

Consider the two languages  $A$  and  $B$ . The language *perfect shuffle* on  $A$  and  $B$  is as follows:

$\{w \mid w = a_1b_1...a_kb_k, \text{ where } a_1...a_k \in A \text{ and } b_1...b_k \in B, \text{ each } a_i, b_i \in \Sigma\}$ .

Assume,  $DFA_A = (Q_A, \Sigma, \delta_A, S_A, F_A)$  and  $DFA_B = (Q_B, \Sigma, \delta_B, S_B, F_B)$  be two DFAs that recognize  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, S, F)$  recognizes the language perfect shuffle on  $A$  and  $B$ .

The DFA for perfect shuffle switches from  $DFA_A$  to  $DFA_B$  after each character is read and it tracks the current states of  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$ . Each character should belong to  $DFA_A$  or  $DFA_B$  i.e.,  $a_i, b_i \in \Sigma$ . For each character read,  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  makes moves in the corresponding DFA (either  $DFA_A$  or  $DFA_B$ ). After the whole string is read, if both  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$  reaches to the final state, then the input string is accepted by  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$ .

The  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  is defined as follows:

- $Q = Q_A \times Q_B \times \{A, B\}$ : set of all possible states of  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$  which should match with  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$ .
- The input alphabet for  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  is  $\Sigma$ .
- $q = (q_A, q_B, A)$ :  $q_A$  and  $q_B$  are the initial states for  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$  respectively.  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  starts with  $q_A$  in  $DFA_A$ ,  $q_B$  in  $DFA_B$  and the next character should be read from  $DFA_A$ .
- $F = F_A \times F_B \times \{A\}$ :  $F_A$  and  $F_B$  are the final states for  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$  respectively.  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  accepts if both  $DFA_A$  and  $DFA_B$  reaches to the final states and the next character should be read from  $DFA_A$ .
- The transition function  $\delta$  is,

$$1. \delta((m, n, A), a) = (\delta_A(m, a), n, B)$$

$$2. \delta((m, n, B), b) = (m, \delta_B(n, b), A)$$

Consider, the current state of  $DFA_A$  is  $m$  and the current state of  $DFA_B$  is  $n$ . Change the current state of  $A$  to  $\delta_A(m, a)$  if the next character is to be read from  $DFA_A$  when  $a$  is the next character. After the character is read, read the next character from  $DFA_B$ . Change the current state of  $B$  to  $\delta_B(n, b)$  if the next character is to be read from  $DFA_B$  when  $b$  is the next character.

The language  $L$  is said to be regular if there exist an FA that recognizes the language  $L$ . Here, the  $DFA_{\text{perfect-shuffle}}$  is defined for the language *perfect shuffle*.

**Therefore, the class of regular languages is closed under perfect shuffle.**