YAFSM Language Specification

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Introduction

What is YAFSM?

YAFSM is a domain specific language that simplifies working with Finite State Machines (FSMs). Finite State Machines include Deterministic Finite Automata(DFAs), Non-Deterministic Finite Automata(NFAs), Pushdown Automata(PDAs).

It supports the following features:

- Defining Finite State Machines
- Regular Expressions
- Context Free Grammars

Why YAFSM?

Finite State Machines are used in many applications, such as:

- Regular Expressions
- Lexical Analysis
- Compilers
- Network Protocols
- Digital Logic
- Artificial Intelligence
- Natural Language Processing
- etc.

Finite State Machines are used in many applications, but the syntax for defining a Finite State Machine is not very intuitive. YAFSM aims to simplify the syntax for defining a Finite State Machine, making it easier for programmers to work with Finite State Machines.

Language Specifications

YAFSM follows, making it easier for programmers to pick up YAFSM easily and keep their focus on the logic rather than YAFSM.

- YAFSM is a **statically typed** language
- YAFSM is a **strongly typed** language
- YAFSM is a **procedural** language
- YAFSM is case sensitive.

YAFSM does not support Object Oriented Programming(OOPs).

Data Types

YAFSM uses common data types found in most programming languages.

Primitive Data Types

Integer: Signed Integers are represented by the int_x keyword, where x is the number of bits used to represent the integer. YAFSM supports 8, 16, 32 and 64 bit integers.

```
int_8 a;
int_8 b = 10;
int_16 c = 20;
int_32 d = 30;
int_64 e = 40;
```

Unsigned Integers are represented by the uint_x keyword, where x is the number of bits used to represent the integer. YAFSM supports 8, 16, 32 and 64 bit integers.

```
unit_8 a;
uint_8 b = 10;
uint_16 c = 20;
uint_32 d = 30;
uint_64 e = 40;
```

Character: Characters are represented by the char keyword. YAFSM supports 8 bit characters.

```
char a;
char b = 'a';
```

Float: Floats are represented by the float_x keyword, where x is the number of bits used to represent the float. YAFSM supports 32 and 64 bit floats.

```
float_32 a;
float_32 b = 10.5;
float_64 c = 20.5;
```

Boolean: Booleans are represented by the bool keyword, which is similar to the bool keyword in C, C++, Java and Python.

```
bool a;
bool b = true;
bool c = false;
```

Composite Data Types

Strings: Strings are represented by the **string** keyword. Strings are immutable, and can be indexed using the [] operator.

```
string temp;
string a = "Hello World";
char b = a[0];
```

Finite-Sets: Sets are collections of elements of the same data type. YAFSM supports two types of sets: Ordered Sets and Unordered Sets.

- Ordered Sets are represented by the o_set keyword.
- Unordered Sets are represented by the u set keyword.

```
o_set<int_8> a;
o_set<int_8> b = {1, 2, 3};
```

Structs: Structs are represented by the **struct** keyword. Structs can contain any data type supported by YAFSM.

```
struct Point {
   int_8 x;
   int_8 y;
   float_32 z;
   string name;
};
```

Additionally structs can contain other data types which have already been defined as structs

```
Point a,b;
struct set_of_coords {
  o_set<Point> coords = {a,b};
};
```

Regular Expressions: Regular Expressions are represented by the **regex** keyword. Regular Expression can contain definitions of other Regular Expressions, and can be used to define Finite State Machines.

```
regex alphabet = r'[a-z]';
regex Letter = r'{alphabet}';
regex Digit = r'[0-9]';
regex a = r'[ab]{2}';
regex b = r'{a}*';
regex c = r'{a}+';
regex d = r'{a}?';
regex e = r'^[ab]';
regex g = r'{ab}|{b}';
```

Context Free Grammars: Context Free Grammars are represented by the cfg keyword. Context Free Grammars are defined by a 4-tuple:

$$(N, \Sigma, P, S)$$

where:

- \bullet N is a set of non-terminal symbols
- Σ is a set of terminal symbols
- P is a set of production rules
- S is the start symbol

A production rule is represented as:

- A -> α where α is a string of terminal and non-terminal symbols
- A -> { $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots$ } where $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots$ are strings of terminal and non-terminal symbols.

```
cfg a;
a.T = {a:"a", demo:"b"};
a.N = {A, B};
a.S = A;
a.P = {
    A -> ${a}B$,
    B -> ${demo}A$,
    A -> {${a}A$, \e$}
};
```

DFAs: DFAs are represented by the dfa keyword.

A DFA is defined by a 5-tuple:

$$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where:

- Q is a o_set of states
- Σ is a **set** of input symbols
- δ is the transition function, which maps $Q \times \Sigma$ to Q
- q_0 is the initial state
- F is a set of final states

A transition can be represented as:

```
state1, input_symbol -> state2
```

In case of multiple transitions from the same state on different input symbols to the same state, the transitions can be represented as:

```
state1, {input_symbol1, input_symbol2, ...} -> state2
```

This can also be done as:

```
state1; <regex> -> state2
state1; <set> -> state2
```

 δ is either a set of such transitions or it can be represented as a matrix of size $|Q| \times |\Sigma|$, where each element of the matrix is a state.

```
dfa a;
a.Q = {q0, q1, q2};
a.Sigma = {a:"0",b:"1",c:"2"};
```

```
a.delta = {
    q0; ${a} -> q1$,
    a.Q[0]; ${b} -> a.Q[1]$,
    q1; r'[${a}${c}]' -> q2$,
    q2; { ${a} , ${c} } -> q1$
};
a.q0 = q0;
a.F = {q1,q2};
```

NFAs: NFAs are represented by the **nfa** keyword.

A NFA is defined by a 5-tuple:

$$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where:

- Q is a o set of states
- Σ is a **set** of input symbols
- δ is the transition function, which maps $Q \times \Sigma$ to 2^Q
- q_0 is the initial state
- F is a set of final states

Here 2^Q represent the power set of Q.

A transition can be represented as:

- state1; input_symbol -> {state2, state3, ...}
 state1; {input_symbol1, input_symbol2, ...} -> {state2, state3, ...}
 state1; <regex> -> {state2, state3, ...}
 state1; <set> -> {state2, state3, ...}
- Here input_symbols can include ϵ which is represented by '\e'.

```
nfa a;
a.Q = {q0, q1, q2};
a.Sigma = {a:"0",b:"1",c:"2"};
a.delta = {
   q0; ${a} -> {q1, q2}$,
   a.Q[0]; ${b} -> a.Q[1]$,
   q1; r$'[${a}${b}]' -> q2$,
   q2; {${a},${c}} -> q1$,
   q2; \e -> q0$
```

```
};
a.q0 = q0;
a.F = {q1,q2};
```

PDAs: PDAs are represented by the pda keyword.

A PDA is defined by a 6-tuple:

$$(Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where:

- Q is a o set of states
- Σ is a **set** of input symbols
- Γ is a **set** of stack symbols
- δ is the transition function, which maps $Q \times \Sigma_{\epsilon} \times \Gamma_{\epsilon}$ to $2^{Q \times \Gamma_{\epsilon}}$
- q_0 is the initial state
- F is a set of final states

Here $2^{Q \times \Gamma_{\epsilon}}$ represent the power set of $Q \times \Gamma_{\epsilon}$.

A transition can be represented as:

- state1; input_symbol, stack_symbol -> state2, stack_symbol
- state1; {(input_symbol1, stack_symbol1), (input_symbol2, stack_symbol2), ...} -> state2; stack_symbol
- state1; input_symbol, stack_symbol -> {(state2, stack_symbol2), (state3, stack_symbol3), ...}

```
pda a;
a.Q = {A, B, C};
a.S = {a:"a", b:"b", c:"c"};
a.G = {a:"a", b:"b", d:"d"};
a.delta = {
    A; ${a}, ${a} -> A, ${a}$,
    A; {(${b}, ${a}),(${b}, ${c})} -> {(B, ${a}), (A, ${d})}$,
    B; {(${b}, ${a} -> C, \e$,
    C; ${c}, ${a} -> {(C, \e), (C, ${a})}$
};
a.q0 = A;
a.F = {C};
```

Comments

YAFSM has only one type of comment, that can act as both single line and multi line comments. The comment starts with <!-- and ends with --!>. Below is an example of a comment:

```
<!-- This is a comment --!>
<!-- This is a
multi line comment --!>
```

Operators

Operators supports by YAFSM are similar to the operators supported by C.

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
+	Addition	Left to Right
-	Subtraction	Left to Right
*	Multiplication	Left to Right
/	Division	Left to Right
%	Modulo	Left to Right

Logical Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
&&	Logical AND	Left to Right
	Logical OR	Left to Right
!	Logical NOT	Right to Left

Comparison Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
==	Equal to	Left to Right
! =	Not equal to	Left to Right
>	Greater than	Left to Right
<	Less than	Left to Right
>=	Greater than or equal to	Left to Right

Operator	Description	Associativity
<=	Less than or equal to	Left to Right

Assignment Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
=	Assignment	Right to Left
+=	Addition Assignment	Right to Left
-=	Subtraction Assignment	Right to Left
*=	Multiplication Assignment	Right to Left
/=	Division Assignment	Right to Left
% =	Modulo Assignment	Right to Left
% =	Logical AND Assignment	Right to Left
=	Logical OR Assignment	Right to Left

Set Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
+	Union	Left to Right
-	Difference	Left to Right
*	Intersection	Left to Right
^2	Power Set	Left to Right

```
o_set<int_8> a = {1, 2, 3};
o_set<int_8> b = {2, 3, 4};
o_set<int_8> c = a + b; <!-- c = {1, 2, 3, 4} --!>
o_set<int_8> d = a - b; <!-- d = {1} --!>
o_set<int_8> e = a * b; <!-- e = {2, 3} --!>
o_set<o_set<int_8>> f = a^2; <!-- f = {{}, {1}, {2}, {3}, {1, 2},
{1, 3}, {2, 3}, {1, 2, 3}} --!>
```

Automaton Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
*	Kleene	Left to Right

Operator	Description	Associativity
@	Concatenation	Left to Right
+	Union	Left to Right
!	Negation	Right to Left

```
dfa a;
dfa b;

dfa c = a*; <!-- Kleene Star --!>
dfa d = a@b; <!-- Concatenation --!>
dfa e = a+b; <!-- Union --!>
dfa f = !a; <!-- Negation --!>
```

Misc Operators

Operator	Description	Associativity
	Access Struct Member	Left to Right
[]	Access Set Element	Left to Right
()	Function Call	Left to Right

```
struct Point {
    int_8 x;
    int_8 y;
}

Point p;
p.x = 10;

o_set<int_8> a = {1, 2, 3};
int_8 b = a[0];

int_8 func(int_8 a, int_8 b) {
    return a + b;
}

int_8 a = func(10, 20);
```

Operator Precedence

Operator	Description
()	Parentheses
!	Logical NOT
*, /, %	Multiplication, Division, Modulo
+, -	Addition, Subtraction
>, <, >=, <=	Comparison
==, !=	Equality
&&	Logical AND
\1\1	Logical OR
=	Assignment
+=, -=, *=, /=, %=, &=, \ =	Assignment

Set Operators Precedence

Operator	Description
()	Parentheses
^2	Power Set
*,+,-	Intersection, Union, Set Difference

Automaton Operators Precedence:

Operator	Description
()	Parentheses
*,!	Kleene Star, Negation
0,+	Concatenation, Union

Control Flow

YAFSM enforce the use of curly braces for all control flow statements. YAFSM does not support the use of indentation for control flow statements. YAFSM supports the following control flow statements:

If-Else

Below is the syntax for the if-else statement:

```
if (condition) {
    statement;
}
elif (condition) {
    statement;
}
else {
    statement;
}
```

Loops

YAFSM only supports the while loop. Below is the syntax for the while loop:

```
while (condition) {
    statements;
}
```

Constants

Constants are represented by the **const** keyword. Constants can be of any data type supported by YAFSM.

Keywords

Keyword	Description
int_x	Integer
uint_x	Unsigned Integer
char	Character
float_x	Float
bool	Boolean
const	Constant
struct	Struct
o_set	Ordered Set
u_set	Unordered Set
string	String
regex	Regular Expression
dfa	DFA

Keyword	Description
nfa	NFA
pda	PDA
cfg	CFG
if	If
elif	Else If
else	Else
while	While
break	Break
continue	Continue
return	Return
true	True
false	False
</td <td>Start of comment</td>	Start of comment
!>	End of comment

Identifiers

YAFSM uses the following rules for identifiers:

- Identifiers can only contain alphanumeric characters and underscores.
- Identifiers cannot start with a number.
- Identifiers cannot be a keyword.
- Identifiers cannot contain spaces.
- Identifiers cannot contain special characters.

Regular Expressions for Identifiers:

[a-zA-Z_][a-zA-Z0-9]*

Statements

YAFSM supports the following statements:

Declaration Statement

Declaration statements are used to declare variables. Below is the syntax for declaration statements:

data_type identifier;

Multiple variables of the same data type can be declared in a single statement:

```
data_type identifier1, identifier2, ...;
```

Assignment Statement

Assignment statements are used to assign values to variables. Below is the syntax for assignment statements:

```
identifier = expression;
```

Function Declaration Statement

Function declaration statements are used to declare functions. Below is the syntax for function declaration statements:

```
data_type function_name(data_type1 arg1, data_type2 arg2, ...) {
    statements;
}
```

Function Call Statement

Function call statements are used to call functions. Below is the syntax for function call statements:

```
function_name(arg1, arg2, ...);
```

In case the function returns a value, the function call statement can be used as an expression:

```
data_type variable = function_name(arg1, arg2, ...);
```

IO Statements

Print statements are used to print values to the console. Below is the syntax for print statements:

```
out(expression);
```

Input statements are used to take input from the console. Below is the syntax for input statements:

```
inp(identifier);
```

In case multiple variables need to be inputted, the input statement can be used as:

```
inp(identifier1, identifier2, ...);
```

In-built Functions

YAFSM supports multiple in-built functions to help with working with Finite State Machines.

Set Functions

		Return
Function	Description	Type
size(o_set <t> S)</t>	returns the size of the o_set	int_8
<pre>size(u_set<t> S)</t></pre>	returns the size of the u_set	int_8
<pre>empty(o_set<t> S)</t></pre>	returns true if S is empty otherwise returns false	bool
<pre>empty(u_set<t> S)</t></pre>	returns true if S is empty otherwise returns false	bool
find(o_set <t> S, T</t>	finds x in S and returns true if $x \in S$, otherwise returns	bool
x)	false	
find(u_set <t> S, T</t>	finds x in S and returns true if $x \in S$, otherwise returns	bool
x)	false	
<pre>insert(o_set<t> S, T</t></pre>	inserts x into S (no duplicates)	-
x,)		
<pre>insert(u_set<t> S, T</t></pre>	- inserts x into S (no duplicates)	-
x,)		
remove(o_set <t> S, T</t>	- remove x from S if $x \in S$	-
x,)		
remove(o_set <t> S, T</t>	- remove x from S if $x \in S$	-
x,)		
<pre>delete(o_set<t> S)</t></pre>	- deletes all elements from the o_set	-
<pre>delete(u_set<t> S)</t></pre>	deletes all elements from the u_set	-
<pre>out(o_set<t> S)</t></pre>	prints all elements of the o_set	-
out(u_set <t> S)</t>	prints all elements of the u_set	-

```
o_set<int_8> a = {1, 2, 3};
u_set<int_8> b = {};

int_8 size_a = size(a); <!-- size_a = 3 --!>
int_8 size_b = size(b); <!-- size_b = 0 --!>

bool empty_a = empty(a); <!-- empty_a = false --!>
bool empty_b = empty(b); <!-- empty_b = true --!>

bool find_a = find(a, 1); <!-- find_a = true --!>
bool find_b = find(b, 1); <!-- find_b = false --!>
```

```
insert(a, 4); <!-- a = {1, 2, 3, 4} --!>
insert(b, 4); <!-- b = {4} --!>
insert(a,4); <!-- a = {1, 2, 3, 4} --!>

remove(a, 4); <!-- a = {1, 2, 3} --!>

remove(a, 4); <!-- a = {1, 2, 3} --!>

out(a); <!-- prints {1, 2, 3} --!>

out(b); <!-- prints {} --!>

delete(a); <!-- a = {} --!>

delete(b); <!-- b = {} --!>
```

CFG Functions

		Return
Function	Description	Type
add_T(cfg a,	adds a terminal X with value "val" to the CFG	-
X:"val")		
$add_NT(cfg~a,~X)$	adds a non-terminal X to the CFG	-
$add_P(cfg\ a,\ X)$	adds a production to the CFG where the production is in one of	-
	the allowed forms	
$remove_T(cfg~a,~X)$	removes a terminal from CFG along with all the rules that use X	-
$remove_NT(cfg~a,$	removes a non-terminal with name X from CFG along with all	-
X)	the rules that use X	
remove_P(cfg a, X)	removes a production from CFG	-
$change_start(cfg~a,$	changes the start symbol of CFG to X where X must be a	-
X)	terminal	
$test_membership(cfg$	returns true if X is a member of the language generated by CFG	bool
a, X)		
$cfg_to_PDA(cfg\ a)$	converts the CFG a to a PDA and returns the PDA	pda
delete(cfg a)	deletes the CFG a	-
out(cfg a)	prints the CFG a	-

```
cfg a;
a.T = {a:"a", demo:"b"};
a.N = {A, B};
```

```
a.S = A;
a.P = {
    A \rightarrow \{a\}B\}
    B \rightarrow \{demo\}A\}
    A \rightarrow \{\$\{a\}A, \e\$\}
};
add T(a, c:"c", d:"d"); <!-- a.T = {a:"a", demo:"b", c:"c", d:"d"}--!>
add_NT(a, E); <!-- a.N = {A, B, E} --!>
add T(a, e); <!-- error: e has no value --!>
add P(a, E \rightarrow \{c\}B); <!-- a.P = \{A \rightarrow \{a\}B, B \rightarrow \{demo\}A, A \rightarrow \{a\}A,
A \rightarrow e, E \rightarrow \{c\}B\} --!>
add_P(a, erroneous-production) <!-- error: production is not in
the correct form --!>
remove T(a, c); <!-- a.T = {a:"a", demo:"b", d:"d"}, a.P = {A -> ${a}B,
B \to \{demo\}A, A \to \{a\}A, A \to \{e\} --! >
remove NT(a, B); <!-- a.N = \{A, B\}, a.P = \{A \rightarrow \$\{a\}A, A\rightarrow \e\} --!>
<!-- if the deleted non-terminal is a start variable then
entire CFG is deleted --!>
remove P(a, A \rightarrow \{a\}A); <!-- a.P = \{A-> \e\} --!>
<!-- if production is not present then no change --!>
remove_P(a, A \rightarrow \{a\}A); <!-- a.P = \{A-> \e\} --!>
change_start(a, E); <!-- a.S = E --!>
change_start(a, c); <!-- error: c is not a non-terminal --!>
change start(a,A) <!-- a.S = A --!>
bool flag = test membership(a, ""); <!-- flag = true --!>
pda p = cfg to pda(a); <!-- p is the PDA equivalent of the CFG a --!>
out(a); <!-- prints the CFG a --!>
```

delete(a); <!-- deletes the CFG a --!>

DFA Functions

		Return
Function	Description	Type
insert_states(dfa	adds states X, \ldots to the DFA along with transitions from/to X, \ldots	-
$a, X, \dots)$		
$remove_states(dfa$	removes states X, \ldots from the DFA along wit transitions from/to	
a, X)	X, \ldots	
$nsert_letters(dfa\ a,$	adds letters X, \ldots to Σ of the DFA a	-
$X, \ldots)$		
$remove_letters(dfa$	removes letters X, \ldots from Σ of a	-
a, X)		
$change_start(dfa$	changes the start state of the DFA to X where X	-
a, X)		
$insert_final(dfa\ a,$	adds states X, \ldots to the set of final states	-
$X, \ldots)$		
$remove_final(dfa$	removes states X, \ldots from the set of accepting states	-
$a, X, \dots)$		
$add_transition(dfa$	adds a transition X, \ldots where X is in one of the forms of the	-
$a, X, \dots)$	transitions mentioned in the DFA section	
remove_transition(df	removes the transition X from the DFA	-
a, X)		
simulate(dfa~a,~X)	returns true if X is accepted by the DFA a, otherwise false	bool
delete(dfa a)	deletes the DFA a	-
out(dfa a)	prints the DFA a	-

```
dfa a;
a.Q = {q0, q1, q2};
a.q0 = q0;
a.Sigma = {a:"0",b:"1",c:"2"};
a.F = {q1, q2};
a.delta = {
   q0; ${a} -> q1$,
```

```
a.Q[0]; \{b\} \rightarrow a.Q[1],
    q1; r'[${a}${c}]' -> q2$,
    q2; { ${a}, ${c} } -> q1$
};
insert_states(a, q3, q4); <!-- a.Q = \{q0, q1, q2, q3, q4\} --!>
insert letters(a, d:"3", e:"4"); <!-- a.Sigma = {a:"0",b:"1",c:"2",d:"3",e:"4"} --
change start(a, q3); <!-- a.q0 = q3 --!>
add_transition(a, q3; ${d} -> q4); <!-- a.delta = {q0, ${a} -> q1, q0, ${e} -> q1,
q1, far{1} , far{1} -> fa
insert_final(a, q3); <!-- a.F = \{q1, q2, q3\} --!>
remove_states(a, q4); <!-- a.Q = \{q0, q1, q2\}, a.delta = \{q0, \$\{a\} -> q1, q2\}
q0, ${b} -> q1, q1 , ${b} -> q2, q1, ${c} -> q2, q2, ${a} -> q1, q2, ${c} -> q1} -->
remove letters(a, c); <!-- a.Sigma = \{a: "0", b: "1", d: "3", e: "4"\}, a.delta = \{q0, \$\{a\} \rightarrow q1, g\}
q0, ${b} -> q1, q1 , ${b} -> q2, q2, ${a} -> q1} --!>
remove transition(a, q2; ${a} -> q1); <!-- a.delta = {q0, ${a} -> q1,
 q0, ${b} -> q1, q1, ${b} -> q2} --!>
remove_transition(a, q2; ${a} -> q1); <!-- a.delta = {q0, ${a} -> q1,
 q0, ${b} -> q1, q1, ${b} -> q2} --!>
simulate(a, 101); <!-- error: DFA a is not in stable state(does not have
transitions for all letters from every state) --!>
out(a) <!-- prints the DFA a --!>
delete(a); <!-- deletes the DFA a --!>
```

NFA Functions

Functions that work with DFAs also work with NFAs. Some additional functions are

Function	Description	Return Type
nfa_to_dfa(nfa a)	converts the NFA a to a DFA	dfa

PDA Functions

		Return
Function	Description	Type
$insert_states(pda a, X,)$	inserts states X, \ldots into the PDA	-
$remove_states(pda \ a, \ X, \dots)$	removes states X, \ldots from the PDA	-
$\begin{array}{ccc} insert_input_letters(pda~a,~X,\\ & \dots) \end{array}$	inserts letters X, \ldots into the PDA	-
$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{split} \operatorname{remove_input_letters}(\operatorname{pda}\operatorname{a},X,\\ \dots) \end{split}$	removes letters X, \ldots from the PDA	-
$\begin{array}{ccc} insert_stack_letters(pda~a,~X,\\ & \dots) \end{array}$	inserts letters X, \ldots into the PDA	-
$\begin{tabular}{ll} remove_stack_letters(pda~a,~X,\\ & \dots) \end{tabular}$	removes letters X, \ldots from the PDA	-
$change_start(pda~a,~X)$	changes the start state of the PDA	-
$insert_final(pda~a,~X,~\dots)$	inserts states X, \ldots into the PDA	-
$remove_final(pda~a,~X,~\dots)$	removes states X, \dots from the accepting states of PDA	-
insert_transition(pda a, X, \dots)	inserts a transition X, \ldots into the PDA	-
$\begin{array}{c} {\rm remove_transition(pda\ a,\ X,}\\ \dots) \end{array}$	removes a transition X, \ldots from the PDA	-
$simulate(pda\ a,\ X,\ \dots)$	returns true if X is accepted by the PDA a, otherwise	bool
delete(pda a)	deletes the PDA	-
$out(pda \ a)$	prints the PDA a	-

Regular Expression Functions

		Return
Function	Description	Type
simulate(regex a, string	returns true if s is accepted by the regex a, otherwise false	bool
s)		
delete(regex a)	deletes the regex a	-

Function	Description	Return Type
regex_to_dfa(regex a) regex_to_nfa(regex a)	converts the regex a to a DFA and returns the DFA converts the regex a to a NFA and returns the NFA	dfa nfa

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