Definition 1.52 specifies that R is a regular expression if R is

- 1. a for some a in the alphabet  $\Sigma$
- $2. \epsilon$
- 3. {}
- 4.  $(R_1 \cup R_2)$  where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions
- 5.  $(R_1 \circ R_2)$  where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular expressions
- 6.  $R_1^*$  where  $R_1$  is a regular expression

Consider regular+ expressions which extend the above definition with two additional cases

- 1.  $R_1$ ? where  $R_1$  is a regular expression
- 2.  $\mathbb{R}^k_1$  where  $\mathbb{R}_1$  is a regular expression and k is an integer

Where ? means 0 or 1 instance of the previous regular expression. Show that regular+expressions describe the class of regular languages.