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Automata & Formal Languages

RECAP (Chapter 4)

Register Machine

$$M = (Q, P)$$

Q set of states with
 $q_s \neq q_H$ START & HALT STATE

P is the PROGRAM assigning
 Q -instructions

Program has finitely many registers
mentioned: UPPER REGISTER
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CONFIGURATION: $(q, w_0, \dots, w_n)$

A REGISTER MACHINE TRANSFORMS A CONFIGURATION

COMPUTATION SEQUENCE: $C(k, M, \vec{w})$

If the state of some $C(k, M, \vec{w})$ is q_H , we
say COMPUTATION HALTS and the register
content at the time is the OUTPUT.

CHAPTER 4

Alan Turing: The general model of computation
TURING MACHINES
(1936)



REGISTER MACHINES (via Neumann architecture)

Finitely many storage cells that can
be independently accessed and
modified.

Five types of operation

Instruction	Interpretation
$+_a(k, q)$	"Add the letter a to the content of register k and go to state q ."
$?_a(k, q, q')$	"Check whether the last letter in register k is a ; if so, go to state q' ; otherwise, go to state q ."
$\emptyset(k, q, q')$	"Check whether register k is empty; if so, go to state q' ; otherwise, go to state q ."
$-_a(k, q, q')$	"Check whether register k is empty; if so, go to state q' ; otherwise, remove the last letter of its content and go to state q ."

Table 1: Interpretation of register machine instructions

§ 4.2 Performing operations & answering questions

$f: X \dashrightarrow Y$ partial function from X to Y .

We say that M performs the operation $F: B^{u+1} \dashrightarrow B^{u+1}$

if

$$F(\vec{w}) \uparrow \iff M \text{ does not halt with input } \vec{w}$$

$$F(\vec{w}) \downarrow = \vec{v} \iff M \text{ halt with input } \vec{w} \text{ and has reg. content } \vec{v} \text{ at time of halting.}$$

Examples

NEVER HALT

Operation: $F: B^{u+1} \dashrightarrow B^{u+1}$
with $\text{dom}(F) = \emptyset$

RM: $q_s \mapsto +_0(0, q_s)$

Or any RM that never reaches the state q_H .

**HALT W/O
CHANGING
ANYTHING**

Operation $F: B^{u+1} \rightarrow B^{u+1}$
 $F(\vec{w}) = \vec{w}$

RM: $q_s \mapsto ?_E(0, q_H, q_H)$

Or any RM that immediately halts without change. OR OTHERS!

**DELETE THE
FINAL LETTER OF
REGISTER i , IF
IT EXISTS**

$q_s \mapsto -(i, q_H, q_H)$

**DELETE THE CONTENT
OF REGISTER i**

$q_s \mapsto -(i, q_H, q_s)$

ADD 1 TO REGISTER i

$q_s \mapsto +_0(i, q_H)$
 $+_1$

LEMMA 4.6 (Subroutine Lemma)

If M performs F ,
If M' performs F' , then there is $\hat{M}$ that performs $F' \circ F$

Proof w.l.o.g., assume that $Q \cap Q' = \{q_{\#}\}$ and $q_{\#} = q'_s$

Let $\hat{Q} := Q \cup Q'$

Let $\hat{P} := P^* \cup P'$ where P^* is P with $(q_{\#}, P(q_{\#}))$ removed.

Then $\hat{M} = (\hat{Q}, \hat{P})$ performs $F' \circ F$.

q.e.d.

Example

ADD w TO REGISTER?

By "add 0/1", we have machines adding single letters; let $|w| = n$; apply the Subroutine Lemma n times with appropriate machines.

Answering Questions

A question with $k+1$ answers about $n+1$ -tuples is a partition $W = \{A_0, \dots, A_k\}$ of $\mathcal{B}^{n+1}$.

$$[\cup_{i \neq j} A_i = \mathcal{B}^{n+1} ; A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset]$$

A RM M answers a question W

if it has $k+1$ answer states

$\hat{q}_0, \dots, \hat{q}_k$

and for every $\vec{w} \in \mathcal{B}^{n+1}$

M reaches upon input $\vec{w}$ in a finite amount of steps, say k receiving one of the answer states $\hat{q}_i$ and

$$C(k, M, \vec{w}) = (\hat{q}_i, \vec{w})$$

and $\vec{w} \in A_i \iff$ that state is $\hat{q}_i$.

Answering Questions

EXAMPLES

IS REGISTER i EMPTY?

$$A_0 := \{\vec{w}; w_i = \varepsilon\}$$

$$A_1 := \{\vec{w}; w_i \neq \varepsilon\}$$

$$q_s \mapsto ?_{\varepsilon}(i, \hat{q}_0, \hat{q}_1)$$

DOES REGISTER i END WITH 0?

$$A_0 := \{\vec{w}; w_i = v0\}$$

$$q_s \mapsto ?_0(i, \hat{q}_0, \hat{q}_1)$$

$$A_1 := B^{n+1} \setminus A_0$$

WHAT IS THE FINAL LETTER OF REGISTER i ?

$$A_0 := \{\vec{w}; w_i = v0\}$$

$$A_1 := \{\vec{w}; w_i = v1\}$$

$$A_2 := \{\vec{w}; w_i = \varepsilon\}$$

Take machines M_0 checking 0
 M_1 checking 1

$$\begin{array}{cccc} q_s^0 & q_H^0 & \hat{q}_0^0 & \hat{q}_1^0 \\ q_s^1 & q_H^1 & \hat{q}_0^1 & \hat{q}_1^1 \end{array}$$

As before, assume $Q_0 \cap Q_1 = \{q_s^1\}$
 with $\hat{q}_1^0 = q_s^1$.

Combine $Q := Q_0 \cup Q_1$

and P by combining P_0, P_1 removing superfluous structures.

$$q_s := q_s^0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \hat{q}_0 := q_0^0 \\ \hat{q}_1 := q_0^1 \end{array}$$

$$\hat{q}_2 := q_1^1$$

Lemma 4.7 (Case Distinction Lemma). Let $W = \{A_i; i \leq k\}$ be a question with $k + 1$ answers and $f_i: \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$ be operations for $i \leq k$. If W is answered by a register machine $M = (Q, P)$ and f_i is performed by $M_i := (Q_i, P_i)$ (for $i \leq k$), then we can construct a register machine that performs the operation defined by $g(\vec{w}) := f_i(\vec{w})$ if and only of $\vec{w} \in A_i$.

Let $W = \{A_0, A_1\}$ be a question about n -tuples with two answers and $F: \mathbb{B}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{B}^n$ an operation. Define by recursion $F^0(\vec{w}) := \vec{w}$ and $F^{m+1}(\vec{w}) := F(F^m(\vec{w}))$ and

$$R_{F,W}(\vec{w}) := \begin{cases} F^m(\vec{w}) & \text{if } m \text{ is the least number such that } F^m(\vec{w}) \in A_1 \text{ and} \\ \uparrow & \text{if there is no such number.} \end{cases}$$

The operation $R_{F,W}$ can be described as “repeat F until the answer to W is A_1 ”.

Lemma 4.8 (Repeat Lemma). If $W = \{A_0, A_1\}$ be a question about n -tuples with two answers that can be answered by a register machine and $F: \mathbb{B}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{B}^n$ an operation performed by a register machine. Then $R_{F,W}$ is performed by a register machine.

LEMMA 4.7 Case Distinction Lemma

Question W with $k+1$ answers

$$f_i: \mathbb{B}^{n+1} \dashrightarrow \mathbb{B}^{n+1}$$

$$g(\vec{w}) := f_i(\vec{w}) \text{ where } \vec{w} \in A_i.$$

Claim. If W answered by RM then g performed by RM

Proof

M answers W $Q \ P \ q_s \ \hat{q}_i$
 M_i performs f_i $Q_i \ P_i \ q_s \ \hat{q}_i$

W.l.o.g., assume that $Q \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^k Q_i = \{q_s^i, i \leq k\}$

with $\hat{q}_i = q_s^i$

As before, combine the machines, removing unnecessary instructions for $\hat{q}_i$.
 q.e.d.

LEMMA 4.8 REPEAT LEMMA

If F is performed by a machine,
 W is answered by a machine
 then $R_{F,W}$ is performed by
 machine.

Proof M performs F $Q \mapsto P$ $q_s \rightarrow q_H$
 M' answers W $Q' \mapsto P'$ $q'_s \rightarrow q'_H$
 Construct $\hat{M}$ by letting q'_s be the start
 state, identifying q_1 and q_s and
 q_H and q'_s
 and letting q_0 be the halt state. $q.e.d.$

If $F: B^{n+1} \rightarrow B^{n+1}$,
 iter $F^0(\vec{w}) := \vec{w}$

$$F^{n+1}(\vec{w}) := F(F^n(\vec{w}))$$

If W is question with two answers A_0, A_1

$$R_{F,W}(\vec{w}) := \begin{cases} F^n(\vec{w}) & \text{if } n \text{ is least s.t.} \\ & F^n(\vec{w}) \in A_0 \end{cases}$$

o/w

Repeat of F, W

MORE EXAMPLES

(Example 4.9)

REPLACE CONTENT OF REG i
WITH w .

Empty register i .
Add w to register i .

COPY FINAL LETTER OF REG i
TO REG j , IF IT EXISTS

Determine final letter.
If $\emptyset$, write $\emptyset$ in j .
If 1 , write 1 in j .
If ε , do nothing.

MOVE FINAL LETTER OF REG i
TO REG j , IF IT EXISTS

Copy final letter from i to j .
Remove final letter from i .

MOVE CONTENT OF REG i TO
REG j IN REVERSE ORDER

Repeat:
move final letter
until empty.

MOVE CONTENT OF REG i TO
REG j .

Take unused reg. k .
Empty it.

Move i to k in reverse
order.

Move k to j in reverse
order.

COPY CONTENT OF REG i TO
REG j IN REVERSE ORDER

COPY CONTENT OF REG i
TO REG j .

WILL BE DONE
IN LECTURE
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