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## AT - Theory Assignment I

Ans 1. Given:

An NFA with 5 states,  $n = 5$ Size of alphabet,  $\Sigma$ ,  $p = 3$ 

Solution:

For each symbol in the alphabet, a state can transition to any of the 5 states including itself.

$\therefore$  # transitions for all 5 states for 1 input symbol =  $n \times n = 25$

$\because p = 3$ , such transitions are possible for all input symbols.

$\therefore$  Total possible # transitions: (excluding epsilon transitions)

$$p \times 25 = 3 \times 25 = 75 \text{ transitions.}$$

$\epsilon$  transitions don't consume any input symbols. They allow transitions to another (or same) state without reading any symbol from the input tape.

Each state can have epsilon transitions to any of the 5 states.

Thus, there are  $5 \times 5 = 25$  epsilon transitions

$\therefore$  The maximum # of transitions that the given NFA can have is :

$$75 + 25 = 100$$

2 Given:

A FST defined by  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, S)$

$\Sigma = \text{set of unicode characters}$

We have to construct a transducer that outputs the part of the program that is not connected.

Solutions:

Let  $c$  represent all / any unicode characters except  $\%$ .

We design the transducer in the following way:

Current state	Input	Next State	Output
$q_0$	$\%$	$q_1$	$E$
$q_0$	$c$	$q_0$	$c$
$q_1$	$\%$	$q_2$	$E$
$q_1$	$c$	$q_0$	$\%c$
$q_1$	$E$		$\%$
$q_2$	$\%$	$q_3$	$e$
$q_2$	$c$	$q_2$	$E$
$q_3$	$\%$	$q_0$	$E$
$q_3$	$c$	$q_2$	$E$

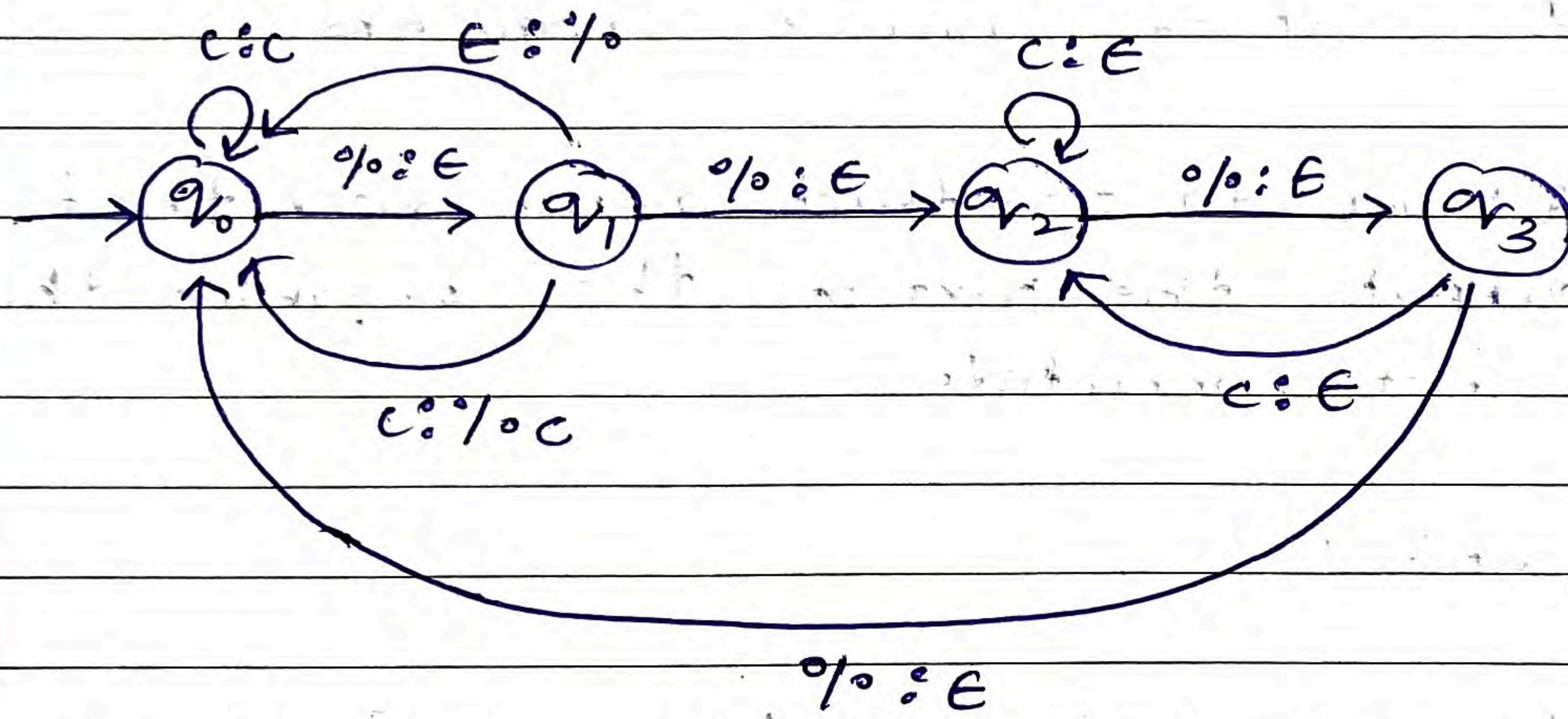
where:

$q_0$  represents the start state that reads code.

$q_1$  represents the start of a comment

$q_2$  represents the state reached on

determining that a comment has started  
 $q_{r_3}$  represents the potential end of a  
comment.



### Reasoning:

$q_0$  starts reading code if it encounters a  $\%$  on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  in the code, it could be the start of a comment. It transitions to  $q_1$ . If it encounters any other character 'c', if 'c' is outside a comment, so it outputs 'c'.

If  $q_1$  encounters another  $\%$  (after  $q_0$ ), this confirms start of a comment.

$q_1$  transitions to  $q_2$ . If it encounters any other character 'c', this means that there is no comment. Both ' $\%$ ' & 'c' are outputted.  $q_1$  transitions to  $q_0$  to scan for any potential start of a comment.

If  $q_1$  reads a  $\%$ , this could be the potential start or end of a comment,

if transitions to  $q_3$ . If it encounters any other character, this means that the comment has started, anything within a comment is not outputted. It stays in  $q_2$ .

If  $q_3$  encounters a '%, it signifies end of a comment.  $q_3$  transitions to  $q_0$  to start scanning for the next piece of code.

If  $q_3$  encounters a 'c', this means that the comment has not ended although a potential marker for end of comment was detected. Nothing is outputted.  $q_3$  transitions to  $q_2$  to scan for potential end of comment.

$\epsilon : \%$  transition from  $q_1 \rightarrow q_0$   
after potential start of comment

If a potential end of comment is detected. A but the code ends without any further characters, all characters including both '%' must be outputted as none of the characters are a part of a comment or mark the start or end of a comment.

Example:

% % print ("cat") % % % Horse %  
                        ^  
                        ↓

Comment end

Output:

% Horse %

After the comment ends,  $q_3$  transitions to  $q_0$ ,  $q_0$  on reading '%, transitions to  $q_1$ , or, on reading H, transitions to  $q_0$  and outputs "%H.

Subsequent iterations on  $q_0$  give the output % Horse

$q_0$  detects a % and transitions to  $q_1$ . The code ends here. But % must be outputted. Thus, nothing is read from the input & a % is outputted resulting in

% Horse %

### Ans 3. DFA Minimization:

Transition table:

$$Q = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$q_0 = \{0\}$$

$$F = \{6\}$$

Transition Function:

	0	1
0	1	8
1	2	4
2	8	3
3	2	8
4	5	6
5	8	6
6	7	8
7	7	7
8	8	8

0 Equivalence:

$$\{0, i, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8\} \cdot \{6\}$$

1 Equivalence:

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8\}$$

$$\{4, 5\} \quad \{6\}$$

Explanation: 3 and 4 are not 1-equivalent.

On getting input  $i$ , 3 transitions to 8 while 4 transitions to 6. Similarly 3 and 5 are not 1 equivalent.

4 and 5 are not 1 equivalent. On getting input  $i$  they go to  $q_5$  &  $q_8$  (in first set). On getting input 1, they go to  $q_6$  (second set).

2 Equivalence:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{0\} & \{1\} & \{2, 3, 7, 8\} \\ \{4\} & \{5\} & \{6\} \end{array}$$

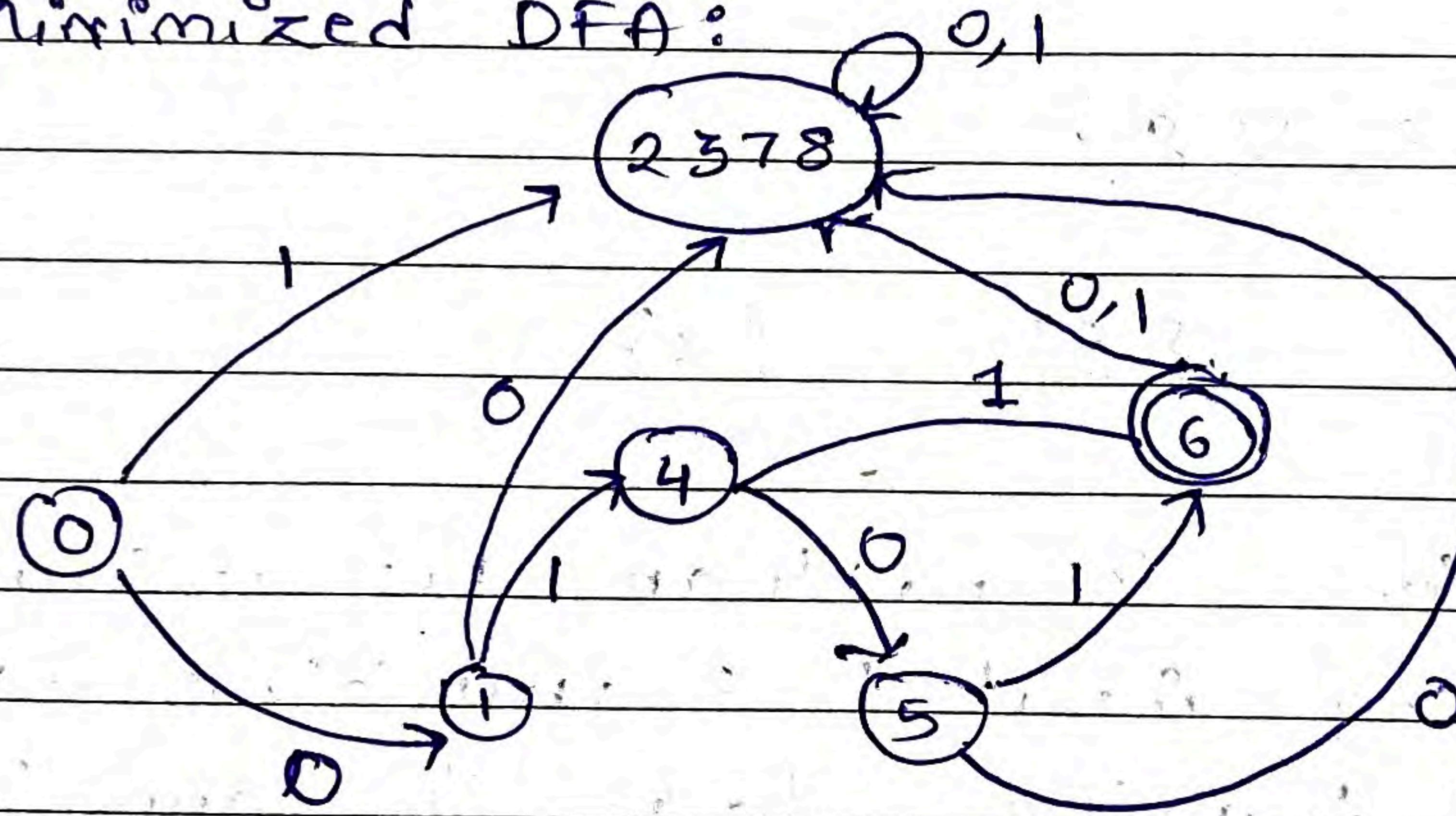
Explanation: 0 is not equivalent to 1. On getting input 1, state 1 goes to 4 while state 0 goes to 8. 2 is not equivalent to 1 as on getting 1, 1 & 2 go to 4 and 5 respectively which do not belong to the same set.

4 and 5 are not equivalent. On getting input 0, they go to 5 and 8 respectively which are in different sets.

3 equivalence's

$\{0\}$   $\{1\}$   $\{2, 3, 7, 8\}$   $\{4\}$   $\{5\}$   $\{6\}$

Minimized DFA:



Transition Function:

	0	1
0	1	2378
1	2378	4
2378	2378	2378
4	5	6
5	2378	6
6	2378	2378

Thus we have the minimized DFA with 6 states.

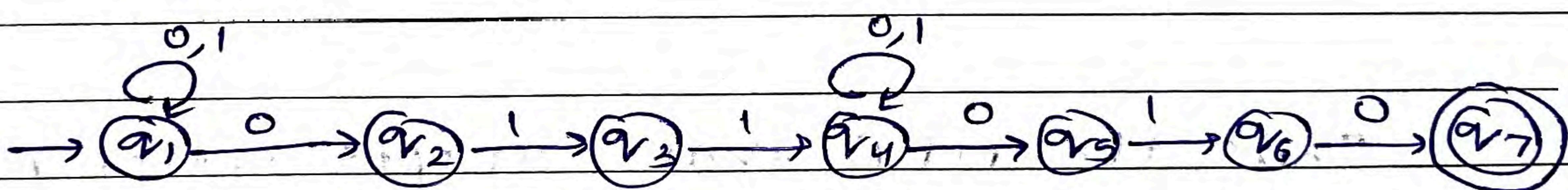
s4. we have to define an NFA that accepts strings:

- i) That either end in 010, & have 011 somewhere in proceeding or
- ii) end in 101 & have 100 somewhere in proceeding.

Let  $A_1$  be the language that accepts strings as described in i)

Let  $A_2$  be the language that accepts/ contains strings as described in ii)

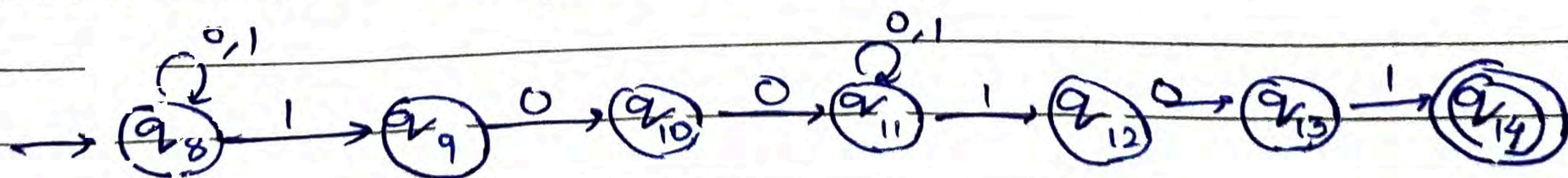
NFA that accepts  $A_1$ :



Reasoning:

The string can begin with any combination of symbols and can have any combination of symbols on reaching  $q_4$ . However it must have 011 somewhere in proceeding before it ends in 010 on reaching  $q_7$ .

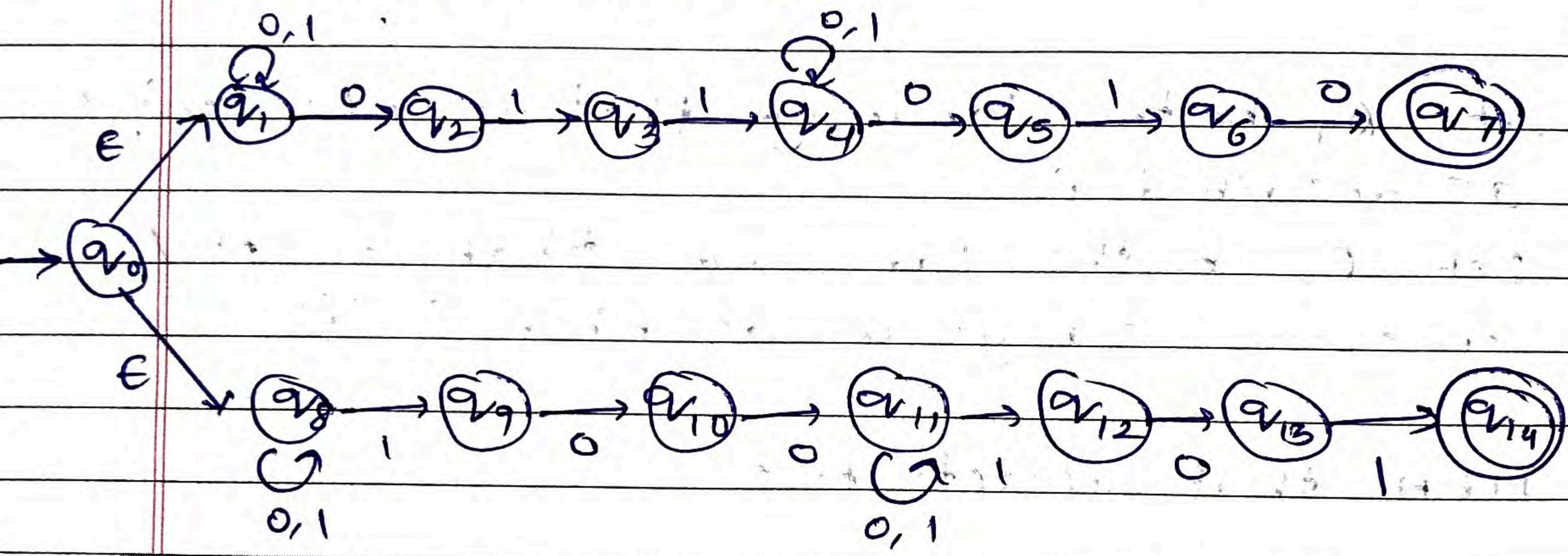
NFA that accepts  $A_2$ :



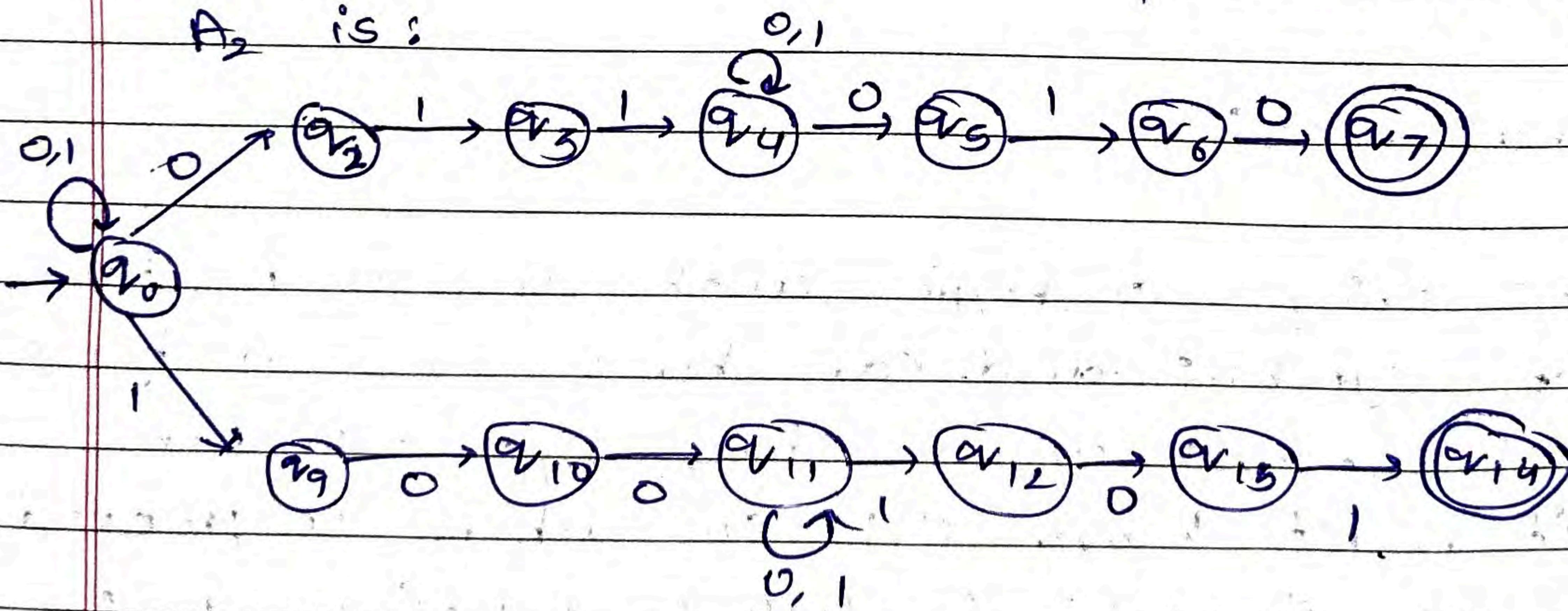
$A_1 \cup A_2$  are regular languages,  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is also regular.

∴ It is possible to construct a new NFA that accepts either of the two languages  $A_1$  or  $A_2$ .

Let  $q_0$  be the new start state of the new NFA  $M$ .



Thus, the NFA that accepts either  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  is:



Q5. (i) The given finite state automata accepts the following language:

$$L = \{ a(a+b)^*ba \}$$

Reasoning:

The automata only accepts strings that:

The string must start with an a

Followed by any sequence of a's and b's which includes:

an optional segment of 'a' that can lead back to 3 and repetitions of b in state 4.

Finally, the string must end with a ba.

Examples:

aba, abba, abba bbaba, abb bba<sup>ba</sup>, abbabab

(ii)  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

We have to find a regular expression for language L of all strings in  $\Sigma^*$  with exactly one occurrence of aaa.

Solution:

Regular expression for the language L:

$$(b + ab + aab)^*aaa(b + ba + baa)^*$$

## Reasonings:

Before aaa:

$$(b + ab + aab)^*$$

This allows for any combination or sequence of a's and b's that don't contain aaa. They prevent consecutive aaa's occurring, no matter in what order they are taken.

After aaa:

$$(b + ba + baa)^*$$

This accounts for all possible strings with a & b that ensure that any combination taken any number of times will not lead to aaa.

Ans 6. Given:

A is any language.

$$A_{y_3-y_3} = \{xyz \mid \text{for some } y, |xy|=|y|=|z| \text{ & } xyz \in A\}$$

RTP:

If A is regular,  $A_{y_3-y_3}$  is not necessarily regular.

Proving that  $L = \{0^n 2^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular using pumping lemma.

(By contradiction)

Let  $L$  be regular, its pumping length be  $p$ .

Let  $s = 0^p 2^p \in L$ ,  $|s| = 2p$

Let us try splitting  $s$  into  $xyz$  st.

$$|ay| \leq p \text{ & } |y| > 0$$

$\therefore |ay| \leq p$ ,  $y$  can only contain 0s.

$$\text{Let } y = 0^k$$

$$\text{st } x = 0^m \quad 0 \leq m < p$$

$$y = 0^k \quad 1 \leq k \leq p-m$$

$$z = 0^{p-(m+k)} 2^p$$

Let us pump  $y$  and see if  $xy^i z \in L$  for all values of  $i$ .

$$i = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The resulting string is } xz &= 0^m 0^{p-(m+k)} 2^p \\ &= 0^{p-k} 2^p \end{aligned}$$

This string has fewer 0s than  $p$  and  $p$  2s.  $\therefore$  It does not belong to  $L$ .

$$i = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Resulting string is } xy^2 z &= 0^m 0^{2k} 0^{p-(m+k)} 2^p \\ &= 0^{p+k} 2^p \end{aligned}$$

This string has a greater number of 0's than  $p$  &  $p$  2's.  $\therefore$  It does not belong to  $L$ .

Thus for values of  $i \neq 1$ , the pumped string does not belong to  $L$   $\therefore$  Our assumption that  $L$  is regular is false.

$\therefore L$  is not regular

Proving that if  $A$  is regular  $A^{4/3-1/3}$  is necessarily not.

Proof by contradiction:

Let  $A$  be a regular language. For the sake of contradiction, let  $A^{4/3-1/3}$  be regular.

Let  $L = \{0^n 1^m 2^p \mid n, m, p \geq 0\}$  be a regular language.

Let us take  $w = 0^n 1^m 2^p \in A$ . If we remove the middle thirds portion of this string, we get all strings of the form  $0^n 2^p$ .

Let  $A^{4/3-1/3}$  be a language that contains all strings obtained by removing the middle thirds of strings in  $A$ .

$$A^{4/3-1/3} = \{0^n 2^p \mid n \geq 0\}$$

Now, we proved above that the language  $\{0^n 2^p \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

However, we assumed that  $A^{1/3-1/3}$  (the set of all strings with their middle thirds removed) is regular. We showed that  $A^{1/3-1/3}$  is not regular.

$$= \{0^n 2^n 1^n 3^n 0^n\}$$

This contradicts our assumption that  $A^{1/3-1/3}$  is regular.  $\therefore$  Our assumption is false.  
 $\therefore A^{1/3-1/3}$  is not necessarily regular even if  $A$  is regular.

Given:

$M_1$ ,  $g$  &  $M_2$  are DFAs with  $k_1$ ,  $g$  &  $k_2$  states respectively

$$U = L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$$

$$U \neq \emptyset$$

RTP:

$$\exists s \in U \text{ st } |s| < \max(k_1, k_2)$$

Proof: (By contradiction)

Let us assume for the sake of contradiction that every string  $s \in U$  is st  $|s| \geq \max(k_1, k_2)$ .

$\therefore |s| \geq \max(k_1, k_2)$ ,  $|s| \geq k_1$  if  $M_1$  accepts  $s$  &  $|s| \geq k_2$  if  $M_2$  accepts  $s$

Let  $w$  be the shortest string in  $U$ .

Without loss of generality, let us assume consider the case where  $w$  is accepted by  $M_1$ .

$|w| \geq k_1$  (Based on our assumption that  $|S| \geq \max(k_1, k_2)$ ).

If  $M_1$  accepts  $w$ , it must have traversed through  $w+1$  states.

$$\therefore |w| \geq k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow |w| + 1 \geq k_1$$

By the pigeonhole principle,  $M_1$  has  $k_1$  states, but  $|w| + 1 \geq k_1$ , at least one state out of the  $k_1$  states must be traversed more than once during the execution of  $w$ . This repetition of a transition during execution must lead to a cycle.

Let  $q$  be the repeated transition.

Let  $w = xyz$ , where  $x$  leads to the first visit of  $q$ ,  $y$  is the part of  $w$  that is executed in the cycle,  $z$  is the remaining part of  $w$  that leads to an accepting state.

$\therefore$  Executing  $y$  leads back to  $q$ , from  $q$ ,  $z$  goes to an accepting state;  $xz$  will also lead to an accept state as  $y$  can be pumped down or pumped up

and the string will still be accepted.

∴ A string  $v = xz$  where  $|v| < |w|$   
will also be accepted by  $M_1$ .

so.  $xz \in L(M_1) \subseteq U$  and  $|xz| < |w|$

However, this contradicts our assumption  
that  $w$  is the shortest string in  $U$   
because we found a shorter string  $v \in U$ .

∴ Our assumption that  $|w| \geq \max(k_1, k_2)$   
is false.

∴  $U$  contains some string  $|s| \leq \max(k_1, k_2)$ .

QED,

ns8- 1. RTP:

$L = \{w \mid w \text{ has balanced parentheses}\}$  is  
not regular.

Proof by contradiction using pumping lemma:

Let us assume that  $L$  is regular. (For  
sake of contradiction)

Let us take a string  $w \in L$  where

$w = (p)^p$ ,  $w$  contains  $p$  opening braces  
and  $p$  closing braces,  $|w| = 2p$

Using the pumping lemma, we can partition

$w = xyz$  s.t.  $|xyz| \leq p$  &  $|y| > 0$

$\therefore |xyz| \leq p$ ,  $y$  will only contain say  $k$  opening parentheses. Say  $y = c^k$  where  $k > 0$ ,  $y$  has  $k$  opening parentheses.

If we pump  $y$  for  $i=2$  we get

$$xy^iz = xz^2 = xc^kc^kz$$

Thus the resulting string contains  $p+k$  opening braces and  $p$  closing braces. The number of opening parentheses is greater than the number of closing parentheses.

$\Rightarrow$  After pumping the string is no longer balanced. Our assumption (that  $L$  is regular) is false.

$\therefore L$  is not regular.

2. RTP:

$L = \{a^n! \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

Proof by contradiction using pumping lemma:

for the sake of contradiction, let us assume that  $L$  is regular.

Let  $p$  be the pumping length. Let us choose  $w = a^{p!}$  as a string from the language.

$$|w| = p!$$

We have to divide  $w = xyz$  st  $|xyz| \leq p$ ,  
 $|y| > 0$  &  $xy^iz \in L \forall i \geq 0$

$\because |xyz| \leq p$ ,  $y$  only contains some part of the  $a$ 's from the first  $p$   $a$ 's in  $w$ .

$$\text{Let } y = a^k \text{ for } k > 0 \quad \text{and } x = a^m$$

Let us pump  $y$  for  $i=0$ :

$$xy^0z = xz = a^m a^{p!-m-k} = a^{p!-k}$$

$$(\text{where } xyz = a^m a^k a^{p!-m-k})$$

We observe that  $|xz| = p! - k$ . Since  $k > 0$ ,  
 $(\because |y| > 0 \text{ according to pumping lemma}),$   
 $p! - k < p!$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

Similarly when  $i=2$

$$xy^2z = a^m a^k a^k a^{p!-m-k} = a^{p!+k}$$

We observe that  $|xyz| = p! + k$

$$\therefore k \geq 1, p! + k \geq p!$$

In both cases (for  $i=0 \& 2$ ) we see that the pumped resultant string is not of the form does not have a length that is a factorial. Our assumption that  $L$  is regular is false.

$$\therefore L = \{a^{n!} \mid n \geq 0\} \text{ is not regular}$$

Ans 9. Given grammar:

$$G: R \rightarrow ST \mid UV$$

$$T \rightarrow UV \mid WL$$

$$V \rightarrow XY \mid Z$$

$$X \rightarrow YZ \mid T$$

To Find:

Terminals, non-terminals & start symbol  
in G

Solution:

- In a CFG, non-terminals are symbols that can be expanded further or replaced by other symbols using production rules and occurs on the left of the production rule.

For the given grammar, we observe that R, T, V, X are non-terminals.

- In a CFG, terminals are symbols that cannot be expanded further. They appear only on the right side of production rules.

Here, S, U, WL, Y, & Z are terminals.

- The start symbol is typically a non-terminal on the left of the first production rule.

Thus, the start symbol of the grammar

is R.

$\therefore G$  for G:

Non-Terminals:  $R, T, V, X$

Terminals:  $S, U, W, Y, Z$

Start symbol: R

To Find:

CFG for  $A = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0, \text{ either } i=j \text{ or } j=k\}$

If A is ambiguous.

Solution:

Let  $A_1 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i=j\}$   
 $A_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid j=k\}$

CFG for  $A_1$ :

Variables in  $A_1$ :  $S_1$  (start state),  $A_1, B_1$

Terminals: a, b, c

Grammar  $A_1$ :

$S_1 \rightarrow A_1 B_1$  (Concatenation of  $a^i b^j$ )

$A_1 \rightarrow a A_1 b I \epsilon$   $\epsilon \in c^k$  where  $i=j$ )

$B_1 \rightarrow I C B_1 I \epsilon$

Formally  $G = (V, S, R, S)$

$$G = (\{S_1, A_1, B_1\}, \{a, b, c\}, \{S_1 \rightarrow A_1 B_1, \\ A_1 \rightarrow a A_1 B_1 \epsilon, \\ B_1 \rightarrow c B_1 \epsilon\})$$

,  $S_1$ )

CFG for  $A_2$ :

Variables for  $A_2$ :  $S_2, A_2, B_2$

Terminals :  $a, b, c$

Start State :  $S_2$

Grammar &  $A_2$ :

$$S_2 \rightarrow A_2 B_2 \quad (\text{Concatenation})$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_2 \mid \epsilon$$

$$B_2 \rightarrow b B_2 c \mid \epsilon$$

Formally,

$$G = (\{S_2, A_2, B_2\}, \{a, b, c\},$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_2 \rightarrow A_2 B_2 \\ A_2 \rightarrow a A_2 \mid \epsilon \\ B_2 \rightarrow b B_2 c \mid \epsilon \end{array} \right\}, S_2$$

Let us construct  $\text{CFG}_A$  by taking a union of  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .

$$A_1 = A_1 \cup A_2$$

Let  $S$  be the start symbol for  $A$ .

Then grammar  $A$ :

$$S \rightarrow S_1 \cup S_2$$

$$S_1 \rightarrow A_1 B_1$$

$$A_1 \rightarrow a A_1 b \cup \epsilon$$

$$B_1 \rightarrow c B_1 \cup \epsilon$$

$$S_2 \rightarrow A_2 B_2$$

$$A_2 \rightarrow a A_2 \cup \epsilon$$

$$B_2 \rightarrow b B_2 c \cup \epsilon$$

Checking for ambiguity:

Let us take  $w = a^i b^j c^k$ , s.t.  $i = j = k = 0$ .  
 $w = \epsilon$  is a string in both  $A_1$  &  $A_2$

Possible parse trees for  $w = \epsilon$  using  $A$ :



using production rules to generate two different parse trees to generate  $\epsilon$ ,

we observe that if  $w \in A$  s.t. it has more than one parse tree that can be used to derive it. Here  $w = \epsilon$ . However

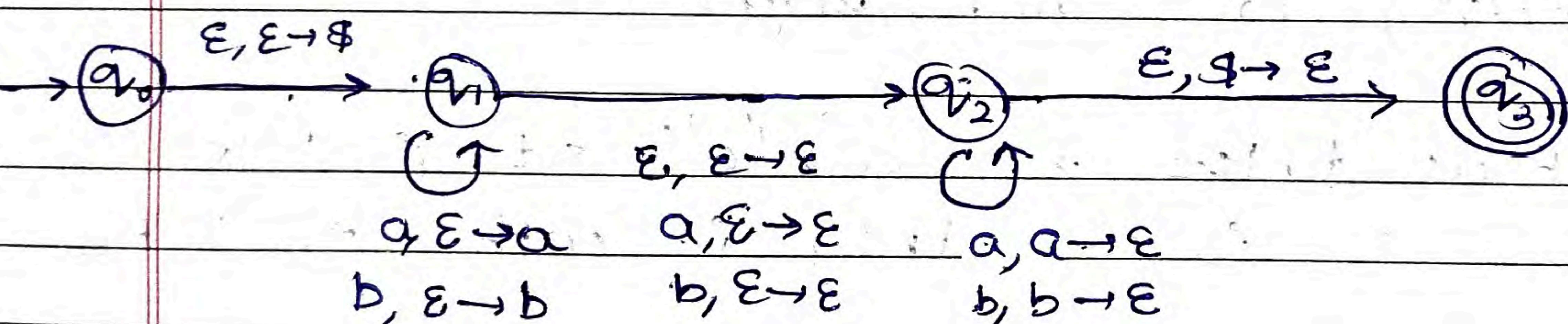
this is also true for any  $a^i b^j c^k \in A$   
 s.t  $i=j=k$ . Any such string will have  
 atleast 2 different parse trees or left  
 most derivations.

∴ The CFG A is ambiguous.

Ans. 11. To Construct:

A PDA for the language of all non-palindromes  
 over  $\{a, b\}$ .

We will start by constructing a PDA for the  
 language of all palindromes over  $\{a, b\}$



We push the first half of the string into the  
 stack excluding the middle symbol if the  
 palindrome is odd. After non-deterministically  
 transitioning to  $q_2$ , we check if the  
 input matches the top of the stack &  
 pop. This leads to the PDA accepting  
 palindromes of all lengths.

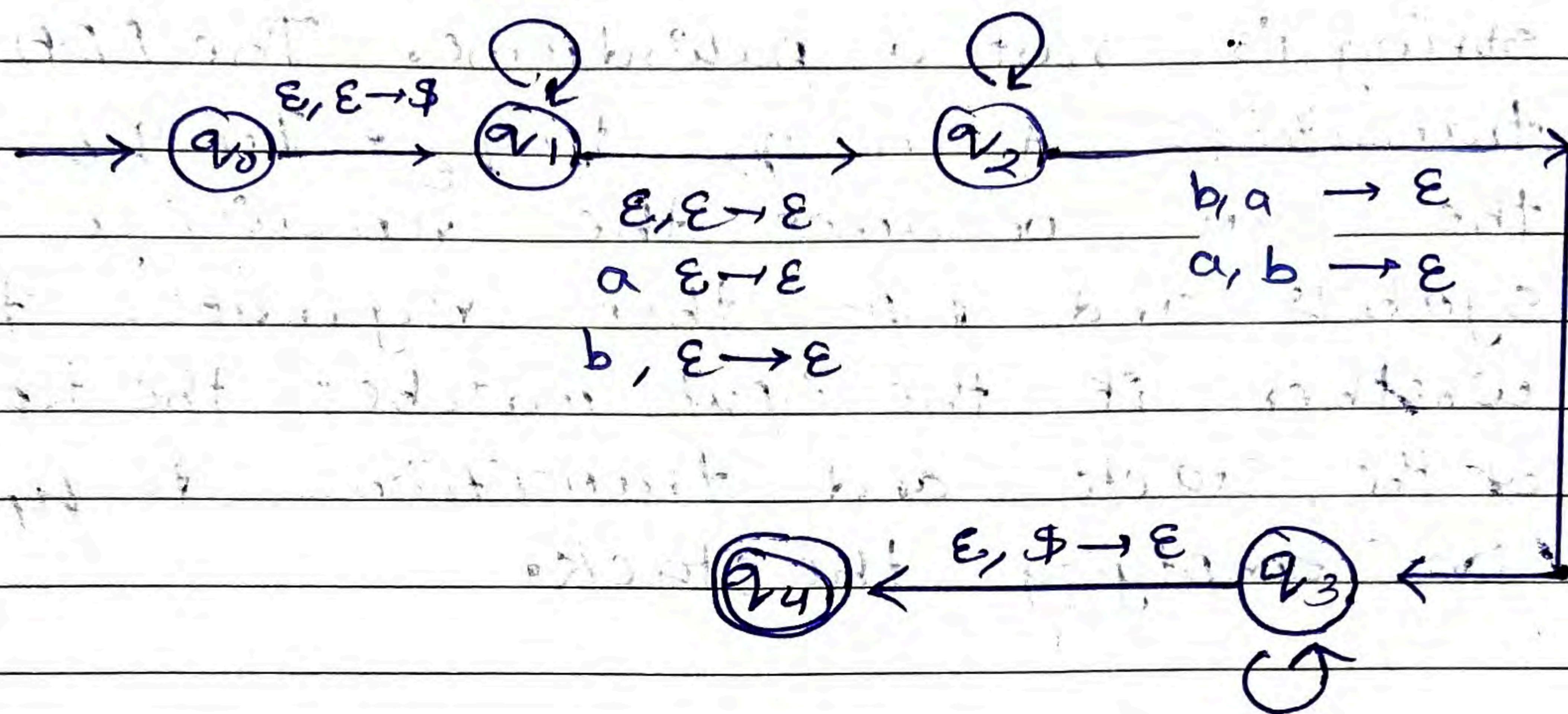
Constructing a PDA that accepts the language  
 of all non-palindromes.

$$a, \epsilon \rightarrow a$$

$$b, \epsilon \rightarrow b$$

$$a, a \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$b, b \rightarrow \epsilon$$



$$a, a \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$b, b \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$a, b \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$b, a \rightarrow \epsilon$$

Reasoning:

Initially, we proceed as in the palindrome case and push the first half of the string into the stack. We skip the middle character if the string has odd length. We non-deterministically guess the middle of the string & transition to  $q_2$ .

Our goal is to find at least one mismatch in the first and second halves of the strings. Even if we find a single inconsistency, the string is not a palindrome.

Once we reach the second half of the string, we try to match the input symbols with the top of the stack and pop them. If at some point there is a mismatch

and the input symbol does not match the top of the stack, this means that the string is not a palindrome. The PDA transitions from  $q_2$  to  $q_3$ . In  $q_3$  the PDA consumes the remaining symbols and pops them regardless of whether it the input matches the top of the stack and transitions to  $q_4$  on emptying the stack.

Ans 12:

To find:

Language of given PDA & # of strings of length 100 accepted by it.

Solution:

The language  $L = \{a^n b^m \mid n > m, n, m \geq 0\}$   
is the language of the PDA.

Reasoning:

The PDA reads nothing from the input tape & pushes  $\$$  onto the stack. It transitions from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$ .

In  $q_1$ , it pushes A for every a read from the tape & remains in  $q_1$ .

It non-deterministically transitions to  $q_2$  after pushing some a's onto the stack.

In  $q_2$ , for each b encountered, A is popped from stack.

It can only transition from  $q_2$  to  $q_3$  via an epsilon transition if there is still an A remaining on the stack ensuring that # of a's & b's can never be equal.

Now, given length of string:  $n+m=100$

We know  $n > m$ , so

$$n = 100 - m$$

$$100 - m > m$$

$$100 > 2m$$

$$m < 50$$

" $m \geq 0$  &  $m \leq 50$ ,  $m$  can range from 0 to 49 giving rise to strings in  $L$  of the form:

$$a^{51}b^{49}, a^{50}b^{48}, \dots, a^{99}b, a^{100}$$

" $m$  ranges 0 - 49, there will exist 50 such strings where  $n+m=100$ .

∴ # strings of length 100 that the PDA accepts = 50.