

Transducers and Translation Grammars

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Finite Transducer

A **finite transducer** is a quintuple

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, R, s, F)$$

where

Q is a finite set of **states**

Σ is an **alphabet**, $\Sigma \cap Q = \emptyset$, $\Sigma = I \cup O$,
 I and O are **input** and **output alphabets**

R is a finite set of **rules** of the form

$$pa \rightarrow qz$$

$$p, q \in Q, a \in I \cup \{\varepsilon\}, z \in O^*$$

$s \in Q$ is the **start state**

$F \subseteq Q$ is a set of **final states**

Input Finite Automaton

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, R, s, F)$ be a finite transducer, then

$$M_I = (Q, I, R_I, s, F)$$

where

- I is the input alphabet of M and
- $R_I = \{qa \rightarrow p : qa \rightarrow px \in R, x \in O^*\}$

is the **input finite automaton**

Finite Transducers – Computational Step

Configuration

$$\chi \in QI^*\{\mid\}O^*$$

Move

If

$$r : qa \rightarrow pz \in R,$$

$$\chi = qa|w|y,$$

$$\chi' = pw|yz,$$

then

$$\chi \Rightarrow \chi' [r]$$

Translation of a Word

M translates x into y if

$$sx| \Rightarrow^* f|y \text{ where } f \in F$$

Translation Defined by M

$$T(M) = \{(x, y) \in I^* \times O^* : sx| \Rightarrow^* f|y, f \in F\}$$

- \Rightarrow^* denotes the reflexive and transitive closure of \Rightarrow

Finite Transducers – Input and Output Language

Input Language

$$L_I(M) = \{x \in I^* : (x, y) \in T(M) \text{ for some } y \in O^*\}$$

Output Language

$$L_O(M) = \{y \in O^* : (x, y) \in T(M) \text{ for some } x \in I^*\}$$

Theorem

Both input and output languages are regular.

Example

$$M = (\{s, q, f\}, \{!, a\}, R, s, \{f\})$$

where

$$R = \begin{array}{ll} 1 : s! \rightarrow q, & 3 : q! \rightarrow s, \\ 2 : sa \rightarrow fa, & 4 : qa \rightarrow f!a \end{array}$$

$$s!!!a \Rightarrow q!!a \text{ [1]} \Rightarrow s!a \text{ [3]} \Rightarrow qa \text{ [1]} \Rightarrow f!a \text{ [4]}$$

$$T(M) = \{(!^i a, a) : i \geq 0, i = 2k, k \geq 0\} \\ \cup \{(!^i a, !a) : i \geq 1, i = 2k + 1, k \geq 0\}$$

$$L_I(M) = \{!^i a : i \geq 0\} \quad L_O(M) = \{a, !a\}$$

Deterministic Finite Transducer

M is **deterministic** if each rule $r \in R$ with $\text{lhs}(r) = pa$ satisfies

$$\{r\} = \{r' \in R : pa = \text{lhs}(r') \text{ or } p = \text{lhs}(r')\}$$

Example

Deterministic finite transducer

$$M = (\{f\}, \{0\}, \{f \rightarrow f0\}, f, \{f\}),$$

then

$$T(M) = \{(\varepsilon, 0^i) : i \geq 0\}$$

Pushdown Transducer

A **pushdown transducer** is a quintuple

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, R, s, F)$$

where

Q, s, F have the same meaning as in the case of finite transducers

Σ is an **alphabet**, $\Sigma \cap Q = \emptyset$, $\Sigma = I \cup O \cup P_D$,

I, O, P_D are **input, output and pushdown alphabets**,

$S \in P_D$ is the **start pushdown symbol**

R is a finite set of **rules** of the form

$$A p a \rightarrow u q v$$

$$A \in P_D, p, q \in Q, a \in I \cup \{\varepsilon\}, u \in P_D^*, v \in O^*$$

Input Pushdown Automaton

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, R, s, F)$ be a pushdown transducer, then

$$M_I = (Q, I \cup P_D, R_I, s, F)$$

where

- I and P_D are the input and the pushdown alphabets of M
- $R_I = \{Aqa \rightarrow up : Aqa \rightarrow upv \in R, v \in O^*\}$

is the **input pushdown automaton**

Pushdown Transducers – Computational Step

Configuration

$$\chi \in P_D^* Q I^* \{|\} O^*$$

Move

If

$$r : Aqa \rightarrow upv \in R,$$

$$\chi = zAqaw|y,$$

$$\chi' = zupw|yv,$$

then

$$\chi \Rightarrow \chi' [r]$$

Translation of a Word

M translates x into y if

$$Ssx| \Rightarrow^* zfy \text{ where } f \in F$$

Translation Defined by M

$$T(M) = \{(x, y) \in I^* \times O^* : Ssx| \Rightarrow^* zfy, f \in F\}$$

- \Rightarrow^* denotes the reflexive and transitive closure of \Rightarrow

Input Language

$$L_I(M) = \{x \in I^* : (x, y) \in T(M) \text{ for some } y \in O^*\}$$

Output Language

$$L_O(M) = \{y \in O^* : (x, y) \in T(M) \text{ for some } x \in I^*\}$$

Example

$$M = (\{s, q, f\}, \{S, A, +, *, a\}, R, s, \{f\})$$

where

$$R = \{1 : Ss \rightarrow SAq, \quad 4 : Aq* \rightarrow *AAq, \\ 2 : Aqa \rightarrow qa, \quad 5 : +q \rightarrow q+, \\ 3 : Aq+ \rightarrow +AAq, \quad 6 : *q \rightarrow q*, \quad 7 : Sq \rightarrow f\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Ss + *aaa | &\Rightarrow SAq + *aaa | [1] \Rightarrow S + AAq * aaa | [3] \\ &\Rightarrow S + A * AAqaaa | [4] \Rightarrow S + A * Aqaa | a [2] \Rightarrow S + A * qa | aa [2] \\ &\Rightarrow S + Aqa | aa * [6] \Rightarrow S + q | aa * a [2] \Rightarrow Sq | aa * a + [5] \\ &\Rightarrow f | aa * a + [7] \end{aligned}$$

$$T(M) = \{(pre, post) : pre = \text{prefix expression}, post = \text{postfix expression}\}$$

Deterministic Pushdown Transducer

M is **deterministic** if each rule $r \in R$ with $\text{lhs}(r) = A pa$ satisfies

$$\{r\} = \{r' \in R : A pa = \text{lhs}(r') \text{ or } A p = \text{lhs}(r')\}$$

Extended Pushdown Transducer

$M = (Q, \Sigma, R, s, F)$ is **extended** if R is a finite set of productions of the form

$$z pa \rightarrow u q v$$

$$z \in P_D^*, p, q \in Q, a \in I \cup \{\varepsilon\}, u \in P_D^*, v \in O^*$$

Translation Grammar

A **translation grammar** is a quadruple

$$G = (N, T, P, S)$$

where

N, S are defined as usual, $S \in N$

T is a terminal alphabet, $T \cap N = \emptyset$, $T = I \cup O$

I and O are **input** and **output** alphabets

P is a finite set of productions of the form

$$A \rightarrow u_0 B_1 u_1 \dots B_n u_n \mid v_0 B_1 v_1 \dots B_n v_n$$

\mid is a **special symbol**, $B_i \in N$, $u_j \in I^*$, $v_j \in O^*$,

$i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = 0, \dots, n$

Notation

For

$$p = A \rightarrow u_0 B_1 u_1 \dots B_n u_n \mid v_0 B_1 v_1 \dots B_n v_n,$$

- $\text{lhs}(p) = A$
- $\text{irhs}(p) = u_0 B_1 u_1 \dots B_n u_n$
- $\text{orhs}(p) = v_0 B_1 v_1 \dots B_n v_n$

Direct Derivation

For $G = (N, T, P, S)$, $p \in P, x, y, u, v \in (N \cup T)^*$, then

$$x \text{lhs}(p) y \mid u \text{lhs}(p) v \Rightarrow x \text{irhs}(p) y \mid u \text{orhs}(p) v$$

Translation Defined by G

$$T(G) = \{u|v : S|S \Rightarrow^* u|v, u \in I^*, v \in O^*\}$$

Input Grammar

$$G_I = (N, I, P_I, S)$$

where $P_I = \{A \rightarrow x : A \rightarrow x|y \in P\}$

Output Grammar

$$G_O = (N, O, P_O, S)$$

where $P_O = \{A \rightarrow y : A \rightarrow x|y \in P\}$

Example

Let the translation grammar G be defined by the following productions:

$$\langle expr \rangle \rightarrow \langle expr \rangle + \langle term \rangle \mid \langle expr \rangle \langle term \rangle +$$

$$\langle expr \rangle \rightarrow \langle term \rangle \mid \langle term \rangle$$

$$\langle term \rangle \rightarrow \langle term \rangle * \langle factor \rangle \mid \langle term \rangle \langle factor \rangle *$$

$$\langle term \rangle \rightarrow \langle factor \rangle \mid \langle factor \rangle$$

$$\langle factor \rangle \rightarrow (\langle expr \rangle) \mid \langle expr \rangle$$

$$\langle factor \rangle \rightarrow a \mid a$$

$$\langle expr \rangle \mid \langle expr \rangle \Rightarrow^* (a + a) * a \mid aa + a *$$

G translates an infix expression with $+$ and $*$ to the corresponding postfix expression.



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