

# **Formal Languages and Automata Theory**

# Terms and Trees

- Set  $\mathcal{F}$  of function symbols with rank:  
Number **arity** of arity:  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow N$   
 $\mathcal{F} = \{f(,), g(), a\}$
- Set  $\mathcal{X}$  of variables Especially  $\mathcal{X}_n = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$
- Set  $\mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$  of terms: Minimal set satisfying
  - $x \in \mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X}) \dots x \in \mathcal{X}$
  - $a \in \mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X}) \dots a \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\text{arity}(a) = 0$
  - $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$   
...  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{arity}(f) = n$ , each  $t_i \in \mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$Ex. of terms:  $f(g(a), a)$
- Set  $\mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F})$  of **ground terms**:  $\mathsf{T}(\mathcal{F}, \emptyset)$

- **Labelled tree:**

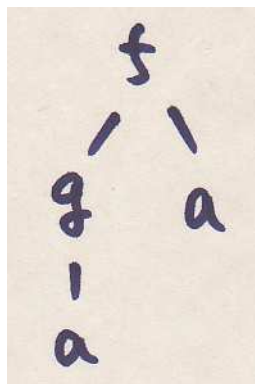
Partial function  $t : N^* \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{X}$

$\text{Pos}(t)$  denotes the domain of  $t$

- Tree  $t$  that represents  $f(g(a), a)$

$$\text{Pos}(t) = \{\varepsilon, 1, 11, 2\}$$

$p$	$\varepsilon$	1	11	2
$t(p)$	$f$	$g$	$a$	$a$



- **Height** of tree  $t$ :  $|t| = \max\{|p| \mid p \in \text{Pos}(t)\}$

- **Substitution:** Function  $\sigma : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$ 
  - **Domain of  $\sigma$ :**  $\text{Dom}(\sigma) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \sigma(x) \neq x\}$
  - **Notation:**  $\{x_1 \leftarrow t_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow t_n\}$  for  $\sigma$  where  $\text{Dom}(\sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ ,  $\sigma(x_i) = t_i$
  - **Naturally extended on terms**

$$\sigma(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = f(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n)) \quad (n \geq 0)$$
- **Context:** Linear term  $C \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{X})$ 
  - For a context with  $n$  variables, assume variables are  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from left to right
    - For  $C = f(g(x_1), x_2)$ ,  $C[a, g(b)] = f(g(a), g(b))$
  - For a context  $C$  with  $n$  variables,  $C[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  represents  $C\{x_1 \leftarrow t_1, \dots, x_n \leftarrow t_n\}$

# Finite Tree Automata

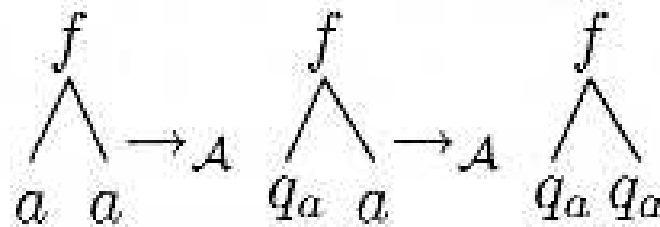
- **(Bottom-up) non-deterministic finite tree automata (NFTA)**  $A = (Q, \mathcal{F}, Q^f, \Delta)$ 
  - $Q$ : Finite set of states
  - $\mathcal{F}$ : Finite set of function symbols
  - $Q^f (\subseteq Q)$ : Set of final states
  - $\Delta$ : Set of transition rules

Form of transition rules:

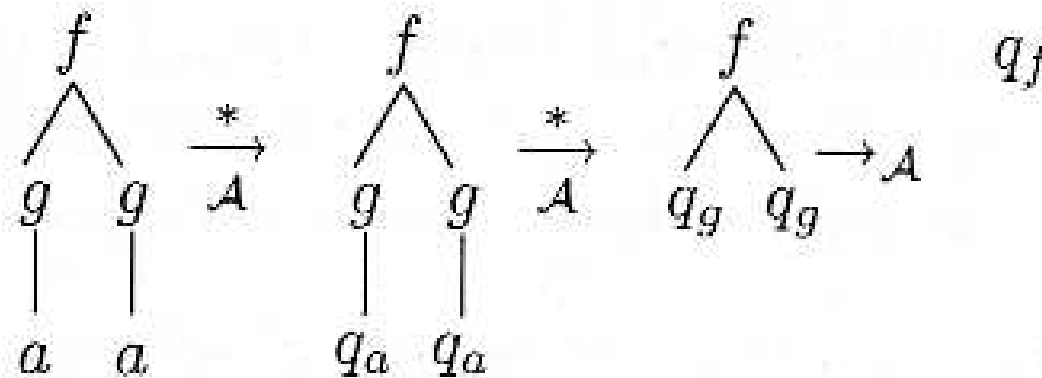
$$f(q_1, \dots, q_n) \rightarrow q$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\text{arity}(f) = n$ ,  $q, q_i \in Q$

- **Ex.:**  $A = (\{q_a, q_g, q_f\}, \{a, g(), f(,)\}, \Delta, \{q_f\})$   
 where  $\Delta$  consists of  $a \rightarrow q_a$ ,  $g(q_a) \rightarrow q_g$ ,  
 $g(q_g) \rightarrow q_g$ ,  $f(q_g, q_g) \rightarrow q_f$   
 - Run for  $f(a, a)$



- Run for  $f(g(a), g(a))$



- **Transition relation  $\rightarrow_A$ : Minimal set that satisfies**
  - $\Delta \subseteq \rightarrow_A$
  - $s \rightarrow_A t$  **implies**  $f(\dots s \dots) \rightarrow_A f(\dots t \dots)$
- **$\rightarrow_A^*$ : Reflexive and transitive closure of  $\rightarrow_A$**
- **$A$  accepts  $t$ :**

$$t \rightarrow_A^* q \in Q^f$$
- **Language recognized by  $A$ :**

$$L(A) = \{t \mid t \rightarrow_A^* q \in Q^f\}$$
- **Regular tree languages: Languages recognizable by NFTA**

- **Ex.:**  $A = (\{q, q_g, q_f\}, \{a, g(), f(, )\}, \Delta, \{q_f\})$

$a \rightarrow q, g(q) \rightarrow q, g(q) \rightarrow q_g,$

$g(q_g) \rightarrow q_f, f(q, q) \rightarrow q$

- **Run for**  $g(g(f(g(a), a)))$

$g(g(f(g(a), a))) \rightarrow_A^* g(g(f(q_g, q)))$

$g(g(f(g(a), a))) \rightarrow_A^* g(g(q)) \rightarrow_A^* q$

$g(g(f(g(a), a))) \rightarrow_A^* g(g(q)) \rightarrow_A^* q_f$

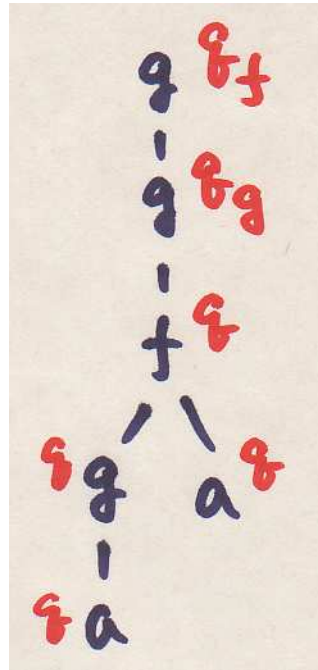
- $L(A) = \{g(g(t)) \mid t \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{F})\}$



- Ex.(cont.):

- Alternative representation of run

$$\Delta: a \rightarrow q, g(q) \rightarrow q, g(q) \rightarrow q_g,$$
$$g(q_g) \rightarrow q_f, f(q, q) \rightarrow q$$



- **Q1-1:** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{f(, ), g(), a\}$ . **Show NFTA that recognizes  $L_1 = \{g(f(a, s)) \mid s \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{F})\}$**
- **Q1-2:** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{f(, ), a, b\}$ . **Show NFTA that recognizes  $L_2$  defined below:**
  - $a \in L_2$
  - $s \in L_2$  **implies**  $f(f(a, s), b) \in L_2$

- **NFTA with  $\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon$ -NFTA):**

NFTA which also contains  $\varepsilon$ -rule in forms of  $q \rightarrow q'$

- **Deterministic FTA (DFTA):**

NFTA in which each pair of rules has different lefthand-side (Moreover no  $\varepsilon$ -rules)

- **Complete NFTA:**

For any ground term  $t$ ,  $\exists q. t \rightarrow_A^* q$

- **Ex. of complete DFTA:**

$A = (\{q_0, q_1\}, \{0, 1, \text{not}(), \text{and}(), \text{or}(), \text{and}(), \text{or}()\}, \Delta, \{q_1\})$

$0 \rightarrow q_0, 1 \rightarrow q_1, \text{not}(q_0) \rightarrow q_1, \text{not}(q_1) \rightarrow q_0,$

$\text{and}(q_0, q_0) \rightarrow q_0, \text{and}(q_0, q_1) \rightarrow q_0,$

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- **Run for**  $\text{and}(\text{not}(\text{or}(0, 1)), \text{or}(1, \text{not}(0)))$

