CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 23: DFAs and Directed Graphs



Selecting strings using labeled graphs as "machines"



Deterministic Finite Automata (Finite State Machines)



Which strings does this machine say are OK?



Which strings does this machine say are OK?



The set of all binary strings that end in 0

Deterministic Finite Automata (DFAs)

- States
- Transitions on input symbols
- Start state and final states
- The "language recognized" by the machine is the set of strings that reach a final state from the start





Deterministic Finite Automata (DFAs)

- Each machine designed for strings over some fixed alphabet Σ.
- Must have a transition defined from each state for every symbol in Σ .

Old State	0	1
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S ₂	s ₀	S ₃
S ₃	S ₃	S ₃



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The set of all binary strings that contain 111 or don't end in 1

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The set of all binary strings with # of 1's \equiv # of 0's (mod 2) (both are even or both are odd).

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(Hint: Try it first with just the alphabet {0,1})

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One possible solution:



A relation on A is a set $R \subseteq A \times A$

R is **reflexive** iff $(a,a) \in R$ for every $a \in A$ R is **symmetric** iff $(a,b) \in R$ implies $(b, a) \in R$ R is **antisymmetric** iff $(a,b) \in R$ and $a \neq b$ implies $(b,a) \notin R$ R is **transitive** iff $(a,b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$ implies $(a, c) \in R$

Examples:

- $R_1 = \{ (x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } x \ge y \}$: reflexive, antisymmetric, transitive
- $R_2 = \{ (x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } x \equiv y \mod 5 \}$: reflexive, symmetric, transitive

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How Properties of Relations show up in Graphs

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Paths in Relations and Graphs

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Let
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 be a relation on a set A . There is a path of
length n from a to b if and only if $(a,b) \in R^n$
in the graph (A,R)

Defn: Two vertices in a graph are **connected** iff there is a path between them.

Let **R** be a relation on a set **A**. The **connectivity** relation \mathbf{R}^* consists of the pairs (a,b) such that there is a path from a to b in **R**.



Note: The text uses the wrong definition of this quantity. What the text defines (ignoring k=0) is usually called R⁺

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Let $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ be sets. An *n*-ary relation on these sets is a subset of $A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_n$.

Example application: Database theory

Student_Name	ID_Number	Office	GPA
Knuth	328012098	022	4.00
Von Neuman	481080220	555	3.78
Russell	238082388	022	3.85
Einstein	238001920	022	2.11
Newton	1727017	333	3.61
Karp	348882811	022	3.98
Bernoulli	2921938	022	3.21

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