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Today’s Topics

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

Finite-State Automata

Languages and Grammars

Nondeterministic Finite-State Automata

Relationships Between Languages and Automata

AUTOMATA, GRAMMARS, AND LANGUAGES

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

- Note
  - We assume that the state changes only at time t = 0, 1, …
- Definitions
  - A unit time delay accepts as input a bit x_t at time t and outputs x_{t-1}, the bit received as input at time t – 1.
  - The unit time delay is drawn as in Figure 12.1.1.
  - A serial adder accepts as input two binary numbers.
- Example
  - Serial-Adder Circuit

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

- Definition
  - A finite-state machine M consists of
    - (a) A finite set I of input symbols.
    - (b) A finite set O of output symbols.
    - (c) A finite set S of states.
    - (d) A next-state function f from $S \times I$ into S.
    - (e) An output function g from $S \times I$ into O.
    - (f) An initial state $\sigma \in S$.
  - We write $M = (I, O, S, f, g, \sigma)$.

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

- Definition
  - Let $M = (I, O, S, f, g, \sigma)$ be a finite-state machine.
  - The transition diagram of M is a digraph G whose vertices are the members of S.
    - An arrow designates the initial state σ.
    - A directed edge (σ_1, σ_2) exists in G if there exists an input i with $f(\sigma_1, i) = \sigma_2$. In this case, if $g(\sigma_1, i) = o$, the edge (σ_1, σ_2) is labeled $i\,/\,o$.

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

- Definition
  - Let $M = (I, O, S, f, g, \sigma)$ be a finite-state machine. An input string for M is a string over I. The string $y_1 \cdots y_n$ is the output string for M corresponding to the input string $\alpha = x_1 \cdots x_n$ if there exist states $\sigma_0, \ldots, \sigma_n \in S$ with

$$\sigma_0 = \sigma$$

$$\sigma_i = f(\sigma_{i-1}, x_i) \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots, n;$$

$$y_i = g(\sigma_{i-1}, x_i) \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots, n.$$

Sequential Circuits and Finite-State Machines

- Examples
  - A Serial-Adder Finite-State Machine
  - The SR Flip-Flop

Finite-State Automata

- Definition
  - A finite-state automaton

    $$A = (I, O, S, f, g, \sigma)$$

    is a finite-state machine in which the set of output symbols is {0, 1} and where the current state determines the last output.
  - Those states for which the last output was 1 are called accepting states.
- Note
  - The transition diagram of a finite-state automaton is usually drawn with the accepting states in double circles and the output symbols omitted.

Finite-State Automata

- Examples
  - Draw the transition diagram of the finite-state machine *A* defined by the table.
  - Draw the transition diagram of the finite-state automaton of Figure 12.2.3 as a transition diagram of a finite-state machine.

Finite-State Automata

- Note
  - As an alternative to the earlier definition, we can regard a finite-state automaton A as consisting of
    - (1) A finite set I of input symbols
    - (2) A finite set S of states
    - (3) A next-state function f from $S \times I$ into S
    - (4) A subset A of S of accepting states
    - (5) An initial state $\sigma \in S$.
  - If we use this characterization, we write

$$A = (I, S, f, A, \sigma).$$

Finite-State Automata

- Example
  - Draw the transition diagram of the finite-state automaton

    $$A = (I, S, f, A, \sigma),$$

    where

    $$I = \{a, b\},$$

    $$S = \{\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2\},$$

    $$A = \{\sigma_2\},$$

    $$\sigma = \sigma_0,$$

    with f given by the table.

Finite-State Automata

- Definition
  - Let $A = (I, S, f, A, \sigma)$ be a finite-state automaton.
  - Let $\alpha = x_1 \cdots x_n$ be a string over I.
  - If there exist states $\sigma_0, \cdots, \sigma_n$ satisfying

    (a) $\sigma_0 = \sigma$

    (b) $f(\sigma_{i-1}, x_i) = \sigma_i$ for $i = 1, \cdots, n$

    (c) $\sigma_n \in A$,

    we say that α is accepted by A. The null string is accepted if and only if $\sigma \in A$. We let $Ac(A)$ denote the set of strings accepted by A and we say that A accepts $Ac(A)$.
  - Let $\alpha = x_1 \cdots x_n$ be a string over I. Define states $\sigma_0, \cdots, \sigma_n$ by conditions (a) and (b) above. We call the (directed) path $(\sigma_0, \cdots, \sigma_n)$ the path representing α in A.

Finite-State Automata

- Examples
  - string acceptance
  - Design a finite-state automaton that accepts precisely those strings over $\{a, b\}$ that contain no a's.
  - Design a finite-state automaton that accepts precisely those strings over $\{a, b\}$ that contain an odd number of a's.

Finite-State Automata

Algorithm 12.2.10: Determining whether a string over $\{a, b\}$ is accepted by the finite-state automaton whose transition diagram is given in Figure 12.2.7.

Input: n, the length of the string ($n = 0$ designates the null string); $s_1 s_2 \cdots s_n$, the string

Output: "Accept" if the string is accpted
"Reject" if the string is not accepted

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fsa(s, n) {
  state = 'E'
  for i = 1 to n {
    if (state == 'E' ∧ s_i == 'a')
      state = 'O'
    if (state == 'O' ∧ s_i == 'a')
      state = 'E'
  }
  if (state == 'O')
    return "Accept"
  else
    return "Reject"
}
```

Finite-State Automata

- Definition
  - The finite-state automata A and A' are equivalent if $Ac(A) = Ac(A')$.
- Example
  - Verify that the two finite-state automata of Figures 12.2.6 and 12.2.8 are equivalent.

Languages and Grammars

- Definition
  - Let A be a finite set. A (formal) language L over A is a subset of A^*, the set of all strings over A.
- Example
  - Let $A = \{a, b\}$. The set L of all strings over A containing an odd number of a's is a language over A. L is precisely the set of strings over A accepted by the finite-state automaton of Figure 12.2.7.

Languages and Grammars

- Definition
  - A phrase-structure grammar (or, simply, grammar) G consists of
    - (a) A finite set N of nonterminal symbols
    - (b) A finite set T of terminal symbols where $N \cap T = \varnothing$
    - (c) A finite subset P of $[(N \cup T)^* - T^*] \times (N \cup T)^*$, called the set of productions
    - (d) A starting symbol $\sigma \in N$.
  - We write $G = (N, T, P, \sigma)$.
- Note
  - A production is usually written $A \to B$.

Languages and Grammars

- Example
  - Let

$$N = \{\sigma, S\},$$
$$T = \{a, b\},$$
$$P = \{\sigma \to b\sigma, \sigma \to aS, S \to bS, S \to b\}.$$

  - Then $G = (N, T, P, \sigma)$ is a grammar.

Summary

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