Tutorial
Lexical Analysis

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Question 1.

Use ANTLR to write regular expressions describing a Pascal **identifier** that must begin with a lowercase letter ('a' to 'z'), but may continue with many characters which are lowercase letter or digit ('0' to '9').
Answer:

```
ID: [a-z][a-z0-9]*;
```

Question 2.

A *regular definition* is used to name a regular expression and then the name is used in another regular expression. For example, given the following regular definition:

letter	[a-z]
manyletter	letter+

In ANTLR, to define a *regular definition*, we use **fragment** as the following example:

fragment Letter:	[a-z];
Manyletter:	Letter+;

Use *fragment* in ANTLR to rewrite the regular expression for the above token Identifier
Answer:

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fragment Letter: [a-z];
fragment Digit: [0-9];
ID: Letter (Letter | Digit)*;
```

Question 3.

Use ANTLR to write regular expressions describing the following Pascal tokens:

a) For a number to be taken as "real" (or "floating point") format, it must either have a decimal point, or use scientific notation. For example, 1.0, 1e-12, 1.0e-12, 0.000000001 are all valid reals. At least one digit must exist on either side of a decimal point.

```
fragment Sign: '-';
fragment FractionalPart
    :
    Digit+ '.' Digit*
    | Digit* '.' Digit+
    ;
fragment ExponentPart: 'e' Sign? Digit+;
FLOATLIT
    :
    FractionalPart ExponentPart?
    Digit+ ExponentPart
    ;
```

b) Strings are made up of a sequence of characters between single quotes: 'string'. The single quote itself can appear as two single quotes back to back in a string: 'isn"t'.

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fragment Quote: '\'';
fragment DoubleQuote: '\'\'';
STRLIT: Quote (DoubleQuote | ~('\''))* Quote;
```
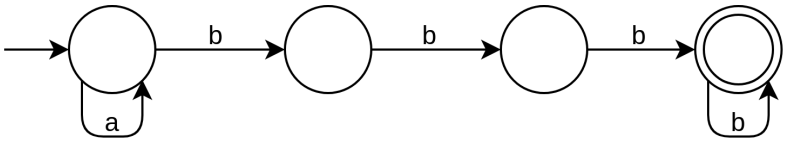
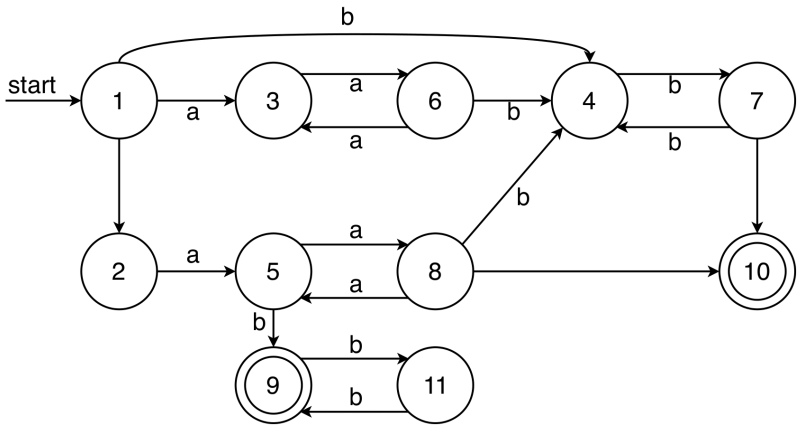

Question 4.

Find regular expressions and state diagrams of the equivalent NFA for each of the following descriptions.

a) $\{a^n b^m | n \geq 0, m > 2\}$
Answer:
Regular expression: a*bbb+
NFA:



b) $\{a^n b^m | n + m > 0, n + m \ is \ even\}$
Answer:
Regular expression: (aa)*(bb)+ | (aa)+(bb)* | a(aa)*b(bb)*
NFA:



c) $\{a^n b | n \ mod \ 3 = 1\}$
Answer:
Regular expression: a(aaa)*b
NFA: