

# From FAs to Regular Expressions - II

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# Conversion from FAs to Regular Expressions

- ▶ Given a Finite Automata (FA) how to generate an equivalent regular expression (RE)?
- ▶ Two techniques:
  - ▶ State Elimination
  - ▶ Construction of Paths
- ▶ Both algorithms work with Finite Automata (FA) as input, i.e., DFAs, NFAs, and  $\varepsilon$ -NFAs

# Construction of Paths

- ① Hopcroft's formula (the  $n$  states of the FA are enumerated from 1 to  $n$ )
  - $R_{ij}^{(n)}$  is the regular expression of all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  ( $n$  is the number of states)
  - $R_{ij}^{(k)} = R_{ij}^{(k-1)} + R_{ik}^{(k-1)} \cdot (R_{kk}^{(k-1)})^* \cdot R_{kj}^{(k-1)}$
  - States are numbered 1 to  $n$
  - $R_{ij}^{(k)}$  is regular expression of all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  passing through nodes less or equal than  $k$
  - Computed for all  $i, j$  for  $k=0$ , then  $k=1, \dots, n$
  - $R_{sf1}^{(n)} + \dots + R_{sfk}^{(n)}$  is the regular expression of the DFA considering:
    - $s$  is the start state,  $f_1, \dots, f_k$  are accepting states,  $n$  is the number of states.

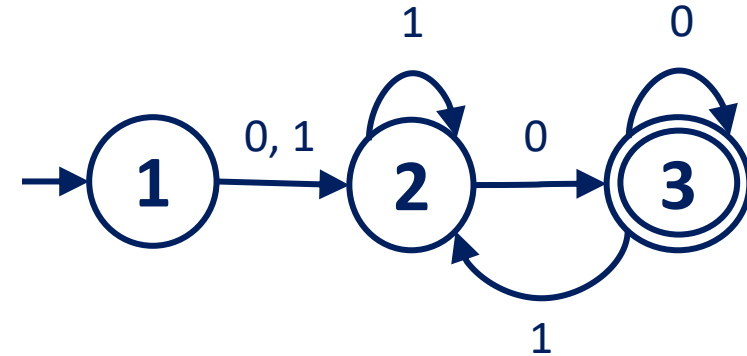
# Algorithm based on Path Construction

- ▶ Numerate the nodes (states) from 1 to n
- ▶  $R_{ij}^{(k)}$ 
  - ▶ Regular expression defining the language consisting of the set of strings  $w$  such that  $w$  is the label of a path between nodes  $i$  and  $j$ , without passing in any intermediate node higher than  $k$
- ▶ Induction in the number of nodes ( $k$ )
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# Algorithm based on Path Construction (example)

- ▶ DFA below
  - ▶ 3 states
  - ▶ 1 final state
  - ▶ DFA states already labeled from 1 to 3
- ▶ Regular expression representing the language of the DFA:
  - ▶  $RE = RE_{13}^{(3)}$

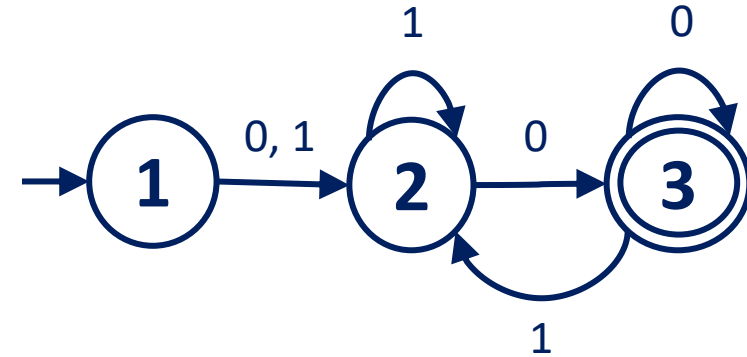
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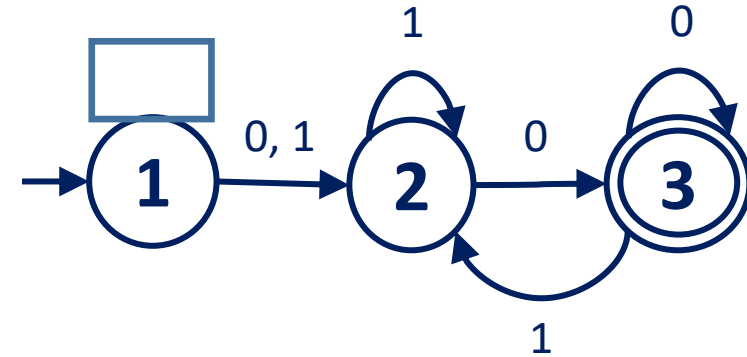
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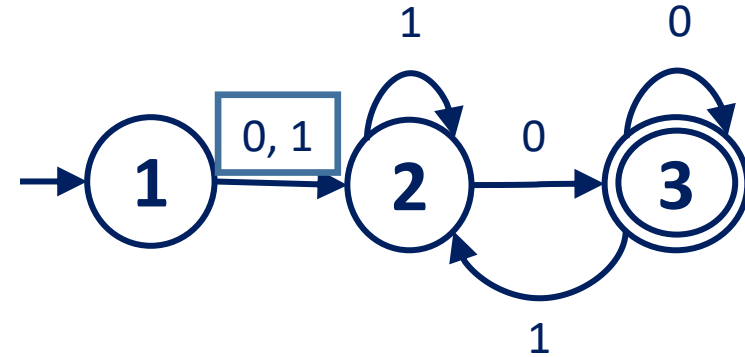
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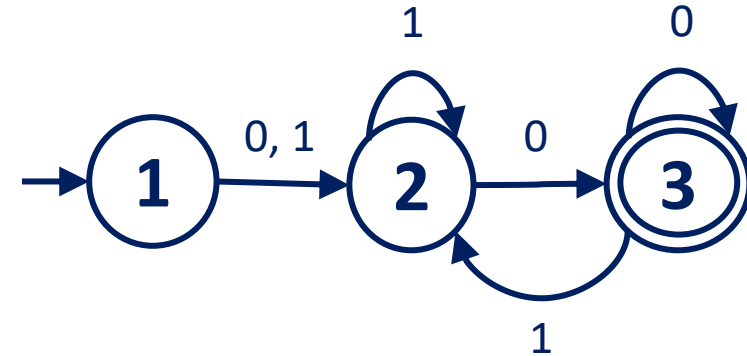




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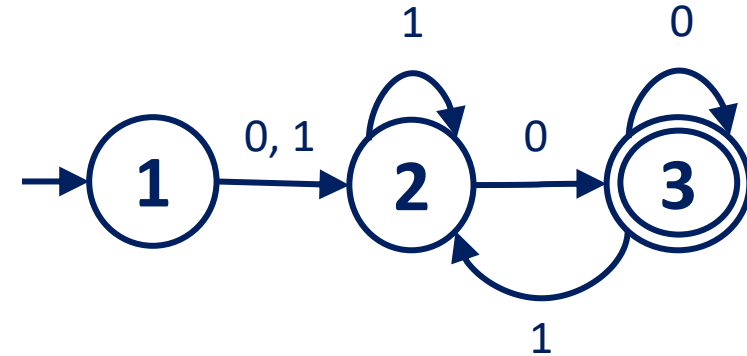
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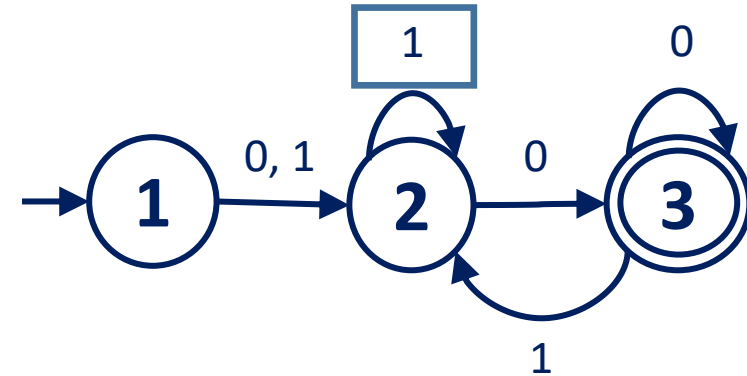
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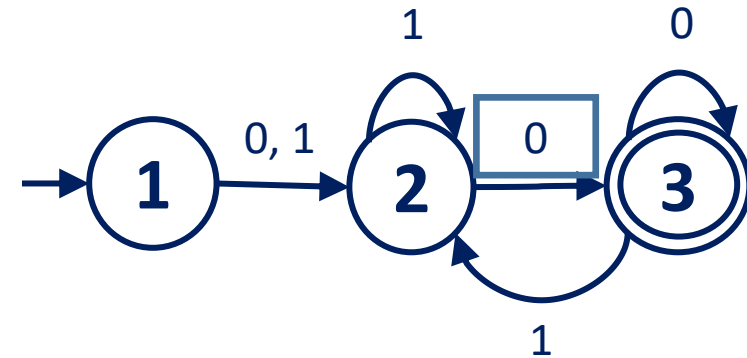
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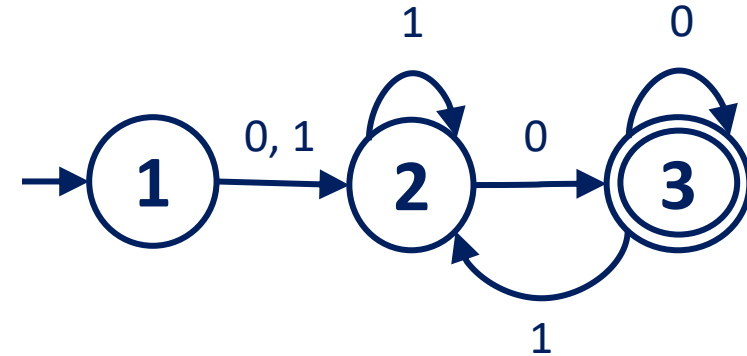
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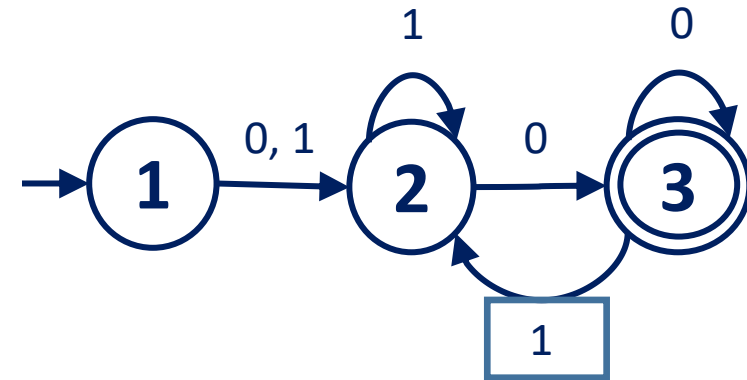
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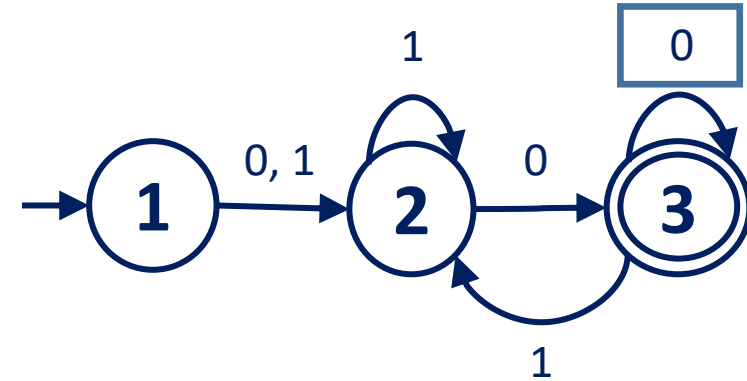
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$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$		
$R_{23}^{(2)}$		
$R_{31}^{(2)}$		
$R_{32}^{(2)}$		
$R_{33}^{(2)}$		

$R_{11}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
$R_{13}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 1$
$R_{23}^{(1)}$	$0$
$R_{31}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(1)}$	$1$
$R_{33}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 0$

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$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 1) + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$		
$R_{31}^{(2)}$		
$R_{32}^{(2)}$		
$R_{33}^{(2)}$		

$R_{11}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
$R_{13}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 1$
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$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 1) + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$0 + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$		
$R_{32}^{(2)}$		
$R_{33}^{(2)}$		

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$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
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$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 1) + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$0 + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$		
$R_{33}^{(2)}$		

$R_{11}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
$R_{13}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 1$
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$R_{31}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
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$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 1) + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$0 + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$	$1 + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$11^*=1^+$
$R_{33}^{(2)}$		

$R_{11}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
$R_{13}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 1$
$R_{23}^{(1)}$	$0$
$R_{31}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(1)}$	$1$
$R_{33}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 0$



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$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1) + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (0 + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 1) + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$0 + (\varepsilon + 1) \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$	$1 + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)$	$1^+$
$R_{33}^{(2)}$	$(\varepsilon + 0) + 1 \cdot (\varepsilon + 1)^* \cdot 0$	$\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0$

$R_{11}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(1)}$	$0 + 1$
$R_{13}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{21}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 1$
$R_{23}^{(1)}$	$0$
$R_{31}^{(1)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(1)}$	$1$
$R_{33}^{(1)}$	$\varepsilon + 0$

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

$R_{11}^{(3)}$	$\varepsilon + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(3)}$		
$R_{13}^{(3)}$		
$R_{21}^{(3)}$		
$R_{22}^{(3)}$		
$R_{23}^{(3)}$		
$R_{31}^{(3)}$		
$R_{32}^{(3)}$		
$R_{33}^{(3)}$		

$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$	$1^+$
$R_{33}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0$

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

$R_{11}^{(3)}$	$\varepsilon + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(3)}$	$(0 + 1)1^* + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot 1^+$	
$R_{13}^{(3)}$		
$R_{21}^{(3)}$		
$R_{22}^{(3)}$		
$R_{23}^{(3)}$		
$R_{31}^{(3)}$		
$R_{32}^{(3)}$		
$R_{33}^{(3)}$		

$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$	$1^+$
$R_{33}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0$

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

$R_{11}^{(3)}$	$\varepsilon + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot \emptyset$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(3)}$	$(0 + 1)1^* + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot 1 +$	
$R_{13}^{(3)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*0 + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)$	

$R_{s,f1}^{(n)} + \dots + R_{s,fk}^{(n)}$  is the regular expression of the DFA

**RE:  $R_{13}^{(3)} = (0 + 1)1^*0 + ((0 + 1)1^*0) \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)^* \cdot (\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0)$**

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

$R_{11}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon$
$R_{12}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*$
$R_{13}^{(2)}$	$(0 + 1)1^*0$
$R_{21}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{22}^{(2)}$	$1^*$
$R_{23}^{(2)}$	$1^*0$
$R_{31}^{(2)}$	$\emptyset$
$R_{32}^{(2)}$	$1^+$
$R_{33}^{(2)}$	$\varepsilon + 0 + 11^*0$