

## Regular expression (RE) and languages:-

aka. Language ~~representer~~ representer

### Regular expression:-

- Regular expression are the algebraic description of language used for representing regular languages, the languages accepted by finite automaton.
- Many system uses regular expression as input language. Some of them are
  - Search commands such as UNIX grep.
  - Lexical analyser generator such as LEX or FLEX.

(pattern searching)  
Lexical analyzer is a component of compiler that breaks the source program into logical unit called tokens.

- Browsers and many other text formatting programs.

## Operators of Regular Expression:-

→ Regular expressions denote languages. for a simple example, the regular expression  $01^* + 10^*$  denotes the language consisting of all strings that are either a single 0 followed by any number of 1's or a single 1 followed by any no. of 0's.

There are three operators that are used to generate the languages that are regular.

### ① Union ( $\cup / | / +$ ):-

The Union of two languages  $L$  and  $M$

denoted as  $L \cup M$  or  $L|M$  or  $L+M$ , is the set of strings that are in either  $L$  or  $M$ , or both.

i.e. stronger than first definition is accepted

If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are any two regular languages then

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{S \mid S \in L_1 \text{ or } S \in L_2\}$$

for example,

$$L_1 = \{00, 11\}, \quad L_2 = \{\epsilon, 10\}$$

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{\epsilon, 00, 10, 11\}$$

## ② Concatenation ( $\cdot$ ):-

The concatenation of languages  $L$  and  $M$  is the set of strings that can be formed by taking any string in  $L$  and concatenating it with any string in  $M$ .

i.e. If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are any two regular languages then

$$L_1 \cdot L_2 = \{l_1 \cdot l_2 \mid l_1 \in L_1 \text{ and } l_2 \in L_2\}$$

$$\text{e.g.: } L_1 = \{00, 11\} \text{ and } L_2 = \{\epsilon, 10\}$$

~~$$L_1 \cdot L_2 = \{00, 0010, 11, 1110\}$$~~

~~$$L_2 \cdot L_1 = \{00, 11, 1000, 1011\}$$~~

$$\text{So, } L_1 \cdot L_2 \neq L_2 \cdot L_1$$

### ③ Kleen closure (\*):-

- The closure/star or kleen closure of a language  $L$  is denoted by  $L^*$  and represents the set of strings that can be formed by ~~concatenating~~ taking any number of strings from  $L$ , possibly with repetitions and concatenating all of them.

i.e. if  $L$  is any regular language then

$$L^* = L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup \dots$$

e.g.  $L = \{0, 1\}$  then  $L^*$  is all strings of 0's and 1's

If  $L = \{0, 1\}$  then  $L^*$  is,

$011, 11, 0, \epsilon, 110, 1110$  but not  
 $01011$  or  $101$ .

e.g.  $L = \{0, 1\}$  then

$L^0 = \{\epsilon\} \rightarrow$  selection of zero string for zeroth power

$L^1 = \{0, 1\} \rightarrow$  selection of one string

$L^2 = \{00, 1111, 011, 110\} \rightarrow$  selection of 2 strings

$L^+ = [L^* - \epsilon] \rightarrow$  positive closure.

$L^3 = \{000, 0011, 0110, 1100, 01111, 11011, 11110, 11111\}$

Precedence of regular expression operators:-

1. Kleen closure      | high

2. Concatenation

3. Union

| low

Example:-

Write a regular expression for the set of strings that consists of alternating 0's and 1's over  $\{0, 1\}^*$ .

Soln:-

first part:- We have to generate the language  $\{01, 0101, 010101, \dots\}$ .

Second part:- We have to generate the language  $\{10, 1010, 101010, \dots\}$ .

So let's start first part.

Here, we start with the basic RE 0 and 1 that represent the language  $\{0\}^*$  and  $\{1\}^*$  respectively. Now if we concatenate these two RE, we get the RE  $01$  that represent the language  $\{01\}^*$ . Then to generate the language of zero or more occurrence of  $01$ , we take Kleen closure i.e. the RE  $(01)^*$ .

Which represent the language  $\{01, 0101, 010101, \dots\}$ .

Similarly, the RE for second part is  $(10)^*$ .

Now, finally we take union of above two. first part and second part to get the required RE.

i.e.  $(01)^* + (10)^*$  represent the given language.

## Design of RE:-

$$\Sigma = \{x, y, z\}$$

Rule 1: (Zero or more)

$$x^* \text{ i.e. } \{\epsilon, x, xx, xxx, \dots\}$$

Suppose  $xy$

$$\Rightarrow (xy)^* = \{\epsilon, xy, xyyxy, xyyxyy, \dots\}$$

$$\text{If } xy^* = \{x, xy, xyy, xyyy, \dots\}$$

Rule 2: (One or more)

$$xx^* \Rightarrow \{x, xx, xxx, \dots\}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $x^*x$  or  $x^+$

If  $xy$ , then  $xy(xy)^*$  OR  $(xy)^*xy$  OR  $(xy)^*$

Rule 3: (Zero or one)

$$(x+\epsilon) \text{ OR } (\epsilon+x)$$

Rule 4:- (Any string at all)

$$L_0 = \{\epsilon\} \quad (x+y+z)^* \quad L = L_1 \cup L_2 \cup L_3$$

$$L_1 \quad (x+y+z)^1 \Rightarrow x, y, z,$$

$$L_2 \quad (x+y+z)^2 \Rightarrow xy, yz, zx, yy, yx, zz, zy, zx, yy, \dots$$

$$L_3 \quad (x+y+z)^3 \Rightarrow xyy, xzx, zzz, yyy, yxz, zyz, \dots$$

Rule 5:-

Any non-empty string at all.

$$(x+y+z) \cdot (x+y+z)^* = (x+y+z)^* \cdot (x+y+z) = (x+y+z)^*$$

Rule 6:- Any string not containing.

not contain  $x$  then  $(y+z)^*$

Rule 7:- Any string containing exactly one.

$$(y+z)^* \cdot x \cdot (y+z)^*$$

$$T(S+P) \cdot S^* \cdot T(S+P) = S \cdot T(S+P)$$

eg: ① Find the regular expression for the language  $L = \{000, 001, 010, 011, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$|w| = 3$$

$$R.E. = (0+1) \cdot (0+1) \cdot (0+1)$$

② Construct a RE for all strings containing exactly one x over  $\Sigma = \{x, y, z\}$

$$\Rightarrow R.E. = (y+z)^* x (y+z)^*$$

③ Construct a RE for the set of all strings over  $\{x, y\}$  with three consecutive y's.

$$\Rightarrow (x+y)^* \cdot yyy \cdot (x+y)^*$$

④ Construct a RE for the set of all strings over  $\{a, b\}$  beginning with aa.

$$\Rightarrow aa(a+b)^*$$

⑤ Construct a RE for the set of all strings over  $\{x, y\}$  ending with xx & beginning with y.

$$\Rightarrow y(x+y)^* xx$$

⑥ Construct a RE for the set of all strings over  $\{a, b\}$  ending in either aba or aab

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)^* (aba + aab)$$

⑦ Construct a RE for the set of all strings containing no more than three a's over  $\{a, b, c\}$

$$\Rightarrow (b+c)^* \cdot (\epsilon+a) \cdot (b+c)^* \cdot (\epsilon+a) \cdot (b+c)^* \cdot (\epsilon+a) \cdot (b+c)^*$$

⑧ no- 2 a's coming together :-

$$L = \{\epsilon, b, \underline{bb}, \underline{bbb}, a, \underline{ab}, \underline{aba}, \underline{ababa}, ababa, \underline{ba}, \underline{bab}, baba - \}$$

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

OR

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

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

## Regular Language :-

- ⇒ Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet, the class of regular language over  $\Sigma$  is defined inductively as,
- $\emptyset$  is a regular language representing empty language.
  - $\{\epsilon\}$  is a regular language representing empty string.
  - For each  $a \in \Sigma$ ,  $\{a\}$  is a regular language.
  - If  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n$  are regular language, then  
so  $L_1 \cup L_2 \cup \dots \cup L_n$ .
  - If  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n$  are regular language, then  
so  $L_1 \cdot L_2 \cdot L_3 \cdot \dots \cdot L_n$ .
  - If  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n$  are regular language, then  
so  $\emptyset^* L^*$ .

## Application of Regular Language:-

- ⇒ Validation:- email, password validation  
Search & selection:- browsers, text formatting  
programs

Tokenization:- Converting a sequence of characters into words, token (like keywords, identifiers) for later interpretation

## Algebraic Rules/ laws of Regular expressions:-

1. Commutative: It denotes changing order of terms  
 $r+s = s+r$  i.e.  $r \cup s = s \cup r$

but  $r \cdot s \neq s \cdot r$

2. Associative: It denotes grouping of terms  
 $t + (r+s) = (t+r)+s$   
 $t \cdot (r \cdot s) = (t \cdot r) \cdot s$

3. Distributive:

$r(s+t) = rs+rt$  : left distribution

$(s+t)r = sr+tr$  : right distribution

4. Identity: It is a value which does not change identity  
 $\emptyset + \emptyset = \emptyset \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset$  for union  
 $\epsilon \cdot r = r \cdot \epsilon = r$  for concatenation

5. Idempotent Law of Union:  $r+r=r$

6. Law of closure

$$(r^*)^* = r^*$$

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

$$\text{Noting } r^* = \epsilon + r + rr + rrr + \dots$$

$$\therefore r \cdot r^* = r + rr + rrr + rrrr + \dots$$

$$\therefore r^* = rr^*$$

## finite Automata & regular expression :-

- ⇒ Regular expression approach of describing language is fundamentally different from the finite automata approach.
  - ⇒ These two notation turn out to represent exactly the same languages which are called "regular languages".
- We have already studied that DFA and two kinds of NFA; with & without  $\epsilon$ -transition. which accept the same class of languages.
- In order to show that the regular expressions define the same class, we must show that;
- 1) Every language defined by one of these automata is also defined by a regular expression.  
For this proof, we can assume the language is accepted by some DFA.
  - 2) Every language defined by a regular expression is defined by one of these automata.  
For this part of proof, the easiest is to show that there is an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions accepting the same language.

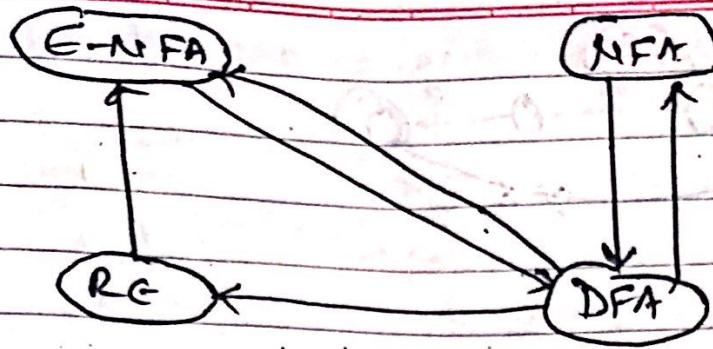
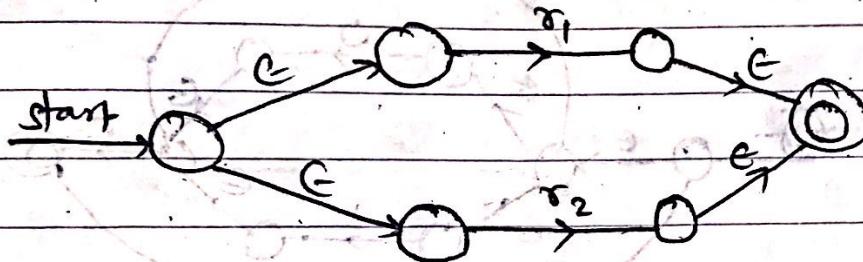


Fig:- Plan for showing the equivalence of four different notations for regular language.

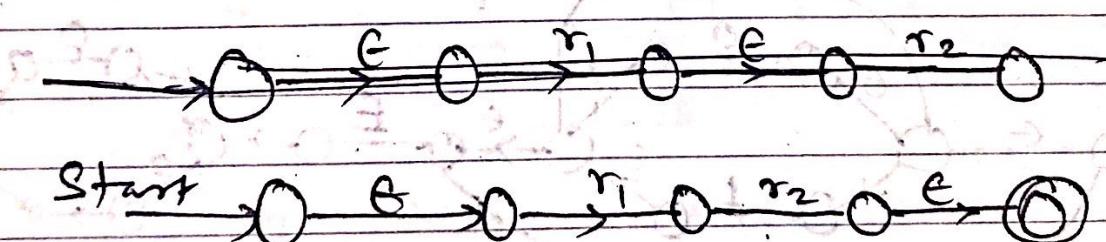
### (Conversion from R.E. to E-NFA)

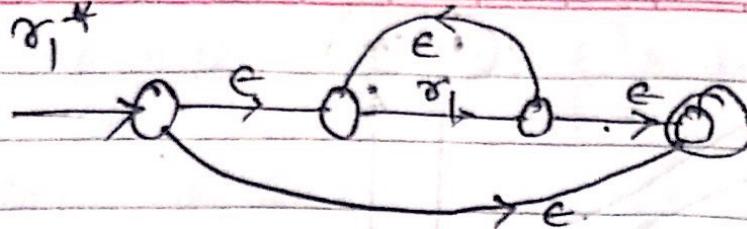
Rules:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad r_1 + r_2 \quad \text{eg: } (1+0) ; r_1 = 1, r_2 = 0$$

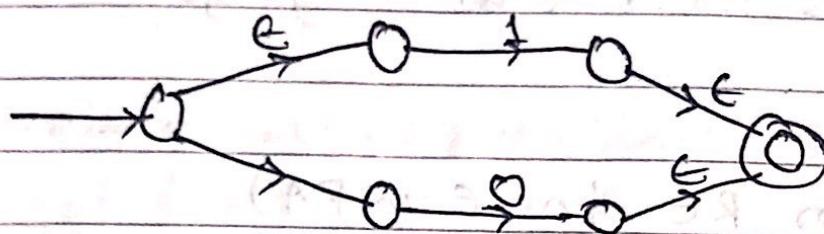


$$\textcircled{2} \quad r_1 \cdot r_2 \quad \text{eg } (11) ; r_1 = 1, r_2 = 1$$

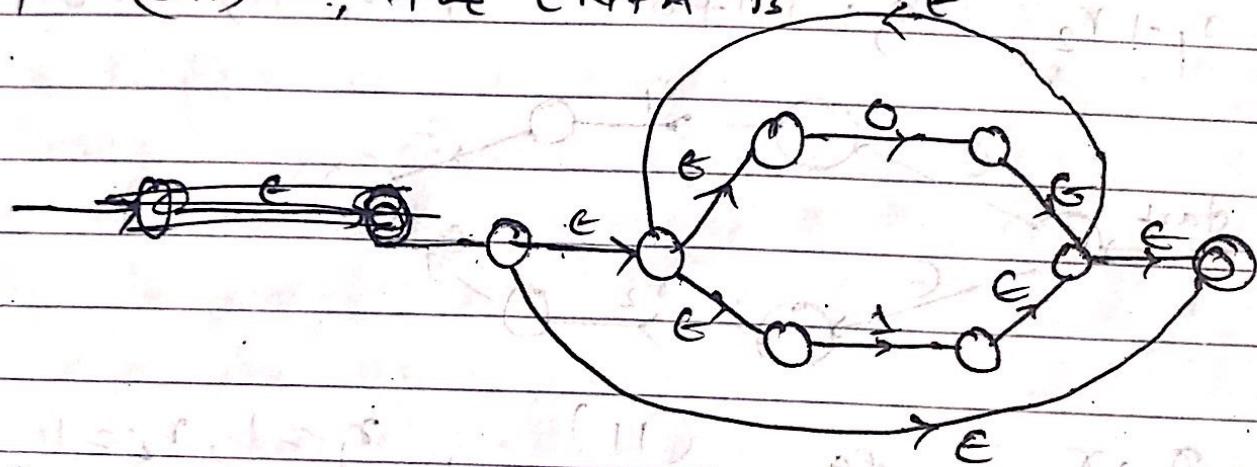


(iii)  $\sigma_1^*$ Examples:-

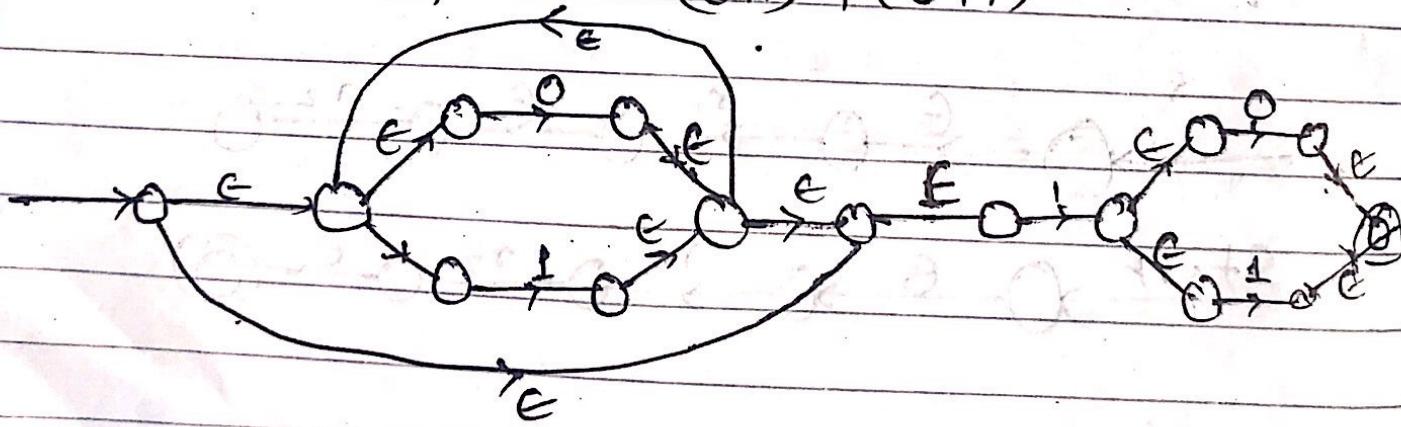
- ① For regular expression  $(1+0)$  the E-NFA is



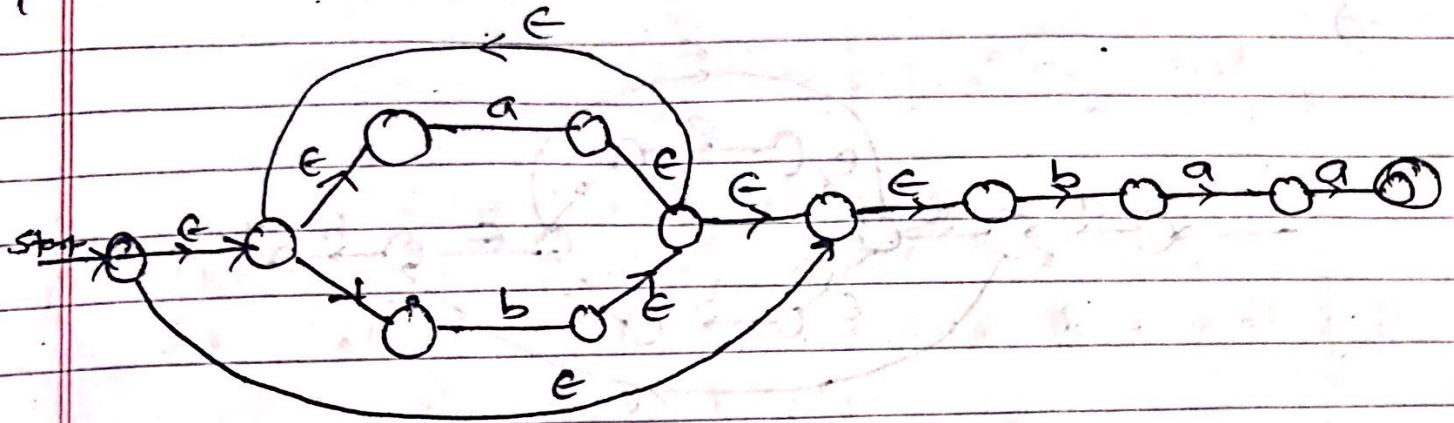
- ② for  $(0+1)^*$ , the ENFA is



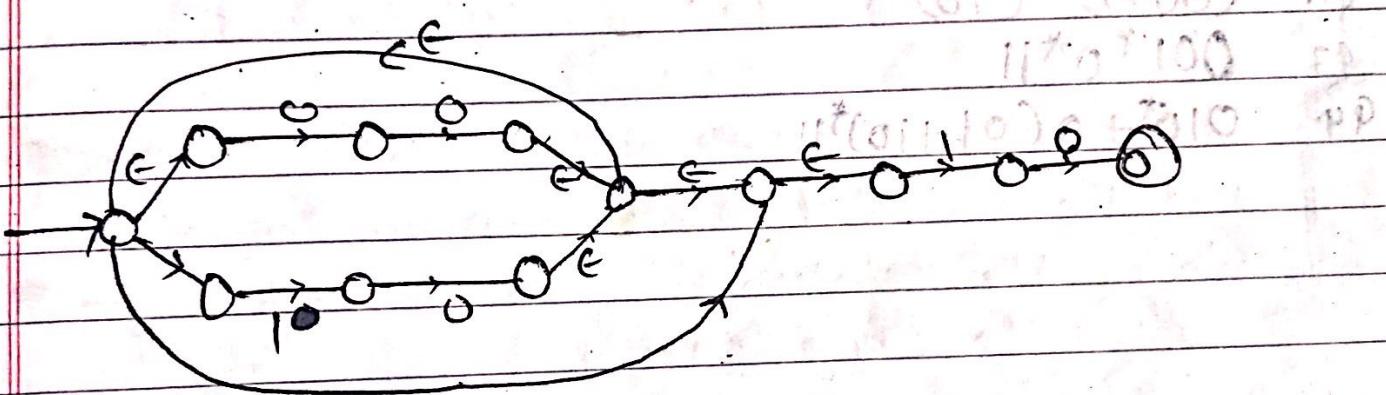
- ③ for regular expression  $(0+1)^*1(0+1)$



50 for regular expression  $(a+b)^* baa$  construct E-NFA.

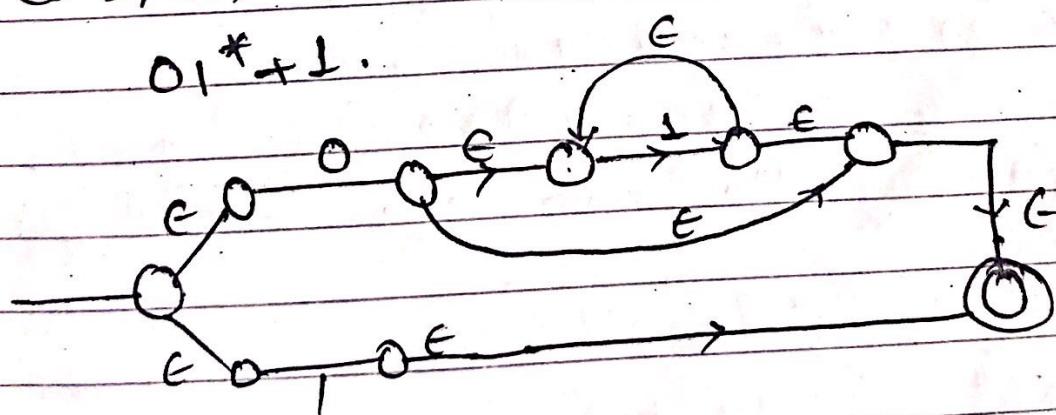


50 For regular expression  $(00+10)^* 10$  the E-NFA is



60 Construct E-NFA for the regular expression

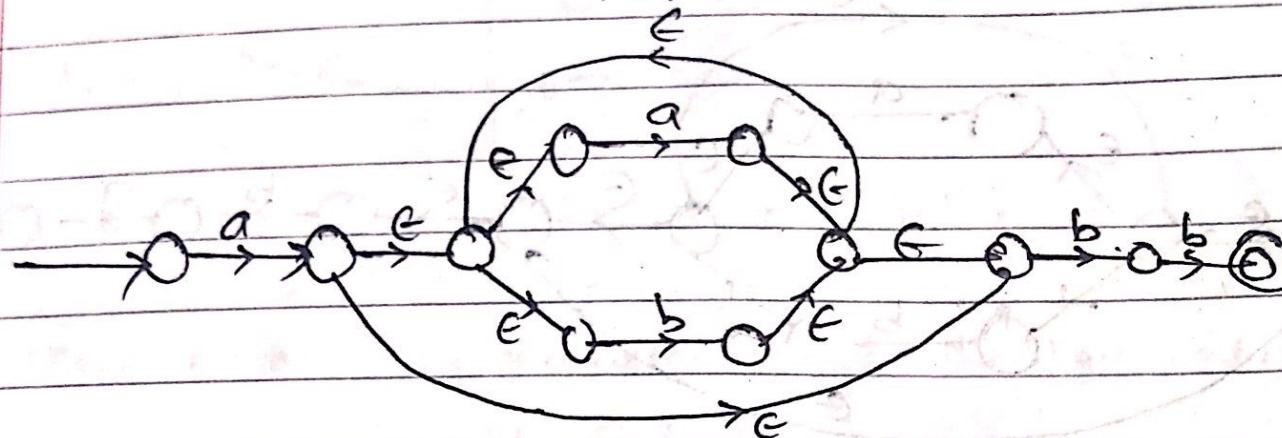
$01^* + 1.$



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$$q \quad a(a+b)^* \cdot bb$$

$\Rightarrow$



$$q_1 \quad (0+1)^* (00+11) (0+1)^*$$

$$q_2 \quad (00+1)^* (10)^*$$

$$q_3 \quad 001^* 0^* 11$$

$$q_4 \quad 010^* + 0(01+10)^* 11$$

also for NFA

Conversion from DFA to RE :-Arden's Theorem:-

Let  $P$  and  $q$  be the two regular expressions such that  $P$  does not contain any empty string then a Regular Expression  $\tau$  of the form

$$\tau = q + \tau p$$

has a unique solution of the form

$$\tau = qp^*$$

proof:-

$$\text{Here, } \tau = q + \tau p \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

- put the value of  $\tau = q + \tau p$  on right hand side of the relation (1), so

$$\tau = q + (q + \tau p)p$$

$$\tau = q + qp + \tau p^2 \quad \dots \quad (11)$$

- Again put the value of  $\tau = q + \tau p$  in eqn (11), we get

$$\tau = q + qp + (q + \tau p)p^2$$

$$= q + qp + qp^2 + \tau p^3$$

Continuing in the same way, we will get as;

$$\tau = q + qp + qp^2 + qp^3 + \dots$$

$$= q(\epsilon + p + p^2 + p^3 + \dots)$$

$$\therefore \tau = qp^*$$

proved

To convert the given DFA into a regular expression,  
there are some assumptions regarding the transition system.

- There should not have E-transition
  - There must be only one initial state.
  - The states in the DFA are as:

$q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$  (Any  $q_i$  is final state)

- $W_{ij}$  denotes the regular expression representing the set of labels of the edges from  $q_i$  to  $q_j$ .

Thus we can write expression as,

$$q_1 = q_1 w_{11} + q_2 w_{21} + q_3 w_{31} + \dots + q_n w_{n1} + \epsilon$$

$$q_2 = q_1 w_{12} + q_2 w_{22} + q_3 w_{32} + \dots + q_n w_{n2}.$$

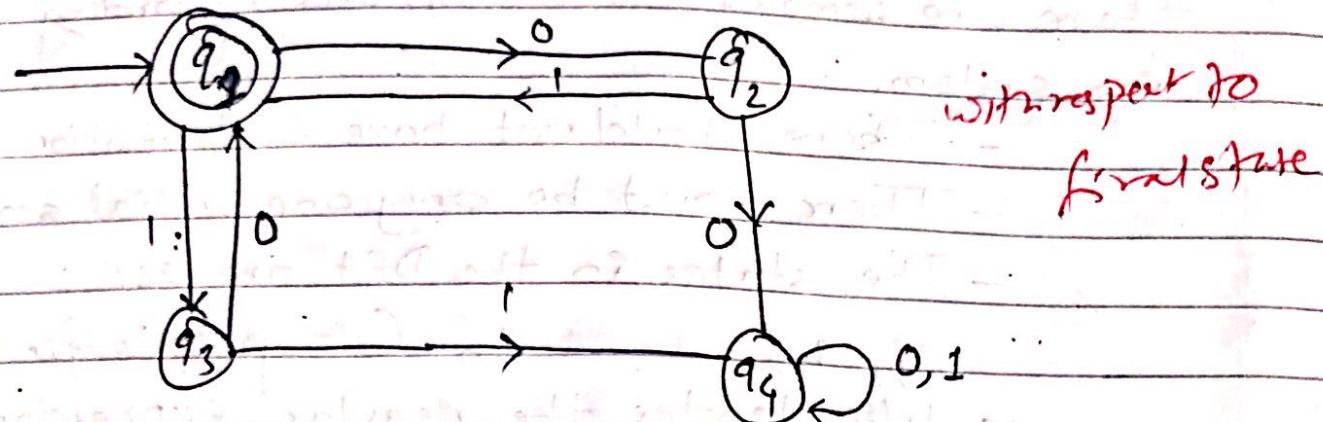
$$q_3 = q_1 w_{13} + q_2 w_{23} + q_3 w_{33} + \dots + q_n w_{n3}$$

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$$q_n = q_1 w_{1n} + q_2 w_{2n} + q_3 w_{3n} + \dots + q_n w_{nn}$$

Solving these eqn for  $q_i$  in terms of  $W_{ij}$  gives the regular expression equivalent to given DFA.

eq Convert the following DFA into regular expression.



Soln:- Let the equations are :-

$$q_1 = q_2 1 + q_3 0 + \epsilon \quad \text{--- } ①$$

$$q_2 = q_1 0 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

$$q_3 = q_1 1 \quad \text{--- } ③$$

$$q_4 = q_2 \cdot 0 + q_3 \cdot 1 + q_4 \cdot 0 + q_4 \cdot 1 \quad \text{--- } ④$$

Putting the value of  $q_2$  and  $q_3$  in eq. ①

$$q_1 = q_1 01 + q_1 10 + \epsilon$$

$$\therefore q_1 = q_1 (01 + 10) + \epsilon$$

$$\therefore q_1 = \epsilon + q_1 (01 + 10)$$

by applying Arden's theorem,

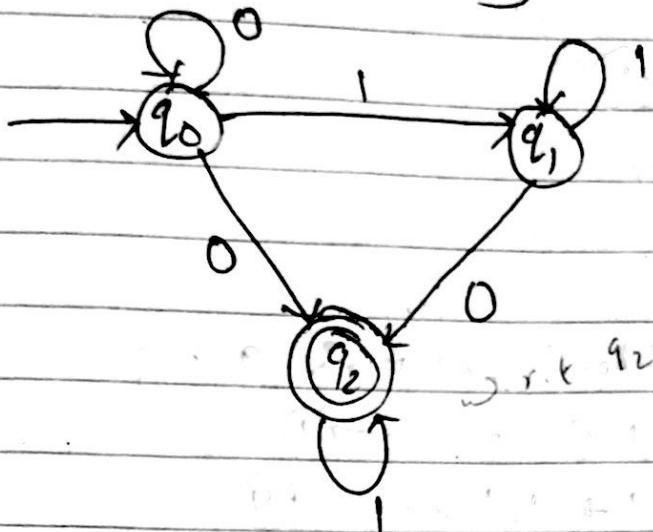
$$\therefore q_1 = \epsilon (01 + 10)^*$$

$$\therefore q_1 = (01 + 10)^*$$

which is the required regular expression

Final state

Convert the following DFA into RE.



Sol:

equations are:-

$$q_0 = q_0 0 + \epsilon \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$q_1 = q_0 1 + q_1 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$q_2 = q_0 0 + q_1 0 + q_2 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Apply Arden's theorem in (1)

$$q_0 = q_0 0 + \epsilon$$

$$q_0 = \epsilon(0)^* = 0^* \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

from (2)

$$q_1 = q_0 1 + q_1 1$$

$$q_1 = \cancel{q_0}^* q_1 1 = 0^* 11^* \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

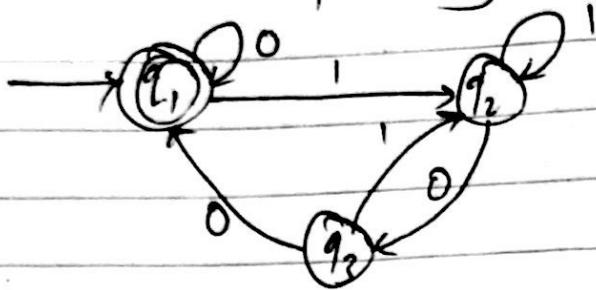
from (3)

$$q_2 = \frac{q_0 0 + q_1 0}{2} + \frac{q_2 1}{2}$$

$$q_2 = \underline{(q_0 0 + q_1 0)} 1^* = (0^* 0 + 0^* 11^*) 1^* \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

reqd soln of L.E.

Q = Convert the following DFA into R.E.



Soln:- from the figure, the equations are;

$$q_1 = q_1 0 + q_3 0 + \epsilon \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$q_2 = q_1 1 + q_2 1 + q_3 1 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$q_3 = q_2 0 \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

from eqn (II) & (III)

$$q_2 = q_1 1 + q_2 1 + q_2 0 1$$

$$q_2 = q_1 1 + q_2 (1+01)$$

$$q_2 = q_1 1 (1+01)^* \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

from (I) & (III)

$$q_1 = q_1 0 + q_2 0 0 + \epsilon \quad \text{--- (V)} \quad \text{w.r.t } q_1$$

from (IV) & (V)

$$q_1 = q_1 0 + q_1 1 (1+01)^* 0 0 + \epsilon$$

$$q_1 = q_1 (0 + 1 (1+01)^* 0 0) + \epsilon$$

$$q_1 = \epsilon (0 + 1 (1+01)^* 0 0)^*$$

$$\therefore q_1 = (0 + 1 (1+01)^* 0 0)^*$$

is the reqd R.E.

## Pumping lemma for regular language:-

⇒ Pumping lemma is used to determine the class of language of finite automata. i.e. it is used to determine a language is not regular.

### Statement:-

Let 'L' be a regular Language and a string  $w \in L$ . Let 'm' be the total no. of states of FA and 'n' be the Length of the string such that  $m \leq n$ .

Then, w can be decomposed into substrings  $x, y, z$  such that,

- ①  $y \neq \epsilon$  decompose sig. null clean written |
- ②  $|xy| \leq n$
- ③  $xy^iz \in L$  for all  $i \geq 0$

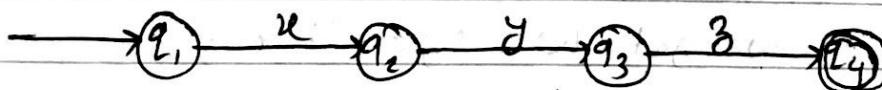
### Proof:-

Let  $L$  be a regular language and  $w \in L$ .

Let  $w = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n$  and the set of states are  $q_1, q_2, q_3 \dots q_m$ .

Let  $w = xyz$  belongs to let  $w = xyz \in L$

Now, its finite automata is

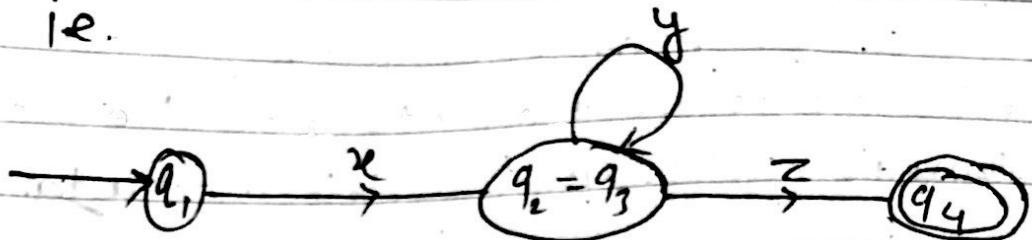


here,  $|w| = 3$ , but total states are 4.

By pigeon hole principle, any of the two states of FA must coincide.

According to our requirement state  $q_2$  &  $q_3$  coincide.

i.e.



Now in general form:-

$w = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n$  can be decomposed as,

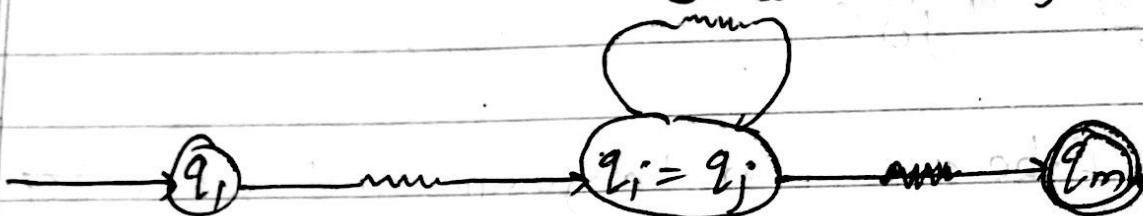
$$x = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_i$$

$$y = a_{i+1} a_{i+2} a_{i+3} \dots a_j$$

$$z = a_{j+1} a_{j+2} \dots a_n$$

Now our FA becomes,

$$y = a_{i+1} a_{i+2} \dots a_j$$



$$x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_i$$

$$z = a_{j+1} a_{j+2} \dots a_n$$

Now we have to show that  $xy^iz \in L$  for  $i \geq 0$ .

When  $i=0$ , we get  $w=xyz$  which is processed by FA.

When  $i=1$ , we get  $w=xy^iz$ , it is also accepted by FA.

Similarly, FA processes the strings for all the values of  $i$ . Hence, we say that  $xy^iz \in L$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

proved

example:-

>Show that the language  $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

Let  $L$  be a regular language and  $w \in L$ . (proof by contradiction)  
 $w = a^p b^p$   $p \geq 1$

Now,

Using pumping lemma,  $w$  can be decomposed into  $x, y$  and  $z$  as,

$$x = a^q$$

$$y = a^r, r > 0$$

$$z = a^{p-(q+r)} b^p$$

to simplicity we do any of 'a' or 'b'

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} xy^2z &= a^q (a^r)^2 a^{p-(q+r)} b^p \\ &= a^{q+2r+p-q-r} b^p \\ &= a^{p+r} b^p \end{aligned}$$

Let pumping factor  $i=2$

$$\therefore r > 0, p+r > p$$

Therefore,  $a^{p+r} b^p$  is not of the form  $a^p b^p$ .

$$\text{i.e. } xy^2z \notin L$$

Hence, the given language is not regular. by contradiction.

Pump :-

$$w = a^p b^p = \underbrace{aaa...aa}_{x} \underbrace{bbb...bb}_{y} \underbrace{bbb...bb}_{z} \quad p=5$$

$$x = a^q = aaa \quad q=2$$

$$y = a^r = aaa \quad r=3$$

$$z = a^s - (q+r) b^s$$

$$= a^0 b^5 = bbb...bb$$

$$\therefore xy^2z = xz^2 = a^q aaaa...a bbb...bb \quad a^8 b^5 \neq a^5 b^5$$

$|y| \leq n$   
 $5 \leq 10$

~~Properties~~

$$L = \{0^n \mid n \text{ is a perfect square} \} \Rightarrow 0^{p^2}$$

$$\{ \dots \text{--- perfect cube } \} \Rightarrow 0^{p^3}$$

$$L = \{0^k\} \mid k \text{ is prime number} \Rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots$$

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# Show that the language  $\{L = 1^{n^2} : n > 0\}$  is not regular.

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $L$  be a regular language and  $w \in L$ .  
let  $w = 1^{p^2}$   $p \geq 1$

now,

Using pumping lemma,  $w$  can be decomposed into  $x, y$  and  $z$  as,

$$x = 1^{q^2}$$

$$y = 1^r$$

$$z = 1^{p^2 - (q^2 + r^2)}$$

now, let pumping factor is  $p=2$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore xy^2z &= 1^{q^2} \cdot (1^r)^2 \cdot 1^{p^2 - (q^2 + r^2)} \\ &= 1^{q^2 + 2r^2 + p^2 - q^2 - r^2} \\ &= 1^{p^2 + r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore r > 0, r^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore p^2 + r^2 > p^2$$

Therefore,  $1^{p^2 + r^2}$  is not of the form  $1^{p^2}$   
Hence  $xy^2z \notin L$ . and is not regular  
by contradiction.

Rough:

$$w = 1^g = \underbrace{11111111}_{x \quad y \quad z} \quad p=3 \therefore p^2=9$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1^1 = 1 \quad \therefore q^2 = 1 \\ y &= 1^4 = 1111 \quad \therefore r^2 = 4 \\ z &= 1^{g-(1+4)} = 1^g = 1111 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore xy^2z = x y^2 z = \underbrace{1111}_{x} \underbrace{1111}_{y^2} \underbrace{1111}_{z} = 1^9 = 111111111$$

# Show that the language  $\{L = xx^R; x \in \{0,1\}^*\}$  is not regular.

$\Rightarrow$

Let  $L$  be a regular language and  $w \in L$

$$\text{let } x = 1^n 0^n$$

$$\text{then } x^R = 0^n 1^n$$

$$xx^R = 1^n 0^n 0^n 1^n$$

$$\text{Let } w = 1^p 0^p 0^p 1^p$$

now,

Using pumping lemma,  $w$  can be decomposed into  $x, y, z$  as,

$$x = 1^q$$

$$y = 1^r$$

$$z = 1^{p-(q+r)} 0^p 0^p 1^p$$

now,

$$xy^2z = 1^q 1^{(r)^2} 1^{p-(q+r)} 0^p 0^p 1^p$$

$$= 1^{q+2r+p-q-r} 0^p 0^p 1^p$$

$$= 1^{p+r} 0^p 0^p 1^p$$

$$\therefore r > 0$$

$$\therefore p+r > p$$

Hence,  $1^{p+r} 0^p 0^p 1^p$  is not of the form  $1^p 0^p 0^p 1^p$

Therefore  $xy^2z \notin L$ .

$$w = 1^3 0^3 0^3 1^3$$

$$p = 3$$

$$= \underline{\underline{111}} 0000000111$$

$$x = 1^1 \quad q = 1$$

$$y = 1^2 \quad r = 2$$

$$z = 1^{9-(1+2)} 0^3 1^3 = 1. 0^3 0^3 1^3$$

$$xy_{i=2}^iz = xy_2^2z = \underline{\underline{1111}} \cdot 111110^3 0^3 1^3$$

decision properties:-

- for DFA's in accepting state
1. Is the language described empty? (reachable/unreachable)
  2. Is the particular string  $w$  in the described language?
  3. Do the two descriptions of a language actually describe the same language? (equivalence)

### Minimization of DFA :-

- ⇒ DFA minimization is the task of transforming a given DFA into an equivalent DFA that has a minimum no. of states. Here, two DFAs are called equivalent if they recognize the same language.
- ⇒ During the course of minimization, it involves - identifying the equivalent state & distinguishable states.

### Equivalent states:-

- Two states  $P$  and  $q$  are called equivalent states, denoted by  $P \equiv q$  if and only if for each input string  $x$ ,  $\hat{\delta}(P, x)$  is a final state & iff  $\hat{\delta}(q, x)$  is a final state.

### Distinguishable states:-

- Two states  $P$  and  $q$  are said to be distinguishable state if there exists a string  $x$ , such that  $\hat{\delta}(P, x)$  is a final state,  $\hat{\delta}(q, x)$  is a non-final state.

### Table filling algorithm (Myhill-Nerode algorithm)

⇒ steps:-

- 1) Draw a table for all pairs of states  $(P, Q)$
- 2) Mark all pairs where  $P \in F$  and  $Q \notin F$ .
- 3) If there are any unmarked pairs  $(P, Q)$ ,

such that  $[\delta(p, x), \delta(q, x)]$  is marked, then mark  $[p, q]$  where  $x$  is an input symbol.

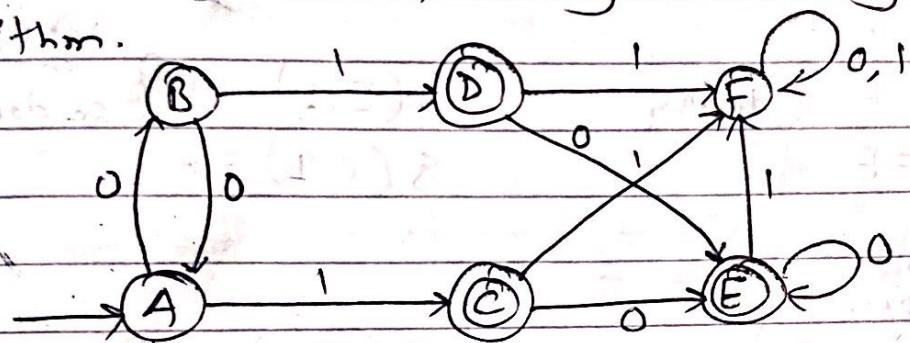
- g) Repeat this until no more markings can be made.  
 Combine all the unmarked pairs and make them a single state in the minimized DFA.

$\Rightarrow$

~~Done!~~ / ~~Final step~~ / ~~1st~~

$\Leftrightarrow$

Minimize the following DFA using table filling algorithm.



Draw a table as,

~~Step 1/2~~

	A	B	C	D	E	F
A						
B						
C	✓	✓				
D	✓	✓				
E	✓	✓				
F	(✓)	(✓)	✓	✓	✓	

$(C, A)$   $\circ$ ; C is  
a final & A is  
non final.  $\therefore$  so only

$(F, A)$  both  
non final. Unmark  
in first iteration  
but might be  
marked in  
later iteration  
or next step.

### Step 3: (1st iteration)

for  $(B, A)$  pair,

$$\delta(B, 0) = A \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pair} \\ \text{if not marked} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(A, 0) = B \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{marked} \\ \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(A, 1) = C \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Unmarked} \\ \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(B, 1) = D \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{marked} \\ \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

for  $(D, C)$  pair

$$\delta(D, 0) = E \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(C, 0) = E$$

$$\delta(D, 1) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(C, 1) = F$$

for  $(E, C)$  pair

$$\delta(E, 0) = E \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(C, 0) = E$$

$$\delta(E, 1) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{not present} \\ \text{on table} \end{array} \right. \text{ so do nothing}$$

$$\delta(C, 1) = F$$

for  $(E, D)$  pair

$$\delta(E, 0) = E \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(D, 0) = E$$

$$\delta(E, 1) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{do nothing} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(D, 1) = F$$

for  $(F, A)$  pair

$$\delta(F, 0) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{not marked} \\ \text{previously} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(A, 0) = B$$

$$\delta(F, 1) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{check} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(A, 1) = C \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yes (marked)} \\ \text{= } \end{array} \right.$$

*Now mark F, A also*

for  $(F, B)$  pair

$$\delta(F, 0) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{marked} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(B, 0) = A \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{so mark (F, B) also} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(F, 1) = F \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{marked} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\delta(B, 1) = D \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{marked} \end{array} \right.$$

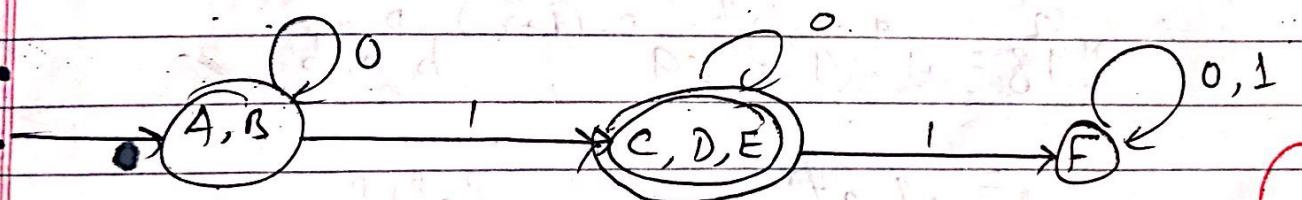
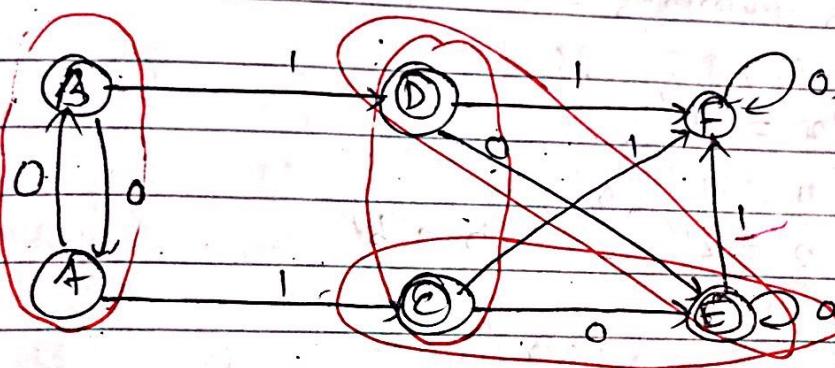
- No more new markings, so end the process.
- 2nd iteration (do yourself) in next iteration

Step 4:

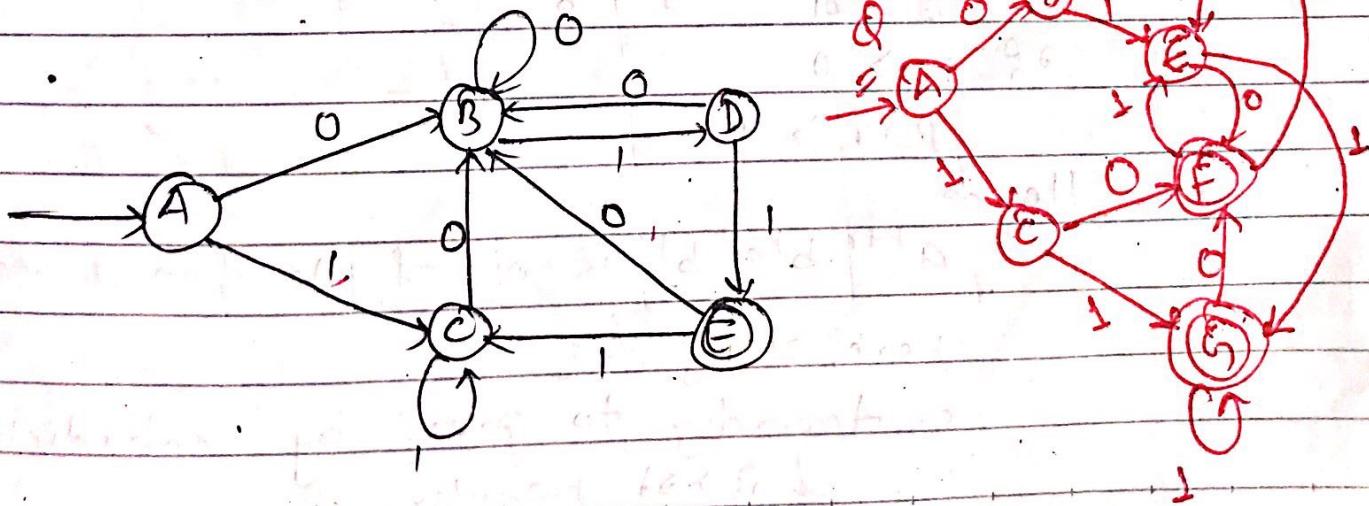
Combine all unmarked pair & make single state.

(A, B) (D, C) (E, C) (E, B) → unmarked pair

Original DFA is,



final minimized DFA.



Q) Show that the language  $L = \{w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \text{ and } w \neq a^n b^n\}$  is not regular.

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $L$  be the regular language and  $w \in L$ .

Let  $w = a^n b^n$

$$w = a^n b^n a^n b^n$$

Let  $w = a^p b^p a^p b^p$

Now,

Using pumping lemma,  $w$  can be decomposed into  $x, y, z$  as,

$$x = a^q$$

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$$z = a^{p-q-r} b^p a^q b^p$$

Now,

$$xy^2z = a^q \cdot a^q (a^r)^2$$

$$xy^2z = a^q (a^r)^2 \cdot a^{p-(q+r)} b^p a^q b^p$$

$$= a^q a^{2r} \cdot a^{p-q-r} b^p a^q b^p$$

$$= a^{q+2r+p-q-r} b^p a^q b^p$$

$$= a^{p+r} b^p a^q b^p$$

$$p+r > p$$

$$p+r > p$$

Hence

$a^{p+r} b^p a^q b^p$  is not of the form  $a^p b^p a^q b^q$

Here,  $xy^2z \notin L$

i.e. According to proof by contradiction,  
 $L$  is not regular.