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Regex-to-NFA Converter

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1 Tool Description

This is a `Python` tool that takes an input *regex* and outputs the corresponding *NFA* with its *graph*. It uses **Thompson's** rules for conversion. The input *regex* can contain the following :

- **Meta-characters :** ( ) *for precedence*, | + *for ORing*, * *for repetition*
- **Letters :** from *A* to *Z (uppercase or lowercase)*
- **Digits :** from 1 to 9
- **Special characters :** some special characters can be used as a transition element, however it `must` be preceeded by \, for example \−.

The output follows the same format described in the main assignment document.

2 Tool Usage

First, install the requirements in *requirements.txt* :

- pip install -r requirements.txt

After that, run the tool as follows :

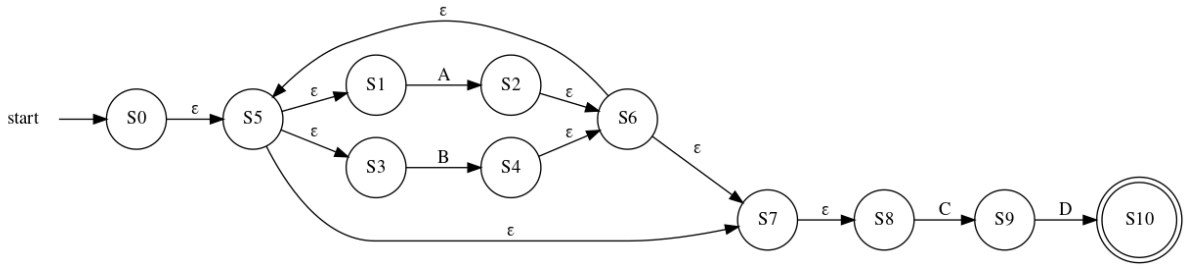
- python convert.py "REGEX"

For example, *python convert.py "(A|B)*(CD)"*
Output *NFA* and its *directed graph* will be exported to `out` folder.

3 Output Samples

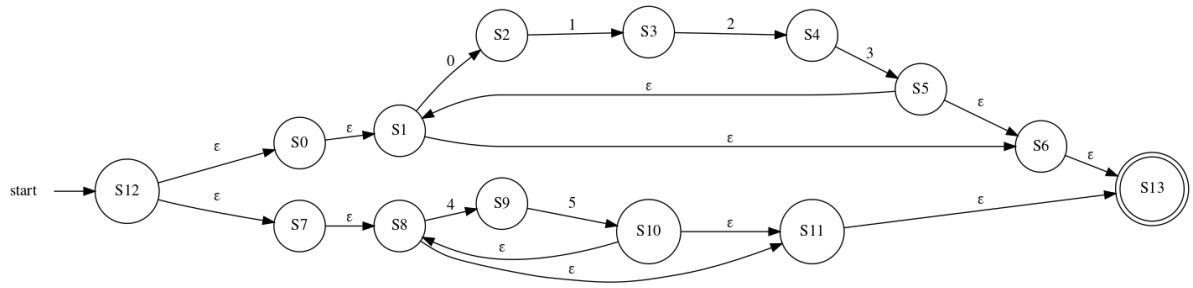
3.1 Example 1

Input : *(A|B)*(CD)*



3.2 Example 2

Input : *(0123)*|(45)**



3.3 Example 3

Input : $A*B*|C*D*$