- 1. (45 %) Write regular expressions for the following character sets, or give reasons why no regular expression can be written:
  - (a) (5 %) All strings of lowercase letters that begin and end in a.

(b) (5 %) All strings of lowercase letters that either begin or end in a (or both).

letter = 
$$a \mid b \mid mm \mid z$$
  
 $R.E = a (letter)^* \mid (letter)^* a$ 

(c) (5 %) All strings of digits that contain no leading zeros.

$$RE = (1|mm|9)(0|1|mm|9)*$$

(d) (5 %) All strings of digits that represent even numbers.

digit = 
$$0|1|...|9$$
  
R.E =  $(digit)^*(0|\nu|4|b|8)$ 

(e) (5 %) All strings of digits such that all the 2's occur before all the 9's.

$$R.E = (0|1|2| | | |8|)^* (0|1|3| | | |9|)^*$$

(5 %) All strings of a's and b's that contain no three consecutive b's.

$$R.E = (4|b|bb)(a|ab|abb)^*$$

(5 %) All strings of a's and b's that contain an odd number of a's or an odd number of b's (or both).

$$R.E = \left(\frac{b^*a(b|ab^*a)^*}{f_a}\right) \left| \left(\frac{a^*b(a|ba^*b)^*}{f_b}\right) \right|$$

(5 %) All strings of a's and b's that contain an even number of a's and an even number of b's.

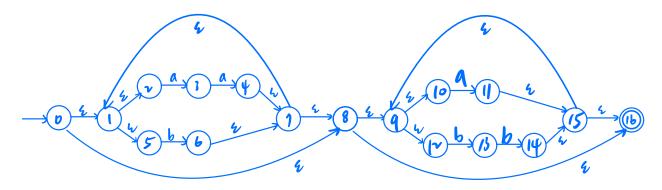
R.E = 
$$(ab|ba)(aa|bb)^*(ab|ba)(bb|aa)^*$$

$$Ab|ba$$

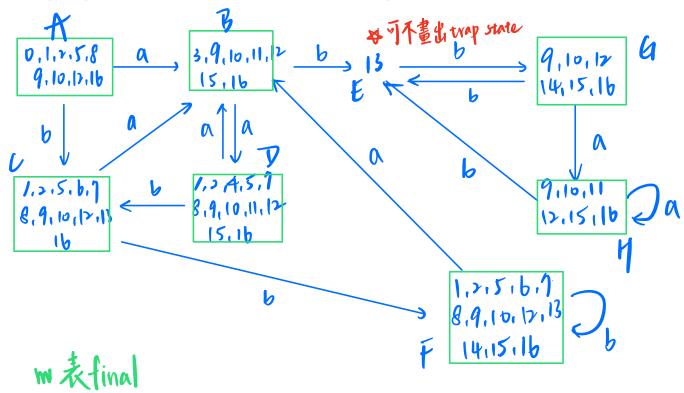
(i) (5 %) All strings of a's and b's that contain exactly as many a's and b's.

## NO R.E because R.E lant count

2. (25 %) Use Thompson's construction to convert the regular expression  $(aa|b)^*(a|bb)^*$  into an NFA.



3. (30 %) Convert the NFA of part 2 into a DFA using the subset construction.



$$A = 4 - closure(5) = [0.1.7.5.8.9.10.17.16]$$
 $B = 4 - closure([3.11]) = [3.9.10.11.17.15.16]$ 
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all strings of a's and b's, including the empty string.

$$R.E. = (a|b)^*$$

all strings of even length

$$R.E = (aa|ab|ba|bb)^*$$

all strings of length 0 or 1

■ Construct the r.e.  $(a | b)^*abb$  based on the above algorithm.

