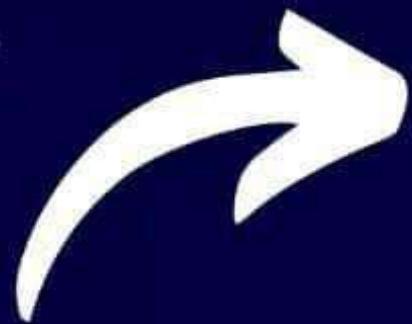


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## Unit - 2

# Regular Expressions and Languages

### \* Regular Expressions Introduction

- Regular Language : The set of strings accepted by finite automata is known as regular language.
- Such a language can also be represented in compact form using set of operators.
- These operators are :-
  - 1 + Union
  - 2 . Concatenation
  - 3 \* Star or Closure
- Regular Expression is written using set of operators such as  $[+ \cdot ^*]$  & regular language is known as a regular language.
- They are used to represent the regular language in compact form.

## Automata

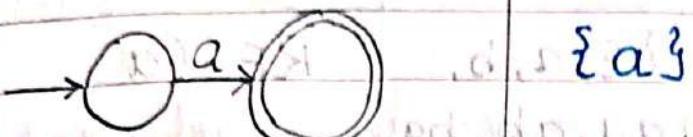
## Language

## Regular Expression



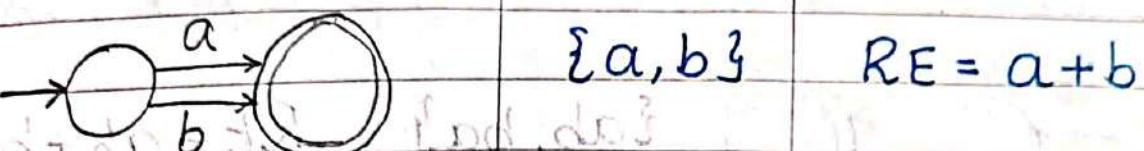
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$$RE = \epsilon$$



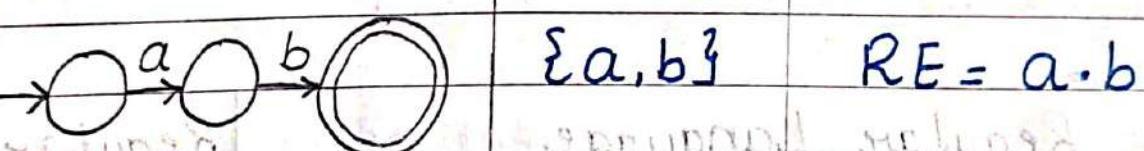
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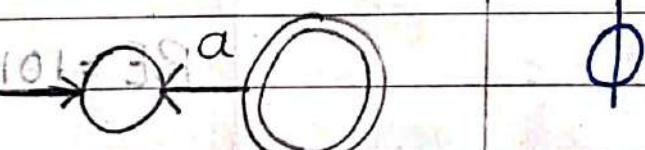
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$$RE = a + b$$



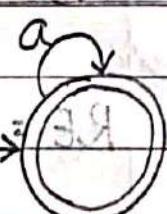
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$$RE = a \cdot b$$



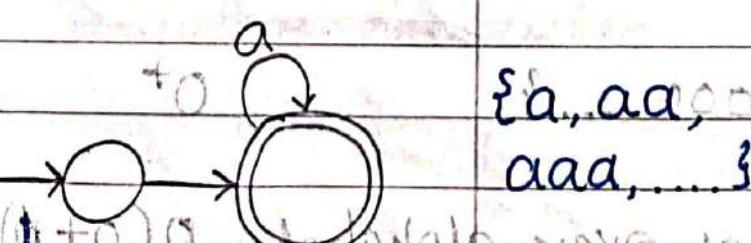
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$$RE = \emptyset$$



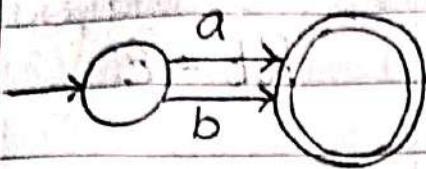
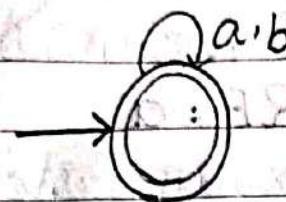
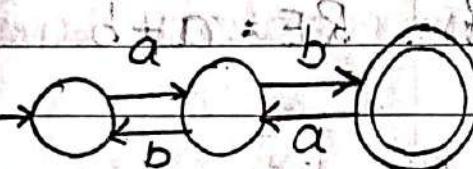
$\{\epsilon, a, aa, \dots\}$

$$RE = a^*$$



$\{a, aa, \dots\}$

$$RE = aa^* \text{ or } a^*$$

AutomataLanguage $\{a, b\}$ Regular Expression $RE = a + b$ 
 $\{\epsilon, a, b,$   
 $aa, ab, ba$   
 $aaa, \dots\}$ 
 $RE = (a$  $\{ab, ba\}$  $RE = ab + ba$ Regular LanguageRegular Expression1] The set  $\{1010\}$  $RE = 1010$ 2] The set  $\{10, 1010\}$  $RE = 10 + 1010$ 3] The set  $\{\epsilon, 10, 01\}$  $RE = \epsilon + 10 + 01$ 4] The set  $\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\}$  $0^*$ 5] The set  $\{0, 00, 000, \dots\}$  $0^+$ 6] The set of strings over alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  starting with 0 $0(0+1)^*$

- 7 The set of strings over alphabet  $\{a,b\}$  starting with a and ending with b.  $a(a+b)^*b$
- 8 The set of strings over alphabet  $\{0,1\}$  ending with 1  $(a+b)^*b$
- 9 The set of string Recognized by  $(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)$  by  $(a+b)^3$

## Precedence of Operators

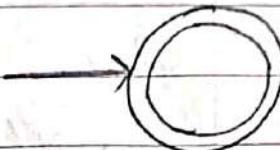
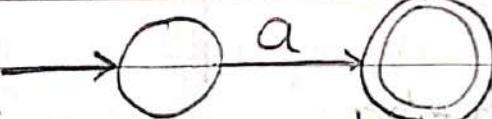
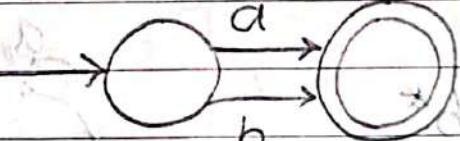
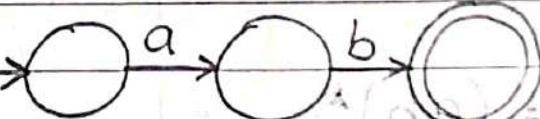
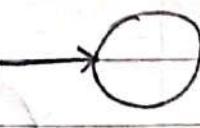
- Similar to arithmetic operators of regular expression follows a predefined precedence
- Star (\*) it has the highest precedence in a regular expression
- Dot [.] has the next highest precedence in a regular expression
- Union [+] has the lowest precedence in a regular expression

# 7.1 Representing RE

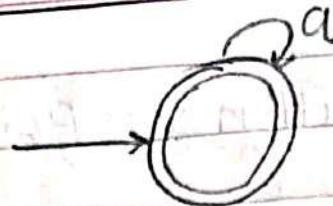
- Finite automata and regular expression are equivalent
- We can express a DFA as an equivalent RE
- We can express a RE as an  $\epsilon$ -NFA using operators on alphabet,  $\epsilon, \phi$ .
- The  $\epsilon$ -NFA can be converted to DFA and the DFA to an NFA.
- The RE will be equivalent to all the automata we have described in Example.
- Recursive nature of RE
- $R = [1 + 0[10]^*]^*$  so it is replace in RE
- $1 + 0[10]^*$  by  $P$  so  $R = P^*$
- $P$  as  $P_1 + P_2$  where  $P_1 = 1$  and  $P_2 = 0[10]^*$
- $P_2$  can be written as  $P_3 \cdot P_4$  where  $P_3 = 0$  and  $P_4 = [10]^*$
- $P_4$  can be written as  $P_5^*$  where  $P_5 = 10$

- $P_5$  can be written as  $P_6 \cdot P_7$  where  $P_6$  is 1 and  $P_7$  is 0.
- 1]  $R_1 + R_2$
- 2]  $R_1 + R_2$
- 3]  $R_1^*$

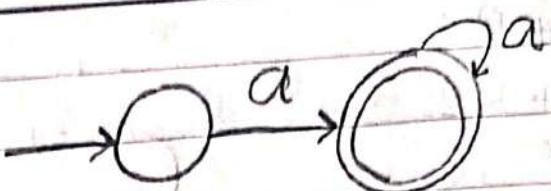
Then we can construct FAs for any RE.

Regular Expression	Automata
1] $RE = \epsilon$	
2] $RE = a$	
3] $RE = a+b$	
4] $RE = a.b$	
5] $RE = \phi$	

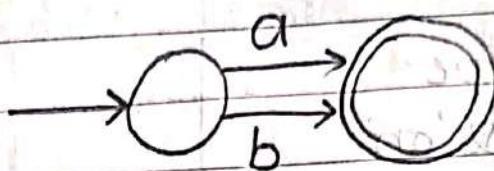
6]  $RE = a^*$



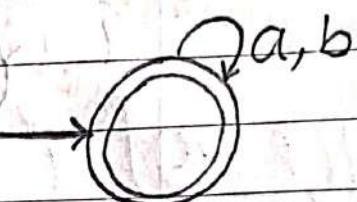
7]  $RE = aa^* \text{ or } a^+$



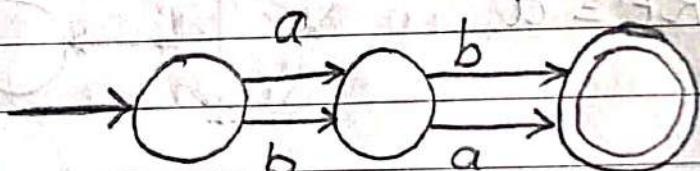
8]  $RE = a+b$



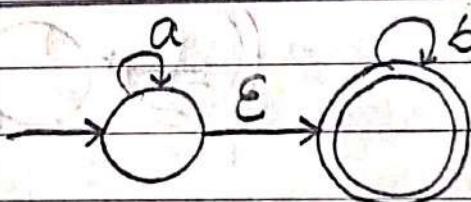
9]  $RE = (a+b)^*$



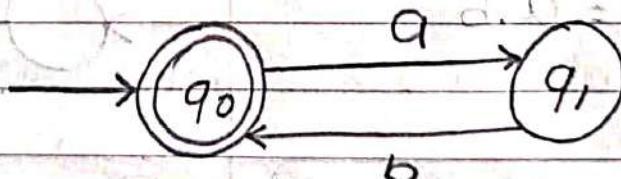
10]  $RE = ab+ba$



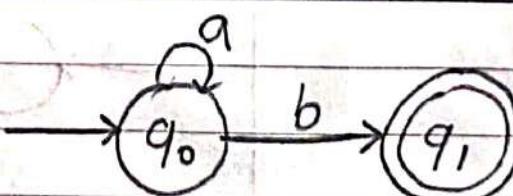
11]  $RE = a^*b^*$



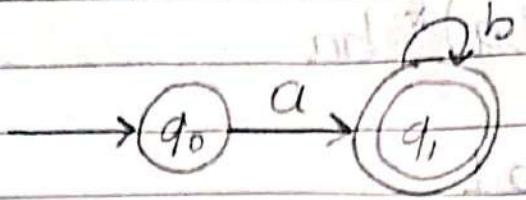
12]  $RE = (ab)^*$



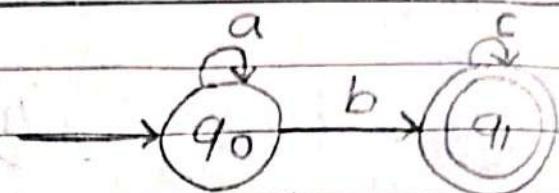
13]  $RE = a^*b$



14]  $RE = ab^*$

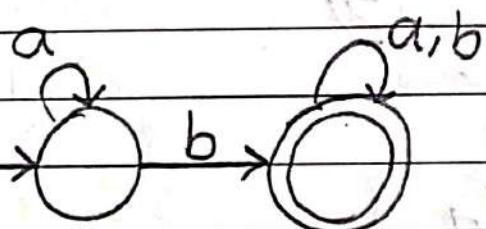


15]  $RE = a^* bc^*$

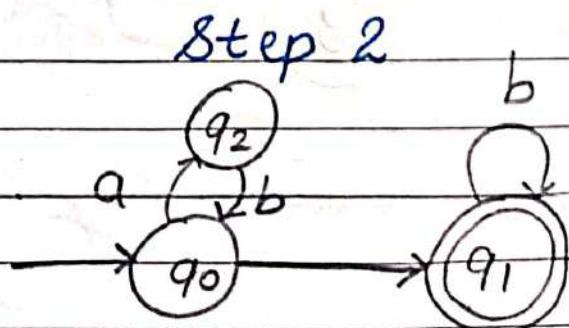
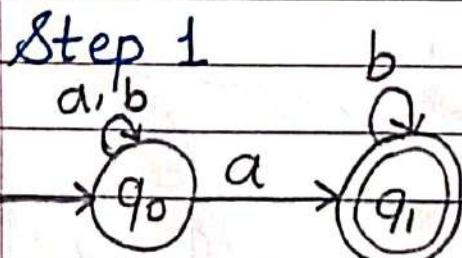


## Examples on RE to FAs Conversion

- ① Convert the following RE to FAs  
 $a^* b (a+b)^*$

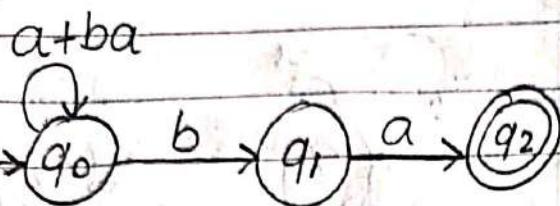


②  $(ab)^* ab^*$

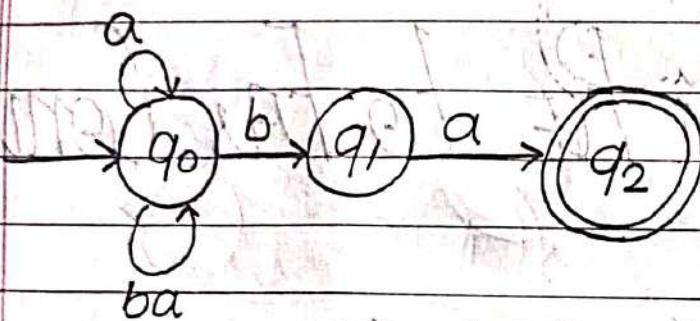


③  $(a+ba)^* ba$

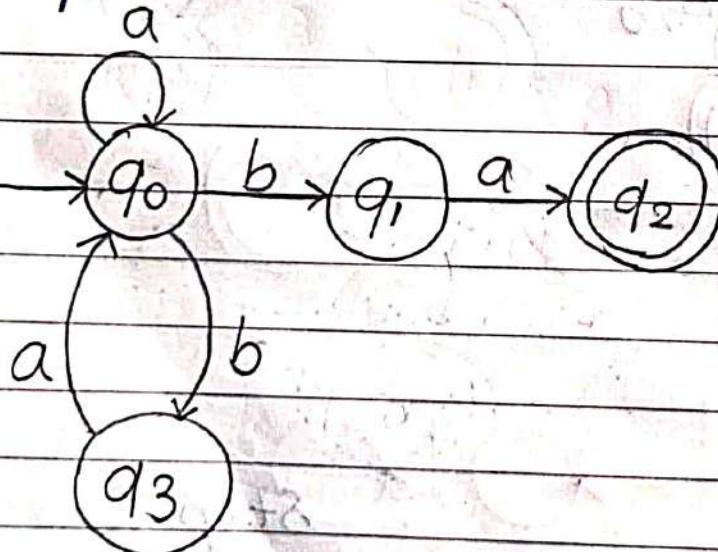
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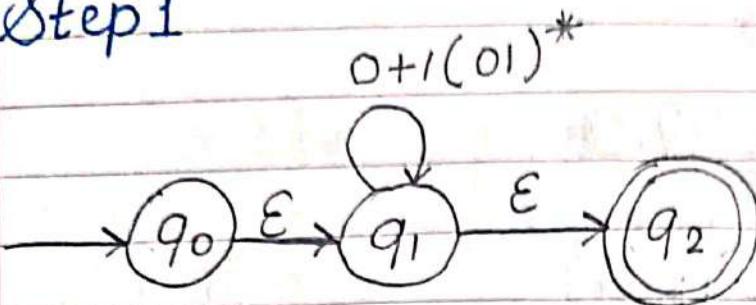


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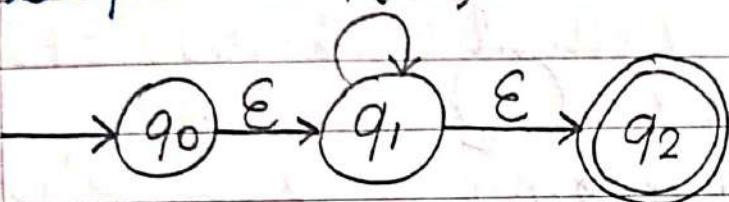


④  $(0+1(01)^*)^*$

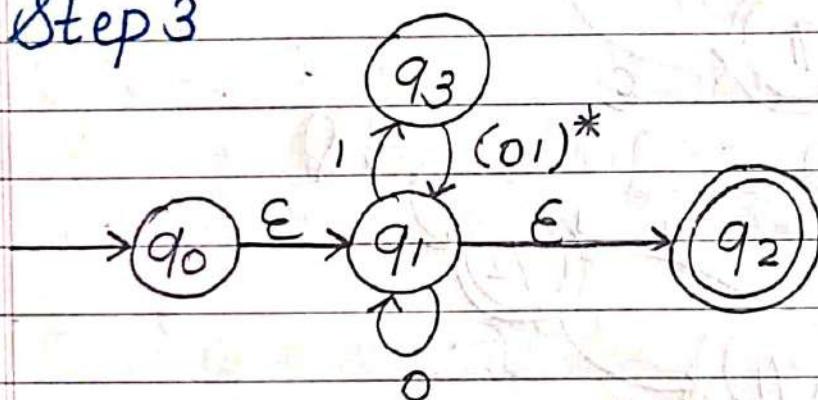
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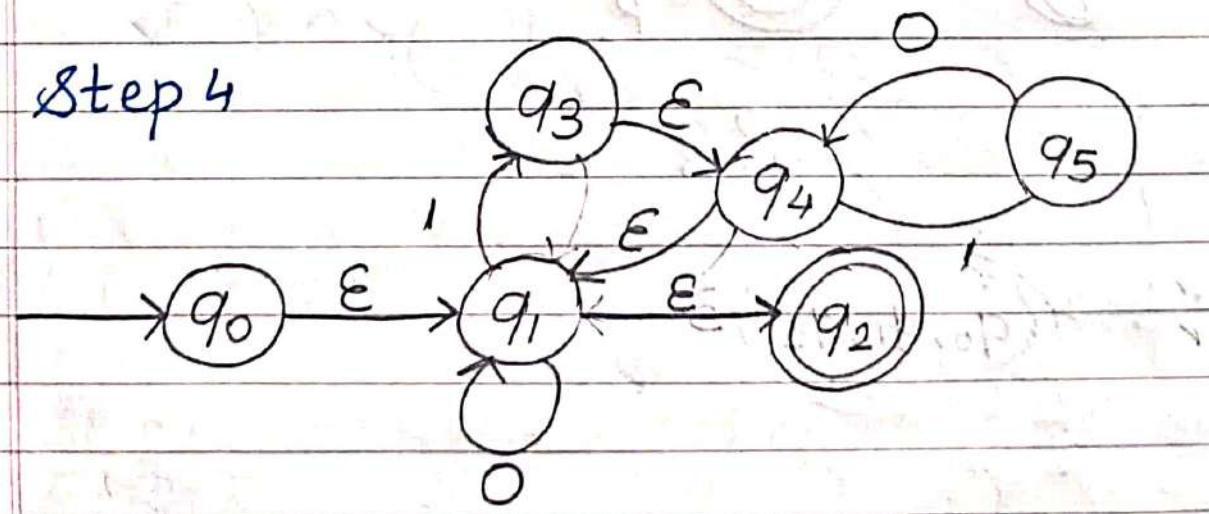
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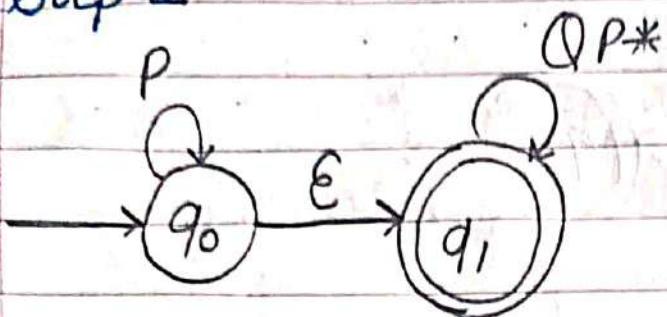


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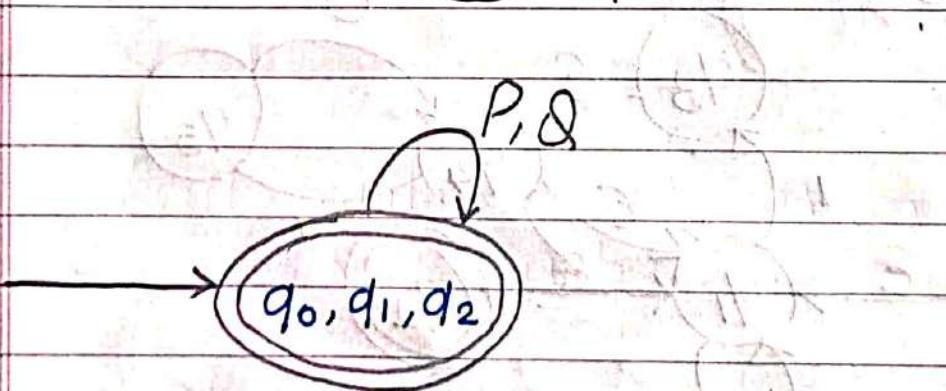
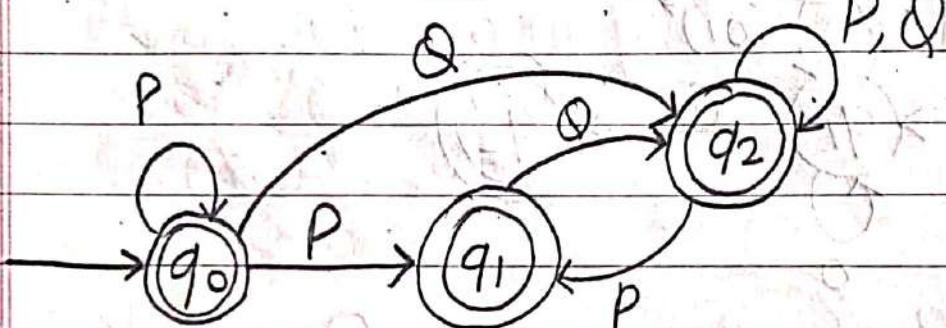
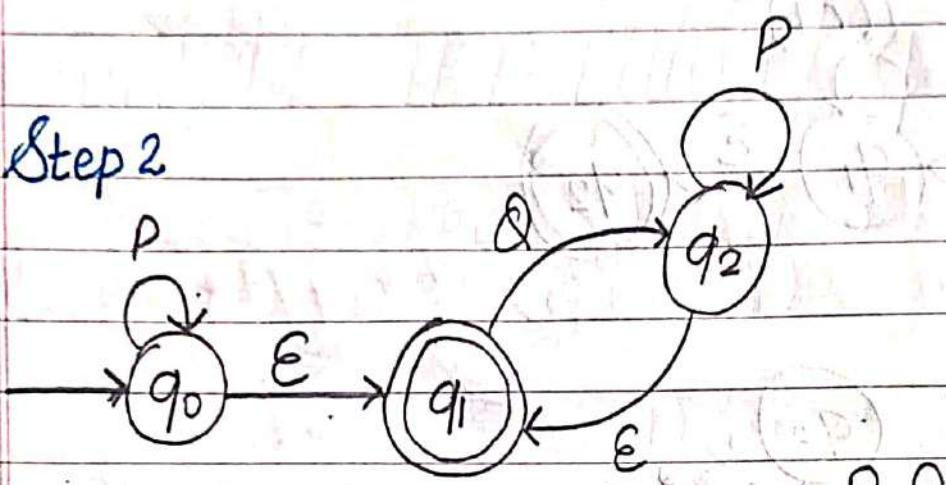


⑤ Show that  $P^*(QP)^* = (P+Q)^*$

Step 1



Step 2



$$\text{So } P^*(QP)^* = (P+Q)^*$$

# Determination of RE

- A regular expression over alphabet  $q = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  is defined recursively as follows

- 1] A null string epsilon is a RE
- 2] An Empty set is a RE
- 3] An alphabet is a RE
- 4] If  $X$  and  $Y$  are RE then their concatenation is a RE
- 5] Closure of  $X$  ( $X^*$ ) is a RE

## Basic Property Of RE

If  $P, Q & R$  are RE then basic properties of RE are as given :-

- 1]  $\phi + R = R$
- 2]  $\phi \cdot R = R \cdot \phi = R$
- 3]  $E \cdot R = R \cdot E = R$
- 4]  $\epsilon^* = E$
- 5]  $\phi^* = \epsilon$
- 6]  $R + R = R$
- 7]  $PQ + PR = P(Q+R)$
- 8]  $QP + RP = (Q+R)P$
- 9]  $R^* R^* = R^*$
- 10]  $RR^* = R^* R$

$$11] (R^*)^* = R^*$$

$$12] \epsilon + RR^* = R^*$$

$$13] (PQ)^* P = P(QP)^*$$

$$14] (P+Q)^* = (P^* Q^*)^* = (P^* + Q^*)^*$$

$$15] (P^* Q)^* = \epsilon + (P+Q)^* Q$$

## Example on Regular Expression

① Prove that  $(1+00^* 1) + (1+00^* 1)(0+10^* 1) + (0+10^* 1) = 0^* 1 (0+10^* 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= (1+00^* 1) + (1+00^* 1)(0+10^* 1)^* (0+10^* 1) \\ &= (1+00^* 1)(\epsilon + (0+10^* 1)^* (0+10^* 1)) \\ &= (1+00^* 1)(0+10^* 1)^* \\ &= [(\epsilon + 00)^*] (0+10^* 1)^* \\ &= 0^* 1 (0+10^* 1)^* \\ &= RHS \end{aligned}$$

② Find all regular expressions for following languages over  $\{a, b\}$

1] The set of all string ending in b.  
 $\rightarrow (a+b)^* b$

2] The set of all string ending in ba  
 $\rightarrow (a+b)^* ba$

3] The set of all strings ending neither in b nor in ba

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

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

4] The set of all strings ending in ab.

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

5] The set of all strings ending neither in ab nor in ba.

$$\rightarrow \epsilon + a + b + (a+b)^* (aa+bb)$$

Q3] Find all regular expressions for following subset of  $\{0,1\}^*$

① The language of all strings containing exactly two 0's.

$$\rightarrow RE \rightarrow 1^* 0 1^* 0 1^*$$

② The language of all strings containing at least two 0's.

$$\rightarrow RE \rightarrow 1^* 0 1^* 0 (1+0)^*$$

③ The language of all strings that do not end with 01.

$$\rightarrow RE \rightarrow (1+0)^* (00 + 11 + 10)$$

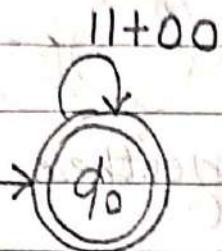
④ The language of all strings starting with 11

$$\rightarrow RE \rightarrow 11(0+1)^*$$

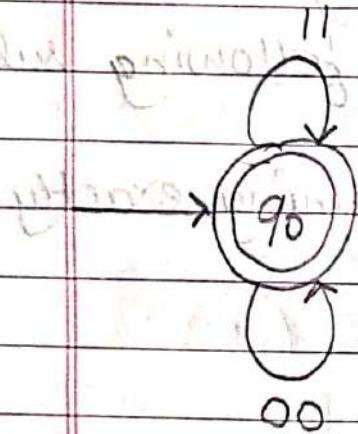
o Draw RE to DFA

①  $(11+00)^*$

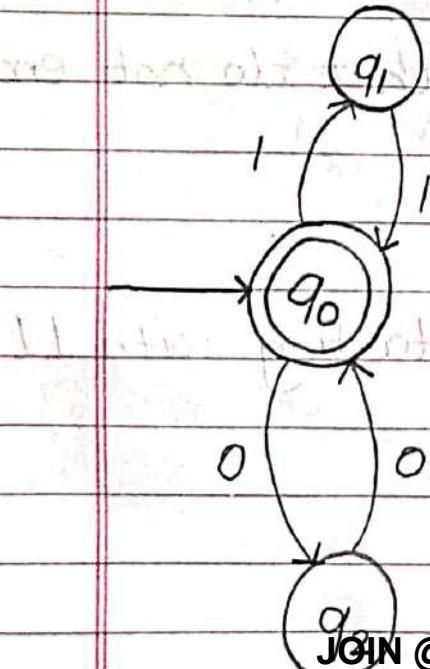
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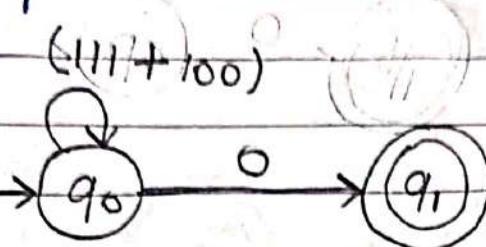


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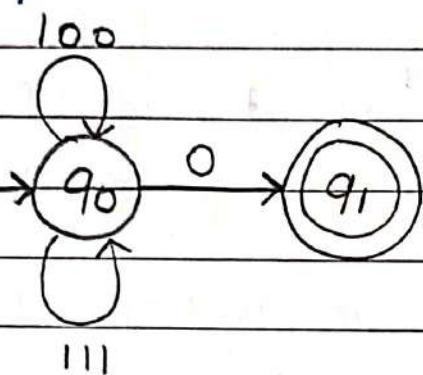


$$2] (111+100)^* 0$$

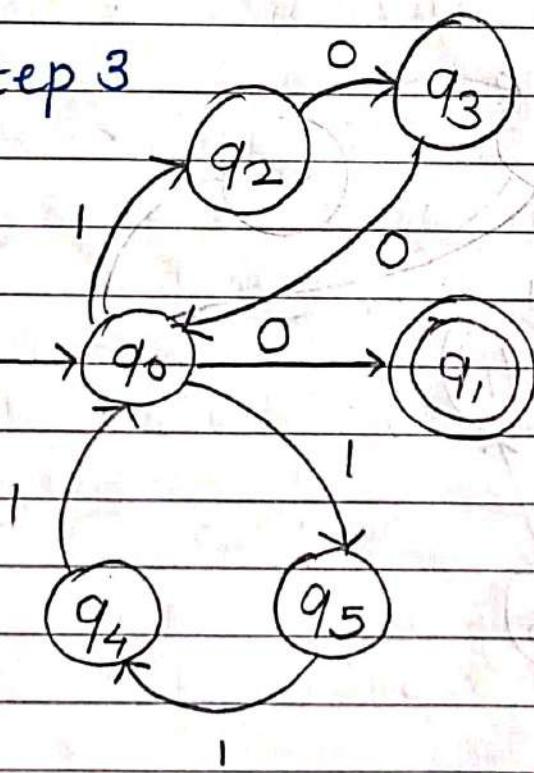
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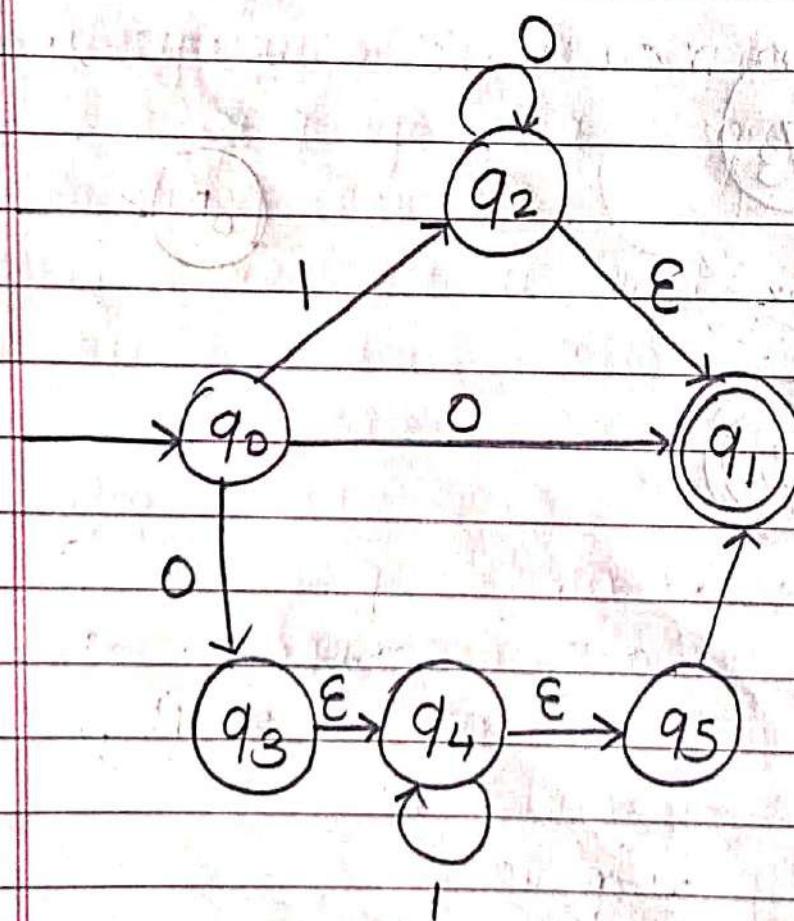
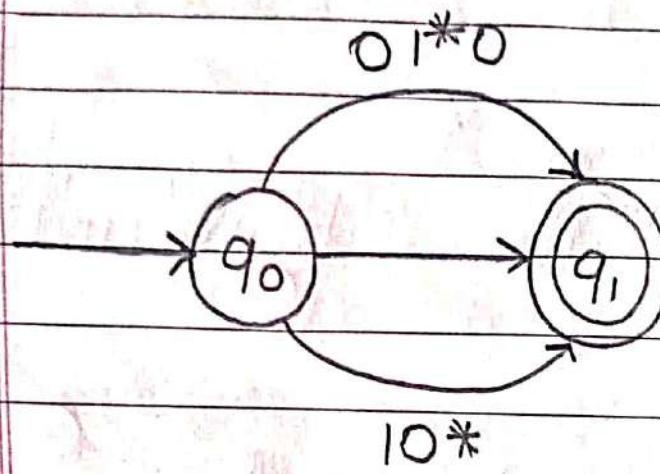
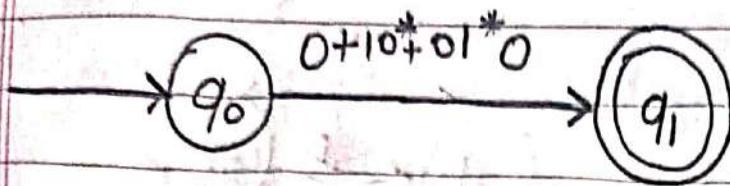
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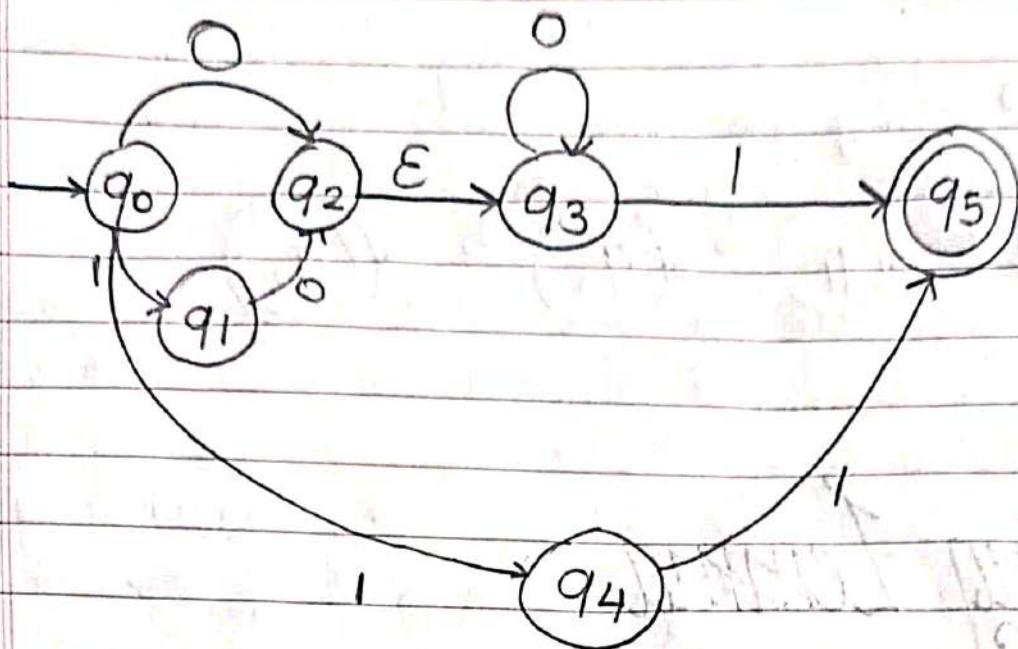
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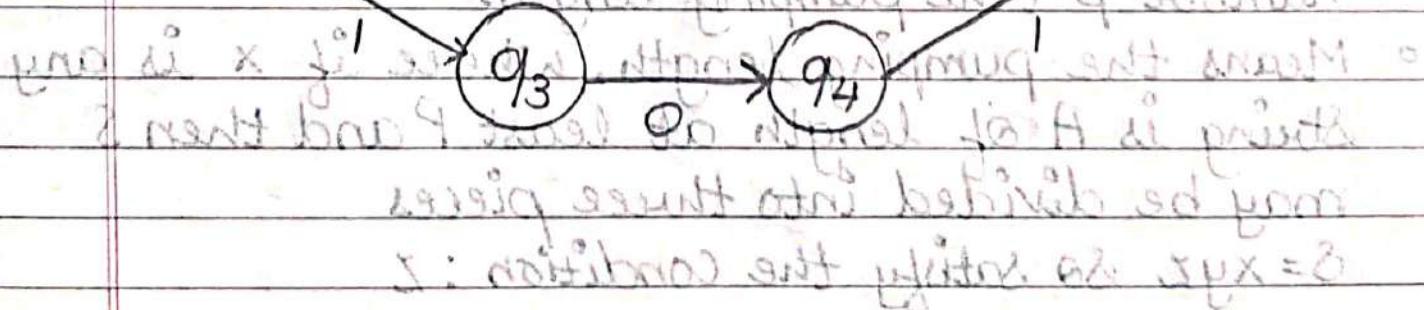
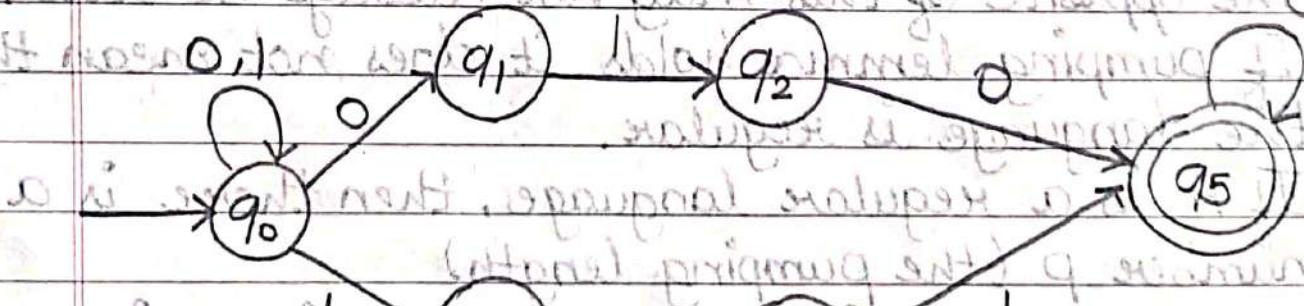
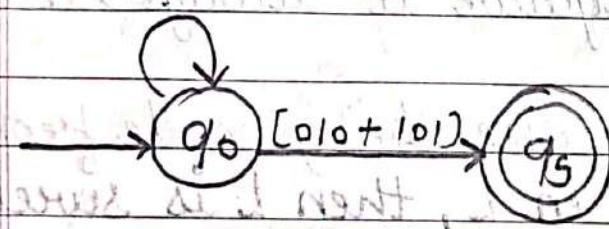
$$3] 0 + 10^* + 01^* 0$$



Q4]  $10 + (0+11)0^* 1$

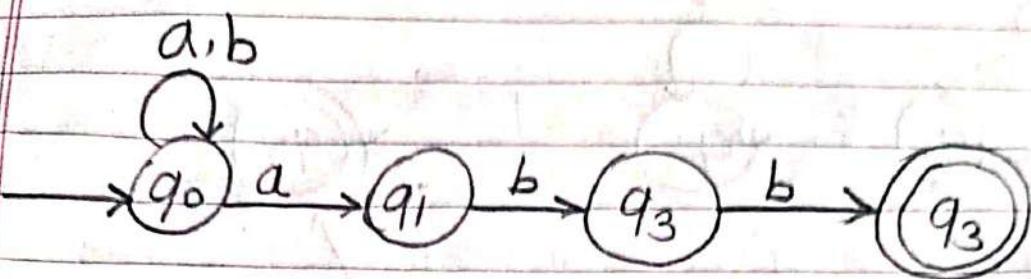


Q5] Find FA for given RE  $(0+1)^*, (010+101), (0+1)^*$



Q5] Find FA for given RE

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



## Pumping Lemma

- Pumping lemma is used as a proof for irregularity of a language.
- If a language is a regular it always satisfy pumping lemma
- If there exist at least one string made from pumping which is not in L, then L is surely not regular.
- The opposite of this may not always be true.  
If pumping lemma holds it does not mean that the language is regular.
- If A is a regular language, then there is a number p (the pumping length)
- Means the pumping length, where if x is any string in A of length at least p and then s may be divided into three pieces  
 $s = xyz$  so satisfy the condition : z

- ① For each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in A$
- ②  $|y| > 0$ , and
- ③  $|xy| \leq p$ .

The pumping lemma says that if a language  $A$  is Regular then any string in the language will have a certain property. Provided that it is long enough, that is longer than length

- Condition 1: For each  $i \geq 0$ ,  $xy^i z \in A$   $xy \neq z$
- Condition 2:  $|y| > 0$
- Condition 3:  $|xy| \leq p$

### \* Steps to find the language is Regular or Not

- ① Assume that  $A$  is regular language.
- ② It has to have a pumping length (say  $p$ )
- ③ All string longer than  $p$  can be pump  $|s| \geq p$
- ④ Now find string  $s$  in  $A$  such that  $|s| \geq p$
- ⑤ Divide  $s$  into  $p$  parts  $x$   $y$   $z$ , show that  $xy^i z \notin A$  for some  $i$
- ⑥ Consider always that  $s$  can be divided into  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$
- ⑦ Show that none of these can be satisfy all three pumping condition at the same time
- ⑧  $s$  can not be pump so it is a contradiction

# Example 1

Q Using pumping lemma show that the language  $L = \{a^n b^{2n}\}$  is not regular.

Solution.

- 1] Let us assume that  $L$  is a regular language. And  $L$  is accepted by FA with  $n$  states.
- 2] Let us choose a string represented by given language  $L$  & accepted by FA. According to language no of occurrences of  $b$ . So let us consider the string  $aabb$ .

$$L = a^n b^{2n} \quad |w| = aabb$$

Now let us write  $w$  as  $xyz$ , with  $|y| > 0$  and  $|xy| \leq n$ .

$\underbrace{aa}_{x} \underbrace{bb}_{y} \underbrace{bb}_{z}$

Now let us pump them  $y^i$  times where  $i \geq 0$ . Let us assume  $i = 2$ .

$\underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{bbbb}_{y^i} \underbrace{bb}_z$

Now let us check  $xy^2z$  belongs to L or Not

$$xy^2z = aa bbbbb$$

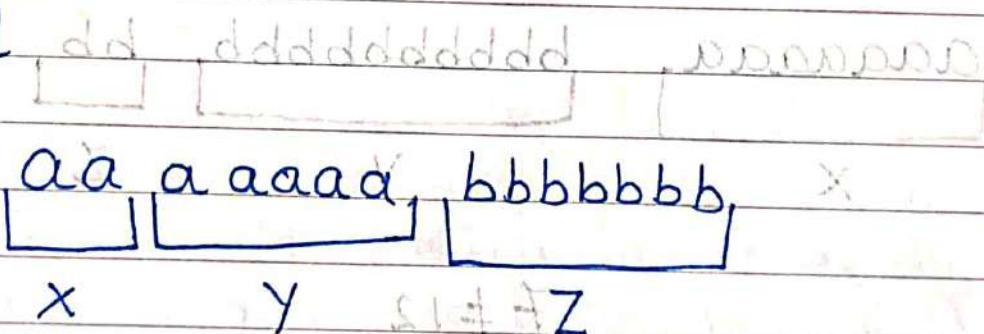
So as per given language no of occurrences of a should be followed by double no of occurrences of b is not followed by string after pumping so which indicates  $|w|$  is not regular language.

## Example 2

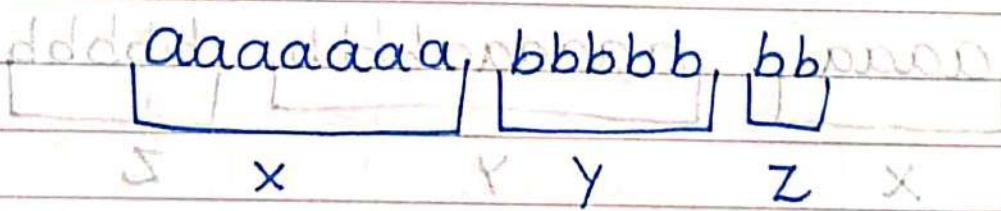
Using pumping lemma show that the language  $L = \{a^n b^n\}$  is not regular

$$|S| = a^7 b^7 = aaaaaaaabbbbbbb$$

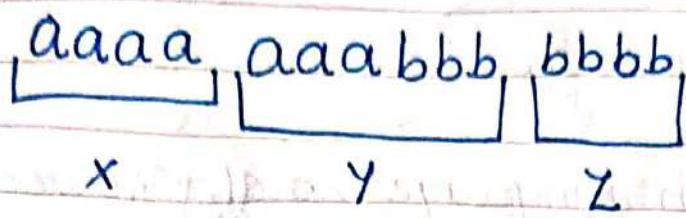
Case 1



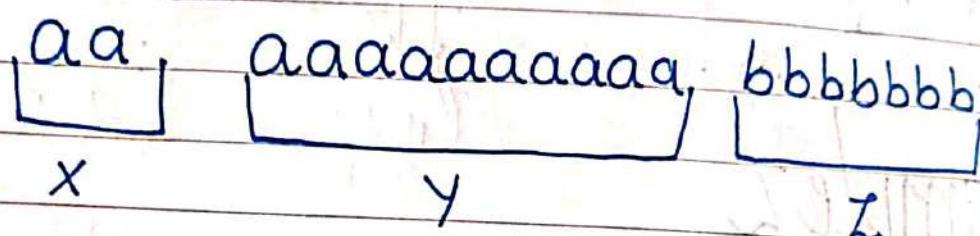
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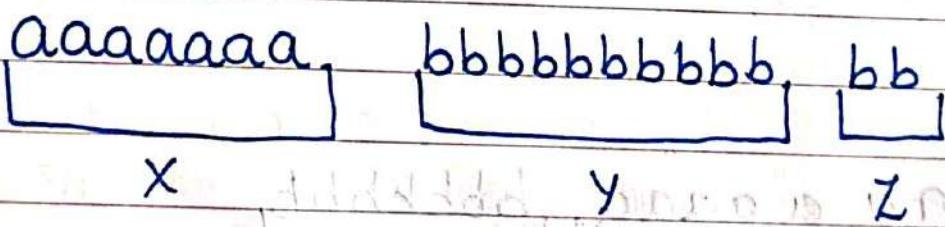
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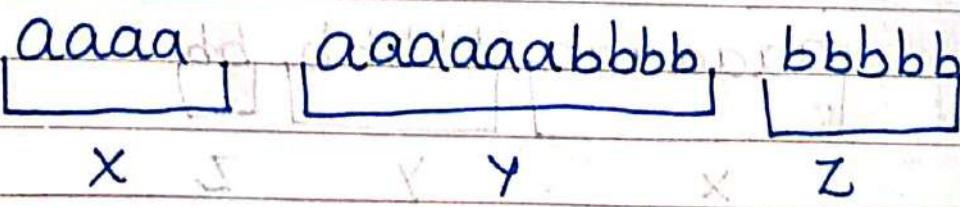
① Case 1



② Case 2



③ Case 3



$$10 \neq 9$$

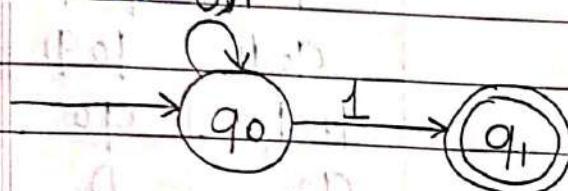
# Example

\* Conversion NFA to DFA

$L = \{ \text{set of all string over } [0,1] \text{ that ends with } 1 \}$

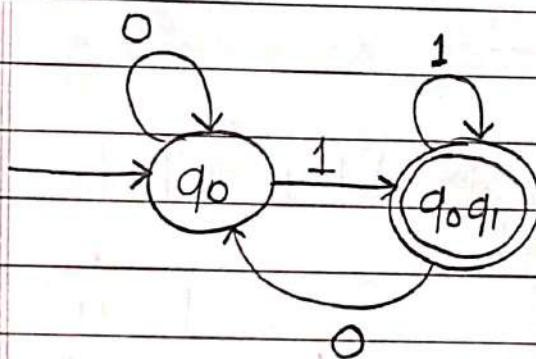
Solution

\* NFA



	0	1
q0	q0	q0, q1
q1	∅	∅

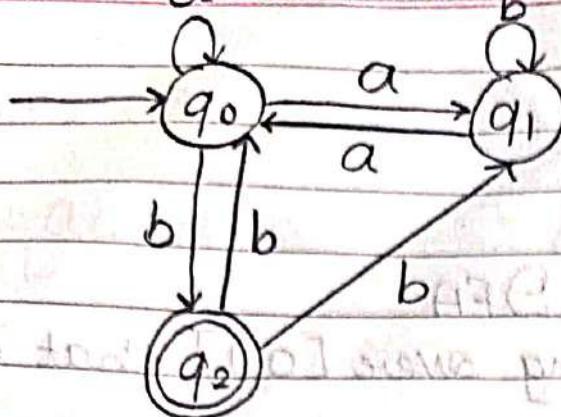
\* DFA



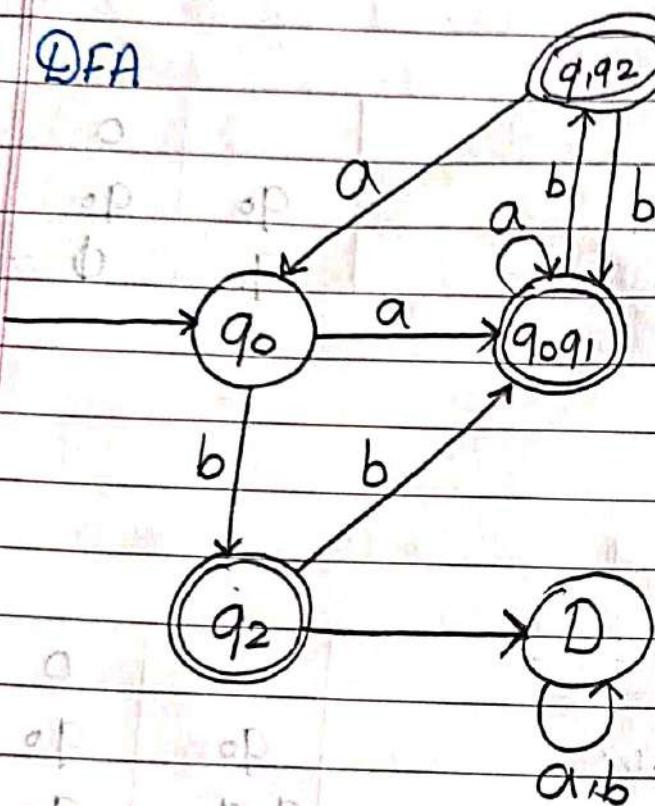
	0	1
q0	q0	q0, q1
q0q1	q0	q0, q1

\* Find the equivalent DFA for NFA given by  
 $\{M = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, (a, b), \delta, q_0, \{q_2\}\}$

	a	b
q0	q0, q1	q2
q1	q0	q1
q2	∅	q0, q1

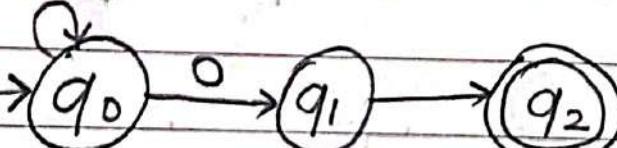


DFA

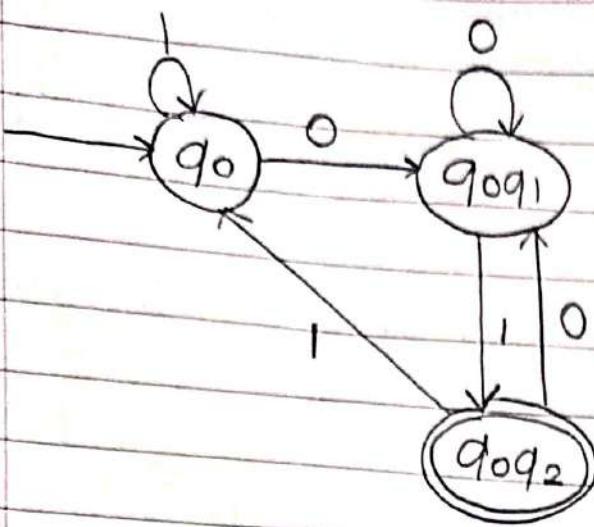


	a	b
$q_0$	$q_0 q_1$	$q_2$
$q_0 q_1$	$q_0 q_1$	$q_1 q_2$
$q_1 q_2$	$q_0$	$q_0 q_1$
$q_2$	D	$q_0 q_1$
D	D	0

Given below is the NFA for a language  $L = \{ \text{set of all the strings over } \{0,1\} \text{ that ends with } 01 \}$  construct its equivalent DFA

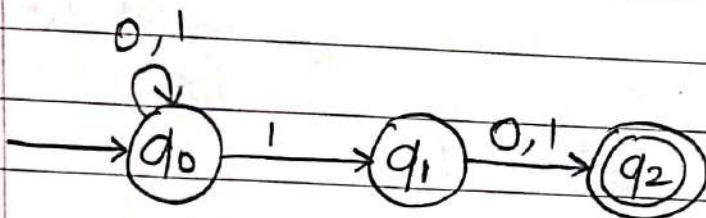


	0	1
$q_0$	$q_0, q_1$	$q_0$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

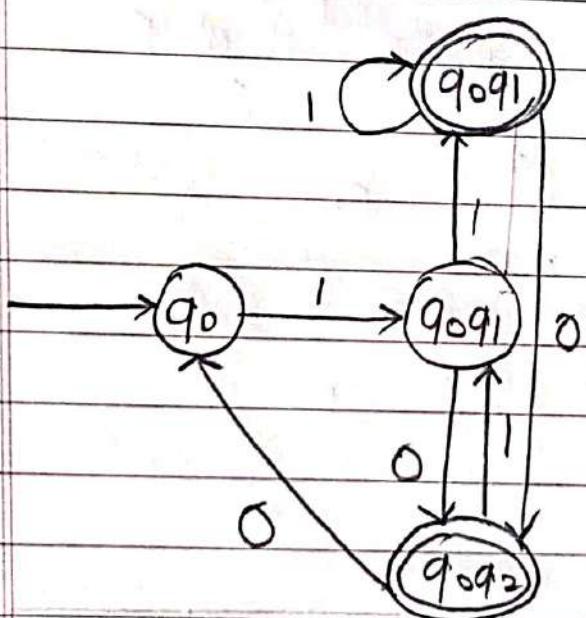


	0	1
q0	q0q1	q0
q0q1	q0q1	q0q2
q0q2	q0q1	q0

★ Design a NFA for a language that accept all string over  $[0,1]$  in which the second last symbol is always 1 then convert it to its equivalent DFA.



	0	1
q0	q0	$q_0, q_1$
q1	$q_2$	$q_2$
q2	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$



	0	1
q0	q0	$q_0q_1$
q0q1	$q_0q_2$	$q_0q_1q_2$
q0q2	$q_0$	$q_0q_1$
$q_0q_1q_2$	$q_0q_2$	$q_0q_1q_2$