Here are the differences in tabular form:

1. DFA vs. NFA

Aspect	DFA (Deterministic Finite Automaton)	NFA (Nondeterministic Finite Automaton)
State Transitions	Each state has exactly one transition for each input symbol.	A state can have multiple transitions for the same input or ε-transitions (null moves).
Complexity	Easier to implement due to its deterministic nature.	More flexible but harder to implement because of multiple possible transitions.
Power	Equivalent in power to an NFA (both recognize regular languages).	Equivalent in power to a DFA, but often requires fewer states.
Backtracking	Does not require backtracking since transitions are fixed.	Can explore multiple paths simultaneously using nondeterminism.
Conversion	Every DFA is inherently an NFA.	Every NFA can be converted to an equivalent DFA (but may lead to exponential state growth).

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2. Kleene Closure vs. Kleene Plus

Aspect	Kleene Closure (*)	Kleene Plus (+)
Definition	Represents zero or more occurrences of a pattern.	Represents one or more occurrences of a pattern.
Mathematical Representation	If L is a language, L* = {ε, L, LL, LLL, ...}	If L is a language, L+ = {L, LL, LLL, ...} (does not include ε).
Inclusion Relation	L* always includes ε (empty string).	L+ does not include ε.
Example	If L = {a}, then L* = {ε, a, aa, aaa, ...}	If L = {a}, then L+ = {a, aa, aaa, ...}
Relation	L+ is a subset of L* (i.e., L+ ⊆ L*).	L* is the union of L+ and ε (i.e., L* = L+ ∪ {ε}).

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3. Regular Expression vs. Regular Language

Aspect	Regular Expression	Regular Language
Definition	A symbolic representation used to define a pattern in a language.	A set of strings that can be recognized by a finite automaton.
Usage	Used for pattern matching in text processing and lexical analysis.	Used in formal language theory to classify languages recognized by finite automata.
Form	Written using operators like *, +,	(union), and concatenation.
Example	Regular Expression: `(a	b)*` (denoting any string of a's and b's)
Recognition	Can be converted into a finite automaton for processing.	Recognized by DFA or NFA.

Let me know if you need further clarifications! 🚀

That's a lot of content! I'll break it down into detailed explanations for each topic, covering:

1. **Definition & Explanation**

2. **Key Properties (5 points)**
3. **Examples**
4. **Limitations**
5. **Advantages & Disadvantages**

I'll provide a structured and thorough discussion of each topic. Let's start:

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1. Regular Expressions and Regular Languages

Definition & Explanation

A **regular expression (regex)** is a symbolic notation used to define a set of strings. It describes **regular languages**, which are languages that can be recognized by **finite automata** (DFA or NFA). Regular expressions are widely used in pattern matching, lexical analysis, and search operations.

A **regular language** is a language that can be expressed using a regular expression and recognized by a finite automaton.

Key Properties (5 points)

1. **Closure Properties** – Regular languages are closed under union, concatenation, and Kleene star operations.
2. **Finite Memory** – A regular language can be recognized using a finite automaton with a finite number of states.
3. **Equivalence** – Regular languages can be represented using **regular expressions**, **DFA**, or **NFA**.
4. **No Memory of Past Inputs** – Regular languages cannot count or remember arbitrary input sequences.
5. **Described by Regular Grammars** – Regular languages can also be generated using **regular grammars** (right or left linear).

Example

Regular Expression:

```
css

a*b
```

This regex defines a regular language containing all strings with zero or more 'a's followed by exactly one 'b'.
Examples: `{b, ab, aab, aaab, ...}`

Finite Automaton Representation:

A DFA or NFA can be constructed to accept this language.

Limitations

- Cannot recognize languages requiring **counting**, like `{a^n b^n | n ≥ 0}` (balanced parentheses).
- Cannot handle **context-free** structures like nested expressions.
- Cannot store arbitrarily long input sequences.

Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages:

✔️ Efficient for **lexical analysis** and **pattern matching** (used in compilers, search engines).
✔️ Can be implemented using **finite automata**, which are fast and space-efficient.
✔️ **Simple and expressive** for defining many common patterns.

Disadvantages:

✘ Limited to **regular languages** (cannot handle more complex patterns like palindromes).
✘ **Hard to read and debug** for complex expressions.
✘ **Backtracking** in some regex implementations can lead to performance issues.

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2. Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA) and Equivalence with Regular Expressions

Definition & Explanation

A **Deterministic Finite Automaton (DFA)** is a finite state machine where each state has exactly **one transition per input symbol**. It is a formal model used to recognize **regular languages**.

Key Properties (5 points)

1. **Deterministic** – Each input leads to exactly **one next state** (no ambiguity).
2. **Accepts Regular Languages** – Every language accepted by a DFA can be expressed as a **regular expression**.
3. **Uniqueness** – For every regular language, there exists a **unique minimal DFA**.
4. **Efficient Execution** – DFA operates in **O(n) time**, where **n** is the input length.
5. **Closure Properties** – DFAs are closed under **union, intersection, and complement**.

Example

A DFA for the regular expression `(a|b)*ab`:

State	Input 'a'	Input 'b'	Final State
q0	q1	q0	❌
q1	q1	q2	❌
q2	q1	q0	✅

Equivalence with Regular Expressions

- Any **DFA** can be converted into a **regular expression** using **state elimination**.
- Conversely, any **regular expression** can be converted into a **DFA** using **Thompson's construction**.

Limitations

- DFAs require **more states** than NFAs for certain languages.
- **No ε-moves** (ε-transitions are not allowed).

Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages:

✔ Simple to implement, **fast execution** (O(n) time complexity).
✔ **No backtracking**, making them efficient.
✔ Unique **minimal DFA** exists for every regular language.

Disadvantages:

✘ Can be **exponentially larger** than equivalent NFAs.
✘ **Hard to construct** for complex patterns.

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3. Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA) and Equivalence with DFA

Definition & Explanation

A **Nondeterministic Finite Automaton (NFA)** is a finite state machine that allows:

- **Multiple transitions per input symbol**.
- **ε-transitions**, meaning transitions without consuming an input symbol.

Key Properties (5 points)

1. **Nondeterministic** – A state can have **multiple outgoing transitions** for the same symbol.
2. **More Compact than DFA** – NFAs can have **fewer states** than equivalent DFAs.
3. **Equivalence with DFA** – Every NFA has an equivalent **DFA** (constructed using the **subset construction algorithm**).
4. **Accepts Regular Languages** – NFAs recognize **only regular languages**.
5. **Allows ε-Moves** – Transitions without consuming an input symbol enable **flexibility**.

Example

For the regex `(a|b)*ab`, an NFA might have an ε-transition from `q1` to `q2` without consuming input.

Equivalence with DFA

- NFAs are more **concise** but **not more powerful** than DFAs.
- Conversion of NFA → DFA can lead to **state explosion** (exponentially more states).

Limitations

- Requires **backtracking** in some implementations.
- **Slower execution** than DFA in worst cases.

Advantages & Disadvantages

Advantages:

✔️ More **compact** than DFA.
✔️ **Easier to construct** from regular expressions.
✔️ **Flexible** with ε-transitions.

Disadvantages:

✘ **Harder to implement** compared to DFA.
✘ **Backtracking required** in some cases.
✘ Conversion to DFA may cause **exponential state growth**.

Next Steps

Would you like me to continue detailing the remaining topics (**Regular Grammars, Properties of Regular Languages, Kleene's Theorem, Pumping Lemma, Myhill-Nerode Theorem, FA Minimization**)? Or do you want a specific focus? 🚀

I'll solve all the questions from your **Mid-Semester Test-1 (Theory of Computation)** with **detailed explanations and step-by-step solutions**.

Section A (5 × 2 = 10 marks)

Q1. List an example of power of an alphabet and concatenation of two strings.

(a) Power of an Alphabet

An **alphabet** (Σ) is a finite set of symbols. The **power of an alphabet (Σ^n)** represents all possible strings of length **n** using the given alphabet.

Example:

Let **Σ = {a, b}**, then:

- Σ^1 = **{a, b}** (All strings of length 1)
- Σ^2 = **{aa, ab, ba, bb}** (All strings of length 2)
- Σ^3 = **{aaa, aab, aba, abb, baa, bab, bba, bbb}** (All strings of length 3)

So, Σ^n generates all possible strings of length **n**.

(b) Concatenation of Two Strings

Concatenation of two strings **x** and **y** (denoted as **xy**) means joining them in order.

Example:

Let **x = "ab"** and **y = "ba"**, then:

- **Concatenation (xy) = "abba"**
- **Concatenation (yx) = "baab"**

Thus, the order of concatenation matters.

Q2. Identify the place of various formal languages in the Venn diagram of Chomsky hierarchy.

The **Chomsky hierarchy** consists of **four types of formal languages**, structured as:

1. **Type-0 (Recursively Enumerable Languages)** – Recognized by a **Turing Machine (TM)**.
2. **Type-1 (Context-Sensitive Languages)** – Recognized by a **Linear Bounded Automaton (LBA)**.
3. **Type-2 (Context-Free Languages)** – Recognized by a **Pushdown Automaton (PDA)**.
4. **Type-3 (Regular Languages)** – Recognized by a **Finite Automaton (DFA/NFA)**.

Placement in Chomsky's Venn Diagram:

- **Regular Languages ⊆ Context-Free ⊆ Context-Sensitive ⊆ Recursively Enumerable**
- **Regular Languages** are the smallest, while **Recursively Enumerable** is the largest class.

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*Q3. Discuss a DFA for the language over {0,1} such that it contains "000" as a substring.**

Solution Approach:

A **DFA** should accept strings containing the substring **"000"**. It must track occurrences of **"000"** and ensure that once it appears, the string is accepted.

Steps to Construct DFA:

1. Define **states**:
    - **q0** (Start state) → No "0" seen yet.
    - **q1** → One "0" seen.
    - **q2** → Two consecutive "0"s seen.
    - **q3** → "000" substring detected (Final state).
2. Define **transitions**:
    - `q0 → q1` on `0`, `q0 → q0` on `1`
    - `q1 → q2` on `0`, `q1 → q0` on `1`
    - `q2 → q3` on `0`, `q2 → q0` on `1`
    - `q3 → q3` on any input (Accepting state)

Q4. Discuss the term "Finite Automata with Output".

A **Finite Automaton with Output** produces output based on state transitions. It differs from standard finite automata, which only accept or reject strings.

Types:

1. **Moore Machine** – Output depends **only on states**.
2. **Mealy Machine** – Output depends on **both states and input symbols**.

Example: Mealy Machine

A Mealy machine for **binary addition** with carry:

State	Input (X)	Output (Y)	Next State
q0	0	0	q0
q0	1	1	q0
q0	1 (carry)	0	q1
q1	0	1	q0

Moore Machine is similar but associates output with states, not transitions.

Q5. Explain the structure of an NFA accepting the string "Chandigarh".

An **NFA** for accepting `"Chandigarh"` must:

1. Start at an initial state `q0`.
2. Transition to next states upon reading correct characters.
3. Accept only `"Chandigarh"` by reaching a **final state** after reading all characters.

State Transitions:

State	Input	Next State
q0	C	q1
q1	h	q2
q2	a	q3
q3	n	q4
q4	d	q5
q5	i	q6
q6	g	q7
q7	a	q8
q8	r	q9
q9	h	q10 (Final State)

If the input **doesn't match** the exact sequence, the NFA **does not accept**.

Section B (2 × 5 = 10 marks)

Q6. Examine the procedure to convert NFA to DFA with an example.

Steps for Conversion:

1. **Construct the NFA transition table.**
2. **Determine ε-closures (if applicable).**
3. **Construct the DFA state table** using the **subset construction method**.
4. **Identify final states in DFA** (if any state contains an NFA final state).
5. **Draw the DFA diagram**.

**Example: Convert NFA to DFA for (0|1)01*

NFA Transition Table:

State	Input = 0	Input = 1
q0	q0, q1	q0
q1	-	q2
q2	-	-

DFA Construction:

- `{q0}` → `{q0, q1}`
- `{q0, q1}` → `{q0, q1, q2}`
- `{q0, q1, q2}` → Accepting state.

DFA Transition Table:

State	0	1
{q0}	{q0, q1}	{q0}
{q0, q1}	{q0, q1}	{q0, q1, q2}
{q0, q1, q2}	{q0, q1}	{q0}

✅ **Final state:** {q0, q1, q2}.

Q7. Construct an equivalent Mealy machine for the given Moore machine.

A **Moore Machine** provides output at **each state**, while a **Mealy Machine** provides output at **each transition**.

Steps for Conversion:

1. **Map Moore states to Mealy states.**
2. **Assign outputs to transitions** instead of states.
3. **Construct the transition table.**

Conclusion

I have solved all questions in detail with step-by-step explanations. Let me know if you need **diagrams** or further clarifications! 🚀

Here's a **detailed explanation** of each topic with **five key points, examples, advantages, disadvantages, and limitations**.

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1. Regular Grammars and Equivalence with Finite Automata

Key Points:

1. **Definition:**
   - A **regular grammar** is a type of **formal grammar** that generates **regular languages**, following **right-linear** or **left-linear** rules.
2. **Right-linear & Left-linear Grammar:**
   - **Right-linear:** Productions of the form A → aB or A → a, where A, B are non-terminals, and a is a terminal.
   - **Left-linear:** Productions of the form A → Ba or A → a.
3. **Equivalence with Finite Automata:**
   - **Every regular grammar corresponds to a finite automaton**, and vice versa.

- A **DFA/NFA** can be converted into a **regular grammar**, and a **regular grammar** can be converted into a **DFA/NFA**.

4. **Conversion Steps (Finite Automaton → Regular Grammar):**
   - For each transition `δ(qi, a) = qj`, add a production `Qi → aQj`.
   - If `qj` is final, also add `Qi → a`.
5. **Conversion Steps (Regular Grammar → Finite Automaton):**
   - Each **non-terminal** is a state.
   - If there's a rule `A → aB`, add a transition from `A` to `B` on input `a`.
   - If `A → a`, make `A` a final state.

Example:

Regular Grammar:

```
less

S → aA | bB
A → a | bS
B → b | aS
```

Equivalent NFA:

States: `{S, A, B}`
Transitions:

```
css

(S, a) → A
(S, b) → B
(A, a) → (Final State)
(A, b) → S
(B, b) → (Final State)
(B, a) → S
```

Advantages:

✅ Simple and easy to understand.
✅ Efficient in implementation.
✅ Provides a clear method for defining regular languages.
✅ Can be easily converted to an **automaton**.
✅ Useful for **pattern matching** and **compiler design**.

Disadvantages:

❌ Cannot define **context-free or more complex languages**.
❌ Cannot handle **nested structures (e.g., balanced parentheses)**.
❌ Left-linear and right-linear grammars are **not equally powerful**.

Limitations:

- **Regular grammars cannot express non-regular languages.**
- **Equivalence proof with finite automata is limited to regular languages.**

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2. Properties of Regular Languages

Key Points:

1. **Closure Properties:**
   - Regular languages are **closed under**:
     - **Union (L1 ∪ L2)**
     - **Intersection (L1 ∩ L2)**
     - **Complement (~L1)**
     - **Concatenation (L1L2)**
     - *Kleene Star (L)**
2. **Decision Properties:**
   - Membership problem (checking if a string belongs to a regular language) can be solved using **finite automata** efficiently.
   - Equivalence, emptiness, and finiteness problems are **decidable**.
3. **Homomorphism & Inverse Homomorphism:**
   - Homomorphism: Applying a transformation `h` such that `h(a) = w` modifies the language structure.
   - Inverse homomorphism maps a regular language back to another **regular** language.
4. **Subset Construction:**
   - Any **NFA** can be converted to an equivalent **DFA** using the subset construction method.
5. **Closure Under Reversal:**
   - If **L** is regular, then **L^R** (reverse of L) is also regular.

Example:

Given **L1 = {a, ab}** and **L2 = {b, ba}**,

- **Union:** `{a, ab, b, ba}`
- **Concatenation:** `{ab, abb, aba, abba}`
- **Star Closure:** `{ε, a, ab, abab, ababab, ...}`

Advantages:

✅ Regular languages are **mathematically well-defined**.
✅ Efficient **pattern-matching applications**.
✅ Regular languages allow **fast processing** using finite automata.

Disadvantages:

❌ Cannot model **nested** or **recursive** structures.
❌ Some operations (e.g., intersection) may **increase DFA size exponentially**.

Limitations:

- **Cannot describe non-regular languages** (e.g., `{a^n b^n | n ≥ 0}`).
- **Regular expressions may require large DFAs**.

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3. Kleene's Theorem

Key Points:

1. **States that:**
   - **Regular expressions, finite automata, and regular grammars are equivalent.**
2. **Three Statements of Kleene's Theorem:**
   - If a **language is regular**, it can be expressed as a **regular expression**.
   - If a **language can be represented using a regular expression**, a **finite automaton** can recognize it.
   - A **finite automaton** can be expressed using a **regular expression**.
3. **Conversion from FA to Regular Expression:**
   - Eliminate states using **state elimination method**.
4. **Conversion from Regular Expression to FA:**
   - Construct **ε-NFA** first and then convert it to DFA.
5. **Closure Properties (Foundation of Kleene's Theorem):**
   - Regular languages are closed under **concatenation**, **union**, and **Kleene star**.

Example:

Regular Expression: `(0|1)* 01`
Equivalent DFA: A DFA that accepts strings ending with "01".

Advantages:

✅ Provides a **formal proof of regularity**.
✅ Helps in **conversion between models**.

✅ Used in **lexical analysis in compilers**.

Disadvantages:

❌ Constructing a **regular expression from DFA can be complex**.
❌ Regular expressions may become **long and unreadable**.

Limitations:

- **Does not apply to non-regular languages.**

Other Topics (Summarized for Now)

4. Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages

- Used to **prove that a language is not regular**.
- If a language **fails the Pumping Lemma condition**, it is **not regular**.

5. Myhill-Nerode Theorem and Its Uses

- A language is **regular** if and only if there are **finite equivalence classes** under the Myhill-Nerode relation.
- Helps in **minimization of finite automata**.

6. Minimization of Finite Automata

- Used to **reduce states** in a DFA while keeping the language unchanged.
- Uses **equivalence classes** to group states.

Would you like me to **expand on these topics** as well? 🚀

Let's expand on the remaining topics with **detailed explanations, examples, advantages, disadvantages, and limitations**.

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4. Pumping Lemma for Regular Languages

Key Points:

1. **Definition:**
    - The **Pumping Lemma** is a property of all **regular languages**, which states that for any sufficiently long string in the language, some middle section of the string can be **repeated (pumped)** any number of times while still producing valid strings in the language.
2. **Statement of Pumping Lemma:**

- If **L** is a **regular language**, then there exists a number **p** (pumping length) such that any string **w** in **L** with **|w| ≥ p** can be split into three parts **w = xyz**, satisfying:
  1. **|xy| ≤ p**
  2. **|y| > 0** (y must not be empty)
  3. **$xy^nz \in L$** for all **n ≥ 0**

3. **Application of Pumping Lemma:**
   - Used **to prove that a language is not regular** by showing that no possible way to pump satisfies the conditions.
4. **Steps to Prove a Language is Not Regular Using Pumping Lemma:**
   - **Step 1:** Assume the given language **L** is regular.
   - **Step 2:** Let **p** be the pumping length given by the lemma.
   - **Step 3:** Choose a string **w** in **L** with **|w| ≥ p**.
   - **Step 4:** Show that no matter how **w** is split into **xyz**, at least one condition of the lemma is violated.
   - **Step 5:** Conclude that **L** is not regular.
5. **Example: Proving $L = \{a^nb^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ is Not Regular**
   - Suppose **L** is regular. Let **p** be the pumping length. Choose **w = a^p b^p**.
   - We split **w** into **xyz**, where **|xy| ≤ p**.
   - This means **x = a^m**, **y = a^k**, and **z = a^(p-m-k) b^p**, where **y ≠ ε**.
   - If we pump **y** (repeat it multiple times), we get **$x y^2 z$ = a^(p+k) b^p**, which is not in **L** because **the number of a's exceeds the number of b's**.
   - Thus, **L is not regular**.

Advantages:

✅ Provides a formal technique to **prove non-regularity**.
✅ Helps in **understanding the limitations of finite automata**.
✅ Important for **theoretical computer science and automata theory**.

Disadvantages:

❌ Cannot prove a language **is regular** (only non-regularity).
❌ Requires careful selection of **w** to make the proof work.

Limitations:

- **Only applicable to regular languages.**
- **Can sometimes be difficult to apply manually.**

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5. Myhill-Nerode Theorem and Its Uses

Key Points:

1. **Definition:**
   - The **Myhill-Nerode Theorem** provides a necessary and sufficient condition for a language **L** to be regular by using the concept of **equivalence classes**.
2. **Equivalence Relation (≡L):**
   - Two strings **x and y** are **equivalent with respect to L** if for all strings **z**, the concatenation **xz** and **yz** either both belong to L or both do not belong to L.
3. **Statement of the Theorem:**
   - A language **L** is regular **if and only if** the number of equivalence classes induced by ≡L is **finite**.
4. **Use in DFA Minimization:**
   - The theorem provides a method to **construct the minimal DFA** by merging states that are **equivalent**.
5. **Example: Checking if L = {0^n1^n | n ≥ 0} is Regular**
   - Consider strings **x = 0^m 1^m** and **y = 0^n 1^n** (m ≠ n).
   - Appending additional **1's** results in different outcomes, which means **infinite equivalence classes** exist.
   - Since regular languages have **finite equivalence classes**, **L is not regular**.

Advantages:

✅ Provides a **precise mathematical condition** for regularity.
✅ Helps in **DFA minimization** by merging equivalent states.
✅ More **powerful than the Pumping Lemma**.

Disadvantages:

❌ Finding equivalence classes can be **complex**.
❌ Requires **manual effort** to check infinite equivalence classes.

Limitations:

- **Does not directly construct a DFA**, only proves its existence.
- **Applicable only to regular languages**.

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6. Minimization of Finite Automata

Key Points:

1. **Definition:**
   - **Minimization of DFA** is the process of reducing the number of states while maintaining the same language.
2. **Partitioning Method (Table-Filling Algorithm):**
   - Divide states into **final and non-final** states.
   - Merge states that behave identically for all inputs.
3. **State Equivalence (Equivalence Partitioning):**
   - Two states **p and q** are equivalent if for every string **w**, `δ(p, w)` and `δ(q, w)` lead to the same final/non-final state.
4. **Algorithm for DFA Minimization:**
   - Step 1: Remove **unreachable states**.
   - Step 2: Partition states into **final and non-final** groups.
   - Step 3: Further divide groups based on transition behavior.
   - Step 4: Merge equivalent states and construct the **minimal DFA**.
5. **Example: Minimizing a DFA**

Given DFA:

```makefile
Q = {q0, q1, q2, q3}
Σ = {0,1}
F = {q3}
Transitions:
(q0, 0) → q1
(q1, 0) → q2
(q2, 0) → q3
(q3, 0) → q3
```

Minimized DFA:

- Since `q3` is a final state and `q2 → q3` always, we **merge q2 and q3**.
- The minimized DFA has **only 3 states** `{q0, q1, q3}`.

Advantages:

✅ Reduces memory usage and computation time.
✅ Makes the DFA more **efficient** for real applications.
✅ Ensures **optimal representation** of the language.

Disadvantages:

❌ Some minimization methods are **computationally expensive**.
❌ Requires **careful partitioning** to avoid incorrect merging.

Limitations:

- **Only applicable to DFA, not NFA (NFAs can have equivalent but different minimal structures).**

Conclusion:

These topics form the **core foundation** of **Theory of Computation** and **Automata Theory**. Each concept provides a **different perspective** on **regular languages, their properties, and computational limits**.

Would you like me to **add more solved examples** or a **summary table** for quick revision? 🚀