

Midterm Test 1 review, turing machines continued

CSE 105 Week 7 Discussion

Deadlines and Logistics

- Review Test 1 score, schedule attempt 2
- Do review quizzes on [PrairieLearn](#)
- HW 5 due 11/19/24 at 5pm

Midterm attempt 1 review

In the area below, create a state diagram of an NFA with **at most 4 states** recognizing the following language over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$:

$$A = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ is odd length string ending in } 1 \text{ or } w \text{ is even length string ending in } 0\}$$

Example strings in this language are: 1, 00, 001

Example strings not in this language are: ε , 0

In this question, we'll consider general constructions over a fixed alphabet Σ .

Suppose we are given a DFA with set of states Q_M , input alphabet Σ , transition function $\delta_M : Q_M \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_M$, start state q_M , and set of accepting states F_M

$$M = (Q_M, \Sigma, \delta_M, q_M, F_M)$$

and assume that $q_0 \notin Q_M$ is a fresh state.

Define the new NFA

$$N = (Q_M \cup \{q_0\}, \Sigma, \delta_N, q_0, \{q_M\})$$

where

$$\delta_N((q, a)) = \begin{cases} \{q' \in Q_M \mid q = \delta_M((q', a))\} & \text{if } q \in Q_M, a \in \Sigma \\ F_M & \text{if } q = q_0, a = \varepsilon \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- There is at least one example for the DFA M where $L(M) \neq L(M)^*$ and $L(N) = L(M)^*$.
- There is at least one example for the DFA M where the number of edges in the state diagram of M equals the number of edges in the state diagram of N .
- For all choices of the DFA M , the associated NFA N will have strictly more states than M .
- For all choices of the DFA M , when $L(M) = \Sigma^*$ then $L(N) = \emptyset$.

Definition: A positive integer p is a **pumping length** of a language L over alphabet Σ means that, for each string $s \in \Sigma^*$, if $|s| \geq p$ and $s \in L$, then there are strings x, y, z such that $s = xyz$ and $|y| > 0$, for each $i \geq 0$, $xy^iz \in L$, and $|xy| \leq p$.

In particular, this means that a positive integer p is **not a pumping length** of a language L over alphabet Σ iff

$$\exists s (|s| \geq p \wedge s \in L \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z ((s = xyz \wedge |y| > 0 \wedge |xy| \leq p) \rightarrow \exists i (i \geq 0 \wedge xy^iz \notin L)))$$

Select all and only true statements below.

- A pumping length for $\{0, 1\}$ is $p = 2$
- A pumping length for $\{0^i 0^i \mid i \geq 0\}$ is $p = 2$
- A pumping length for $\{0^i 1^i \mid i \geq 0\}$ is $p = 3$
- A pumping length for $\{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ is $p = 1$

Select all possible options that apply.

Consider an arbitrary alphabet Σ .

- The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under complementation.
- The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under Kleene star.
- The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under union.
- The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under set-wise concatenation.

Select all possible options that apply. 

True	The class of regular languages over Σ is closed under complementation.
True	The class of regular languages over Σ is closed under union.
True	The class of regular languages over Σ is closed under intersection.
True	The class of regular languages over Σ is closed under concatenation.
True	The class of regular languages over Σ is closed under Kleene star.
FALSE	The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under complementation.
True	The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under union.
FALSE	The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under intersection.
True	The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under concatenation.
True	The class of context-free languages over Σ is closed under Kleene star.

Recall: for any two sets X and Y , we define:

- $X = Y$ means $\forall x(x \in X \leftrightarrow x \in Y)$. In this case, we say X and Y are equal sets.
- $X \neq Y$ means $\exists x((x \in X \wedge x \notin Y) \vee (x \notin X \wedge x \in Y))$. In this case, we say X and Y are not equal sets.
- $X \subsetneq Y$ means $\forall x(x \in X \rightarrow x \in Y)$ and $X \neq Y$. In this case, we say X is a proper subset of Y .
- $X \supsetneq Y$ means $\forall x(x \in Y \rightarrow x \in X)$ and $X \neq Y$. In this case, we say X is a proper superset Y are equal sets.

Select all and only the true sentences.

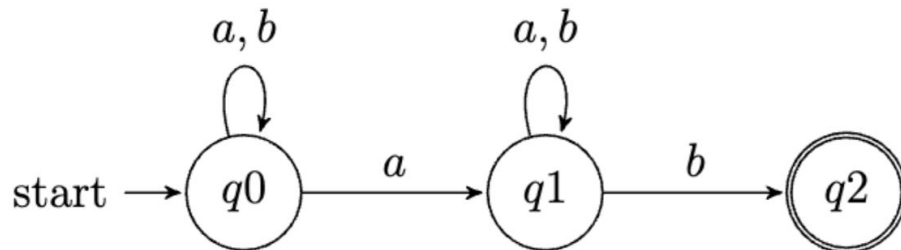
- The union of any two regular sets is regular.
- The complement of a nonregular set is nonregular
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- Every proper subset of a nonregular set is nonregular.
- The union of two nonregular sets is nonregular.

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Let N be the NFA over the alphabet $\{a, b\}$ with state diagram



$L(N) = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid N \text{ accepts } w\}$

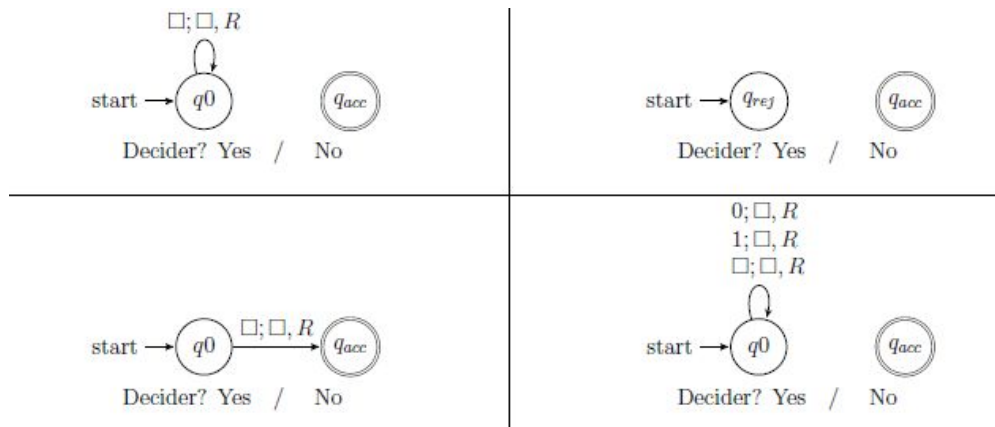
- $L(N) = L((a \cup b)^* a (a \cup b) b)$
- $L(N) \supsetneq L((a \cup b)^* a (a \cup b) b)$
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Select all possible options that apply. ?

Turing-recognizable and Turing-decidable

- Deciders are Turing machines that halt on all inputs; they never loop; they always make a decision to accept or reject
- Call a language Turing-recognizable if some Turing machine recognizes it
- Call a language Turing-decidable if some decider decides it

Toy examples for recap:



Multiple descriptions

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- **Formal definition:** the 7-tuple of parameters including set of states, input alphabet, tape alphabet, transition function, start state, accept state, and reject state; or, $(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, q_{\text{accept}}, q_{\text{reject}})$
- **Implementation-level definition:** English prose that describes the Turing machine head movements relative to contents of tape, and conditions for accepting / rejecting based on those contents.
- **High-level description:** description of algorithm (precise sequence of instructions), without implementation details of machine. As part of this description, can “call” and run another TM as a subroutine.

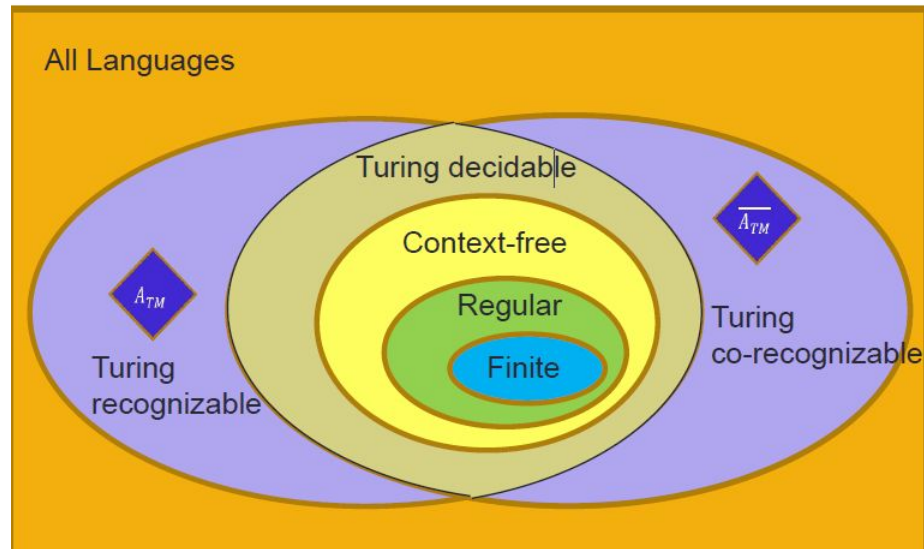
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Properties of languages

1. Regular
 - a. Recognized by a DFA/NFA
 - b. Described by a regex
2. Context free
 - a. Recognized by a PDA
 - b. Generated by a CFG
3. (Turing) Decidable
 - a. Can be decided by a Tm
4. (Turing) Recognizable
 - a. Can be recognized by a Tm



Algorithm computation

Church-Turing Thesis

Anything that is **computable** is computable with a **Turing machine** because any method of computation using finite time and finite resources will be **equally expressive** to that of a Turing machine.

Vocabulary check

1. Are all decidable languages recognizable?
2. If language A is recognizable and language B is decidable, is $|A| > |B|$?
3. If M is a Turing machine, what is $\langle M \rangle$?

Representations of algorithms

To decide these problems, we need to represent the objects of interest as **strings**

For inputs that aren't strings, we have to **encode the object** (represent it as a string) first

To define TM M :

"On input w ..."

1. ..
2. ..
3. ...

Notation:

$\langle O \rangle$ is the **string** that represents (encodes) the object O

$\langle O_1, \dots, O_n \rangle$ is the **single string** that represents the list of objects O_1, \dots, O_n

Turing Decidable Languages

Recap : Turing decidable languages are closed under complementation

Turing Decidable Languages - Recap

1. If a language is decidable if and only if it is co-recognizable and recognizable.
2. If two languages over a fixed alphabet are turing-decidable, then their union is decidable as well
3. If two languages over a fixed alphabet are turing-recognizable, then their union is recognizable as well

Last Wednesday's "lecture"...

Computational problems:

Acceptance problem		
... for DFA	A_{DFA}	$\{\langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a DFA that accepts input string } w\}$
... for NFA	A_{NFA}	$\{\langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a NFA that accepts input string } w\}$
... for regular expressions	A_{REX}	$\{\langle R, w \rangle \mid R \text{ is a regular expression that generates input string } w\}$
... for CFG	A_{CFG}	$\{\langle G, w \rangle \mid G \text{ is a context-free grammar that generates input string } w\}$
... for PDA	A_{PDA}	$\{\langle B, w \rangle \mid B \text{ is a PDA that accepts input string } w\}$

Language emptiness testing		
... for DFA	E_{DFA}	$\{\langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a DFA and } L(A) = \emptyset\}$
... for NFA	E_{NFA}	$\{\langle A \rangle \mid A \text{ is a NFA and } L(A) = \emptyset\}$
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Language equality testing		
... for DFA	EQ_{DFA}	$\{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are DFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$
... for NFA	EQ_{NFA}	$\{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are NFAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$
... for regular expressions	EQ_{REX}	$\{\langle R, R' \rangle \mid R \text{ and } R' \text{ are regular expressions and } L(R) = L(R')\}$
... for CFG	EQ_{CFG}	$\{\langle G, G' \rangle \mid G \text{ and } G' \text{ are CFGs and } L(G) = L(G')\}$
... for PDA	EQ_{PDA}	$\{\langle A, B \rangle \mid A \text{ and } B \text{ are PDAs and } L(A) = L(B)\}$