

# Regular Expressions

Write a regular expression for each of the following questions

I.  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

- 1) Strings with odd number of b's  
 $a^*(ba^*ba^*)^*ba^*$
- 2) Strings that do not end with aaa  
 $(\epsilon + (a+b)^*b)(\epsilon + a + aa)$
- 3) Strings that contain both aa and bab as substrings  
 $(a+b)^*(aa(a+b)^*bab + bab(a+b)^*aa)(a+b)^*$
- 4) Strings with number of a's divisible by 3  
 $(b^*ab^*ab^*ab^*)^*$
- 5)  $L = \{a^{2n}b^{2m} \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$   
 $(aa)^*(bb)^*$
- 6) Strings that contain aa or bb  
 $(a+b)^*(aa+bb)(a+b)^*$
- 7) Strings that contain exactly 2 b's  
 $a^*ba^*ba^*$
- 8) Strings that contain at least 2 b's  
 $(a+b)^*b(a+b)^*b(a+b)^*$
- 9) Strings that contain even number of b's  
 $(a^*ba^*ba^*)^*$
- 10) Strings that do not contain aa  
 $(b+ab)^*(\epsilon+a)$
- 11) Strings that begin with ba and end with ab and contain aa  
 $ba(\epsilon + (a+b)^*aa(a+b)^* + a(a+b)^* + (a+b)^*a)ab$
- 12) Length divisible by 6  
 $((a+b)(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)(a+b))^*$
- 13) At most one pair of consecutive a's  
 $(b+ab)^*(\epsilon+aa)(b+ba)^*$
- 14) Fifth last symbol is a  
 $(a+b)^*a(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)(a+b)$
- 15)  $L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \geq 1, m \geq 1, mn \geq 3\}$   
 $a^*(aaab + aabb + abbb)b^*$

16)  $L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \geq 4, m \leq 3\}$

$aaaaa^*(\epsilon + b + bb + bbb)$

17) Strings with exactly 1 a

$b^*ab^*$

18) Strings with not more than 3 a's

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

19) Strings with no run of a's greater than two

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

20)  $L = \{a, ab, abb, abbb, \dots\}$

$ab^*$

21) Strings that start and end with one or more a's and have nothing but b's inside

$aa^*b^*a^*a$

22) Strings that have all a's before all b's

$a^*b^*$

II.  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

1) Strings with at least one a and one b

$c^*(a(a+c)^*b + b(b+c)^*a)(a+b+c)^*$

2) Strings that do not contain bc

$(c + b^*a)^*b^*$

3) Strings that have a, b and c occurring only once

$a(bc + cb) + b(ac + ca) + c(ab + ba)$

III.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

1) Strings with odd number of 1's followed by even number of 0's

$1(11)^*(00)^*$

2) Strings that end with 1 and do not contain 00

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

3) Strings that end with 00 or 11

$(0+1)^*(00+11)$

4) Strings that do not contain 101 as substring

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

5) Strings containing both 11 and 010

$(0+1)^*(11(0+1)^*010 + 010(0+1)^*11)(0+1)^*$

6) Strings having at most two 0's

$$1^*(\epsilon+0)1^*(\epsilon+0)1^*$$

7) Strings having at most one pair of consecutive 1's

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

8) Strings with alternating 0's and 1's

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

9) Strings that do not have 11

$$(0+10)^*(\epsilon+1)$$

10) Strings in which all consecutive 0's come before all consecutive 1's

$$(\epsilon+1)(0+01)^*(1+10)^*$$

11) Strings that begin with 1 and do not contain 00

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

12) Strings with exactly two occurrences of 00

$$(1+01)^*00(\epsilon+1(1+01)^*0)0(1+10)^*$$

13) Strings with at most two occurrences of 00

$$(1+01)^*(\epsilon+00+000+001(1+01)^*00)(1+10)^*$$

14) Strings that end with 01

$$(0+1)^*01$$

15) Strings that do not end with 01

$$\epsilon+1+(0+1)^*(0+11)$$

16) Strings with even number of 0's

$$(1^*01^*01^*)^*$$

17)  $L = \{(11)^n \mid n \geq 0\}$

$$(11)^*$$

18) Strings ending with 011

$$(0+1)^*011$$

IV.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$

1) Strings with any number of 0's followed by any number of 1's followed by any number of 2's

$$0^*1^*2^*$$

2)  $L = \{0^i1^j2^k \mid i, j, k \geq 1\}$

$$00^*11^*22^*$$