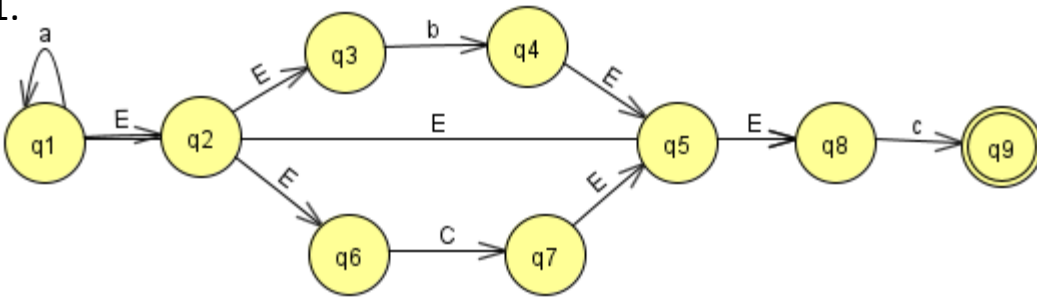
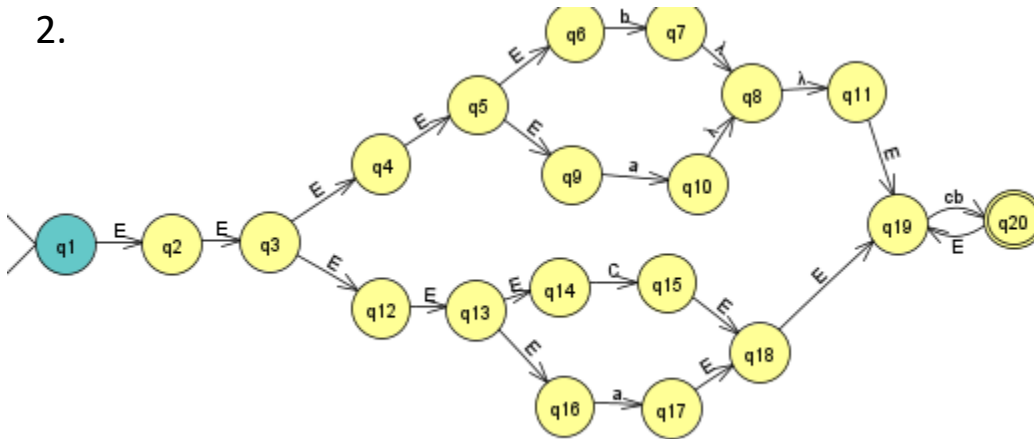


Problem 1:

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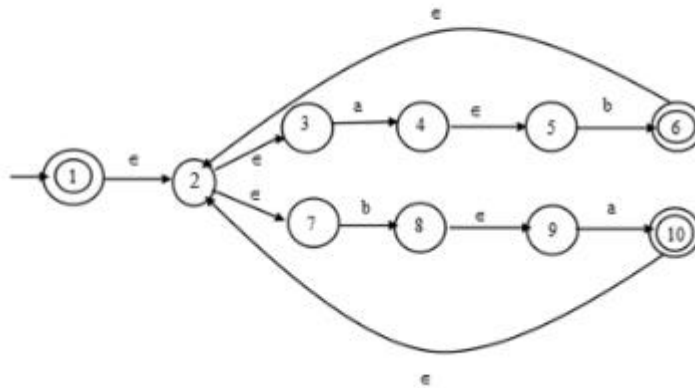


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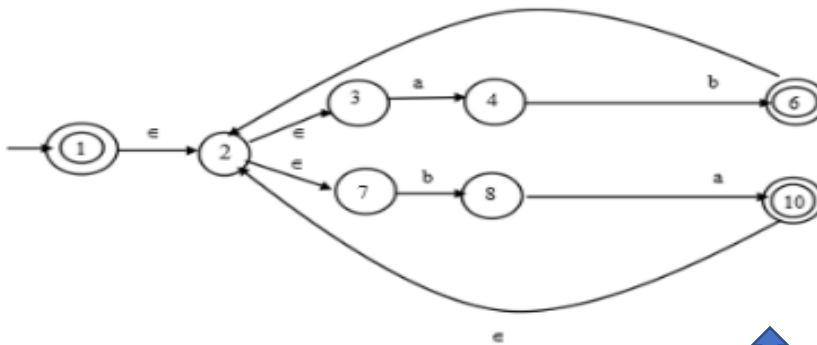


Problem 2: 1.

(a)

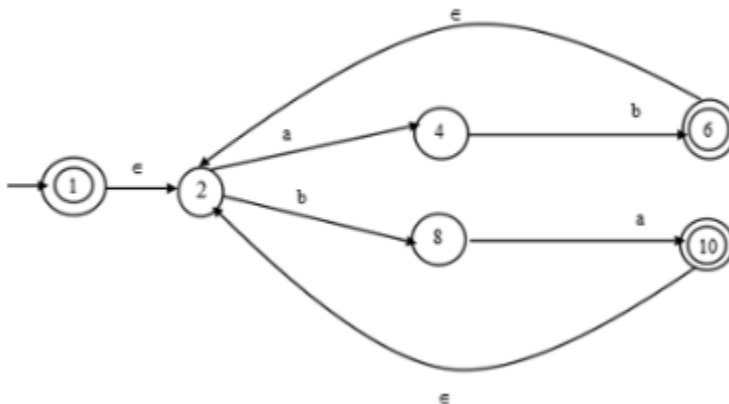


Step 1: Remove the NULL state between the states 4 and 5, 8 and 9 and redraw the NFA as follows.



Step 2: In this NFA, one state from each end is eliminated. Here, the states 5 and 9 are deleted.

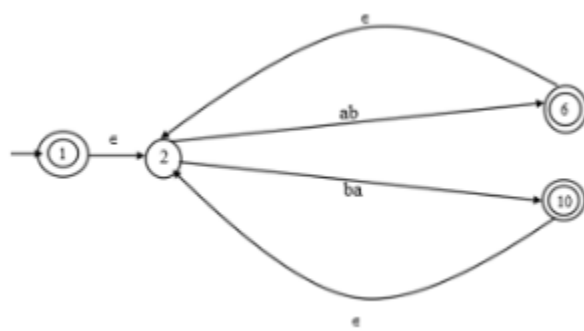
Remove the Null state (E) between the states 2 and 3, 2 and 7 and redraw the NFA as follows:



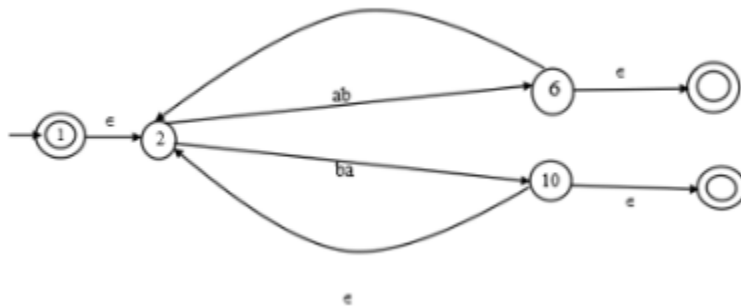


Step 3: In this NFA, states 3 and 7 are eliminated.

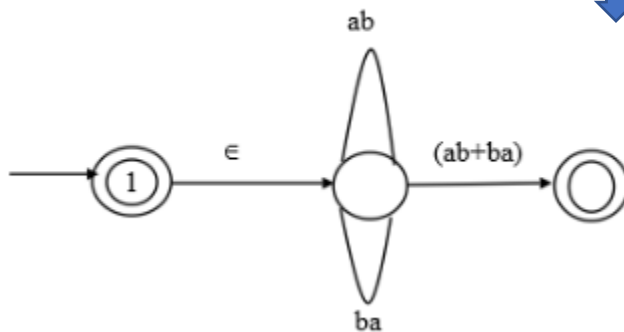
Now, remove the states 4 and 8 and merge the characters as 'ab' and 'ba' respectively.



Introduce two states, which will act as the final states originating from state 6 and 10 as follows:



Now, eliminate the states 6 and 10 and redraw the NFA as follows:

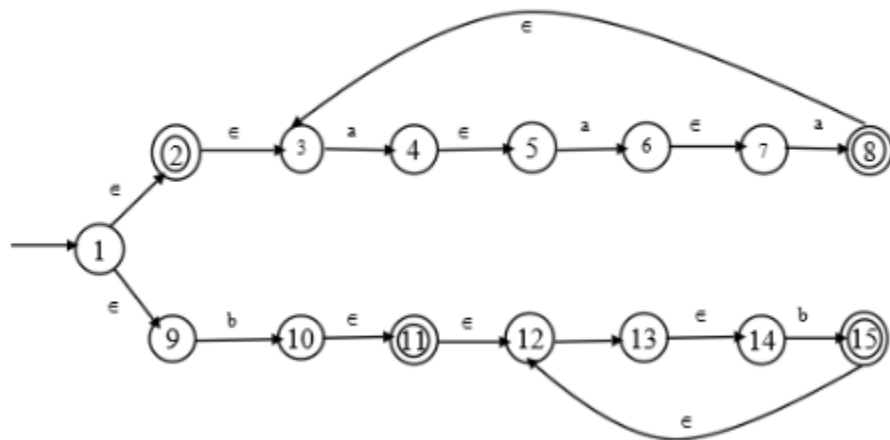


- The regular expression will be as follows:

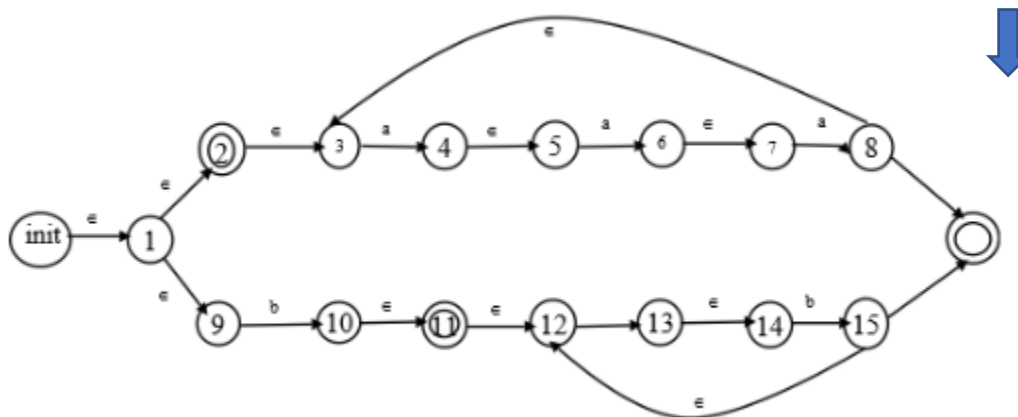
$$(\epsilon + (ab)^* + (ba)^* + (ab + ba) + \epsilon) \Rightarrow ((ab)^* + (ba)^* + (ab + ba))$$

2.

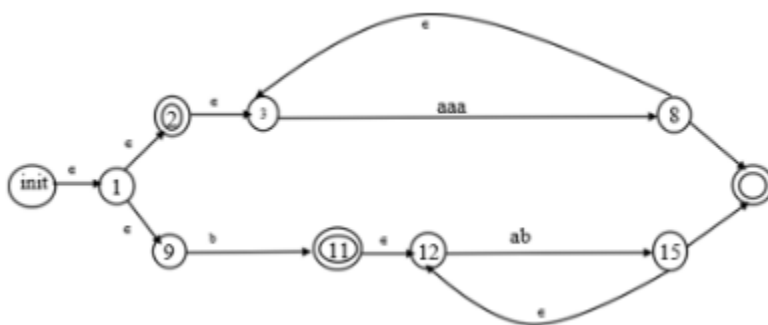
(b)



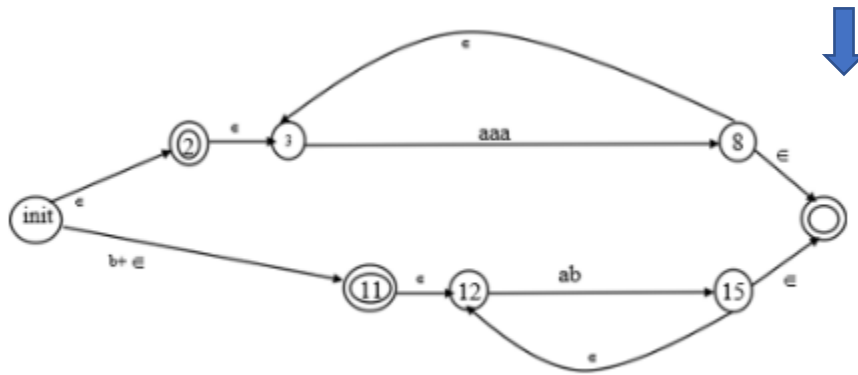
Steps: Redraw the NFA by introducing more states as follows:



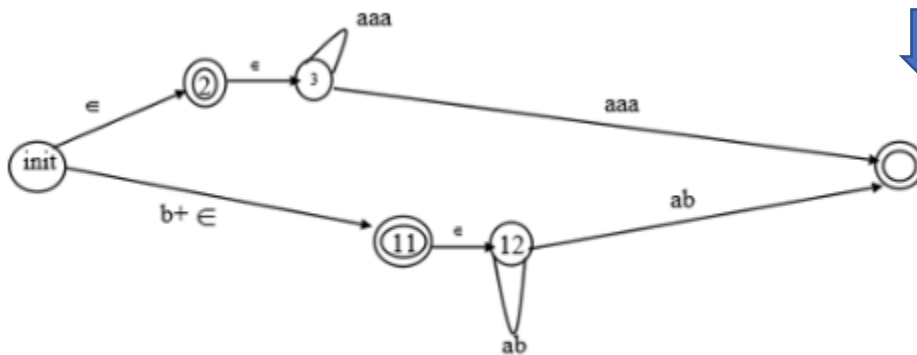
Now, remove the states 4,5,6,7 and 10,13,14 and redraw the NFA as follows:



Also, remove the states 1 and 9 as follows:



Now, remove the states 8 and 15 and redraw the NFA as follows:



The regular expression will be:

$$(\epsilon + (aaa)^*aaa + b + (ab)^*ab) \Rightarrow ((aaa)^*aaa + b + (ab)^*ab)$$