

## Lecture # 5.

NFA :-

- More powerful than DFA.
- Used to recognize strings of a lang.
- Can have 1 start state and 1 or more final states.
- May have more than one transition for 1 input symbol.
- May have null transition ~~for~~ → no transitions over an input symbol
- \*→ Possibly have a zero next state on an input symbol or without an input.  
↳ A transition without input is called  $\epsilon$ -transition.

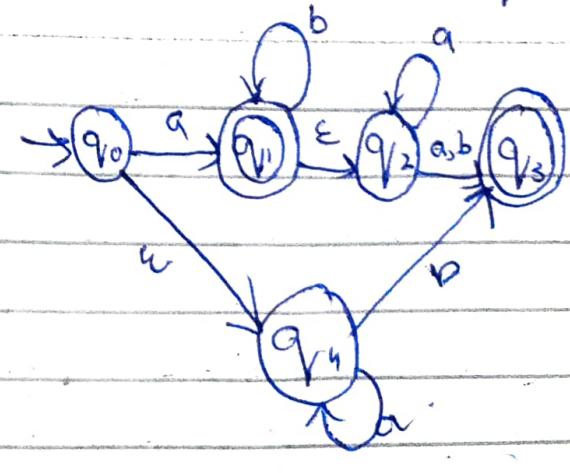
NFA is quintuple.  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$$\delta : Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \rightarrow \delta(Q)$$

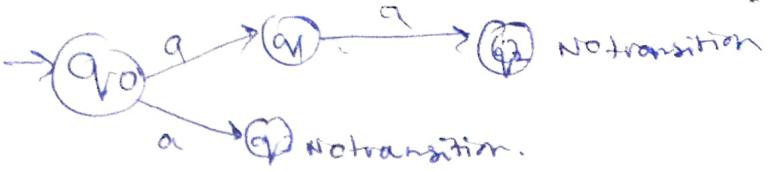
$$\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$$

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\} \quad \Sigma = \{a, b\} \quad F = \{q_1, q_3\}$$

$\delta$	a	b	$\epsilon$
$q_0$	$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$q_4$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$q_2, q_3$	$q_3$	$\emptyset$
$q_3$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$q_4$	$q_4$	$q_3$	$\emptyset$



NFA



DFA :-

- \* more restricted than NFA.
- \* Used to recognize the strings of a language.
- \* Can have 1 start state and 1 or more final states.
- \* Must have one transition over each input symbol.
- \* Have no null or empty transition.
- \* All DFA are NFA's but not all NFA's are DFA's.

Empty string  $\epsilon$  and  $\Lambda$  are same

$\epsilon$  Empty String = string with 0 occurrence of symbols

$\emptyset$  Empty Language = a lang with 0 strings or words.

## Algebraic Laws for Regular Expressions

\* Widely used operator in R.E

↳ Kleene Closure ( $*$ ),  $a^* = \Lambda, a, aa, aaa \dots$

↳ Concatenation ( $\cdot$ ),  $a \cdot b = ab$

↳ Union ( $+$ ),  $a \cup b, a + b = a, b$ .

\* Rules for R.E

1. Every letter of  $\Sigma$  can be made into a R.E including null string.  $L = \{\Lambda\}$ .

2.  $\emptyset$ , empty language itself is a R.E.

3. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are R.E

↳  $R_1$  is a R.E

↳  $R_2$  is a R.E

↳  $R_1 + R_2$  is a R.E

↳  $R_1 \cdot R_2$  is a R.E

↳  $R_1^*$  is a R.E.

↳  $R_1^+$  is a R.E.

Closure laws:-

$$\cdot (r^*)^* = r^*$$

$$\cdot \emptyset^* = \epsilon$$

$$\cdot r^+ = r \cdot r^*$$

$$\cdot r^* = r^* + \epsilon$$

$\epsilon/A$  is a word while  $\emptyset$  is a set of words (a lang)

$\{\epsilon\}$  is the language containing only the empty word which is different from  $\emptyset$  which doesn't contain any word.

Example  $R1 = a$ ,  $R2 = b$ ,  $R3 = c$

### Associative laws:

If  $R1$ ,  $R2$  and  $R3$  are RE.

- $R1 + (R2 + R3) = (R1 + R2) + R3$
- $R1 \cdot (R2 \cdot R3) = (R1 \cdot R2) \cdot R3$
- Associative property does not hold for  $*$  because it's a unary application.

### Commutative Law / Property:

Example  $R1 = a$ ,  $R2 = b$ .

If  $R1$  and  $R2$  are RE then -

- $R1 + R2 = R2 + R1$ .
- $R1 \cdot R2 \neq R2 \cdot R1$ .

### Distributive law / Property:

If  $R1$ ,  $R2$  and  $R3$  are RE then .

- $(R1 + R2) \cdot R3 = R1 \cdot R3 + R2 \cdot R3$
- $R1 \cdot (R2 + R3) = R1 \cdot R2 + R1 \cdot R3$
- $(R1 \cdot R2) + R3 \neq (R1 + R3) \cdot (R2 + R3)$

Idempotent law: are the set of operations, which can be repeated again & again without changing results.

- $R1 + R1 = R1 \Rightarrow R1 \cup R1 = R1$ .

Therefore union operator satisfies idempotent property

- $R1 \cdot R1 \neq R1$

concatenation does not satisfy idempotent property

Identities for R.C.

1.  $\emptyset + r = r$
2.  $\emptyset \cdot r = r \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset$
3.  $\epsilon \cdot r = r \cdot \epsilon = r$
4.  $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$  and  $\emptyset^* = \epsilon$ .
5.  $r+r = r$
6.  $r^* \cdot r^* = r^*$ .
7.  $r \cdot r^* = r^* \cdot r = r^*$ .
8.  $(r^*)^* = r^{**}$ .
9.  $\epsilon + r \cdot r^* = r^* = \epsilon + r \cdot r^*$
10.  $(p \cdot q)^* \cdot p = p \cdot (q \cdot p)^*$
11.  $(p+q)^* = (p^* \cdot q^*)^* = (p^* + q^*)^*$
12.  $(p+q) \cdot r = p \cdot r + q \cdot r$

Equivalent R.E

$$(0^* 1^*)^* = (0+1)^*$$

$$(0^* 1^*)^* = \{ \text{ } , 0, 00, 1, 11, 01, \\ 20, \dots \}$$

$$(0+1)^* = \{ \text{ } , 0, 00, 1, 11, 01, \\ 20 \dots \}$$

L.H.S = R.H.S.

Application of R.E.

- 2) Egrep tool  
 → unix tool  
 → Searches a text file for lines that contain a substring matching a specified pattern.  
 → Echoes all such lines to standard output.
- 2) Application in Search Engine  
 → Archie, 1<sup>st</sup> S.E used R.E to search through database of files on server.  
 → Used earliest in S.E because of their power and easy implementation.

## 3) Find and Replace tools

### 4) Lexical Analysis

- scanner and tokenizer.
- Tokenization is to categorize lexemes to sort them by meaning e.g variable, constant or keyword etc.
- Set of R.E are used to match the valid set of lexemes that belong to this token type.