



## Regular Expressions & Languages:-

### Regular Expressions:-

The regular expressions are useful for representing certain sets of strings in an algebraic fashion.

Regular expressions over  $\Sigma$  as follows:

- 1) Any terminal system symbol (an element of  $\Sigma$ ),  $\lambda$  and  $\phi$  are regular expressions. When we view  $a$  in  $\Sigma$  as a regular expression, we denote it by  $a$ .

- 2) The union of two regular expressions  $R_1 \neq R_2$ , written as  $R_1 + R_2$  is also a regular expression.

- 3) The concatenation of two regular expressions  $R_1 \neq R_2$ , written as  $R_1 R_2$ , is also a regular expression.

- 4) The iteration (or closure) of a regular expression  $R$ , written as  $R^*$ , is also a regular expression.

- 5) If  $R$  is regular expression, then  $(R)$  is also a regular expression.  
In the absence of parentheses, for evaluating a regular expression involving various operation, we perform iteration first, then concatenation, & finally union.

Any set represented by a regular expression is called a regular set.

if, for example,  $a, b \in \Sigma$ , then (i)  $a$  denotes the set  $\{a\}$ ,

- (ii)  $a+b$  denotes  $\{a, b\}$  (iii)  $ab$  denotes  $\{ab\}$  (iv)  $a^*$  denotes the set  $\{\lambda, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$  (v)  $(ab)^*$  denotes  $\{a, b\}^*$ .

The set represented by  $R$  is denoted by  $L(R)$ .

Let  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  denote any two regular expressions. Then

- (i) a string in  $L(R_1 + R_2)$  is a string from  $R_1$  or string from  $R_2$
- (ii) a string in  $L(R_1 R_2)$  is a string  $r_1$  followed by string  $r_2$  from

Consequently

- (i) the set represented by  $R_1 + R_2$  is the union of the sets represented by  $R_1$  &  $R_2$
- (ii) the sets represented by  $R_1 R_2$  is the concatenation of sets  $R_1$  &  $R_2$

example:-

Describe following set by regular expression:-

- (a)  $\{101\}$  :-  $101$  is obtained obtained by concatenating  $1, 0$  and  $1$  so  $\{101\}$  is represented by  $101$
- (b)  $\{61, 10\}$  :- As is union of  $\{61\}$  &  $\{10\}$ , we have  $\{61, 10\}$  rep. by  $011 + 101$
- (c)  $\{1000, 10000, \dots\}$  :- is simply  $\{0\}^*$ , it is represented by  $0^*$
- (d)  $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$  :- 1 is any element of  $\{1\}^*$ . Hence  $1(1)^*$  represents  $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$

example  $L_1$  = set of all strings of  $0^*$ 's ending in  $00$

$$= (0+1)^* 00$$

$L_2$  = Set of all strings of  $0^*$ 's beginning with  $0$  & ending with 1.

$$0(0+1)^* 1$$

$$L_3 = \{N11111, 111111, \dots\}$$
  
$$= (11)^*$$

## IDENTITIES FOR REGULAR EXPRESSIONS :-

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- (I)  $\phi + R = R$  (II)  $R + R = R$  (III)  $RR^H = R = R^H R$   
 (IV)  $\phi R = R \phi = \phi$  (V)  $R^H R^H = R^H$  (VI)  $(R^H)^H = R^H$   
 (VII)  $R + RR^H = R + R^H R$  (VIII)  $(PQ)^* P = P(QP)^*$   
 (IX)  $(P+Q)R = PR+QR$  (X)  $N+NR^H = R^H = N+R^H R$   
 (XI)  $R(P+Q) = RP+RQ$

### Ardem's Theorem:-

Let  $P \neq Q$  be two regular expressions over  $\Sigma$ .  
 If  $P$  does not contain  $N$ , then the following equation  
 in  $R$ , namely

$\rightarrow (5.1)$

has a unique solution (i.e. one & only one solution) given  
 by  $\boxed{R = QP^*}$

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$$\text{Proof: } Q + RP = Q + (QP^*)P = Q + (N + P^*P) = QP^*$$

Hence  $(5.1)$  is satisfied when  $R = QP^*$ . This means  $\boxed{R = QP^*}$   
 is a solution of  $(5.1)$

To prove uniqueness, here replacing  $R$  by  $Q + RP$  on R.H.S  
 we get

$$Q + RP = Q + (Q + RP)P$$

$$= Q + QP + RP^2$$

$$= Q + QP + (Q + RP^2)P^2$$

$$= Q + QP + (Q + RP^2)P^2 + \dots + QP^i + RP^{i+1}$$

$$= Q + (N + P + P^2 + \dots + P^i + P^{i+1}) + RP^{i+1}$$

from  $(5.1)$

$$R = Q(N + P + P^2 + \dots + P^i) + RP^{i+1} \Rightarrow 0$$

We know show that any Soln of (5.1) is equivalent to QPA. Suppose R satisfies (5.1), then it satisfies (5.2) prove that regular expression

e.g:-  $R = \lambda + 1^*(011)^* (1^*(011)^*)^*$   
 also describes the same set of strings.

Soln:-

$$\begin{aligned}
 R &= \lambda + P_1 P_1^* \quad \text{, where } P_1 = 1^*(011)^* \\
 &= P_1^* \quad (\text{using } \lambda + RR^* = R^*) = \lambda + R^* R \\
 &= (1^*(011)^*)^* \\
 &\equiv (P_2^* P_3^*)^* \quad \text{Letting } P_2 = 1, P_3 = 011 \\
 &= (P_2 + P_3)^* \quad \text{using } (P+Q)^* = (P^* Q^*)^* = (P^* + Q^*)^* \\
 &= (1 + 011)^*
 \end{aligned}$$

Finite Automata and Regular Expressions :-

The transition systems can be generalized by permitting  $\lambda$ -transitions or  $\lambda$ -moves which are associated with a null symbol  $\lambda$ .

Suppose we want to replace a  $\lambda$  move from vertex  $v_1$  to vertex  $v_2$ . Then

Step 1:- Find all the edges starting from  $v_1$ , without changing the edge labels

Step 2:- Duplicate all these edges starting from  $v_1$ , without changing the edge labels

Step 3:- if  $v_1$  is an initial state, make  $v_2$  also as initial state

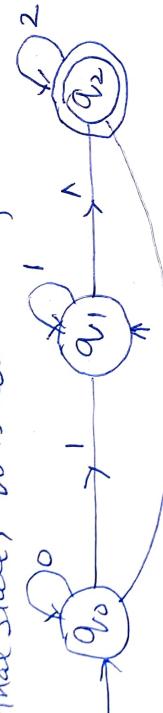
Step 4:- if  $v_2$  is a final state, make  $v_1$  also as final state



e.g. Consider a finite automaton with  $\Lambda$ -moves, given in fig. Obtain an equivalent automaton without  $\Lambda$ -moves.



so, we first eliminate  $\Lambda$ -move from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$  to get fig. S.2(a).  $q_1$  is made an initial state. Then we eliminate  $\Lambda$ -move from  $q_0$  to  $q_2$  in S.2(a) to get S.2 (b). As  $q_2$  is final state,  $q_0$  is also made final state.



(a)



(b)



$\rightarrow$  Transition system without  $\Lambda$ -moves.

## Kleene's Theorem :-

(1) For any regular expression  $\alpha^*$  that represents language  $L(\alpha)$  there is a finite automaton that accept same language.

(2) For any FA (M), that accepts language  $L(M)$ , there is a regular expression that represents the same language.  $L \rightarrow L$  accepting  $\alpha^*$   
 $\alpha \rightarrow R.E$   $L = \{ \alpha \} \text{ over } \Sigma = \{ \alpha \}$

$$\boxed{F.A = \{ q_0 \mid \alpha \}}$$

Part 1 :-

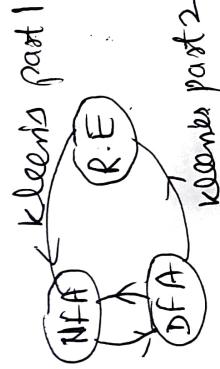


Part 2 :-

This Machine is accepting all  
 we can make Regular expression of all  
 which represent that language:-

Proof :-  
Graphically :-

Part 1



Kleene part 1

Kleene part 2

## Proof for Part 1:

for any R.E we know how to construct an equivalent NFA.

## Induction Method

### Basic step:

Minimum Regular expression : (i)  $\emptyset, \epsilon, a$

equivalent Machine  $\rightarrow Q \rightarrow Q \xrightarrow{a} Q$

(ii) Union, concatenation, \*

$a+b$       ab

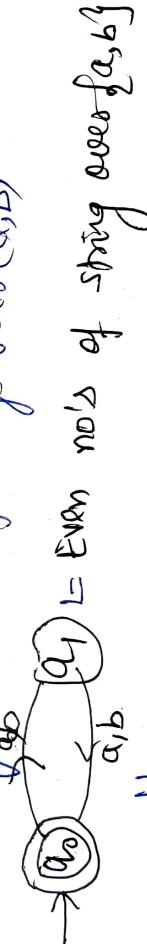
if  $(a+b)$  is R.E then we can make NFA of that.

$a+b$        $a$        $b$

$a+b$        $a$        $b$

### Part 2:

DFA Accepting even No. of strings over  $\{a,b\}$



Even no's of string over  $\{a,b\}$   
Equivalent R.E of this is  
 $(a+b)(a+b)^*$

## Algebraic Method Using Arden's Theorem,

The following Method is an extension of Arden's theorem. This is used to find S.E. recognized by a transition system. The following assumptions are made regarding the transition system.

- (i) Transition graph does not have n-moves.
- (ii) It has only one initial state,  $v_1$ .
- (iii) Its vertices are  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ .
- (iv)  $v_i$  the S.E. represents the set of strings accepted by the system even though  $v_i$  is a final state.

(v) Set of eqn in  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= v_1\alpha_{11} + v_2\alpha_{21} + \dots + v_n\alpha_{n1} \\v_2 &= v_1\alpha_{12} + v_2\alpha_{22} + \dots + v_n\alpha_{n2}\end{aligned}$$

$$v_n = v_1\alpha_{1n} + v_2\alpha_{2n} + \dots + v_n\alpha_{nn}$$

For getting set of strings recognized by transition system, we have to take 'union' of all  $v_i$ 's corresponding to final states.

Example:

Consider the transition system given. Prove that the strings recognized are  
 $(a+a(b+ac))^*$   $a(b+ca)^*$   $a$



Soln:- We can directly apply above method since the graph does not contain any  $\lambda$ -move and there is only one initial state.

The three equations for  $q_1, q_2, \& q_3$  can be written as

$$q_1 = q_1 a + q_2 b + \lambda \quad q_2 = q_1 a + q_2 b + q_3 a \quad q_3 = q_2 a$$

It is necessary to reduce number of unknowns by reflected substitution. By substituting  $q_3$  in the  $q_2$  eqn. we get by applying Theorem (Appendix)

$$\begin{aligned} q_2 &= q_1 a + q_2 b + q_2 a \\ &= q_1 a + q_2 (b + a a) \\ &= q_1 a (b + a a)^* \end{aligned}$$

Using 11

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} R = Q + RP \\ R = Q P^* \end{array} \right]$$

Substituting  $q_2$  in  $q_1$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} q_1 &= q_1 a + q_1 a (b + a a)^* b + \lambda \\ &= q_1 (a + a (b + a a)^* b) + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

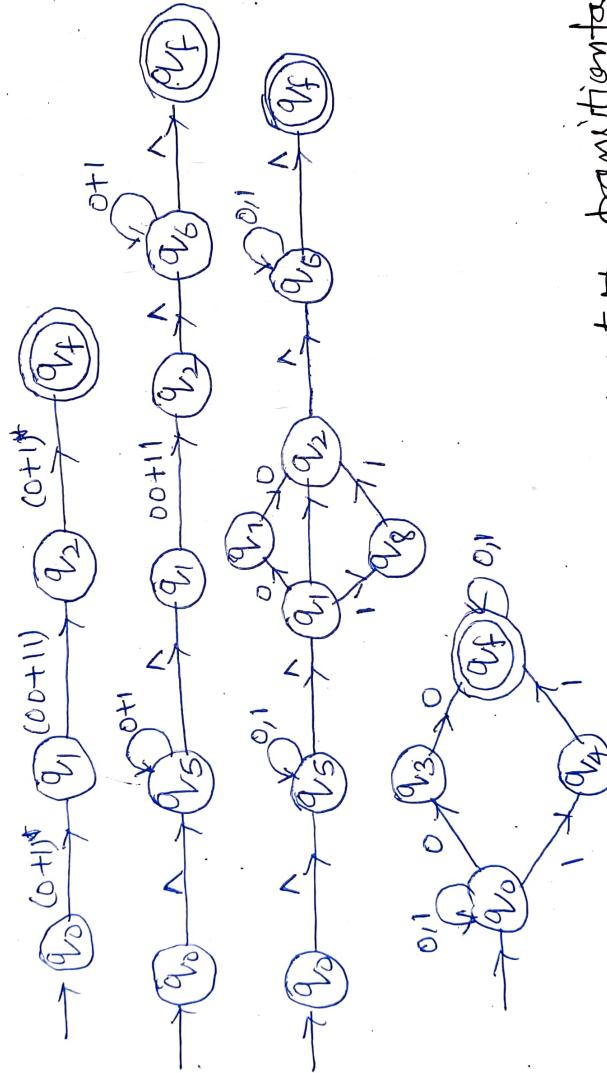
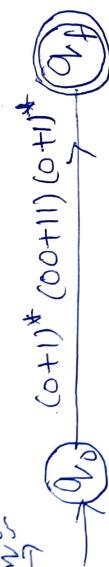
Hence  $q_1 = \lambda (a + a (b + a a)^* b)^*$   
 $q_2 = (a + a (b + a a)^* b)^* a (b + a a)^*$   
 $q_3 = (a + a (b + a a)^* b)^* a (b + a a)^* a$

Since  $q_3$  is final state, set of strings recognized by graph is  $(a + a (b + a a)^* b)^* a (b + a a)^* a$

# Construction of Finite Automata Equivalent to Regular Expressions

Construct the finite automaton equivalent to the regular expression  
 $(0+1)^* (00+11) (00+11)^*$

Solution:-



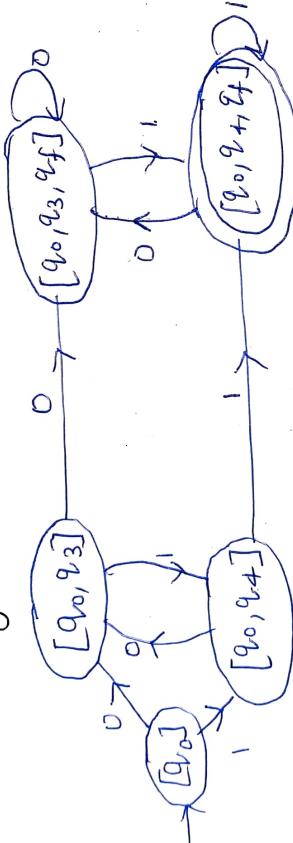
Step 2:- (Construction of DFA) We construct the transition table for the NFA Transition Table

State \Sigma	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$q_0, q_3$	$q_0, q_4$
$q_3$	$q_4$	$q_f$
$q_4$	$q_f$	$q_f$

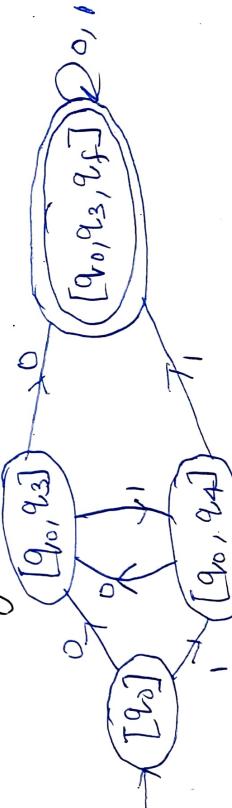
## Transition Table for DFA

$Q_i$	$Q_0$	$Q_1$
$\rightarrow [q_0]$	$[q_0, q_3]$	$[q_0, q_4]$
$[q_0, q_3]$	$[q_0, q_3, q_f]$	$[q_0, q_4]$
$[q_0, q_4]$	$[q_0, q_3]$	$[q_0, q_4, q_f]$
$[q_0, q_3, q_f]$	$[q_0, q_3, q_f]$	$[q_0, q_4, q_f]$
$[q_0, q_4, q_f]$	$[q_0, q_3, q_f]$	$[q_0, q_4, q_f]$

The State diagram for the successor table is



finally, we try to reduce the number of states (this is possible when two rows are identical in the successor table). As the rows corresponding to  $[q_0, q_3, q_f]$  and  $[q_0, q_4, q_f]$  are identical, we identify them. The state diagram for equivalent automaton, where the number of states is reduced is described by

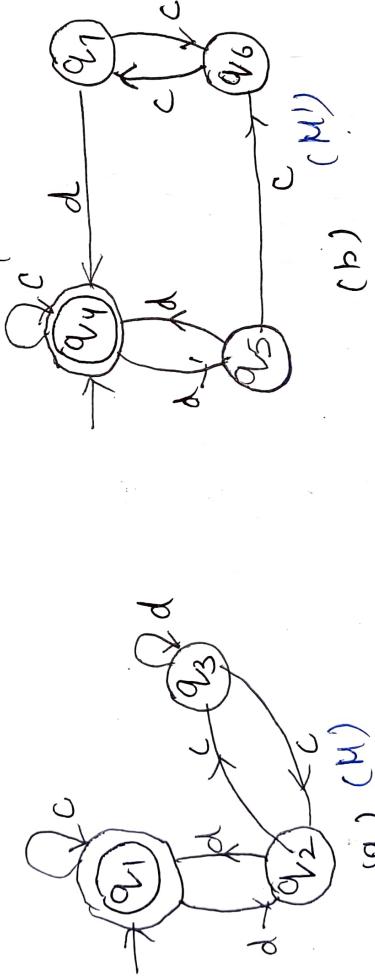


Reduced Finite Automaton

## Equivalence of two finite Automata

two finite automata over  $\Sigma$  are equivalent if they accept the same set of strings over  $\Sigma$ . When two finite automata are not equivalent, there is some string  $w$  over  $\Sigma$  satisfying the following: One automaton reaches a final state on application of  $w$ , whereas the other automaton reaches a nonfinal state.

Consider the following two DFAs  $M$  and  $M'$  over  $\{0,1\}$ . Determine whether  $M$  &  $M'$  are equivalent.



Solution:

The initial states in  $M$  &  $M'$  are  $q_1$  &  $q_4$ . Hence the first element of first column in the comparison table must be  $(q_1, q_1)$ . The first element in the second column in  $(q_1, q_4)$  since both  $q_1$  &  $q_4$  are  $c$ -reachable from respective initial states.



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## Comparison table

$(q_1, q'_1)$	$(q_2, q'_2)$	$(q_3, q'_3)$	$(q_4, q'_4)$	$(q_5, q'_5)$	$(q_6, q'_6)$	$(q_7, q'_7)$
$(q_1, q_4)$	$(q_1, q_4)$	$(q_3, q_5)$	$(q_2, q_5)$	$(q_1, q_6)$	$(q_2, q_6)$	$(q_1, q_7)$
$(q_2, q_5)$	$(q_3, q_6)$	$(q_2, q_7)$	$(q_3, q_7)$			
$(q_3, q_6)$	$(q_2, q_7)$					
$(q_2, q_7)$						

As we do not get a pair  $(q_1, q'_1)$ , where  $q$  is a final state &  $q'$  is a non-final state, we proceed until all the elements in the second & third columns are also in the first column. Therefore  $M + N^*$  are equivalent.

## Pigeonhole principle

Proof:- (1) It states that "if  $n$  pigeons are assigned to  $m$  pigeonholes then at least one pigeonhole contains two or more pigeons ( $m < n$ )".

(2) The pigeonhole principle is sometime useful in counting methods.

Proof: (1) Let  $m$  pigeonholes be numbered with the numbers 1 through  $m$ .

(2) Beginning with pigeon 1, each pigeon is assigned in order to the pigeonholes with the same number.

(3) Since  $m < n$  ie the number of pigeonhole is less than the number of pigeons,  $n-m$  pigeons are left without having assigned a pigeonhole.

(4) Thus, at least one pigeonhole will be assigned to a more than one pigeon.

(5) We note that the pigeonhole principle tells us nothing about how to locate the pigeonhole that contains two or more pigeons.

(6) It enforces the existence of a pigeon hole containing two or more pigeons.

(7) To apply the principle one has to decide which objects will play the role of pigeon & which objects will play the role of pigeonholes.



State & prove the Pumping Lemma for regular language:

In pumping lemma we give a necessary condition for an input string to belong to a regular set.

The result is called Pumping Lemma as it gives a method of pumping (generating) many input strings from a given string. As pumping lemma gives a necessary condition, it can be used to show that certain sets are not regular.

Theorem (Pumping Lemma):

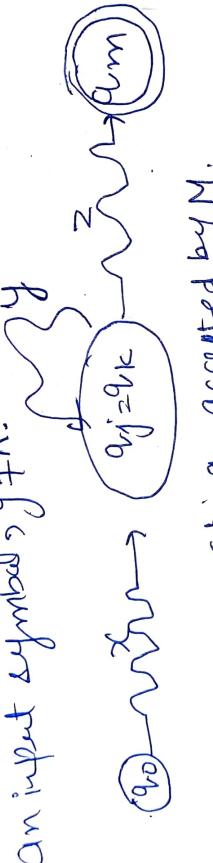
Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, f)$  be a finite automaton with  $n$  states. Let  $L$  be the regular set accepted by  $M$ . Let  $w \in L$  such that  $|w| \geq n$ . Then there exists  $x, y, z$  such that  $w = xyz$ ,  $y \neq \epsilon$  and  $xy^z \in L$  for each  $i \geq 0$ .

Proof: Let  $w = a_1a_2 \dots a_m$ ,  $m \geq n$ .  
 $\delta(a_0, a_1a_2 \dots a_i) = q_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;  $q_1 = q_0, q_1 = q_m$ . That is,  $q_1$  is the sequence of states in the path with path value  $w = a_1a_2 \dots a_m$ . As there are only  $n$  distinct states at least two states in  $Q_1$  must coincide. Among the various pairs of repeated states, we take the first pair. Let us take them as  $a_j \circ a_j$  ( $a_j = a_k$ ). Then  $j \neq k$  satisfy the condition  $a_j \neq \epsilon$  &  $j < k \leq n$ . The string  $w$  can be decomposed into three substrings  $a_1a_2 \dots a_j, a_jt, a_kt \dots a_m$ .

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Let  $x, y, z$  denote these strings  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_j, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_k$ ,  
 $a_{k+1}, \dots, a_m$ , respectively.

As  $k \leq n$ ,  $|x| \leq n$  &  $w = xyz$ . The path with path value  
 $w$  in transition diagram of  $M$  is shown in below fig.

The automaton  $M$  starts from initial state  $q_0$ . On applying  
the string  $x$ , it reaches  $q_j$  ( $= q_k$ ): On applying the string  $y$ ,  
it comes back to  $q = q_k$ . So after application of  $y$  for  
each  $i \geq 0$ , the automaton is in same state  $q_j$ .  
On applying  $z$ , it reaches  $q_m$ , a final state. Hence  
 $x^j z^i \in L$ , An every string  $a_i$  is obtained by applying  
an input symbol  $y \neq \lambda$ .



String accepted by  $M$ .

### Application of Pumping Lemma

This theorem can be used to prove that certain  
sets are not regular. We now give the steps needed for  
proving that a given set is not regular.

Step 1:- Assume that  $L$  is regular. Let  $n$  be the number  
of states in the corresponding finite automaton.

Step 2:- Choose a string  $w$  such that  $|w| \geq n + |y| > 0$ .  
Pumping Lemma to write  $w = xyz$ , with  $|xy| \leq n$  &  $|y| > 0$ .



Step 3: Find a suitable integers such that  $x_2 \neq L$ . This contradicts our assumption.  
Hence  $L$  is not regular.

### Decision Problem and Decidability Properties in regular languages

- (1) A decision problem is a restricted type of an algorithmic problem where for each input there are only two possible outputs.
- (2) A decision problem is a function that associates with each input instance of the problem a truth value true or false.
- (3) A decision algorithm is an algorithm that computes the correct truth value for each input instance of the decision problem. The algorithm tells how to terminate a decision problem on all inputs.
- (4.) A decision problem is decidable if there exists a decision algorithm for it. Otherwise it is undecidable.

### Decidability Properties of regular languages

- (1) DFA membership :- Let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  denote a deterministic finite automaton &  $\Sigma$  is a sequence of finite-domain variables ( $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ) with respective domains  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n \subseteq \Sigma$ . Under a regular language

membership constraint regular  $(x, M)$ , any sequence of values taken by the variables of  $x$  must belong to the regular language recognized by  $M$ .

(2) DFA emptiness: DFA is said to be empty if there is no path from initial state to final state.

(3) DFA equivalence: Let  $M_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F) \neq M_2 = (Q', \Sigma', \delta', q'_0, F')$  are two DFA.  $M_1 \neq M_2$  are said to be equivalent if and only if  $L(M_1) = L(M_2)$ .

(4) DFA finiteness: let  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be a DFA. String accept by  $M$  is said to be finite if and only if there is no cycle between any two states  $q_1 \neq q_2$ .

Closure properties of Regular Languages:

if you are able to generate  $f$ . At of any lang. then that is called R. L.

(1) Union  $(L_1 \cup L_2) = \Sigma^{q_1+q_2}$  , then that is called R. L.

(2) Concatenation  $(L_1 \cdot L_2) = \Sigma^{q_1 \cdot q_2}$  ,  $L_1 = L(q_1)$  ,  $L_2 = L(q_2)$

(3) Closure  $(L^*) = \Sigma^*$

(4) Complementation  $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$

(5) Intersection :  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \frac{L_1 \cup L_2}{\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2}$

(6) Difference  $L_1 - L_2 = L_1 \Delta L_2$

(7) Reversal  $(L)^R$

(8) Homomorphism

(9) Reverse Homomorphism

(10) Substitution

(11) Infinite Union  $\rightarrow$  it is not closed



### Example of Pumping Lemma:

Show that the set  $L = \{ac^2 \mid c \geq 1\}$  is not regular.

Solution:-

Step 1:- Suppose  $L$  is regular. Let  $n$  be the number of states in the finite automaton accepting  $L$ .

Step 2:- Let  $w = a^n$ . Then  $|w| = n^2 > n$ . By pumping lemma we can write  $w = xyz$  with  $|xy| \leq n$  and  $|y| > 0$ .

Step 3:- Consider  $x y^2 z$ .  $|x y^2 z| = |x| + 2|y| + |z| > |x| + |y| + 2|z|$  as  $|y| > 0$ . This means  $n^2 = |x y z| = |x| + |y| + |z| < |x y^2 z|$ . As  $|x y| \leq n$ , we have  $|y| \leq n$ . Therefore

$$|x y^2 z| = |x| + 2|y| + |z| \leq n^2 + n$$

$$\text{i.e. } n^2 < |x y^2 z| \leq n^2 + n < n^2 + n + 1$$

Hence,  $|x y^2 z|$  strictly lies between  $n^2$  &  $(n+1)^2$ , but is not equal to any one of them. Thus  $|x y^2 z|$  is not a perfect square and so  $x y^2 z \notin L$ . But by pumping lemma,  $x y^2 z \in L$  - this is a contradiction.