

FORMAL LANGUAGES AND AUTOMATA THEORY (MCQ)

1.

A Language for which no DFA exist is a_____

- a) Regular Language
- b) Non-Regular Language
- c) May be Regular
- d) Cannot be said

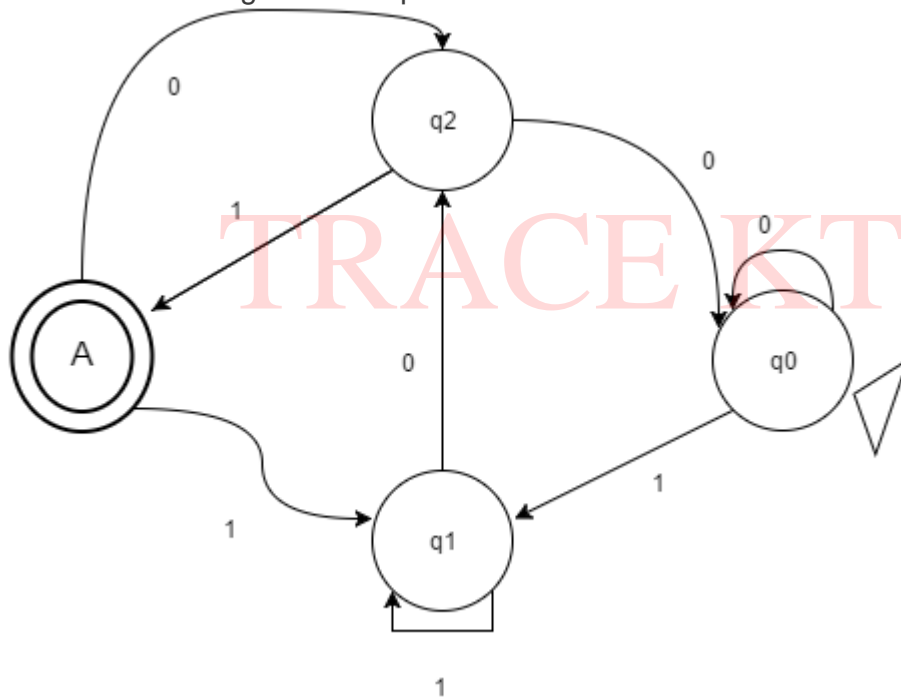
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A DFA cannot be represented in the following format

- a) Transition graph
- b) Transition Table
- c) C code
- d) None of the mentioned

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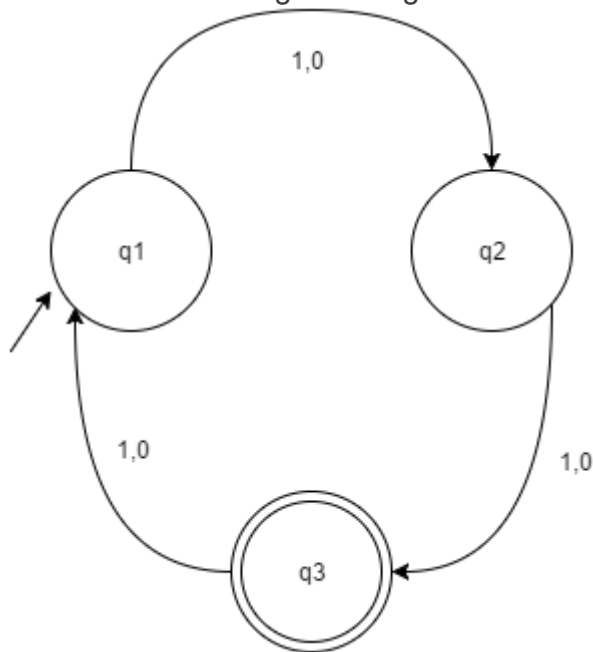
What the following DFA accepts?



- a) x is a string such that it ends with '101'
- b) x is a string such that it ends with '01'
- c) x is a string such that it has odd 1's and even 0's
- d) x is a strings such that it has starting and ending character as 1

4.

Which of the following will the given DFA won't accept?



- a) ϵ
- b) 11010
- c) 10001010
- d) String of letter count 11

5.

Can a DFA recognize a palindrome number?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Yes, with input alphabet as Σ^*
- d) Can't be determined

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Given:

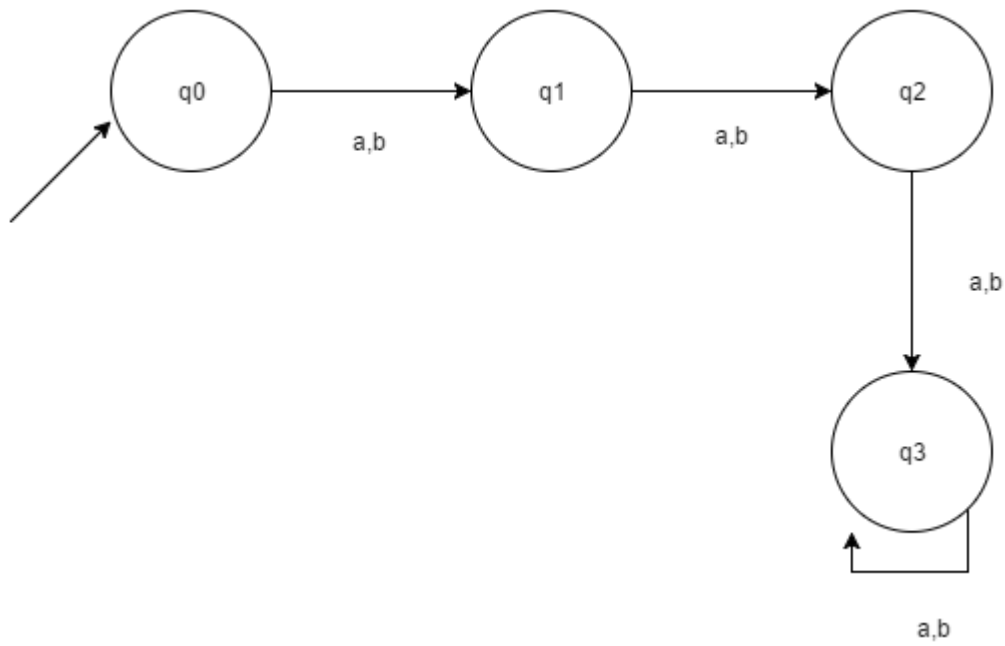
$L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1\}$; Can there be a DFA possible for the language?

- a) Yes
- b) No

7.

Which among the following states would be notated as the final state/acceptance state?

$L = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{length of } x \text{ is } 2\}$



- a) q1
- b) q2
- c) q1, q2
- d) q3

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Given:

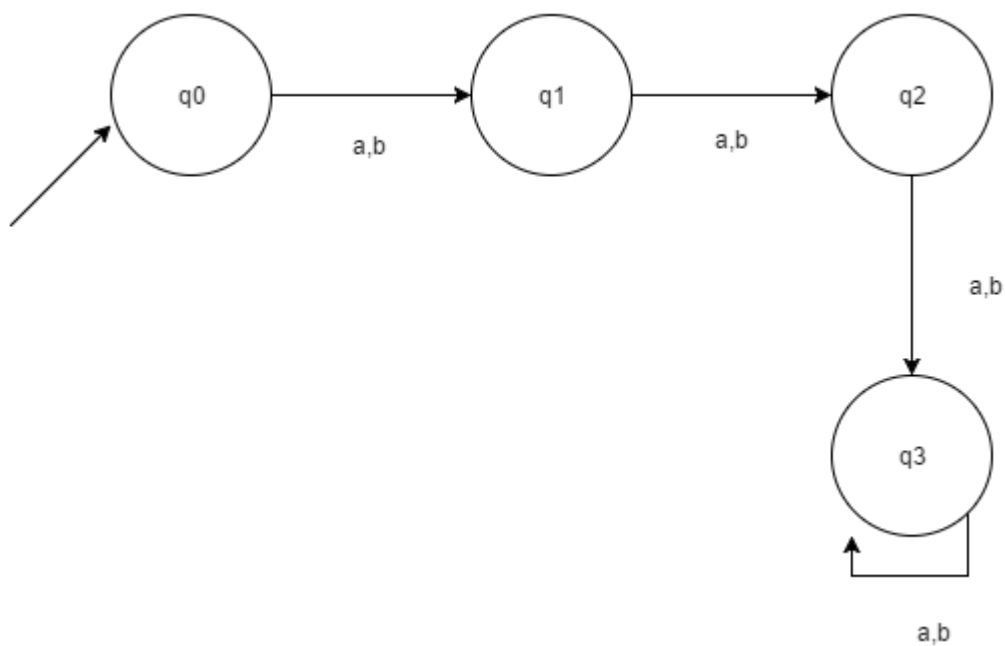
$L = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{0,1\}^*\}$ Can there be a DFA possible for the language?

- a) Yes
- b) No

9.

Which among the following states would be notated as the final state/acceptance state?

$L = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \text{length of } x \text{ is at most } 2\}$



- a) q_1
- b) q_2
- c) q_0, q_1, q_2
- d) q_1, q_2, q_3

10.

How many languages are over the alphabet R ?

- a) countably infinite
- b) countably finite
- c) uncountable finite
- d) uncountable infinite

ANSWERS

1.b

2.c

3.a

4.a

5.b

6.b

7.b

8.b

9.c

10.d

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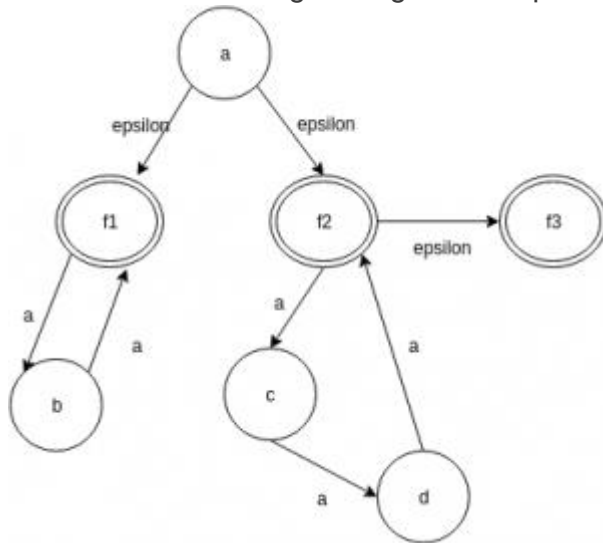
State true or false:

Statement: Both NFA and e-NFA recognize exactly the same languages.

- a) true
- b) false

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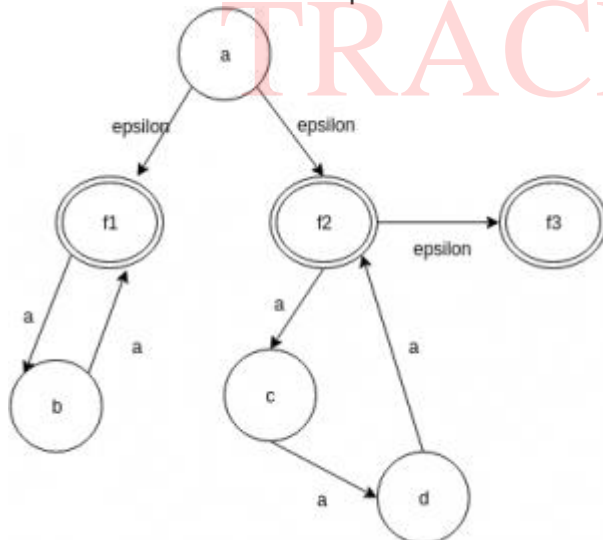
Which of the following belongs to the epsilon closure set of a?



- a) {f1, f2, f3}
- b) {a, f1, f2, f3}
- c) {f1, f2}
- d) none of the mentioned

13.

The number of elements present in the e-closure(f2) in the given diagram:



- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

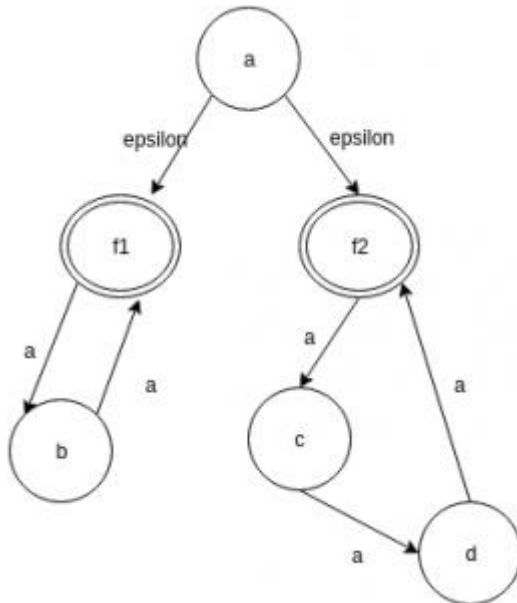
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Is the language preserved in all the steps while eliminating epsilon transitions from a NFA?

- a) yes
- b) no

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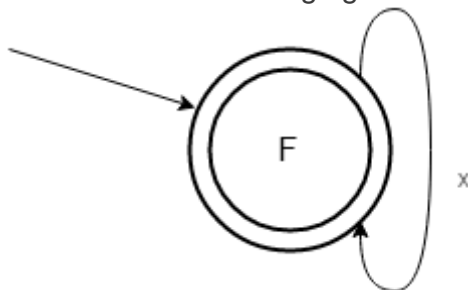
Remove all the epsilon transitions in the given diagram and compute the number of a-transitions in the result?



- a) 5
- b) 7
- c) 9
- d) 6

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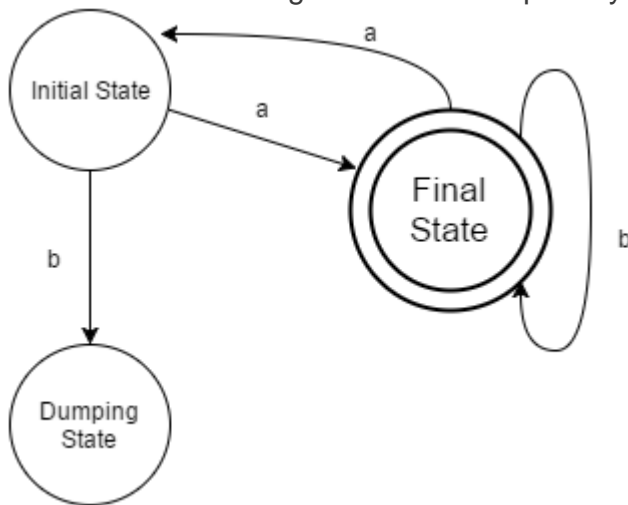
What does the following figure most correctly represents?



- a) Final state with loop x
- b) Transitional state with loop x
- c) Initial state as well as final state with loop x
- d) Insufficient Data

17.

Which of the following will not be accepted by the following DFA?



- a) ababaabaa
- b) abbbbaa
- c) abbbbaabb
- d) abbaabbbaa

18.

The entity which generate Language is termed as:

- a) Automata
- b) Tokens
- c) Grammar
- d) Data

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19.

Given grammar G:

- (1) $S \rightarrow AS$
- (2) $S \rightarrow AAS$
- (3) $A \rightarrow SA$
- (4) $A \rightarrow aa$

Which of the following productions denies the format of Chomsky Normal Form?

- a) 2,4
- b) 1,3
- c) 1, 2, 3, 4
- d) 2, 3, 4

20.

Suppose $A \rightarrow xBz$ and $B \rightarrow y$, then the simplified grammar would be:

- a) $A \rightarrow xyz$
- b) $A \rightarrow xBz|xyz$
- c) $A \rightarrow xBz|B|y$
- d) none of the mentioned

ANSWERS

11.a

12.b

13.c

14.a

15.b

16.c

17.a

18.c

19.a

20.a

21.

Given Grammar: $S \rightarrow A$, $A \rightarrow aA$, $A \rightarrow e$, $B \rightarrow bA$

Which among the following productions are Useless productions?

- a) $S \rightarrow A$
- b) $A \rightarrow aA$
- c) $A \rightarrow e$
- d) $B \rightarrow bA$

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22.

$S \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow xAy \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow w$, then A is _____

- a) Reachable
- b) Generating
- c) Both Reachable and Generating
- d) None of above

23.

For the given grammar G:

$S \rightarrow ABaC$

$A \rightarrow BC$

$B \rightarrow b \mid e$

$C \rightarrow D \mid e$

$D \rightarrow d$

Remove the e productions and generate the number of productions from S in the modified or simplified grammar.

- a) 6
- b) 7
- c) 5
- d) 8

24.

Consider $G = (\{S, A, B, E\}, \{a, b, c\}, P, S)$, where P consists of $S \rightarrow AB$, $A \rightarrow a$, $B \rightarrow b$ and $E \rightarrow c$.

Number of productions in P' after removal of useless symbols:

- a) 4
- b) 3
- c) 2
- d) 5

25.

Given grammar G :

$S \rightarrow aS \mid AB$

$A \rightarrow e$

$B \rightarrow e$

$D \rightarrow b$

Reduce the grammar, removing all the e productions:

- a) $S \rightarrow aS \mid AB \mid A \mid B$, $D \rightarrow b$
- b) $S \rightarrow aS \mid AB \mid A \mid B \mid a$, $D \rightarrow b$
- c) $S \rightarrow aS \mid AB \mid A \mid B$
- d) None of the mentioned

26.

The format: $A \rightarrow aB$ refers to which of the following?

- a) Chomsky Normal Form
- b) Greibach Normal Form
- c) Backus Naur Form
- d) None of the mentioned

27.

NFA, in its name has 'non-deterministic' because of :

- a) The result is undetermined
- b) The choice of path is non-deterministic
- c) The state to be transited next is non-deterministic
- d) All of the mentioned

28.

Given Language $L = \{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid x \text{ contains } aba \text{ as its substring}\}$

Find the difference of transitions made in constructing a DFA and an equivalent NFA?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) Cannot be determined.

29.

The number of tuples in an extended Non Deterministic Finite Automaton:

- a) 5
- b) 6
- c) 7
- d) 4

30.

What is the relation between DFA and NFA on the basis of computational power?

- a) DFA > NFA
- b) NFA > DFA
- c) Equal
- d) Can't be said

ANSWERS

21.d

22.c

23.d

24.a

25.b

26.b

27.b

28.a

29.a

30.c

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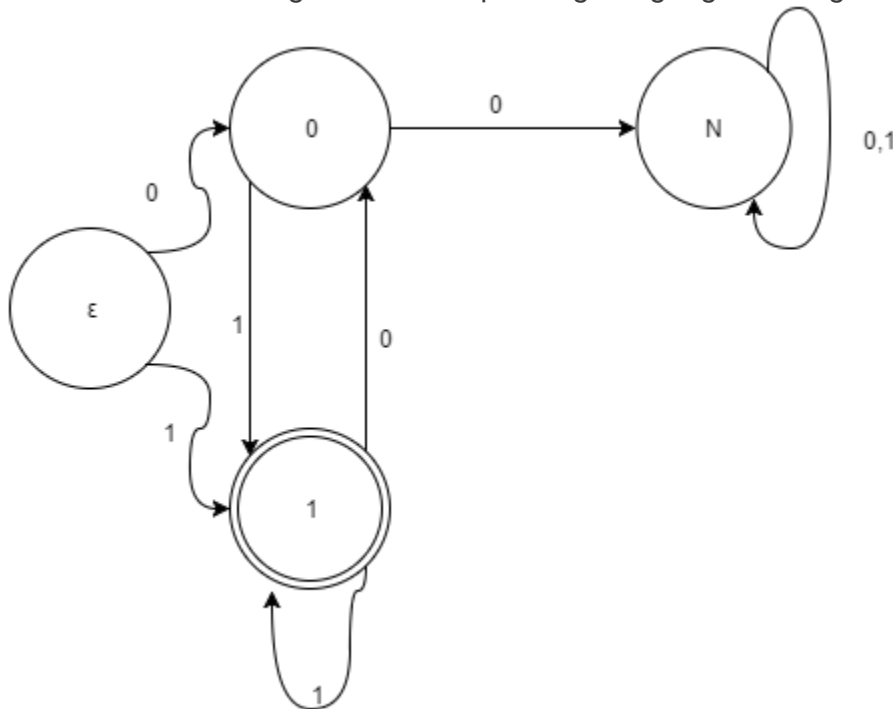
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Which of the following is not an example of finite state machine system?

- a) Control Mechanism of an elevator
- b) Combinational Locks
- c) Traffic Lights
- d) Digital Watches

32.

Which of the following is the corresponding Language to the given DFA?



- a) $L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 1 \text{ and does not contain substring } 01\}$
- b) $L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 1 \text{ and does not contain substring } 00\}$
- c) $L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 1 \text{ and does not contain substring } 00\}$
- d) $L = \{x \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 1 \text{ and does not contain substring } 11\}$

33.

Subset Construction method refers to:

- a) Conversion of NFA to DFA
- b) DFA minimization
- c) Eliminating Null references
- d) ϵ -NFA to NFA

34.

We can represent one language in more one FSMs, true or false?

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE
- c) May be true
- d) Cannot be said

35.

The production of form non-terminal $\rightarrow \epsilon$ is called:

- a) Sigma Production
- b) Null Production
- c) Unit Production
- d) All of the mentioned

36.

Which of the following is an application of Finite Automaton?

- a) Compiler Design
- b) Grammar Parsers
- c) Text Search
- d) All of the mentioned

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39.

An NFA can be modified to allow transition without input alphabets, along with one or more transitions on input symbols.

- a) True
- b) False

40.

The Grammar can be defined as: $G=(V, \Sigma, p, S)$

In the given definition, what does S represents?

- a) Accepting State
- b) Starting Variable
- c) Sensitive Grammar
- d) None of these

ANSWERS

31.d

32.b

33.a

34.a

35.b

36.d

37.b

38.d

39.a

40.b

41.

Which among the following cannot be accepted by a regular grammar?

- a) L is a set of numbers divisible by 2
- b) L is a set of binary complement
- c) L is a set of string with odd number of 0
- d) L is a set of $0^n 1^n$

42.

Which of the expression is appropriate?

For production p: $a \rightarrow b$ where $a \in V$ and $b \in ______$

- a) V
- b) S
- c) $(V + \Sigma)^*$
- d) $V + \Sigma$

43.

For $S \rightarrow 0S1 \mid \epsilon$ for $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}^*$, which of the following is wrong for the language produced?

- a) Non regular language
- b) $0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0$
- c) $0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1$
- d) None of the mentioned

44.

The minimum number of productions required to produce a language consisting of palindrome strings over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ is

- a) 3
- b) 7
- c) 5
- d) 6

45.

Which of the following statement is correct?

- a) All Regular grammar are context free but not vice versa
- b) All context free grammar are regular grammar but not vice versa
- c) Regular grammar and context free grammar are the same entity
- d) None of the mentioned

46.

Are ambiguous grammar context free?

- a) Yes
- b) No

47.

$A \rightarrow aA \mid a \mid b$

The number of steps to form aab:

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

48.

The language accepted by Push down Automaton:

- a) Recursive Language
- b) Context free language
- c) Linearly Bounded language
- d) All of the mentioned

49.

Which of the following the given language belongs to?

$L = \{a^m b^m c^m \mid m \geq 1\}$

- a) Context free language
- b) Regular language
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

50.

The most suitable data structure used to represent the derivations in compiler:

- a) Queue
- b) Linked List
- c) Tree
- d) Hash Tables

ANSWERS

41.d

42.c

43.d

44.c

45.a

46.a

47.b

48.b

49.d

50.c

51.

The Kleene Star operation accepts the following strings over set $A = \{0,1\}$ | where string s contains even number of 0 and 1

- a) 01,0011,010101,....
- b) 0011,11001100,...
- c) ϵ ,0011,11001100,...
- d) ϵ ,0011,11001100,...

52.

Moore Machine is an application of:

- a) Finite automata without input
- b) Finite automata with output
- c) Non- Finite automata with output
- d) None of the mentioned

53.

For a give Moore Machine, Given Input='101010', thus the output would be of length:

- a) $|Input|+1$
- b) $|Input|$
- c) $|Input|-1$
- d) Cannot be predicted

54.

Which of the following is a correct statement?

- a) Moore machine has no accepting states
- b) Mealy machine has accepting states
- c) We can convert Mealy to Moore but not vice versa
- d) All of the mentioned

55.

A regular language over an alphabet Σ is one that cannot be obtained from the basic languages using the operation

- a) Union
- b) Concatenation
- c) Kleene*
- d) All of the mentioned

56.

The output alphabet can be represented as:

- a) δ
- b) Δ
- c) Σ
- d) None of the mentioned

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58.

Statement1:Nullstring is accepted in Moore Machine.

Statement 2: There are more than 5-Tuples in the definition of Moore Machine.

Choose the correct option:

- a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is true
- b) Statement 1 is true while Statement 2 is false
- c) Statement 1 is false while Statement 2 is true
- d) Statement 1 and Statement 2, both are false

59.

Statement 1: A Finite automata can be represented graphically; Statement 2: The nodes can be its states; Statement 3: The edges or arcs can be used for transitions

Which of the following make the correct combination?

- a) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 and 3 are correct
- b) Statement 1 and 2 are correct while 3 is wrong
- c) None of the mentioned statements are correct
- d) All of the mentioned

60.

In Moore machine, output is produced over the change of:

- a) transitions
- b) states
- c) Both
- d) None of the mentioned

ANSWERS

51.c

52.b

53.a

54.a

55.d

56.b

57.b

58.a

59.d

60.b

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62.

In mealy machine, the O/P depends upon?

- a) State
- b) Previous State
- c) State and Input
- d) Only Input

63.

Mealy and Moore machine can be categorized as:

- a) Inducers
- b) Transducers
- c) Turing Machines
- d) Linearly Bounder Automata

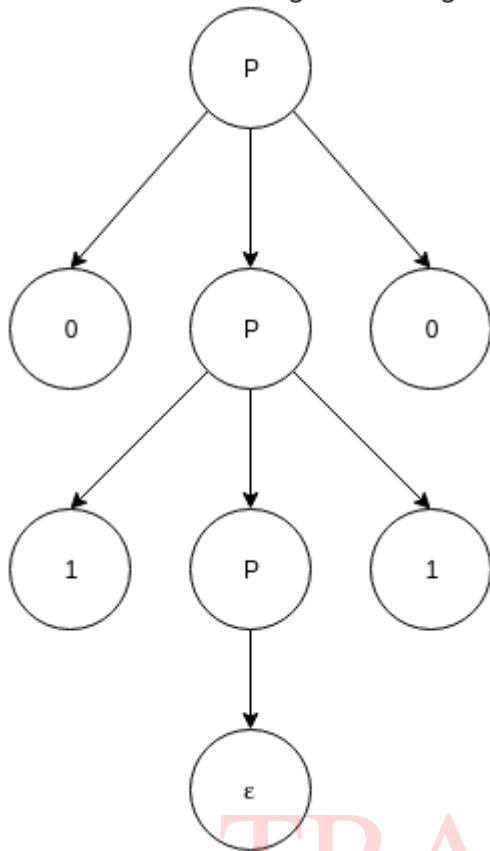
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Which among the following is the root of the parse tree?

- a) Production P
- b) Terminal T
- c) Variable V
- d) Starting Variable S

65.

Which of the following does the given parse tree correspond to?



- a) $P \rightarrow 1100$
- b) $P \rightarrow 0110$
- c) $P \rightarrow 1100\epsilon$
- d) $P \rightarrow 0101$

66.

A grammar with more than one parse tree is called:

- a) Unambiguous
- b) Ambiguous
- c) Regular
- d) None of the mentioned

67.

A symbol X is _____ if there exists : $S \rightarrow aXb$

- a) reachable
- b) generating
- c) context free
- d) none of the mentioned

68.

A symbol X is called to be useful if and only if its is:

- a) generating
- b) reachable

- c) both generating and reachable
- d) none of the mentioned

69.

Which of the following is false for a grammar G in Chomsky Normal Form:

- a) G has no useless symbols
- b) G has no unit productions
- c) G has no epsilon productions
- d) None of the mentioned

70.

To derive a string using the production rules of a given grammar, we use:

- a) Scanning
- b) Parsing
- c) Derivation
- d) All of the mentioned

ANSWERS

61.a

62.c

63.b

64.d

65.b

66.b

67.a

68.c

69.d

70.b

71.

The e-NFA recognizable languages are not closed under :

- a) Union
- b) Negation
- c) Kleene Closure
- d) None of the mentioned

72.

Which of the following are undecidable problems?

- a) Determining whether two grammars generate the same language
- b) Determining whether a grammar is ambiguous

- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

73.

If a problem has an algorithm to answer it, we call it _____

- a) decidable
- b) solved
- c) recognizable
- d) none of the mentioned

74.

The ratio of number of input to the number of output in a mealy machine can be given as:

- a) 1
- b) $n: n+1$
- c) $n+1: n$
- d) None of the mentioned

75.

Which of the given are correct?

- a) Moore machine has 6-tuples
- b) Mealy machine has 6-tuples
- c) Both Mealy and Moore has 6-tuples
- d) None of the mentioned

76.

The major difference between Mealy and Moore machine is about:

- a) Output Variations
- b) Input Variations
- c) Both
- d) None of the mentioned

77.

Which of the following does not belong to input alphabet if $S=\{a, b\}^*$ for any language?

- a) a
- b) b
- c) e
- d) none of the mentioned

78.

Every grammar in Chomsky Normal Form is:

- a) regular
- b) context sensitive
- c) context free
- d) all of the mentioned

79.

Which of the production rule can be accepted by Chomsky grammar?

- a) $A \rightarrow BC$
- b) $A \rightarrow a$
- c) $S \rightarrow e$
- d) All of the mentioned

80.

A push down automaton employs _____ data structure.

- a) Queue
- b) Linked List
- c) Hash Table
- d) Stack

ANSWER

71.d

72.c

73.a

74.a

75.c

76.a

77.c

78.c

79.d

80.d

81.

Push down automata accepts _____ languages.

- a) Type 3
- b) Type 2
- c) Type 1
- d) Type 0

82.

A string is accepted by a PDA when

- a) Stack is empty
- b) Acceptance state
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

83.

A context free grammar can be recognized by

- a) Push down automata
- b) 2 way linearly bounded automata
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

84.

The production of the form $A \rightarrow B$, where A and B are non terminals is called

- a) Null production
- b) Unit production
- c) Greibach Normal Form
- d) Chomsky Normal Form

85.

In pushdown automata notation, what does the symbol z_0 represents?

- a) an element of G
- b) initial stack symbol
- c) top stack alphabet
- d) all of the mentioned

86.

A turing machine operates over:

- a) finite memory tape
- b) infinite memory tape
- c) depends on the algorithm
- d) none of the mentioned

87.

Which of the functions are not performed by the turing machine after reading a symbol?

- a) writes the symbol
- b) moves the tape one cell left/right
- c) proceeds with next instruction or halts
- d) none of the mentioned

88.

Given Grammar G:

$S \rightarrow aA$

$A \rightarrow a \mid A$

$B \rightarrow B$

The number of productions to be removed immediately as Unit productions:

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

89.

Given grammar:

$S \rightarrow aA$

$A \rightarrow a$

$A \rightarrow B$

$B \rightarrow A$

$B \rightarrow bb$

Which of the following is the production of B after simplification by removal of unit productions?

a) A

b) bb

c) aA

d) A| bb

90.

CFGs can be parsed in polynomial time using_____

a) LR parser

b) CYK algorithm

c) SLR parser

d) None of the mentioned

ANSWERS

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81.b

82.c

83.c

84.b

85.b

86.b

87.d

88.c

89.b

90.b

91.

The following move of a PDA is on the basis of:

- a) Present state
- b) Input Symbol
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

92.

Which among the following is not a part of the Context free grammar tuple?

- a) End symbol
- b) Start symbol
- c) Variable
- d) Production

93.

Which of the following automata takes stack as auxiliary storage?

- a) Finite automata
- b) Push down automata
- c) Turing machine
- d) All of the mentioned

94.

A null production can be referred to as:

- a) String
- b) Symbol
- c) Word
- d) All of the mentioned

95.

A push down automata can be represented as:

PDA = ϵ -NFA + [stack] State true or false:

- a) true
- b) false

96.

Which of the following does not have left recursions?

- a) Chomsky Normal Form
- b) Greibach Normal Form
- c) Backus Naur Form
- d) All of the mentioned

97.

Which of the following are correct statements?

- a) TMs that always halt are known as Decidable problems
- b) TMs that are guaranteed to halt only on acceptance are recursive enumerable.
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

98.

With reference to binary strings, state true or false:

Statement: For any turing machine, the input alphabet is restricted to $\{0,1\}$.

- a) true
- b) false

99.

The decision problem is the function from string to _____

- a) char
- b) int
- c) boolean
- d) none of the mentioned

100.

Which of the following is true for The Halting problem?

- a) It is recursively enumerable
- b) It is undecidable
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the mentioned

ANSWERS

91.c

92.a

93.b

94.a

95.a

96.b

97.c

98.a

99.c

100.c

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