

Automata and Applications

Seminário Temático (SEMT)

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Abstract

This is a proposal for a Thematic Seminar (SEMT) in the context of the joint PhD program (Minho,Aveiro,Porto) in Informatics (Map-I). The the team responsible for the proposal consists of lecturers from the Computer Science Department, Faculty of Science of the University of Porto.

1 Lecturing Team

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2 Course Description

2.1 Subject and Context

Automata theory (AT) is one of the foundations of Computer Science and its applications extend to several areas of computer science. Among other recent areas of application of the Automata Theory are computational linguistics, bioinformatics, specification and verification of reactive systems, structured and semi-structured databases, network security, etc. Intensively studied during mid XX's, in the last decade there has been a growing and confluent interest in its theoretical and practical research: the exploration of specific new models and applications has at the same time stimulated a variety of new theoretical studies and formalizations.

In this seminar we will consider regular languages and its extensions to infinite words and regular trees. It is important to note that many algorithms and results for these models reduce or extend similar ones for classical finite automata.

Although regular languages are one of the simplest computer science structures and with widespread uses, several aspects of its descriptive complexity are unknown or not well understood. For instance, the non injective and non complexity preserving conversions between equivalent combinatorial representations and the descriptive complexity of generic languages operations. On the other hand, the enumeration of languages based on their model representations are useful for random generation and average-case analysis.

The first part of the seminar reviews the basics of finite automata over finite words with emphasis in the existence of normal forms, enumeration and conversions between equivalent language representations and their succinctness. We also introduce weighted automata and see how the standard finite automata algorithms extend to them.

The second part considers automata over infinite words and trees and briefly presents the main results about conversions and decidability problems.

The third part focus in some recent applications of automata-theoretical approaches in three different areas. Since the seminar Büchi theorem relating finite automata with monadic second order logic, automata have been successfully applied in many different logical contexts and specially with modal and temporal logics. These logics are particularly adequate for automatic verification of reactive systems. Weighted automata approaches were successfully applied in speech recognition and image processing to deal with probabilistic reasoning. Finally, tree automata and finite automata are theoretical bases for XML technologies such as schemas, transformations and query languages.

Considering the courses available in the Map-i program 2007 edition this seminar will be specially interesting for students attending the courses of *Program Semantics, Verification, and Construction, Model-driven Software Engineering* and *Computer Vision*.

2.2 Objectives

This SEMT aims

- to present some recent research work in descriptive complexity of

regular languages and to consider some open problems.

- to present some extended automata models and see how the classical theory extends to them.
- to present recent applications of automata theory to other computer science areas, such as specification and verification of reactive systems, XML processing, computational linguistics, etc.

2.3 Syllabus

- Part I: Automata on finite words (4h)
 1. Regular languages and its representations: regular expressions, deterministic finite automata (DFA), non-deterministic finite automata (NFA)
 2. Enumeration and random generation of some classes of DFAs
 3. Conversions between equivalent language representations and their succinctness
 4. Alternating automata
 5. Weighted automata (automata with multiplicities)
- Part II: Automata on infinite words and trees (2h)
 1. Büchi automata
 2. Müller automata
 3. Alternating automata
 4. Tree automata
- Part III: Applications (2h)
 1. Verification of reactive Systems
 - (a) Temporal logics
 - (b) Automata-theoretic approach to decidability
 - (c) Model Checking
 2. XML processing
 - Tree languages and schemas

- XML language containment
- 3. Speech recognition and image processing
 - Weighted transducers
 - Weighted automata for image compression

2.4 Student Assessment

Research assignment, which may be a report on a given topic.

2.5 Recommended Bibliography

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3 Lecturing Team

Both proponents of this seminar have worked actively in the past few years, on topics that are directly related to the subjects covered by this seminar, as detailed below.

In the context of this seminar, we also would like to have the opportunity to invite an internationally recognized researcher amongst one of the following: Jacques Sakarovitch (ENST, Paris, main topic of research is Automata with multiplicities), Jean-Éric Pin (Director of LIAFA, Paris, the topic could be Automata and Infinite Words) or Sheng Yu (University of Western Ontario, Canada, the topic could be Descriptive Complexity of Regular Languages).

- Nelma Moreira has worked in Automata Theory, Modal Logics, Verification and Logic Programming.
- Rogério Reis, Phd in Automata Theory and has also worked in Cryptography and Combinatorics.

Both proponents are team members of the project ASA (*Automata, Semigroups and Applications*, FCT/PTDC/MAT/65481/2006) which aims to contribute to the development of the theories of automata and semigroups, and some of their applications. They are also team members of the project RESCUE (*Reliable and Safe Code Execution for Embedded Systems*), FCT/PTDC/EIA/65862/2006, where they aim to apply automata-theoretical techniques to verification in the context of PPC (Proof-Carry Code).

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PRESENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Automata Theory and formal languages
Symbolic constraint programming
Interactive proof assistants and program verification
Semi-structured documents

SUPERVISION OF DIPLOMA THESES

- 2007 *Desenvolvimento de tecnologias XML para a indexação e pesquisa em documentos*, by Norberto Machado Lopes (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis).
- 2007 *Analisador Sintáctico GLR para o Yappy*, by Ricardo Leite (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis).
- 2006 *Ferramentas para geração e enumeração de linguagens regulares*, by Marco Almeida (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis).
- 2005 *Ferramentas WEB para acesso a um thesaurus*, by Marina Sofia Campos Sousa.
- 2005 *Interface gráfico para a edição e a visualização de autómatos finitos*, by Vera João (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis).
- 2004 *Sistema de informação para a gestão de pessoas e actividades da UPP*, by Vitor Hugo Lopes Félix.
- 2003 *Automatic: editor de diagramas de autómatos finitos*, Pedro Ângelo (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis).
- 2001 *Desenvolvimento Centro de Informação da Universidade Popular do Porto*, by Luís Pessoa.
- 1998 *Gestão da base de dados da biblioteca do CIUP (DCC e LIACC)*, by Raquel Maria Castro da Silva.
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MASTER THESES SUPERVISION

- 2007 *Logic frameworks for reasoning about emotions in BDI Agents*. David Pereira, Mestrado em Informática, FCUP, 5/2007 (Co-supervision with Eugénio Oliveira).
- 2006 *GerExa: uma plataforma para a manipulação de exercicios e exames em XML*. Ângela Oliveira, Mestrado em Informática, FCUP, 1/2006.

	<i>Specification of a Language for Timetabling Problems</i> , Dora Melo, Mestrado em Informática, FCUP,12/2006. (Co-supervision with João Pedro Pedroso and Rogério Reis)
2005	<i>Obtenção de expressões regulares pequenas a partir de autómatos finitos</i> , José João Gonçalves Morais, Mestrado em Informática, Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto, (Co-supervision with Rogério Reis)
In preparation	<i>Solving Math Drills Automatically</i> , Nuno Pereira. Mestrado em Informática. (co-supervision with Ana Paula Tomás)

PHD THESES SUPERVISION

2006-2009	<i>Caracterização da complexidade descritiva de linguagens regulares</i> . Marco Almeida. PhD Thesis (co-supervision with Rogério Reis)
2008-2011	<i>Mobile code security based on Kleene algebras and temporal logics</i> . David Pereira. PhD Thesis - MAp-i program 2007, (co-supervision with Simão Sousa)

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2008–2011	Project RESCUE <i>Reliable and Safe Code Execution for Embedded Systems</i> (FCT/PTDC/EIA/65862/2006), funded by FCT.
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1989–1991	Project ”Constraint Logic Grammars”, Universidade do Porto and CCE
1988–1990	Project ”Eurotra”, CCE.
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PRESENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Automata Theory and formal languages
Criptography
Enumerative Combinatorics

SUPERVISION OF DIPLOMA THESES

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| 2006 | <i>Ferramentas para geração e enumeração de linguagens regulares</i> , by Marco Almeida, (co-supervision with Nelma Moreira). |
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| 2000 | <i>Geração de sequências aleatórias</i> , by Carla Barbosa. |
| 2000 | <i>Entropia, informação, aleatoriedade e redundância</i> , by Pedro Medas. |
| 2000 | <i>Serviços de gestão e autenticação de chaves públicas e autenticação de documentos</i> , by Pedro Medas. |
| 2000 | <i>Dinheiro electrónico, problemas e protocolos</i> , by José Ferreira. |
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MASTER THESES SUPERVISION

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- *Protocolos para Eleições Electrónicas*, Alexandra Goreti Pinto Queirós, Mestrado em Engenharia Matemática, FCUP, (co-supervision with António Machiavello).
 - *Infraestrutura de chaves públicas*, Bruno Caxeira, Mestrado em Informática, FCUP.
- 2007 *A criptanálise da Enigma: 1932-1939*, Bruno Flávio de Castro Ribeiro, Mestrado em Engenharia Matemática, FCUP, (co-supervision with António Machiavello)
- 2006 *Ferramentas para Determinação e Avaliação de Soluções em Problemas de Horários*, Dora Melo, Mestrado em Informática, FCUP, (co-supervision with João Pedro Pedroso).
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PHD THESES SUPERVISION

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1987-1991	Project YAP: development and implementation of a Prolog compiler, CIUP-INIC.
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PUBLICATIONS

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