

Regular Expressions

Regular Expressions are short algebraic notations used to describe Regular Languages.

For example $(a+b)^*ab$ is a Regular Expression that describes the language consisting of set of all strings of a's and b's that end with ab.

Regular Expression	Language described by RE
$01(0+1)^*$	Set of all strings of 0's & 1's that begins with 01
$0(0+1)^*1$	Set of all strings that begin with 0 and end with 1
$(aa)^*$	Set of all strings Consisting of even number of a's
$(aa)^*a$	Set of all strings with odd number of a's
$(a+b)^*abb(a+b)^*$	Set of all string Containing Substring abb
$(a+b)^*abb$	Set of all strings that ends with abb

Operators of Regular Expressions:- In Regular Expressions, we use three operators

(1) + (Union) (2) • (Concatenation)
and (3) * (closure)

Operations on the language:-

(1) Union:- Union of two languages L & M denoted by LUM is a new language that consists of strings chosen from either L or M or both.

Example, if $L = \{01, 110, 11\}$ $M = \{101, 00, 11\}$

$$\text{then } LUM = \{01, 110, 11, 101, 00\}$$

(2) Concatenation: Concatenation of two languages L & M denoted by $L \cdot M$ is a new language obtained by taking any string from L and concatenating it with any string in M.

Example, if $L = \{001, 10, 111\}$ $M = \{\epsilon, 001\}$

$$\text{then } L \cdot M = \{001, 10, 111, 001001, 10001, 111001\}.$$

(3) Closure: closure of a language L denoted by L^* is a set of those strings that can be formed by taking any number of strings from L, possibly with repetitions (i.e. same string may be selected more than once). and concatenating all of them,

Example, if $L = \{0, 1\}$

$$L^* = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 01, 10, 010, 101, 1101, 0101, \\ 11101, \dots\}$$

If $L = \{0, 1\}$

$$\text{then } L^* = \{011, 110, 01111, 11011, 0011, \dots\}$$

Note: Regular Language is a formal language for which there exists either Finite State Machine (DFA/NPDA) or Regular Expression, For example "Set of all strings that end with 'abb'" is a Regular language.

Building Regular Expressions | Normally we construct complex regular expression starting from smaller regular expressions. i.e. we usually combine smaller expressions by means of R.E. operators, (Union (+), dot (.), and closure (*)) into larger expression. Just like arithmetic operators have precedence, smaller regular expressions are grouped based on Priority (Precedence) of R.E. operators.

NOTE: * (closure) operator has highest precedence followed by . (Concatenation) followed by + (Union). Parathesis is used to violate the Precedence of operators.

Consider the Regular expression $01^* + 10^*$. This R.E. describes set of all strings that have either a zero followed by any no of 1's or 1 followed by any number of 0's.

The above Regular Expression can be grouped into:

$$\left(\underbrace{(0 \cdot (1^*))}_{\{1\}^*} + \underbrace{(1) \cdot (0^*)}_{\{0\}^*} \right)$$

$$\{0\} \cdot \{\epsilon, 1, 11, 111, \dots\}$$

$$\{0, 01, 011, 0111, \dots\} \cup \{1, 10, 100, 1000, \dots\}$$

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Therefore R.E. $01^* + 10^*$ describes the set of all strings of 0's and 1's that consist of either 0 followed by any number of 1's or 1 followed by any number of 0's.

Important!
Regular expression can be defined as per Basis & induction step as follows :-

- (1) Basis:- ϵ , ϕ and a are Regular expressions describing the languages $\{ \epsilon \}$, ϕ and $\{ a \}$ respectively. That is $L(\epsilon) = \{ \epsilon \}$, $L(\phi) = \phi$ and $L(a) = \{ a \}$.
- (2) induction) (i) If E and F are Regular Expressions then $E+F$ is a R.E. denoting union of $L(E)$ and $L(F)$. That is $L(E+F) = L(E) \cup L(F)$.
- (ii) If E & F are Regular Expressions then $E \cdot F$ or EF is a R.E. denoting Concatination of $L(E)$ and $L(F)$. That is $L(E \cdot F) = L(E) \cdot L(F)$.
- (iii) If E is a R.E. then E^* is also a R.E. denoting closure of $L(E)$. That is $L(E^*) = (L(E))^*$.
- (iv) If E is a R.E., then (E) is also a R.E denoting the same language as E .

Design RE's for the following language.

- (1) Set of all strings that end with either a or bb .

$$[(a+b)^* (a + bb)]$$

- (2) Set of all strings with even number of 1's

$$[(11)^*]$$

- (3) Set of all strings with odd number of a's

$$[a(aa)^*]$$

- (4) Design Regular expression for the language

$$L = \{ a^{2n} b^{2m+1} : m \geq 0, n \geq 0 \}$$

The above language is set of all strings consisting of even number of a's followed by odd number of b's

\therefore the R.E. is $[(aa)^* b(bb)^*]$

(5) Design Regular Expression for the following language

$$L = \{a^n b^m : (n+m) \text{ is even}\}$$

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Solution: The sum of a's and b's is even in two cases

Case (I) when both m and n are even

Case (II) when both m and n are odd

Case (I): string must have even no. of a's followed by even no. of b's

The equivalent R.E is $R_1 = (aa)^* (bb)^*$

Case (II): string must have odd number of a's followed by odd number of b's

The equivalent R.E is $R_2 = a(aa)^* b(bb)^*$

The Resultant Regular expression is :

$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

$$R = (aa)^* (bb)^* + a(aa)^* b(bb)^*$$

(6) Design R.E for $L = \{a^n b^m : n \geq 4, m \leq 3\}$

The language is a set of all strings consisting of atleast four a's followed by atmost three b's.

The equivalent Regular Expression is :

$$(aaaa)^* a^* (\epsilon + b + bb + bbb)$$

(7) Design R.E. for the set of all strings containing atleast one a and atleast one b, (Jan 2010)

$$(a+b+c)^* a (a+b+c)^* b (a+b+c)^* + (a+b+c)^* b (a+b+c)^* a (a+b+c)^*$$

(8) Design R.E. for $L = \{w \mid |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$ over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

The Language consists of set of all strings whose length is a multiple of 3.

The equivalent Regular Expression is :

$$((a+b)(a+b)(a+b))^*$$

(9) Design R.E. for the set of all strings whose 4th symbol from right end is b.

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$$\frac{\dots \text{ 4th } 3rd \text{ 2d } \overset{1st \text{ symbol}}{\underbrace{(a+b)}}}{(a+b)^* b (a+b) (a+b) (a+b)}$$

or

$$\frac{(a+b)^* b (a+b)^3}{}$$

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(10) Design R.E. for $L = \{ a^{2n} b^{2n} \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0 \}$

$$R = (aa)^* (bb)^*$$

(11) Design R.E. for the language consisting of set of all strings of a's b's and c's such that 4th symbol from right end is a and end with b

$$\frac{\dots \overset{4th}{\uparrow} \overset{3rd}{\uparrow} \overset{2d}{\uparrow} \overset{1st \text{ symbol}}{\underbrace{(a+b+c)}} a (a+b+c) (a+b+c) b}{(a+b+c)^* a (a+b+c) (a+b+c) b}$$

(12) Design R.E. for language

$$L = \{ a^n b^m \mid n \leq 4, m \geq 2 \}$$

Set of all strings with atmost four a's are followed by atleast two b's.

The equivalent R.E. is:

$$R = (\epsilon + a + aa + aaa + aaaa) bb b^*$$

(13) Design R.E. for the set of all strings of 0's and 1's having no two consecutive 0's.

Solution: Whenever 0 occurs, it must be followed by 1 and there is no restriction on number of 1's. So the string can have any combination of 1's and 01's.

The Partial Regular Expression is: $(1 + 01)^*$

The above R.E. does not describe strings that end with 0.

Design R.E for following languages

- 1) Set of all strings of a^r and b^s that end with b .

$$(a+b)^* b$$

(Is it R.E?)

$$(a,b)^* b$$

- 2) Set of all string that contains a as 3rd char

$$(a+b)^* (a+b) a (a+b)^*$$

$$(a,b)^* (a,b)^* a (a,b)^*$$

For $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* : w \text{ contains odd number of } a\}$

$$b^* (a^* b^* a^* b^*)^* a^* b^*$$

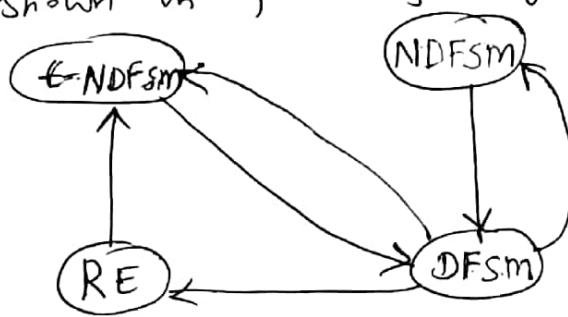
aa \cup bb

The string may or may not end with 0. This is described by R.E. ($\emptyset + \epsilon$)

The Final R.E. is $(1+01)^*(0+\epsilon)$

Finite State Machine & Regular Expressions :- Both FSM

and RE are notations used to describe Regular languages. There is a certain level of equivalence between these two notations, shown in following Figure.



The Figure shows equivalence between FSM and RE. That is

- Regular Expression R can be converted to equivalent ϵ -NDFSM, E such that $L(R) = L(E) = L$
- DFSM, A can be converted to Regular Expression R such that $L(A) = L(R) = L$.

From Regular Expression to Finite State Machine :-

Theorem: Every language defined by a Regular Expression is also defined by a Finite State Machine

Proof:- Given a Regular Expression R. We need to show that every R.E. can be converted into equivalent ϵ -NDFSM, E such that $L(R) = L(E) = L$, and

ϵ -NDFSM, E has

- ① Exactly one accepting state
- ② No arcs into the initial state
- ③ No arcs out of the accepting state.

Proof is by structural induction on R, as per the definition of R.E, following are Regular Expressions.

ϵ , ϕ , a , $E+F$, $E \cdot F$, E^* . We need to show that there exist equivalent ϵ -NDFSM for each of the above Regular Expression. Following table illustrates this.

R.E. (R)	$L(R)$	Equivalent ϵ -NDFSM (E)	$L(E)$
ϵ	$L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$	$\rightarrow O \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \textcircled{O}$	$L(E) = \{\epsilon\}$
ϕ	$L(\phi) = \phi$	$\rightarrow O \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \textcircled{O}$	$L(E) = \phi$
a	$L(a) = \{a\}$	$\rightarrow O \xrightarrow{a} \textcircled{O}$	$L(E) = \{a\}$
$E+F$	$L(E+F) = L(E) \cup L(F)$		$L(E) = L(R)$
$E \cdot F$	$L(E \cdot F) = L(E) \cdot L(F)$		
E^*	$L(E^*) = (L(E))^*$		

Therefore it is shown that every Regular Expression R there exists an equivalent ϵ -NDFSM E such that both R and E accept or describe the same language.

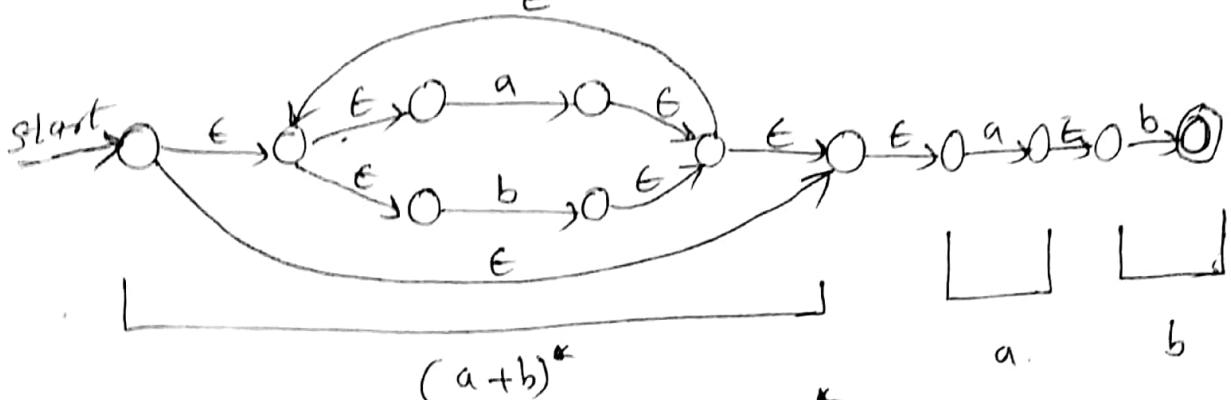
Problems:

(1) Convert the Regular expression $(a+b)^*ab$ into its equivalent ϵ -NDFSM

The order of grouping of Smaller R.E.'s is :-

$$((a+b))^* \cdot (a \cdot b)$$

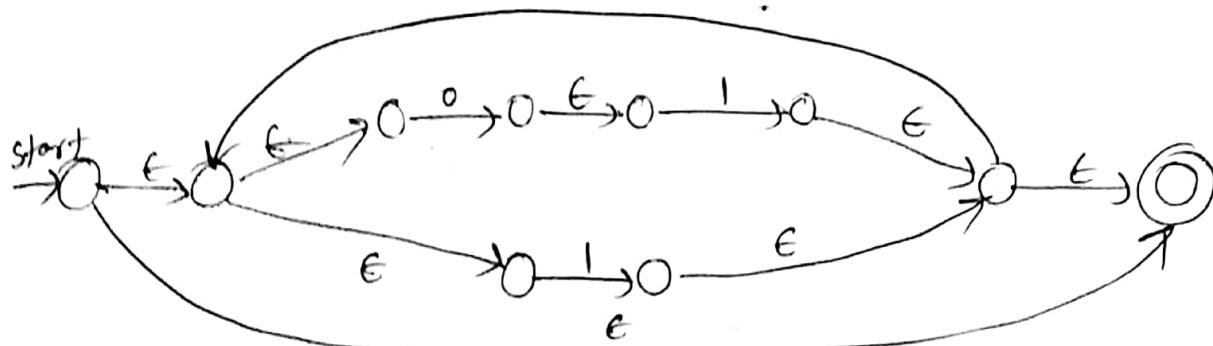
Design ϵ -NFA in the order of grouping of R.E.'s.



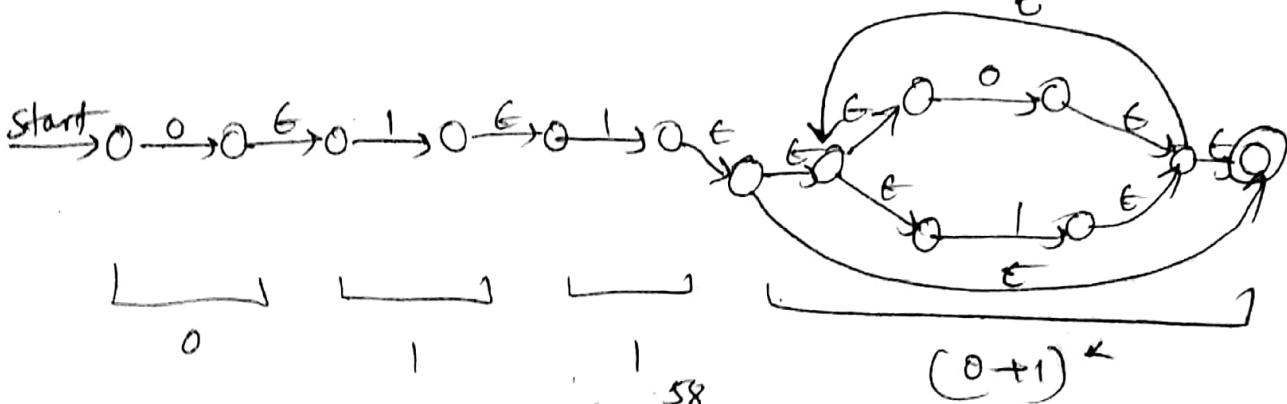
(2) Design ϵ -NDFSM for R.E. $(01^* + 1)^*$

Note: Within parenthesis, smaller R.E.'s are grouped strictly based on the precedence of operators.

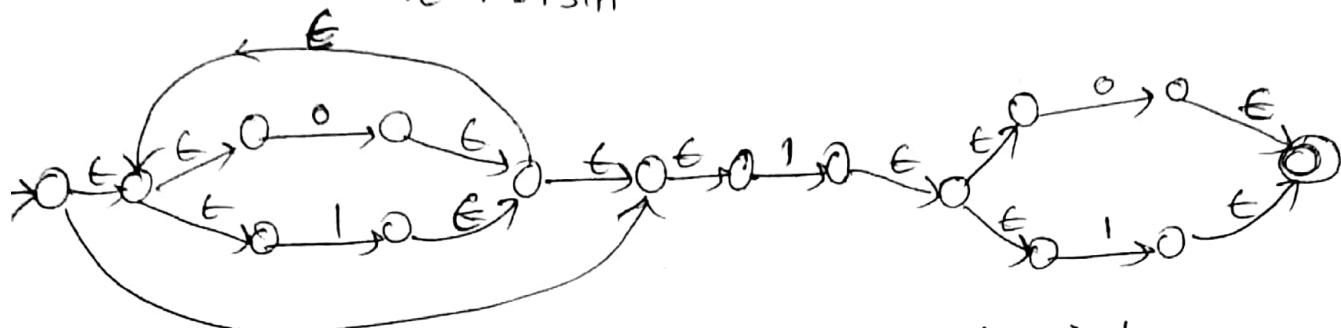
Here the order of grouping is $((0 \cdot 1)^* + 1)^*$



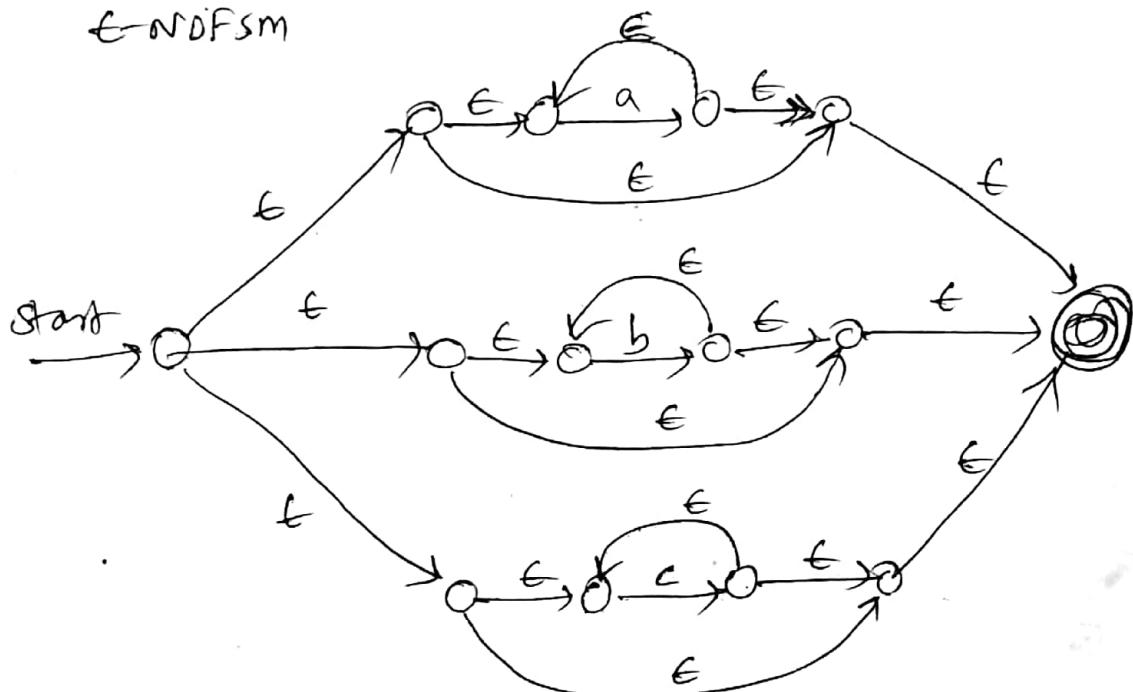
(3) Convert the R.E. $011 \cdot (0+1)^*$ into ϵ -NDFSM



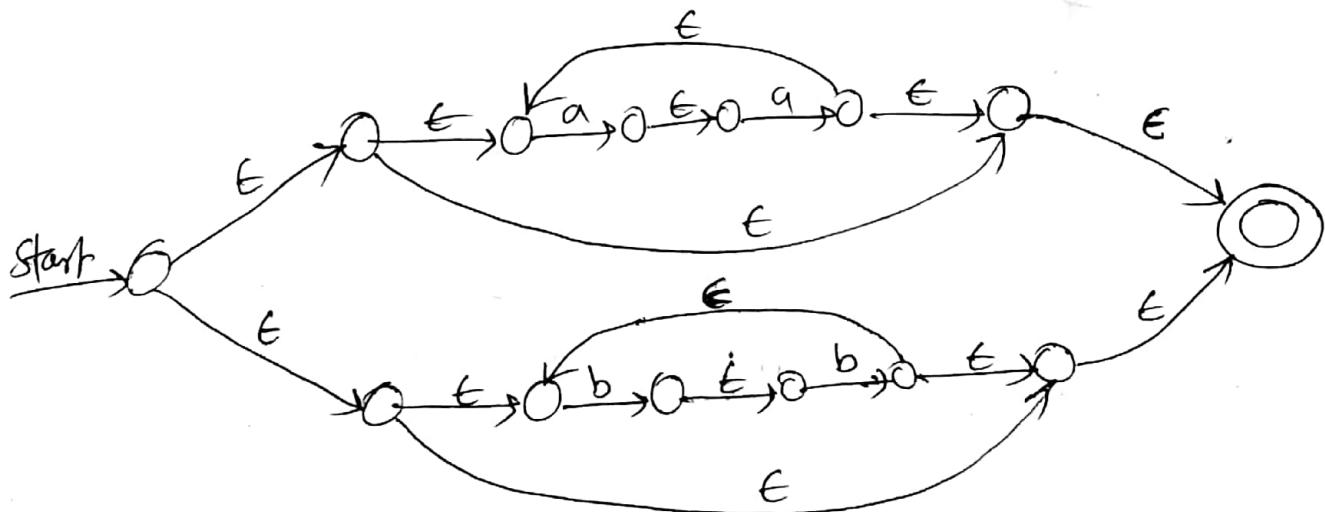
(4) Convert the R.E. $(0+1)^*1(0+1)$ into equivalent ϵ -NDFSM



(5) Convert the R.E. $a^* + b^* + c^*$ into equivalent ϵ -NDFSM



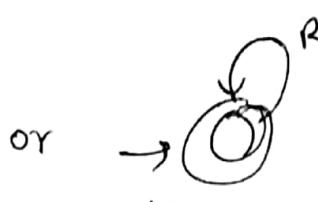
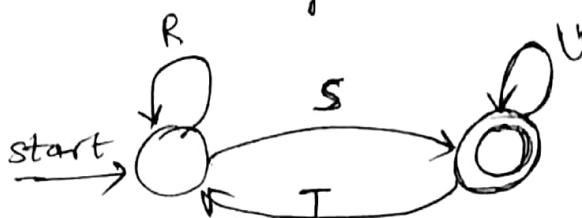
(6) Convert R.E. $(aa)^* + (bb)^*$ into ϵ -NDFSM



Converting Finite State Machine to Regular Expressions

Using State elimination method :-

- Procedure:-
1. Convert given DFA, so that its labels are Regular Expressions.
 2. Eliminate trap state (dead state) if any and generate reduced FSM.
 3. Eliminate redundant states if any and generate reduced Automaton.
 4. Finally, the Automaton is reduced into one of the two generic Automata.

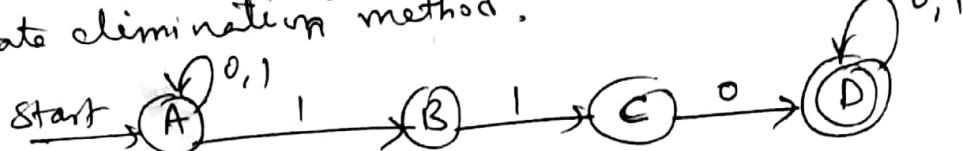


Equivalent R.E. is : Fig(1)

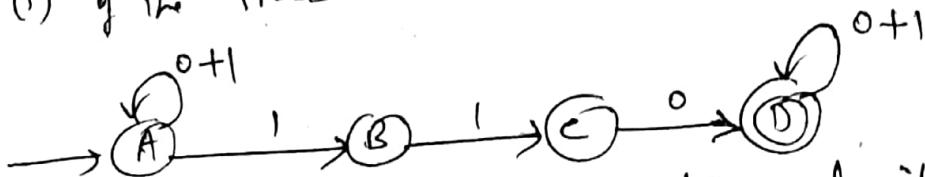
$$(R + S U^* T)^* S U^*$$

Fig(2) R.E is R^*

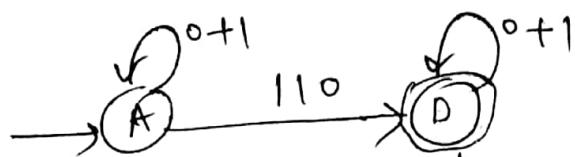
Problems:- Convert following NDFSM to Regular Expression Using State elimination method.



apply step (1) of the Procedure



B & C are redundant states eliminate it



The automata is Reduced to a 2 state generic automata Fig(1).

$$R = 0+1 \quad S = 110 \quad U = 0+1$$

$$(R + S U^* T)^* S U^*$$

Substitute values $((0+1) + 110 (0+1)^* \cdot \phi)^* 110 (0+1)^*$

We know that $R \cdot \phi = \phi$ & $\phi \cdot R = \phi$,

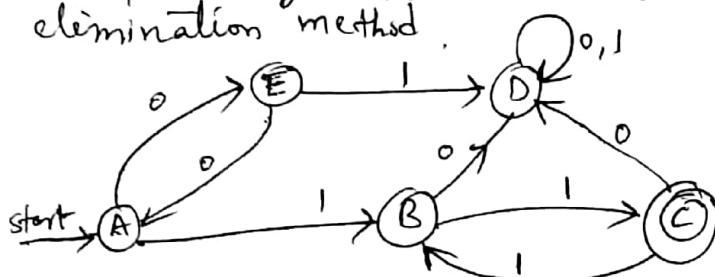
& $R + \phi = R$ & $\phi + R = R$

Where ϕ is a Regular Expression that describes empty language.

$$((0+1) + \phi)^* 110(0+1)^*$$

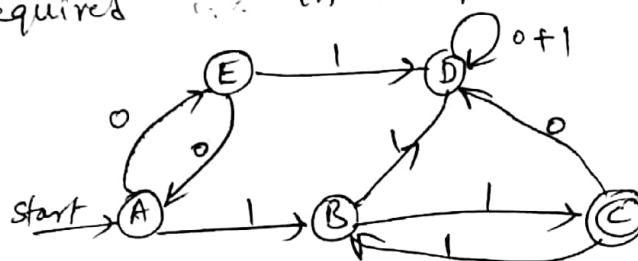
$$(0+1)^* 110(0+1)^*$$

- ② Convert following DFA to Regular Expression using state elimination method.



Note: Start and Final states can't be eliminated. They are required in order to accept a given string.

apply step(1):



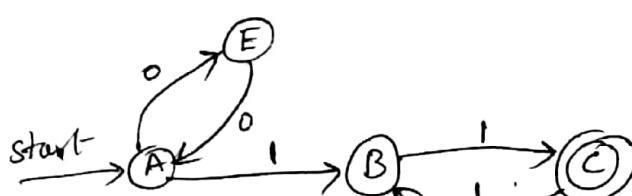
Eliminate state D as it is a trap state.

Note: trap state has only incoming arcs from other state if at all any outgoing arc, it is to itself.

D is a trap state:



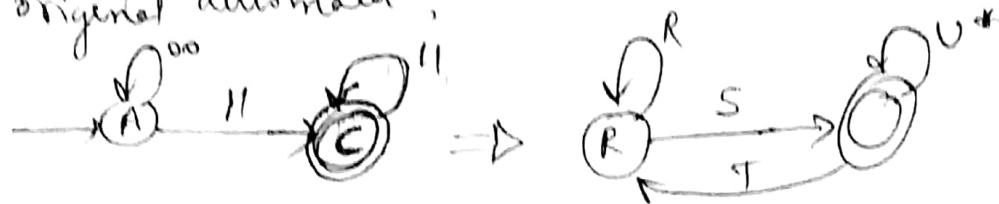
(A trap state has only incoming arcs. there are no outgoing arcs)



eliminate state E.



Now eliminate state B preserving the language of the original automata.



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$$S = 11$$

$$T = \emptyset$$

$$U = 11$$

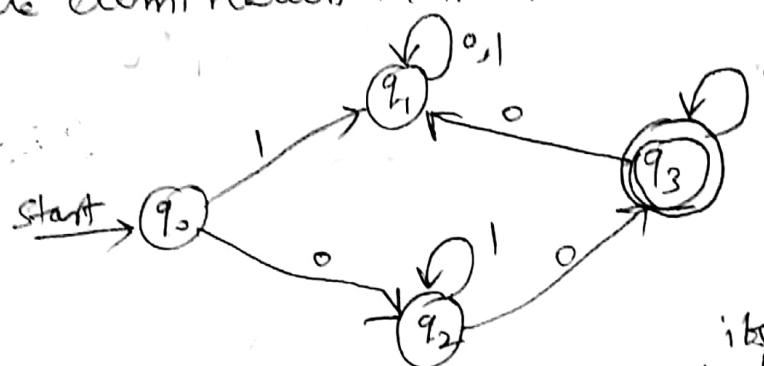
$$(R + SU^*T) SU^*$$

$$((00) + 11(11)^*, \emptyset), 11(11)^*$$

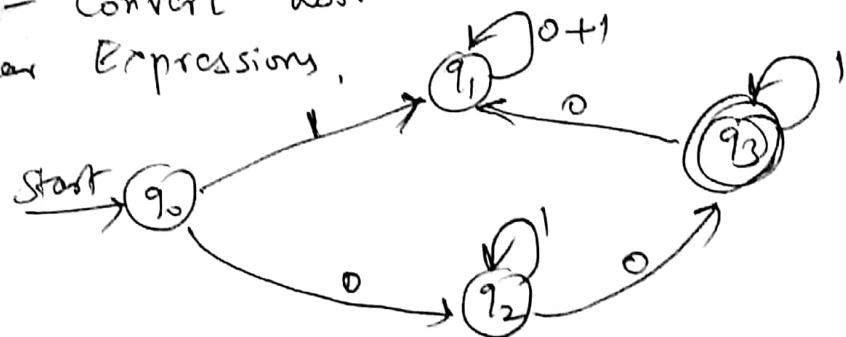
$$\text{We know } R \cdot \emptyset = \emptyset$$

The Equivalent R.E. is:- $(00)^* 11 (-11)^*$

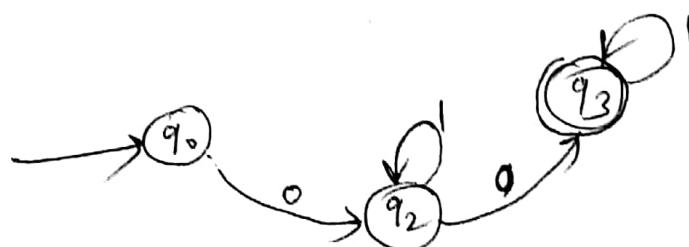
(3) obtain Regular Expression from the following NFA
Using state elimination method.



apply step ① :- Convert above NFA so that its labels are Regular Expressions.



eliminate q_1 as it is a trap state



eliminate state q_2 as it is redundant



general automaton is

$$R = \phi$$

$$S = 01^* D$$

$$U = 1$$



$$R = (R + SU^* T)^* SU^*$$

Substitute Value $(\phi + 01^* D)^* 01^* a(1)^*$

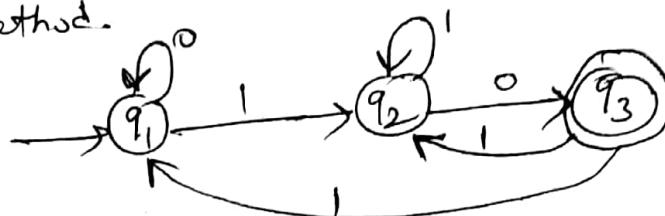
We Know $R + \phi = \phi$

$$(\phi + \phi)^* = \phi$$

$$01^* a(1)^*$$

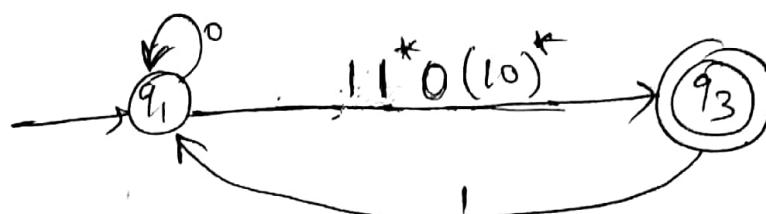
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{we know } \phi + \phi = \phi \\ \& \phi^* = \epsilon \\ \& \epsilon \cdot R = R \end{array} \right\}$$

(4) Convert the following DFA to Regular Expression Using state elimination method.

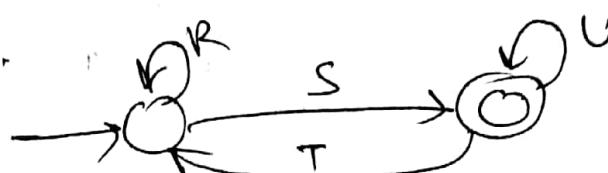


Convert given NFA so that labels are Regular Expressions
resultant NFA is same as given NFA, Now labels are Regular Expressions.

Eliminate state q_2 as it is redundant



The given automaton is reduced to a two state generic automaton



$$R.E. \text{ is } (R + SU^* T)^* SU^*$$

$$R=0$$

$$S = 11^* 0(10)^*$$

$$U = \phi$$

$$T=1$$

$$(0 + \underbrace{11^* 0(10)^*}_{S} \cdot \underbrace{(\phi)^*}_{U^*} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{T}}_{V^*})^* \underbrace{11^* 0(10)^*}_{S} \underbrace{\phi^*}_{U^*}$$

We know $\underbrace{\phi^*}_{U^*} = \epsilon$ & $R \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot R = R$

$$= (0 + 11^* 0(10)^* \underbrace{\epsilon \cdot 1}_{V^*})^* 11^* 0(10)^* \cdot \epsilon$$

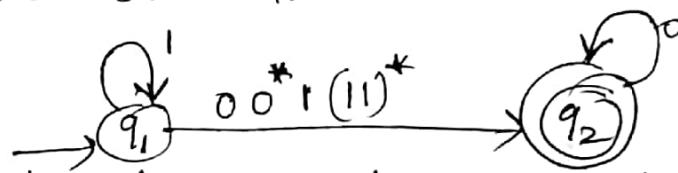
$$= \boxed{(0 + 11^* 0(10)^* 1)^* 11^* 0(10)^*}$$

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- (5) Obtain Regular Expression from the following finite automaton
Using state elimination method.



- Convert above FA so that labels are Regular Expressions.
The resultant automaton is same as given automaton.
But now Labels are Regular Expressions.
Now Eliminates state q_2 as it is redundant



The Given automaton is reduced to a two state generic automaton



whose R.E. is: $(R + S U^* T)^* S U^*$

$$R = 1$$

$$S = 00^*(11)^*$$

$$T = \phi$$

$$U = 0$$

$$(1 + \underbrace{00^*(11)^*}_{R} \underbrace{0^*}_{S} \cdot \underbrace{\phi^*}_{U^*} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{T}}_{V^*})^{00^*(11)^*} \underbrace{0^*}_{V^*}$$

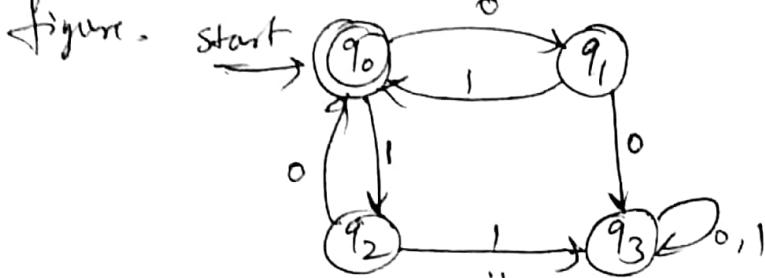
We know $R \cdot \phi = \phi$

$$(1 + \phi)^* \cdot 00^*(11)^* 0^*$$

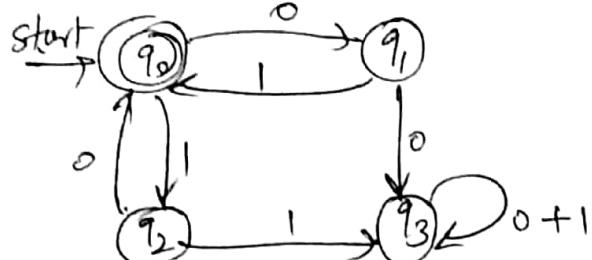
We know $R + \phi = R$

$$\boxed{1^* \cdot 00^*(11)^* 0^*}$$

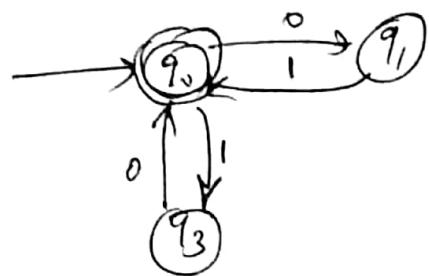
- ⑥ obtain Regular Expression for the FA of following figure.



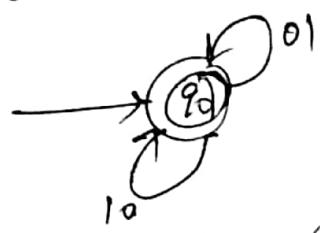
Convert given FA so that its labels are Regular expression



eliminate state q_3 as it is a trap state



Now eliminate state q_1 & q_2 as they are redundant

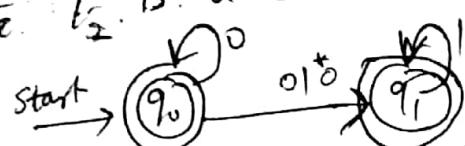


equivalent R.E is $(01 + 10)^*$ for the following Finite Automaton

- ⑦ obtain Regular Expression for the following Finite Automaton



state q_2 is a dead (trap state). Eliminate it



There are two final states.

for finite state q_0 the R.E. is $0^* = R_1$
 for finite state q_1 the R.E. is $0^* 11^* = R_2$

$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

$$R = 0^* + 0^* 1 1^*$$

$$R = 0^* (\epsilon + 11^*)$$

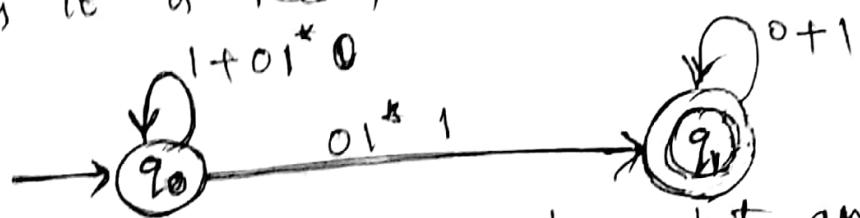
$$R = 0^* (\epsilon + 1^+)$$

$$\boxed{R = 0^* 1^*}$$

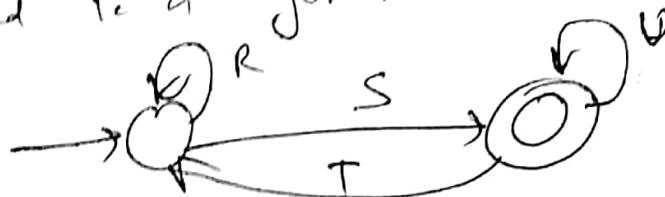
- (8) Convert following Finite Automata into Regular expression using state elimination method.



Label the arcs by regular expression and eliminate state q_1 as it is redundant.



FA is reduced to generic two state automaton



$$R = (R + SU^* T)^* SU^*$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} R = 1 + 01^* 0 \\ S = 01^* 1 \\ T = \phi \\ U = 0 + 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$R = ((1 + 01^* 0) + \underbrace{(01^* 1)}_S \underbrace{(0 + 1)}_U \cdot \underbrace{\phi}_T)^*$$

$$\text{We know } R \cdot \phi = \phi$$

$$\& R + \phi = R$$

$$(1 + 01^* 0) + \phi)^* 01^* 1 (0 + 1)^*$$

$$= \underline{(1 + 01^* 0)^* 01^* 1 (0 + 1)^*}$$

From DFSM to Regular Expressions (Important).

It is possible to Convert a given DFSM into its equivalent Regular expression. Here we build a Collection of regular expressions that describe set of strings that label certain paths in transition diagram of DFSM A.

example:-



Equivalent R.E

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

Kleen's theorem 1 (Imp).

If $L = L(A)$ for some DFSM A, then there is a Regular expression R such that $L = L(R)$.

PROOF:- We need to prove that for every DFSM A, there is a Regular expression R such that $L(A) = L(R) = L$.

Let the DFSM has n states $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Our first task is to construct Collection of Regular expressions using DFSM A.



Let $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ is a R.E. that describes set of all strings w such that w is the label of a path from state i to state j and that path has intermediate nodes whose value is less than or equal to k. (not higher than k).

Following figure shows requirement on the paths represented by $R_{ij}^{(k)}$

Fig: A Path Whose label is in R.E. $R_{ij}^{(k)}$



To Construct Regular expressions, we use the following inductive definition Starting from $k=0$ to $k=n$.

BASIS: $k=0$ Since all states are numbered from 1 or above, the restriction on paths is that the path don't have intermediate state at all, (Since there is no state numbered with 0)

- There are only two types of paths that meet the condition.
- (1) An arc from state i to state j
 - (2) An arc from state i to itself

Case	Type of Path	Possibilities	Equivalent R.E.
Case (1)	An arc from state i to state j .	(1) No Direct Path from state i to state j $\textcircled{i} \quad \textcircled{j}$	$R_{ij}^{(0)} = \emptyset$
		(2) An arc from state i to state j labelled with a $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{a} \textcircled{j}$	$R_{ij}^{(0)} = a$
		(3) An arc from i to j labelled with a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k . $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k} \textcircled{j}$	$R_{ij}^{(0)} = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_k$
Case (2)	An arc from state i to itself	(1) Path of length 0 \textcircled{i}	$R_{ii}^{(0)} = \epsilon$
		(2) Path from i to i labelled with a $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{a} \textcircled{i}$	$R_{ii}^{(0)} = \epsilon + a$
		(3) Path from state i to itself labelled with a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k} \textcircled{i}$	$R_{ii}^{(0)} = \epsilon + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k$

Important :

Here, we construct regular expressions $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ for $k=1, 2, \dots, n$. Suppose there is a path from state i to state j passing through intermediate states whose values are less than or equal to k . There are 2 possible cases to consider.

Case	Possible Cases	Equivalent R.E.
Case (1)	Path from i to j does not pass through state k at all	$R_{ij}^{(k-1)}$
Case (2)	Path from i to j goes through state k atleast once. The path can be broken into several pieces shown in following figure.	

Fig: Path from i to j passing through intermediate state k .

The first path (from i to k) goes from state i to state k without passing through k . The middle path go from state k to itself without passing through k . Note that if the path from i to j goes through state k only once, ($i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$) then there are no middle pieces. Just a path from i to j and a path from k to j

The last Path goes from state k to state j without passing through k .

All the three paths from state i to state j are described by regular expression

$$\underbrace{R_{ik}^{(k-1)}}_{1^{\text{st}}} \quad \underbrace{(R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^*}_{2^{\text{d}}} \quad \underbrace{R_{kj}^{(k-1)}}_{3^{\text{rd}}}$$

The first expression represents part of the path that goes to state k for the first time.

The Second expression represents portion of path that goes from k to itself zero one or more than once. The third expression represent part of the path that leaves k the last time and goes to state j . When we combine the paths of the two types (cases), we obtain the expression

$$R_{ij}^{(k)} = R_{ij}^{(k-1)} + R_{ik}^{(k-1)} (R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^* R_{kj}^{(k-1)}$$

for all paths from i to j that go through intermediate states whose value is $\leq k$.

The regular expression for the language is the sum (union) of all expressions $R_{ij}^{(n)}$ such that j is the accepting state and i is the initial state.

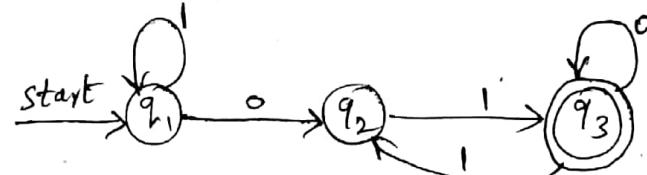
for the labels for all paths from i to j that go through states whose value is less than or equal to k . If need to construct then Regular expression in the increasing order of subscript i.e $R_{ii}^{(0)}, R_{12}^{(1)}$...

$R_{21} \dots R_{nn}, R_{11}^{(1)}, R_{12}^{(1)}, \dots, R_{ij}^{(n)}$

We assume that state i & j are start and final states.

The R.E. for the language is the sum (Union) of all expressions $R_{ij}^{(n)}$ such that j is the accepting state.

Example Convert the following DFA to Regular Expression.



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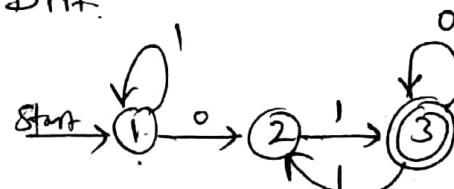
Construct Regular Expressions for the paths that go through
 (i) no state (ii) state i only & (iii) states i and j only
 $(k=0)$ $(k=1)$ $(k \leq 2)$

R.E.ns.	(0)	(1)	(2)
R_{ii}	$\epsilon + 1$	1^*	1^*
R_{12}	0	$1^* 0$	$1^* 0$
R_{13}	\emptyset	\emptyset	$1^* 0 1$
R_{21}	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset
R_{22}	ϵ	ϵ	ϵ
R_{23}	1	1	1
R_{31}	\emptyset	\emptyset	\emptyset
R_{32}	1	1	1
R_{33}	$\epsilon + 0$	$\epsilon + 0$	$\epsilon + 0 + 11$

Read as $R_{ii}^{(0)}, R_{12}^{(1)}, \dots$

In general $R_{ij}^{(k)}$.

Step ①: Rename states q_1, q_2, q_3 into 1, 2 & 3 respectively. Construct DFA.



The above table gives Various stages of Construction.
 The basis expressions are shown in Second column.

$R_{ij}^{(1)}$ can be computed using $R_{ij}^{(0)}$ using

$$R_{ij}^{(1)} = R_{ij}^{(0)} + R_{i1}^{(0)} (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{1j}^{(0)}$$

In general, $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ can be computed using $R_{ij}^{(k-1)}$

Using

$$R_{ij}^{(k)} = R_{ij}^{(k-1)} + R_{ik}^{(k-1)} (R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^* R_{kj}^{(k-1)}$$

In Simplification Use then inequalities:

$$E+R = R, R+E = R, (E+R)^* = R^*, \phi \cdot R = R \cdot \phi = \phi$$

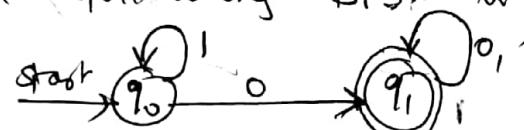
The Final Regular expression is Computed as follows

$$R_{13}^{(3)} = R_{13}^{(2)} + R_{13}^{(2)} \cdot (R_{33}^{(2)})^* R_{33}^{(2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & i=1 \text{ (start state)} \\ & j=3 \text{ (Final state)} \\ & K=3 \text{ passing through states whose value is } \leq k \\ & n=3 \\ & \therefore R_{13}^{(3)} = 1^* 01 (0+11)^* \end{aligned}$$

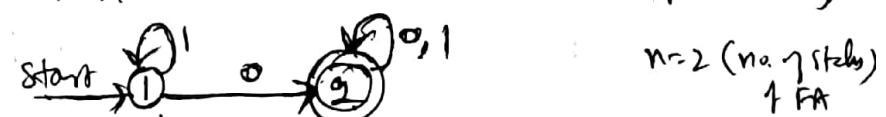
Problem (2) (Important)

Convert the following DFA to its equivalent Regular expression



Step 01: Rename states q_0, q_1 into 1 and 2 respectively

Construct DFA.



Construct Regular expression $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ for $i=1$ to n , $j=1$ to n & $k=0$ to $n-1$

$R_{ij}^{(k)}$	$\leftarrow k \rightarrow$
$R_{11}^{(0)}$	(0)
$R_{11}^{(1)}$	1^*
$R_{12}^{(0)}$	0
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$1^* 0$
$R_{21}^{(0)}$	ϕ
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	ϕ
$R_{22}^{(0)}$	$E+0+1$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$E+0+1$

Read as $R_{11}^{(0)}, R_{11}^{(1)}$, $R_{12}^{(0)}, R_{12}^{(1)}$, $R_{21}^{(0)}$, etc.

Compute $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ Using $R_{ij}^{(k-1)}$ for $k=1$ to 2

Using,

$$R_{ij}^{(k)} = R_{ij}^{(k-1)} + \epsilon R_{ik}^{(k-1)} \cdot (R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^* R_{kj}^{(k-1)}$$

$i=1$
 $j=1$
 $k=1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{11}^{(1)} &= R_{11}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)} (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{11}^{(0)} \\ &= (\epsilon+1) + (\epsilon+1) (\underbrace{\epsilon+1}_{\epsilon+1})^* \cdot \epsilon+1 \\ &= (\epsilon+1) + \underbrace{(\epsilon+1)_1^*}_{(\epsilon+1)} (\epsilon+1) \\ &= (\epsilon+1) + 1^* \\ \boxed{R_{11}^{(1)} = 1^*} \end{aligned}$$

$i=1$
 $j=2$
 $k=1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{12}^{(1)} &= R_{12}^{(0)} + R_{11}^{(0)} (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{12}^{(0)} \\ &= 0 + (\epsilon+1) (\epsilon+1)^* \cdot 0 \\ &= 0 + 1^* 0 \\ \boxed{R_{12}^{(1)} = 1^* 0} \end{aligned}$$

$i=2$
 $j=1$
 $k=1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{21}^{(1)} &= R_{21}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)} (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{11}^{(0)} \\ &= \phi + \phi (\underbrace{(\epsilon+1)^*}_{R} (\epsilon+1)) \\ \boxed{R_{21}^{(1)} = \phi} \quad \text{Since } \phi \cdot R = \phi \end{aligned}$$

$i=2$
 $j=2$
 $k=1$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{22}^{(1)} &= R_{22}^{(0)} + R_{21}^{(0)} + (R_{11}^{(0)})^* R_{12}^{(0)} \\ &= (\epsilon+0+1) + \phi (\epsilon+1)^* \cdot 0 \\ \boxed{R_{22}^{(1)} = (\epsilon+0+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Regular expression for given DFA is]-

$$\begin{aligned} R_{12}^{(2)} &= R_{12}^{(0)} + R_{12}^{(1)} (R_{22}^{(1)})^* R_{22}^{(0)} \\ &= 1^* 0 + 1^* 0 (\epsilon+0+1)^* (\epsilon+0+1) \\ \boxed{R_{12}^{(2)} = 1^* 0 (0+1)^*} \end{aligned}$$

Applications of Regular Expressions

Regular Expressions are used to develop following Softwares.

1. 'Lexical Analyzer', a component of Compiler which reads characters of source program, and groups them into identifiers, numbers, keywords, operators, punctuation symbols, etc.
2. Web Search Engines which search the World Wide Web for a given word, phrase, sentence or any other pattern.
3. Unix operating System to implement some of the search commands of Unix.
4. perl interpreter which translates the perl program into object code.
perl practical extraction and reporting language is often used to develop server side applications.
5. Spam detection system to detect email messages in Spam.
6. E-mail Search Systems to search for given E-mail address from a text.
7. Duplicate Word Search Software To determine duplicate words present in the given text.

8. Search applications - to search a given database for a given pattern.

Manipulating and Simplifying Regular expressions - Following identities are used to simplify a given Regular expressions.

1. For any regular expressions α and β ,

$$\alpha \cup \beta = \beta \cup \alpha$$

that is Union is Commutative

2. For any regular expressions α , β and γ ,

$$(\alpha \cup \beta) \cup \gamma = \alpha \cup (\beta \cup \gamma),$$

that is Union is associative

3. For any regular expression α ,

$$\alpha \cup \phi = \phi \cup \alpha = \alpha$$

that is ϕ is Identity for union

4. For any regular expression α ,

$$\alpha \cup \alpha = \alpha$$

that is Union is idempotent

5. For any regular expressions α , β , and γ ,

$$(\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)$$

that is Concatenation is associative,

6. For any regular expression α ,

$$\alpha \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot \alpha = \alpha$$

that is ϵ is Identity for Concatenation,

7. For any regular expression α ,

$$\alpha \cdot \phi = \phi, \alpha = \phi$$

that ϕ is zero for concatenation.

8. For any regular expressions α, β, γ ,

$$(\alpha \cup \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \gamma \cup \beta \gamma$$

$$\gamma \cdot (\alpha \cup \beta) = \gamma \alpha \cup \gamma \beta.$$

9. $\phi^* = \epsilon$

10. $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$

11. For any regular expression α , $\alpha \cdot (\alpha^*)^* = \alpha^*$

12. $\alpha \cdot \alpha \cdot \alpha^* = \alpha^*$

13. For any R.E. α and β , $(\alpha \cup \beta)^* = (\alpha^* \beta^*)^*$

Important

The above ways of simplifying a regular expression can be represented in short as follows:

Let $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \epsilon, \phi$ be regular expressions

1	$\alpha \cup \beta = \beta \cup \alpha$	Union of R.E.'s is commutative
2	$(\alpha \cup \beta) \cup \gamma = \alpha \cup (\beta \cup \gamma)$	Union of R.E.'s is associative
3	$\alpha \cup \phi = \phi \cup \alpha = \alpha$	ϕ is identity for Union
4	$\alpha \cup \alpha = \alpha$	Union of R.E.'s is idempotent
5	$(\alpha \cdot \beta) \cdot \gamma = \alpha \cdot (\beta \cdot \gamma)$	Concatenation of R.E.'s is associative
6	$\alpha \cdot \epsilon = \epsilon \cdot \alpha = \alpha$	ϵ is identity for Concatenation

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$$\alpha \cdot \phi = \phi, \alpha = \phi$$

ϕ is zero for concatenation.

8

$$(\alpha \cup \beta) \cdot r = \alpha r \cup \beta r$$

9

$$\phi^* = \epsilon$$

Closure of $R, \otimes \phi$ is same as $R, \otimes \epsilon$

10

$$\epsilon^* = \epsilon$$

$$\alpha \cdot (\alpha^*)^* = \alpha^*$$

$$\alpha \cdot \alpha^*, \alpha^* = \alpha^*$$

$$13 \quad (\alpha \cup \beta)^* = (\alpha^* \beta^*)^*$$

Module - 2 (Continued)

Regular Grammars and Regular Languages :-

Finite State Machines & Regular Expressions are two equivalent ways to describe Regular Languages.

Regular Grammars :- Definition -

A Regular Grammar G is a quadruple (V, Σ, R, S) where V is a set of Variables or Non-Terminal Symbols. Each Variable generates its own language (set of strings).

Σ is a set of Terminals or Terminal Symbols. These terminal symbols together form strings.

R is a set of productions or Rules. Each Rule is of the form: $X \rightarrow Y$

In a Regular grammar, the Rules R must have a Left Hand Side that is a Single Non-Terminal.

have a Right Hand Side that is ϵ (epsilon) or single terminal or single terminals followed by a single Non-Terminal.

Terminal Symbols are lower case letters such as a, b, c, \dots, z , digits such as $0, 1, 2, \dots$, operators such as $+, -, *, /$, etc punctuation symbols such as $(,), \{, \}, :, ;, ,$,

Non-Terminal Symbols are Capital letters

Such as A, B, C, , - S,

$S \rightarrow a$, $A \rightarrow b$, $B \rightarrow t$, $T \rightarrow aS$, $B \rightarrow bA$

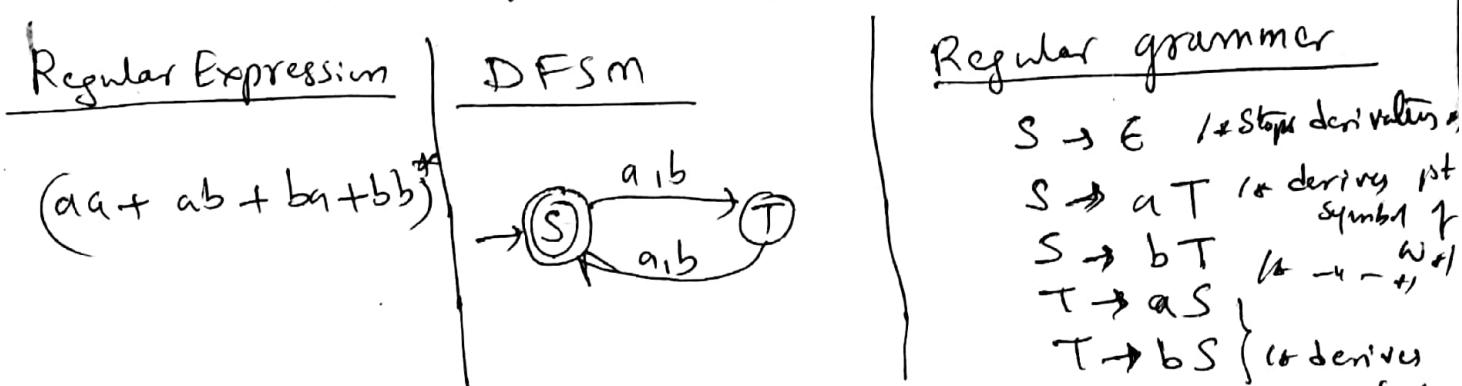
are ~~one~~ legal rules (productions) of grammar.

$S \rightarrow aSa$, and $aSa \rightarrow T$ are not legal
rules in a Regular grammar.

The Language generated by grammar G denoted
by $L(G)$ is the set of all strings w in Σ^*
such that it is possible to start with S
and apply some finite set of rules in R and
derive string w .

example: Consider the Regular Language:

$$L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^*: |w| \text{ is even} \}$$



$$L = \{ ab, ba, abab, baba, aabb, bbab, abbaaa, \\ bbabab, \dots \}$$

Regular language :- is a formal language for
which there exist either Regular expression,
or FSM or Regular grammar.

Derivation of string $w = abba$ for using above grammar

$S \Rightarrow aT \xrightarrow{(S \rightarrow aT)} abS \xrightarrow{(T \rightarrow bS)} abbT \xrightarrow{(S \rightarrow bT)} abbaS \xrightarrow{(T \rightarrow aS)} abba \xrightarrow{(S \rightarrow E)} abba$

Theorem: Regular Grammars define exactly the Regular language

Proof: - We know that For every Regular language, there exist equivalent FSM.

To show that Regular Grammar define Regular language, we need to show that for every regular grammar there is an equivalent FSM.

The following algorithm constructs

FSM from a Regular grammar

$G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ Such that $L(M) \geq L(G)$.

grammar to fsm (G ; regular grammar) =

1. Create a Separate state for each Non-Terminal Symbol of grammar.
2. Designate the start N-terminal of grammar as start state of FSM.
- + 3. If there is any rule of the form $X \rightarrow a$ for some symbol a in Σ then Create an additional state labelled $\#$.
4. For each rule of the form $X \rightarrow aY$ add a Transition from X to Y labelled with symbol a .

5. For each rule of the form $X \rightarrow a$
 add the transition from X to $\#$
 labelled with a
6. For each rule of the form $X \rightarrow t$,
 mark state X as accepting i.e. (X)
7. mark state $\#$ as accepting
- Since every Grammar can be converted
 into equivalent FSM and every FSM
 accepts regular language, Regular grammar
define regular language.

Problems:-

(1) Design Regular grammar for the following

Language :

$L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^*: w \text{ ends with } aaas \}$
 The language contains set of all strings w that ends
 with $aaas$, i.e. $L = \{ \underbrace{abba}_{w}, \underbrace{aaas}_{w}, \underbrace{babba}_{w}, \underbrace{aaas}_{w}, \dots \}$

The Regular expression for L is $(a+b)^*aaa$

The Regular Grammar for L can be designed as follows:

$S \rightarrow aS^*$ } generates any number of $a's$ & $b's$
 $S \rightarrow bS^*$ } that is $(a+b)^*$

$S \rightarrow aA^*$ generate first a of the pattern $aaas$

$A \rightarrow aB$ generate second a $\overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}^n$

$B \rightarrow ac$ generate third a of the pattern $aaas$.

$C \rightarrow a$ generate fourth a of the pattern $aaas$.

The grammar for given language is
 $G = (V, \Sigma, R, S)$ where $V = \{S, A, B, C\}$

$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$R = \{S \rightarrow aS \mid bS \mid aA\}$$

$$A \rightarrow aB$$

$$B \rightarrow aC$$

$$C \rightarrow a$$

↓

$S \Rightarrow^* a$ start Variable

applying grammar to fsm() to this grammar, we get
 the following Fsm



(2) Design Regular grammar for the following language : Assume $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$L = \{w : \text{there is a symbol } \underline{a} \in w \text{ not appearing in } w\}$

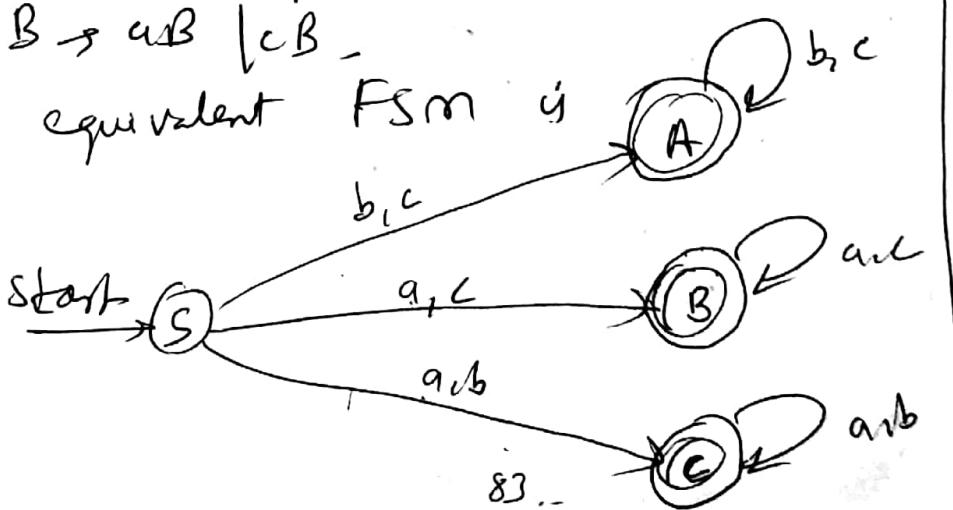
$$S \rightarrow \epsilon \mid aB \mid aC \mid bA \mid bC \mid cA \mid cB$$

$$A \rightarrow bA \mid cA \mid \epsilon \quad C \rightarrow aC \mid bC$$

$$B \rightarrow aB \mid cB$$

Ex) $L = \{abab, acaa, bccb, \dots\}$

the equivalent Fsm is



(3) Design Regular grammar for the following language

$L \subseteq w \in \{a, b\}^*$: w contains odd number of a 's and w ends in a }

Solutions $L = \{bababa, abbaba, \dots\}$
 $S \rightarrow bS$ { initial b 's don't matter. }

$S \rightarrow aT$ } { after this no. of a 's is odd
 and gen string ends with a }

$T \rightarrow \epsilon$ } { stop derivation }

$T \rightarrow aS$ { no. of a 's are even }

$T \rightarrow bX$ { no. of a 's still odd and
 string does not end with a .

$X \rightarrow aS$ { no. of a 's is even }

$X \rightarrow bX$ { no. of a 's is odd
 and string does not
 end with a }

$G \subseteq (N, T, P; S)$

Where $V \supseteq S, T, X$

$T \supseteq a, b\epsilon$

$P \supseteq \frac{S \rightarrow bS}{T \rightarrow \epsilon} \mid \frac{aT}{as} \mid \frac{aT}{bX}$

$\frac{T \rightarrow \epsilon}{X \rightarrow aS} \mid \frac{aS}{bX}$

$S \supseteq S$ (Start Variable)

Derivation of string $w = baba$

Note: string contains odd no. of a's and ends with a.

$S \Rightarrow b\underline{S}$ /* generates string with b as first symbol.
 $(S \rightarrow bS)$

$\Rightarrow ba\underline{T}$ /* Now odd no. of a's & ends with a +/
 $(S \rightarrow aT)$

$\Rightarrow baab\underline{S}$ ^{now} /* even no. of a's +/
 $(T \rightarrow aS)$

$\Rightarrow baab\underline{S}$ /* still even no. of a's ..
 $(S \rightarrow bS)$

$\Rightarrow baab\underline{aT}$ /* Now odd no. of a's and
 $(S \rightarrow aT)$ ends with a +/

$\Rightarrow baab\underline{a}$ /* stop derivation +/
 $(T \rightarrow \epsilon)$

(4) Convert the following grammar to Fsm using grammar to fsm()

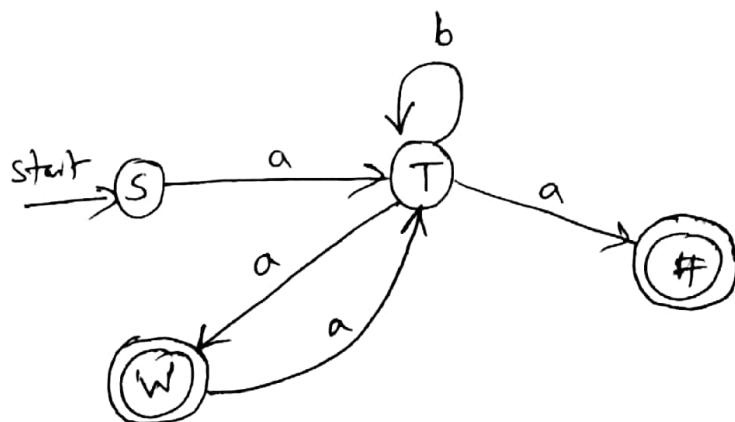
$S \rightarrow aT$

$T \rightarrow bT$

$T \rightarrow a$

$T \rightarrow aW$

$W \rightarrow \epsilon$
 $W \rightarrow aT$



(5) show by construction that for every Fsm there exists a regular grammar G such that $L(G) = L(M)$.

1. Make M Deterministic (to get rid of ϵ -transitions)
2. Create a Non-Terminal for each stat in new M
3. Start state becomes start Non-Terminal
4. For each transition $\delta(T, a)$ make a rule of the form $T \rightarrow aU$

5. For each accepting state T , make a rule of the form $T \rightarrow a$.

(b) Let $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* ; \text{ every } a \text{ in } w \text{ is immediately followed by atleast one } b \}$.

- (i) Write Regular Expression that describes L
- (ii) Write a regular grammar that generates L
- (iii) Write Fsm that accepts L .

$$(i) (ab + b)^*$$

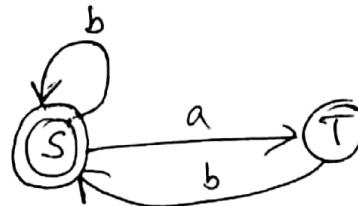
(ii) R: $\{ S \rightarrow bS, S \rightarrow aT, S \rightarrow \epsilon, T \rightarrow bS \}$
 $V = \{S, T\}, T = \{a, b\}, S = S \text{ (start symbol)}$
 Non-Terminal

$$S \rightarrow aT$$

$$S \rightarrow \epsilon$$

$$T \rightarrow bS$$

(iii)



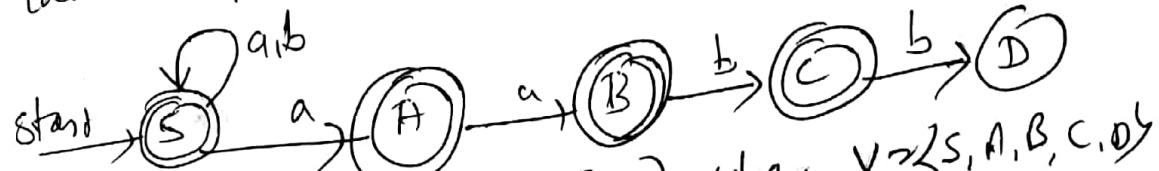
(7) Design grammar for $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* ; w \text{ does not end with } aabb \}$

$$\begin{array}{llll} S \rightarrow aA & A \rightarrow aB & B \rightarrow aB & C \rightarrow aA \\ S \rightarrow bS & A \rightarrow bS & B \rightarrow bC & C \rightarrow \epsilon \\ S \rightarrow \epsilon & A \rightarrow \epsilon & B \rightarrow \epsilon & \end{array}$$

Step (1): Design Fsm for $L = \{ w \in \{a, b\}^* ; w \text{ ends with } aabb \}$



take complement of above Fsm.



Now Regular grammar $G = (V, \Sigma, R)$, where $V = \{S, A, B, C, D\}$, $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $R = \{S \rightarrow aS, S \rightarrow bS, S \rightarrow \epsilon, A \rightarrow aB, B \rightarrow bC, C \rightarrow b, C \rightarrow \epsilon, A \rightarrow \epsilon, B \rightarrow \epsilon, C \rightarrow \epsilon\}$

Language (RL) and

Regular and Non-Regular Languages (NRL).

Language	Type	Reason
$L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$ or $L = \{\epsilon, ab, aabb, aaabbb, \dots, aaaaaaaaaa, \dots\}$ <u>Note:</u> Language has infinite no. of strings	Non- Regular Language	DFSM does not exist to accept string w containing infinite no. of a^i 's & b^i 's <u>Note:</u> FSM contains finite no. of states
$L = \{w \in \{a, b\}^*: w \text{ ends with } ba\}$	Regular Language	DFSM exist to accept the language which contains finite no. of strings

How many Regular Languages are there?

Theorem: The Regular Languages are Countably infinite.

Proof: We can construct FSM's for each of the infinite no. of regular languages. There can't be more regular languages than FSM's. To accept infinite no. of regular languages, the FSM's can also be Countably infinite.

Hence the theorem,

Showing that a language is regular

How many languages are regular - ? This question can be answered by the following theorem:

Theorem: Every finite language is regular;

Finite language: is a language containing finite no. of strings.

Proof: If L is empty set, then it is defined by the regular expression ϕ , and so is regular. If L is a finite language consisting of finite no. of strings s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n for some positive integers n , then it is defined by the regular expression $s_1 \cup s_2 \cup \dots \cup s_n$.

So it is also regular.

Closure Properties of Regular Languages:-

1. If L_1 & L_2 are two regular languages;

$L_1 \cup L_2$ is also regular.

$L_1 \cap L_2$ is also regular

$L_1 \cdot L_2$ is also regular

L_1^* is also regular

That is Union of two regular languages is regular
Concatenation of $\text{---} \sqcap \text{---} \sqcap \text{---}$

Intersection of two regular languages
is regular

Difference of $\underline{\quad} \cap \underline{\quad}$

2. If L is a regular language

L^* is also regular

L^R is also regular

$h(L)$ is also regular

That is closure of a regular language is regular.

Reverse of $\underline{\quad} \cap \underline{\quad}$

Homomorphism of a regular language is regular.
(Letter substitution)

Theorem: The Regular languages are closed under
Complement, intersection, difference, reverse
and letter substitution,

Proof:-

Case 01: Regular languages are closed under
Complement.

i.e. If L_1 is regular, $\overline{L_1}$ is also regular

If Since L_1 is regular, there exists a DFA
 $M_1 = (\mathcal{Q}_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_0, F_1)$ that accept L_1 .

the DFA $M_2 = (\mathcal{Q}_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_0, F_2)$ where

$F_2 = \mathcal{Q}_1 - F_1$. From M_1 we can construct M_2
by making Final states of M_1 as Non-Final
states of M_2 and Non-Final states of M_1 as
Final states of M_2 .

DFSM

Definitely M_2 accepts Complement of L ,
which is \bar{L} . Therefore \bar{L} is also regular.

Case(2): Regular Languages are closed under intersection.

i.e., if L_1 & L_2 are Regular languages,
 $L_1 \cap L_2$ is also regular

Proof: Since L_1 & L_2 are regular languages,

there exists DFSM's $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_{01}, F_1)$

and $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_{02}, F_2)$

For $L_1 \cap L_2$ we must construct a DFSM.

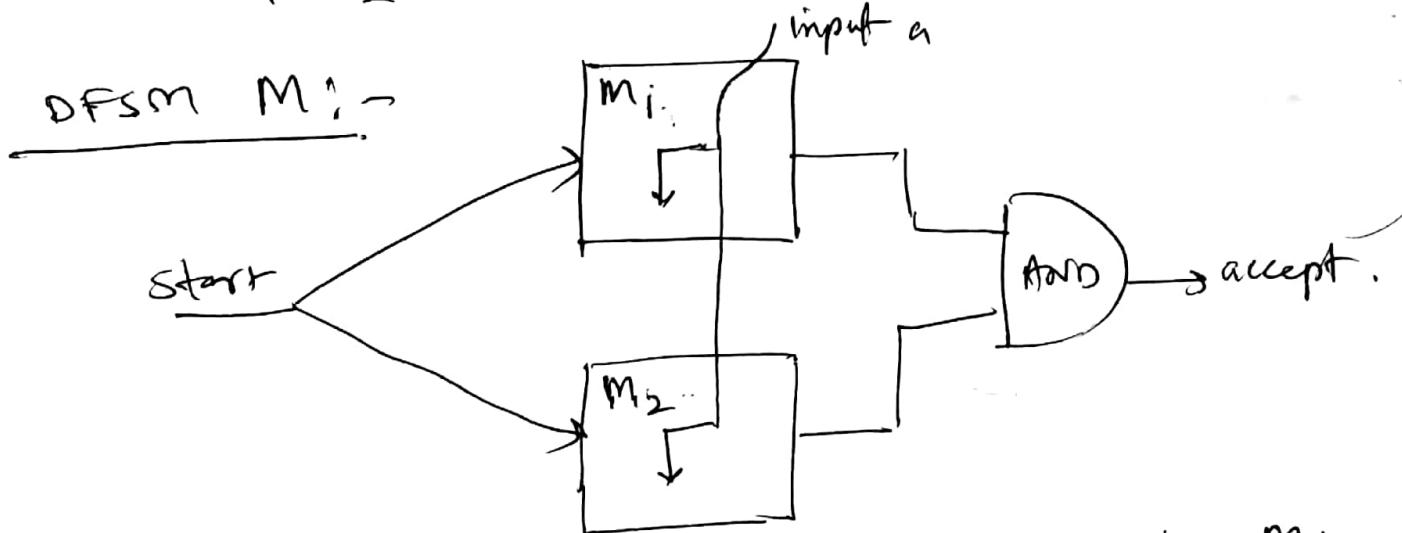


Fig:- A Single DFA Simulating two DFAs $M_1 \& M_2$

The DFA M must be:

$$M = (Q_1 \times Q_2, \Sigma, \delta, (q_{01}, q_{02}), F_1 \times F_2)$$

Each state of M are pair of states (p, q) where state p is in M_1 & state q is in M_2 .

Alphabet Σ of M is same as that of M_1 & M_2 ,

δ (delta) of M can be defined as

$$\delta((p, q), a) = (\delta_1(p, a), \delta_2(q, a))$$

$q_0 = (q_{01}, q_{02})$ - i.e. start state of M is a

start state

of M)

pair of start states of M_1 & M_2
respectively.

$F = F_1 \times F_2$ that is accepting states of
(Final states of M) are those pair of states (p, q)

such that p & q are accepting
states of M_1 & M_2 respectively,

DFSM M accepts w iff $\hat{\delta}((q_0, q_1), w)$ is
a pair of accepting states, that is $\hat{\delta}(q_1, w)$
must be in F_1 & $\hat{\delta}(q_2, w)$ must be in F_2

Here $\hat{\delta}((q_0, q_1), w)$ is the state reached
start stat

from start state of M after reading
the input string w ,

w is accepted by M iff both M_1 and
 M_2 accept. There exist a a DFSM M
that accept $L_1 \cap L_2$, i.e. $L_1 \cap L_2$ is also
regular

To show that some languages are not Regular

- * Pumping theorem can be used to show that a language is not regular.
- * If the given language fails to satisfy the condition(s) of pumping theorem, the language is not regular.
- * According to Pumping theorem, The Regular Language must have following properties or conditions,
 1. The Language must contain a long string w such that $|w| \geq n$.
(Length of string is at least n), where n is some constant.
 2. String w must be breakable into 3 substrings x, y & z satisfying the following constraints,
 - (i) $|xy| \leq n$ i.e. length of substrings xy is as short as possible.
 - (ii) $y \neq \epsilon$ i.e. middle string y must not be empty since it is to be deleted or repeated.
 - (iii) For all $k \geq 0$, string $xy^k z$ must also be in the language L .

State and prove pumping theorem for

Regular Languages :-

Statement: Let L be a Regular Language. There exist a Constant n such that for every string w in L such that $|w| \geq n$, the string w is breakable into three substrings x, y & z

Such that: (i) $y \neq \epsilon$ (ii) $|xy| \leq n$

(iii) For all $k \geq 0$, the string $xy^k z$ is also in L .

That is we can always find a non-empty string y that can be "pumped" that repeating y any number of times or deleting it ($k=0$) keeps the resulting string in the language L .

Proof: Since L is regular, there exist a DFSM M such that $L(M) = L$. Let the Machine M has n number of states. Consider the string

w of length n or more. Say $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ where $m \geq n$. Each a_i is an input symbol,

We can break $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ into $w = xyz$ as follows,

(i) $x = a_1 a_2 \dots a_i$ (ii) $y = a_{i+1} a_{i+2} \dots a_j$

(iii) $z = a_{j+1} \dots a_m$,

We need to show that the string $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ is accepted by the DFSM,

Note that m & n are total symbols of string w and no. of states of FSM respectively & $m \geq n$,

By the Pigeon hole principle, there exist atleast one state that consumes two or more symbols of the string w .

The following general DFSM that accepts all strings xy^kz where $k \geq 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We are supposed to prove that for all $k \geq 0$, xy^kz is in L . that means show that the DFSM accepts all strings xy^kz for $k \geq 0$ (i.e., $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$)

For $k=0$, $xy^kz = xy^0z = xz$ must be in L . From start state q_0 after reading string x the machine enters state q_1 . From q_1 after reading string y enters final state. Therefore xz is accepted, i.e., xz is in L .

For $k > 0$ xy^kz must be in L . From q_0 on input x FSM enters state q_1 on input y^k the machine moves from q_1 to q_f k times. on input z the machine enters accepting state \textcircled{O}

Therefore DFSM accepts all strings xy^kz for $k \geq 0$,

as

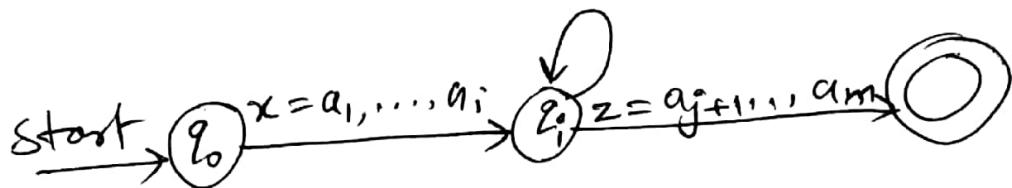


fig1- Long string causes atleast one state to repeat.

Problems: (i) Show that the Language $L = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 1\}$ is not regular.

Proof! $L \not\in R$ ab, aabb, aaabb, ... } such that $|w| \geq n$.

* Select a long string w such that $|w| \geq n$.
Let $w = a^n b^n$.

* Break w into substrings x, y & z such that (i) $y \neq \epsilon$ (ii) $|xy| \leq n$.

Break w into $\overbrace{a^i}^x \overbrace{a^j}^y \overbrace{b^n}^z$

\therefore (i) $y = a^j \neq \epsilon$. (ii) $|xy| = |a^i a^j| = n$.

$\therefore |xy| \leq n$ is satisfied.

Note we broke a^n into $\overbrace{a^i}^x$ and $\overbrace{a^j}^y$

(iii) for all $k \geq 0$, $xy^k z$ must be in L

$k=0$ $xy^k z = xy^0 z = xz$ must be in L

$= \overbrace{a^i b^n}^z$ must be in L

$= a^{n-j} b^n$ is not in L

Each string in language L must be of the form $a^n b^n$, since j no. of b 's are deleted to produce the string $a^{n-j} b^n$. Therefore L is not Regular Language.