

Q1) A) Discuss how does each of the following factor affects the quality of a programming language with respect to readability, writability and reliability. (12 marks)

A. Support for abstraction (3 marks)

1. Readability

it is good with Readability, because it will be easier to read the program without ~~the~~ ^{complex} details.

2. Writability

it is good with writability, because you can use functions without knowing the details.

3. Reliability

it is good with Reliability, because if you have a reliable abstraction you will have less errors instead of you writing which will have more errors.

B. Orthogonality

(3 marks)

1. Readability

it is good with Readability, because the fewer the combination the easier you can read the program

2. Writability

it is bad with writability, because the fewer the combination ~~the~~ the less expressive power you have

3. Reliability

it is good with Reliability, because the fewer the combination the less exceptions happens.

C. Pointers as in C and C++ (3 marks)

1. Readability

Pointers are bad with respect of Readability, because pointer arithmetic makes it harder to read the program and know where the pointer points at.

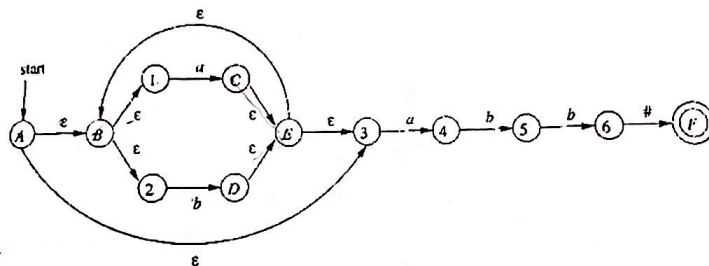
2. Writability

Pointers are good with respect of writability, because it provides more expressiveness in writing and it is flexible.

3. Reliability

Pointers are bad with respect of Reliability, because mistakes can happen more easier in pointer arithmetic

Q2 Consider the following NFA (16 marks)

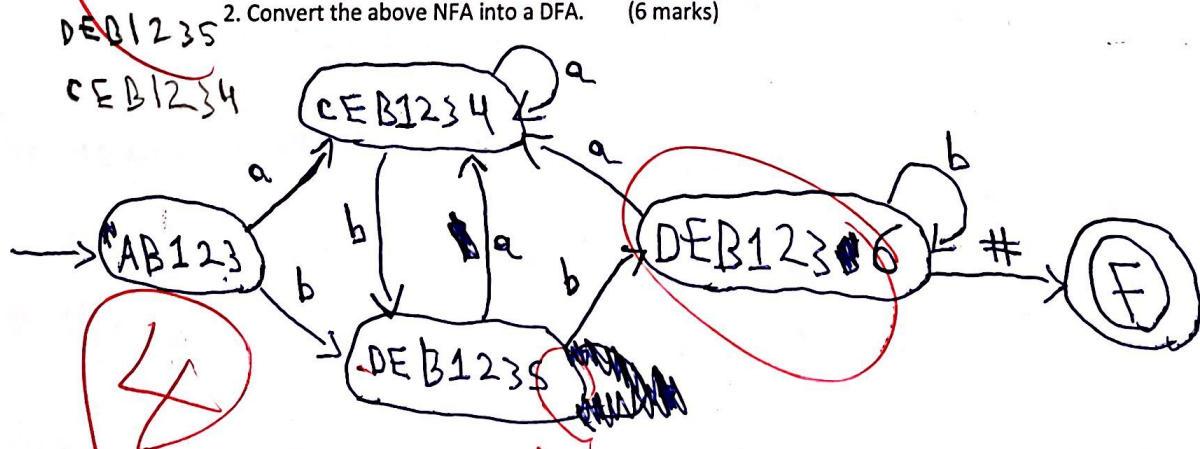


$(a+b)^*abb\#$

1. Describe the language accepted by this NFA using a regular expression. (2 marks)

2 $(a+b)^*abb\#$

2. Convert the above NFA into a DFA. (6 marks)



Accepted

DEB1235, DEB1236, DEB1236, CEB1234, CEB1234, CEB1234

3. Represent the DFA using a table. (4 marks)

AB123	CEB1234	DEB1235	#
CEB1234	CEB1234	DEB1235	—
DEB1235	CEB1234	DEB1236	—
DEB1236	CEB1234	DEB1236	DEB1236 F
F	—	—	—

4. Write an algorithm that uses the above table to decide if a string is acceptable by the DFA or not. (4 marks)

State = S // S is start state
i = 0

while (input[i] != '\0'):

state = Table[state, input[i++]]

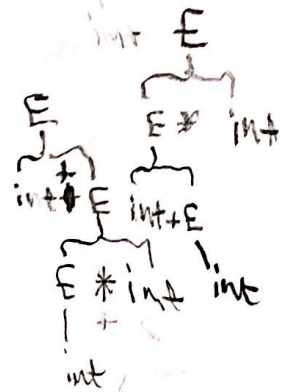
end while

if (state == F): else:
Accept reject

Q3) Consider the following CFG (12 marks)

$E \rightarrow \text{int} \mid \text{int} + E \mid E * \text{int} \mid (E)$

A) Which operator has a higher precedence + or *? (2 mark)



it depends on the parse tree because the grammar is ambiguous, the leftmost or Right most has higher precedence

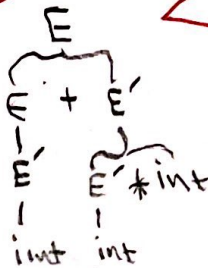
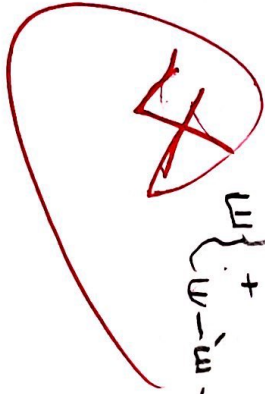
It depends what the parse tree ends with, if it ends with + operator it is Right to left, if it ends with * operator it is Left to Right

the associativity of * operation is Left to Right

C) Rewrite the grammar to ensure that * has higher precedence and all operations have left-to-right associativity. (4 marks)

$$E \rightarrow E + E' \mid E'$$

$$E' \rightarrow E' * \text{int} \mid (E) \mid \text{int}$$



D) Left factor the grammar. (4 marks)



(4 marks)

~~Handwritten scribbles~~

$$E \rightarrow E' + \text{int} \mid E' * \text{int} \mid (E')$$

$$E' \rightarrow E \mid \text{int}$$

