Unit-5: ω -regular properties

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Module 4: Simple properties of NBA

Product construction

Emptiness

Complementation

Deterministic Büchi Automata

Words where b occurs infinitely often



- Single initial state
- From every state on an alphabet, there is a unique transition

Question: Can every NBA be converted to an equivalent DBA?

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Theorem 4.50 (Page 190) of Principles of Model Checking, Baier and Katoen. MIT Press (2008)

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Word $(ab)^{\omega}$ is accepted by both automata



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Coming next: The synchronous product construction









 $\langle p_1, q_1 \rangle$ is not present





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No accepting state!





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But intersection of the two automata is not empty

- ▶ Need to **modify** the product construction
- Track accepting states of both automata
- Ensure that both automata visit accepting states infinitely often







































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Word is accepted by product \longleftrightarrow it is accepted by both component automata











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Language: *b* occurs infinitely often



Language: *b* occurs infinitely often



Language: *a* occurs infinitely often



Language: b occurs infinitely often



Language: a occurs infinitely often



Not the complement!

 $(ab)^{\omega}$ present in both

Challenges

Mere interchange of accepting states does not work

► Moreoever, NBA are more expressive than DBA

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Theorem

Given an NBA \mathscr{A} , there is an algorithm to compute the NBA accepting the complement language $\mathscr{L}(\mathscr{A})^c$

Proof out of scope of this course





For union, take the disjoint union of the two NBA

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