# Automata and Formal Languages <br> Lecture 08 

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## Minimum-State DFAs

One way to try and simplify the DFA for some regular expression is to algebraically transform the regular expression into a simpler one before starting construction of the DFA.

$$
\lambda+a+\text { aaa* }=a^{*}
$$

*Every regular expression has a unique minimum-state DFA.

# How to transform a DFA into a minimum state DFA? 

*The key idea is to define two states s and t to be equivalent if for every string $w$, the transitions
$\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{w})$ and $\mathrm{T}(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{w})$ are either both final or both nonfinal.

## Example 1:



States 1 and 2 are equivalent. So for any string $w$, both $T(1, w)$ and $T(2, w)$ are either both final or both nonfinal.
$\{0\},\{1,2\}$, and $\{3\}$.

## Example 1:



|  | $T$ | $a$ | $b$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| start | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|  | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| final | 2 | 3 | 2 |
|  | 3 | 3 | 3 |



|  |  | $T_{\text {min }}$ | $a$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| start |  |  |  |
|  | $\{0\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ |
|  |  | $\{1,2\}$ | $\{3\}$ |
| final | $\{3\}$ | $\{3\}$ | $\{3\}$ |

## Minimum-State DFAs

Input: A DFA with set of states $S$ and transition table $T$. Assume
Output: A minimum-state DFA recognizing the same regular language as the input DFA.

## 1. Construct the equivalent pairs of states by calculating the

 descending sequence of sets of pairs $E_{0} \supset E_{1} \supset$... defined as follows:2. $E_{0}=\{\{s, t) I s$ and $t$ are distinct and either both states are final or both states are non-final\}.
$E_{i+1}=\left\{\{s, t\} \mid\{s, t\} \in E_{i}\right.$ and for every $a \in A$ either $T(s, a)=T(t, a)$ or $\{T(s, a), T(t$, a) $\} \in \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{i}}$.

The computation stops when $E_{k}=E_{k+1}$ for some index $k$.
3. The start state is the equivalence class containing the start state.
4. A final state is any equivalence class containing a final state .
5. The transition table $T_{\text {min }}$ for the minimum-state DFA is defined as follows, where [s] denotes the equivalence class containing $s$ and $a$ is any letter: $T_{\min }([s], a)=[T(s, a)]$.

## Example 2



| T | a | b |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{0}$ | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 |

## Example 2

|  | a | b |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | 4 | 4 |

$$
E O=\{\{0,1\},\{0,2\},\{0,3\},\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\}\} .
$$

$\{T(s, x), T(t, x)\} \in E O$ or $T(s, x)=T(t, x)$.
$\{T(0, a), T(1, a)\}=\{2,3\} \in E O$.
$\mathrm{T}(0, \mathrm{~b})=\mathrm{T}(1, \mathrm{~b})$.
$\{T(0, a), T(3, a)\}=\{2,3\} \in E O$.
$T(0, b)=\{1\}$
$T(3, b)=\{4\}$. Eliminate $\{0,3\}$
$\mathrm{E} 1=\{\{0,1\},\{0,2\},\{1,2\}\}$.
$E 2=\{\{1,2\}\}$.,
$E 3=E 2=\{\{1,2\}\}$.

## Example 2

$\{0\},\{1,2\},\{3\},\{4\}$

| Tmin | a | $b$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\{0\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ |
| $\{1,2\}$ | $\{3\}$ | $\{1,2\}$ |
| $\{3\}$ | $\{3\}$ | $\{4\}$ |
| $\{4\}$ | $\{4\}$ | $\{4\}$ |

## Example 3

compute the minimum-state DFA for the DFA given by the following transition table:

| $T$ | $a$ | $b$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 |

## Example 3

$$
E 0=\{\{0,1\},\{0,2\},\{0,3\},\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\},\{4,5\}\} .
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
E 1=\{\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\},\{4,5\}\} . \\
E 2=E 1=\{\{1,2\},\{1,3\},\{2,3\},\{4,5\}\} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Three classes $\{0\},\{1,2,3\},\{4,5\}$

| $T$ | $a$ | $b$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 |

## Example 3

Three classes $\{0\},\{1,2,3\},\{4,5\}$

| T | a | b |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\{0\}$ | $\{1,2,3\}$ | $\{1,2,3\}$ |
| $\{1,2,3\}$ | $\{4,5\}$ | $\{1,2,3\}$ |
| $\{4,5\}$ | $\{4,5\}$ | $\{4,5\}$ |



