



TOC Unit 1 MMCQ QB - bdfb

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MCQ on Unit- 1

1. Meera is asked to make an automaton which accepts a given string for all the occurrence of '1001' in it. How many number of transitions and States would Meera use such that, the string processing application works? *

- a. 9, 5
- b. 11,5
- c. 12,8
- d. 15,7

Ans: a

Explanation : start with initial state with string q0-q1-q2-q3-q4 (5 states) required to read 1-0-0-1 string, and to show all transition 0 & 1 total 9 transitions required as NFA.

2. From the given table, $\delta^*(q_0, 001) = ?$ *

Q	$\Delta(q,0)$	$\delta(q,1)$
q0	{q0}	{q0, q1}
q1	{q2}	{q2}
q2	{q3}	{q3}
q3	Φ	Φ

- a. {q0,q1}
- b. {q0, q1, q2}
- c. {q2, q1}
- d. {q3, q1, q2, q0}

Ans: a

Explanation: $\delta^*(q_0, 001) \Rightarrow (q_0, 01) \Rightarrow (q_0, 1) \Rightarrow (q_0, q1)$

3. The major difference between a moore and mealy machine is that *

- a. output of the former depends on the present state and present input
- b. output of the former depends only on the present state
- c. output of former depends only on the present input
- d. all of these

Ans: B

Explanation: in Moore machine output is only depends on present state

4. DFA can be expressed as a 5 tuple(Q, Σ , δ , q0, F), where δ is the transition function defined as ____?

- a. $\delta: \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
- b. $\delta: Q \times Q \rightarrow \Sigma$
- c. $\delta: Q \rightarrow Q$
- d. $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

Ans: D

Explanation: In DFA transition function can be calculated as $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$, If you know current state and current input then there is only one next state.

5. Given the language $L = \{ab, aa, baa\}$, which of the following strings are

in L^* ? 1) abaabaaabaa 2) aaaabaaaa 3) baaaaabaaaab 4) baaaaabaa *

- a. 1, 2, 3
- b. 2, 3, 4
- c. 1, 2, 4
- d. 1, 3, 4

Ans.: C

Explanation: Any combination of strings in set {ab, aa, baa} will be in L^* . 1)

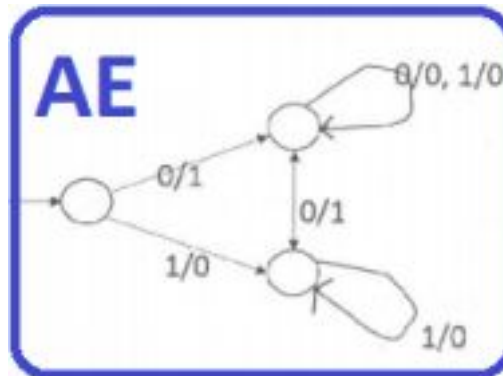
“abaabaaabaa” can be partitioned as a combination of strings in set {ab, aa, baa}. The partitions are “ab aa baa ab aa”

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3) “baaaaabaaaab” cannot be partitioned as a combination of strings in set {ab, aa, baa}

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6. Find out the purpose of FSM (Finite State Machine) machine pictured in



the figure

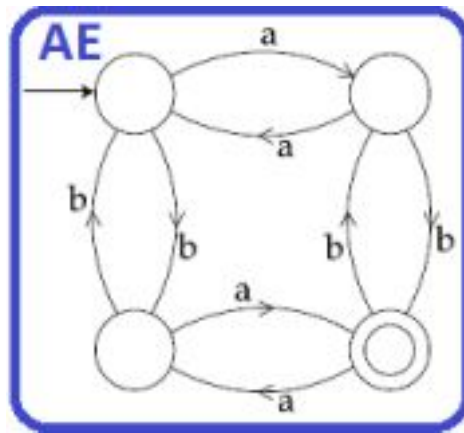
- a. Complements a given bit pattern
- b. Find 2's complement of a given bit pattern by 1
- c. Increments a given bit pattern by 1
- d. Changes the sign bit

Ans.: C

Explanation: Diagram shows input 0's and 1's are incremented by 1 at

final state **7. The finite state machine given in figure below recognizes**

: *



- a. Any string of odd number of a's
- b. Any string of odd number of b's
- c. Any string of even number of a's and odd number of b's
- d. Any string of odd number of a's and odd number of b's

Ans.: D

Explanation: as in diagram while we are starting from initial state and when reach to final state reading a's and b's then we will get odd number of a's and b's

8. How many minimum states are required in a DFA to find whether a given binary string has odd number of 0's or not, there can be any number of 1's.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Ans.: B

Explanation: to make number of 0's odd, we have to take two state q0 and q1, q0 is initial state and q1 will be final state, so start with q0 on reading symbol 0 reach to final state always we will get odd number of 0.

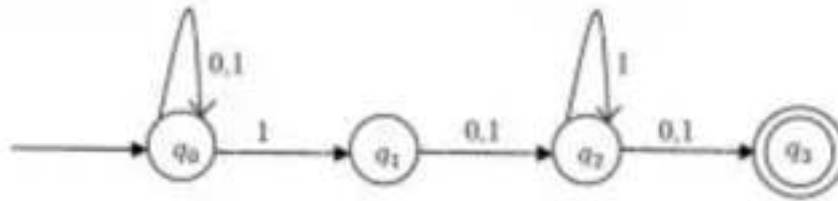
9. Which of the following is not true?

- a. Power of deterministic automata is equivalent to power of non-deterministic automata.
- b. Power of deterministic pushdown automata is equivalent to power of non-deterministic pushdown automata.
- c. Power of deterministic Turing machine is equivalent to power of non-deterministic Turing machine
- d. All the above

Ans.: b

Explanation: DPDA and NPDA are different from each other so they are not equivalent

10. Consider the finite automaton in the following figure. What is the set of reachable states for the input string 0011 ? *



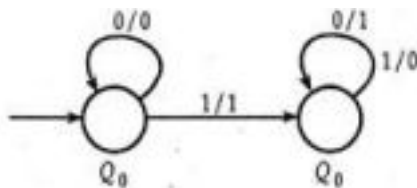
- a. q_0, q_1, q_2
- b. q_0, q_1
- c. q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3
- d. q_3

Ans: A

Explanation: $d(q_0, 0011) \Rightarrow d(q_0, 011) \Rightarrow d(q_0, 11) \Rightarrow d(q_1, 1) \Rightarrow (q_2)$

we want reachable path e-closure of $q_2 = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$

11. The following diagram represents a finite state machine which takes as input a binary number from the least significant bit. *



- a. It computes 1's complement of the input number
- b. It computes 2's complement of the input number
- c. It increments the input number
- d. It decrements the input number

Ans: B

Explanation: In diagram, we have to keep reading all number of 0's until get first 1, once get first 1 we have to keep that as it is, after that if read 0 replace it with 1 and if reads 1 replace it with 0. this is the logic for 2's complement of number

12. Fill in the missing blank in the given Transition Table: Language $L = \{x \mid x \text{ is not divisible by 3}\}$ accepts all the binary strings not divisible by 3 *

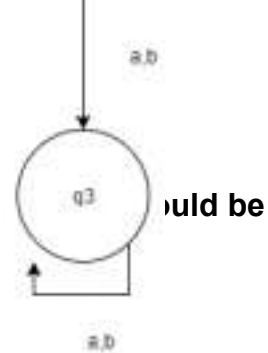
	0	1
Q0	Q0	Q1
Q1	Q2	Q0
Q2		Q2

- a. Q0
- b. Q1
- c. Q2
- d. No Transition

Ans: B

Explanation : while state is Q0 and input is 1, reminder will be 1 so, state is Q1 (Apply binary strings not divisible by 3 logic)

13. . $L = \{x \mid \sum = \{i\}$
notated as fina

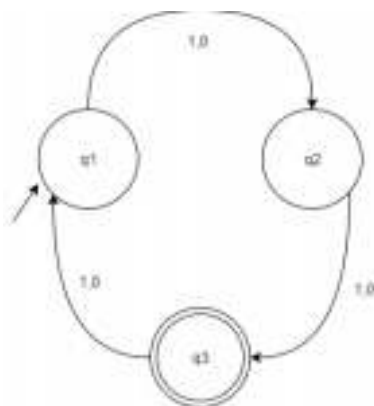


- a. q1
- b. q2
- c. q1,q2
- d. q3

Ans: B

Explanation: According to the given language, q2 is to become the final/acceptance state in order to satisfy.

14. Which of the following will the given DFA won't accept? *



- a. ϵ
- b. 11010
- c. 10001010
- d. String of letter count 11

Ans: A

Explanation. There is no empty string that reaches to final state, thus given DFA won't accept ϵ

15. ϵ -closure of state is combination of self state and _____ *

- a. Initial state
- b. ϵ - reachable state
- c. Final state
- d. All

Ans: A

Explanation. E-closure means state having transition with input ϵ called ϵ -reachable state

16. If L is DFA-regular, L' is

- a) Non regular
- b) DFA-regular
- c) Non-finite
- d) None of the mentioned

Answer: b

Explanation: This is a simple example of a closure property: a property saying that the set of DFA regular languages is closed under certain operations.

17. Finite state machine are not able to recognize Palindromes

because: a) Finite automata cannot deterministically find the midpoint
b) Finite automata cannot remember arbitrarily large amount of data
c) Even if the mid point is known, it cannot find whether the second half matches the first
d) All of the mentioned

Answer: d

Explanation: It is the disadvantage or lack of property of a DFA that it cannot remember an arbitrarily such large amount of data which makes it incapable of accepting such languages like palindrome, reversal, etc.

18. The Non- Kleene star operation accepts the following string of finite length over set A= {0,1} | where string S contains even number of 0 and 1

- a) 01, 0011, 010101
- b) 0011, 11001100
- c) ϵ , 0011, 11001100
- d) ϵ , 0011, 11001100

Answer : b

Explanation: The Kleene star of A, denoted by A^* , is the set of all strings obtained by concatenating zero or more strings from A.

19. Given $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$, $L = \{ X \in \Sigma^* \mid X \text{ is a string combination} \}$ Σ^4 represents which among the following

- a) {aa, ab, bb, ba }
- b) {aaaa, abab, ϵ , abaa, aabb}
- c) {aaa, aab, aba, bbb}
- d) All of mentioned

Answer : b

Explanation: Σ^* represents any combination of the given set while Σ^x represents the set of combinations with length x where $x \in \mathbb{N}$.

20. The number of elements in the set for the language $L = \{ x \in (\Sigma')^* \mid \text{length of } x \text{ is at most } 2 \}$ and $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ is -----

- a) 7
- b) 6
- c) 8
- d) 5

Answer : a

Explanation: $\Sigma^r = \{1,0\}$ and a kleen* operation would lead to the following set =
COUNT (ϵ , 0,1,00,11,01,10)=7

21. Under which of the following operation, NFA is not closed?

- a) Negation
- b) Kleene
- c) Concatenation
- d) None of the mentioned

Answer: d

Explanation: NFA is said to be closed under the following operations:

- a) Union
- b) Intersection
- c) Concatenation
- d) Kleene
- e) Negation

22. Which of the following is an application of Finite Automaton?

- a) Compiler Design
- b) Grammar Parsers
- c) Text Search
- d) All of the mentioned

Answer: d

Explanation: There are many applications of finite automata, mainly in the field of Compiler Design and Parsers and Search Engines.

23. Given a NFA with N states, the maximum number of states in an equivalent minimized DFA is at least

- a) N^2
- b) 2^N
- c) $2N$
- d) $N!$

Answer: b

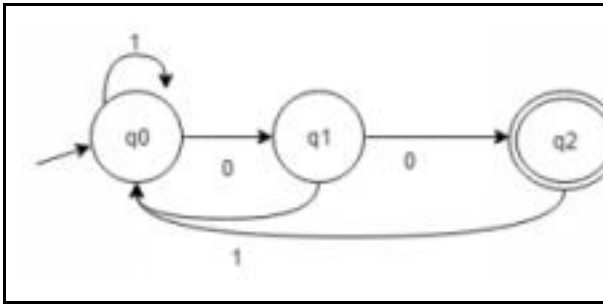
Explanation: as per definition of DFA , if NFA has N states then DFA has power set of that states, so answer is 2^N

24. Predict The number of transitions required to automate the following language using only 3 states: $L = \{w \mid w \text{ ends with } 00\}$

- a) 3
- b) 2
- c) 4
- d) Cannot be said

Answer: a

Explanation:



25. For following language how many total number of states are required to build DFA: $L = \{w \mid w \text{ has exactly 2 a's and at least 2 b's}\}$

- a) 10
- b) 11
- c) 12
- d) 13

Answer: a

Explanation: We need to make the number of a's fixed i.e. 2 and b's can be 2 or more. Thus, using this condition a finite automata can be created using 10 states.

26. Transition function maps.

- a) $\Sigma^* \times Q \rightarrow \Sigma$
- b) $Q \times Q \rightarrow \Sigma$
- c) $\Sigma \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
- d) $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

Answer: d

Explanation: Inputs are state and input string output is states.

27. Extended transition function is .

- a) $Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$
- b) $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
- c) $Q^* \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma$
- d) $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$

Answer: a

Explanation: This takes single state and string of input to produce a state.

28. $\delta^*(q, ya)$ is equivalent to .

- a) $\delta((q, y), a)$
- b) $\delta(\delta^*(q, y), a)$
- c) $\delta(q, ya)$
- d) independent from δ notation

Answer: b

Explanation: First it parse y string after that it parse a.

29. Languages of a automata is

- a) If it is accepted by automata
- b) If it halts
- c) If automata touch final state in its life time
- d) All language are language of automata

Answer:a

Explanation: If a string accepted by automata it is called language of automata.

30. Language of finite automata is.

- a) Type 0
- b) Type 1
- c) Type 2
- d) Type 3

Answer:d

Explanation: According to Chomsky classification.

31. Finite automata requires minimum how many number of stacks. a) 1

- b) 0
- c) 2
- d) None of the mentioned

Answer:b

Explanation: Finite automata doesn't require any stack operation .

32. Number of final state require to accept Φ in minimal finite automata.

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) None of the mentioned

Answer:d

Explanation: No final state requires.

33. How many DFA's exists with two states over input alphabet $\{0,1\}$?

- a) 16
- b) 26
- c) 32
- d) 64

Answer:d

Explanation: Number of DFA's = $2^n * n^{(2*n)}$.

34. The basic limitation of finite automata is that

- a) It can't remember arbitrary large amount of information.
- b) It sometimes recognize grammar that are not regular.
- c) It sometimes fails to recognize regular grammar.
- d) All of the mentioned

Answer:a

Explanation:Because there is no memory associated with automata.

35. Number of states require to simulate a computer with memory capable of storing '3' words each of length '8'.

a) $3 * 2^8$

b) $2^{(3*8)}$

c) $2^{(3+8)}$

d) None of the mentioned

Answer: b

Explanation: $2^{(m*n)}$ states requires .

36. According to the 5-tuple representation i.e. $FA = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q, F\}$

Statement 1: $q \in Q$; Statement 2: $F \subseteq Q$

a) Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is false

b) Statement 1 is false, Statement 2 is true

c) Statement 1 is false, Statement 2 may be true

d) Statement 1 may be true, Statement 2 is false

Answer: b

Explanation: Q is the Finite set of states, whose elements i.e. the states constitute the finite automata.

37. δ^* tells us the best:

a) how the DFA S behaves on a word u

b) the state is the dumping state

c) the final state has been reached

d) Kleene operation is performed on the set

Answer: a

Explanation: δ or the Transition function describes the best, how a DFA behaves on a string where to transit next, which direction to take.

38. For a DFA accepting binary numbers whose decimal equivalent is divisible by 4, what are all the possible remainders?

a) 0

b) 0,2

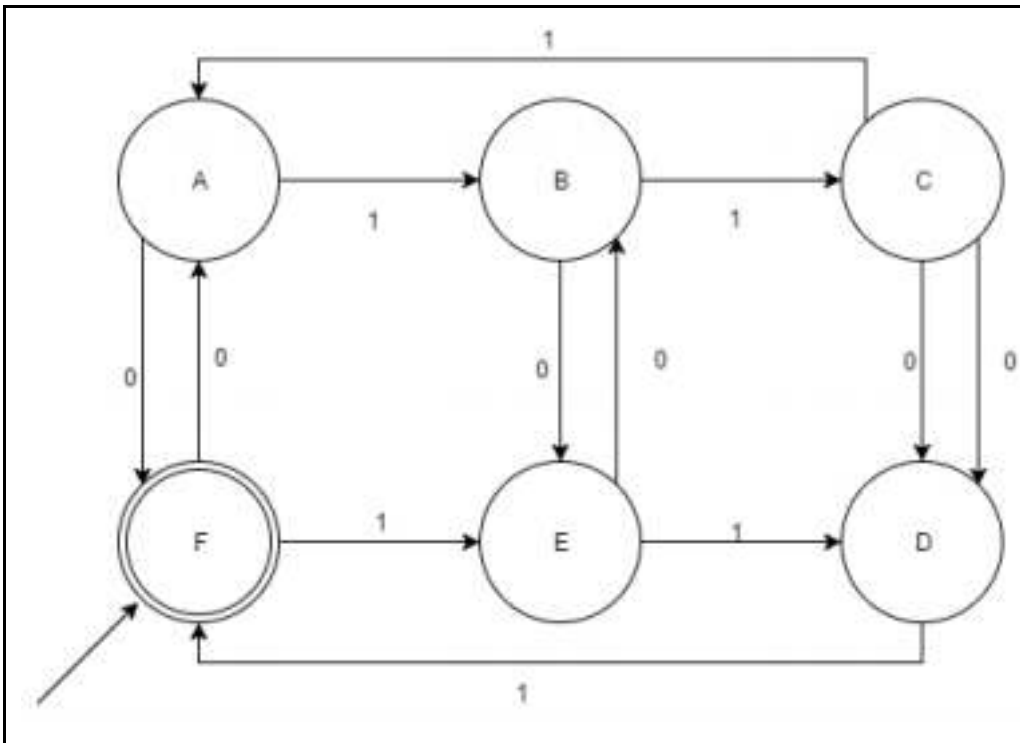
c) 0,2,4

d) 0,1,2,3

Answer: d

Explanation: All the decimal numbers on division would lead to only 4 remainders i.e. 0,1,2,3 (Property of Decimal division).

39. Which of the following x is accepted by the given DFA (x is a binary string $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$)?



- a) divisible by 3
- b) divisible by 2
- c) divisible by 2 and 3
- d) divisible by 3 and 2

Answer: d

Explanation: The given DFA accepts all the binary strings such that they are divisible by 3 and 2. Thus, it can be said that it also accepts all the strings which are divisible by 6.

40. Given:

$L_1 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid x \text{ contains even no's of 0's}\}$

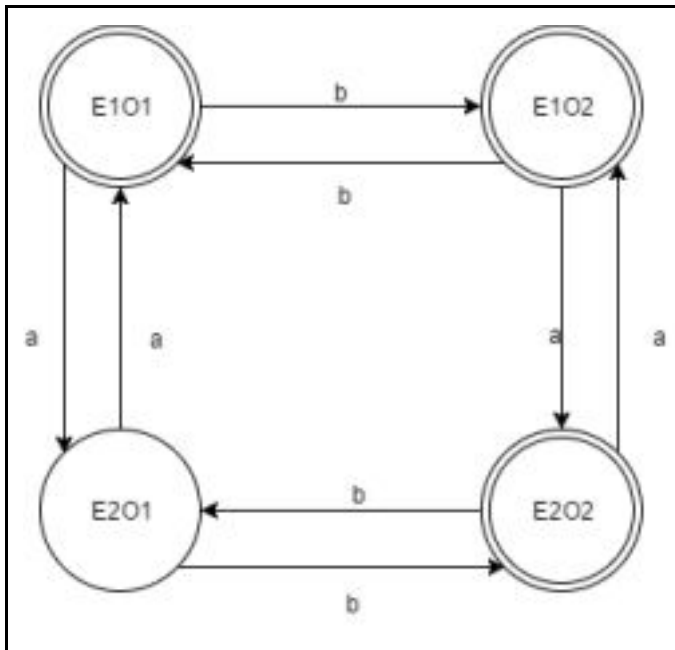
$L_2 = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid x \text{ contains odd no's of 1's}\}$

No. of final states in Language $L_1 \cup L_2$?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer: c

Explanation:



41. The maximum number of transition which can be performed over a state in a DFA? $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Answer: c

Explanation: The maximum number of transitions which a DFA allows for a language is the number of elements the transitions constitute.

42. Which of the following options is correct?

Statement 1: Initial State of NFA is Initial State of DFA.

Statement 2: The final state of DFA will be every combination of final state of NFA. a) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is true

b) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false

c) Statement 1 can be true and Statement 2 is true

d) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is also false

Answer: a

Explanation: Statement 1 and 2 always true for a given Language.

43. If NFA of 6 states excluding the initial state is converted into DFA, maximum possible number of states for the DFA is ?

- a) 64
- b) 32
- c) 128

d) 127

Answer: c

Explanation: The maximum number of sets for DFA converted from NFA would be not greater than 2^n .

44. NFA, in its name has 'non-deterministic' because of :

- a) The result is undetermined
- b) The choice of path is non-deterministic
- c) The state to be transited next is non-deterministic
- d) All of the mentioned

Answer: b

Explanation: Non deterministic or deterministic depends upon the definite path defined for the transition from one state to another or undefined(multiple paths).

45. Given Language $L = \{x \{a, b\}^* | x \text{ contains aba as its substring}\} \in$

Find the difference of transitions made in constructing a DFA and an equivalent NFA? a) 2

b) 3

c) 4

d) Cannot be determined.

Answer: a

Explanation: The individual Transition graphs can be made and the difference of transitions can be determined.

46. Which of the following option is correct?

- a) NFA is slower to process and its representation uses more memory than DFA
 - b) DFA is faster to process and its representation uses less memory than NFA
 - c) NFA is slower to process and its representation uses less memory than DFA
 - d) DFA is slower to process and its representation uses less memory than NFA
- Answer: c

Explanation: NFA, while computing strings, take parallel paths, make different copies of input and goes along different paths in order to search for the result. This creates the difference in processing speed of DFA and NFA.

47. What is the relation between DFA and NFA on the basis of computational power? a) DFA > NFA

b) NFA > DFA

c) Equal

d) Can't be said

Answer: c

Explanation: DFA is said to be a specific case of NFA and for every NFA that exists for a given language, an equivalent DFA also exists.

48. Subset Construction method refers to:

- a) Conversion of NFA to DFA
- b) DFA minimization
- c) Eliminating Null references
- d) ϵ -NFA to NFA

Answer: a

Explanation: The conversion of a non-deterministic automata into a deterministic one is a process we call subset construction or power set construction.

49. If L is a regular language, L^c and L^r both will be:

- a) Accepted by NFA
- b) Rejected by NFA
- c) One of them will be accepted
- d) Cannot be said

Answer: a

Explanation: If L is a regular Language, L^c and L^r both are regular even.

50. Which of the following is an application of Finite Automaton?

- a) Compiler Design
- b) Grammar Parsers
- c) Text Search
- d) All of the mentioned

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