

Lecture 3

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Today: a very simple model of computation for deciding language membership (aka Y/N problem)

- given input, read it char by char
- keep track of a finite amt of memory
 - ↳ does not depend on input
- when no more input, outputs Y/N (accept/reject)

variants used in ... Simple robots, network controllers
language processing

Pieces:

- each possible configuration of memory is called a state

Q = set of possible states

- start machine in some "starting" state $s \in Q$
- given the current state, the next input char tells us how to update mem, or, which state to transition to

transition function $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

- at the end, we are in an accepting state or rejecting state.

A = set of accepting states

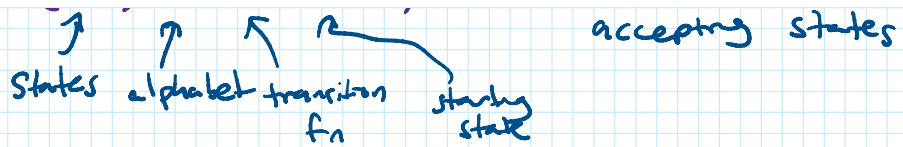
($Q \setminus A$ = set of rejecting state)

Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)

DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$

← set of accepting states

↑ states ↑ alphabet ↑ transition ↑ start



Ex. Prog for determining if, given a binary string w if $\#(1, w)$ is odd

Idea: count the $\#$ of 1s.

Problem: the amount of memory depends on the input!

Actually keep track of parity of this count

Parity 1s: state. possibilities are $\{0, 1\}$

parity $\in \{0, 1\}$

while input

read character a

if $a = 1$:

Parity $\leftarrow 1 - \text{parity}$ ← transition

return (parity = 1)

$$Q = \{0, 1\}$$

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

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } a = 0 \\ 1 - q & \text{if } a = 1 \end{cases}$$

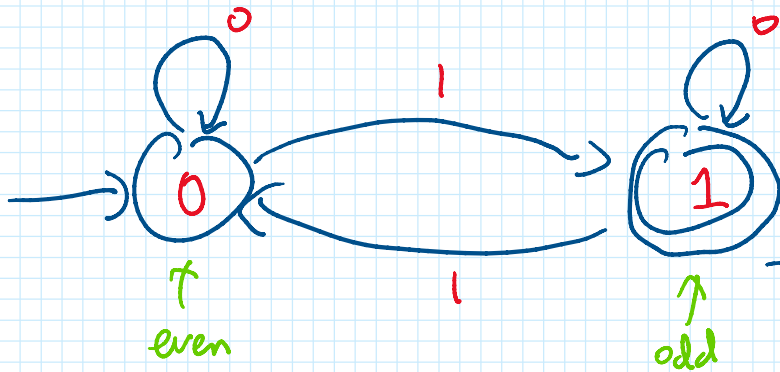
$$s = 0 \quad (\in Q)$$

$$A = \{1\}$$

Graphical representation of DFAs

- vertices are states
- edges represent transitions
- for each state, there is exactly one outgoing edge per $a \in \Sigma$
(sometimes combined for visualization)
- pointer to starting state

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- doubled circles for accepting



e.g. on input
01101

state seq:

→ 0 → 0 → 1 → 0 → 0 → 1

1 is accepting

so return yes

on input
1010?

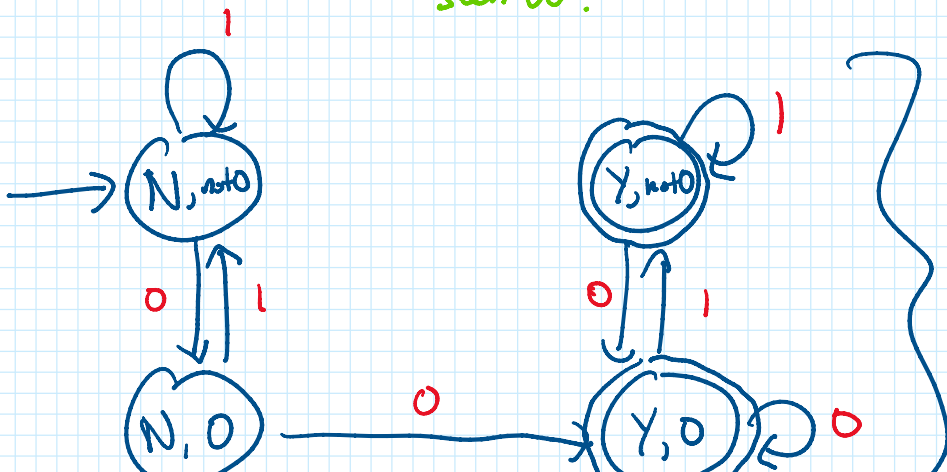
state seq:

→ 0 → 1 → 1 → 0 → 0
reject

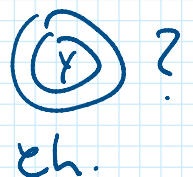
Program for determining if binary string contains 00.

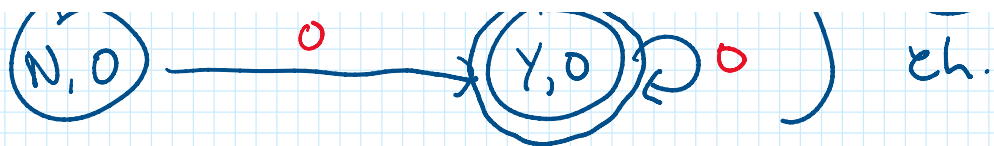
- keep track of if we've seen 00
- keep track of prev char.
if prev = 0 and curr = 0,
we are looking at 00

keep track of $(found, prev) \in \{Y, N\} \times \{0, not0\}$
 ↑
 have we seen 00?



combine into





1001

$\rightarrow N, \text{not } 0 \rightarrow N, \text{not } 0 \rightarrow N, 0 \rightarrow Y, 0 \rightarrow Y, \text{not } 0$

0101

$\rightarrow N, \text{not } 0 \rightarrow N, 0 \rightarrow N, \text{not } 0 \rightarrow N, 0 \rightarrow N, \text{not } 0$

Mathematical properties of DFAs.

given a DFA M , the language accepted by M is $L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$

What does it mean for M to accept w ?

after reading in w , we ended on an accepting state.

Q: what is the state we end on?

we'd like to give it a label like $\delta^*(w) \in Q$.

Define extended transition fn δ^*

$$\delta^*: Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$$

$\delta^*(q, w)$ = state we end on if, starting from q , we read w .

$$\delta^*(q, w) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } w = \epsilon \\ \delta^*(\delta(q, a), x) & \text{if } w = ax \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{string is either} \\ \epsilon \\ \text{or} \\ ax \end{array}$$

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \in A\}$$

Def. A language is automatic if there is a DFA

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specific to 374

Spoilers:
automatic
↓
regular

Closure properties

recall regular languages are closed under:

- (finite) union
- (finite) concat
- Kleene star

if we do this to (a) regular language(s) we get a reg lang

What can we do to automatize langs to get an auto lang?

→ gives a way of building complex DFAs for harder langs from simpler DFAs for easier langs.

- Complement

regex: $\frac{\text{not } 0}{\epsilon + 1 + (0+1)(0+1)(0+1)^*}$

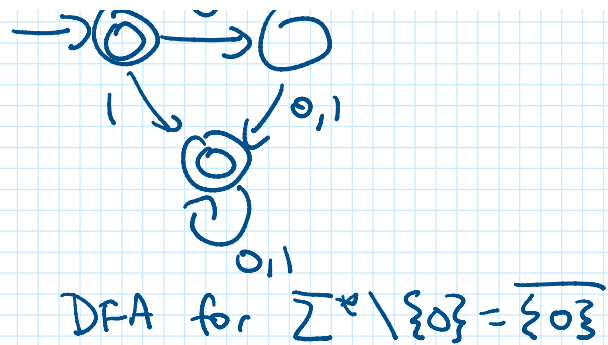
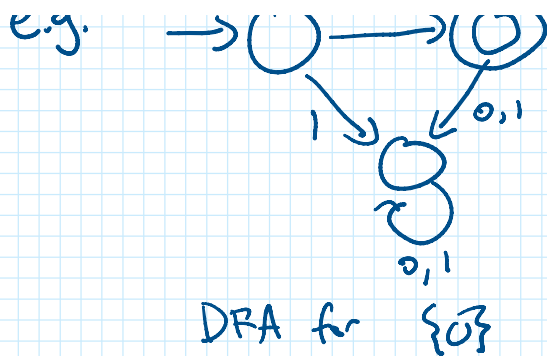
$$\begin{aligned} \overline{L(M)} &= \Sigma^* \setminus L(M) \\ &= \Sigma^* \setminus \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \in A\} \\ &= \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \notin A\} \\ &= \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \in Q \setminus A\} \end{aligned}$$

Given $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$

define $\bar{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, Q \setminus A)$

the preceding derivation proves that $L(\bar{M}) = \overline{L(M)}$



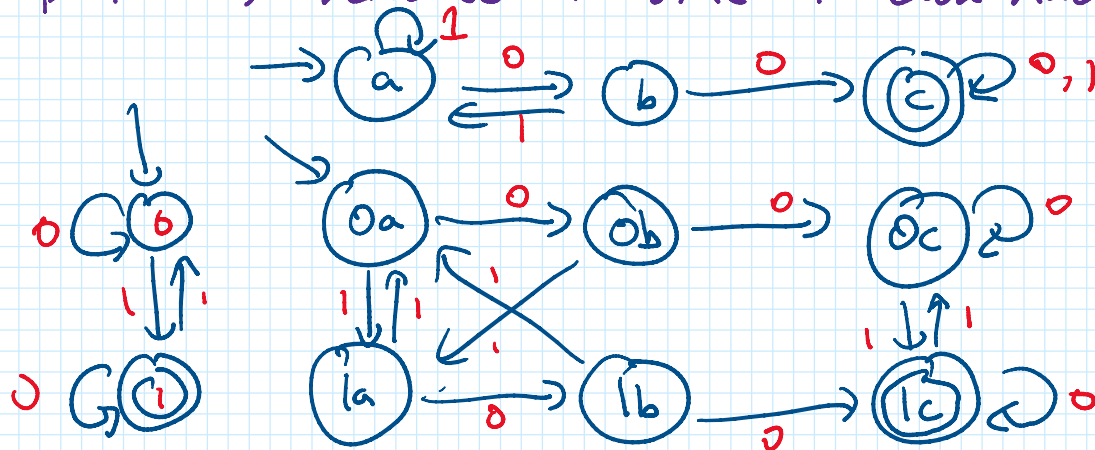


- Intersection

ex. $\#(1,w) \Rightarrow$ odd AND contains 00

idea. simulate keeping track of both machines.

in particular, remember the state in each machine.



10011
 state seq's: $\rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1$
 $\rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow c \rightarrow c$

Procedure: Product Construction

Given $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, s_1, A_1)$

$M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, s_2, A_2)$

Same!

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$

$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$ states are tuples of states

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 $= \{(q_1, q_2) \mid q_1 \in Q_1, q_2 \in Q_2\}$

$\Sigma = \Sigma$ $s = (s_1, s_2) \in Q_1 \times Q_2$

$A = \{(q_1, q_2) \mid q_1 \in A_1, q_2 \in A_2\} = A_1 \times A_2 \subseteq Q_1 \times Q_2$

$\delta((q_1, q_2), a) = (\delta_1(q_1, a), \delta_2(q_2, a))$

Thm: $L(M) = L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$

Pf: (see textbook)

The DFA given by prod construction might not be the smallest DFA for $L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$.

We don't care (for now)

- Union $L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$

also by product construction except

$A = \{(q_1, q_2) \mid q_1 \in A_1 \text{ or } q_2 \in A_2\}$

everything else is the same.

- Set Difference $L(M_1) \setminus L(M_2)$

for sets S, T . $S \setminus T = S \cap \overline{T}$.

so Given M_1, M_2 , $= \{x \mid x \in S \text{ and } x \notin T\}$

do product construction on
 $M_1, \overline{M_2}$

ex. $\#(l, w) \Rightarrow \text{odd}$, except the ones containing 00

