

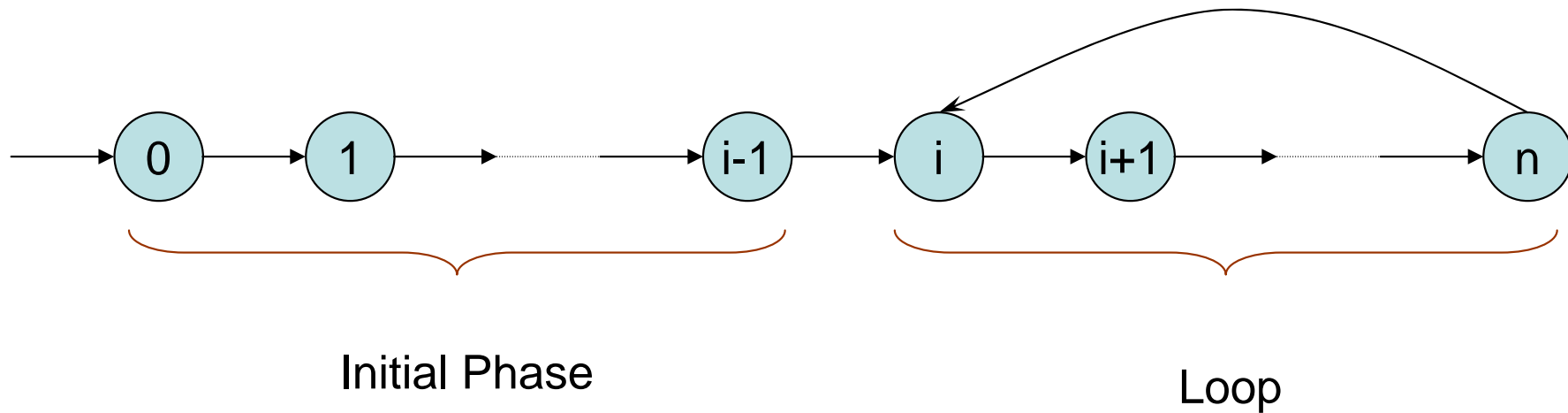
# EVOLVING UNDER SMALL DISRUPTION

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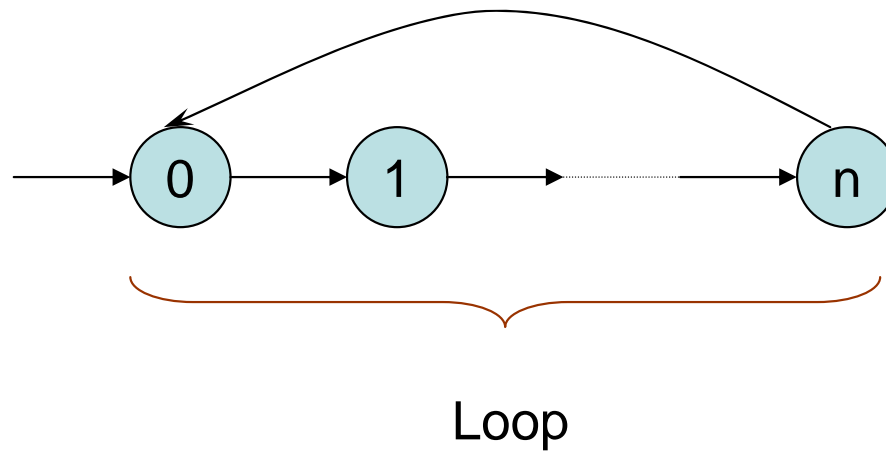
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# Unary Deterministic Finite Automata (UDFA)



# Cyclic Unary Deterministic Finite Automata (CUDFA)



# Representing CUDFAs and CURLs

- A CUDFA is represented as a word  $w \in \{0,1\}^+$  (where ones are accepting states) and it will be considered as a genotype.

Let  $w = x_1x_2\dots x_n$  be a CUDFA, we set  $B(w) = \{i \mid x_i = 1\}$ .

- The regular language accepted by a CUDFA  $w$  is represented as an infinite set of disjoint successions of natural numbers

$$M = \{ \{b_i + |w|k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \}_{i=1, \dots, m}$$

where  $b_i \in B(w)$  for any  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . This language will be considered as the corresponding phenotype of the CUDFA.

# Some Bioinspired Operators over CUDFAs

Let  $V = \{0,1\}$ ,  $T(m, p) = \{w \mid w = (x_1x_2\dots x_m)^p, x_i \in V \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  for  $m, p \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $h: V \rightarrow V$  be a mapping with  $h(1) = 0$  and  $h(0) = 1$ . For any natural numbers  $n, m, p > 0$ ,  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $q > 1$  and  $y \in V$ , we define the operators:

- addition  $A_{i,y} : V^n \rightarrow V^{n+1}$ ,  $A_{i,y}(x_1x_2\dots x_n) = x_1x_2\dots x_iyx_{i+1}\dots x_n$
- partial copy  $PC_p : T(m, p) \rightarrow T(m, p+1)$ ,  
 $PC_p((x_1x_2\dots x_m)^p) = (x_1x_2\dots x_m)^{p+1}$
- elimination  $E_i : V^n \rightarrow V^{n-1}$ ,  $E_i(x_1x_2\dots x_n) = x_1x_2\dots x_{i-1}x_{i+1}\dots x_n$
- partial elimination  $PE_q : T(m, q) \rightarrow T(m, q-1)$ ,  
 $PE_q((x_1x_2\dots x_m)^q) = (x_1x_2\dots x_m)^{q-1}$
- mutation  $M_i : V^n \rightarrow V^n$ ,  $M_i(x_1x_2\dots x_n) = x_1x_2\dots h(x_i)\dots x_n$

# Disruption of an Operator over a CUDFA

- For two successions  $A = \{a + bn\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $B = \{c + dk\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , the overlap  $ISO_{A,B}$  of  $A$  and  $B$  (for Infinite Successions Overlap) is defined as:

$$ISO_{A,B} = \begin{cases} \frac{\gcd(b,d)}{d} & \text{if } A \cap B \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{in other case} \end{cases}$$

- Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two CURLs, and let  $n$  be the number of successions of  $M$ . We define the overlap  $URLO_{M,N}$  of  $M$  with  $N$  (for URLs Overlap) as:

$$URLO_{M,N} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{A \in M \\ B \in N}} ISO_{A,B} & \text{if } M \cap N \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{in other case} \end{cases}$$

- Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $O \in MUAU\mathcal{E}UPCUP\mathcal{E}$  be an operator such that  $O(w)$  is defined. Let  $L$  and  $L'$  be the CURLs represented by  $w$  and  $O(w)$ , respectively. We define the disruption  $D(O,w)$  of the operator  $O$  over  $w$  as:

$$D(O,w) = (1 - URLO_{L,L'}, 1 - URLO_{L,L})$$

# Disruption of the Operators

**Lemma 2.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA. The CURLs represented by  $w$  and by  $w^n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n > 1$  are the same.

**Corollary 1.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA. The CURLs represented by  $w^n$  and  $w^m$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n, m > 1$ , coincide.

**Corollary 2.** For any  $p, q > 1$ ,  $PC_p$  and  $PE_q$  are not disruptive operators.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $i$  a natural number with  $1 \leq i \leq |w|$ . If

$|w|_1 = m$ , then

- $D(M_i, w) = (0, \frac{1}{m+1})$  if we mutate a zero into a one,
- $D(M_i, w) = (\frac{1}{m+1}, 0)$  if we mutate a one into a zero.

# Disruption of the Operators

**Lemma 4.** For any CUDFA  $w \in V^+$  with  $|w|_1 = m$ , any natural number  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq |w|$ , and any  $y \in V$ ,

$$D(A_{i,y}, w) = \left(1 - \frac{m+y}{|w|+1}, 1 - \frac{m}{|w|}\right)$$

**Lemma 5.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA,  $|w|_1 = m \geq 1$ ,  $i$  a natural number with  $1 \leq i \leq |w|$ , and  $y$  the  $i$ -th letter of  $w$ . Then

$$D(E_i, w) = \left(1 - \frac{m-y}{|w|-1}, 1 - \frac{m}{|w|}\right)$$



# Small Disruptions and Iterated Application of Operators

Let the CUDFA  $w \in V^+$ ,  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq M \cup A \cup \varepsilon \cup PC \cup PE$ , and a real number  $\lambda$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$  be given.

- We say that a word  $v$  can be obtained with a disruption strictly less than  $\lambda$  from  $w$  using  $\mathcal{O}$  if there exist operators  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_p \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $p \geq 0$ , such that
  - $v = O_p(O_{p-1} \dots (O_2(O_1(w))))$  and
  - $D(O_i, O_{i-1}(\dots(O_2(O_1(w))\dots))) < (\lambda, \lambda)$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq p$ .
- By  $LD(w, \mathcal{O}, \lambda)$  we denote the set of all words  $v$  which can be obtained with a disruption strictly less than  $\lambda$  from  $w$  using  $\mathcal{O}$ .

# Small Disruptions and Iterated Application of Operators

**Theorem 1.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$  such that  $\frac{1}{|w|_1 + 1} < \lambda$ , and let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{E}$ . Then

$$LD(w, \mathcal{O}, \lambda) = \{v \mid |v|_0 > 0, \frac{1}{|v|_1 + 2} < \lambda\} \cup \{1^m \mid m \geq 1\} \cup \{w\}.$$

Proof.

Let us suppose  $|w|_0 = t$  and  $|v|_0 = q$  for some  $t, q \geq 0$ . We choose

- $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_t \in \mathcal{M}$ , we mutate all the zeros of  $w$ , resulting  $1^{|w|}$ .
- Let  $b = \left| |v| - |w| \right|$ .
  - If  $|w| \leq |v|$ , then  $O_{t+1}, O_{t+2}, \dots, O_{t+b} \in \mathcal{A}$ , resulting  $1^{|v|}$ .
  - If  $|w| > |v|$ , then  $O_{t+1}, O_{t+2}, \dots, O_{t+b} \in \mathcal{E}$ , resulting  $1^{|v|}$ .
- $O_{t+b+1}, O_{t+b+2}, \dots, O_{t+b+q} \in \mathcal{M}$ , we mutate all the positions in which  $1^{|v|}$  has a one and  $v$  has a zero, resulting  $v$ .

# Small Disruptions and Iterated Application of Operators

## Corollary 3.

- Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$  such that  $\frac{1}{|w|_1 + 1} < \lambda$ , and let  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq M \cup A$ . Then

$$LD(w, \mathcal{O}, \lambda) = \{v \mid |w| < |v|, |v|_0 > 0, \frac{1}{|v|_1 + 2} < \lambda\} \cup \{1^m \mid m \geq 1\} \cup \{w\}.$$

- Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$  such that  $\frac{1}{|w|_1 + 1} < \lambda$ , and let  $\mathcal{O} = M \cup PC$ . Then

$$LD(w, \mathcal{O}, \lambda) = \{v \mid |w| < |v|, |v|_0 > 0, \frac{1}{|v|_1 + 2} < \lambda\} \cup \{1^m \mid m \geq 1\} \cup \{w\}.$$

# Small Disruptions and Iterated Application of Operators

**Theorem 2.** Let  $w \in V^+$  be a CUDFA and  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , and let  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{P} \cup \mathcal{E}$ . Then

$$LD(w, \mathcal{O}, \lambda) = V^+ \setminus \{0^m \mid m \geq 1\}.$$

Proof.

Let  $|w| = m$ ,  $|w|_1 = r > 0$ ,  $|v| = n$  and  $|v|_1 = s > 0$ . Let  $y = \text{lcm}(m, n)z$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , we set  $z' = \frac{y}{m}$  and  $z'' = \frac{y}{n}$ , with  $z$  sufficient large such that  $\frac{1}{rz'} < \lambda$  and  $\frac{1}{sz''} < \lambda$ .

- $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_{z'-1} \in \mathcal{PC}$ , any  $O_i$  adds a copy of  $w$ , resulting  $w^{z'}$ .
- Let  $t$  be the number of positions in which  $w^{z'}$  has a zero and  $v^{z''}$  has a one.  $O_{z'}, O_{z'+2}, \dots, O_{z'+t-1} \in \mathcal{M}$ , zeros are changed into ones, resulting  $\bar{w}$ .
- Let  $q$  be the number of positions in which  $\bar{w}$  has a one and  $w^{z''}$  has a zero.  $O_{z'+t}, O_{z'+t+2}, \dots, O_{z'+t+q-1} \in \mathcal{M}$ , ones are mutated into zeros, resulting  $w^{z''}$ .
- $O_{z'+t+q}, O_{z'+t+q+2}, \dots, O_{z'+t+q+z''-2} \in \mathcal{PE}$ , any  $O_i$  cancels a copy of  $v$ , resulting  $v$ .

# Small Disruptions and Iterated Application of Operators

**Theorem 3.** For any word  $w$  with  $|w|_1 > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$LD(w, \mathcal{PC} \cup \mathcal{M} \cup \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{E}, \lambda) = \{v \mid |v|_0 > 0, \frac{1}{|v|_1 + 2} < \lambda\} \cup \{1^m \mid m \geq 1\} \cup \{w\}.$$

Proof.

Let  $|w|_1 = m \geq 1$ , and let  $v$  be a word with  $\frac{1}{|v|_1} < \lambda$ . Then, there is a number  $r \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that  $\frac{1}{mr} \leq \lambda$ . Using  $r-1$  times operators from  $\mathcal{PC}$  which copy  $w$ , we get  $w^r$ .

Starting from  $w^r$ , we construct the same sequence of operators as in Theorem 1.

# Conclusions

- The set of the **edit operators** has been **extended** by introducing the partial copy and partial elimination operators.
- We were able to **generate with low disruption** all words which correspond to **non-empty CURLs** by iterated applications of the operators **mutation, partial copy and partial elimination**.
- We have shown that **with the other set of operators** we can not generate with low disruption all words as before, but **the resultant set is also satisfactory** from a biological point of view.

# Open Problems

- Searching algorithms to determine the minimal number of operators which transform with low disruption a given word into another given word.
- Studying whether the results presented in this work are also satisfied for more complex devices than CUDFA.

Thanks!