

# REGULAR LANGUAGES

## REGULAR EXPRESSIONS:

a way of representing RL

expression of strings & operators like

i) \* (kleen closure)  $[a^*]$

ii) + (positive closure)  $[a^+]$

iii) . (concatenation)  $[a.b]$

iv) + (union)  $[a+b]$

A L is said to be regular if  $\exists$  an expression to represent it.

$$\{ \text{RG words} \} = (\phi, 1, a, b) = r$$



$$\{ \text{RL words} \} = (\phi, 1, a, b) = r$$

$$\{ \text{final states FA} \} = (\text{RE}) = (\phi, 1, a, b) = r$$

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$a+b$  = choice  $\quad a|b$

$$\{ \text{RE} \} = (\phi, 1, a, b, a^*) = (\phi, 1, a^*(a+b)) = r$$

$$\{ \text{RE} \} = (\phi, 1, a, b, a^+) = (\phi, 1, a^+(a+b)) = r$$

Just like BODMAS (equations) we need to solve

$$\{ \text{RE} \} = (\phi, 1, a, b, a^*, a^+) = (\phi, 1, a^*(a+b), a^+(a+b)) = r$$

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RE is said to be valid iff it can be derived from the primitive RE by a finite no. of application of the rule.  $r^*$ ,  $r^+$ ,  $r_1, r_2, r_1+r_2$

If  $\Sigma$  is a given alphabet then  $\phi, \epsilon/\lambda, a \in \Sigma$  are primitive RE.

## FIND L FROM RE:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad r = \phi, L(r) = \{\} / \phi$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad r = \epsilon, L(r) = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad r = a, L(r) = \{a\}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad r = a+b, L(r) = \{a, b\}$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad r = a \cdot b, L(r) = \{ab\}$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad r = a+b+c, L(r) = \{a, b, c\}$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad r = (ab+a) \cdot b, L(r) = \{abb, ab\}$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad r = a^+, L(r) = \{a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$\textcircled{9} \quad r = a^*, L(r) = \{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$\textcircled{10} \quad r = (a+b)a(b+a), L(r) = \{ab, aabb, ba\}$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad r = (a+\epsilon)(b+\phi), L(r) = \{ab, \epsilon b\}$$

$$\textcircled{12} \quad r = (a+b)^2, L(r) = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$$

$$\textcircled{13} \quad r = (a+b)^*, L(r) = \{\epsilon, (aa), (aa, ab, ba, bb), \dots\}$$

$$\textcircled{14} \quad r = (a+b)^*, L(r) = \{\epsilon, (a, b), (aa, ab, ba, bb), \dots\}$$

$$\textcircled{15} \quad r = (a+b)^*(a+b), L(r) = \{a, b, aa, bb, \dots\}$$

$$\textcircled{16} \quad r = a^* \cdot a^*, L(r) = \{\epsilon, a, a^2, a^3, \dots\} = a^*$$

$$\textcircled{17} \quad r = (ab)^*, L(r) = \{\epsilon, ab, abab, \dots\}$$

## FORMULA & OPERATIONS

IN RE:

$$① \gamma^+ \cup \gamma^* = \gamma^*$$

$$⑧ (a+b)^* = (a^* + b)^*$$

$$② \gamma^+ \cap \gamma^* = \gamma^+$$

$$⑨ (a+b)^* = (a+b^*)^*$$

$$③ \gamma^* \cdot \gamma^+ = \gamma^+$$

$$⑩ (a+b)^* = (a^* + b^*)^*$$

$$④ (\gamma^*)^* = \gamma^*$$

$$⑪ (a+b)^* \neq (a \cdot b)^*$$

$$⑤ (\gamma^*)^+ = \gamma^*$$

$$⑫ (a+b)^* \neq (a^* \cdot b)^*$$

$$⑥ (\gamma^+)^* = \gamma^*$$

$$⑬ (a+b)^* = (a \cdot b^*)^*$$

$$⑦ ((\gamma^+)^* \cdot \gamma^+)^* = \gamma^+$$

$$⑭ (a+b)^* = (a^* b^*)^*$$

$$\gamma_1 = a^*$$

$$a^* = \{a^0, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^\infty\}$$

$$\gamma_2 = a^* + (aa)^*$$

$$= \{\epsilon, a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^\infty\}$$

$$(aa)^* = \{\epsilon, a^2, a^4, a^6, \dots\}$$

$$a) L(\gamma_1) \subseteq L(\gamma_2)$$

$$\gamma_1 = a^* = (aa)^* + a^* = \gamma_2$$

$$b) L(\gamma_2) \supseteq L(\gamma_1)$$

$$\gamma_1 \cong \gamma_2$$

$$c) L(\gamma_1) = L(\gamma_2)$$

$$d) L(\gamma_1) \neq L(\gamma_2)$$

Two different RE generates same RL. But one RE generates same RL ~~or vice versa~~. But one RE can generate multiple RL. One RE can generates one RL.

When we can say 2 RE are equal?

When they represents the same RL.

$$Q: 1. L(\gamma_1) = L(\gamma_2)$$

Ans:

$$\gamma = \epsilon^* \Rightarrow \gamma = \epsilon^+ \Rightarrow \gamma = \phi^* \Rightarrow \gamma = \phi^+$$

$$\gamma = \epsilon^* \Rightarrow L(\gamma) = \{\epsilon^0, \epsilon^1, \epsilon^2, \dots\} = \{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon, \dots\}$$

$$\gamma = \epsilon^* \Rightarrow L(\gamma) = \{\epsilon^0, \epsilon^1, \epsilon^2, \dots\} = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$\gamma = \Sigma^+$$

$$= \{\varepsilon^1, \varepsilon^2, \varepsilon^3, \dots, \varepsilon^n\}$$

$$= \{\varepsilon, (\varepsilon, \varepsilon), \dots, (\varepsilon, \varepsilon)\} \quad \text{①}$$

$$= \{\sum \varepsilon\}^* = \star(\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \quad \text{②}$$

$$\gamma = \phi^*$$

$$= \{\phi^0, \phi^1, \phi^2, \dots, \phi\}$$

$$= \{\varepsilon, \phi, \phi, \dots, \phi\}$$

$$= \{\varepsilon\}$$

$$\gamma = \phi^+$$

$$= \{\phi^1, \phi^2, \phi^3, \dots, \phi\}$$

$$= \{\}\}$$

$$= \phi$$

$$A^1 = \{a, b\}$$

$$A^0 = \{\varepsilon\}$$

$$A^1 = \{a, b\}$$

$$A^2 = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$$

$$A^3 = \{aaa, \dots, bbb\}$$

$$A^k = \{w \mid |w| = k\}$$

DESIGN A RE

① Starts with 'ab'  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

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

$\rightarrow$  Any combination of a & b or  $\epsilon$

② Starts with 'ba'

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

③ ends with 'ab'

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

④ ends with 'bab'

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

$\rightarrow$  Anything.

⑤ Contains a substring 'aab'

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

⑥ Starts and ends with 'a'

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

⑦ Starts and ends with same symbol.

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

⑧ Starts and ends with different symbols.

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

⑨  $|w| = 3$

$$(a+b)^3 (a+b)^*$$

⑩  $|w| \geq 3$

$$(a+b)^3 (a+b)^*$$

⑪  $|w| \leq 3$

$$(a+b)^3 + (a+b)^2 + (a+b) + \epsilon$$

$$(12) |w|_a = 2$$

a b a b

$|w| = 2$  means all strings of length 2 generated by the symbols present in  $\Sigma$ .

$|w|_a = 2$  means all strings of length 2 generated with only 'a'.

$$(13) |w|_a \geq 2$$

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

$$(14) |w|_a \leq 2$$

$$\cancel{b^*} (a+\epsilon) b^* (a+\epsilon) b^* \text{ or } b^* + b^* a b^* + b^* a b^* a b^*$$

$$(15) \text{ 3rd symbol from left end is } b.$$

$$(a+b)^2 b (a+b)^*$$

$$(16) \text{ 28th symbol from right end is } a$$

$$(a+b)^* a (a+b)^{27}$$

$$(17) |w| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$\frac{\text{length of the string}}{3} = 0 \pmod{3}$$

↑ remainder

$$[(a+b)^3]^* \quad 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots$$

$$(18) |w| \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$2, 5, 8, 11, 14, \dots$$

$$(a+b)^2 [(a+b)^3]^*$$

$$(19) |w|_b = 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$a^* + [(b^3)^*] (a^* b a^* b a^*)^* \quad 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots$$

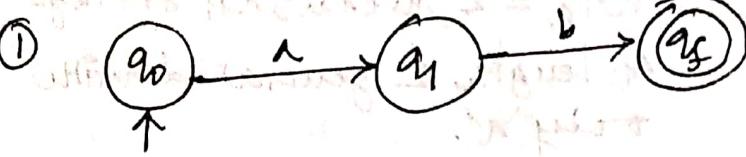
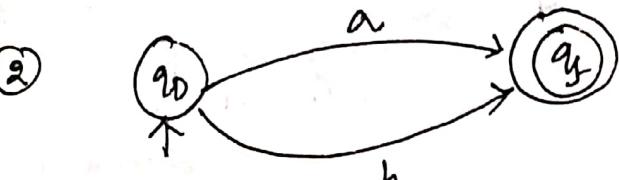
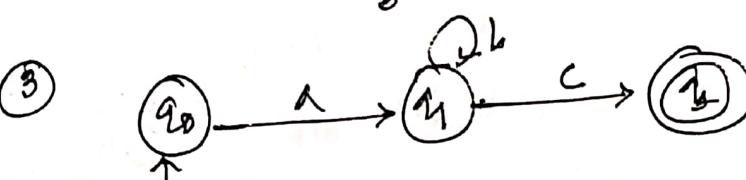
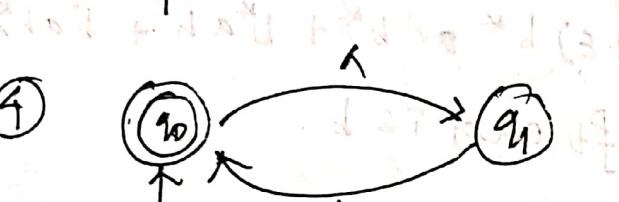
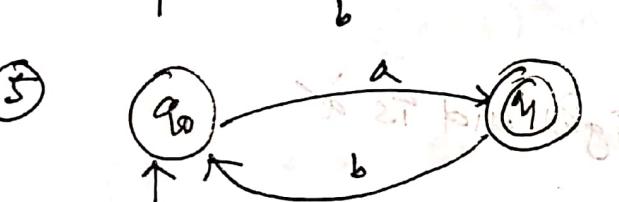
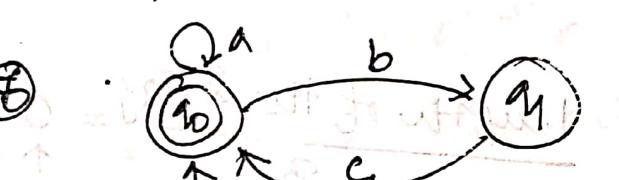
$$(20) |w|_b = 1 \pmod{3}$$

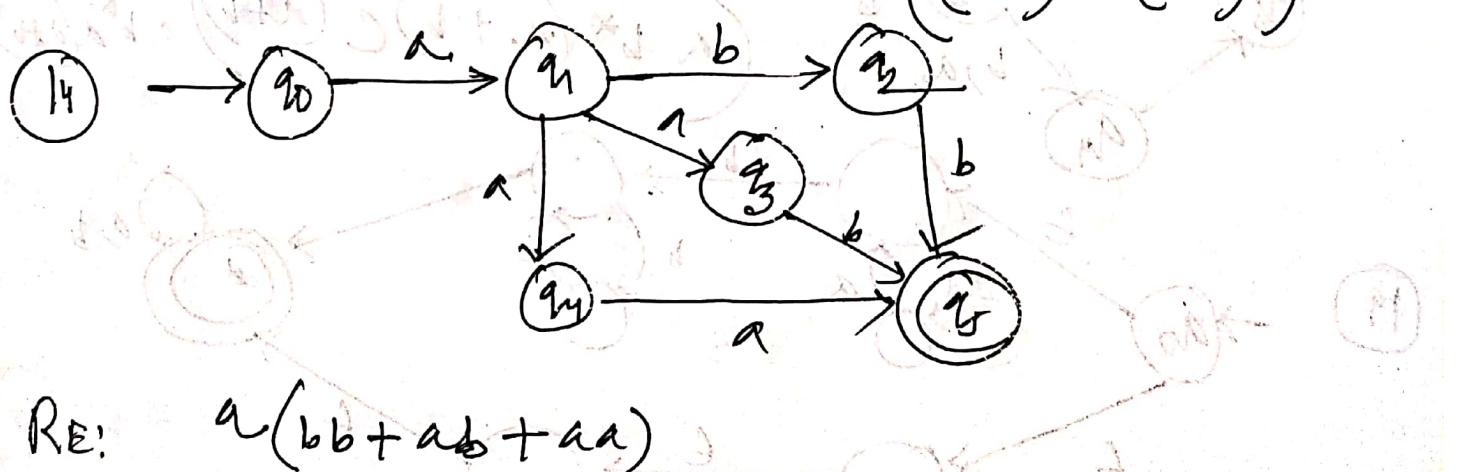
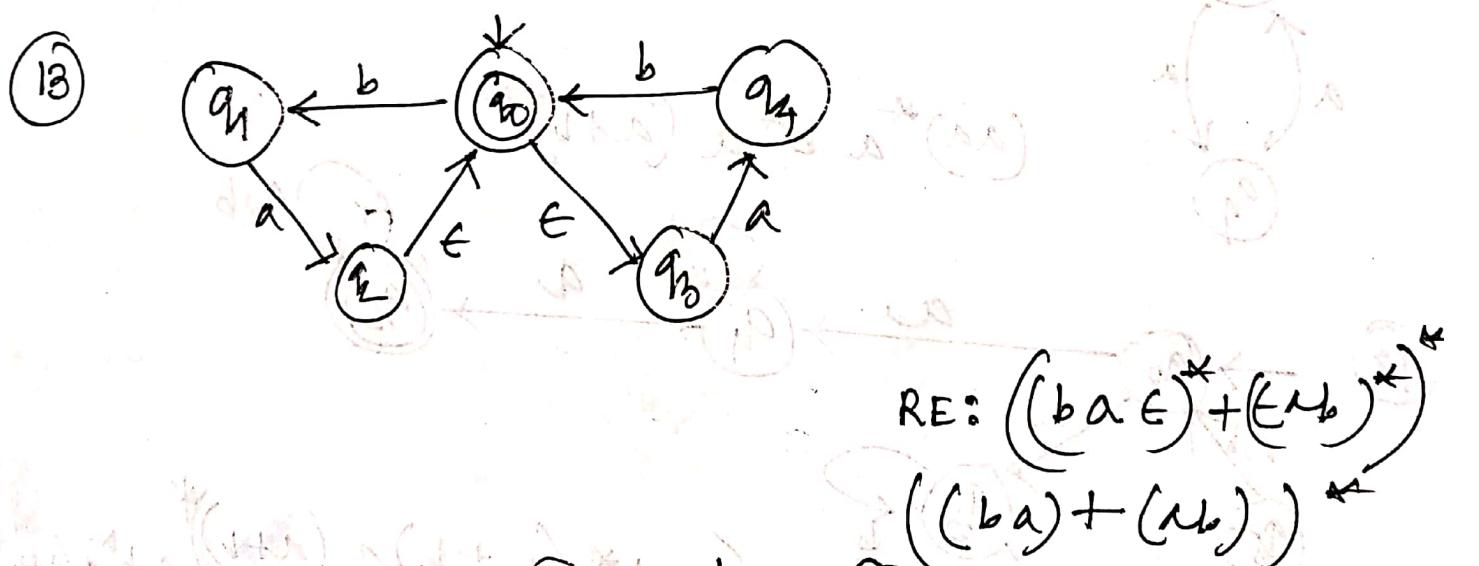
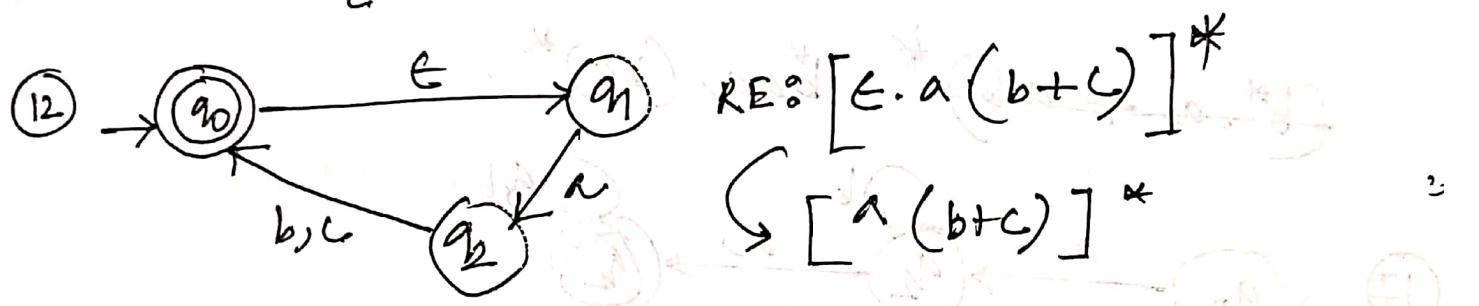
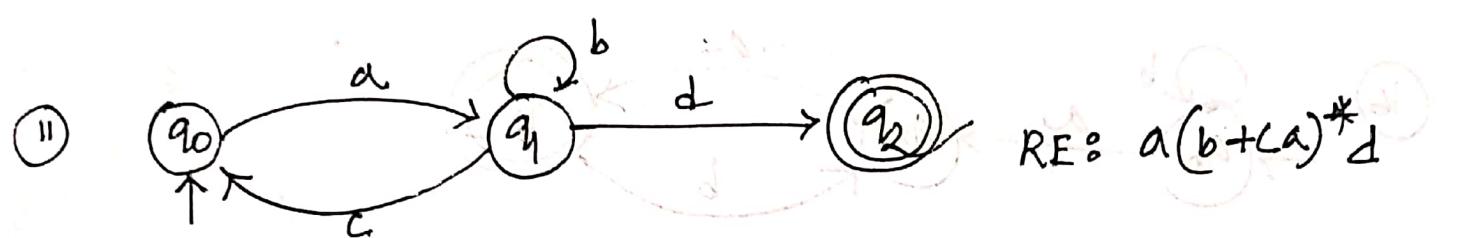
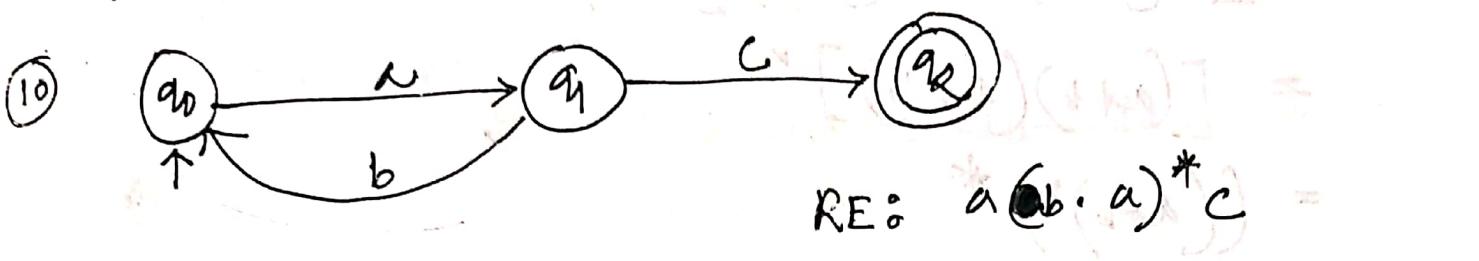
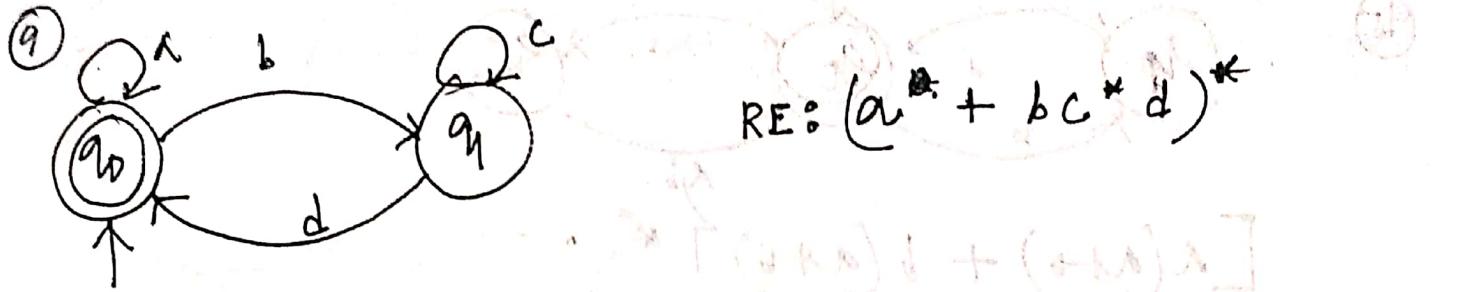
$$(b^* a b^* a b^* a b^*)^* + b^* a b^*$$

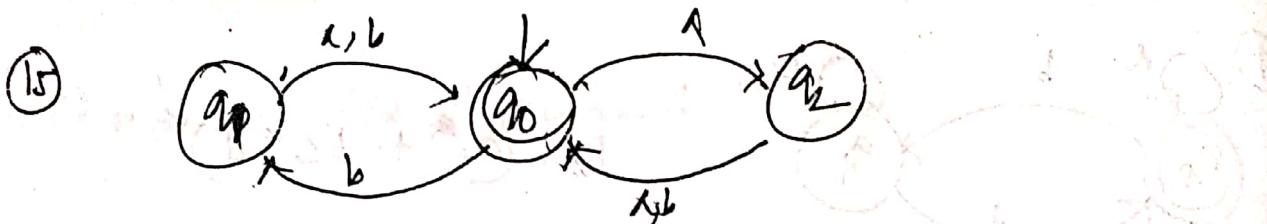
$$(21) |w|_b = 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$(a^* b a^* b)^* + (a^* b a^* b \underline{a^* b \underline{a^*}})^*$$

## CONVERSION OF FA TO RE:

- Ex: 1.  RE:  $ab$
- Ex: 2.  RE:  $a+b$
- Ex: 3.  RE:  $a \cdot b^* c$
- Ex: 4.  RE:  $(a \cdot b)^*$
- Ex: 5.  RE:  $a \cdot (ba)^*$
- Ex: 6.  RE:  $a^* \cdot (b \cdot c)^*$
- Ex: 7.  RE:  $a(b+c)^*$
- Ex: 8.  RE:  $a^* b (c+d a^* b)^*$





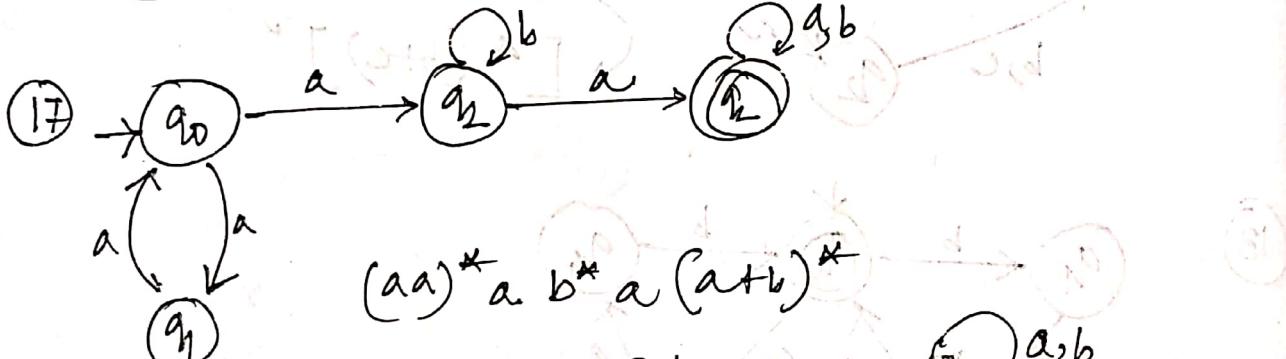
$$[a(a+b) + b(a+b)]^*$$

$$= [(a+b)(a+b)]^*$$

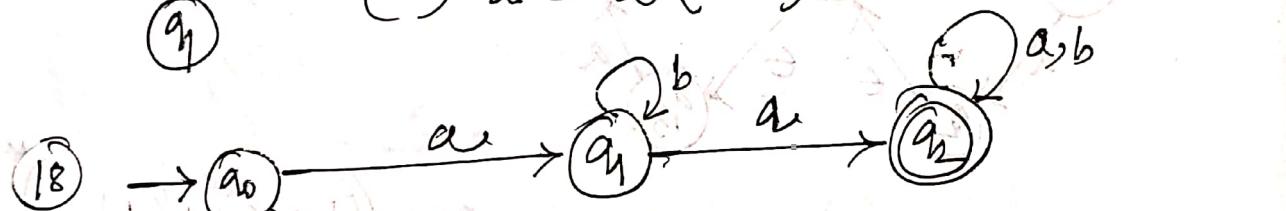
$$= ((a+b)^2)^*$$



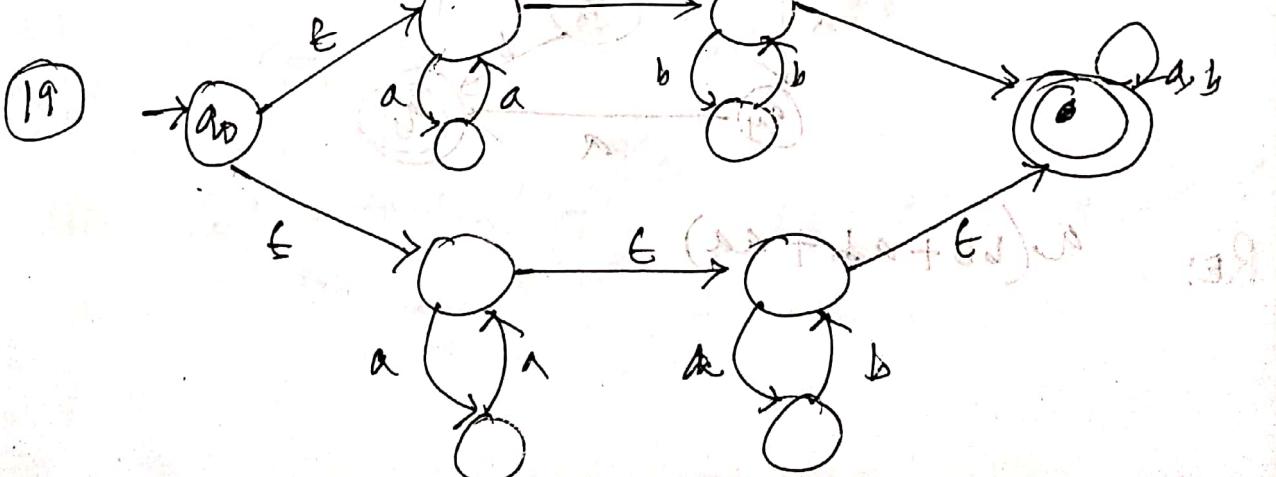
$$\cancel{(b^* \cdot a + ab)}^* baa (ba)^*$$



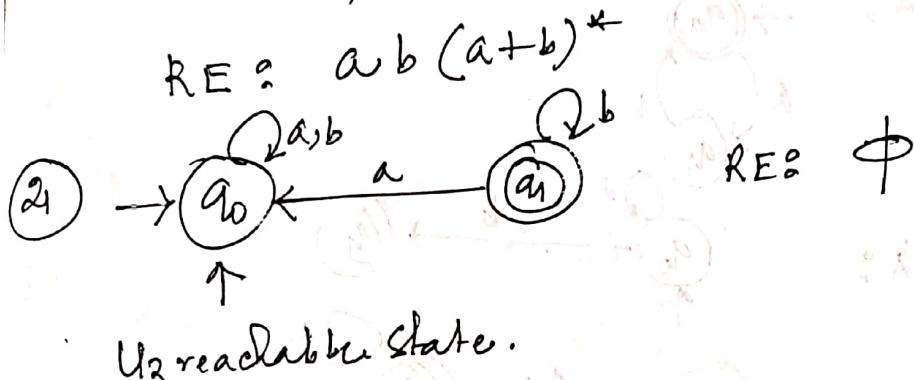
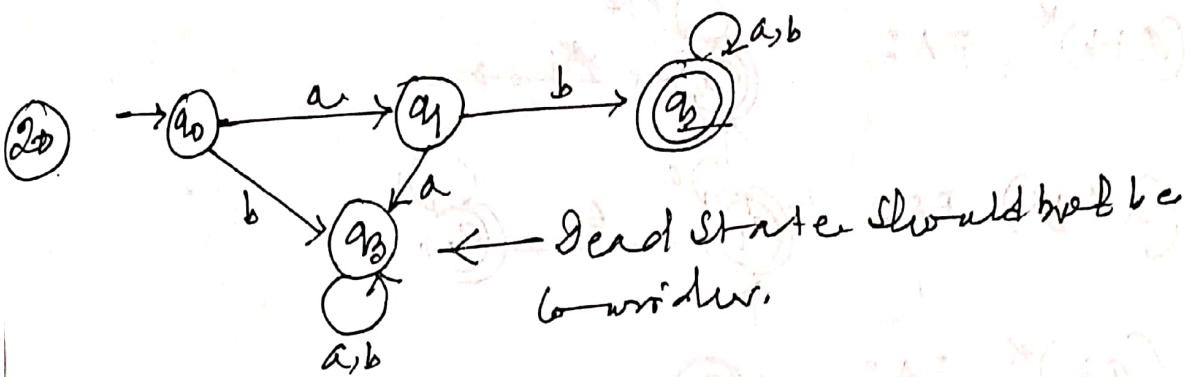
$$(aa)^* a b^* a (a+b)^*$$



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

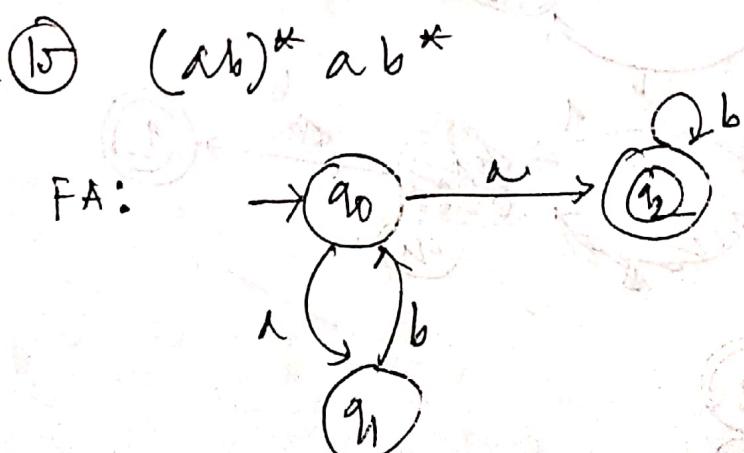
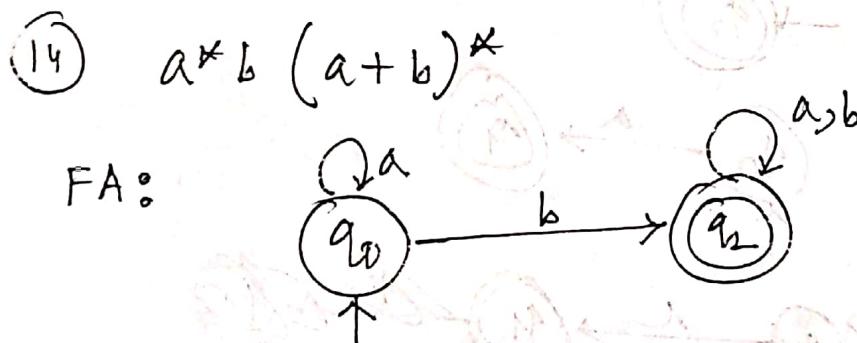
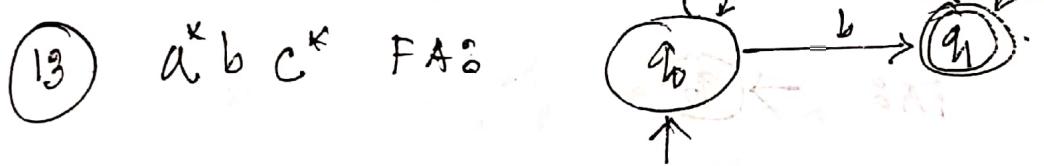
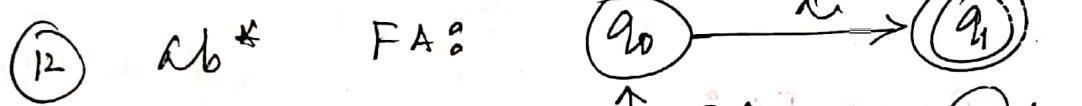
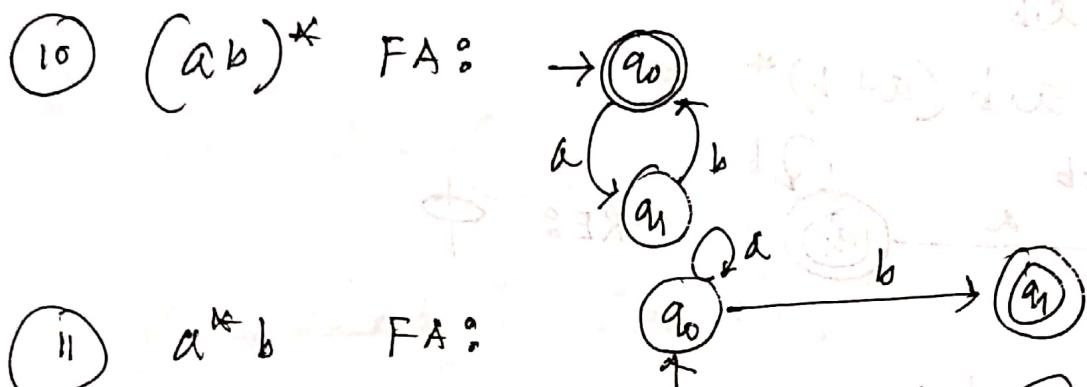
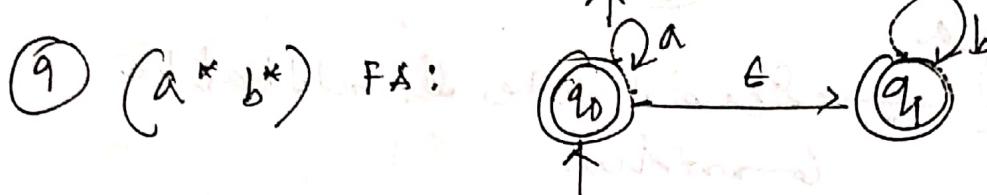
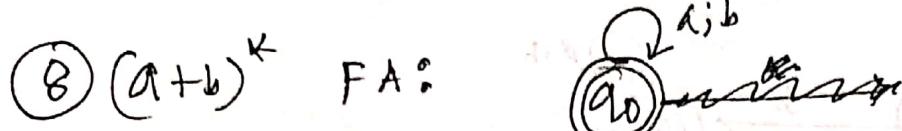


RE:  $(\epsilon (aa)^k b (bb)^* \in (ab)^*) + (\epsilon (aa)^k \in (ab)^* \in (ab)^*)$



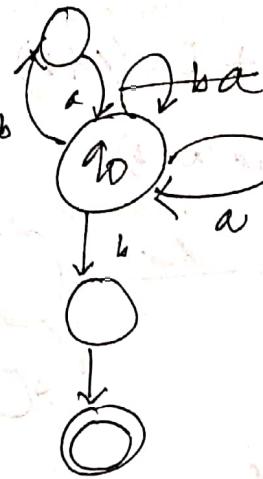
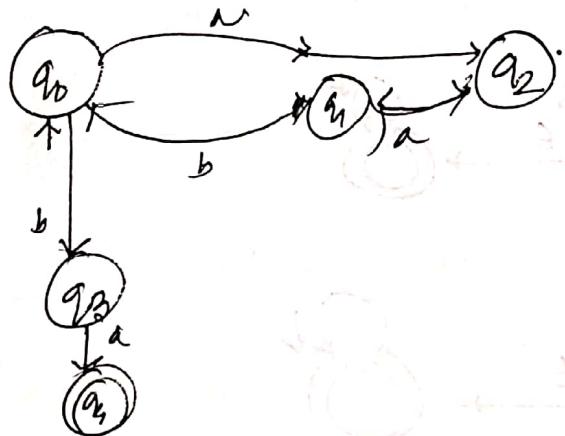
### CONVERSION OF RE TO FA

- ①  $\emptyset$  FA:  $\rightarrow q_0$
- ②  $\epsilon$  FA:  $\rightarrow q_0$
- ③  $a$  FA:  $q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1$
- ④  $a+b$  FA:  $q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_0$
- ⑤  $ab$  FA:  $q_0 \xrightarrow{a} q_1 \xrightarrow{b} q_2$
- ⑥  $a^*$  FA:  $\rightarrow q_0$  (Self-loop on q0)



$$16 \quad (a+b)^*ba$$

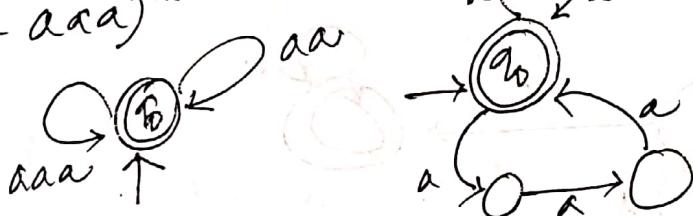
FA:



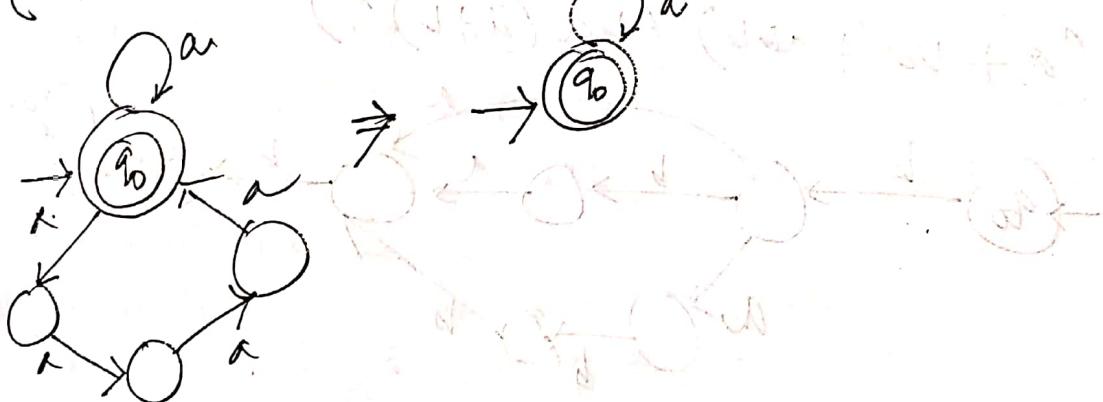
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$$(aaa + a)^\infty$$

FA:

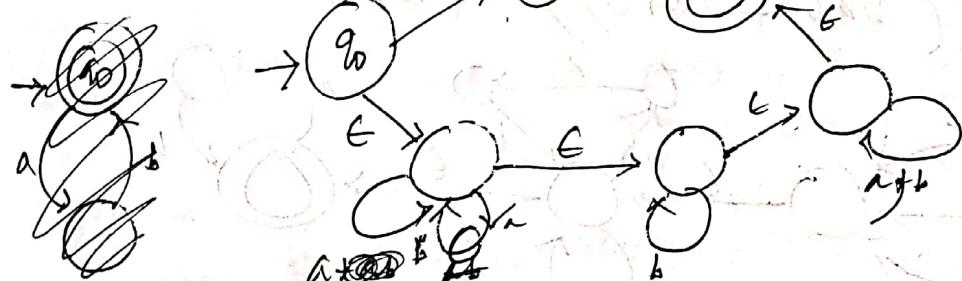


$$18 \quad (a + aaaa)^\infty$$

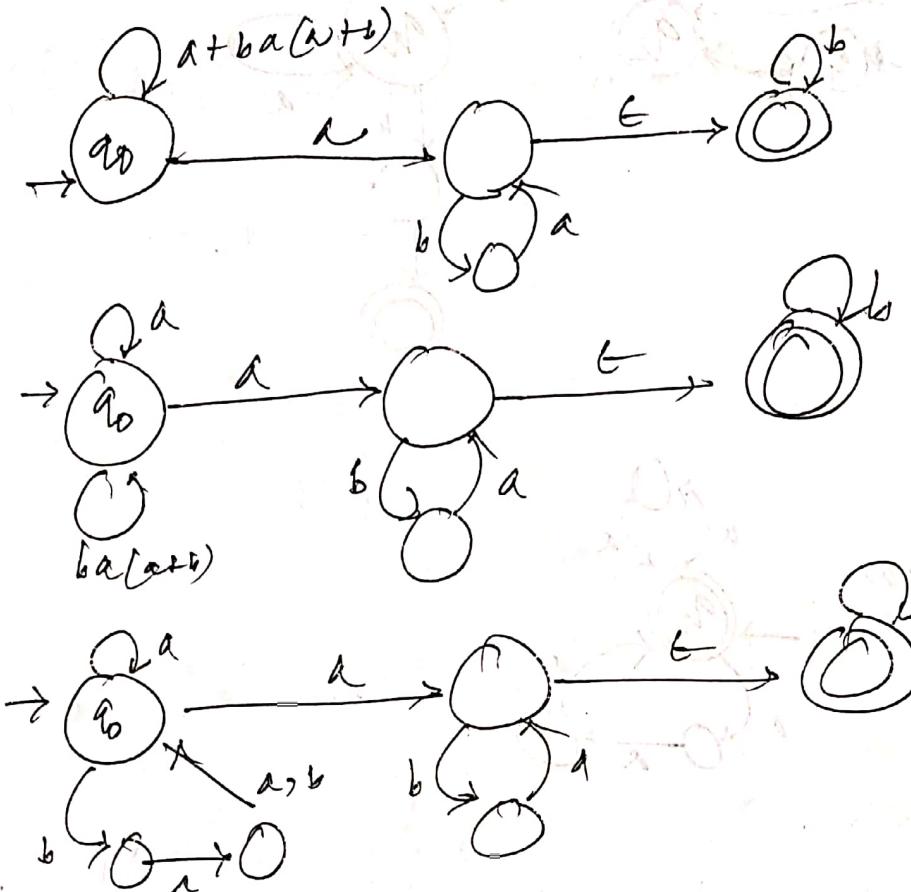


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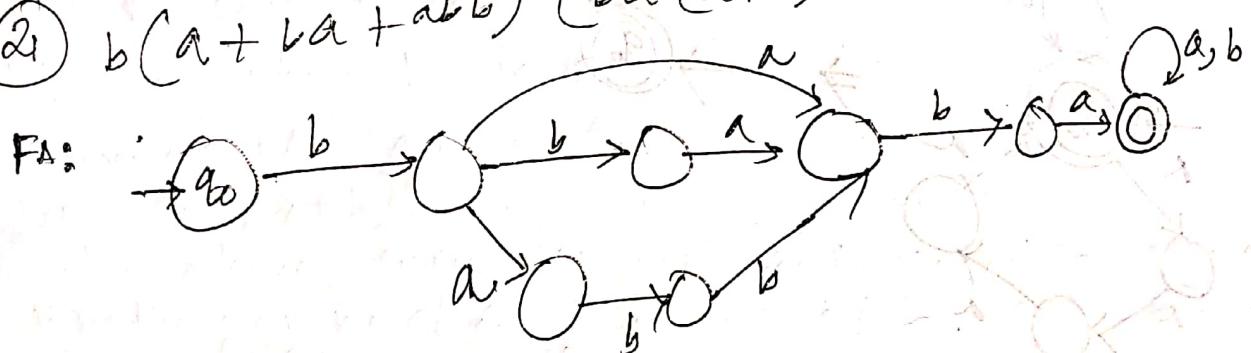
$$(ab)^\infty + (a+ab)^\infty b^\infty (a+b)^\infty$$



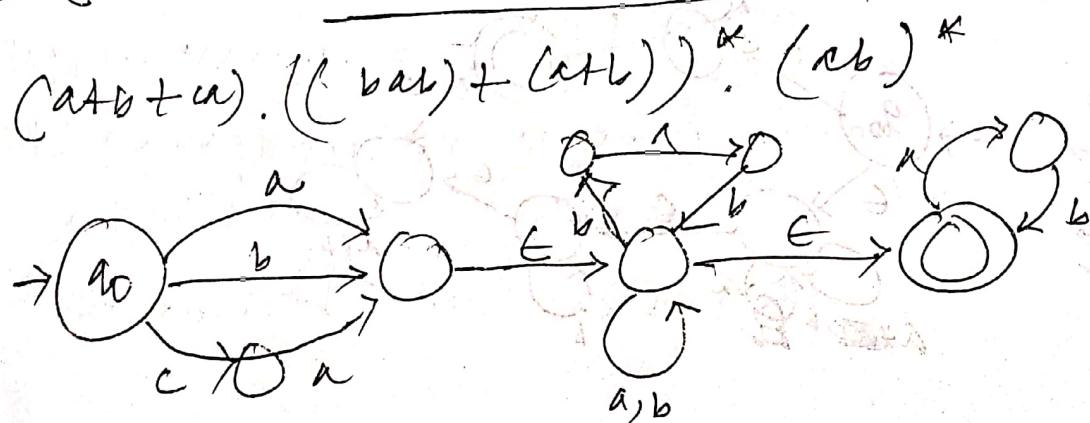
$$20 \quad [a + ba(a+b)]^* a(ba)^* b^*$$



$$21 \quad b(a+ba+abb)(ba(a+b))^*$$

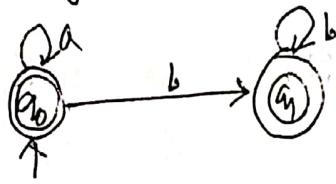


$$22 \quad \frac{(a+b+ca)((bab)^* + (ab)^*)^* (ab)^*}{(a+b+a).((bab) + (ab)).^* (ab)^*}$$



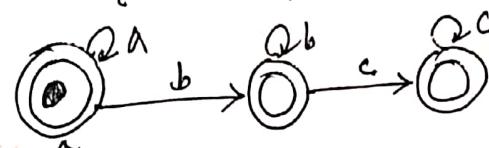
\* How to identify whether a L' is regular or not?

$$\textcircled{1} \quad L = \{a^m b^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$$

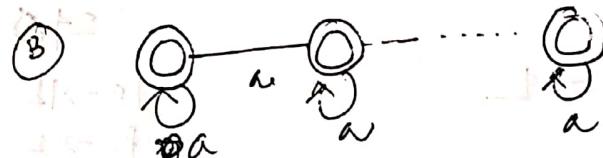


FA can remember the order.  
It can remember the order by changing the state.

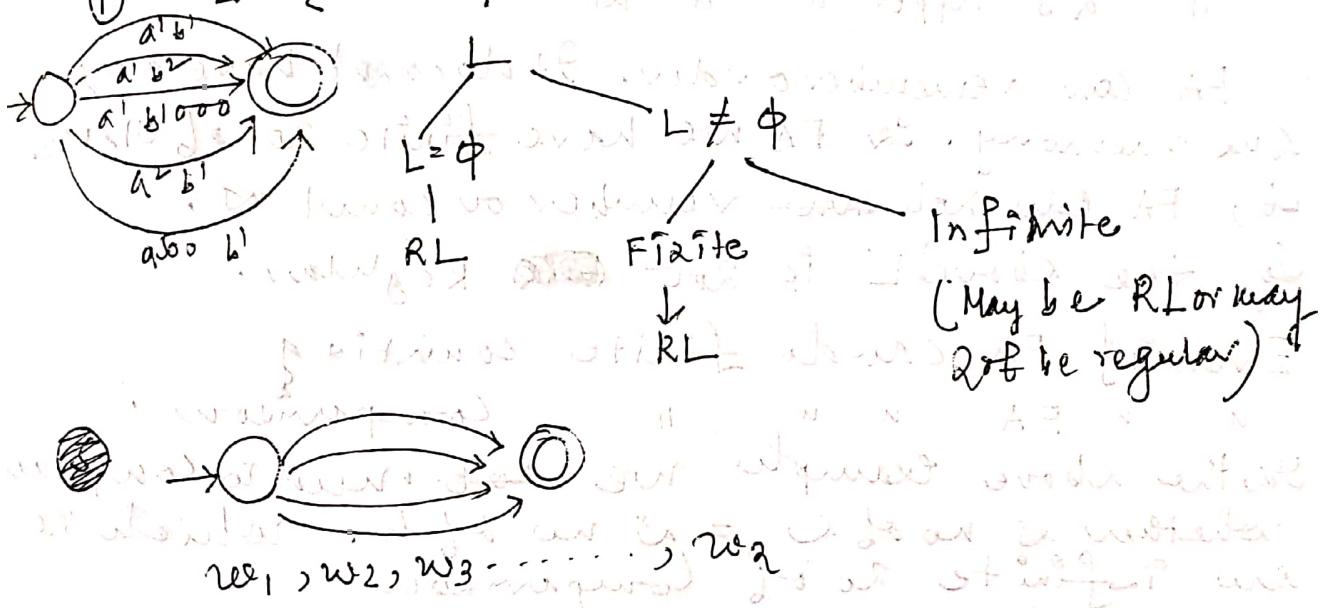
$$\textcircled{2} \quad L = \{a^m b^n c^q \mid m, n, q \geq 0\}$$



$$L = \{a^{x_1} a^{x_2} \dots a^{x_{26}} \mid x_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq 26\}$$



$$\textcircled{4} \quad L = \{a^m b^n \mid 1 \leq m \leq 500, 1 \leq n \leq 1000\}$$



For finite  $20$  of strings we have finite  $20$  of paths from  $s_0$  to  $s_f$ . So, for finite  $20$  of strings we can make a FA. Hence the  $L$  can be regular.

$L = \{a^n b^2 \mid 1 \leq n \leq 500; 1 \leq n \leq 1000\}$   
we can go from  $n$  up to  $500$  which is a finite  $20$ .

we can go for  $n$  upto  $1000$  which is also a finite  $20$ .

Hence ④ is a RL.

$$⑤ L = \{ a^2 b^2 \mid 1 \leq 2 \leq 10 \}$$

Upper range = 10 = finite

Hence L is RL.

$$⑥ \{ a^2 b^2 \mid 2 \geq 0 \} = L$$

$$\{ \epsilon, ab, aabb, \dots \} = L$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ \times 60 \\ \hline 240 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \rightarrow 12 = 2 \\ PL \rightarrow 2 = \end{array}$$

Here 'a's lower range is 0  
" a's upper n is infinity

$$\frac{240}{}$$

FA can remember order. It does not have any  
like memory. In FA we have finite no. of states.  
So, FA cannot have number or count  $\infty$ ,  
So, the above L is not ~~not~~ Regular.

Even if FA can do finite counts of

" " FA " " " Comparison

In the above example we ~~not~~ need to compare  
whether no of a = no of b. which is  
an infinite no of comparisons.

$$⑦ L = \{ a^2 b^2 \mid 1 \leq 2 \leq 2^{29\text{th prime}} \}$$

Upper range =  $2^{29\text{th prime}}$

1st 29th prime no is a finite no.

2 finite no = finite no

Hence L is Regular.

$$⑧ L = \{a^2 b^2 \mid 1 \leq 2 \leq 2\}$$

This 'L' needs comparison because of  $a^2 b^2$ .  
 'GATE' is a string. |GATE| = 4.

$2^4 = 16$  which is a finite no.

Hence L is a RL.

$$⑨ L = \{a^m b^2 \mid m > 2, 2 \geq 0\} \text{ it is } \overset{\text{not}}{\text{regular.}}$$

$$⑩ L = \{a^m b^2 \mid m, 2 \geq 0, m \neq 2\} \text{ it is not regular.}$$

$$⑪ L = \{a^m b^2 \mid m \text{ is divisible by } 2\} \text{ it is not regular.}$$

$$⑫ L = \{a^m b^2 \mid m = 2^p \mid p \geq 1\} \text{ it is not regular.}$$

$$⑬ L = \{a^m b^2 c^q \mid m = n = q\} \text{ it is not regular.}$$

$$⑭ L = \{a^m b^2 c^q \mid m + n = q\} \text{ it is not regular.}$$

$$⑮ L = \{a^m b^n \mid m + n = \text{even}\} \quad " \quad " \quad "$$

$$⑯ L = \{a^m b^n \mid m + n = \text{odd}\} \quad " \quad " \quad "$$

a	b	c
0+	0	0
0+	e	0
e+	0	0
e+	e	e

