

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

## THEORY OF COMPUTATION

### REGULAR EXPRESSION

Lecture No.- 02



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# Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

Regular Expression Construction  
?????



{ Mealy machine  
Moore machine }

# Topics to be Covered



Topic

Regular Expression

Topic

?? Properties of Regular Expression

Topic

?? Finite Automata  $\Rightarrow$  Regular Expression

Topic

?? Regular Expression  $\Rightarrow$  Finite Automata



## Topic : Regular Expression

$$L = \{ \epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots \}$$

$\underbrace{(a+b)^*}$

- The simplest way of representing a regular language is known as Regular expression.

- For every regular language regular expression can be constructed.

- To construct regular expression following 3 operators are used.

- $+$  is known as union operator

- $\cdot$  is known as concatenation operator

- $*$  is known as Kleene closure operator

$$L_1 = \{ \ } \Rightarrow \emptyset$$

$$L_2 = \{ ab, aa, ba, bb \} \Rightarrow$$

$$\underline{ab + aa + ba + bb}$$

$$L_3 = \{ a^n b^m \mid n \geq m \text{ (or) } n < m \} \times$$

$n \neq m$

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

$$\underline{L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}}$$



## Topic : NOTE



- For one regular language many number of regular expressions can be possible.
- One regular expression can generate only one regular language.

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is exactly 4.

$$\overbrace{(a+b) \quad (a+b) \quad (a+b) \quad (a+b)}^{1 \quad 2 \quad !! \quad 3 \quad 4} = \begin{array}{c} \min \\ \hline \end{array} \text{DFA} \quad \textcircled{6} \quad \begin{array}{c} \hline \max \\ \end{array} \text{DFA}$$

$$(a+b)^4 = \begin{array}{c} \min \\ \hline \end{array} \text{DFA} \quad \begin{array}{c} \hline \max \\ \end{array} \text{DFA}$$

$$(a+b) - \text{n times} \left. \begin{array}{l} (a+b)^n \end{array} \right\} = (a+b)^*$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is atleast 4

$$(a+b)^4(a+b)^* \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{min DFA} \\ \hline \text{5 States} \end{array}$$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is atmost 4.

$$\underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} \underline{(a+b+\epsilon)} = \text{min DFA} = \textcircled{6}$$

$$(a+b+\epsilon)^n \longrightarrow (n+2)$$

{ $0, 6, 8, 12, \dots$ }

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where length of each string is divisible by 4.

$$\left[ (a+b)^4 \right]^*$$

 $\underline{\text{min DFA}}$ 

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

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are exactly 4

$b^* a b^* a b^* a b^* a b^*$  → min DFA = 6 states

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are atmost 3.

$$b^* \underbrace{(a + \epsilon)}_{=} b^* \underbrace{(a + \epsilon)}_{=} b \underbrace{(a + \epsilon)}_{=} b^*$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are atleast 3.

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all strings of a's and b's where number of a's are divisible by 3.

$$\left( b^* a b^* a b^* a b^* \right)^* + b^* \rightarrow \text{min DFA} =$$

b b b b b b

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all even length palindrome strings over {a}.

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all odd length palindrome strings over {a}.

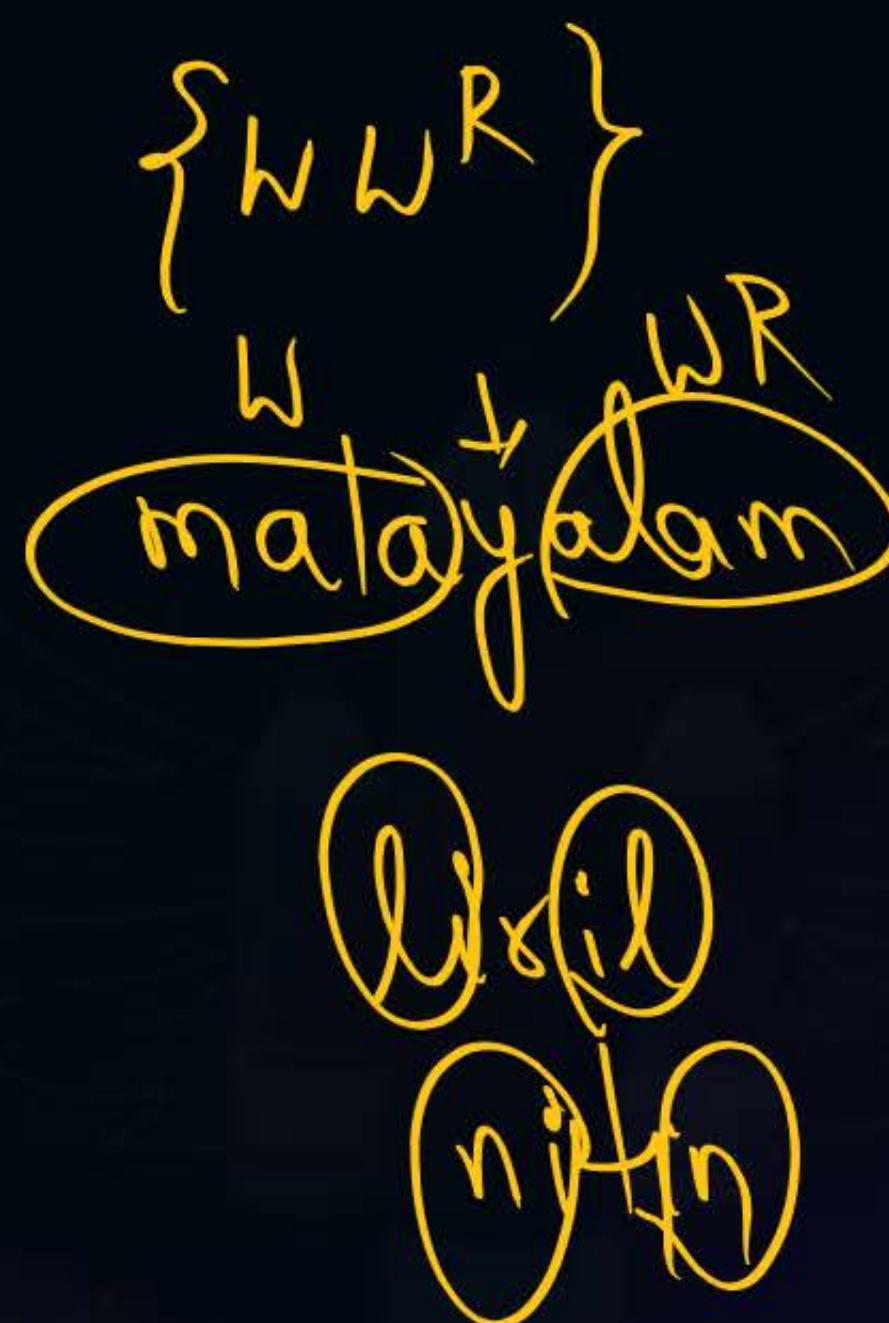
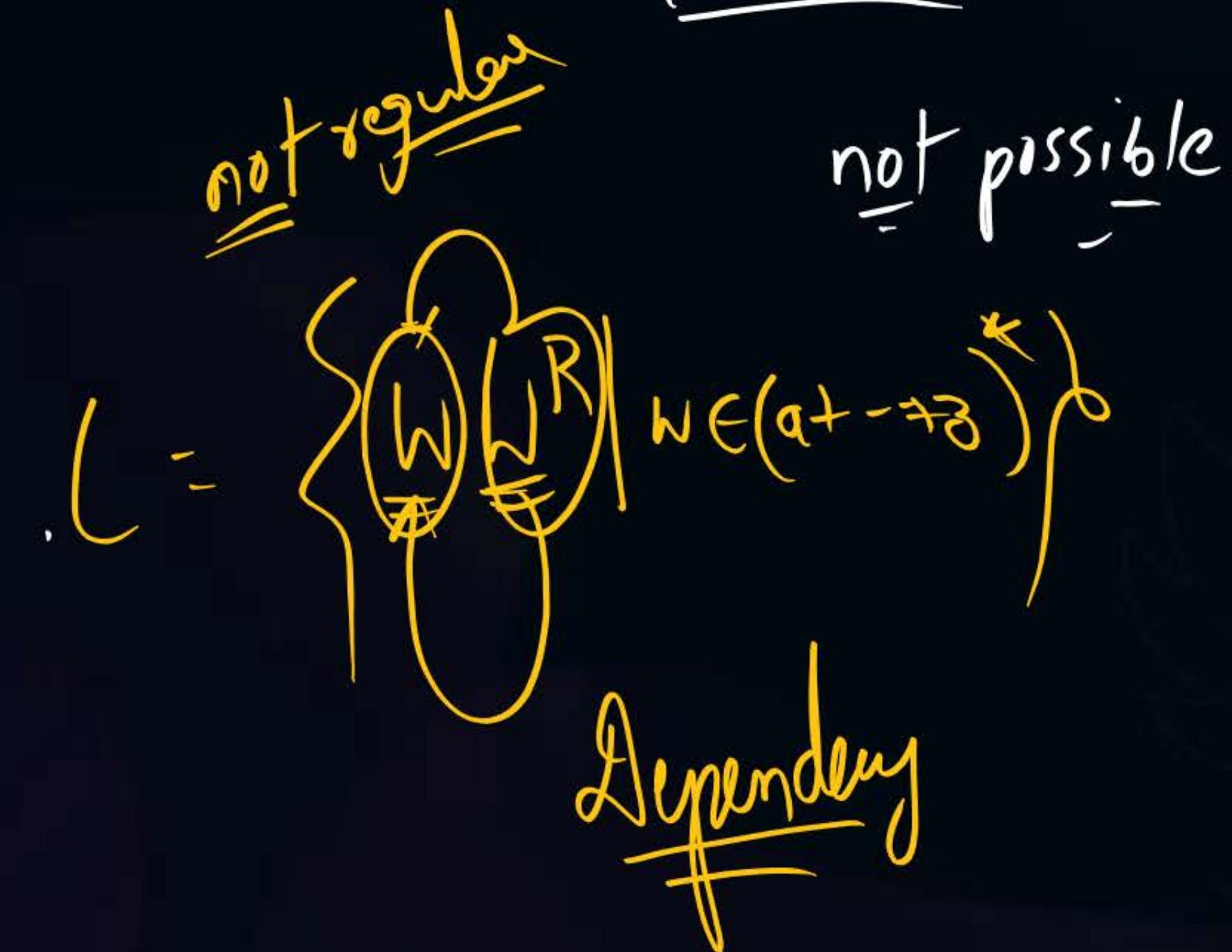
$$\{a, a^3, a^5, a^7, \dots\} = \underline{a}(\underline{aa})^*$$

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all even length palindrome strings over {a, b}.

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all odd length palindrome strings over {a, b}.

not possible

#Q. Construct regular expression that generates set of all odd length palindrome strings of English language //  $\{a \dots z\}$



$$L_1 = \left\{ \underline{\underline{w}} \underline{\underline{w}}^R \mid w \in (a)^* \right\} = \\ \left\{ \epsilon, aa, aaaa, aaaaaa, \dots \right\} = (aa)^*$$

$$L_2 = \left\{ \underline{\underline{w}} \underline{\underline{w}}^R \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right\} = \\ \left\{ \underline{\underline{bab}}, \underline{\underline{abb}}, \underline{\underline{abba}}, \underline{\underline{baab}}, \underline{\underline{abbbba}}, \dots \right\}$$

not regular

$L_3 = \{ \underline{w} \in \underline{W}^R \mid w \in (a+b)^*\}$  = odd length Palindrome  
not regular

$(a+b)^*$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \left\{ \underbrace{\overline{w}^{\epsilon}}_{\infty} \times \underbrace{w^R}_{\infty} \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right. \\ \left. x \in (a+b)^* \right\} = (a+b)^*$$

$$(a+b)^* + (a+b)^2$$

$$(a+b)^* + a(a+b)^a + b(a+b)^b + ab(a+b)^{ba}$$

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

$$L_5 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \epsilon & \epsilon \\ w & \times & w^R \\ \end{matrix} \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right\}$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{x \in (a+b)}$

= odd length  
Palindrome

$\{a, b, \underline{ababa}, babab\dots\} = \text{not possible}$

$a+b+ab^ab^a+$

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \left\{ \underline{w} x \underline{w}^R \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right. \\ \left. x \in (a+b)^* \right\}$$

$$\overbrace{a(a+b)^*a + b(a+b)^*b}^{=}$$

$$L_7 = \{ \underline{\underline{w}} b w^R \mid w \in (a)^* \}$$

$$\{ b, ab, a^2ba^2, a^3ba^3, \dots, a^nba^n, \dots \}$$

not regular

X

$$L = \{ w \times w^R \mid w \in (a+b)^*\} = (a+b)^*$$

$$L_8 = \left\{ \underbrace{w \in \Sigma^*}_{} \mid w, x \in (a+b)^* \right\} = (a+b)^*$$

$$\underline{(a+b)^*} + abba(a+b)^* + babb(a+b)^* + \dots = \underline{(a+b)^*}$$

$$L_9 = \left\{ \underbrace{x \in \Sigma^*}_{} \mid x, w \in (a+b)^* \right\} = (a+b)^*$$

$$\underline{(a+b)^*} + (a+b)^*aa + (a+b)^*bb + \dots = \underline{(a+b)^*}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{10} = \left\{ \underline{w} \times \underline{w}^R \mid w, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\}$$

$$\boxed{a(a+b)^+a + b(a+b)^+b}$$

$$ab(a+b)^+ba + ba(a+b)^+ab + \dots$$

$$\boxed{ab(b(a+b))ba}$$

aaabbababababbbaaa

not

possible

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{P} \quad \text{W} \\
 & \text{aa(a+b)}^+ + \text{bb(a+b)}^+ + \underline{\text{abba(a+b)}^+} \\
 \times \quad L_{11} &= \left\{ WW^R \mid w_1, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\} + \text{baab(a+b)}^+ \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad = x \cdot \dots \\
 \checkmark \quad L_{13} &= \left\{ w \times w^R \mid w_1, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\} = \underline{a(a+b)}^+ \underline{a+b(a+b)}^+ b \\
 \times \quad L_{12} &= \left\{ xWW^R \mid w, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\} = \underline{\underline{x}} \quad \underline{\underline{WW^R}} \quad \underline{\underline{a+b(a+b)}^+ b}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{(a+b)^+}{X}aa + \frac{(a+b)^+}{X}bb + \frac{(a+b)^+}{X}abb + \frac{(a+b)^+}{X}baab + \dots$$

L<sub>14</sub> = {  $\overbrace{ww}^{\Omega} \mid w \in (a+b)^*$  } = not possible  
{ ε, aa, bb, abab, baba ... } = X

L<sub>15</sub> = { ww ∣ w ∈ (a)\* }

{ aa, bb,  $\underbrace{aa}_{\sim}, \underbrace{aa}_{\sim}, \dots } \models \underline{(aa)}^*$

$$L_{16} = \left\{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right\} = \text{not regular}$$

$\{ \epsilon, aca, bac, abcab, \underbrace{bacba} \dots \}$

$$L_{17} = \left\{ w \underset{\epsilon}{\times} w \mid w \in (a+b)^* \right\} = (a+b)^*$$

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

P  
W

not regular  
not possible

$$L_{18} = \left\{ w x w \mid w, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\} - \left\{ a(a+b)^+ a \right. \\ \left. b(a+b)^+ b \right\} x$$

$$L_{19} = \left\{ w w x \mid w, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\}$$

$$L_{20} = \left\{ x w w \mid w, x \in (a+b)^+ \right\}$$



## Topic : NOTE

- { Palindrome languages over more than one symbol are not regular .Hence regular expression not possible.
- Palindrome languages over one symbol are regular ✓

Regular

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \left\{ \overbrace{a^n}^{10} \overbrace{b^m}^{10} \mid (n+m) \text{ is even} \right\}$$

$\stackrel{\text{as}}{=} \frac{b^9}{\text{even + even}}$

$$\left\{ \overbrace{(aa)^*}^{\text{odd}} \overbrace{(bb)^*}^{\text{odd}} + \overbrace{a(aa)^*}^{\text{even}} \overbrace{b(bb)^*}^{\text{even}} \right\}$$

$\stackrel{\text{odd + odd.}}{=} \frac{\text{even}}{\text{even}}$

$$L_2 = \left\{ a^n b^m \mid (\underline{n+m}) \text{ is odd} \right\}$$
$$a \underbrace{(aa)^*}_{\text{odd}} \underbrace{(bb)^*}_{\text{even}} + \underbrace{(aa)^*}_{\text{even}} \underbrace{(bb)^*}_{\text{odd}} b$$

odd  
even+odd  
odd+even

$$L_3 = \{ 1, 2, 4, 8, \dots, 2^n, \dots \}$$

all these numbers written in Unary

$$\{ 1, \text{||}, \text{||||}, \text{|||}^8, \dots \} \rightarrow \text{No common difference}$$

X

not regular

$$L_3 = \{ 1, 2, 4, 8, \dots, 2^n, \dots \}$$

all these numbers written in binary.

✓ 01

✓ 010

000100

✓ 1000

{ 010 }



## 2 mins Summary



**Topic** One

**Topic** Two

**Topic** Three

**Topic** Four

**Topic** Five



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