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CSE 396

Week 2 Lecture 1 Spring 19

Def<sup>n</sup>: A deterministic finite automaton (DFA) is a 5-tuple

$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$ , where

$Q$  is a finite set of states.

$\Sigma$  is an alphabet - that is, a finite set of chars.

$s$  is a member of  $Q$ , the start state ( $q_0$  in text)

$F$  is a subset of  $Q$ , the set of final states (accepting).

$\delta$  is the transition function:  $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$   
 $(q, c) \rightarrow q'$

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class DFA {  
    set <state> Q;  
    set <char> Σ;  
    state s;  
    set <state> F;  
    state delta (state p, char c); }.
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KWR prefers: ~~delta~~ delta

set <Triple <state, char, state>> delta;

Visual Visualization:  $\delta \subseteq (Q \times \Sigma) \times Q$   $p, q \in Q, c \in \Sigma$

$Q$  is a set of nodes

$\delta$  is a set of edges,  
with labels from  $\Sigma$ .

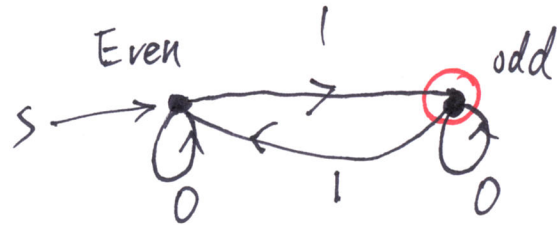


Example: Tell whether a given string  $x$  over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  has an odd number of 1s. ( $\#1(x)$  = number of 1's.)  
if  $\#1(x)$  is odd or not??

$Q = \{\text{even}, \text{odd}\}$ .

$s = \text{even}$ , since we have seen zero of 1's.

$\delta = \{(s, 0, s), (s, 1, \text{odd}), (\text{odd}, 0, \text{odd}), (\text{odd}, 1, \text{even})\}$ .



$x = 1011$   
 ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
 (Red arrows point to the 1s in the string)

$s \xrightarrow{1} \text{odd} \xrightarrow{0} \text{odd} \xrightarrow{1} \text{even} \xrightarrow{1} \text{odd}$

$M$  accepts  $x$ .

The language  $L(M)$  of this DFA  $M$  equals  $\{x \in \{0, 1\}^* : \#1(x) \text{ is odd}\}$   
 zero or more

Def<sup>n</sup>: A computation by a DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$  is a sequence

$\vec{c} = (q_0, x_1, q_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, q_{n-1}, x_n, q_n)$  where:

$n = |x|$  (the length of  $x$ )

$x = x_1 \dots x_n$  where  $x_i$  is  $i$ -th bit.

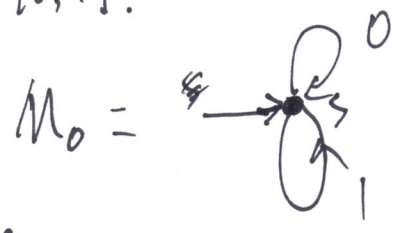
$q_0 = s$ , each  $q_i \in Q$  and

$\vec{c}$  is accepting if also  $q_n \in F$ .

For all  $j, 1 \leq j \leq n,$   
 $(q_{j-1}, x_j, q_j) \in \delta$

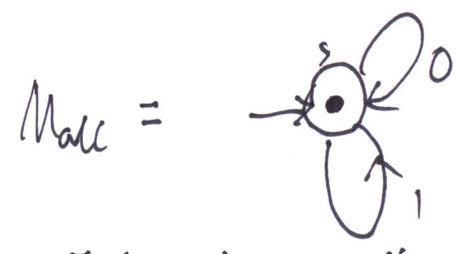
Def<sup>n</sup>:  $L(M) = \{x \in \Sigma^* : M \text{ has an } \underline{\text{accepting}} \text{ computation on input } x\}$ .

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



$Q = \{s\}, F = \emptyset$   
 $L(M_0) = \emptyset$

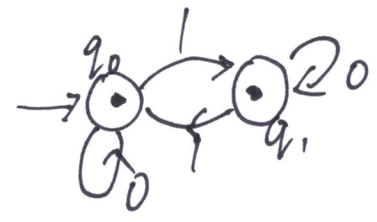
$\epsilon$  empty string  
 $\emptyset$  empty set.



$M_{alt} =$   $Q = \{s\}, \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$   
 $F = \{s\}$

$L(M_{alt}) = \Sigma^* = \{0, 1\}^*$

other DFA's  $M$  s.t.  $L(M) = \Sigma^*$ :



$Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$   
 $F = \{q_0, q_1\}$

Hence a DFA need not be "in lowest terms".

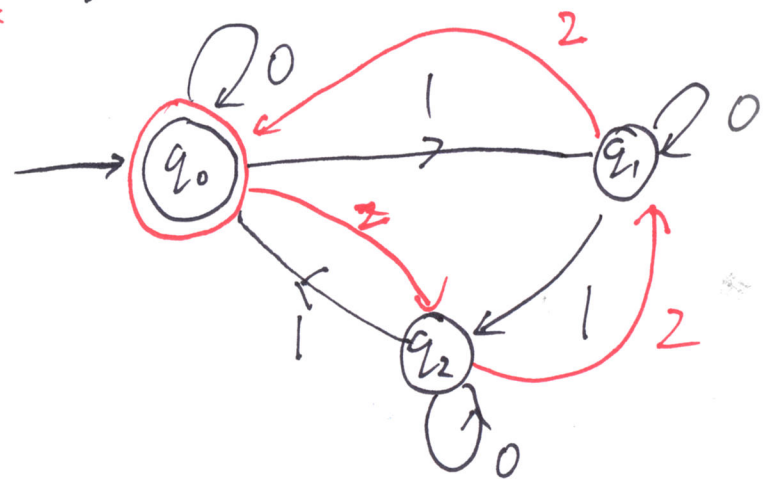
One More Example:

Tell whether a given string  $x$  has the property that

$\#1(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ?

$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$   
 $\uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\equiv 0 \quad \equiv 1 \quad \equiv 2$

$s = q_0$   
 $F = \{q_0\}$   
 $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$



change  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  if the sum of digits in  $x$  is a multiple of:  
 $\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$   
 $\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

set operation:

union  $A \cup B = \{x: x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

intersection  $A \cap B = \{x: x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$ .

Difference of sets:  $A \setminus B = \{x: x \in A \text{ but } x \notin B\}$

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symmetric difference:  $A \Delta B = \{x: x \in A \text{ XOR } x \in B\}$

$$\parallel \\ (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A).$$