



Automata and Logic

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Definition

equivalence relation \equiv_M on Σ^* for DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ is defined as follows:

$$x \equiv_M y \iff \widehat{\delta}(s, x) = \widehat{\delta}(s, y)$$

Lemmata

- ▶ \equiv_M is **right congruent**: for all $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ $x \equiv_M y \implies$ for all $a \in \Sigma$ $xa \equiv_M ya$
- ▶ \equiv_M **refines** $L(M)$: for all $x, y \in \Sigma^*$ $x \equiv_M y \implies$ either $x, y \in L(M)$ or $x, y \notin L(M)$
- ▶ \equiv_M is of **finite index**: \equiv_M has finitely many equivalence classes

Definition

Myhill–Nerode relation for $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is right congruent equivalence relation of finite index on Σ^* that refines L

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Definition

for any set $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ equivalence relation \equiv_L on Σ^* is defined as follows:

$$x \equiv_L y \iff \text{for all } z \in \Sigma^* \quad (xz \in L \iff yz \in L)$$

Theorem

- 1 for every regular set $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ there exists **one-to-one correspondence** (up to isomorphism of automata) between
 - ▶ DFAs for L with input alphabet Σ and without inaccessible states
 - ▶ Myhill–Nerode relations for L
- 2 for every set $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$

$$L \text{ is regular} \iff L \text{ admits Myhill–Nerode relation} \iff \equiv_L \text{ is of finite index}$$
- 3 regular sets are WMSO definable

Automata

- ▶ (deterministic, non-deterministic, alternating) **finite automata**
- ▶ regular expressions
- ▶ (alternating) Büchi automata

Logic

- ▶ **(weak) monadic second-order logic**
- ▶ Presburger arithmetic
- ▶ linear-time temporal logic

Definitions

- ▶ $FV(\varphi)$ denotes list of free variables in φ in fixed order with first-order variables preceding second-order ones
- ▶ assignment for φ with $FV(\varphi) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is tuple $(i_1, \dots, i_m, l_1, \dots, l_n)$ such that i_1, \dots, i_m are elements of \mathbb{N} and l_1, \dots, l_n are finite subsets of \mathbb{N}

Example

$$\varphi = \exists X. X(x) \rightarrow \exists y. x < y \wedge Y(y)$$

$$FV(\varphi) = (x, Y)$$

Notation

(i, l) for $(i_1, \dots, i_m, l_1, \dots, l_n)$

$$\mathbf{0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Example

	0	1	2	3	4	5	induced assignment
x_1	0	0	0	1	0	0	$i_1 = 3$
X_1	1	0	1	0	1	0	$l_1 = \{0, 2, 4\}$
X_2	0	0	0	0	0	0	$l_2 = \emptyset$

Remark

assignments are identified with strings over $\{0, 1\}^{m+n}$ (here $k = m + n$)

$$\begin{matrix} a_{11} & a_{21} & \cdots & a_{\ell 1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{1k} & a_{2k} & \cdots & a_{\ell k} \end{matrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1k} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2k} \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} a_{\ell 1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{\ell k} \end{pmatrix}$$

Definition

string over $\{0, 1\}^{m+n}$ is ***m*-admissible** if first *m* rows contain exactly one 1 each

Remarks


- ▶ every *m*-admissible string *x* induces assignment \underline{x}
- ▶ every assignment is induced by (**not necessarily unique**) *m*-admissible string:
if *x* is *m*-admissible then $x\mathbf{0}$ is *m*-admissible and $\underline{x} = \underline{x\mathbf{0}}$
- ▶ if $x, y \in (\{0, 1\}^{m+n})^*$ induce same assignment then $x = y\mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0}$ or $y = x\mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0}$
- ▶ $\epsilon \in (\{0, 1\}^{m+n})^*$ is *m*-admissible if and only if $m = 0$
- ▶ if $\underline{x} = (i, I)$ then $|x| > k$ for all $k \in \{i_1, \dots, i_m\} \cup I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_n$

Lemma

set of *m*-admissible strings over $\{0, 1\}^{m+n}$ is regular

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Question

Consider the following three strings over $\{0, 1\}^{1+2}$. Which statements hold ?

	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$
x_1			
X_1	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$
X_2	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$

- A** the first and third string induce the same assignment
- B** the second string is 1-admissible
- C** $X_2(x_1) \rightarrow X_1(x_1)$ is satisfied by the first string's induced assignment
- D** the third string induces the assignment $i_1 = 1, I_1 = \{0\}, I_2 = \{1, 2\}$



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Lemma

set of m -admissible strings over $\{0, 1\}^{m+n}$ is regular

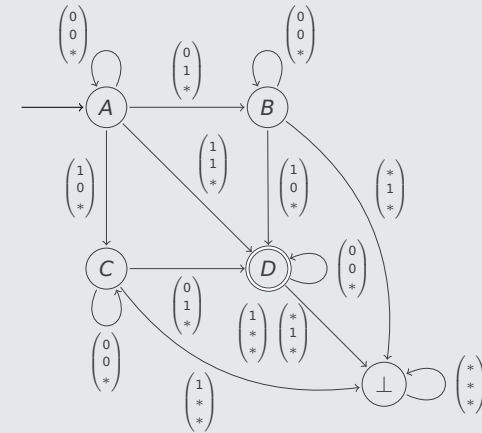
Proof (construction)

define DFA $\mathcal{A}_{m,n} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ with

- ① $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}^{m+n}$
- ② $Q = 2^{\{1, \dots, m\}} \cup \{\perp\}$
- ③ $s = \{1, \dots, m\}$
- ④ $F = \{\emptyset\}$
- ⑤ $\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} q - I & \text{if } q \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\} \text{ and } I \subseteq q \\ \perp & \text{if } q \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\} \text{ and } I \not\subseteq q \\ \perp & \text{if } q = \perp \end{cases}$
with $I = \{j \in \{1, \dots, m\} \mid a_j = 1\}$

Example

DFA $\mathcal{A}_{2,1}$ with $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{1\}$, $C = \{2\}$, $D = \emptyset$



Definition

$L_a(\varphi) = \{x \in (\{0, 1\}^{m+n})^* \mid x \text{ is } m\text{-admissible and } \underline{x} \models \varphi\}$

Example

- ▶ $\varphi(x, X) = \forall y. y < x \rightarrow X(y)$
- ▶ $L_a(\varphi) = \binom{0}{1}^* [\binom{1}{0} + \binom{1}{1}] [\binom{0}{0} + \binom{0}{1}]^*$

Theorem

$L_a(\varphi)$ is regular for every WMSO formula φ

Proof

induction on φ

- ▶ $\varphi = \perp \implies L_a(\varphi) = \emptyset$
- ▶ $\varphi = x < y \implies L_a(\varphi) = \binom{0}{0}^* \binom{1}{0} \binom{0}{0}^* \binom{0}{1} \binom{0}{0}^*$ or $L_a(\varphi) = \binom{0}{0}^* \binom{0}{1} \binom{0}{0}^* \binom{1}{0} \binom{0}{0}^*$
- ▶ $\varphi = X(x) \implies L_a(\varphi) = [(\binom{0}{0} + \binom{0}{1})^* \binom{1}{1}] [(\binom{0}{0} + \binom{0}{1})^*]$
- ▶ $\varphi = \neg \psi \implies L_a(\psi) \text{ is regular} \implies \sim L_a(\psi) \text{ is regular}$
 $\implies L_a(\varphi) = \sim L_a(\psi) \cap L(\mathcal{A}_{m,n}) \text{ is regular (for suitable } m \text{ and } n)$
- ▶ $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ with $FV(\varphi) = (x_1, \dots, x_m, X_1, \dots, X_n)$

$L_a(\varphi_1)$ and $L_a(\varphi_2)$ are regular but may be defined over different alphabets because φ_1 and φ_2 may have less free variables than φ

applications of inverse homomorphism drop_i^{-1} to $L_a(\varphi_1)$ and $L_a(\varphi_2)$ yield regular sets $L_1, L_2 \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^{m+n})^*$ such that $L_a(\varphi) = (L_1 \cup L_2) \cap L(\mathcal{A}_{m,n})$

Example

$\varphi = x < y \vee X(x)$ with $FV(\varphi) = (x, y, X)$

- ▶ $L_a(x < y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^*$
- ▶ $L_a(X(x)) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^*$
- ▶ $L_1 = \text{drop}_3^{-1} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}^* \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ * \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ * \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ * \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ * \end{pmatrix}^*$
- ▶ $L_2 = \text{drop}_2^{-1} \left(\left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \right) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ * \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ * \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ * \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ * \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ * \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^*$
- ▶ $L_a(\varphi) = (L_1 \cup L_2) \cap L(\mathcal{A}_{2,1})$

Definition

homomorphism

$$\text{drop}_i: (\{0, 1\}^k)^* \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^{k-1})^*$$

is defined for $1 \leq i \leq k$ by dropping i -th component from vectors in $\{0, 1\}^k$

$$\text{drop}_i \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_i \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_k \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemmata

- ▶ $A \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^k)^*$ is regular $\implies \text{drop}_i(A) \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^{k-1})^*$ is regular
- ▶ $B \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^{k-1})^*$ is regular $\implies \text{drop}_i^{-1}(B) \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^k)^*$ is regular

Proof (cont'd)

- ▶ $\varphi = \exists x. \psi \implies L_a(\psi)$ is regular
 - $\implies \text{drop}_i(L_a(\psi))$ is regular where i is position of x in $FV(\psi)$
 - $\implies L_a(\varphi) = \text{stz}(\text{drop}_i(L_a(\psi)))$ is regular
- ▶ $\varphi = \exists X. \psi \implies L_a(\psi)$ is regular
 - $\implies \text{drop}_i(L_a(\psi))$ is regular where i is position of X in $FV(\psi)$
 - $\implies L_a(\varphi) = \text{stz}(\text{drop}_i(L_a(\psi)))$ is regular

Example

$\varphi = \exists X. \psi$ with $\psi = X(x) \wedge \exists y. x < y \wedge X(y)$

- ▶ $L_a(\psi) = \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]^*$
- ▶ $\text{drop}_2(L_a(\psi)) = (0 + 0)^* 1 (0 + 0)^* 0 (0 + 0)^* = 0^* 1 0^* \neq 0^* 1 0^* = L_a(\varphi)$

Definition

$\text{stz}(A) = \{x \mid x \mathbf{0} \cdots \mathbf{0} \in A\}$ for $A \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^{m+n})^*$

"shorten trailing zeros"

Lemma

$A \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^k)^*$ is regular $\implies \text{stz}(A)$ is regular

Proof

- ▶ DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ with $L(M) = A$
- ▶ construct DFA $M' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F')$ with $F' = \{q \in Q \mid \widehat{\delta}(q, x) \in F \text{ for some } x \in \mathbf{0}^*\}$
- ▶ $L(M') = \text{stz}(A)$

Final Task

transform $L_a(\varphi)$ into $L(\varphi)$ for WMSO formula φ with free variables in $\{P_a \mid a \in \Sigma\}$ using regularity preserving operations

Procedure

- ① eliminate assignments which do not correspond to string in Σ^*
- ② map strings in 0^*10^* to elements of Σ using homomorphism $h: \{0^k10^l \mid k+1+l = |\Sigma|\} \rightarrow \Sigma$ which maps 0^k10^l to $k+1$ -th element of Σ

Lemma

$L(\varphi) = h(L_a(\varphi) \cap \{0^k10^l \mid k+1+l = |\Sigma|\}^*)$ is regular

Corollary

WMSO definable sets are regular

MONA

- ▶ MONA is state-of-the-art tool that implements decision procedures for WS1S and WS2S
- ▶ WS1S is weak monadic second-order theory of 1 successor = WMSO
- ▶ MONA translates WS1S formulas into minimum-state DFAs
- ▶ MONA confirms validity or produces counterexample

Demo

<https://www.brics.dk/mona/>

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Ebbinghaus, Flum and Thomas

- ▶ Section 10.9 of [Einführung in die mathematische Logik](#) (Springer Spektrum 2018)

Klarlund and Møller

- ▶ Section 3 of [MONA Version 1.4 User Manual](#) (2001)

Important Concepts

- ▶ drop_i
- ▶ $L_a(\varphi)$
- ▶ m -admissible
- ▶ MONA
- ▶ stz
- ▶ WS1S

homework for November 15