

# 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)  $L = \{0^i1^j2^k \mid i, j, k > 0\}$   
 $00^*11^*22^*$