

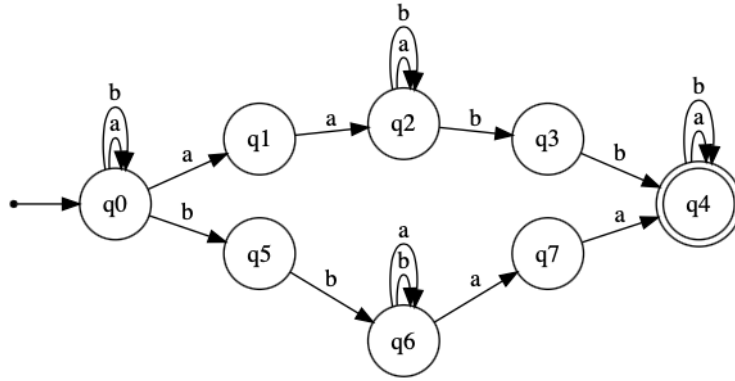
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Homework 1

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1. (a)  $((a \cup b)^* aa(a \cup b)^* bb(a \cup b)^*) \cup ((a \cup b)^* bb(a \cup b)^* aa(a \cup b)^*)$   
or  $(a \cup b)^* ((aa(a \cup b)^* bb) \cup (bb(a \cup b)^* aa))(a \cup b)^*$

- (b)  $M = (K, \Sigma, \Delta, s, F)$   
 $K = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6, q_7\}$   
 $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$   
 $s = q_0$   
 $F = \{q_4\}$   
 $\Delta = \{(q_0, a, q_0), (q_0, b, q_0), (q_0, a, q_1), (q_1, a, q_2), (q_2, a, q_2), (q_2, b, q_2), (q_2, b, q_3), (q_3, b, q_4), (q_4, a, q_4), (q_4, b, q_4), (q_0, b, q_5), (q_5, b, q_6), (q_6, a, q_6), (q_6, b, q_6), (q_6, a, q_7), (q_7, a, q_4)\}$

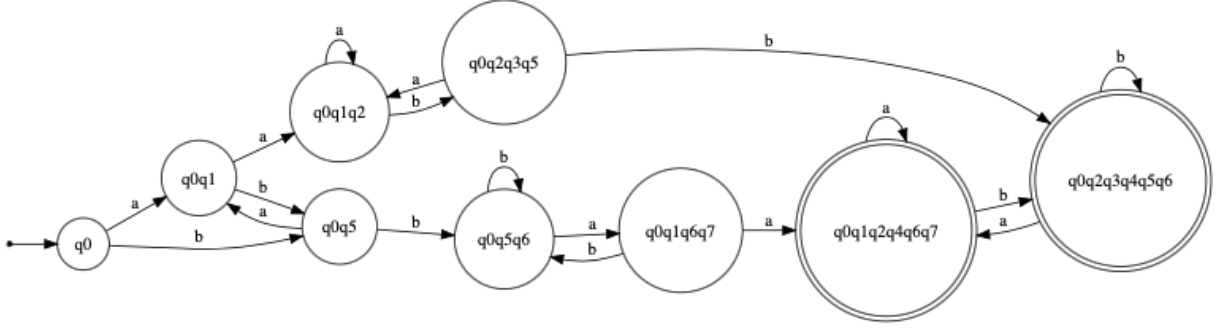


- (c)  $M' = (K', \Sigma, \delta, s', F')$   
 $K' = \{\{q_0\}, \{q_0, q_1\}, \{q_0, q_5\}, \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, \{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_5\}, \{q_0, q_1, q_6, q_7\}, \{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}, \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\}\}$   
 $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$   
 $s' = q_0$   
 $F' = \{\{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}, \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\}\}$  (the ones that include  $q_4$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(q_0) &= \{q_0\}, E(q_1) = \{q_1\}, E(q_2) = \{q_2\}, E(q_3) = \{q_3\}, E(q_4) = \{q_4\}, E(q_5) = \{q_5\}, E(q_6) = \{q_6\}, E(q_7) = \{q_7\}, \\
 \delta(\{q_0\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) = \{q_0, q_1\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) = \{q_0, q_5\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_1\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup E(q_2) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_1\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup \{\} = \{q_0, q_5\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_5\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup \{\} = \{q_0, q_1\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_5\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup E(q_6) = \{q_0, q_5, q_6\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_2) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_3) = \{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_5\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_6) \cup E(q_7) = \{q_0, q_1, q_6, q_7\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup E(q_6) \cup E(q_6) = \{q_0, q_5, q_6\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_5\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup E(q_2) \cup \{\} \cup \{\} = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\} \\
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 \delta(\{q_0, q_1, q_6, q_7\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_6) \cup \{\} = \{q_0, q_5, q_6\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}, a) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup E(q_2) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_4) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_6) \cup E(q_7) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\} \\
 \delta(\{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}, b) &= E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_3) \cup E(q_4) \cup E(q_4) \cup E(q_6) \cup E(q_6) = \{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta(\{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\}, a) = E(q_0) \cup E(q_1) \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_4) \cup E(q_6) \cup E(q_7) \cup E(q_4) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\}$$

$$\delta(\{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4, q_6, q_7\}, b) = E(q_0) \cup E(q_5) \cup \{\} \cup E(q_2) \cup E(q_3) \cup E(q_4) \cup E(q_6) \cup \{\} = \{q_0, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5, q_6\}$$



(d) For NFA:

$(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, bb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, b) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, e)$  ( $q_0$  is not a final state)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, bb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, b) \vdash_M (\{q_5\}, e)$  ( $q_5$  is not a final state)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, bb) \vdash_M (\{q_5\}, b) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, e)$  ( $q_6$  is not a final state)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_1\}, bb)$  ( $q_1$  does not accept b)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_0\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_5\}, abb)$  ( $q_5$  does not accept a)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_5\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, bb) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, b) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, e)$  ( $q_6$  is not a final state)  
 $(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_M (\{q_5\}, babb) \vdash_M (\{q_6\}, abb) \vdash_M (\{q_7\}, bb)$  ( $q_7$  does not accept b)

Since none of them reaches the final state, the  $w'$  is not accepted.

For DFA:

$(\{q_0\}, bbabb) \vdash_{M'} (\{q_0, q_5\}, babb) \vdash_{M'} (\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, abb) \vdash_{M'} (\{q_0, q_1, q_6, q_7\}, bb) \vdash_{M'} (\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, b) \vdash_{M'} (\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}, e)$   
 Since  $\{q_0, q_5, q_6\}$  is not a final state, the  $w'$  is not accepted.

2. (a) First let check if  $L_1$  is regular.

Let  $L_1$  be a regular language. Then there exists an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that every string  $w$  in  $L_1$  of length at least  $n$  can be written as  $w = xyz$  with satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $|y| \geq 1$
2.  $|xy| \leq n$
3.  $xy^iz \in L_1$  for  $\forall i \geq 0$

Let  $m = n + 1$  then  $w = a^{n+1}b^n$  where  $|w| = (2n + 1) \geq n$

Find  $xyz$  such that  $|xy| \leq n$

$w = aaaa...aabb...b$  then  $x = a^\alpha, y = a^\beta, z = a^{n+1-\alpha-\beta}b^n$  where  $\beta \geq 1$  and  $\alpha + \beta \leq n$

$xy^iz$  must be in the language for all  $i \geq 0$

If we take  $i = 0$ , we get  $xz = a^\alpha a^{n+1-\alpha-\beta}b^n = a^{n+1-\beta}b^n$ . Since  $(n + 1 - \beta) \neq n$  this does not satisfy the  $a^m b^n, m > n$  rule of the language, by contradiction  $L_1$  is not a regular language.

$L_2$  is the complement of the  $L_1$ . Complement of a non-regular language is always a non-regular language. Then  $L_2$  also is a non-regular language. Proof of this by contradiction:

Let  $L$  be a non regular language, and let  $\bar{L}$  be a regular language. Since  $\bar{L}$  is regular  $\bar{\bar{L}} = L$  also is regular. Which contradicts our assumption that  $\bar{L}$  is non regular.  $L$  is regular if and only if  $\bar{L}$  is regular.

Therefore,  $L_2$  is not a regular language.

(b)  $L_4$  is a language that consist of strings which starts with  $n$  a's followed by same number of  $n$  b's. Such as  $\{ab, aabb, aaabbb, \dots\}$

$L_5$  is a language that consist of strings which starts with some number of a's followed by some number of b's. Such as  $\{e, a, b, ab, aa, bb, aaa, aab, abb, bbb, aaaa, aaab, aabb, abbb, bbbb, \dots\}$

Therefore, set of strings that are accepted by  $L_5$  includes the set of strings that are accepted by  $L_4$ . (Since  $L_5$  includes all number of a's followed by b's, and  $L_4$  includes only equal number of a's followed by b's)

We can say that  $L_4$  is a subset of  $L_5$ . Therefore their union is  $L_5$  language.  $L_4 \cup L_5 = L_5$

We can express  $L_5$  as regular expression  $a^*b^*$ .

$L_5 \cup L_6 = a^*b^* \cup b^*a(ab^*a)^*$

Since a regular language is a language that can be expressed with a regular expression, and we can express  $L_4 \cup L_5 \cup L_6$  as  $a^*b^* \cup b^*a(ab^*a)^*$ , their union is a regular language.