

Unit II - Regular Expressions.

* Regular Expression - RE are short notations that can denote complex and infinite regular languages.

• RE over Σ include letters, ϕ [empty set] and ϵ [empty string of length zero]

• Operators in RE -

* : Closure

• : Concatenation

+ : Union

Precedence



* - zero or more occurrences

• - serial connection

+ - parallel connection

a^+ - one or more occurrences

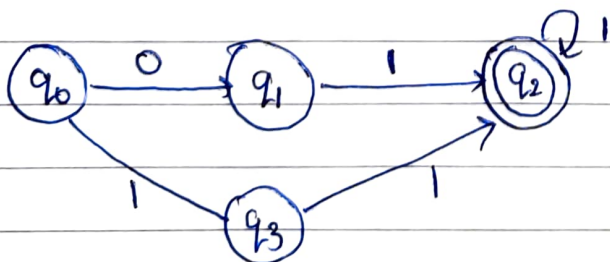
$L(r)$



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representⁿ

eg -

$01^* + 1$



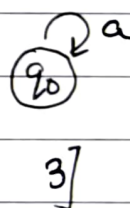
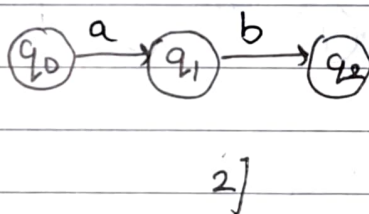
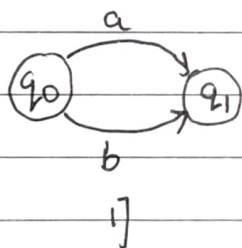
Set of all strings over $\{0,1\}$ consisting of 1 or 0 followed by zero or more no. of 1's

eg - 01, 011, 0111111, ...

eg - $(01)^* + 1$

set of all strings over $\{0,1\}$ consisting of 1 or 0 or more no. of 01.
eg - 01, 0101, 01, 01011 ...

- $a+b \rightarrow$ parallel (either a or b)
- $a \cdot b \rightarrow$ series (followed by b)
- $a^* \rightarrow$ closure



* Identities of Regular Expression.

1] $R \cup \phi = R$ [adding empty language]

2] $\phi \cdot R = R \cdot \phi = \phi$

3] $\epsilon \cdot R = R \cdot \epsilon = R$ [joining empty string to any string will not change]

4] $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$ and $\phi^* = \epsilon$

5] $R + R = R$

6] $R^* R^* = R^*$

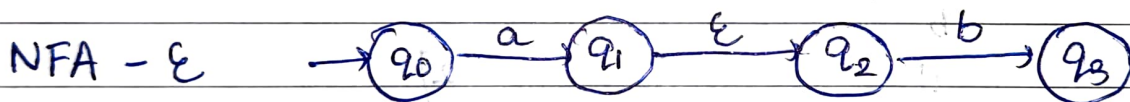
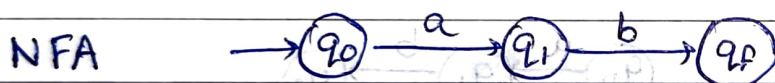
7) $RR^* = R^*R$

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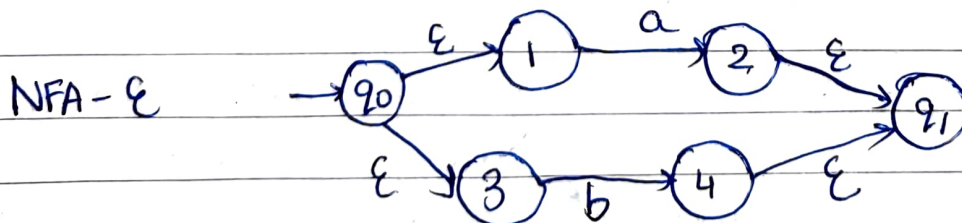
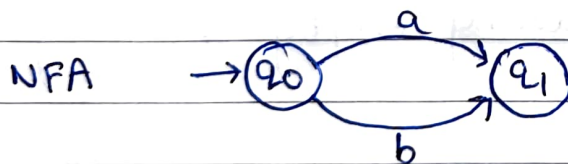
9) $\epsilon + RR^* = R^*$
 $= \epsilon + R^*R$

* Equivalence of FA & RE

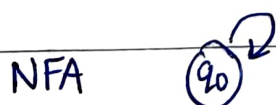
1) $a \cdot b \quad \Sigma = \{a, b\}$



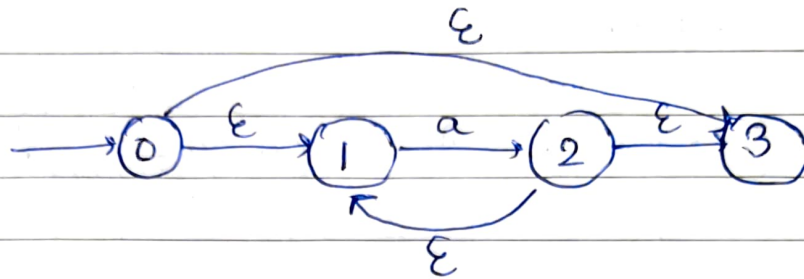
2) $a + b$



3) a^*

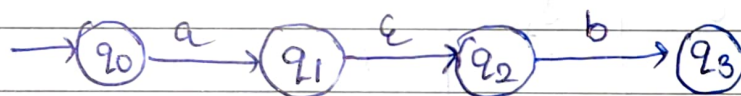
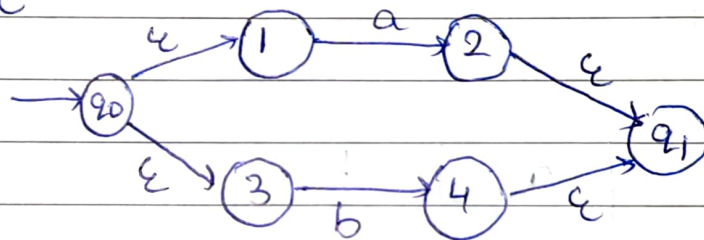


NFA- ϵ

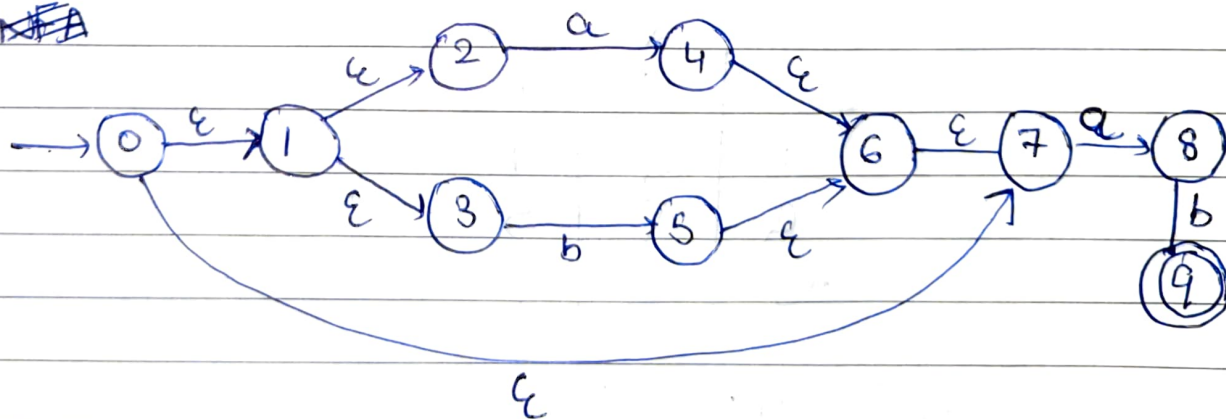


Q] $(a+ab)^* ab$

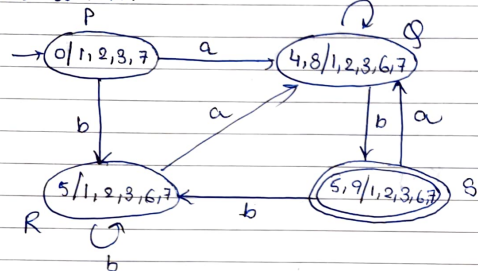
NFA- ϵ



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RE to NFA

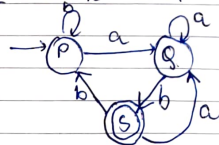


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	a	b
P	Q	R
Q	Q	S
R	Q	R
*S	Q	R

	a	b
P	Q	P
Q	Q	S
*S	Q	P

Equivalent DFA



* DFA to RE : Arden's Theorem.

Statement - Let P & Q be two regular expression. If P does not contain null string (ϵ) then $R = Q + RP$ has a unique solution that is $R = QP^*$.

Proof: $R = Q + (Q + RP)P$ [After putting the value $R = Q + RP$]

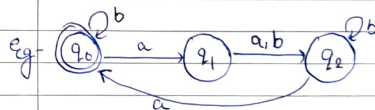
$$= Q + QP + RPP$$

$$= Q + QP + QP^2 + RP^3$$

$$= Q(\epsilon + P + P^2) + RP^3$$

$$= QP^*$$

[As P^* represents $(\epsilon + P + P^2 + \dots)$]



$$q_0 = q_0b + q_2a + \epsilon$$

$$q_1 = q_0a$$

$$q_2 = q_1a + q_1b + q_2b$$

$$\text{Substitution} \rightarrow q_2 = q_0a^2 + q_0ab + q_2b$$

$$= q_0(a^2 + ab) + q_2b$$

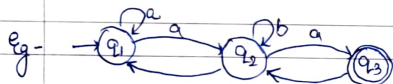
$$q_0 = q_0(a^2 + ab) \cdot b^*$$

Substituting for q_2 in q_0

$$q_0 = q_0 b + q_0 a + \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 &= q_0 b + [q_0 (a^2 + ab) b^*] a + \epsilon \\ &= q_0 (b + a(atb) b^* a) + \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

$$q_0 = \epsilon (b + a(atb) b^* a)^*$$



$$R = Q + RP$$

$$q_1 = q_2 b + q_1 a$$

$$q_2 = q_3 b + q_2 b + q_1 a$$

$$q_3 = q_2 a$$

~~q_2~~ q_3 in q_2 ($q_3 = q_2 a$)

$$\begin{aligned} q_2 &= q_1 a + q_2 b + q_3 a \\ &= q_1 a + q_2 b + q_2 a^2 \\ &= q_1 a + q_2 (b + a^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$q_2 = q_1 a (b + a^2)^*$$

using q_2 in q_1 ($q_2 = q_1 a (b + a^2)^*$)

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= q_1 a + q_2 b + \epsilon \\ &= q_1 a + [q_1 a (b + a^2)^*] b + \epsilon \\ &= \epsilon + q_1 [a + a(b + a^2)^* \cdot b] \end{aligned}$$

$$q_1 = \epsilon [a + a(b + a^2)^* \cdot b]$$

$$q_1 = [a + a(b + a^2)^* b]^*$$

$$q_2 = [a + a(b + a^2)^* \cdot b]^* \cdot a(b + a^2)^*$$

$$q_3 = [a + a(b + a^2)^* b]^* \cdot a(b + a^2)^* a$$