdash \dots \vdash I_k$
for some $I_2, \dots, I_{k-1}$

We define

$$L(M) = \{ w \mid q_0 w \vdash^* w p \text{ for some } p \in F \}$$

input tape containing $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_\ell$



↑
left end of w

Example:

	0	1
q_0	(q_0, R)	(q_1, R)
q_1	(q_1, R)	(q_2, L)
q_2	(q_0, R)	(q_2, L)

1 0 1 0 0 1

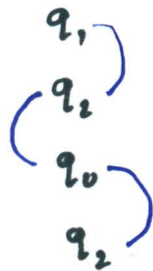
$q_0 101001 \vdash^* 101001 p$
when $p \in F$

$q_0 101001 \vdash 1q_0 1001$
 $\vdash 10q_1 1001$
 $\vdash 1q_2 01001$
 $\vdash 10q_0 1001$
 $\vdash 101q_1 001$
 $\vdash 1010q_2 01$
 $\vdash 10100q_1 1$
 $\vdash 10100q_2 01$
 $\vdash 101000q_0 1$
 $\vdash 1010001q_1$

Crossing Sequence:

List of states below each boundary between squares

- A crossing sequence $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k$ is valid if it is of odd length, and no two odd and no two even-numbered elements are identical.



Not valid

forming loop (as 2-DFA is deterministic) and could never fall off the right end of the tape.

- In the crossing sequence $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k$

$q_1, q_3, \dots \rightarrow$ right moves

$q_2, q_4, \dots \rightarrow$ left moves

input accepted $\rightarrow$ all crossing sequences of odd length

of crossing sequence $\rightarrow$ finite

Theorem:

If L is accepted by a 2-DFA, then L is a regular set.

Proof:

2-DFA M $\xrightarrow{\text{construct}}$ NFA M' having valid crossing sequences of M as its state

$$L(M) = L(M')$$

Finite automata with output

- FA $\rightarrow$ output $\in \{\text{accept, reject}\}$

Other alphabet for output of FA

Moore machine
(output associated with the state)

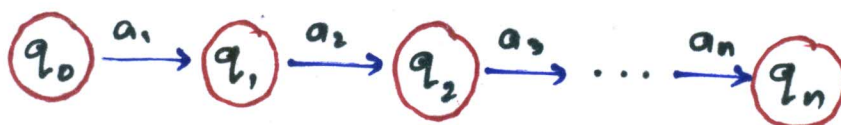
Mealy machine
(output associated with the transition)

Moore Machines

- six tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$

$\downarrow$ $\downarrow$
output alphabet

$\lambda: Q \rightarrow \Delta$ giving output associated with each state.



$$\delta(q_{i-1}, a_i) = q_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 0$$

input: $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

output: $\lambda(q_0) \lambda(q_1) \dots \lambda(q_n)$
length $n+1$

input: ϵ

output: $\lambda(q_0)$

DFA is a special case of Moore machine

output alphabet $\Delta = \{0, 1\}$

q is an accepting state iff $\lambda(q) = 1$

Example : A Moore machine

	$\delta(q, 0)$ $a = 0$	$\delta(q, 1)$ $a = 1$	output $\lambda(q)$
q_0	q_3	q_1	0
q_1	q_1	q_2	1
q_2	q_2	q_3	0
q_3	q_3	q_0	0

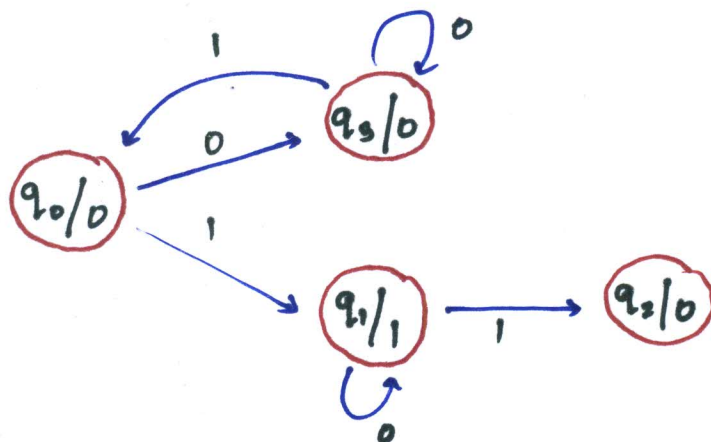
input: 0111 (length 4)



output:

$$\lambda(q_0) \lambda(q_3) \lambda(q_0) \lambda(q_1) \lambda(q_2) = 00010$$

(length 5)



Mealy Machine

• six tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$

$$\lambda : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Delta$$



$$\delta(q_{i-1}, a_i) = q_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad n \geq 0$$

input: $a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$

output: $\lambda(q_0, a_1) \lambda(q_1, a_2) \dots \lambda(q_{n-1}, a_n)$

where $\delta(q_{i-1}, a_i) = q_i$

input: ϵ

output: ϵ

Example

	$a = 0$		$a = 1$	
	state $\delta(q, a)$	output $\lambda(q, a)$	state $\delta(q, a)$	output $\lambda(q, a)$
q_1	q_3	0	q_2	0
q_2	q_1	1	q_4	0
q_3	q_2	1	q_1	1
q_4	q_4	1	q_3	0

input: 0011

$q_1 \xrightarrow{0/0} q_3 \xrightarrow{0/1} q_2 \xrightarrow{1/0} q_4 \xrightarrow{1/0} q_3$

output:

$$\lambda(q_1, 0) \lambda(q_3, 0) \lambda(q_2, 1) \lambda(q_4, 1) = 0100$$

Equivalence of Moore and Mealy Machines

- $T_M(w)$ - output produced by M on input w when M is a Machine

- M - Mealy machine M' - Moore machine

$$T_M(w) \neq T_{M'}(w) \text{ as } |T_M(w)| = |T_{M'}(w)| - 1$$

- Neglect the response of a Moore machine M' on ϵ (i.e. discarding $\lambda(q_0)$ from output string

$$\lambda(q_0) \lambda(q_1) \dots \lambda(q_k) \text{ for input string } a_1 \dots a_k$$

$$\text{where } q_0 \xrightarrow{a_1} q_1 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{a_k} q_k$$

- M, M' are equivalent if $\forall$ inputs $w \in \Sigma^*$

$$bT_M(w) = T_{M'}(w)$$

where b is the output of M' for its initial state q_0 .

Theorem (Transforming a Moore Machine into a Mealy Machine)

If $M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$ is a Moore machine, then there is a Mealy machine M_2 equivalent to M_1 ,

Proof:

Given Moore machine $M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$
construct a Mealy machine $M_2 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda', q_0)$

where

$$\lambda'(q, a) = \lambda(\delta(q, a))$$

Example: Given Moore machine

M_1

$\delta(q, a)$	$a=0$	$a=1$	$\lambda(q)$
q_0	q_3	q_1	0
q_1	q_1	q_2	1
q_2	q_2	q_3	0
q_3	q_3	q_0	0

Equivalent Mealy Machine

$\delta(q,a)$	$a=0$	$\lambda'(q,0)$	$a=1$	$\lambda'(q,1)$
q_0	$q_3 \xrightarrow{\lambda}$	0	q_1	1
q_1	$q_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda}$	1	q_2	0
q_2	$q_2 \xrightarrow{\lambda}$	0	q_3	0
q_3	$q_3 \xrightarrow{\lambda}$	0	q_0	0

input: 0111 $M_1: q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_3 \xrightarrow{1} q_0 \xrightarrow{1} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_2$
 $M_2: q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_3 \xrightarrow{1} q_0 \xrightarrow{1} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_2$

output: $\lambda(q_3)\lambda(q_0)\lambda(q_1)\lambda(q_2) = 0010$

- M_1, M_2 enter the same sequence of states on the same input, and with each transition M_2 emits the output ($\lambda'(q_i, a)$) that M associates with the state entered ($\delta(q_i, a)$)



$$M_2: \lambda'(q_i, a) = \lambda(\delta(q_i, a))$$

$$M_1 \rightarrow \lambda(q_j)$$

Theorem (Transforming a Mealy machine into a Moore machine)

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Proof:

Given Mealy Machine

$$M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta, \lambda, q_0)$$

construct a Moore machine

$$M_2 = (Q \times \Delta, \Sigma, \Delta, \delta', \lambda', \{q_0, b_0\})$$

where $b_0 \rightarrow$ an arbitrarily selected element of Δ

$$\bullet \delta'(\{q, b\}, a) = \{ \delta(q, a), \lambda(q, a) \} \in Q \times \Delta$$

$$b \in \Delta, a \in \Sigma, q \in Q, \lambda: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Delta$$

$$\bullet \lambda'(\{q, b\}) = b$$

Example:

Given Mealy Machine M_1

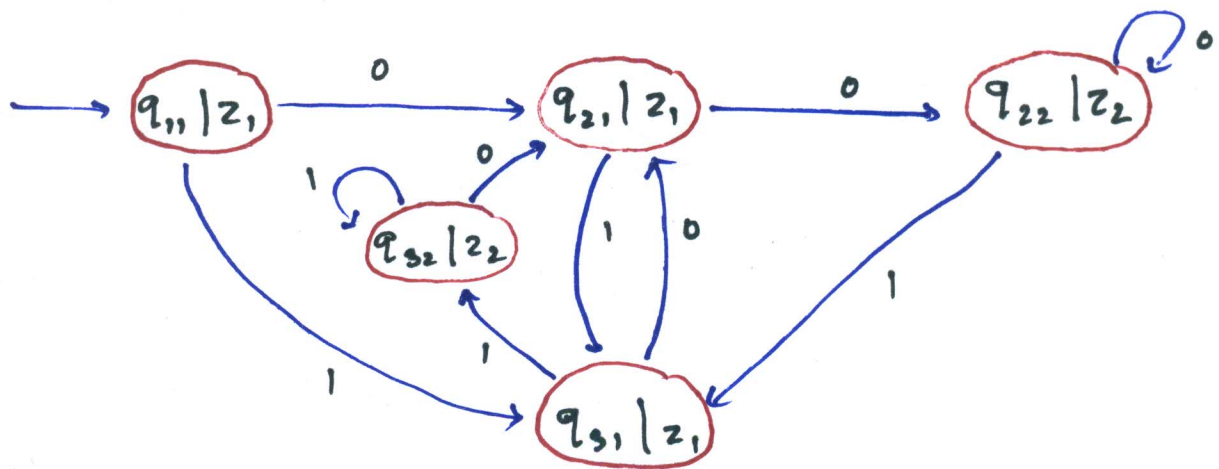
$\delta(q,a)$	$a=0$	$\lambda(q,0)$	$a=1$	$\lambda(q,1)$
q_1	q_2	z_1	q_3	z_1
q_2	q_2	z_1	q_3	z_1
q_3	q_2	z_1	q_3	z_2

Equivalent Moore Machine (M_2)

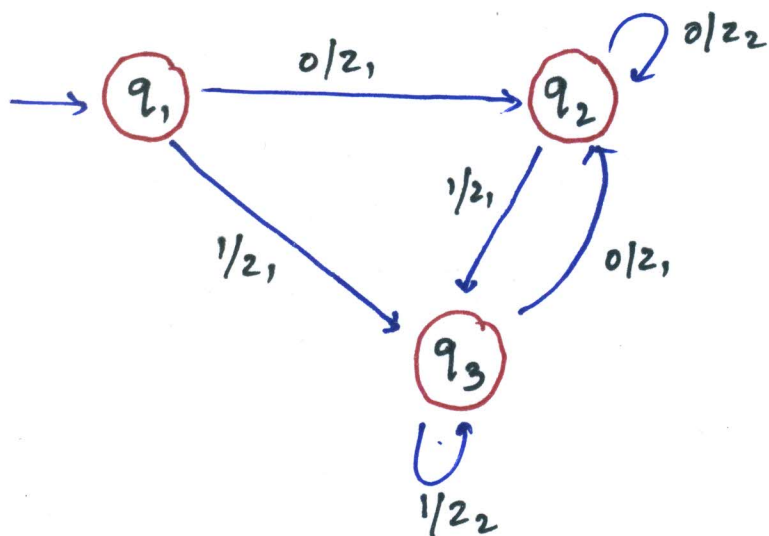
$\delta'(q,a)$	$a=0$	$a=1$	output λ'
$\{q_1, z_1\}$	$\{q_2, z_1\}$	$\{q_3, z_1\}$	z_1
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- q_1 - not splitted
- q_2, q_3 - splitted

• $\{q_i, z_j\} \rightarrow q_{ij}$



Moore machine
constructed from the
Mealy machine given below

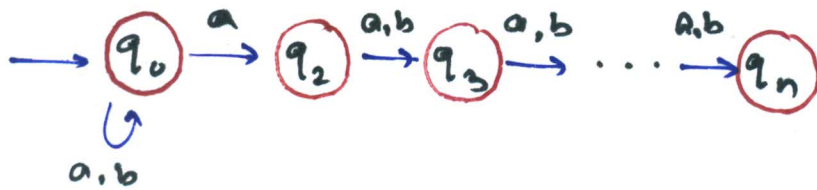


Mealy machine

Example 1:

$L_n = (a+b)^* a (a+b)^{n-1}$ - n^{th} symbol from the right is 'a'.

NFA ($n+1$ states)



Equivalent DFA $\rightarrow 2^n$ states

2. DFA ($n+1$ states)

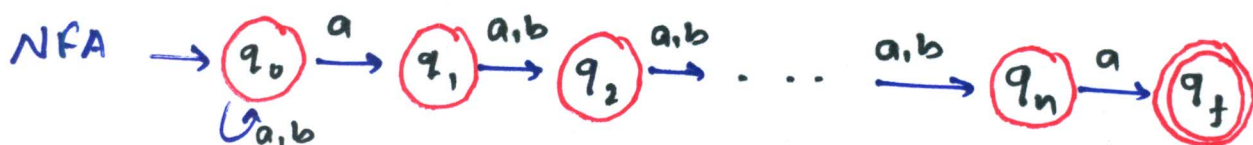
First scan the input from the left to right to reach the right end

Then scan right to left n positions and finally checking whether or not the reached input cell contains the symbol a

Note: Possibility of moving the input head in both directions can dramatically reduce the size of DFA

In this case, one reversal is enough to reduce an automaton of exponential size in n to an automaton of linear size

Example: $L = (a+b)^* a (a+b)^{n-1} a (a+b)^n$



Equivalent DFA: $2^n + 1$ states

2. DFA: $2n + 1$ states

Example:

Given Mealy Machine (M_1)

$\delta(q,a)$	$a=0$	$\lambda(q,0)$	$a=1$	$\lambda(q,1)$
q_1	q_2	z_1	q_3	z_1
q_2	q_2	z_2	q_3	z_1
q_3	q_2	z_1	q_3	z_2

Equivalent Moore machine (M_2)

$\delta'(q,a)$	$a=0$	$a=1$	output λ'
$\{q_1, z_1\}$	$\{q_2, z_1\}$	$\{q_3, z_1\}$	z_1
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