

Regular Expressions

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Intended Learning Outcomes

- Come up with compilation rules from Regular Expressions to NFAs.

Languages

- Formal languages: Languages that have a formal definition.
- What Formal Languages do you know?

Define Regular Expressions

- Empty string: ϵ
- Some letter: α
- Some expression: \mathcal{R}
- Concatenation: $\mathcal{R}_0\mathcal{R}_1$
- Pattern to find: *sos*

Inputs

- No match: *something*
- A match: *ab*

Compilation

