

Compiler Design Lab

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Aim:

To write a C++ code to find Nullable(), Firstpos(), Lastpos() and Followpos() for the given Regular Expressions: $(a|b)^*a(a|b)(a|b)$, $(a|b)^*a(a|b)^*$, $(a|b)^*|(ac)^*$.

Algorithm:

1. Concatenate the Regular Expression with '#' for the end marker.
2. Construct a syntax tree.
3. Calculate the Nullable(), Firstpos(), Lastpos() and Followpos() using the rules for leaf nodes, Star (*) nodes, Concatenation (.) nodes and Or (|) nodes.
4. Maintain a vector of the number of characters that are not operators and print their Followpos().

Code:

RE_to_DFA.cpp:

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#include <iostream>

#include <vector>

#include <string>

#include <set>

#include <stack>

#include <algorithm>

using namespace std;

string infix_to_postfix(string infix)
{
    string pf = "";
    stack<char> op_stack;
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for (char c : infix)
{
    if (c != '*' && c != '|' && c != '!' && c != '(' && c != ')')
    {
        pf += c;
    }
    else if (c == '(')
    {
        op_stack.push(c);
    }
    else if (c == ')')
    {
        while (!op_stack.empty() && op_stack.top() != '(')
        {
            pf += op_stack.top();
            op_stack.pop();
        }
        op_stack.pop();
    }
    else
    {
        while (!op_stack.empty() &&
            ((c == '*' && (op_stack.top() == '*')) ||
             (c == '!' && (op_stack.top() == '*' || op_stack.top() == '!')) ||
             (c == '|' && (op_stack.top() == '*' || op_stack.top() == '!' || op_stack.top() == '|'))))
        {
            pf += op_stack.top();
            op_stack.pop();
        }
    }
}

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    }
    op_stack.push(c);
}
}
while (!op_stack.empty())
{
    pf += op_stack.top();
    op_stack.pop();
}
return pf;
}

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vector<int> operator+(vector<int> a, vector<int> b)
{
    a.insert(a.end(), b.begin(), b.end());
    sort(a.begin(), a.end());
    a.erase(unique(a.begin(), a.end()), a.end());
    return a;
}

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class tree
{
public:
    char c;
    int lno;
    vector<int> first, last;
    bool nullable;
    tree *left;

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tree *right;
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tree(char ch, int n)
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{
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    c = ch;
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    lno = n;
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    nullable = false;
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    left = nullptr;
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    right = nullptr;
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    first.clear();
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```
    last.clear();
```

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}
```

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};
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int main()
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{
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    string rx;
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    cout << "Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: ";
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    cin >> rx;
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    rx = "(" + rx + ").#";
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    string postfix = infix_to_postfix(rx);
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    cout << "Postfix Expression: " << postfix << endl
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        << endl;
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vector<vector<int>> follow;
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vector<char> chars;
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set<char> inputs;
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```
stack<tree *> st;
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int leafno = 0;

tree *temp;

for (int i = 0; i < postfix.size(); i++)
{
    char t = postfix[i];

    if (t != '*' && t != '.' && t != '|')
    {
        cout << "Character at leaf node number " << leafno << " is: " << t << ". ";

        chars.push_back(t);

        if (t != '#')
            inputs.insert(t);

        temp = new tree(t, leafno);

        temp->first.push_back(leafno);

        temp->last.push_back(leafno);

        follow.push_back(vector<int>());

        cout << "This node isn't nullable." << endl;

        cout << "Firstpos: {" << leafno << "}" << endl;

        cout << "Lastpos: {" << leafno << "}" << endl
            << endl;

        leafno++;
    }

    else if (t == '*')
    {
        cout << "This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable." <<
endl;
    }
}

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temp = new tree(t, -1);
temp->left = st.top();
st.pop();
temp->first = temp->left->first;
temp->last = temp->left->last;
temp->nullable = true;
cout << "Firstpos: {";
for (int j = 0; j < temp->first.size(); j++)
{
    cout << temp->first[j] << ", ";
}
cout << "}" << endl;
cout << "Lastpos: {";
for (int j = 0; j < temp->last.size(); j++)
{
    cout << temp->last[j] << ", ";
    follow[temp->last[j]] = follow[temp->last[j]] + temp->first;
}
cout << "}" << endl
    << endl;
}
else if (t == '!')
{
    cout << "This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '!' (concatenation). ";
    temp = new tree(t, -1);
    temp->right = st.top();
    st.pop();
    temp->left = st.top();

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st.pop();

temp->nullable = temp->left->nullable && temp->right->nullable;

if (temp->nullable)

    cout << "The node is nullable." << endl;

else

    cout << "The node isn't nullable." << endl;


if (temp->left->nullable)

    temp->first = temp->left->first + temp->right->first;

else

    temp->first = temp->left->first;

cout << "Firstpos: {";

for (int j = 0; j < temp->first.size(); j++)

{

    cout << temp->first[j] << ", ";

}

cout << "}." << endl;


if (temp->right->nullable)

    temp->last = temp->right->last + temp->left->last;

else

    temp->last = temp->right->last;

cout << "Lastpos: {";

for (int j = 0; j < temp->last.size(); j++)

{

    cout << temp->last[j] << ", ";

}

cout << "}." << endl

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    << endl;

    for (int j = 0; j < temp->left->last.size(); j++)
    {
        follow[temp->left->last[j]] = follow[temp->left->last[j]] + temp->right->first;
    }
}

else if (t == '|')
{
    cout << "This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). ";

    temp = new tree(t, -1);

    temp->right = st.top();

    st.pop();

    temp->left = st.top();

    st.pop();

    temp->nullable = temp->left->nullable || temp->right->nullable;

    if (temp->nullable)

        cout << "The node is nullable." << endl;

    else

        cout << "The node isn't nullable." << endl;

    temp->first = temp->left->first + temp->right->first;

    cout << "Firstpos: {";

    for (int j = 0; j < temp->first.size(); j++)

    {

        cout << temp->first[j] << ", ";

    }

    cout << "}." << endl;

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temp->last = temp->right->last + temp->left->last;

cout << "Lastpos: {";

for (int j = 0; j < temp->last.size(); j++)

{

    cout << temp->last[j] << ", ";

}

cout << "}." << endl

    << endl;

}

st.push(temp);

}

cout << endl;

for (int i = 0; i < leafno; i++)

{

    cout << "Leaf number: " << i << ". ";

    cout << "Character: " << chars[i] << "." << endl;

    cout << "Followpos: {";

    for (int j = 0; j < follow[i].size(); j++)

        cout << follow[i][j] << ", ";

    cout << "}." << endl

        << endl;

}

return 0;

}

```

Inputs:

1. $(a|b)^*a(a|b)(a|b)$
2. $(a|b)^*a(a|b)^*$
3. $(a|b)^*|(ac)^*$

Output:

Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: $(a|b)^*.a.(a|b).(a|b)$

Postfix Expression: $ab|^*a.ab|.ab|. \#$.

Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0}.

Lastpos: {0}.

Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {1}.

Lastpos: {1}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {2}.

Lastpos: {2}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {2, }.

Character at leaf node number 3 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {3}.

Lastpos: {3}.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {4}.

Lastpos: {4}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {3, 4, }.

Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

Character at leaf node number 5 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {5}.

Lastpos: {5}.

Character at leaf node number 6 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {6}.

Lastpos: {6}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {5, 6, }.

Lastpos: {5, 6, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {5, 6, }.

Character at leaf node number 7 is: '#'. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {7}.

Lastpos: {7}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 0. Character: 'a'.

Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 1. Character: 'b'.

Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 2. Character: 'a'.

Followpos: {3, 4, }.

Leaf number: 3. Character: a.

Followpos: {5, 6, }.

Leaf number: 4. Character: b.

Followpos: {5, 6, }.

Leaf number: 5. Character: a.

Followpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 6. Character: b.

Followpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 7. Character: #.

Followpos: {}.

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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\vishw> cd "c:\Users\vishw\Coding\Compiler-Lab\Week-3&4\"; if ($?) { g++ RE_to_DFA.cpp -o RE_to_DFA }; if ($?) { .\RE_to_DFA }
Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: (a|b)*.a.(a|b).#
Postfix Expression: ab|*a.ab|#.

Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0}.
Lastpos: {0}.

Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {1}.
Lastpos: {1}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {2}.
Lastpos: {2}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Lastpos: {2, }.

Character at leaf node number 3 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3}.
Lastpos: {3}.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {4}.
Lastpos: {4}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3, 4, }.
Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

Character at leaf node number 5 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {5}.
Lastpos: {5}.

Character at leaf node number 6 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {6}.
Lastpos: {6}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {5, 6, }.
Lastpos: {5, 6, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Lastpos: {5, 6, }.

Character at leaf node number 7 is: #. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {7}.
Lastpos: {7}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Lastpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 0. Character: a.
Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 1. Character: b.
Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 2. Character: a.
Followpos: {3, 4, }.

Leaf number: 3. Character: a.
Followpos: {5, 6, }.

Leaf number: 4. Character: b.
Followpos: {5, 6, }.

Leaf number: 5. Character: a.
Followpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 6. Character: b.
Followpos: {7, }.

Leaf number: 7. Character: #.
Followpos: {}.

PS C:\Users\vishw\Coding\Compiler-Lab\Week-3&4> |
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Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: (a|b)*.a.(a|b)*

Postfix Expression: ab|*a.ab|#.#.

Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0}.

Lastpos: {0}.

Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {1}.

Lastpos: {1}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {2}.

Lastpos: {2}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {2, }.

Character at leaf node number 3 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {3}.

Lastpos: {3}.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {4}.

Lastpos: {4}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {3, 4, }.

Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.

Firstpos: {3, 4, }.

Lastpos: {3, 4, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {2, 3, 4, }.

Character at leaf node number 5 is: '#'. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {5}.

Lastpos: {5}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {5, }.

Leaf number: 0. Character: 'a'.

Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 1. Character: 'b'.

Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Leaf number: 2. Character: a.

Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.

Leaf number: 3. Character: a.

Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.

Leaf number: 4. Character: b.

Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.

Leaf number: 5. Character: #.

Followpos: {}.

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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Windows\system32> cd "c:\Users\vishw\Coding\Compiler-Lab\Week-364" ; if ($?) { g++ RE_to_DFA.cpp -o RE_to_DFA } ; if ($?) { .\RE_to_DFA }
Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: (a|b)*.a.(a|b)*
Postfix Expression: ab|*a.ab|*.#
Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0}.
Lastpos: {0}.
Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {1}.
Lastpos: {1}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1}.
Lastpos: {0, 1}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1}.
Lastpos: {0, 1}.
Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {2}.
Lastpos: {2}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2}.
Lastpos: {2}.
Character at leaf node number 3 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3}.
Lastpos: {3}.
Character at leaf node number 4 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {4}.
Lastpos: {4}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3, 4}.
Lastpos: {3, 4}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {3, 4}.
Lastpos: {3, 4}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2}.
Lastpos: {2, 3, 4}.
Character at leaf node number 5 is: #. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {5}.
Lastpos: {5}.
This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2}.
Lastpos: {5}.

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Leaf number: 0. Character: a.
Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Leaf number: 1. Character: b.
Followpos: {0, 1, 2, }.
Leaf number: 2. Character: a.
Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.
Leaf number: 3. Character: a.
Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.
Leaf number: 4. Character: b.
Followpos: {3, 4, 5, }.
Leaf number: 5. Character: #.
Followpos: {}.
PS C:\Users\vishw\Coding\Compiler-Lab\Week-364>
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Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: (a|b)*|(a.c)*

Postfix Expression: ab|*ac.*|#.

Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0}.

Lastpos: {0}.

Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {1}.

Lastpos: {1}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {2}.

Lastpos: {2}.

Character at leaf node number 3 is: c. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {3}.

Lastpos: {3}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {2, }.

Lastpos: {3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.

Firstpos: {2, }.

Lastpos: {3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node is nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, }.

Lastpos: {0, 1, 3, }.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: #. This node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {4}.

Lastpos: {4}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.

Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, 4, }.

Lastpos: {4, }.

Leaf number: 0. Character: a.

Followpos: {0, 1, 4, }.

Leaf number: 1. Character: b.

Followpos: {0, 1, 4, }.

Leaf number: 2. Character: a.

Followpos: {3, }.

Leaf number: 3. Character: c.

Followpos: {2, 4, }.

Leaf number: 4. Character: #.

Followpos: {}.

```
Windows PowerShell
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Enter a Regular Expression in infix form: (a|b)|(a.c)*
Postfix Expression: ab|*ac.*|#.

Character at leaf node number 0 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0}.
Lastpos: {0}.

Character at leaf node number 1 is: b. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {1}.
Lastpos: {1}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, }.

Character at leaf node number 2 is: a. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {2}.
Lastpos: {2}.

Character at leaf node number 3 is: c. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3}.
Lastpos: {3}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {3, 3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {3, 3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node is nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, 3, 3, }.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: #. This node isn't nullable.
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Windows PowerShell

Character at leaf node number 3 is: c. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {3}.
Lastpos: {3}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {3, 3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '*' (star). It is nullable.
Firstpos: {2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {3, 3, }.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '|' (or). The node is nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, 3, }.
Lastpos: {0, 1, 3, 3, }.

Character at leaf node number 4 is: #. This node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {4}.
Lastpos: {4}.

This isn't a leaf node. It contains the character: '.' (concatenation). The node isn't nullable.
Firstpos: {0, 1, 2, 4, 3, }.
Lastpos: {4, 3, 3, 3, 3, }.

Leaf number: 0. Character: a.
Followpos: {0, 1, 4, 3, }.

Leaf number: 1. Character: b.
Followpos: {0, 1, 4, 3, }.

Leaf number: 2. Character: a.
Followpos: {3, 3, }.

Leaf number: 3. Character: c.
Followpos: {2, 4, 3, }.

Leaf number: 4. Character: #.
Followpos: {}.

PS C:\Users\vishw\Coding\Compiler-Lab\Week-3&4>
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Result:

The C++ program to find Nullable(), Firstpos(), Lastpos(), and Followpos() for the given Regular Expressions was successfully run and the results were verified.