

Regular Expressions

Solution

Exercise 1: Write a regular expression and give the corresponding automata for each of the following sets of binary strings. Use only the basic operations.

1. 0 or 11 or 101

$0 \mid 11 \mid 101$

2. only 0s

0^*

3. all binary strings

$(0|1)^*$

4. all binary strings except empty string

$(0|1)(0|1)^*$

5. begins with 1, ends with 1

$1 \mid (0|1)^*1$

6. ends with 00

$(0|1)^*00$

7. contains at least three 1s

$(0|1)^*1(0|1)^*1(0|1)^*1(0|1)^*$

8. contains at least three consecutive 1s

$(0|1)^*111(0|1)^*$

9. contains the substring 110

$(0|1)^*110(0|1)^*$

10. doesn't contain the substring 110

$((0|10)^*1)^*$

11.contains at least two 0s but not consecutive 0s

$1^*011^*0(11^*0)^*1^*$

12.has at least 3 characters, and the third character is 0

$(0|1)(0|1)0(0|1)^*$

13. number of 0s is a multiple of 3

$1^*|(1^*01^*01^*01^*)^*$

14. starts and ends with the same character

$(1(0|1)^*1)|(0(0|1)^*0)$

15. starts with 0 and has odd length, or starts with 1 and has even length

$0((0|1)(0|1))^*|1(0|1)((0|1)(0|1))^*$

Exercise 2: For each of the following, indicate how many bit strings of length exactly 1000 are matched by the regular expression: $0(0|1)^*1$, 0^*101^* , $(1|01)^*$.