

CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation

Regular Languages

Lecture No.- 13

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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

Regular Expressions GATE PYQs



Topics to be Covered



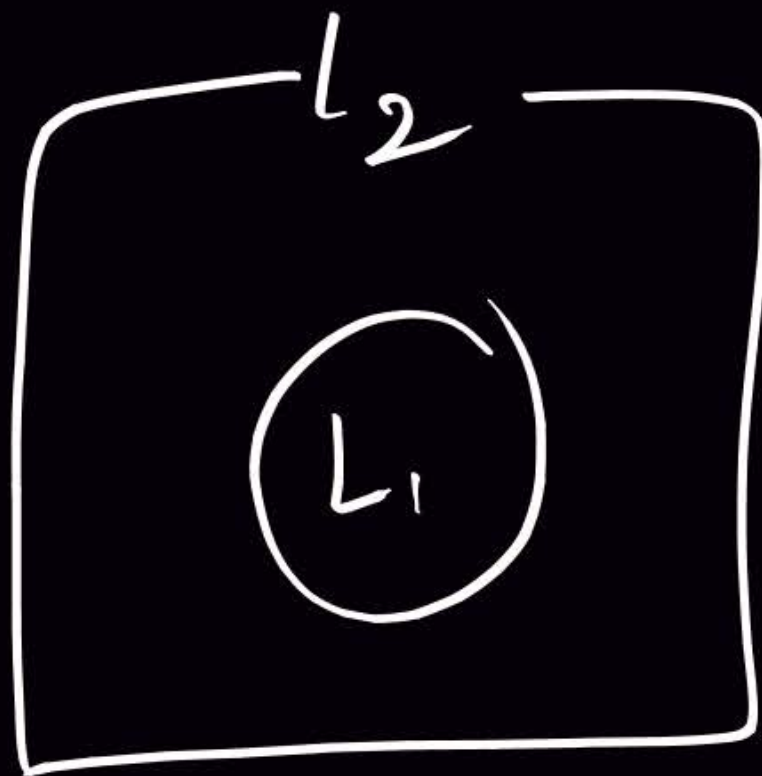
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Practice on Regular Expressions



$$L_1 = \{a, ab\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a, b, ab, bbb\}$$



$$L_1 \subset L_2$$

$$L_2 \supset L_1$$



$$R_1 = a^*$$

$$R_2 = (aa)^*$$

TRUE?

MSQ

- ☐ A $L(R_1) = L(R_2)$
- ☐ B $L(R_1) \subset L(R_2)$
- ☒ C $L(R_1) \supset L(R_2)$
- ☒ D $L(R_1) \neq L(R_2)$



Q2

$$L_1 = a^* + b^*, \quad L_2 = a^* b^*$$

FALSE ?

MSQ

- ☒ A $L_1 = L_2$ FALSE
- ☐ B $L_1^* = L_2^*$ TRUE
- ☐ C $L_1 \subset L_2$ TRUE
- ☐ D $L_1 \neq L_2$ TRUE

$$L_1 = \{a^*, b^*\}$$

$$= \{\epsilon, a, a^2, \dots, b, b^2, \dots\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^* b^*, a^+ b^+\}$$

$$= L_1 \cup \{a^+ b^+\}$$

$$L_1^* = (a^* + b^*)^* = (a + b)^*$$

$$L_2^* = (a^* b^*)^* = (a + b)^*$$

Q3

$L = (a+b)^*$. Find equivalent expressions.



MSQ

- ☒ A $(a^*b)^*a^*$
- ☒ B $(b^*a)^*b^*$
- ☒ C $a^*(ba^*)^*$
- ☒ D $b^*(ab^*)^*$

Q4

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



MSQ

Equivalent to L ?

- ☒ A $(a^*+b)^+$ = $\{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\} = (a+b)^*$
- ☒ B $(a^*+b)^*$ = "
- ☒ C $(a+b^*)^+$ = "
- ☒ D $(a+b^*)^*$ = "

bbaaba

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

$$\left(\right)^3 = \overset{1}{(a^0b^2)} \overset{1}{(a^2b^1)} \overset{1}{(a^1b^0)}$$

$\epsilon bb \quad aa \quad b \quad a \quad \epsilon$

Q5

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

Equivalent to L ?

MSQ

- ☒ A $(a^*b^*)^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\} = (a+b)^*$
- ☒ B $(a^*b^*)^+ = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, \dots\} = (a+b)^*$
- ☐ C $(a^+b^+)^* = \{\epsilon, \cancel{a}, \cancel{b}, \cancel{aa}, ab, \cancel{ba}, \cancel{bb}, \dots\}$
- ☐ D $(a^+b^+)^+ = \{\cancel{a}, \cancel{b}, \cancel{ab}, \dots\}$

Q6

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



Equivalent to L ?

MSQ

- ☒ A $(a^* b^* a^*)^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, \dots\}$
- ☒ B $(b^* a^* (bb)^*)^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, \dots\}$
- ☒ C $(a^* b^* b^* a^* a^* a^* b^*)^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, \dots\}$
- ☒ D $(a^* b^* (aa)^* (bb)^* b^*)^* = \{\epsilon, a, b, \dots\}$
- $(a+b)^*$
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$$(b^* a^* (bb)^*)^*$$

$$\underline{ab} \Rightarrow ()^2 = \underbrace{(b^0 a^1 (bb)^0)}_a \cdot \underbrace{(b^1 a^0 (bb)^0)}_b$$

Q7



$$L = \{ w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*, n_a(w) = 2 \}$$

= Set of all strings where every string has exactly 2 a's.
MSQ

= $\{aa, aba, baa, \underline{aab}, \dots\}$

- ☒ A aa
- ☒ B $b^* a b^* a$
- ☒ C $b^* a b^* a b^*$ ✓
- ☒ D $(b^* a)^2 b^*$ ✓

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

Q8

$$L = \{w \mid \underline{w} \in a^*, n_a(w) = 2\}$$

$$w \in \{\varepsilon, a, \underline{a^2}, a^3, \dots\}$$

L is over $\Sigma = \{a\}$

☒ A aa

☐ B ab^*a

☐ C $b^*ab^*ab^*$

☐ D aab^*

Q9



$$L = \{ bw \mid w \in (\underline{aa})^*, n_a(w) \leq 2 \}$$

Equivalent to L ?

- ☐ A $\{\epsilon, a, a^2\}$
- ☐ B $\{b, ba, ba^2\}$
- ☒ C $\{b, ba^2\}$
- ☐ D None

$$L = \left\{ \underbrace{bw}_{\text{string}} \mid \underbrace{w \in \{\epsilon, aa, a^4, \dots\}}_{n_a(w) \leq 2} \right\}$$
$$= \{ b\epsilon, baa \} = \{ b, baa \}$$
$$= \{ b, ba^2 \}$$

Q10

$$L = \{ w_1 w_2 \mid w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^* \} = ?$$

MSQ

- ☒ A $(a+b)^*$
- ☒ B $(a+b)^* \cdot (a+b)^* = (a+b)^*$
- ☒ C $a^* (a+b)^* = (a+b)^*$
- ☒ D $(a+b)^* \cdot b^* = (a+b)^*$

Q11.

MSQ

$$\{\underline{w}\underline{w} \mid w \in \{a,b\}^*\} = ?$$

No regular Exp
Not regular language

- ☐ A $(a+b)^*$ ✗
- ☐ B $(a+b)^* \cdot (a+b)^*$ ✗
- ☐ C $(a+b)^* \cdot (a+b)$ ✗
- ☒ D None

$$\{ \underbrace{w_1}_{\downarrow} \underbrace{w_2}_{\downarrow} \mid w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^* \} = \{ \epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, \dots \} \\ = (a+b)^*$$

$$\{ \underbrace{w}_{\text{same}} \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \} = \{ \epsilon, \cancel{a}, \cancel{b}, \overset{\check}{aa}, \cancel{ab}, \cancel{ba}, \overset{\check}{bb}, \dots \}$$

$\begin{matrix} ww \\ \epsilon \epsilon \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} ww \\ aa \end{matrix}$

Q 12



$$L_1 = a^*b^*$$

$$L_2 = b^*a^*$$

MSQ

TRUE?

$$L_1 \neq L_2$$

☐ A $L_1 = L_2$

☒ B $L_1^* = L_2^*$

☒ C $L_1^+ = L_2^+$

☒ D $L_1 \neq L_2$

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



2 mins Summary



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Regular Expressions

THANK - YOU