

O Regular Expression & Regular Languages

(i) Regular Expression

(ii) Regular Set

(iii) Regular Language

(iv) Identities of REs.

* Finite representation of Languages

- The main issue in the TQ is the representation of languages by finite specifications.
- We are unable to represent all languages finitely.
- For the set Σ^* of strings over alphabet Σ is countably infinite, so the number of possible representations of a language is countably infinite.
- The set of all possible languages over a given alphabet Σ , i.e., 2^{Σ^*} (power set of Σ^*) is uncountably infinite.
- Thus, we will try to find some finite representation of some of the languages.

o Regular Expression - (RE)

→ RE are one way to represent languages. All the REs will be accepted by the automata.

→ Few definition (Informal) :-

- (i) The language accepted by finite automata can be easily described by simple expression called regular expression. It is the most effective way to represent any language.
- (ii) A regular expression can also be described as a sequence of patterns that defines a string.

→ definition (Formal) :-

→ The regular expression over Σ^* are all strings over the alphabet- $\Sigma^* \cup \{\cdot, , \phi, *\}$ that can be obtained as follows:

- (i) ϕ is a RE
- (ii) ϵ is a RE
- (iii) for $a \in \Sigma$, a is a RE
- (iv) if a is RE, then (a) is a RE.
- (v) if a and b are two RE, then (ab) is a RE
- (vi) if a and b are two RE, then $(a \cup b)$ is a RE
- (vii) if a is a RE, then a^* is a RE.

o For instance :- In RE.

(i) x^* means zero or more occurrence of x as
 $\{e, x, xx, \dots\}$

(ii) x^+ means one or more occurrence of x as
 $\{x, xx, \dots\}$

• Operations over R.E.

* Regular Sets -

• Any set representation of RE is called Regular Set.

• If a and $b \in \Sigma$, then

(i) (a) denotes the set $\{a\}$.

(ii) $(a+b)$ or $((a)+(b))$ or $((a)\cup(b))$ or $(a\cup b)$ denotes the set $\{a, b\}$.

(iii) (ab) or $(a\circ b)$ denotes the set $\{ab\}$.

(iv) (a^*) denotes the set $\{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$.

(v) $((a+b)^*)$ or $((a\cup b)^*)$ denotes the set $\{a, b\}^*$.

o Few examples of RE :- Let $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

(i) (0) is RE over Σ and RS = $\{0\}$.

(ii) (0^*) is RE over Σ and RS = $\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\}$.

(iii) (1) is RE over Σ and RS = $\{1\}$.

(iv) (1^*) is a RE over Σ and RS = $\{\epsilon, 1, 11, 111, \dots\}$.

(v) $(1(0)^*)$ is a RE over Σ i.e., $(10^*) = \{\epsilon, 10, 100, 1000, \dots\}$.

(vi) $(0(1)^*)$ is a RE over Σ i.e. $(01^*) = \{0, 01, 011, 0111, \dots\}$.

(vii) Thus $((1(0)^*) \cup (0(1)^*))$ is a RE over Σ i.e.,

$(10^* \cup 01^*) \approx (10^* + 01^*) = \{\epsilon, 1, 10, 100, 1000, \dots, 0, 01, 011, 0111, \dots\}$

$\therefore (1(0)^*) \cup (0(1)^*)$ can be written as:-

$(S1^* \cdot S0^* \epsilon) \cup (S0^* \cdot S1^*)$ or $\underline{10^* \cup 01^*}$

Properties of Regular Set

(P₁) The union of two Regular set is regular.

Proof :- Let us take two regular Expression.

$$RE_1 = a(aa)^*$$

$$RE_2 = (aa)^*$$

$$\text{So, } L_1 = \{a, aaa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

$$L_2 = \{\epsilon, aa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

$$\therefore L_1 \cup L_2 = \{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

(string of all possible lengths including
null)

$$\therefore RE_1 \cup RE_2 = a^* \text{ (which is a regular expression)}$$

$$\underline{RE(L_1 \cap L_2) = a^*}$$

(P₂) Intersection of two Regular set is Regular.

proof :- Let us take two Regular expression

$$RE_1 = a(a^*) \text{ and } RE_2 = (aa)^*$$

$$\text{So, } L_1 = \{a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$$

$$L_2 = \{\epsilon, aa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{aa, aaaa, \dots\}$$

$$\underline{RE(L_1 \cap L_2) = aa(aa)^*} \text{ which is a regular expression itself.}$$

(P₃) The complement of Regular set is regular.

Proof :- Let us take RE = $(aa)^*$

So, L = { ϵ , aa, aaaa, ...}.

∴ Complement of L is the set of strings that is not in L.

$L' = \{a, aaa, aaaaa, \dots\}$

RE(L') = $a(aa)^*$ which is a regular expression

(P₄) The difference of two regular set is regular.

Proof :- Let us take two REs -

$RE_1 = a(a^*)$ and $RE_2 = (aa)^*$

So, $L_1 = \{a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$

$L_2 = \{\epsilon, aa, aaaa, \dots\}$

$L_1 - L_2 = \{a, aaa, aaaaa, \dots\}$

RE(L₁ - L₂) = $a(aa)^*$ which is a regular expression

(P₅) The reversal of two regular set is regular.

Proof :- we have to show that L^R is also regular if L is RE.

Let L = {0, 00, 000, ...}, $RE_1 = 01^*$

So, $L = \{0, 01, 0111, \dots\}$

$L^R = \{0, 10, 1110, \dots\}$

RE(L₁^R) = 1^*0 i.e. regular expression.

(P6) The concatenation of two regular languages is regular.

Proof:- Let two REs be

$$RE_1 = (0+1)^* 0 \text{ and}$$

$$RE_2 = 01 (0+1)^*$$

$$\therefore L_1 = \{0, 00, 01, 000, 001, \dots\}$$

$$L_2 = \{01, 010, 011, 0100, \dots\}$$

$$\therefore L_1 \cdot L_2 = \{001, 0010, 0011, 0001, \dots\}$$

Set of strings containing 001 as substring

$$\text{i.e. } RE = \underline{(0+1)^* 001 (0+1)^*}$$

(Rules)

o Identities related to REs :-

Given R, P, L, Q as regular expression, the following identities hold:-

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad (M+N)L = ML + NL$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \epsilon^* = \epsilon$$

$$\textcircled{12} \quad \epsilon + RR^* = \epsilon + R^*R = R$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad QR^* = Q^*R$$

\textcircled{13}

$$\textcircled{4} \quad (R^*)^* = R^*$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad R^*R^* = R^*$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad (PQ)^*P = P(Q^*P)$$

$$\textcircled{7} \quad (a+b)^* = (a^*b^*)^* = (a^* + b^*)^*$$

$$\textcircled{8} \quad P + P = P + P = P$$

$$\textcircled{9} \quad RE - QRE = R$$

$$\textcircled{10} \quad L(M+N) = LM + LN.$$

Statement :-

• Let P and Q be two regular expression.

• If P does not contain null string, then

$Q = Q + QP$ has a unique solution

that is, $Q = QP^*$.

Proof :- $Q = Q + QP$

$$Q = Q + (Q + QP)P.$$

$$= Q + QP + QPP$$

$$\Rightarrow Q + QP + (Q + QP)PP$$

$$\Rightarrow Q + QP + QPP + QPPP$$

$$\text{So, } \Rightarrow Q + QP + QP^2 + QP^3 + QP^4 + \dots$$

$$\text{So, } \Rightarrow Q (\epsilon + P + P^2 + P^3 + P^4 + \dots)$$

$$\text{So, } \Rightarrow QP^*$$

$$\underline{R = QP^* \text{ is unique soln.}}$$

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Eg① Write a RE for the language accepting all combinations of a 's over $\Sigma = \{a\}$.

Solⁿ = $\{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, aaaa, \dots\} \Rightarrow a^*$

o Language represented by a RE-

→ If α is RE, then $L(\alpha)$ is the language represented by α . The function L is defined as follows:

(i) $L(\phi) = \emptyset$

(ii) $L(a) = \{a\}$ for each symbol $a \in \Sigma$.

(iii) If a and b are two REs, then $L(ab) = L(a)L(b)$

→ i.e., string in $L(ab)$ is the string from $L(a)$ followed by string of $L(b)$.

(iv) If a and b are two REs, then

$$L(a \cup b) = L(a) \cup L(b)$$

→ i.e., a string in $L(a \cup b)$ or $L(a + b)$ is string from $L(a)$ or $L(b)$.

(v) If a is an RE, then $L(a^*) = (L(a))^*$

→ i.e., a string in $L(a^*)$ is a string obtained by concatenating n elements of some $n \geq 0$.

o Problems

P ① Describe the following set by RE.

(a) $\{101\}$ (b) $\{\text{abbab}\}$ (c) $\{01, 10\}$

(d) $\{\epsilon, ab\}$ (e) $\{\text{abb}, \text{a}, \text{b}, \text{bab}\}$

(f) $\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\}$ (g) $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$

solⁿ - Q 8101?

→ The RE (1) or 1 represents RL S12

→ The RE (0) or 0 represents RL S02

→ ∴ The RE ((1)(0)(1)) or (101) or 101 represent the RL S101?

⑥ $\{abb\}$

→ RE (ab) ⇒ RL = $\{ab\}$

→ RE (ba) ⇒ RL = $\{bab\}$

→ RE ((ab)o(ba)) or (abba) ⇒ RL = $\{abba\}$.

⑦ $\{01, 10\}$

→ RE (01) ⇒ RL = $\{01\}$

→ RE (10) ⇒ RL = $\{10\}$

→ RE (01 ∪ 10) or (01 + 10) ⇒ RL = $\{01, 10\}$.

⑧ $\{\epsilon, ab\}$

→ RE ($\epsilon + ab$) or ($\epsilon + ab$) or $(\epsilon \cup ab)$ ⇒ RL = $\{\epsilon, ab\}$.

⑨ $\{abb, a, b, bba\}$

→ RE $\{abb \cup a \cup b \cup bba\}$ or $(abb + a + b + bba)$ ⇒ RL = $\{abb, a, b, bba\}$

⑩ $\{\epsilon, 0, 00, \dots\}$

→ RE (0^*) or 0^*

⑪ $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$

→ RE $(1 \cdot 1^*)$ or 11^*

Identities of REs -

- Two REs P and Q are equivalent (i.e., $P = Q$) if P and Q represent the same language.
- Assume P, Q , and R are REs.

* For Union (\cup) operation:-

$$I_1: P \cup (Q \cup R) = (P \cup Q) \cup R \quad [\text{Associativity}]$$

$$I_2: P \cup \phi = \phi \cup P = P \quad [\text{Identity}]$$

$$I_3: P \cup Q = Q \cup P \quad [\text{Commutativity}]$$

$$I_4: P \cup P = P \quad [\text{Idempotence}]$$

$$I_5: (P \cup Q)R = PR \cup QR \quad [\text{Distributive}]$$

$$\text{Left: } (P \cup Q) \cup R = (P \cup Q) \cup (QR) = P \cup (Q \cup R)$$

$$I_6: R(P \cup Q) = RP \cup RQ \quad [\text{Distributive}]$$

* For Concatenation (\circ) operation:-

$$I_7: P(QR) = (PR)R \quad [\text{Associativity}]$$

$$I_8: eR = Re = R \quad [\text{Identity}]$$

$$I_9: PQ \neq QP \quad [\text{Non-Commutativity}]$$

* $I_{10}: P\phi = \phi P = \phi$

$$I_{11}: P^+ = PP^* = P^*P$$

$$I_{12}: \text{If } P_1 \sqsubseteq P_2 \text{ and } P_3 \sqsubseteq P_4, \text{ then } P_1 P_3 \sqsubseteq P_2 P_4.$$

* For closure (*) operations -

$$I_{13} : \epsilon^* = \epsilon$$

$$I_{14} : \phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$I_{15} : p^* p^* = p^*$$

$$I_{16} : p^* p = p p^*$$

$$I_{17} : (p^*)^* = p^*$$

$$I_{18} : \epsilon \cup pp^* = \epsilon \cup p^* p = p^*$$

$$I_{19} : ((pq)^*)p = p((qp)^*)$$

$$I_{20} : (p \cup q)^* = (p^* q^*)^* = (p^* \cup q^*)^*$$

Eg: ① Suppose $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, what is $L(1(0^*)) \cup L(0(1^*))$?

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L(1(0^*)) \cup L(0(1^*)) &= (L(1) \circ L(0^*)) \cup (L(0) \circ L(1^*)) \\ &= (\{1\} \circ \{0^*\}) \cup (\{0\} \circ \{1^*\}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\{1\}\{0^*\}) \cup (\{0\}\{1^*\})$$

$$= 10^* + 01^*$$

$= \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* : w \text{ start with } 0 \text{ or } 1\}$

Eg: ② Suppose $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, what is $L((a \cup b)^* a)$?

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L(((a \cup b)^*) a) &= L((a \cup b)^*) \circ L(a) \\ &= (L(a) \cup L(b)^*) \circ L(a) \\ &= (\{\{a\} \cup \{b\}\}^* \{a\}) \end{aligned}$$

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

$= \{w \in \{a, b\}^* : w \text{ ends with } a\}$

Eg:-③ what language represented by the RE.

$$(((a^*a)_b) \cup b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(((a^*a)_b) \cup b) &= L((a^*a)_b) \cup L(b) \\
 &= (L(a^*a) \circ L(b)) \cup L(b) \\
 &= ((L(a)^*) \circ L(a)) L(b) \cup L(b) \\
 &= ((\Sigma a^* \Sigma a) \circ \Sigma b \epsilon) \cup \Sigma b \epsilon \\
 &= ((\Sigma a^* \Sigma a) \Sigma b \epsilon) \cup \Sigma b \epsilon \\
 &= \Sigma w \in \Sigma a, b \epsilon^*: w \text{ zero or more } a's \\
 &\quad \text{followed by a single } b \epsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Eg:-④ Rewrite the REs as a simpler expression representing the same set.

@ $\phi^* \cup a^* \cup b^* \cup (a \cup b)^*$

$$\Rightarrow \phi^* = \phi^0 \cup \phi^1 \cup \phi^2 \cup \phi^3 \cup \dots = \Sigma \epsilon \epsilon^*$$

- $a^* \subseteq (a \cup b)^*$ and $b^* \subseteq (a \cup b)^*$
- ∴ $a^* \cup b^* \subseteq (a \cup b)^*$

Therefore, $\phi^* \cup a^* \cup b^* \cup (a \cup b)^* = (a \cup b)^*$

⑥ $((a^* b^*)^* (b^* a^*)^*)^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \text{Since, } (a^* b^*)^* &= (a \cup b)^* \\
 \therefore ((a^* b^*)^* (b^* a^*)^*)^* &= ((a \cup b)^*) ((a \cup b)^*)^* \\
 \therefore ((a \cup b)^* (a \cup b)^*)^* &= ((a \cup b)^*)^* = \underline{(a \cup b)^*}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad (a^*b)^* \cup (b^*a)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow a^* = \{ \epsilon, a, aa, \dots \}$$

$\therefore a^*b = \{ b, ab, aab, \dots \}$ i.e., all strings ending with b of a .

$\therefore (a^*b)^*$ would give all possible strings over $\{a, b\}$ i.e., $\{a, b\}^*$

$\therefore (b^*a)^*$ would give all possible strings over $\{a, b\}$ i.e., $\{a, b\}^*$

$$\therefore (a^*b)^* \cup (b^*a)^* = (a \cup b)^*$$

$$\textcircled{d} \quad (a \cup b)^* a (a \cup b)^*$$

\Rightarrow all possible string over $\{a, b\}$ to the left, followed by an a , followed by all possible strings over $\{a, b\}$ to the right.

Eg:- \textcircled{e} Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, write RE for following sets.

@ All strings in Σ^* with no more than three a's.

$\Rightarrow b^* \Rightarrow$ gives all possible string without a's.

$\Rightarrow b^* a b^* \Rightarrow$ gives all possible string over $\{a, b\}$ with exactly one a's.

$\Rightarrow b^* a b^* a b^* \Rightarrow$ gives exactly two a's

$\Rightarrow b^* a b^* a b^* a b^* \Rightarrow$ will have exactly three a's.

\therefore RE. $b^* \cup b^* a b^* \cup b^* a b^* a b^* \cup b^* a b^* a b^* a b^*$

or

$b^* + b^* a b^* + b^* a b^* a b^* + b^* a b^* a b^* a b^*$

gives no more than three a's.

⑥ All strings in Σ^* with number of a's divisible by 3
⇒ the a's must come in a group of (0, 3, 6, ...)
∴ $(b^*ab^*ab^*)^*$ will give three a's.

∴ $(b^*ab^*ab^*a)^* b^*$ will give a's in multiple of 3.

⑦ All strings in Σ^* with exactly one occurrence of
substring aaa.

⇒ All string must follow. \underline{x} \underline{aaa} \underline{y} form
can be can be
empty empty.

⇒ If x is non-empty ∵ it should start with a and
end with b. and y should start with b.

$$\therefore X = (x, b)^* \quad : \quad x^*aaa^* = (x, b)^*aaa(b^*y_1)^*$$

$$y = (b^*y_1)^* \quad : \quad$$

∴ x , and y_1 can have one a's, two a's, or any no
of b's.

$$\therefore X_1 = auaaub^* \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 = auaaub^*$$

$$\therefore x^*aaa^* = ((auaaub^*)b)^*aaa(b(auaaub^*))^*$$

o More Examples on REs :-

- Assume that $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, then answer the following :-

Eg. ① :- What is the RE for :-

$L = \{ \text{set of all strings of length two} \}$

Sol. :- $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of length two} \}$

i.e., $L = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$.

$$\therefore (a+b)(a+b) \approx (a \cup b)(a \cup b).$$

Eg. ② :- ~~What~~ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of length at least two} \}$.

i.e., $L = \{aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, aab, \dots\}$

$\therefore (a \cup b)(a \cup b)$ gives string of length two.

$\therefore (a \cup b)(a \cup b)(a \cup b)^* \approx (a \cup b)^*(a \cup b)(a \cup b)$
will give the string of at least length 2.

Eg. ③ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of length at most two} \}$.

i.e., $L = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb\}$

$\therefore (a \cup b \cup \epsilon)(a \cup b \cup \epsilon)$ will give the
string of length at most two.

Eg. ④ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of even length} \}$.

i.e., $L = \{\epsilon, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaaa, aabb, \dots\}$

$\therefore (a \cup b)(a \cup b)$ gives string of length two

$\therefore ((a \cup b)(a \cup b))^* \Rightarrow \text{even length strings.}$

Eg:-⑤ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of odd length} \}$

i.e., $L = \{a, b, aaa, aab, \dots\}$

$\therefore ((a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*$ gives even length string

$\therefore (a \cup b)((a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*$ or $((a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*(a \cup b) \Rightarrow$
gives odd length string.

Eg:-⑥ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings of length divisible by 3} \}$

i.e., $\{\epsilon, aaa, aab, abb, \dots, aaaaa, aaaaab, \dots\}$

$\therefore ((a \cup b)(a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*$

Eg:-⑦ $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* : |w| \cong 2 \pmod{3} \}$

i.e., $L = \{aa, ab, ba, bb, aaaa, aaaaab, \dots\}$

$\therefore ((a \cup b)(a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*$ gives strings of length divisible
by 3.

$\therefore ((a \cup b)(a \cup b)(a \cup b))^*((a \cup b)(a \cup b)) \Rightarrow$ gives strings of
length $\cong \pmod{3}$.

Eg:-⑧ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings containing exactly two a's} \}$

i.e., $L = \{aa, aab, aba, baa, aabb, \dots\}$

$\therefore \overbrace{b}^* a \overbrace{b}^* a \overbrace{b}^* \Rightarrow \underline{b^* a b^* a b^*}$

Eg:-⑨ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings containing at least two a's} \}$

i.e., $L = \{aa, aab, baa, aabb, bbaa, abab, abba, \dots\}$

$\therefore b^* a b^* a (a \cup b)^*$

Eg:- ⑩ $L = \{ \text{set of strings containing at most two 'a's} \}$

i.e., $L = \{ \epsilon, b, a, aa, bab, ba, ab, aba, abb, bbb, \dots \}$

$$\therefore b^* (a \cup b)^* b^*$$

$$\therefore b^* (a \cup c) b^* (a \cup c) b^*$$

Eg:- ⑪ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings containing even no of 'a's} \}$

i.e., $L = \{ \epsilon, b, bb, aa, aab, aba, \dots \}$

$$\therefore (b^* a b^* a b^*)^* \cup (bb^*)$$

Eg:- ⑫ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings starting with 'ab'} \}$

i.e., $L = \{ a, aa, ab, aba, abb, \dots \}$

$$\therefore a(a \cup b)^*$$

Eg:- ⑬ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings ends with 'a'} \}$

i.e., $L = \{ a, aa, ba, baa, aba, \dots \}$

$$\therefore (a \cup b)^* a$$

Eg:- ⑭ $L = \{ \text{set of all strings containing at least 1 'a'} \}$

i.e., $L = \{ a, aa, ab, aba, aaa, \dots \}$

$$\therefore (a \cup b)^* a (a \cup b)^*$$

Eg:- ⑮ $\lambda = \{ \text{set of all strings, starting and ending with different symbols} \}$

i.e. $\lambda = \{ ab, ba, aab, abb, baa, bba, \dots \}$

$$\therefore \underline{(a(a \cup b)^* b) \cup (b(a \cup b)^* a)}$$

Eg:- ⑯ $\lambda = \{ \text{set of all strings, starting & ending with same symbols} \}$

i.e. $\lambda = \{ \overset{E/a, b}{aa}, bb, aba, bab, abba, babb, \dots \}$

$$\therefore \underline{(a(a \cup b)^* a) \cup (b(a \cup b)^* b) \cup a \cup b \cup E}$$

(P₁) starting and ending with same symbol.

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

(P₂) two consecutive a's and b's.

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

(P₃) even no of a's.

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

(P₄) no pair of consecutive 0's.

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

(P₅) two consecutive a's and b's.

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

* Problems related to RE's :-

① $\lambda = \{a\}^*$ $RE_S \Rightarrow (a)^*$

② $\lambda = \{ab\}^*$ $RE_S \Rightarrow (ab)^*$

③ $\lambda = \{a, b\}^*$ $RE_S \Rightarrow (a+b)^*$

④ $\lambda = \{aaa\}^*$ $RE_S \Rightarrow (aaa)^*$

⑤ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of string contains any no of } a's \}$ $RE_S = a^*$

⑥ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of string contains any combination of } a \text{ and } b \}$

$RE_S = (a+b)^*$

⑦ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of all strings containing exactly 2 } a's \}$

$RE_S = \frac{b^*}{a} a \frac{b^*}{a} a \frac{b^*}{a}$

⑧ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of all strings containing at least two } a's \}$

$RE_S = b^* a b^* a b^* (a \cup b)^*$ $\overbrace{b^* a b^* a} \overbrace{(a \cup b)^*}$

⑨ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of all strings containing at most two } a's \}$

$RE_S = b^* (a \cup \epsilon) b^* (a \cup \epsilon) b^*$

⑩ $\lambda = \{ \text{set-of all strings containing even no of } a's \}$

$RE_S = \underbrace{b^*}_{\text{b is even}} (a \cup \epsilon)^*$

$\lambda = \{ \epsilon, b, bb, aa, aabb, \dots \}$

$RE_S = (b^* a b^* a b^*)^* \cup (bb^*)^*$

(11) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings starting with } a \}$

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

(12) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings ending with } a \}$

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

(13) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings containing at least 1 } a \}$

$$RES \Rightarrow (a+b)^*a(a+b)^*$$

(14) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings starting with } a \}$

$$RES \Rightarrow a(a+b)^*a$$

(15) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings starting & ending with some symbol?} \}$

$$RES \Rightarrow (a(a+b)^*a) + (b(a+b)^*b)$$

(16) $L = \{ \text{set of all strings starting and ending with different symbols?} \}$

$$RES \Rightarrow (a(a+b)^*b) + (b(a+b)^*a).$$

(17) $L = \{ w = (0+1)^* \mid w \text{ has even no of } 1's \}$

$$RES \Rightarrow 0^*(10^*10^*)^*$$

(18) Let $\Rightarrow r = a(a+b)^*$, $s = aa^*b$ and $t = a^*b$. are three RES.

\therefore (i) $L(c) \subseteq L(r)$ and $L(c) \subseteq L(t)$ (ii) $L(r) \subseteq L(s)$ and $L(r) \subseteq L(t)$

only (i) is true.

(19) $L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ has no pair of consecutive zeros}\}$
REG $\Rightarrow (0+1)^*(0+\frac{\lambda}{2})$.

(20) $L = \{ \text{set of all string over } \{0,1\}^* \text{ containing at least one } 0 \text{ and one } 1.2.$

RES $\Rightarrow [(\text{01})^* 0 (\text{01})^* 1 (\text{01})^*] + [(\text{01})^* 1 (\text{01})^* 0 (\text{01})^*]$.

(21) $\lambda = \{ \text{set of all strings that don't contain substring 011}\}$

REG $\Rightarrow \{0, 01, 00, 11, 10, 100, 1100, \dots\}$

REC $\Rightarrow \underline{1^* 0^*}$.

(22) $\lambda = \{ \text{set of all strings in which every zero is followed by at least one 1}\}$

RES $\Rightarrow (\text{011}^+)^*$

(23) if L is a regular language over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, which one of the following is not regular.

(i) $L \cdot L_b^R = \{xy \mid x \in L, y \in L^R\}$

(ii) $\{ww^R \mid w \in L\}$ \checkmark

(iii) $\text{Prefix}(L) = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \exists z \in \Sigma^* \text{ such that } xy \in L\}$

(iv) $\text{Suffix}(L) = \{y \in \Sigma^* \mid \exists x \in \Sigma^* \text{ such that } xy \in L\}$

(24) $\lambda = \Sigma$ set of all strings containing two consecutive 0's and 1's. (4)

$$\text{RE} \Rightarrow (0+1)^*(00(0+1)^*11 + 11(0+1)^*00)(0+1)^*$$

(25) How many strings of length less than 4 contains the language described by the RE $(x+y)^*y(a+ab)^*$

Sol:- Length 1 $\Rightarrow y^1$
Length 2 $\Rightarrow xy, yy, ya \Rightarrow 3$
Length 3 $\Rightarrow xxy, xyy, yxy, yyy, yya, yya, yab, yaa,$
 $\Rightarrow 8.$

$$\text{Total} \Rightarrow 1+3+8 = 12.$$