

CS & IT ENGINEERING



THEORY OF COMPUTATION

REGULAR EXPRESSIONS

Lecture No.- 06



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Recap of Previous Lecture



Regular Expression

Topic

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Construction of Reg Expression.
DFA states.

Topics to be Covered



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Conversion from ϵ -NFA to NFA

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad R + \phi = R.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad R \cdot \phi = \phi.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad R \cdot e = R$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad R + e \neq R ?$$

$$\{R, e\} \neq R$$

$$\frac{\text{Assume}}{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \phi = 0 \\ e = 1 \end{array} \right\}}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad R^* = (R^*)^* \quad \checkmark$$

$$R^* = \{ \epsilon, R, R^2, R^3, \dots \}$$

$$(R^*)^* = \underbrace{(R^*)}_{\substack{\{ \epsilon, R, R^2, R^3, \dots \}}} + (R^*)^2 + (R^*)^3 + \dots$$

(Q) Which of the following are not equal?

~~(a)~~ $\gamma^* \neq (\gamma^*) + \gamma^*$ \rightarrow equal

~~(b)~~ $\gamma^* \neq (\gamma^*)^*$ $\rightarrow \gamma^*$

~~(c)~~ $(\gamma^*)^* \neq \gamma^*$

(d) none

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\gamma^+)^* &= (\gamma^+)^0 + \gamma^+ + (\gamma^+)^2 + \dots \\
 &= \epsilon + \gamma^+ + \dots \\
 &= \gamma^* \quad \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \epsilon^* = \epsilon^0 + \epsilon^1 + \epsilon^2 + \dots = \underline{\{\epsilon\}} \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \epsilon^+ = \epsilon^1 + \epsilon^2 + \dots = \{\epsilon\} \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \emptyset^+ = \emptyset$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \emptyset^* = \epsilon$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad (a+b)(a+b)(a+b) \Rightarrow \underset{3}{\text{exactly}} \Rightarrow \overset{\text{DFA}}{\underline{5}} \rightarrow \overset{\text{NFA}}{\underline{4}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad [(a+b)(a+b)]^* \Rightarrow \text{div by } 2 \Rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad (a+b)[(a+b)(a+b)]^* \Rightarrow \text{length odd} \Rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2.$$



Topic : Regular Expression

DFA \rightarrow Expression
 $(a+b)^*$

- The simplest way of representing a regular language is known as Regular expression.
- For every regular language regular expression can be constructed.
- To construct regular expression following 3 operators are used.
- + is known as union operator
- . is known as concatenation operator
- * is known as Kleene closure operator

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is atmost 4.

$$\epsilon + (a+b) + (a+b)^2 + (a+b)^3 + (a+b)^4$$

(or)

$$\epsilon + (a+b) + (a+b)^2 + (a+b)^3 + (a+b)^4$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is divisible by 4.

$\{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$

✓ $\left[(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)(a+b) \right]^*$

$$\textcircled{(a+b)}^* = \epsilon + (a+b)^1 + (a+b)^2 + (a+b)^3 + (a+b)^4 + \dots$$

$$\gamma^* = \gamma^0 + \gamma^1 + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \gamma^4 + \dots$$

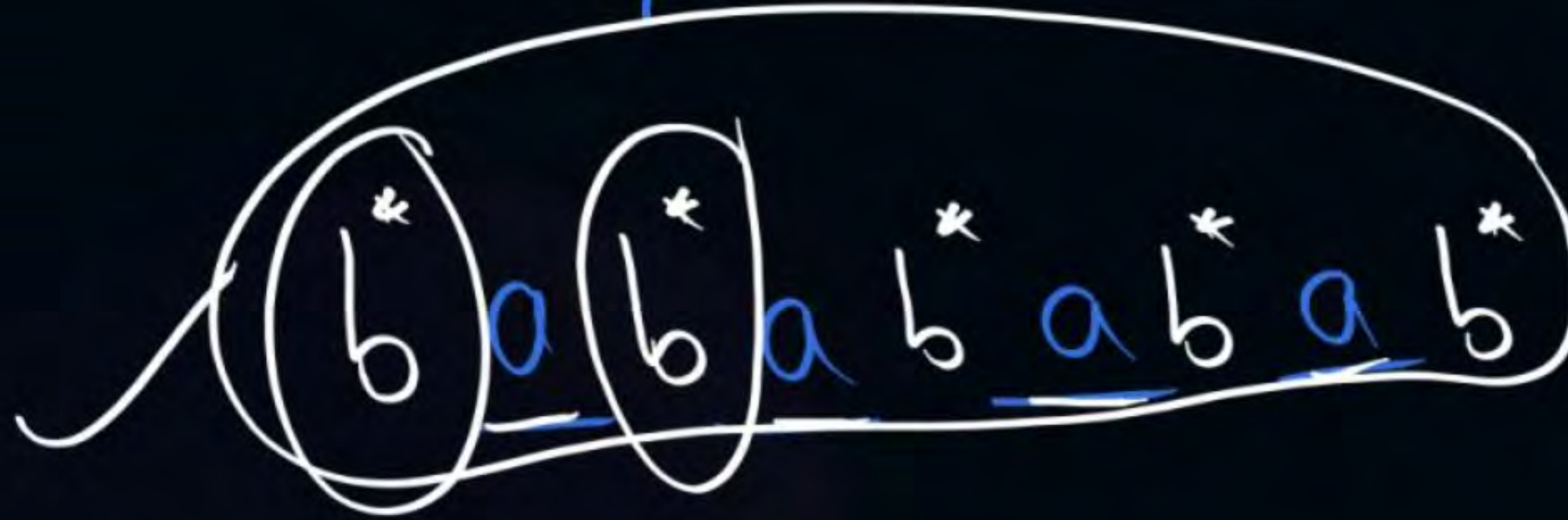
$$\gamma^+ = \gamma^1 + \gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + \gamma^4$$

$$\text{OR} \\ \textcircled{\gamma_1} + \textcircled{\gamma_2} = \{\textcircled{\gamma_1}, \textcircled{\gamma_2}\}$$

$$\gamma_1 \cdot \gamma_2 = \{\textcircled{\gamma_1 \gamma_2}\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are exactly 4.



x $aaaa b^*$

x $b^* aaaa b^*$

x $b^* aaaaaa$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

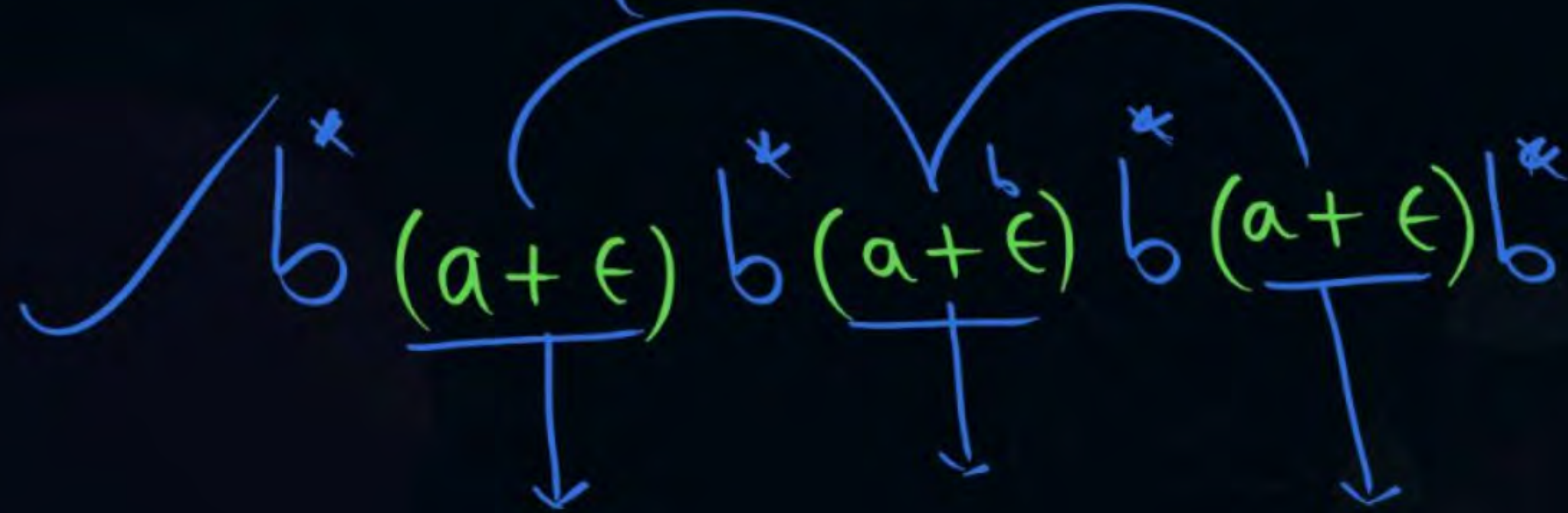
#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are atleast 3.

$$(a+b)^* a (a+b)^* a (a+b)^* a (a+b)^*$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are atmost 3.

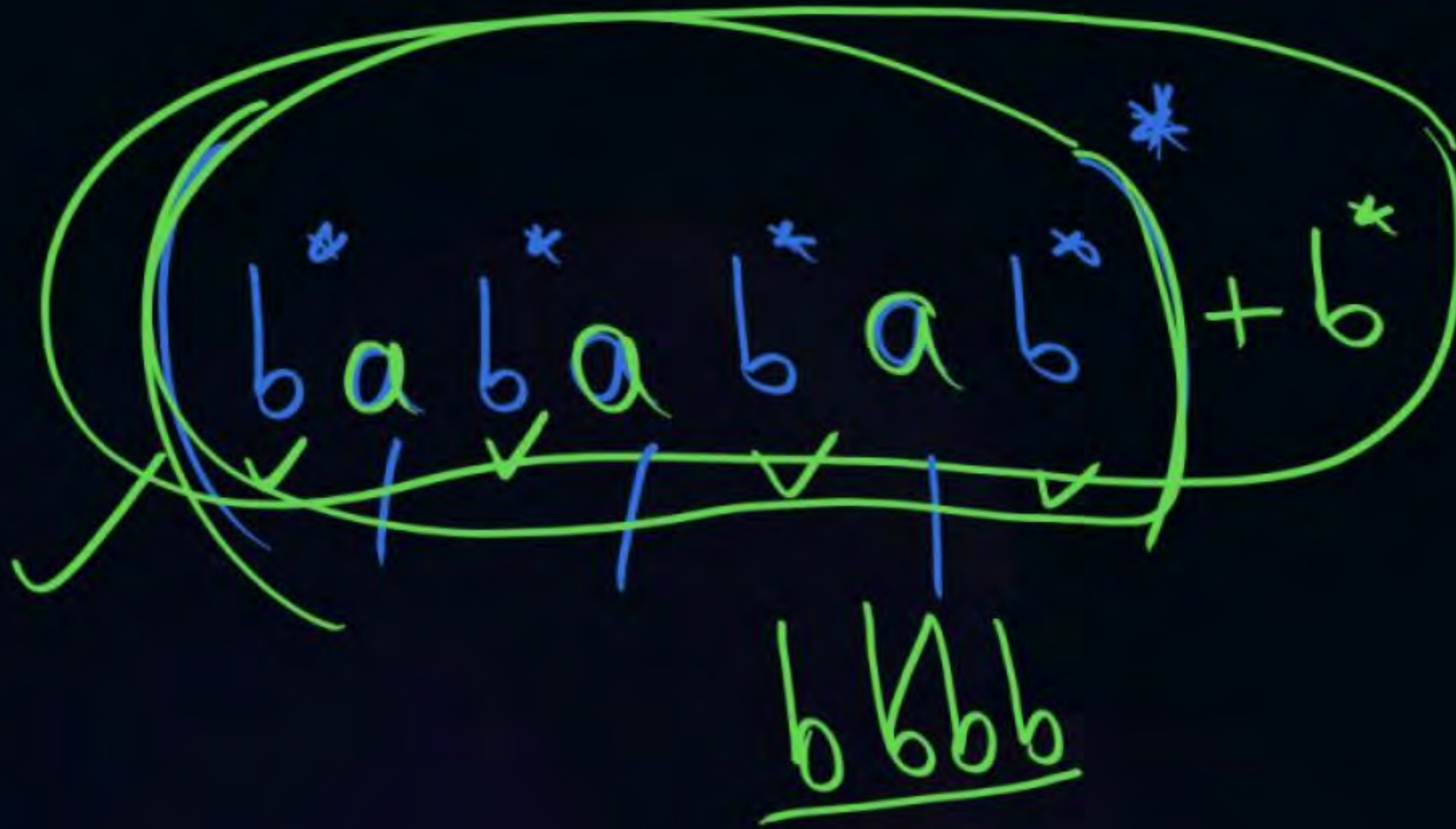
$\{0, 1, 2, 3\} \text{ a's}$

$$b^* (a + \epsilon) b^* (a + \epsilon) b^* (a + \epsilon) b^*$$


#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are atleast 3.

$$(a+b)^* a (a+b)^* a (a+b)^* a (a+b)^*$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are divisible by 3. MCQ



- (a) $(b^*a a a b^*)^*$
- (b) $(b^*a b^*a b^*a b^*)^*$ x
- (c) $(a a a)^* + b^*$
- (d) none

exactly

#Q. How many states are there in minimal DFA that accept following regular expression.

length

$n+2$

$$(1) \quad \underline{(a+b)} \underline{(a+b)} \underline{(a+b)} \Rightarrow 5$$

$$(2) \quad \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \Rightarrow (5)$$

$$(3) \quad b^* \underline{a} b^* \underline{a} b^* \underline{a} b^* \underline{a} b^* \Rightarrow (6)$$

$$① \quad (a+b)^* \underline{a} (a+b)^* \underline{a} (a+b)^* \underline{a} (a+b)^* \Rightarrow \textcircled{n+1}$$

no. of a's atleast 3

$$② \quad \left[(a+b) (a+b) \right]^* \Rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Div by 2

$$③ \quad (a+b)$$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where each string starting and ending with different symbol.

$$a \begin{pmatrix} \text{a's} \\ \text{b's} \end{pmatrix} b \parallel b \begin{pmatrix} \text{a's} \\ \text{b's} \end{pmatrix} a$$

$$\underline{\underline{a(a+b)^*b}} + \underline{\underline{b(a+b)^*a}}$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where having substring aab.

every string

$(\begin{smallmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{smallmatrix}) \underline{a a b} (\begin{smallmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{smallmatrix})$

$(\begin{smallmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{smallmatrix}) \underline{a a b} (\begin{smallmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{smallmatrix})$

$(a+b)^* a a b (a+b)^*$

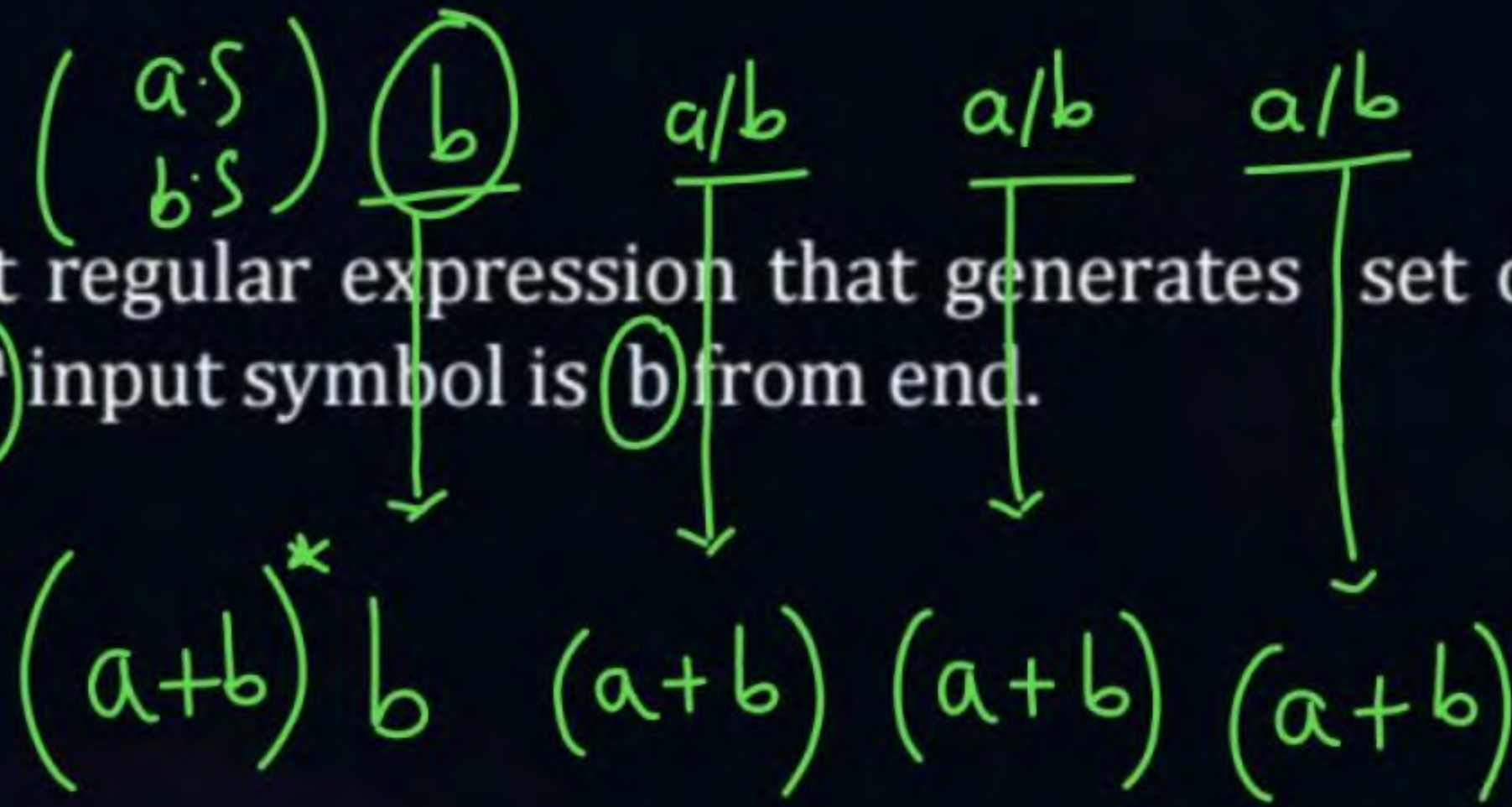
#Q. Construct regular expression that generates ^{every string} set of all strings of a's and b's where having substring aba(or)bab.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{pmatrix} (\underline{aba} + \underline{bab}) \begin{pmatrix} a's \\ b's \end{pmatrix}$$



$$(a+b)^* (aba + bab) (a+b)^*$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where 4th input symbol is b from end.



$$2^4 = 16$$

$2^n \rightarrow$ DFA

$n+1 \rightarrow$ NFA

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#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all odd length palindrome strings over {a}.

$$\{ a \cup a^3 \cup a^5 \cup a^7 \cup \dots \} \rightarrow \text{Regular}$$

$\begin{matrix} & 3 & 5 & 7 & & \\ & \cup & \cup & \cup & & \\ a & a & a & a & - & - & - \\ & 2 & 2 & 2 & & & \end{matrix}$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all odd length palindrome strings over $\{a, b\}$.

not possible



Topic : NOTE

- { Palindrome languages over more than one symbol are not regular .Hence regular expression not possible.
- ✓ Palindrome languages over one symbol are regular.

$\{WWR^2\}$

odd length Palindrome

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \left\{ \underbrace{w}_L c \underbrace{w^R}_R \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right\}$$

$$L_2 = \left\{ \overset{\epsilon}{\uparrow} \underline{W} \overset{\epsilon}{\uparrow} \underline{W}^R \mid \underline{W} \in (\underline{a})^* \right\}$$

$$\downarrow \{ \epsilon, aa, aaaa, \dots \}$$

$$\{ \epsilon, a^2, a^4, \dots \} = \underline{(aa)^*}$$

What is the Regular Expression?

$$L_3 = \{ \underline{w} b \underline{w}^R \mid w \in (a)^* \}$$

$$L_3 = \{ b, aba, a^2ba^2, \overset{\uparrow}{a^3} \underline{b} \overset{\uparrow}{a^3} \dots \}$$

not Regular

Dependency

$$L_1 = \{ \underline{w} \underline{w} \mid w \in (a)^* \}$$

$$\{ \epsilon, aa, a\cancel{a}a, aaaaa\cancel{a} \dots \}$$

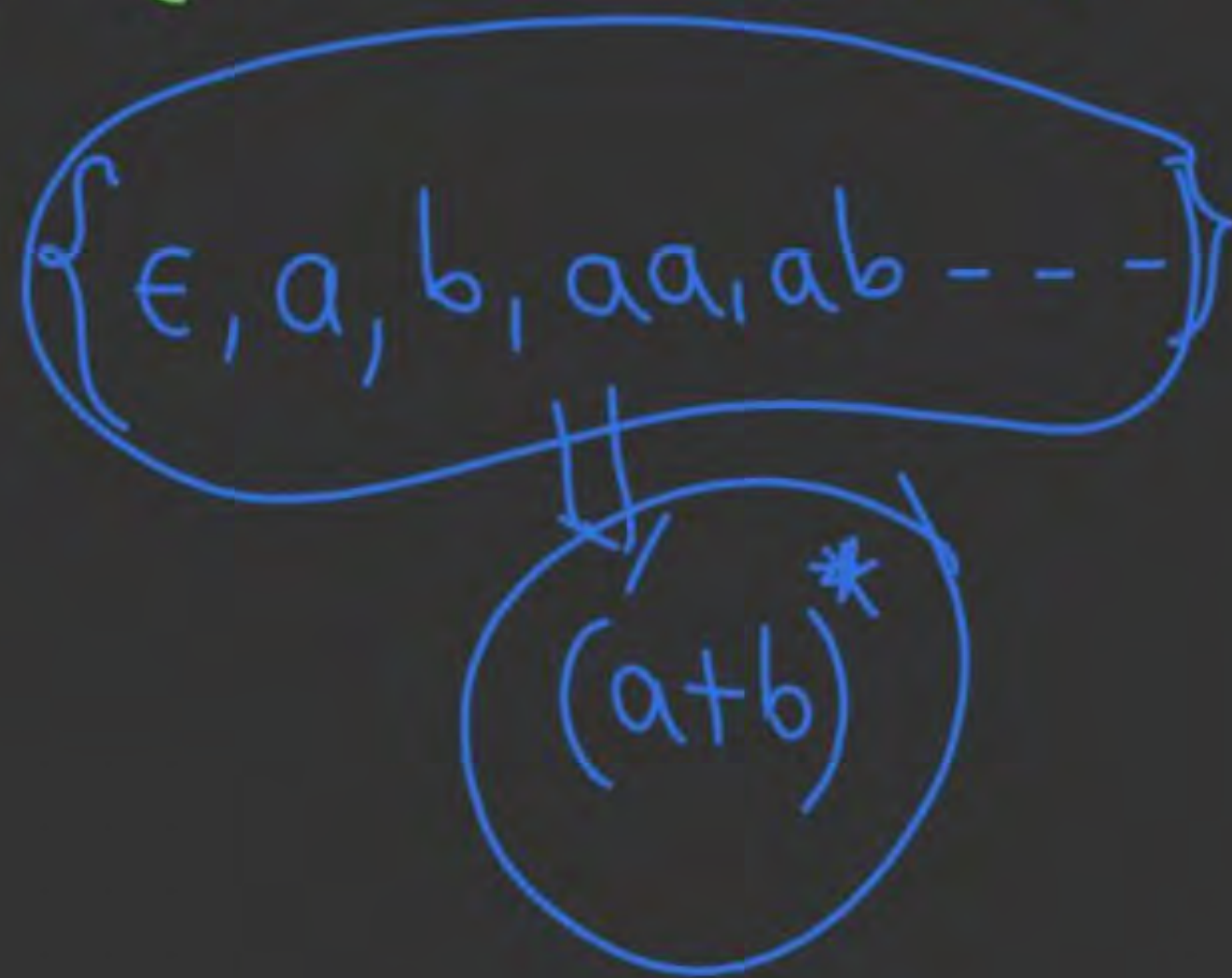
$$= \underline{(aa)^*} \checkmark$$

$$L_5 = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a string } W X W^R \\ \text{with arrows indicating } W \text{ and } W^R \end{array} \mid \begin{array}{l} W \in (a+b)^* \\ X \in (a+b) \end{array} \right\}$$

not possible

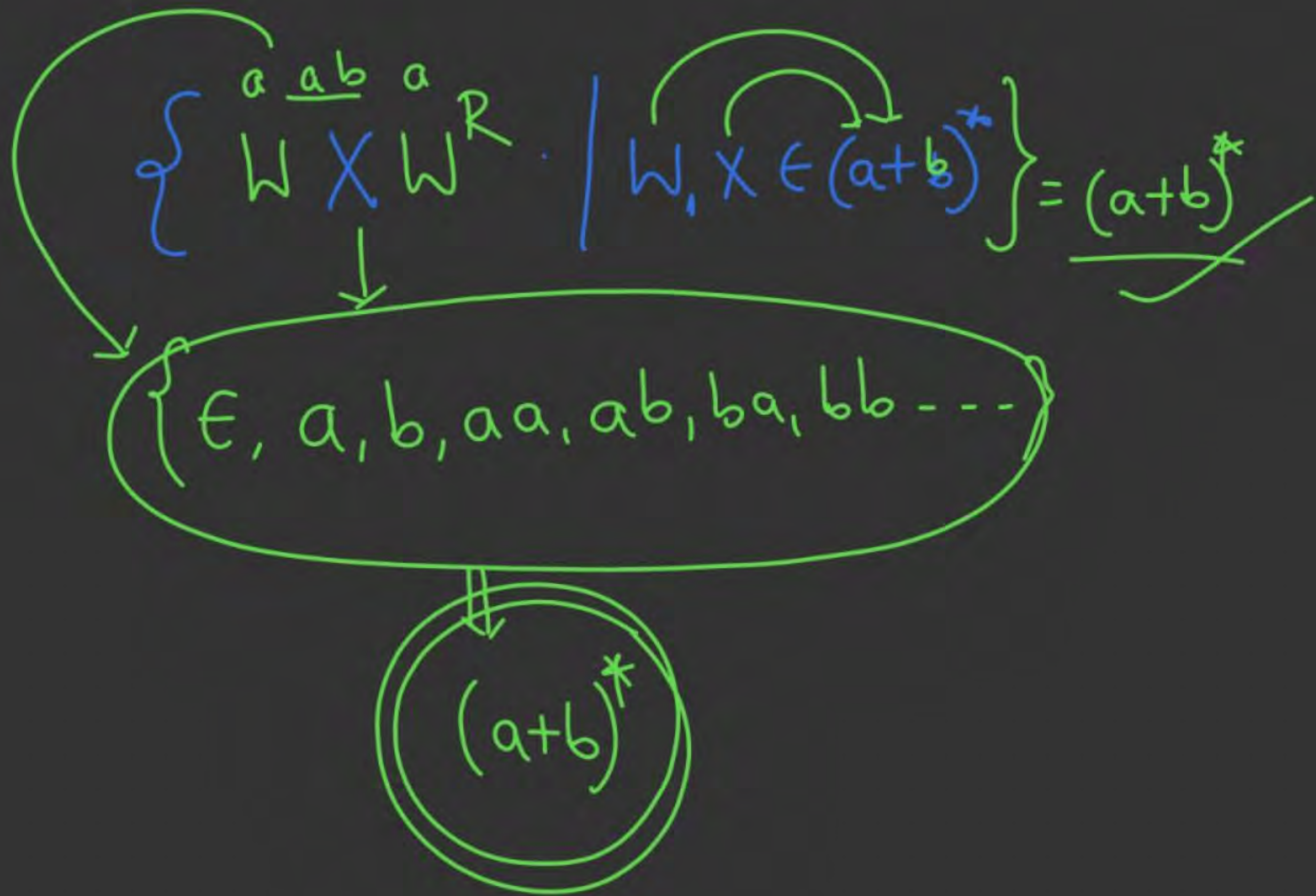
Possible $(a+b)^*$

$$L_6 = \left\{ \overset{ab \ a \ ba}{\underline{W} X \underline{W}^R} \mid \textcircled{W}, \textcircled{X} \in (a+b)^* \right\} = \underline{\underline{(a+b)^*}}$$



Ⓐ Yes

Ⓑ No



for which of the following Regular Expression is possible?

$\{ \epsilon, aa, bb, abab, baab, \dots \}$ Lang

non
Regul~~x~~ $L_1 = \{ \underline{W} \underline{W} \mid W \in (a+b)^* \}$

$(a+b)^*$ $L_2 = \{ \underline{W} X \underline{W} \mid \underline{W}, X \in (a+b)^* \}$

$\{ \epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, bb, \dots \}$

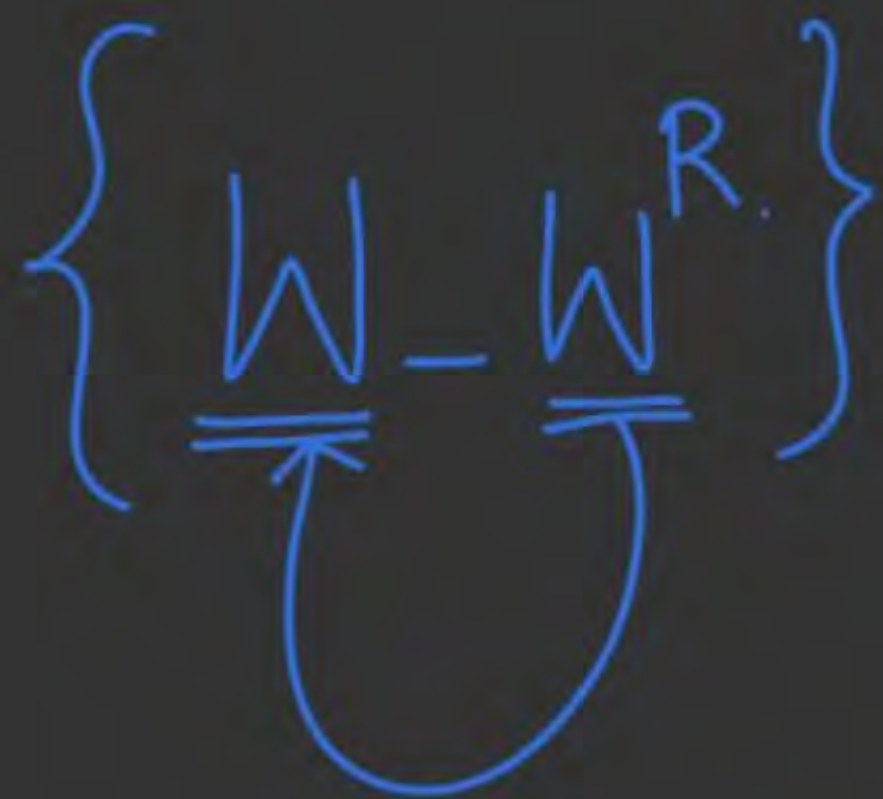
\Downarrow
 $(a+b)^*$

(a) L_1 only

(b) L_2 only

(c) L_1 and L_2

(d) none



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$\{\emptyset = 0\}$
 $\{\epsilon = 1\}$

$R \rightarrow \text{regular Expr}$

(1) $R + \phi = \phi + R = R$ ✓

(2) $R \cdot \phi = \phi \cdot R = \phi$ ✓

(3) $R + \epsilon = \epsilon + R \neq R$ ✓
 $\{\epsilon \in R\}$

(4) $R \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot R = R$ ✓

(5) $(R^*)^+ = (R^*)^* = (R^+)^* = R^*$ ✓

(6) $R \cdot R^* = R^+ = R^* R$ ✓

(7) $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$ ✓

(8) $\epsilon^+ = \epsilon$ ✓

(9) $\phi^* = \epsilon$ ✓
 (10) $\phi^+ = \phi$ ✓

(11) $(a + b)^* \neq a^* b^*$

(12) $(a + b)^* \neq a^* b^*$

(13) $a(ab)^* \neq (ab)^* a$

$\{a, aab, aabab, aababab, \dots\}$

$\{a, ab a, abab a, ababab a, \dots\}$

$$\textcircled{13} \quad a(ab)^* \neq (ba)^*a$$

$$\{a, aab, aabab, \dots\} \neq \{a, baa\}$$

$$\textcircled{14} (ab)^* a = a (ba)^* \rightarrow \{a, aba, ababa, \underline{abababa}, \dots\}$$

$$\{a, aba, ababa, \dots\}$$

abababa

$$(a+b)^* \neq a^*b^*$$

(ba)

$$(a+b)^* \neq (ab)^*$$

$$(a+b)^* \neq (a^*) + (b^*)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} (ba)^* \\ ab \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (14) \quad & (a + b)^* = (a + b^*)^* \quad (1) \checkmark \\
 & = (a^* + b)^* \quad (2) \checkmark \\
 & = (a^* + b^*)^* \quad (3) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow = (a^* b^*)^* \quad (4) \text{ Imp.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(15) \quad a^* + a^* = a^* = a^* a^* \quad \checkmark$$

$$(16) \quad a + b = b + a = \{a, b\}$$

$$(17) \quad a \cdot b \neq ba$$

$$(r_1 + r_2)^* = (r_1^* r_2^*)^*$$

$$(ab)^2 = \underline{ab}ab$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (a+b)^* = (a^*b^*)^*$$

a^*b^*

b^*a^*

$a^*b^*a^*b^*$

$$= (a^*b^*)^0 + a^*b^* + (a^*b^*)^2 + (a^*b^*)^3 + \dots$$

$$= \overset{1}{\epsilon} + \overset{2}{a^*b^*} + \overset{3}{\underbrace{a^*b^*a^*b^*}} + \overset{4}{\underbrace{a^*b^*a^*b^*a^*b^*}} + \dots$$

$$= \{ \epsilon, a, b, aa, bb, ab, \underline{ba} \}$$

$$(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^*$$

$$(a+b)^* =$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma_1^* \\ \gamma_2^* \\ (\gamma_1 \gamma_2)^* \\ (\gamma_2 \gamma_1)^* \\ (\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_1 \gamma_2)^* - \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

①

②

$$(a+b)^* = (a^* + b^*)^*$$

$$= (a' + b')^*$$

$$= (a+b)^* \text{ equal}$$

$$(a+b)^* = (a^* + b)^*$$

$$= (a' + b)^*$$

$$= \underline{\underline{(a+b)^*}} \text{ equal}$$

$$(a+b)^* = (a+b^*)^*$$

$$= (a+b')^*$$

$$= \underline{(a+b)^*} \text{ equal}$$

$$\boxed{a+b}^* = (a+b)^0 + (a+b)^1 + \underline{(a+b)^2} + \dots$$

$$\Sigma^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\}$$

Complete language

$$R + \epsilon \neq R \quad (3)$$

$$\{R, \epsilon\} \neq R$$

$$R^* = (R^*)^* = (R^*)^+ = (R^+)^* = R$$

$$= (R^+)^*$$

$$= (R^+)^0$$

$$\{\epsilon, R^+\} = \overset{+}{R + \epsilon} = R$$

$$R \cdot R^* = R^+$$

$$R \cdot \{ \epsilon, \underline{R}, R^2, R^3, R^4, \dots \}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\underbrace{\{ \underbrace{R \cdot \epsilon}_{\underline{R}}, R^2, R^3, \dots \}}_{\underline{R}} = R^+$$

| * | * | * | x | * | * | * | * / * | x | * | x \ *)

[MCQ]



#Q.

Identify language accepted by following regular expression

$b^*(a^* \cdot \phi \cdot b + ab + a\phi^*b^*)(b + \phi)^*$

$\phi = \emptyset$

$R + \phi = R$

A

Exactly one a

B

At least one a

C

At most one a

D

None

$\rightarrow b^*(\phi + ab + ab^*)b^*$

$\rightarrow b^*(ab + ab^*)b^*$

$\rightarrow b^*(a(b + b^*))b^*$

$\rightarrow b^*(ab^*)b^*$

$\rightarrow b^*ab^*b^* \rightarrow b^*ab^*$

b^*ab^*

b^*ab^*

[MCQ]

$$0(00)^* \rightarrow \underline{\text{odd}}$$

#Q. Which of the following regular expressions are equivalent?

- I. $(00)^* (\epsilon + 0) \rightarrow \text{all}$
- II. $(00)^* \rightarrow \text{even}$
- III. $0^* \rightarrow \text{all}$
- IV. $0(00)^* \rightarrow \text{odd}$

A (I) And (II)

B (ii) and (iii)

C (i) And (iii)

D (iii) and (iv)

$$(00)^* (\epsilon + 0)$$

$$\left[(00)^* + (00)^* \cdot 0 \right]$$

↓
even + odd

⇔

all 0's

[MCQ]

#Q. Which of the following pair of regular expressions are not equal

A

$(r^*)^*$ and $(r^+)^*$ → equal.

B

$(r + \epsilon)^*$ and r^* → equal.

C

$(rr + \epsilon)^*$ and r^* → not equal.

D

None of the above

$$(r + \epsilon)^* = r^*$$

$$(a + b)^*$$

$$(a+b)^*$$

$$(\underline{xy}+e)^* = \{ \epsilon, xy, (xy)^2, (xy)^3, (xy)^4, \dots \}$$

$$\neq y^*$$

(Q) Which of the following is true? Home work

$$L_1 = \underline{11}(0+1)^*$$

$$L_2 = (\underline{0+1})^* \underline{11}$$

$$L_3 = \underline{11}(0+1)^* \underline{11} + \underline{111} + \underline{11}$$

~~(a)~~ $L_1 = L_2 = L_3$

~~(b)~~ $L_1 \cup L_2 = L_3$

~~(c)~~ $L_1 \cap L_2 = L_3$

(d) none

$$L_1 = 11(0+1)^* = \{ \textcircled{110} \dots \}$$

$$L_2 = \underline{(0+1)^*} \textcircled{11} = \{ 011, \dots \}$$

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{ \underset{\times}{\textcircled{110}}, \underset{\times}{\textcircled{011}} \dots \}$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{ 11, 111, 11011 \dots \}$$

$$\neq L_3 \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{11(0+1)^*11}{L_3} + 111 + 11$$

(Q) which of the following Regular Expressions are equal?

- ① $(a+ba)^* (b+\epsilon) \rightarrow \epsilon$ ✓
- ② $(a^* (ba)^*)^* (b+\epsilon) + a^* (b+\epsilon) + (ba)^* (b+\epsilon) \rightarrow \epsilon$
- ③ $(a+ba) (a+ba)^* (b+\epsilon)$

(a) 1 & 2 (b) 1 & 3 (c) 1, 2, 3

(d) 2 & 3

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)^* \\
 (\gamma_1^* \gamma_2^*) \\
 \boxed{a^* (ba)^* (b + \epsilon)} + a^* (b + \epsilon) + (ba)^* (b + \epsilon)
 \end{array}$$

γ_1 γ_2

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Super} \\
 \boxed{(a + ba)^* (b + \epsilon)} + \boxed{a^* (b + \epsilon)} + \boxed{(ba)^* (b + \epsilon)} \\
 \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \text{Sub} \quad \quad \quad \text{Sub}
 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{(a + ba)^* (b + \epsilon)}$$

(Q)

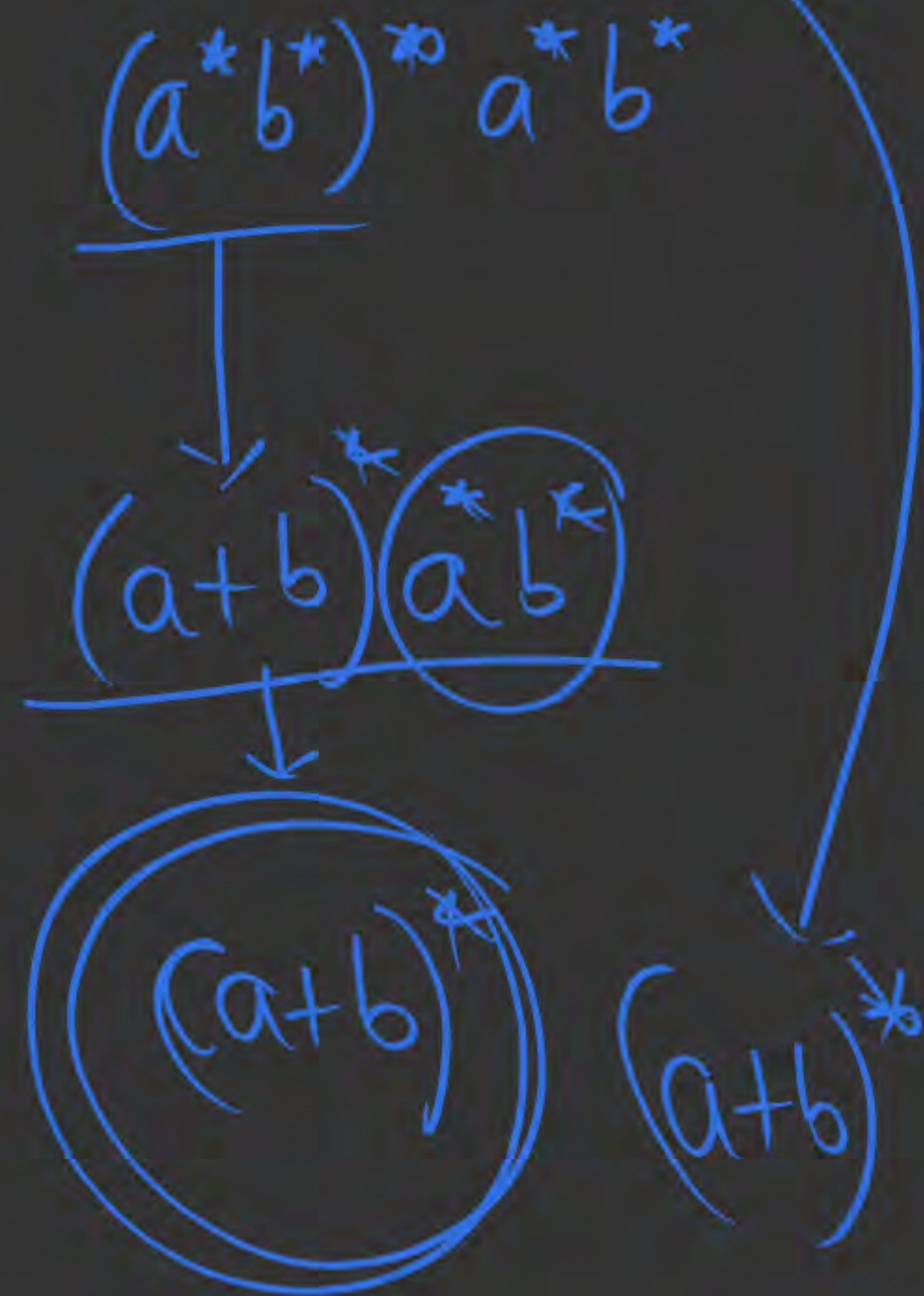
Which of the following is equal to $(a^*b^*)^*a^*b^*$

a) $(a+ba)^* \neq (a+ba)^*$

b) $(ab+ba)^* \neq (a+b)^*$

c) $(a+b)^* = (a+b)^*$ ✓

d) $a^*b^* \neq (a+b)^*$
 $b^* \neq b^*$



(Q) Which of the following regular expressions are not equal?

a) $(a^*b^*)^*$ \neq $(a+b)^*$ \Rightarrow equal

~~b) $(a+b)^*$ \neq $(a\boxed{b^*}+b\boxed{a^*})^*$ $= (a+b)^* \Rightarrow$ equal~~

~~c) $(a^*b^*)^* \neq (ab)^*$~~

$(a+b)^* \neq (ab)^* = (ab)^0, ab, abab, (ab)^3, \dots$

d) $(a^*\boxed{b^*}\boxed{a^*}b^*)^*$ \neq $(a^*b^*)^* \Rightarrow$ Equal

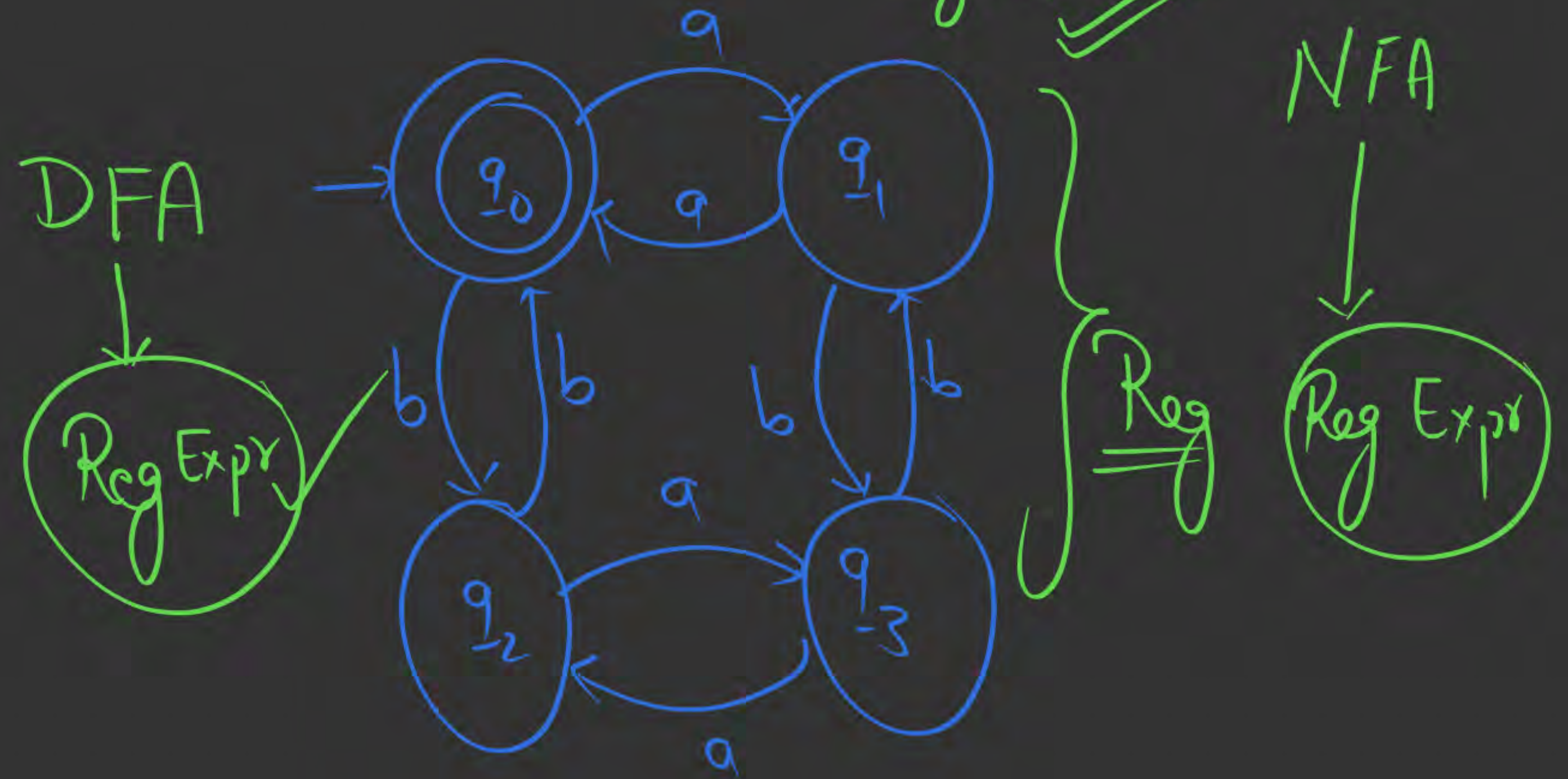
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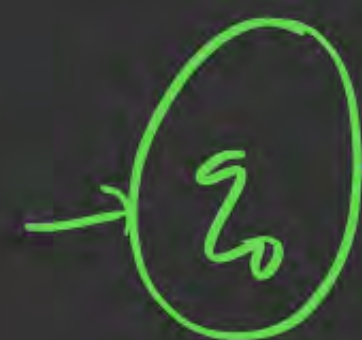
Regular Language

FINITE AUTOMATA TO REGULAR EXPRESSION

F.A
⇔
Regular Expression

E-NFA } 2024 ✓
⇓
Reg Expr





only
one

only one transition



only one
final state

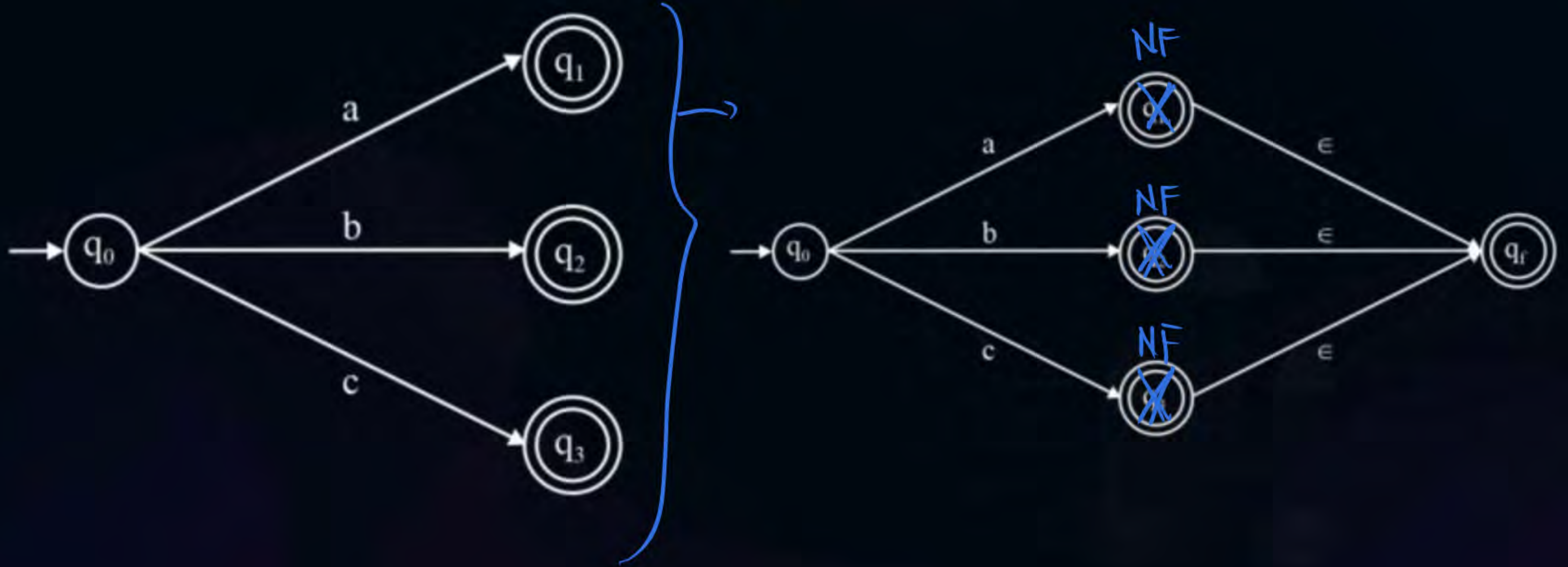
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① State elimination

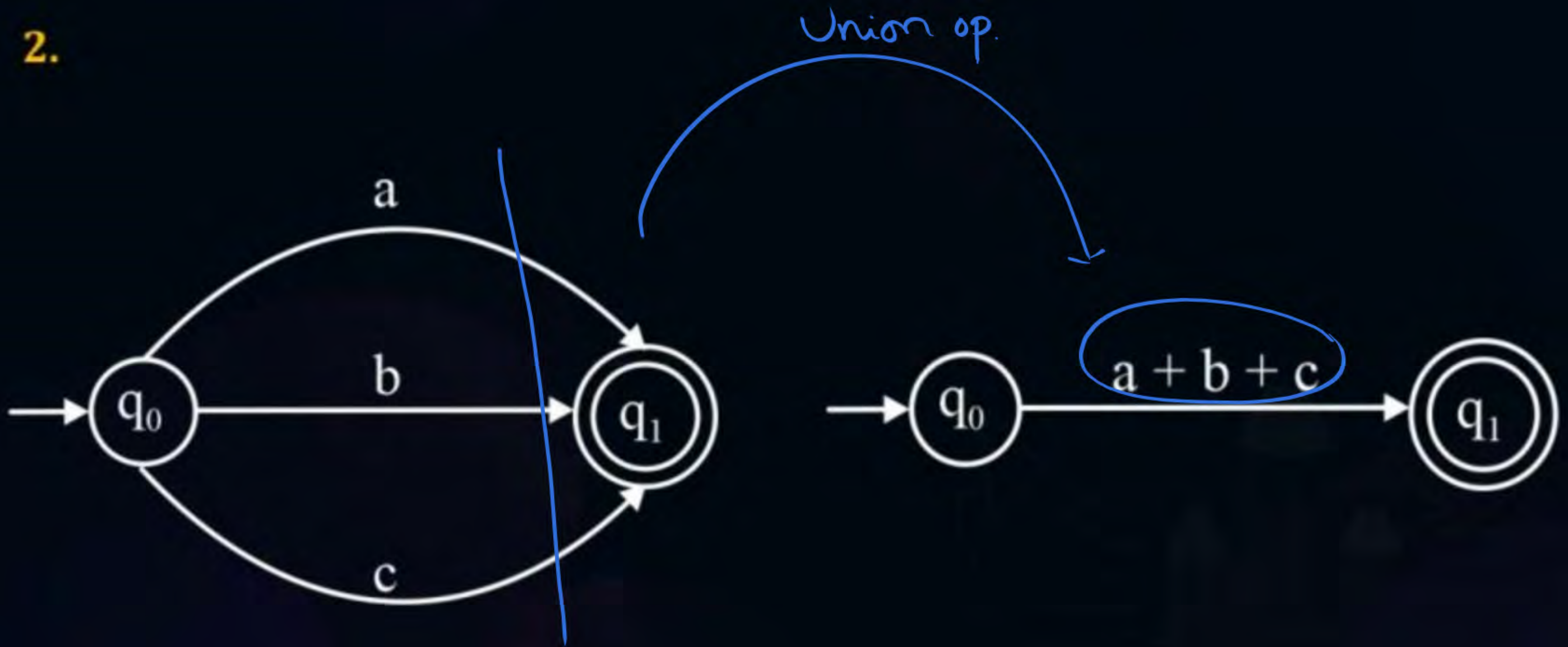
② Ardens method

③ R_{ij}^k method.

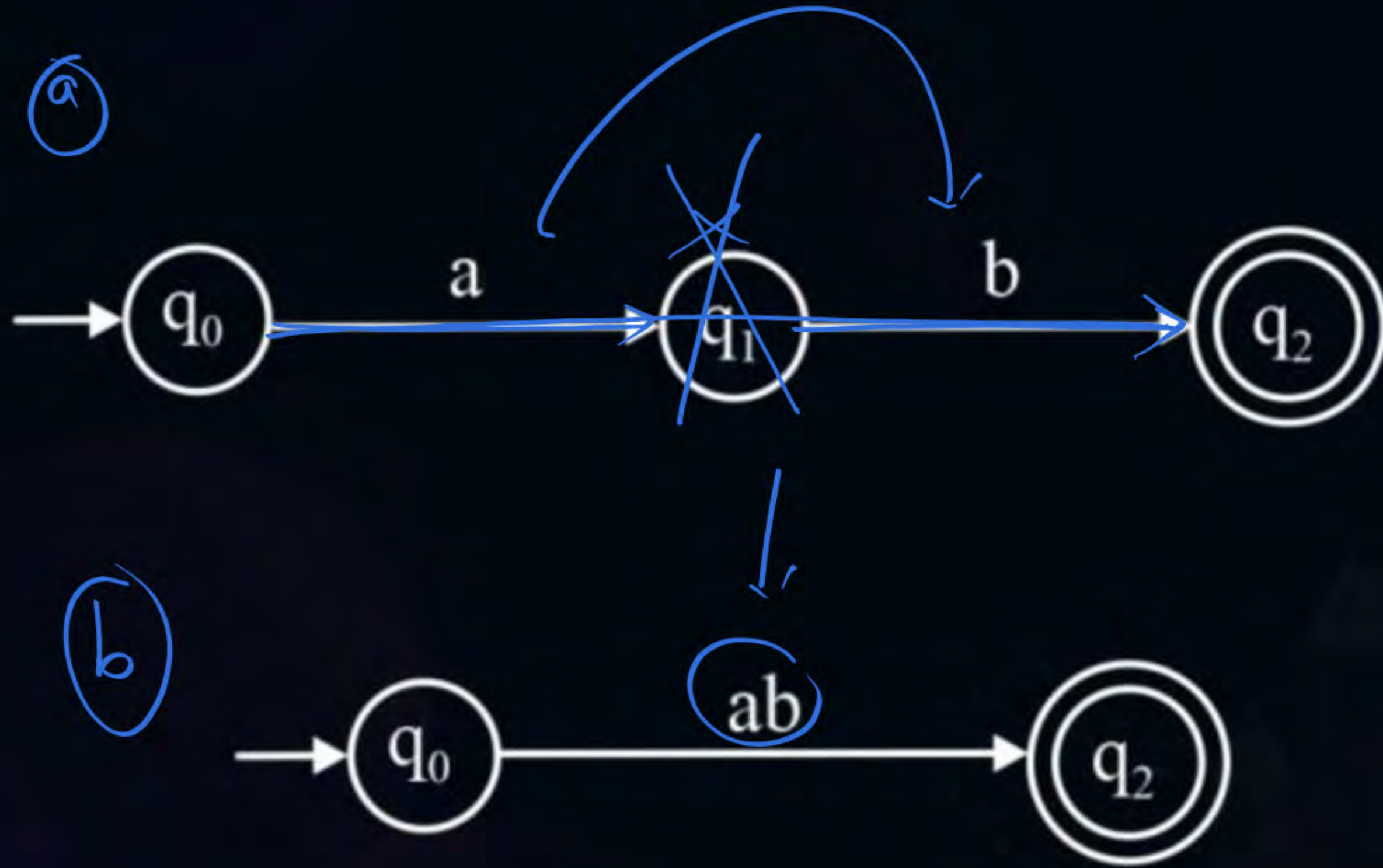
x



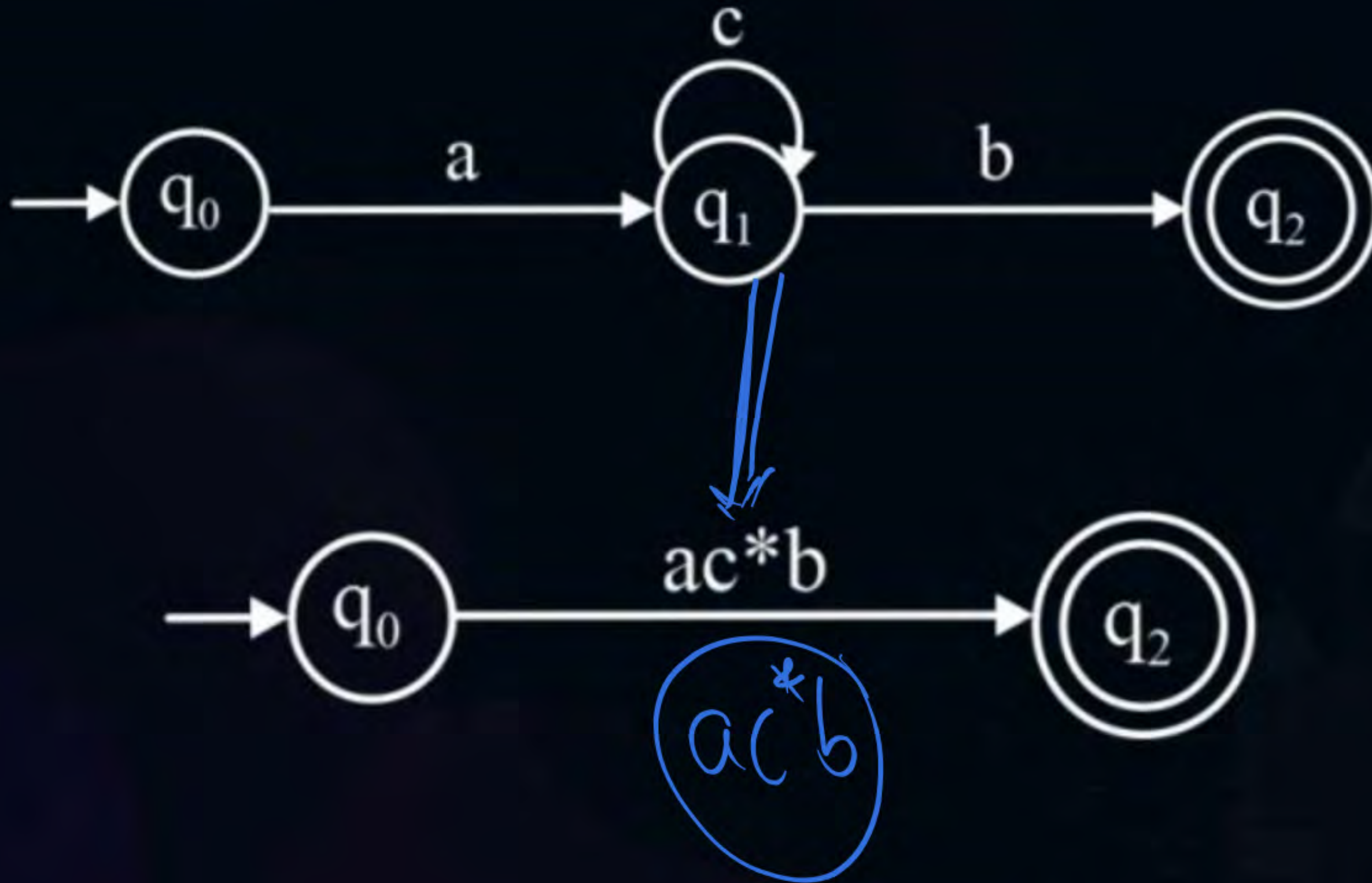
2.



3.



4.



$(00)^*$



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