

## Warshall's algorithm

See *Floyd-Warshall* algorithm on Wikipedia

The Floyd-Warshall algorithm is a graph analysis algorithm for finding shortest paths in a weighted, directed graph

Warshall algorithm finds the transitive closure of a directed graph

## Warshall's algorithm

We have a graph with  $n$  nodes  $1, 2, \dots, n$

We define  $E_{ij} = 1$  iff there is an edge  $i \rightarrow j$

$E_{ij} = 0$  if there is no edge from  $i$  to  $j$

We define  $E_{ij}^1 = E_{ij}$  and

$$E_{ij}^{k+1} = E_{ij}^k \vee E_{ik}^k E_{kj}^k$$

Then  $E_{ij}^k = 1$  iff there exists a path  $i \rightarrow i_1 \cdots \rightarrow i_l \rightarrow j$  with  $i_1, \dots, i_l$  all  $< k$

## Warshall's algorithm

This is best implemented with a fixed array of  $n \times n$  booleans

For  $k = 1$  to  $n$

$$E_{ij} := E_{ij} \vee E_{ik}E_{kj}$$

## Floyd's algorithm

Now  $E_{ij}$  is a positive number (the *cost* or the *distance* of going from  $i$  to  $j$ ; it is  $\infty$  if there is no edge from  $i$  to  $j$ ).

For  $k = 1$  to  $n$

$$E_{ij} := \min(E_{ij}, E_{ik} + E_{kj})$$

## Regular expression

Now  $E_{ij}$  is a regular expression, and we compute *all* possible paths from  $i$  to  $j$ . We initialize by  $E_{ij} := E_{ij}$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $E_{ii} := \epsilon + E_{ii}$ .

For  $k = 1$  to  $n$

$$E_{ij} := E_{ij} + E_{ik}E_{kk}^*E_{kj}$$

## Regular expression

For the automata with accepting state **2** and defined by

$$1.0 = 2, 1.1 = 1, 2.0 = 2.1 = 2$$

We have  $E_{11} = \epsilon + 1$ ,  $E_{12} = 0$ ,  $E_{21} = \emptyset$ ,  $E_{22} = \epsilon + 0 + 1$

## Regular expression

Then the first step is

$$E_{11} = \epsilon + 1 + (\epsilon + 1)(\epsilon + 1)^*(\epsilon + 1) = 1^*$$

$$E_{12} = 0 + (\epsilon + 1)(\epsilon + 1)^*0 = 1^*0$$

$$E_{21} = \emptyset + \emptyset(\epsilon + 1)^*(\epsilon + 1) = \emptyset$$

$$E_{22} = \epsilon + 0 + 1 + \emptyset(\epsilon + 1)^*0 = \epsilon + 0 + 1$$

## Regular expression

The second step is

$$E_{11} = 1^* + 1^*0(\epsilon + 0 + 1)^*\emptyset = 1^*$$

$$E_{12} = 1^*0 + 1^*0(\epsilon + 0 + 1)^*(\epsilon + 0 + 1) = 1^*0(0 + 1)^*$$

$$E_{21} = \emptyset + (\epsilon + 0 + 1)(\epsilon + 0 + 1)^*\emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$E_{22} = \epsilon + 0 + 1 + (\epsilon + 0 + 1)(\epsilon + 0 + 1)^*(\epsilon + 0 + 1) = (0 + 1)^*$$



## Regular expression

In this way, we have seen *two* proofs of one direction of *Kleene's Theorem*: any regular language is recognized by a regular expression

The two proofs are

by solving an equation system and using Arden's Lemma

by using Warshall's algorithm

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

$$E + (F + G) = (E + F) + G, \quad E + F = F + E, \quad E + E = E, \quad E + 0 = E$$

$$E(FG) = (EF)G, \quad E0 = 0E = 0, \quad E\epsilon = \epsilon E = E$$

$$E(F + G) = EF + EG, \quad (F + G)E = FE + GE$$

$$\epsilon + EE^* = E^* = \epsilon + E^*E$$

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

We have also

$$E^* = E^* E^* = (E^*)^*$$

$$E^* = (EE)^* + E(EE)^*$$

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

How can one prove equalities between regular expressions?

In usual algebra, we can “simplify” an algebraic expression by rewriting

$$(x + y)(x + z) \rightarrow xx + yx + xz + yz$$

For regular expressions, there is no such way to prove equalities. There is not even a complete finite set of equations.

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

**Example:**  $L^* \subseteq L^*L^*$  since  $\epsilon \in L^*$

Conversely if  $x \in L^*L^*$  then  $x = x_1x_2$  with  $x_1 \in L^*$  and  $x_2 \in L^*$

$x \in L^*$  is clear if  $x_1 = \epsilon$  or  $x_2 = \epsilon$ . Otherwise

So  $x_1 = u_1 \dots u_n$  with  $u_i \in L$

and  $x_2 = v_1 \dots v_m$  with  $v_j \in L$

Then  $x = x_1x_2 = u_1 \dots u_nv_1 \dots v_m$  is in  $L^*$

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

Two laws that are useful to simplify regular expressions

*Shifting rule*

$$E(FE)^* = (EF)^*E$$

*Denesting rule*

$$(E^*F)^*E^* = (E + F)^*$$

## Variation of the denesting rule

One has also

$$(E^*F)^* = \epsilon + (E + F)^*F$$

and this represents the words empty or finishing with  $F$

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

**Example:**

$$a^*b(c + da^*b)^* = a^*b(c^*da^*b)^*c^*$$

by denesting

$$a^*b(c^*da^*b)^*c^* = (a^*bc^*d)^*a^*bc^*$$

by shifting

$$(a^*bc^*d)^*a^*bc^* = (a + bc^*d)^*bc^*$$

by denesting. Hence

$$a^*b(c + da^*b)^* = (a + bc^*d)^*bc^*$$



## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

**Examples:**  $10^*0^* = 1 + 10 + 100$

$$(1 + 01 + 001)^*(\epsilon + 0 + 00) = ((\epsilon + 0)(\epsilon + 0)1)^*(\epsilon + 0)(\epsilon + 0)$$

is the same as

$$(\epsilon + 0)(\epsilon + 0)(1(\epsilon + 0)(\epsilon + 0))^* = (\epsilon + 0 + 00)(1 + 10 + 100)^*$$

Set of all words with no substring of more than two adjacent 0's

## Proving by induction

Let  $\Sigma$  be  $\{a, b\}$

**Lemma:** For all  $n$  we have  $a(ba)^n = (ab)^n a$

**Proof:** by induction on  $n$

**Theorem:**  $a(ba)^* = (ab)^* a$

Similarly we can prove  $(a + b)^* = (a^* b)^* a^*$

## Complement of a(n ordinary) regular expression

For building the “complement” of a regular expression, or the “intersection” of two regular expressions, we can use NFA/DFA

For instance to build  $E$  such that  $L(E) = \{0, 1\}^* - \{0\}$  we first build a DFA for the expression  $0$ , then the complement DFA. We can compute  $E$  from this complement DFA. We get for instance

$$\epsilon + 1(0 + 1)^* + 0(0 + 1)^+$$

## Abstract States

Two notations for the derivative  $L/a$  or  $a \setminus L$

Last time I have used

$$L/a = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid ax \in L\}$$

I shall use now the following notation (cf. exercise 4.2.3)

$$a \setminus L = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid ax \in L\}$$

and more generally if  $z$  in  $\Sigma^*$

$$z \setminus L = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid zx \in L\}$$

## Abstract States

**Example:**  $L = \{a^n \mid 3 \text{ divides } n\}$  we have

$$\epsilon \setminus L = L, \quad a \setminus L = \{a^{3n+2} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$aa \setminus L = \{a^{3n+1} \mid n \geq 0\}, \quad aaa \setminus L = L$$

Although  $\Sigma^*$  is infinite, the number of *distinct* sets of the form  $u \setminus L$  is *finite*

## Another example

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

$$L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$\epsilon \setminus L = L, \quad 0 \setminus L = \{0^n 1^{n+1} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$00 \setminus L = \{0^n 1^{n+2} \mid n \geq 0\}, \quad 000 \setminus L = \{0^n 1^{n+3} \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$1 \setminus L = \emptyset, \quad 11 \setminus L = \emptyset$$

In this case there are *infinitely* many *distinct* sets of the form  $u \setminus L$

## Abstract States

The sets  $u \setminus L$  are called the *abstract states* of the language  $L$

**Myhill-Nerode theorem:** *A language is regular iff its set of abstract states is finite*

This is a *characterisation* of regular sets, and a powerful way to show that a language is *not* regular

## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

Assume  $L$  is such that its set of abstract states  $u \setminus L$  is finite.

We define  $Q$  to be the set of all  $u \setminus L$ . By hypothesis  $Q$  is a finite set

We define  $q_0$  to be  $L = \epsilon \setminus L$

We define  $\delta(M, a) = a \setminus M$  for  $a \in \Sigma$  and  $M \subseteq \Sigma^*$  an arbitrary language

In particular  $\delta(u \setminus L, a) = ua \setminus L$

**Remark:** We have  $a \setminus (u \setminus L) = ua \setminus L$  and more generally  $v \setminus (u \setminus L) = uv \setminus L$



## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

Define  $F \subseteq Q$  to be the set of abstract states  $u \setminus L$  such that  $\epsilon$  is in the set  $u \setminus L$ . Thus  $u \setminus L \in F$  iff  $u \in L$

**Lemma:** We have  $L.u = u \setminus L$

**Proof:** By induction on  $u$ . This holds for  $u = \epsilon$  and if it holds for  $v$  and  $u = av$  then

$$L.(av) = (a \setminus L).v = v \setminus (a \setminus L) = av \setminus L$$

If  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  we have  $u \in L(A)$  iff  $u \setminus L \in F$  iff  $u \in L$ . Thus  $L = L(A)$  and  $L$  is regular

## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

This proves one direction: if the set of abstract sets is finite then  $L$  is regular

Conversely assume that  $L$  is regular then  $L = L(A)$  for some DFA  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

We have

$$u \setminus L(A) = L(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0.u, F)$$

Indeed  $v$  is in  $u \setminus L(A)$  iff  $uv$  is in  $L(A)$  iff  $q_0.(uv) = (q_0.u).v$  is in  $F$

Since  $Q$  is *finite* since there are only finitely many possibilities for  $u \setminus L$

## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

Hence we have shown that  $L$  is *regular* iff there are only finitely many abstract states  $u \setminus L$

This is a powerful way to prove that a language is *not* regular

For instance  $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular since there are infinitely many abstract states  $0^k \setminus L$

## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

You should compare this with the use of the “pumping Lemma” (section 4.1) that I will present next time

## Proof of the Myhill-Nerode theorem

This can be used also to show that a language is regular and indicate how to build a DFA for this language

$$L = \{a^n \mid 3 \text{ divides } n\}$$

We have three abstract states  $q_0 = L$ ,  $q_1 = a \setminus L$ ,  $q_2 = aa \setminus L$  hence a DFA with 3 states

## A corollary of Myhill-Nerode's Theorem

**Corollary:** *If  $L$  is regular then each  $u \setminus L$  is regular*

**Proof:** Since we have

$$v \setminus (u \setminus L) = uv \setminus L$$

each abstract state of  $u \setminus L$  is an abstract state of  $L$ . If  $L$  is regular it has finitely many abstract states by Myhill-Nerode's Theorem. So  $u \setminus L$  has finitely many abstract states and is regular by Myhill-Nerode's Theorem.

## A corollary of Myhill-Nerode's Theorem

Another direct proof of

**Corollary:** *If  $L$  is regular then each  $u \setminus L$  is regular*

**Proof:**  $L$  is regular so we have some DFA  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  such that  $L = L(A)$ . Define

$$u \setminus A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0.u, F)$$

We have seen that  $L(u \setminus A) = u \setminus L(A)$ .

Symbolic Computation of  $u \setminus L$ 

$$a \setminus \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$a \setminus \epsilon = \emptyset$$

$$a \setminus a = \epsilon$$

$$a \setminus b = \emptyset \text{ if } b \neq a$$

$$a \setminus (E_1 + E_2) = a \setminus E_1 + a \setminus E_2$$

$$a \setminus (E_1 E_2) = (a \setminus E_1) E_2 \text{ if } \epsilon \notin L(E_1)$$

$$a \setminus (E_1 E_2) = (a \setminus E_1) E_2 + a \setminus E_2 \text{ if } \epsilon \in L(E_1)$$

$$a \setminus E^* = (a \setminus E) E^*$$



## Symbolic Computation of $u \setminus L$

If we introduce the notation  $\delta(E) = \epsilon$  if  $\epsilon$  in  $L(E)$  and  $\delta(E) = \emptyset$  if  $\epsilon$  is not in  $L(E)$

$$a \setminus \emptyset = \emptyset \quad a \setminus \epsilon = \emptyset \quad a \setminus a = \epsilon$$

$$a \setminus b = \emptyset \text{ if } b \neq a$$

$$a \setminus (E_1 + E_2) = a \setminus E_1 + a \setminus E_2$$

$$a \setminus (E_1 E_2) = (a \setminus E_1) E_2 + \delta(E_1)(a \setminus E_2)$$

$$a \setminus E^* = (a \setminus E) E^*$$

## The Derivatives

Let  $E$  be  $(0 + 1)^*01(0 + 1)^*$

$$0 \setminus E = E + 1(0 + 1)^*$$

$$1 \setminus E = E$$

$$01 \setminus E = (0 + 1)^*$$

$$00 \setminus E = 0 \setminus E$$

We have three languages  $E, E + 1(0 + 1)^*, (0 + 1)^*$

We can build then a DFA for  $E$

## The Derivatives

Other example: let  $E$  be  $(01)^*0$

$$0 \setminus E = (0 \setminus (01)^*)0 + 0 \setminus 0 = 1(01)^*0 + \epsilon = (10)^*$$

$$1 \setminus E = (1 \setminus (01)^*)0 + 1 \setminus 0 = \emptyset$$

$$00 \setminus E = 0 \setminus 1(01)^*0 + 0 \setminus \epsilon = \emptyset$$

$$01 \setminus E = 1 \setminus 1(01)^*0 + 1 \setminus \epsilon = E$$

We have three languages  $E, (10)^*, \emptyset$

We can build then a DFA for  $E$

## Closure properties

Regular languages have remarkable *closure properties*

closure by union

closure by intersection

closure by complement

closure by difference

closure by reversal

closure by morphism and inverse morphism

## Reversal

The *reversal* of a string  $a_1 \dots a_n$  is the string  $a_n \dots a_1$ .

We write  $x^R$  the reversal of  $x$

Thus  $\epsilon^R = \epsilon$  and  $0010^R = 0100$

**Lemma:**  $(xy)^R = y^R x^R$

## Reversal

If  $L$  is a language let  $L^R$  be the set of all  $x^R$  for  $x \in L$

**Theorem:** *If  $L$  is regular then so is  $L^R$*

**Proof 1:** We have  $L = L(E)$  for a regular expression  $E$ . We define  $E^R$  by induction

$$(E_1 E_2)^R = E_2^R E_1^R \quad (E_1 + E_2)^R = E_1^R + E_2^R \quad (E^*)^R = (E^R)^*$$

$$a^R = a \quad \emptyset^R = \emptyset \quad \epsilon^R = \epsilon$$

We then prove  $L(E^R) = L(E)^R$  by *structural induction* on  $E$

## Reversal

**Proof 2:** We have  $L = L(A)$  for a NFA  $A$ , we define then a  $\epsilon$ -NFA  $A'$  such that  $L^R = L(A')$

We have  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

We take  $q_1 \notin Q$  and define  $A' = (Q \cup \{q_1\}, \Sigma, \delta', q_1, \{q_0\})$  which is an  $\epsilon$ -NFA with

$r \in \delta'(s, a)$  iff  $s \in \delta(r, a)$  for  $r, s \in Q$

$r \in \delta'(q_1, \epsilon)$  iff  $r \in F$

**Example:** The reverse of the language defined by  $(0 + 1)0^*$  can be defined by  $0^*(0 + 1)$

## Monoid

Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet

$\Sigma^*$  is a *monoid*

It has a binary operation  $(x, y) \mapsto xy$  which is associative  $x(yz) = (xy)z$

It has a neutral element  $\epsilon$ : we have  $x\epsilon = \epsilon x = x$

It is not commutative in general  $ab \neq ba$



## Definition of Homomorphisms

Let  $\Sigma$  and  $\Theta$  be two alphabets.

**Definition:** an *homomorphism*  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Theta^*$

is an application such that, for all  $x, y \in \Sigma^*$

$$h(xy) = h(x)h(y) \quad h(\epsilon) = \epsilon$$

It follows that if  $h(a_1 \dots a_n) = h(a_1) \dots h(a_n)$

Notice that  $h(a) \in \Theta^*$  if  $a \in \Sigma$

## Closure under Homomorphisms

Let  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Theta^*$  be an homomorphism

**Theorem:** *If  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is regular then  $h(L)$  is regular*

We define  $h(E)$  if  $E$  is a regular expression

$$h(\epsilon) = \epsilon, \quad h(\emptyset) = \emptyset, \quad h(a) = h(a)$$

$$h(E_1 + E_2) = h(E_1) + h(E_2)$$

$$h(E_1 E_2) = h(E_1) h(E_2)$$

$$h(E^*) = h(E)^*$$

## Closure under Homomorphisms

**Lemma:** *If  $E$  is a regular expression then  $L(h(E)) = h(L(E))$*

**Proof:** By structural induction on  $E$ . There are 6 cases.

This implies that given a DFA  $A$  such that  $L(A) = L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  one can build a DFA  $A'$  such that  $L(A') = h(L)$

This DFA exists because we have a regular expression (hence a  $\epsilon$ -NFA hence a DFA by the subset construction)

Not obvious how to build directly this DFA

## Closure under Homomorphisms

**Theorem:** *If  $L \subseteq \Theta^*$  is regular then  $h^{-1}(L)$  is regular*

**Proof:** Let  $A = (Q, \Theta, \delta, q_0, F)$  DFA for  $L$  we define  $A' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta', q_0, F)$  with

$$\delta'(q, a) = q.h(a)$$

$A'$  is a DFA of alphabet  $\Sigma$ , we prove then that  $L(A') = h^{-1}(L)$

**Lemma:** *We have for all  $x$   $\hat{\delta}'(q, x) = q.h(x)$*

The proof uses the fact that  $q.(uv) = (q.u).v$

## Closure under Homomorphisms

Notice that the proof would be difficult to do directly at the level of regular expressions. For instance if

If  $h(a) = \epsilon$ ,  $h(b) = b$ ,  $h(c) = \epsilon$  what is  $h^{-1}(\{\epsilon\})$ ?

If  $h(a) = abb$ ,  $h(b) = c$ ,  $h(c) = c$  we have  $h(ab) \in \{ab\}\{bc\}$  but we have  $h^{-1}(\{ab\}) = h^{-1}(\{bc\}) = \emptyset$

## Closure under Homomorphisms

Can we prove this using Myhill-Nerode's Theorem?

We have to compute  $u \setminus h^{-1}(L)$

$v$  is in this set iff  $h(uv) = h(u)h(v)$  is in  $L$

Hence  $u \setminus h^{-1}(L)$  is the same as  $h^{-1}(h(u) \setminus L)$

Hence if  $L$  is regular there are only a finite number of possible values for  $u \setminus h^{-1}(L)$  and hence  $h^{-1}(L)$  is *regular*

## Closure under Union

We have a direct construction via  $\epsilon$ -NFA or variation on the product of DFA

It is interesting to notice that we have also a proof via Myhill-Nerode's Theorem

$$u \setminus (L_1 \cup L_2) = (u \setminus L_1) \cup (u \setminus L_2)$$

If  $L_1, L_2$  are regular, we have only a finite number of possible values for  $u \setminus (L_1 \cup L_2)$ , hence  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is regular

## Closure under Intersection, Difference, Complement

The same argument works for showing that regular languages are closed under intersection, complement and differences

$$u \setminus (L_1 \cap L_2) = (u \setminus L_1) \cap (u \setminus L_2)$$

$$u \setminus L' = (u \setminus L)'$$

Application: we have another way to compute  $0'$  We have also direct constructions on DFAs



## Closure under Prefix

If  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is a language we write  $Pre(L)$  the set

$$\{u \in \Sigma^* \mid \exists v. uv \in L\}$$

This is the set of *prefixes* of words that are in  $L$

We present two proofs that  $Pre(L)$  is regular if  $L$  is regular

One proof using Myhill-Nerode's Theorem, and one proof using a DFA for  $L$

## Closure under Prefix

If  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  is a DFA for  $L$  we define a DFA for  $Pre(L)$  by taking

$$A' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F')$$

where  $F' = \{q \in Q \mid \exists z. \hat{\delta}(q, z) \in F\}$

We then show that  $x$  in  $L(A')$  iff  $\hat{\delta}(q_0, x) \in F'$  iff there exists  $z$  such that  $(q_0.x).z = q_0.(xz)$  in  $F$  iff  $xz$  in  $Pre(L(A)) = Pre(L)$

## Closure under Prefix

We have also a proof by using regular expression: given a regular expression  $E$  we define  $p(E)$  such that  $L(p(E)) = Pre(L(E))$

$$p(a) = \epsilon + a \quad p(\epsilon) = \epsilon \quad p(\emptyset) = \emptyset$$

$$p(E_1E_2) = p(E_1) + E_1p(E_2)$$

$$p(E_1 + E_2) = p(E_1) + p(E_2)$$

$$p(E^*) = E^*p(E) \text{ '}$$

## Minimal automaton

If  $L$  is regular, we have seen that there is a DFA which recognizes  $L$  which has for set of states the set  $S$  of *abstract states* of  $L$

$S$  is the set of all  $u \setminus L$

$u \setminus L$  goes to  $(ua) \setminus L$

This is *the minimal* automaton which recognizes  $L$

## Minimal automaton

Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be another DFA which recognizes  $L$

We show that  $Q$  has more elements than  $S$

Indeed we know that  $u \notin L$  is  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0.u, F)$

Thus  $S$  has less elements than there are accessible states in  $Q$

## Minimal automaton

For example, for  $L = L((0 + 1)^*01(0 + 1)^*)$  we have computed three abstract states

$$L, 0 \setminus L, 01 \setminus L = \Sigma^*$$

Hence *any* automaton which recognizes  $L$  has *at least* three states

## Minimal automaton

Let  $Q'$  be the set of states accessible from  $q_0$

If  $q_0.u = q_0.v$  I claim that we have  $u \setminus L = v \setminus L$

Indeed this is the set recognized by  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0.u, F) = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0.v, F)$

This means that we have a surjective map  $\psi : Q' \rightarrow S, q_0.u \mapsto u \setminus L$

Furthermore  $\psi(q.a) = a \setminus \psi(q)$

This shows that connection between *any* automaton recognizing  $L$  and the minimal automaton of abstract states

## Minimal automaton

Next time, I will present an algorithm for computing the minimal automaton for  $L$  given a DFA for  $L$



## Accessible states

$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  is a DFA

A state  $q \in Q$  is *accessible* iff there exists  $x \in \Sigma^*$  such that  $q = q_0.x$

Let  $Q_0$  be the set of accessible states,  $Q_0 = \{q_0.x \mid x \in \Sigma^*\}$

**Theorem:** We have  $q.a \in Q_0$  if  $q \in Q_0$  and  $q_0 \in Q_0$ . Hence we can consider the automaton  $A_0 = (Q_0, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \cap Q_0)$ . We have  $L(A) = L(A_0)$

In particular  $L(A) = \emptyset$  if  $F \cap Q_0 = \emptyset$ .

## Accessible states

Actually we have  $L(A) = \emptyset$  iff  $F \cap Q_0 = \emptyset$  since if  $q.x \in F$  then  $q.x \in F \cap Q_0$

Implementation in a functional language: we consider automata on a finite collection of characters given by a list `cs`

An automaton is given by a parameter type `a` with a transition function and an initial state

## Accessible states

```
import List(union)

isIn as a = or (map ((==) a) as)
isSup as bs = and (map (isIn as) bs)

closure :: Eq a => [Char] -> (a -> Char -> a) -> [a] -> [a]

closure cs delta qs =
  let qs' = qs >>= (\ q -> map (delta q) cs)
  in if isSup qs qs' then qs
     else closure cs delta (union qs qs')
```

## Accessible states

```
accessible :: Eq a => [Char] -> (a -> Char -> a) -> a -> [a]
```

```
accessible cs delta q = closure cs delta [q]
```

```
-- test emptyness on an automaton
```

```
notEmpty :: Eq a => ([Char], a -> Char -> a, a, a -> Bool) -> Bool
```

```
notEmpty (cs, delta, q0, final) = or (map final (accessible cs delta q0))
```

## Accessible states

```
data Q = A | B | C | D | E
  deriving (Eq,Show)
```

```
delta A '0' = A      delta A '1' = B
delta B '0' = A      delta B '1' = B
delta C _  = D
delta D '0' = E      delta D '1' = C
delta E '0' = D      delta E '1' = C
```

```
as = accessible "01" delta A
```

```
test = notEmpty ("01",delta,A,(==) C)
```

## Accessible states

### Optimisation

```
import List(union)
```

```
isIn as a = or (map ((==) a) as)
```

```
isSup as bs = and (map (isIn as) bs)
```

```
Closure :: Eq a => [Char] -> (a -> Char -> a) -> [a] -> [a]
```

## Accessible states

```
closure cs delta qs = clos ([] ,qs)
where
  clos (qs1,qs2) =
    if qs2 == [] then qs1
    else let qs = union qs1 qs2
          qs' = qs2 >>= (\ q -> map (delta q) cs)
          qs'' = filter (\ q -> not (isIn qs q)) qs'
    in clos (qs,qs'')
```