

## Automata, Games and Verification: Lecture 5

## 6 Muller Automata (Cont'd)

**Theorem 1** *The languages recognizable by deterministic Muller automata are closed under Boolean operations (complementation, union, intersection).*

**Proof:**

- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}') = \Sigma^\omega \setminus \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ :
  - $S' = S, I' = I, T' = T, \mathcal{F}' = 2^S \setminus \mathcal{F}$
- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}') = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_1) \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_2)$ :
  - $S' = S_1 \times S_2, I' = I_1 \times I_2,$
  - $T' = \{((s_1, s_2), \sigma, (s'_1, s'_2)) \mid (s_1, \sigma, s'_1) \in T_1, (s_2, \sigma, s'_2) \in T_2\}$
  - $\mathcal{F}' = \{\{(p_1, q_1), \dots, (p_n, q_n)\} \mid \{p_1, \dots, p_n\} \in \mathcal{F}_1, \{q_1, \dots, q_n\} \in \mathcal{F}_2\}$
- $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_2) = \Sigma^\omega \setminus ((\Sigma^\omega \setminus \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_1)) \cap (\Sigma^\omega \setminus \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}_2)))$ .

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**Theorem 2** *A language  $\mathcal{L}$  is recognizable by a deterministic Muller automaton iff  $\mathcal{L}$  is a boolean combination of languages  $\overrightarrow{W}$  where  $W \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is regular.*

**Proof:**

(see Problem Set 4, Question 3)

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## 7 McNaughton's Theorem

**Theorem 3 (McNaughton's Theorem (1966))** *Every Büchi recognizable language is recognizable by a deterministic Muller automaton.*

**Definition 1** *A Büchi automaton  $(S, I, T, F)$  is called semi-deterministic if  $S = N \uplus D$  is a partition of  $S$ ,  $F \subseteq D$ ,  $\text{pr}_3(T \cap (D \times \Sigma \times S)) \subseteq D$ , and  $(D, \{d\}, T \cap (D \times \Sigma \times D), F)$  is deterministic for every  $d \in D$ .*

**Lemma 1** *For every Büchi automaton  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists a semi-deterministic Büchi automaton  $\mathcal{A}'$  with  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ .*

**Proof:**

Given  $\mathcal{A} = (S, I, T, F)$ , we construct  $\mathcal{A}' = (S', I', T', F')$ :

- $S' = 2^S \uplus 2^S \times 2^S$ ;
- $I' = \{I\}$ ;
- $T' = \{(L, \sigma, L') \mid L' = pr_3(T \cap L \times \{\sigma\} \times S)\};$   
 $\cup \{(L, \sigma, (\{s'\}, \emptyset)) \mid \exists s \in L. (s, \sigma, s') \in T\}$   
 $\cup \{((L_1, L_2), \sigma, (L'_1, L'_2)) \mid L_1 \neq L_2$   
 $L'_1 = pr_3(T \cap L_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times S),$   
 $L'_2 = pr_3(T \cap L_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times F) \cup pr_3(T \cap L_2 \times \{\sigma\} \times S)\}$   
 $\cup \{((L, L), \sigma, (L'_1, L'_2)) \mid L'_1 = pr_3(T \cap L_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times S),$   
 $L'_2 = pr_3(T \cap L_1 \times \{\sigma\} \times F)\}$
- $F' = \{(L, L) \mid L \neq \emptyset\}$

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}') \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ :

- Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ .
- Let  $r' = P_0 P_1 \dots P_n(L_0, L'_0)(L_1, L'_1) \dots$  be an accepting run of  $\mathcal{A}'$  on  $\alpha$ .
- For  $L_0 = \{s'\}$  there is a run prefix of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\alpha(0, n)$ ,  $p_0 p_1 \dots p_n s'$  such that  $p_j \in P_j$  and
- Let  $i_0, i_1, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of indices such that  $i_0 = 0$ ,  $L_{i_j} = L'_{i_j}$ ,  $L_{i_j} \neq \emptyset$  for all  $j \in \omega$ .
- For every  $j > 1$ , and every  $s' \in L_{i_j}$  there exists a state  $s \in L_{i_{j-1}}$  and a sequence  $s = s_{i_{j-1}}, s_{i_{j-1}+1}, \dots, s_{i_j} = s'$  such that  $(s_k, \alpha(k), s_{k+1}) \in T$  for all  $k \in \{i_{j-1}, \dots, i_{i_j-1}\}$  and  $s_k \in F$  for some  $k \in \{i_{j-1} + 1, \dots, i_{i_j}\}$ .  
Let  $predecessor(s', i_j) := s$ ,  
 $run(s', i_0) = p_0 p_1 \dots p_n s'$  for  $L_0 = \{s'\}$ , and  
 $run(s', i_j) = s_{i_{j-1}+1} s_{i_{j-1}+2} \dots s_{i_j}$ , for  $j > 0$ .
- Consider the following  $(\bigcup_{j \in \omega} L_{i_j} \times \{j\})$ -labeled tree:
  - the root is labeled with  $(s, 0)$ , where  $L_0 = \{s\}$ , and
  - the parent of each node labeled with  $(s', j)$  is labeled with  $(predecessor(s', i_j), j - 1)$ .
- The tree is infinite and finite-branching, and, hence, by König's Lemma, has an infinite branch  $(s_{i_0}, i_0), (s_{i_1}, i_1), \dots$ , corresponding to an accepting run of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$run(s_{i_0}, i_0) \cdot run(s_{i_1}, i_1) \cdot run(s_{i_2}, i_2) \cdot \dots$$

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}')$ :

- Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ .
- Let  $r = s_0, s_1, \dots$  be an accepting run of  $\mathcal{A}$  on  $\alpha$ .
- Let  $i$  be an index s.t.  $s_i \in F$  and for all  $j \geq i$  there exists a  $k > j$ , such that

$$\{s \in S \mid s_i \rightarrow^{\alpha(i,k)} s\} = \{s \in S \mid s_j \rightarrow^{\alpha(j,k)} s\}.$$

This index exists:

- " $\supseteq$ " holds for all  $i$ , because there is a path through  $s_j$ .
- Assume that for all  $i$ , there is a  $j \geq i$  s.t for all  $k > j$  " $\supseteq$ " holds. Then there exists an  $i'$  s.t.  $\{s \in S \mid s_{i'} \rightarrow^{\alpha(i',k)} s\} = \emptyset$  for all  $k > i'$ . Contradiction.

- We define a run  $r'$  of  $\mathcal{A}'$ :

$$r' = P_0 \dots P_{i-1}(\{s_i\}, \emptyset)(L_1, L'_1)(L_2, L'_2) \dots$$

where  $P_j = \{s \in S \mid p_0 \in I, p_0 \rightarrow^{\alpha(0,j)} s\}$ , and  $L_j, L'_j$  are determined by the definition of  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

- We show that  $r'$  is accepting. Assume otherwise, and let  $m$  be an index such that  $L_n \neq L'_n$  for all  $n \geq m$ .
- Then let  $j > m$  be some index with  $s_j \in F$ ; hence  $s_j \in L'_j$ . There exists a  $k > j$  such that  $L'_{k+1} = \{s \in S \mid s_j \rightarrow^{\alpha(j,k)} s\} = \{s \in S \mid s_i \rightarrow^{\alpha(i,k)} s\} = L_{k+1}$ .
- Contradiction.



**Example:**

