

CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation
Finite Automata



Lecture No.03



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TOPICS TO BE COVERED

01 Kleene star, Kleene plus

02 properties of $+$, \cdot

03 Simplification of Reg Exp.

04 How to write Reg Exp.?

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Kleene star:

$$R^*$$

$$R^0 + R^1 + R^2 + R^3 + R^4 + \dots$$

$$a^* \Rightarrow \{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$L(a^*) = \{\epsilon, a, a^2, a^3, \dots\}$$

$$= \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} R^2 = R.R \\ R^3 = R.R.R \end{array} \right.$$

Language (Set)



- 1) b^* $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, b, bb, bbb, bbbb, \dots\} = \{b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- 2) $(ab)^*$ $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, ab, abab, ababab, \dots\} = \{(ab)^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- 3) $(ba)^*$ $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, ba, baba, bababa, \dots\} = \{(ba)^n \mid n \geq 0\}$
- 4) $(aa)^*$ $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, a^2, a^4, a^6, a^8, \dots\} = \{a^{2n} \mid n \geq 0\}$
- 5) $(a+b)^*$ $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\} = \{a, b\}^*$
- 6) $(a+\epsilon)^*$ $\Rightarrow \{\epsilon, a, a^2, a^3, \dots\} = \{a^n \mid n \geq 0\} = a^*$
- 7) $(b+\epsilon)^*$ $\Rightarrow b^*$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\} = a + b$$

$$\Sigma^* = \{a, b\}^* = (a + b)^*$$

$$\Sigma^2 = \{a, b\} \cdot \{a, b\}$$

$$= \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$$

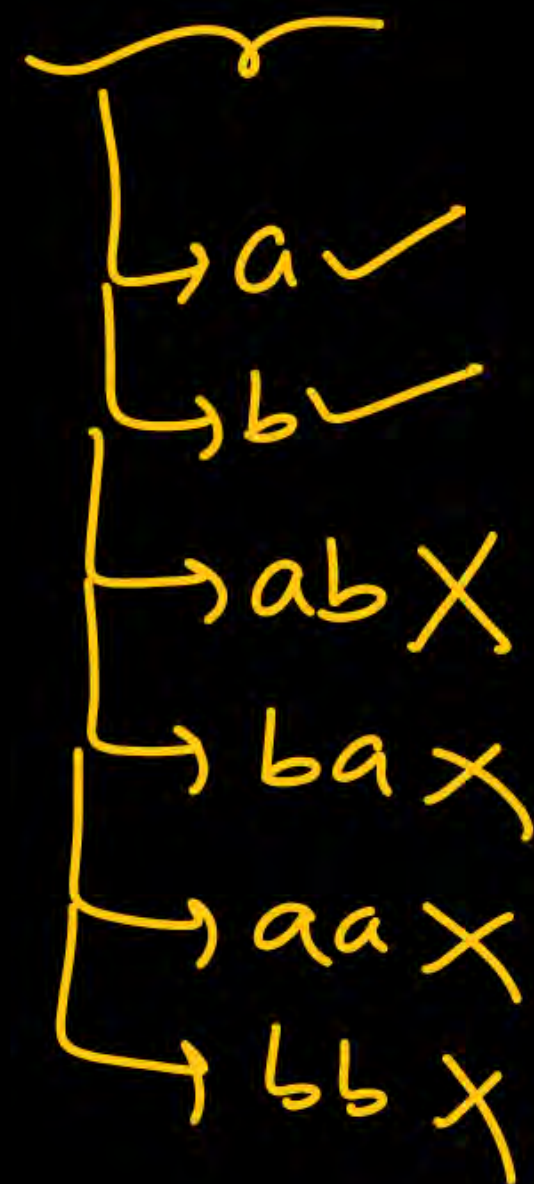
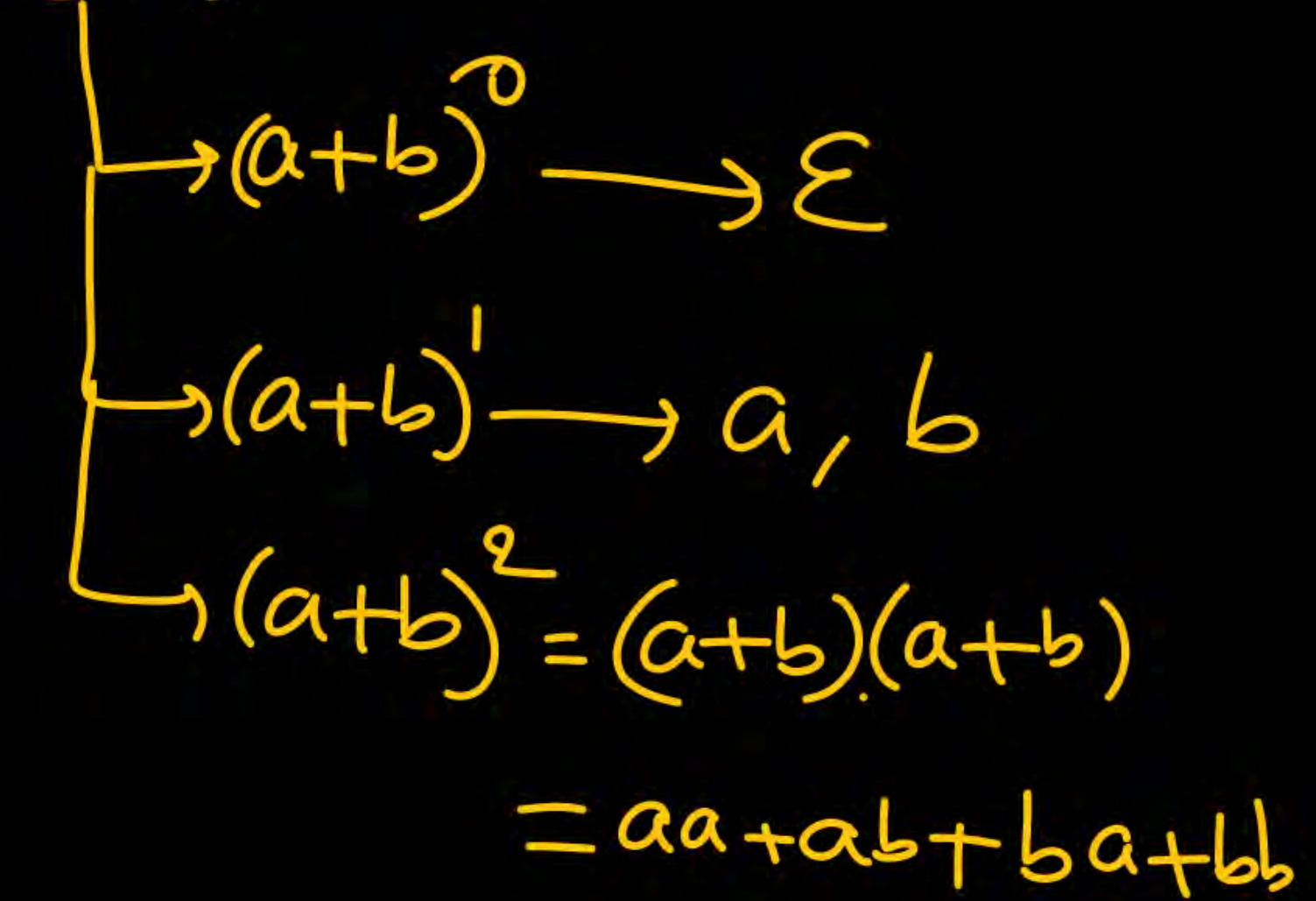
= Set of all 2 length strings

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma^0 \cup \Sigma^1 \cup \Sigma^2 \cup \Sigma^3 \cup \dots$$

$$= \{\epsilon\} \cup \{a, b\} \cup \{aa, ab, ba, bb\} \cup \dots$$

$$= \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\}$$

= Set of all strings over Σ = Universal Language

$a + b$

 $(a + b)^*$


$$(a+\varepsilon)^* \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a+\varepsilon)^0 \longrightarrow \varepsilon \\ (a+\varepsilon)^1 \longrightarrow a, \varepsilon \\ (a+\varepsilon)^2 \longrightarrow (\underline{a}+\varepsilon)(\underline{a}+\varepsilon) \longrightarrow a^2, a, \varepsilon \\ (a+\varepsilon)^3 \longrightarrow a^3, a^2, a, \varepsilon \end{array} \right.$$

$$\varepsilon, a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots = a^*$$

$$(a+b+\varepsilon)^* = (a+b)^*$$

Kleene plus :

$$R^+$$

$$R^1 + R^2 + R^3 + R^4 + \dots$$

$$a^+ \Rightarrow \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots\} = \{a^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$


$$b^+ \Rightarrow \{b, b^2, b^3, b^4, \dots\} = \{b^n \mid n \geq 1\}$$

$$1) (a+\varepsilon)^+ \Rightarrow a^* = \{a^n | n \geq 0\}$$

$$2) (b+\varepsilon)^+ \Rightarrow b^*$$

$$3) (a+b+\varepsilon)^+ \Rightarrow (a+b)^*$$

$$4) a^+ + \varepsilon \Rightarrow a^+ + a^0 = a^*$$

$$5) a^* + \boxed{\varepsilon} \Rightarrow a^*$$


$$(a+\varepsilon)^1 \begin{cases} \rightarrow a \checkmark \\ \rightarrow \varepsilon \checkmark \end{cases}$$

$$(a+\varepsilon)^2 = (a+\varepsilon)(a+\varepsilon) \begin{cases} \rightarrow \varepsilon.\varepsilon.\varepsilon \\ \rightarrow a \\ \rightarrow a^2 \end{cases}$$

⋮

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{= \varepsilon, a, a^2, a^3, \dots} = a^*$$

$$R^* = R^+ + R^0$$

~~$$R^+ = R^* - \{\epsilon\}$$~~

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{a^+ + [\epsilon]} &= \underbrace{a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots}_{= a^*} + \epsilon \\ &= a^* \end{aligned}$$

OR

Concatenation

① Identity

ϕ
Empty exp.

ϵ

② Associative

✓ holds

✓ holds

③ Commutative

✓ holds

X not holds

④ Dominator
(Annihilator)

Σ^*

ϕ

⑤ Distributive

I) OR over Concatenation

Does not hold

OR should not
be distributed
over Concatenation

i) Left Distribution

$$a + (b \cdot c)$$

$\{a, bc\}$

?

$$(a+b) \cdot (a+c)$$

$\{aa, ac, ba, bc\}$

ii) Right Distribution

$$(a \cdot b) + c$$

$\{ab, c\}$

?

$$(a+c) \cdot (b+c)$$

$\{ab, ac, cb, cc\}$

II) Concatenation over OR

It holds

Concatenation
is distributed
over OR

i) Left Distribution:

$$a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$$

$\{ab, ac\}$

ii) Right Distribution:

$$(a + b) \cdot c = (a \cdot c) + (b \cdot c)$$

$\{ac, bc\}$

$$a \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\varepsilon \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\phi \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\{a\} \cdot \{\emptyset\} \rightarrow \{a\}$$

$$\{a\} \cdot \{ \} \rightarrow \{ \}$$

Dominator:

\checkmark $*$ is dominator
for \times

$$R + \mathbb{D} = \mathbb{D} + R = \mathbb{D}$$

$$R + \Sigma^* = \Sigma^* + R = \Sigma^*$$

ϕ is dominator
for \cdot

$$R \cdot \mathbb{D} = \mathbb{D} \cdot R = \mathbb{D}$$

$$R \cdot \phi = \phi \cdot R = \phi$$

$$R \cup D = D$$

What is D in the world?

$$\underbrace{R \cup \sum^*}_{\text{every string problem}}$$

$$R \subseteq \Sigma^*$$

commutative

$$R_1 + R_2 = R_2 + R_1$$

holds

Note:

$$R_1 = a$$

$$R_2 = \varepsilon$$

$$a \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon \cdot a = a$$

$$R_1 \cdot R_2 \neq R_2 \cdot R_1$$

need not be equal

Does not hold

Associative:

$$\underbrace{(R_1 + R_2) + R_3}_{\text{Left Associative}} = \underbrace{R_1 + (R_2 + R_3)}_{\text{Right Associative}}$$

$$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$
 $\{a, b, c\}$

$$(R_1 \cdot R_2) \cdot R_3 = R_1 \cdot (R_2 \cdot R_3)$$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$
 $\{abc\}$

Identity:
(I)

$$\cancel{I = \Phi}$$

$$R + I = I + R = R$$

$$R + \Phi = \Phi + R = R$$

Φ is identity for "OR" operator

$$\cancel{I = \epsilon}$$

$$R \cdot I = I \cdot R = R$$

$$R \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot R = R$$

ϵ is identity for concatenation

Simplification :



$$1) \phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$2) \epsilon^* = \epsilon$$

$$3) \phi^+ = \phi$$

$$4) \epsilon^+ = \epsilon$$

$$R^* = R^0 + R^1 + R^2 + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^* &= \phi^0 + \phi^1 + \phi^2 + \dots \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon^* &= \epsilon^0 + \epsilon^1 + \epsilon^2 + \dots \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi^1 = \phi$$

$$\phi^2 = \phi \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\phi^3 = \phi \cdot \phi \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\phi^0 = \epsilon$$

$$\epsilon^0 = \epsilon$$

$$a^0 = \epsilon$$

$$R^0 = \epsilon$$

$$(Any)^0 = \epsilon$$

$$5) (a+\phi)^* = a^*$$

$$6) (a+\phi)^+ = a^+$$

$$7) (\varepsilon+\phi)^+ = \varepsilon^+ = \varepsilon$$

$$8) (\varepsilon+\phi)^* = \varepsilon^* = \varepsilon$$

$$9) \phi^* \cdot \phi^+ = \varepsilon \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$10) \varepsilon^* \cdot \varepsilon^+ = \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

$$11) \phi^* \cdot \varepsilon^+ = \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon$$

$$12) \phi^+ \cdot \varepsilon^* = \phi \cdot \varepsilon = \phi$$

$$13) a^* \cdot \phi^* = a^* \cdot \varepsilon = a^*$$

$$14) a^* \cdot \boxed{\phi^+} = a^* \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$15) a^* \cdot a = a^+ = a \cdot a^*$$

$$16) a \cdot a^* = a^+ = a^* \cdot a$$

$$\boxed{\overset{*}{\underset{\sim}{a}}.a} = a^+$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon.a &\rightarrow a \\ a.a &\rightarrow a^2 \\ a^2.a &\rightarrow a^3 \\ a^3.a &\rightarrow a^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$17. a^* + a^* = a^*$$

$$18. a^* + a^+ = a^*$$

$$19. a^+ + a^+ = a^+$$

$$20. a + a^+ = a + (a + a^2 + \dots) = a^+$$

$$21. a + a^* = a^*$$

$$22. a^{100} + a^+ = a^+$$

$$23. a^* + a^+ + a + a^{1000} = a^*$$

$$24) (a^+)^2 = a^+ a^+ = a a^+ = a a a^+ = a a^+ a = a^+ a a$$

$$25) (a^*)^2 = a^* a^* = a^*$$

$$26) (a^*)^{100} = a^* a^* \dots 100 \text{ times} = a^*$$

$$27) \frac{a^*}{\epsilon} \frac{a^*}{\epsilon} \frac{a^+}{a^2} \frac{a^*}{\epsilon} = a^+$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow a \text{ min} \\ \rightarrow a^2 \end{array} \right\} = a^+$

$$(a^+)^2 = a^+ a^+$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$a \cdot a = a^2$$

$$a \cdot a^2 = a^3$$

$$a^2 \cdot a \rightarrow$$

$$a \cdot a^3 = a^4$$

$$a \cdot a^4 = a^5$$

$$\{a^n \mid n \geq 2\}$$

$$(a^*)^* = a^*$$

$$(a^*)' = a^*$$

$$a^* \cup \text{Any} = a^*$$

$$\Sigma^* \cup \text{Any} = \Sigma^*$$

$$(a^*)^* = (a^*)^0 + (a^*)^1 + (a^*)^2 + \dots$$

$$= \epsilon + a^* + a^* + \dots$$

$$= a^*$$

$a + \epsilon$

min string?

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PW

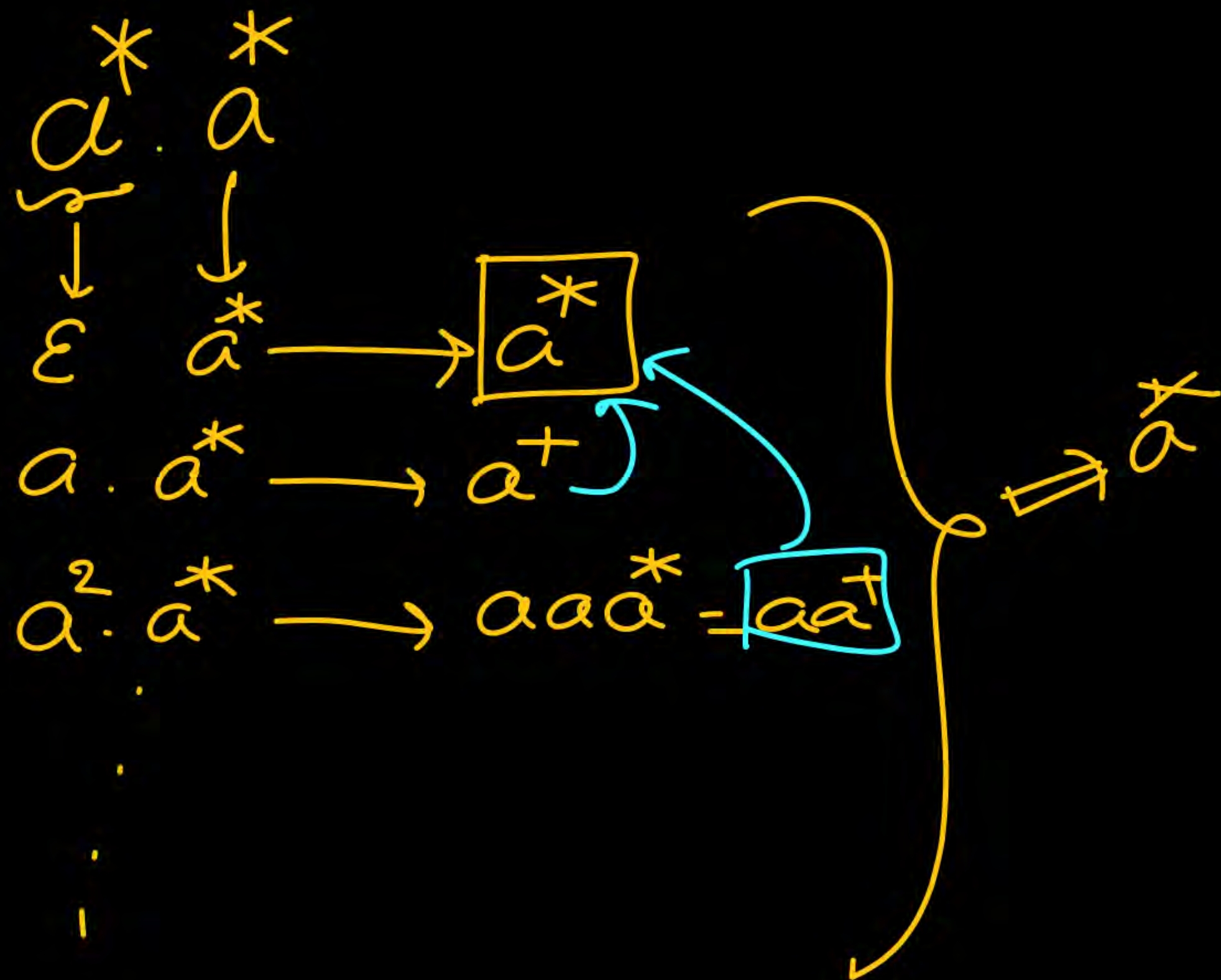
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 a^* & a^* & a^* & a^* & a^* & \boxed{a^+} & a^* & a^* \\
 \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon} & \underbrace{\quad}_{\min \epsilon}
 \end{array}
 \rightarrow a^+$$

$$\boxed{a^*} + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^* + a^*$$

$$\Sigma^* \cup \text{Any} = \Sigma^*$$

$$\left((a^+)^+ \right)^+ = a^+$$

$$\left((a^+)' \right)' = a^+$$



$$\{a^n \mid n \geq 2\}$$

$$\{a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, \dots\}$$

$$= a \cdot a^+$$

$$= a^+ \cdot a^+$$

$$= a \cdot a \cdot a^*$$

$$\{a^{2n} \mid n \geq 1\}$$

$$\{a^2, a^4, a^6, \dots\} = (aa)^+$$

$$28) (a^*)^* = (a^*)^0 \cup (a^*)^1 \cup (a^*)^2 \cup \dots = a^*$$

$$29) (a^*)^+ = (a^*)^1 \cup (a^*)^2 \cup (a^*)^3 \cup \dots = a^*$$

$$30) (a^+)^* = (a^+)^0 \cup (a^+)^1 \cup (a^+)^2 \cup \dots = \epsilon + a^+ = a^*$$

$$31) (a^+)^+ = (a^+)^1 \cup (a^+)^2 \cup (a^+)^3 \cup \dots = a^+$$

$$\overline{a^*} \cdot a = \overline{a^+} = a \cdot \overline{a^*}$$

$$\frac{(\varepsilon + a + aa + \dots) \cdot a}{\rightarrow}$$

ε
 a
 a^2

a
 a
 a

\rightarrow

a

\rightarrow

a^2

\rightarrow

a^3

$$\overline{a^+} = a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots$$

Note:

$$\text{I)} \quad R + \phi = R$$

$$\text{II)} \quad R \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\text{III)} \quad R \cdot \varepsilon = R$$

$$\text{IV)} \quad R^{\circ} = \varepsilon$$

$$\text{V)} \quad R + \Sigma^{*} = \Sigma^{*}$$

$$\text{VI)} \quad a \cdot a^{*} = a^{+}$$

$$\text{VII)} \quad a^{*} \cdot a = a^{+}$$

$$\text{VIII)} \quad (a + \varepsilon)^{*} = a^{*}$$

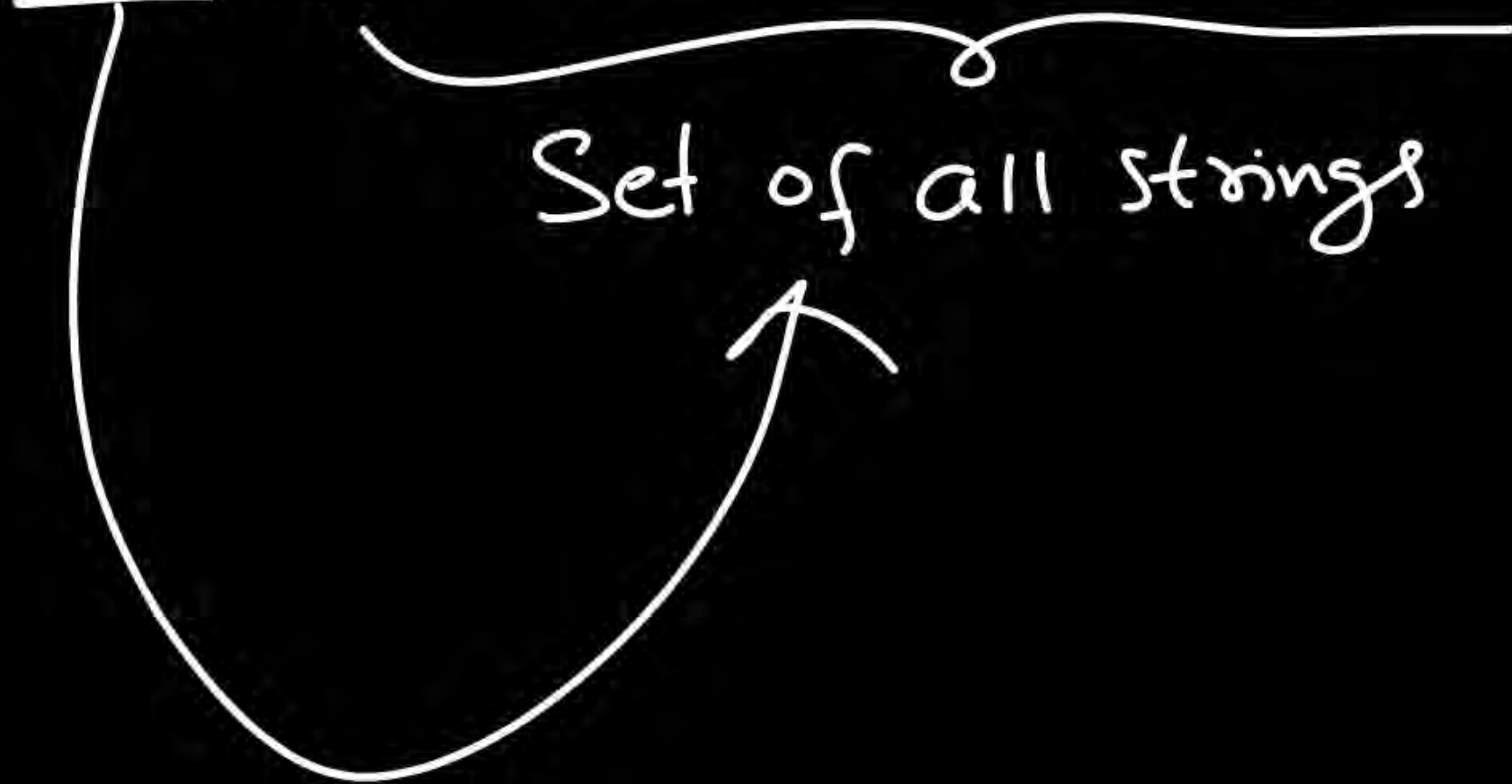
$$\text{IX)} \quad (a + \varepsilon)^{+} = a^{*}$$

$$\text{X)} \quad a^{+} + \varepsilon = a^{*}$$

$$R + \Sigma^*$$

$$\underline{R} + [\Sigma^0 + \Sigma^1 + \Sigma^2 + \Sigma^3 + \dots] = \Sigma^*$$

Set of all strings



$$\boxed{\varepsilon \cdot a} = a$$

$$\underbrace{\{\varepsilon\} \cdot \{a\}}_{\varepsilon \cdot a = a}$$

$$\varepsilon \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\{\varepsilon\} \cdot \{\} = \{\}$$

$$(a+\varepsilon)^+ = (a+\varepsilon)^1 + (a+\varepsilon)^2 + (a+\varepsilon)^3 + \dots$$

$$= [a+\varepsilon] + [\varepsilon+a+a^2] + [\varepsilon+a+a^2+a^3] + \dots$$

$$= \varepsilon + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots$$

$$= a^*$$

$$a+\varepsilon$$

$$(a+\varepsilon)^2 = \underbrace{(a+\varepsilon)}_{\text{word}} \cdot \underbrace{(a+\varepsilon)}_{\text{word}} = \varepsilon + a + a^2$$

$$(a+\varepsilon)^3 = (a+\varepsilon)(a+\varepsilon)(a+\varepsilon)$$

$$= \varepsilon + a + a^2 + a^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a^+)^2 &= \underbrace{a^+}_{a} \cdot \underbrace{a^+}_{a} \\
 &\left. \begin{aligned}
 a \cdot a &\rightarrow a^2 \\
 a \cdot a^2 &\rightarrow a^3 \\
 a \cdot a^3 &\rightarrow a^4 \\
 &\vdots
 \end{aligned} \right\} = a \cdot a^+ \\
 &= a^+ \cdot a \\
 &= a \cdot a \cdot a^* \\
 &= a \cdot a^* \cdot a \\
 &= a^* \cdot a \cdot a
 \end{aligned}$$

Home Work: shortest length string

Find minimum string in the following expressions.

$$1) (ab)^+ aaa(\underline{b} + ab) \longrightarrow \text{min} = abaaa b$$

$$2) (ab)^* aaa(b + \epsilon) \longrightarrow$$

$$3) (a + ab)^+ (bb + aaa)^+ (ab)^* \longrightarrow$$

$$4) (ab)^+ + \epsilon$$

$$5) (ab)(a+b)^*aaa + ba$$

$$6) [(ab^* + a^+ba)ab]^+(a+b)^*$$

$$7) [(ab)^+a]^*aaa$$

$$8) [(aba)^+aba]^*ab$$

$$9) (a^*)^+$$

$$10) ((ab)^* a^+)^+ b b^+ a a^*$$

$$11) [(ab)^+ aba]^+ a a a$$

$$12) (a a a^* a b a^*)^+$$

$$13) (a + a a + a a a)^+$$

$$14) a^+ b^+$$

$$15) a^* b^*$$

$$16) a^* b^* c^+ d^*$$

$$17) (a + b^* + c^+)^+$$

$$18) (a + b + \varepsilon)^+$$

$$19) ((a+ab)aa + ab)^+aaa$$

$$20) (ab \cdot aaa \cdot a + a^*)^+$$

$$a + b^+ \cdot c^*$$

$$a + \left[(b^+) \cdot (c^*) \right]$$

Kleene star, Kleene plus
concatenation

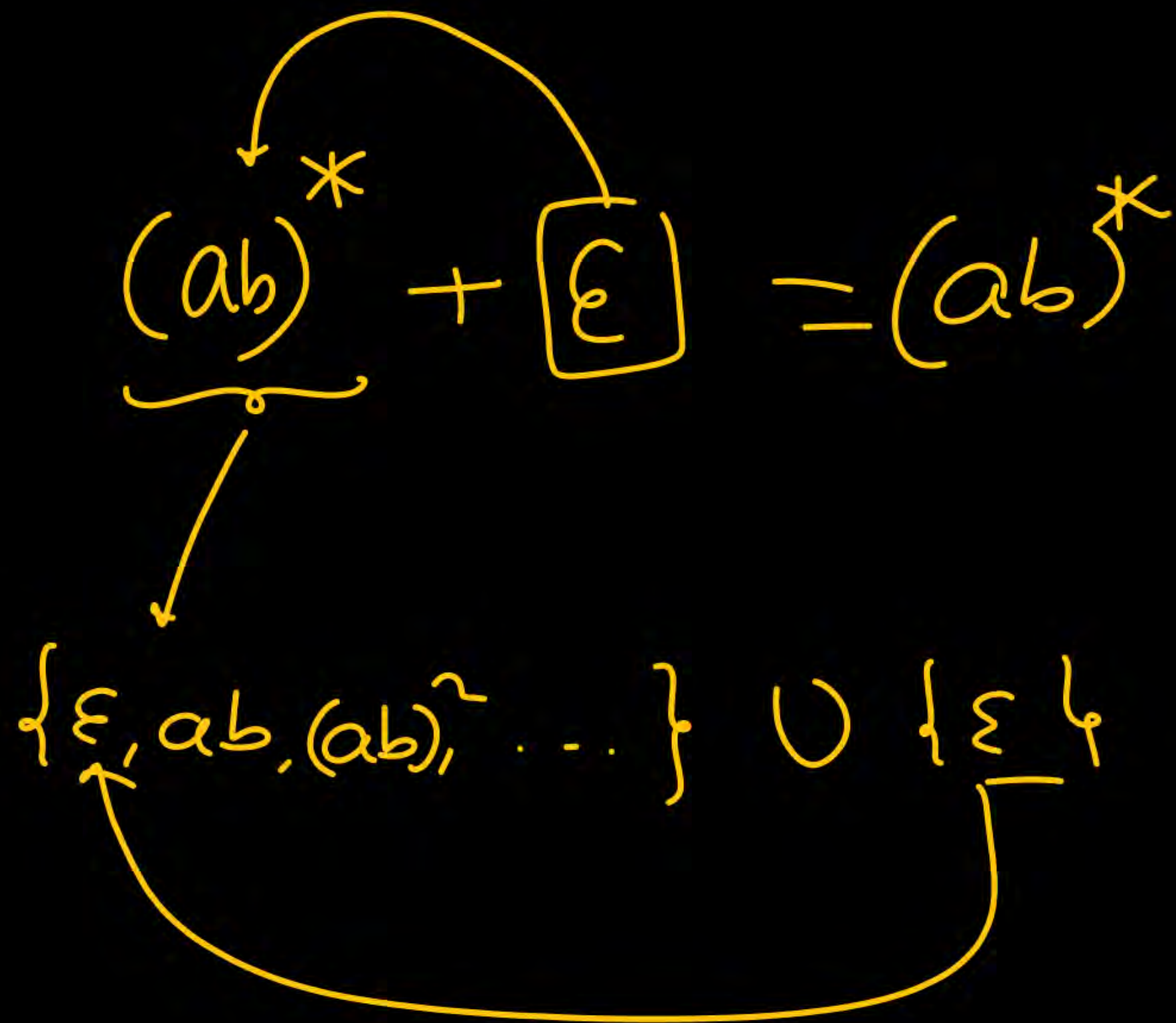
or

→ Reg Exp basics ✓

Next: How to write Reg Exp?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 a^* \cdot a^* \cdot a^+ \cdot a^* \\
 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \cdot a \cdot \varepsilon \longrightarrow a \\
 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \cdot a^2 \cdot \varepsilon \longrightarrow a^2 \\
 \varepsilon \cdot \varepsilon \cdot a^3 \cdot \varepsilon \longrightarrow a^3 \\
 \vdots
 \end{array}
 \Bigg\} = a^+$$

$$(ab)^* + \boxed{\epsilon} = (ab)^*$$



$R^0 \Rightarrow$ zero occurrences of $R = \epsilon$

$\phi^0 \Rightarrow \epsilon$

$a^0 \Rightarrow \epsilon$

$\epsilon^0 \Rightarrow \epsilon$

$(a+b)^0 \Rightarrow \epsilon$

