

A Formalisation of Finite Automata in Isabelle / HOL

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Computer Aided Verification of Automata (CAVA)

- CAVA is a DFG funded project
- goals:
 - formalise algorithmic parts of automata theory
 - formalise applications in model checking
 - high level of abstraction
 - generation of reference implementations
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Outline

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Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- **nondeterministic finite automata** (NFAs) are quintuples $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F})$, where
 - Q :: *state set* set of states
 - Σ :: *label set* set of labels
 - Δ :: *(state \times label \times state) set* transition relation
 - \mathcal{I} :: *state set* set of initial states
 - \mathcal{F} :: *state set* set of accepting states
- additionally **well-formedness** conditions
 - finite Q
 - finite Σ
 - $\Delta \subseteq Q \times \Sigma \times Q$
 - $\mathcal{I} \subseteq Q$
 - $\mathcal{F} \subseteq Q$

Deterministic Finite Automata

- **deterministic finite automata** (DFAs) are NFAs with
 - $|\mathcal{I}| = 1$
 - $\forall q \in \mathcal{Q}, a \in \Sigma. \exists! q' \in \mathcal{Q}. (q, a, q') \in \Delta$
- Notice: in this formalisation all DFAs are **complete**
- Δ can be represented as a function
 $\delta :: \text{states} \times \text{labels} \rightarrow \text{states}$

Isabelle/HOL Representation

- high-level datastructure for NFAs
 - sets and relations
 - record structure
 - well-formedness predicates
 - locales for NFAs and DFAs
- low-level, executable representation
 - *Isabelle Collection Framework* (ICF) by Peter Lammich
 - set and finite map implementations
 - e. g. red-black trees, arrays, lists

What is there?

- Operations
 - acceptance / language of automaton
 - Boolean operations
 - determinisation
 - minimisation
 - ...
- Concepts
 - isomorphy
 - initially connected automata
 - efficient constructions
 - reversal / left and right languages
 - ...
- Infrastructure
 - construction from lists / destruction
 - interface in SML and OCaml
 - connection with Graphviz
 - ...

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Renaming States / Isomorphic Automata

- solving the state-type problem requires renaming
- renaming leads to equivalent automaton, provided only equivalent states are identified
- two corner cases
 - injective functions lead to **isomorphic** automaton
 - identifying all equivalent states useful for minimisation
- isomorphy is a key concept of the library
- implementations operate modulo isomorphy
- state set is finite
- type-class **NFA_states** guarantees infinite universe
- therefore, safe renaming into **NFA_states** possible

Unreachable states

- **unreachable** states are states that cannot be reached from an initial state
- removing unreachable states leads to an equivalent automaton
- such an automaton is called **initially connected**
- not considering unreachable states is essential for performance

Reconsider Product Automata

- *product_NFA* $\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2$
 - original definition
 - intuitive definition / straightforward proofs
- *efficient_product_NFA* $\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2 :=$
NFA_remove_unreachable_states(*product_NFA* $\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2$)
 - consider only reachable states
 - essential for efficiency
- *NFA_product* $\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2 :=$
NFA_normalise_states(*efficient_product_NFA* $\mathcal{A}_1 \mathcal{A}_2$)
 - allows composing
- locales provide implementation interface for *NFA_product* and *efficient_product_NFA* modulo isomorphy

Efficient construction

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NFA_construct_reachable ( $I, \Sigma, FP, \Delta$ ) =
  let  $rm$  be an injective function on  $I$ ;
  initialise  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $(\emptyset, \Sigma, \emptyset, \text{image } rm \ I, \emptyset)$  and  $ws$  with  $I$ ;
  while  $ws \neq \emptyset$  do
    choose  $q \in ws$ ;
    if  $rm \ q \notin Q(\mathcal{A})$  then
       $N := \{q' \mid \exists a \in \Sigma. (q, a, q') \in \Delta\}$ ;
      extend  $rm$  to be still injective and defined on  $N$ ;
       $\mathcal{A} := ( \{rm \ q\} \cup Q(\mathcal{A}), \Sigma,$ 
         $\Delta(\mathcal{A}) \cup \{(rm \ q, a, rm \ q') \mid a \in \Sigma \wedge (q, a, q') \in \Delta\},$ 
         $\mathcal{I}(\mathcal{A}), \text{ if } FP \ q \text{ then } \{rm \ q\} \cup \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}) \text{ else } \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A}) );$ 
       $ws := N \cup ws$ ;
    end
  end
  return  $\mathcal{A}$ 

```

- this constructs only reachable states and renames them
- it provides a simple interface

well-formed $\mathcal{A} \wedge (\forall q \in Q(\mathcal{A}). FP \ q \Leftrightarrow q \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A})) \implies$
 $NFA_construct_reachable(I(\mathcal{A}), \Sigma(\mathcal{A}), FP, \Delta(\mathcal{A}))$ is isomorphic to
 $NFA_remove_unreachable_states(\mathcal{A})$

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Presburger Arithmetic Library

- there is a Presburger Arithmetic Library by Stefan Berghofer and Markus Reiter
- available in the *Archive of Formal Proofs*
- presented at TPHOLs 2009
- they implement an automata based decision procedure
- they formalised automata on bitstrings
 - efficiently executable
 - tailored towards the application
 - little abstraction

Case Study

Implement automata using my library.

Required Automata Constructs

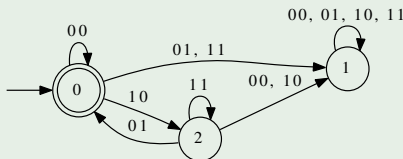
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Diophantine (In)equations

Automaton for $2x - y = 0$



Example

$$x = 3 = 110000\dots$$

$$y = 6 = 011000\dots$$

- about 500 lines in Presburger Library
- mixed with low level definitions
- about 350 (+70) lines on my abstract level
- straightforward mapping

Existential Quantification

- existential quantification combines
 - projection (remove head of label)
 - right quotient
 - determinisation
 - (minimisation)
- implementation right quotient straightforward (about 40 lines)
- with interfaces about 200 lines
- correctness proof tricky (about 270 lines)
- about 200 lines for right quantification in original work

Combination

- straightforward
- but lengthy
- about 100 lines in my and the original work

Experimental Results

<i>Example</i>	<i>Berghofer/Reiter</i>	<i>Tuerk</i>
stamp	0.01 s	0.01 s
example	0.10 s	0.01 s
example2	0.13 s	0.03 s
harrison1	0.03 s	0.01 s
harrison2	0.15 s	0.02 s
stamp-false	0.01 s	0.01 s
example2-false	0.46 s	0.04 s

speed of generated OCaml code on an Intel Core I7 2720QM

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Motivation

- minimisation is an important operation
- Hopcroft's Algorithm has the best know behaviour in practise
- implemented using Peter Lammich's refinement framework
- good case study for refinement
- here: focus on refinement

General Idea

- Hopcroft's algorithm minimises initially connected DFAs
- it computes the Myhill-Nerode equivalence relation

$$\{\{q' \mid q' \text{ is equivalent to } q\} \mid q \in Q\}$$

- this equivalence relation is used to rename states

General Idea

initialise \mathcal{P} with $\text{part}_{\mathcal{F}}$;

while there are $C \in \mathcal{P}$ and $(a, C_s) \in \Sigma \times \mathcal{P}$ with $\text{splittable}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s))$ **do**
 choose such C and (a, C_s) ;
 update \mathcal{P} by removing C and adding the two results of $\text{split}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s))$;

end

return \mathcal{P} ;

$$\text{split}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s)) := (\{q \mid q \in C \wedge \delta(q, a) \in C_s\}, \{q \mid q \in C \wedge \delta(q, a) \notin C_s\})$$

$$\text{splittable}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s)) := \text{let } (C_t, C_f) = \text{split}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s)) \text{ in } C_t \neq \emptyset \wedge C_f \neq \emptyset$$

$$\text{part}_{\mathcal{F}} := \{\mathcal{F}, Q - \mathcal{F}\} - \{\emptyset\}$$

Abstract Algorithm

Idea: maintain explicit list of splitters

Abstract Algorithm

```

Hopcroft_step_abstract( $\mathcal{A}, a, C_s, \mathcal{P}, L$ ) =
  spec ( $\mathcal{P}', L'$ ).  $\mathcal{P}' = \text{Split}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{P}, (a, C_s)) \wedge \text{splitter\_P}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{P}, (a, C_s), L, L')$ ;

```

```

Hopcroft_abstract( $\mathcal{A}$ ) =
  if ( $Q = \emptyset$ ) then return  $\emptyset$  else
  if ( $\mathcal{F} = \emptyset$ ) then return  $\{Q\}$  else
  whileTHopcroft_abstract_invar ( $\lambda(\mathcal{P}, L). L \neq \emptyset$ ) ( $\lambda(\mathcal{P}, L). \{$ 
    ( $a, C_s$ )  $\leftarrow$  spec  $x. x \in L$ ;
    ( $\mathcal{P}', L'$ )  $\leftarrow$  Hopcroft_step_abstract( $\mathcal{A}, a, C_s, \mathcal{P}, L$ );
    return ( $\mathcal{P}', L'$ );
  }) (part $\mathcal{F}$ ,  $\{(a, \mathcal{F}) \mid a \in \Sigma\}$ )

```

The proof of correctness needs about 2600 lines.

Set Implementation

Idea: implement the step with a foreach loop

Set Implementation

```

Hopcroft_step_set( $\mathcal{A}, a, C_s, \mathcal{P}, L$ ) =
   $\mathcal{P}' \leftarrow \text{spec } \mathcal{P}'. \mathcal{P}' \subseteq \mathcal{P} \wedge (\forall C \in \mathcal{P}. \text{splittable}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s)) \Rightarrow C \in \mathcal{P}')$ ;
   $(\mathcal{P}', L') \leftarrow \text{foreach}^{\text{Hopcroft\_set\_invar}} \mathcal{P}' (\lambda C (\mathcal{P}', L')). \{$ 
    let  $(C_t, C_f) = \text{split}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s));$ 
    if  $(C_t = \emptyset \vee C_f = \emptyset)$  then return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$  else {
       $(C_1, C_2) \leftarrow \text{spec } x. x \in \{(C_f, C_t), (C_t, C_f)\};$ 
      let  $\mathcal{P}' = (\mathcal{P}' - \{C\}) \cup \{C_1, C_2\};$ 
      let  $L' = (L' - \{(a, C) \mid a \in \Sigma\}) \cup \{(a, C_1) \mid a \in \Sigma\} \cup \{(a, C_2) \mid (a, C) \in L'\};$ 
      return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$ ;
    }
  }
   $(\mathcal{P}, L - \{(a, C_s)\});$ 
return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$ ;

```

Refinement needs about 400 lines.

This is the level of abstraction usually used in literature.

Precomputing Predecessors

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Hopcroft_step_pre( $\mathcal{A}, a, C_s, \mathcal{P}, L$ ) =
  let  $pre = \{q \mid \delta(q, a) \in C_s\}$ ;
   $\mathcal{P}' \leftarrow \text{spec } \mathcal{P}'$ .  $\mathcal{P}' \subseteq \mathcal{P} \wedge (\forall C \in \mathcal{P}'. C \cap pre \neq \emptyset) \wedge$ 
     $(\forall C \in \mathcal{P}. C \cap pre \neq \emptyset \wedge \text{splittable}_{\mathcal{A}}(C, (a, C_s)) \Rightarrow C \in \mathcal{P}')$ ;
   $(\mathcal{P}', L') \leftarrow \text{foreach}^{\text{Hopcroft\_set\_invar}} \mathcal{P}' (\lambda C (\mathcal{P}', L'). \{$ 
    let  $(C_t, C_f) = (\{q \mid q \in C \wedge q \in pre\}, \{q \mid q \in C \wedge q \notin pre\})$ ;
    if  $(C_f = \emptyset)$  then return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$  else {
      let  $(C_{\min}, C_{\max}) = \text{if } (|C_f| < |C_t|)$  then  $(C_f, C_t)$  else  $(C_t, C_f)$ ;
      let  $\mathcal{P}' = (\mathcal{P}' - \{C\}) \cup \{C_{\min}, C_{\max}\}$ ;
      let  $L' = (L' - \{(a, C) \mid a \in \Sigma\}) \cup$ 
         $\{(a, C_{\min} \mid a \in \Sigma\} \cup \{(a, C_{\max} \mid (a, C) \in L'\}$ 
      return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$ ;
    }
  })  $(\mathcal{P}, L - \{(a, C_s)\})$ ;
return  $(\mathcal{P}', L')$ ;

```

Refinement needs about 50 lines.

Data Refinement Partitions

- representing partitions as sets of sets is inefficient
- use pair of finite maps instead
 - im - finite map from index to classes
 - sm - finite map from states to index of class it belongs to
 - n - maximal index

Abstraction Function and Invariant

```
partition_map_invar( $im, sm, n$ ) :=  
  dom( $im$ ) =  $\{i \mid 0 \leq i < n\} \wedge (\forall 0 \leq i < n. im(i) \neq \emptyset) \wedge$   
  ( $\forall q. sm(q) = i \Leftrightarrow (0 \leq i < n \wedge q \in im(i))$ )  
partition_map_α( $im, sm, n$ ) :=  $\{im(i) \mid 0 \leq i < n\}$ 
```

- when splitting classes, the old index is reused for C_{\max}
- update of L becomes much simpler

Data Refinement Partitions II

Data Refinement Partitions

```

Hopcroft_step_map( $\mathcal{A}, a, i_s, (im, sm, n), L) =$ 
```

let $pre = \{q \mid \delta(q, a) \in im(i_s)\};$
let $\mathcal{I} = \{sm(q) \mid q \in pre\};$
 $((im', sm', n'), L') \leftarrow$ **foreach**^{Hopcroft_map_invar} $\mathcal{I} (\lambda i ((im', sm', n'), L'). \{$
 let $(C_t, C_f) = (\{q \mid q \in im(i) \wedge q \in pre\}, \{q \mid q \in im(i) \wedge q \notin pre\});$
 if $(C_f = \emptyset)$ **then return** $((im', sm', n'), L')$ **else** $\{$
 let $(C_{min}, C_{max}) =$ **if** $(|C_f| < |C_t|)$ **then** (C_f, C_t) **else** $(C_t, C_f);$
 let $(im', sm', n') = (im'(i \mapsto C_{max}, n \mapsto C_{min}),$
 $\lambda q. \text{if } q \in C_{min} \text{ then } n \text{ else } sm'(q), n' + 1);$
 let $L' = \{(a, n) \mid a \in \Sigma\} \cup L';$
 return $((im', sm', n'), L');$
 $\}$
 $\}) ((im, sm, n), L - \{(a, i_s)\});$
return $((im', sm', n'), L');$

Refinement needs about 1100 lines.

Data Refinement Classes

- represent classes by interval of natural numbers
- use pair of finite maps for mapping between classes and natural numbers
 - pm - finite map from states to natural numbers
 - pim - inverse map

Abstraction Function and Invariant

```
class_map_invar  $Q (pm, pim) :=$   
   $\text{dom}(pm) = Q \wedge \text{dom}(pim) = \{i \mid i < |Q|\} \wedge$   
   $(\forall q \ i. pm(q) = i \Leftrightarrow pim(i) = q)$   
  
 $\text{class\_map\_}\alpha(pm, pim)(l, u) := \{pim(i) \mid l \leq i \leq u\}$ 
```

Data Refinement Classes II

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```

Hopcroft_step_map2( $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $a$ ,  $i_s$ ,  $(im, sm, n)$ ,  $L$ ,  $pm$ ,  $pim$ ) =
  let  $pre = \{q \mid \delta(q, a) \in im(i_s)\}$ ;
  let  $(iM, (pm, pim)) =$ 
    Hopcroft_step_map2_compute_iM( $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $(pm, pim)$ ,  $pre$ ,  $(im, sm, n)$ );
   $((im', sm', n'), L') \leftarrow \text{foreach}^{\text{Hopcroft\_map2\_invar}} \{(i, s) \mid iM(i) = s\}$ 
   $(\lambda(i, s) ((im', sm', n'), L'). \{$ 
    let  $(l, u) = im(i)$ ;
    let  $(C_t, C_f) = ((l, s - 1), (s, u))$ ;
    if  $((u + 1) - s = 0)$  then return  $((im', sm', n'), L')$  else {
      let  $(C_{min}, C_{max}) = \text{if } ((u + 1) - s < s - l) \text{ then } (C_f, C_t) \text{ else } (C_t, C_f)$ ;
      let  $(im', sm', n') =$ 
         $( im'(i \mapsto C_{max}, n \mapsto C_{min}),$ 
           $\lambda q. \text{if } q \in \text{class\_map\_}\alpha(pm, pim)(C_{min}) \text{ then } n \text{ else } sm'(q), n' + 1)$ ;
      let  $L' = \{(a, n) \mid a \in \Sigma\} \cup L'$ ;
      return  $((im', sm', n'), L')$ ;
    }
  }
 $((im, sm, n), L - \{(a, i_s)\})$ ;
return  $((im', sm', n'), L', (pm, pim))$ ;

```

Data Refinement Classes III

Data Refinement Classes

```

Hopcroft_step_map2_compute_iM( $\mathcal{A}$ , ( $pm$ ,  $pim$ ),  $pre$ , ( $im$ ,  $sm$ ,  $n$ )) =
  foreach  $pre$  ( $\lambda q$  ( $iM$ , ( $pm$ ,  $pim$ )). {
    let  $i = im(q)$ ;
    let  $s =$  if defined( $iM(q)$ ) then  $iM(q)$  else  $fst(im(i))$ ;
    let  $iq = pm(q)$ ;
    if  $iq = s$  then
      return( $iM(i \mapsto s + 1)$ , ( $pm$ ,  $pim$ ));
    else
      let  $qs = pim(s)$ ;
      let  $pm = pm(q \mapsto s)(qs \mapsto iq)$ ;
      let  $pim = pim(s \mapsto q)(iq \mapsto qs)$ ;
      return( $iM(i \mapsto s + 1)$ , ( $pm$ ,  $pim$ ));
    end
  }
} ( $\emptyset$ , ( $pm$ ,  $pim$ ));

```

Refinement needs about 1600 lines.

Collection Framework

- the next refinement step introduces executable datastructures
- Peter Lammich's **Collection Framework** used
- red-black-trees and arrays chosen as data-structures
- 800 lines needed
- further 380 lines for connection with automata implementation (computing *pre*)

Experimental Results

<i>No. DFAs</i>	<i>No. states</i>	<i>No. labels</i>	<i>Baclet/Pagetti OCaml</i>	<i>Lammich/Tuerk OCaml</i>	<i>PolyML</i>	<i>Leiß PolyML</i>
10000	50	2	0.17 s	7.87 s	1.91 s	5.38 s
10000	50	5	0.28 s	15.03 s	3.67 s	19.34 s
10000	100	2	0.30 s	16.21 s	4.06 s	16.41 s
10000	100	5	0.53 s	30.79 s	7.86 s	63.21 s
10000	250	2	0.76 s	46.53 s	11.48 s	83.62 s
1000	1000	2	0.44 s	20.95 s	5.67 s	134.21 s
1000	2500	2	1.44 s	58.24 s	17.83 s	905.82 s

Experimental Results (measured on an Intel Core I7 2720QM)

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- I implemented a library for finite automata in Isabelle/HOL
- this library provides abstract concepts for reasoning about automata
- there are efficient implementations of non-trivial algorithms
- the library can easily be used by other projects
- generated code in SML and OCaml exists