

CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation

Regular Languages

Lecture No.- 12

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a black polo shirt, stands with his arms crossed in front of a blurred bookshelf. He is wearing a black watch on his left wrist.

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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

Regular Language Vs Regular Expression



Topics to be Covered



Topic

Practice on Regular Expressions



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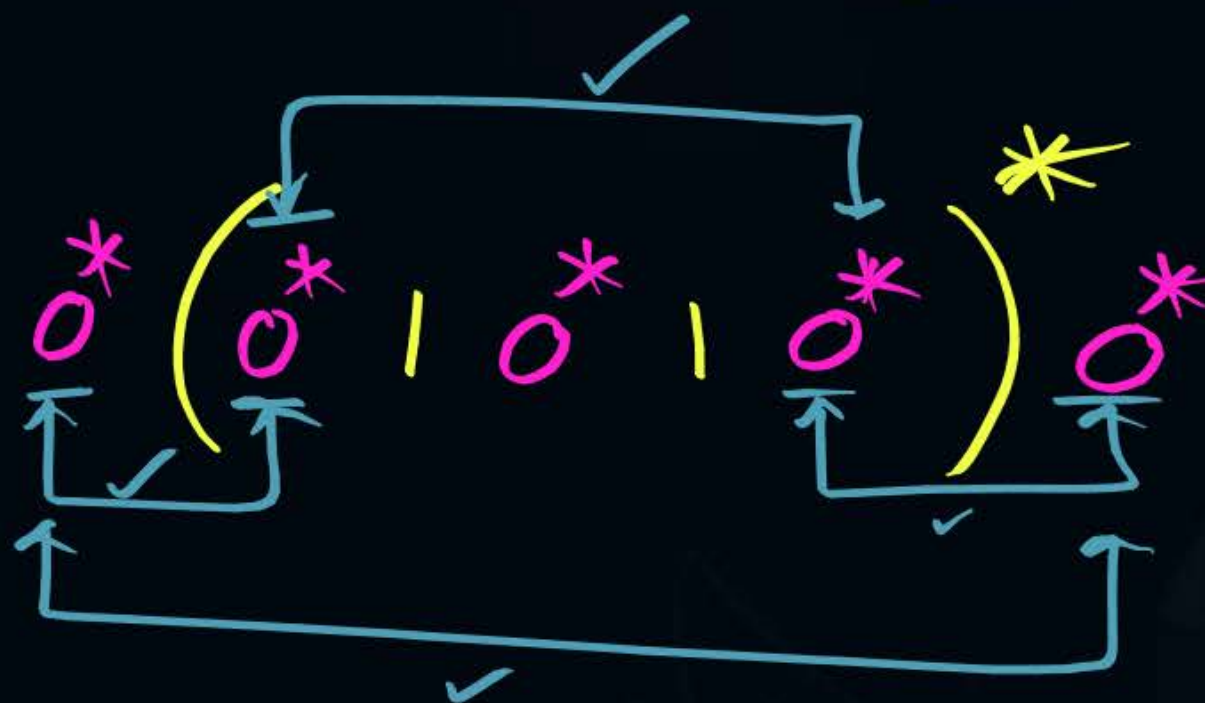
Let $L = \{ w \in (0 + 1)^* \mid w \text{ has even number of 1s} \}$, i.e., L is the set of all bit strings with even number of 1s. Which one of the regular expressions below represents L ? [2010: 2 Marks]

A $(0^*10^*1)^*$ → 0^* ✓

~~B $0^*(10^*10^*)^*$~~

C $0^*(10^*1)^*0^*$ → 110111^*
valid ✓

D $0^*1(10^*1)^*10^*$ → ϵ ✗



Q

Let P be a regular language and Q be a context-free language such that $Q \subseteq P$. (For example, let P be the language represented by the regular expression $p^* q^*$ and Q be $\{p^n q^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then which of the following is ALWAYS regular?

[2011: 1 Mark]

- A $P \cap Q$
- B $\Sigma^* - P$
- C $P - Q$
- D $\Sigma^* - Q$

CFLs
=



Given the language $L = \{ab, aa, baa\}$, which of the following strings are in L^* ?

1. abaabaaabaa $\in L^5$ 2. aaaabaaa $\in L^4$
3. baaaaabaaaab $\notin L^*$ 4. baaaaabaa $\in L^4$ [2012: 1 Mark]

- ☐ A 1, 2 and 3
☐ B 2, 3 and 4
☒ C 1, 2 and 4
☐ D 1, 3 and 4

$$L^* = (ab + aa + baa)^*$$

$$= (baa)'(aa)'(ab)'(aa)'(aa)'$$

Q

Consider the languages $L_1 = \phi$ and $L_2 = \{a\}$. Which one of the following represents $L_1 L_2^* \cup L_1^*$?

[2013: 1 Mark]



- ☒ A $\{\epsilon\}$
- ☐ B ϕ
- ☐ C a^*
- ☐ D $\{\epsilon, a\}$

$$\underbrace{\phi \cdot a^* + \phi^*}_{\epsilon}$$

$$\phi^+ = \phi$$

$$\phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^* &= \phi^0 + \phi^1 + \phi^2 + \dots \\ &= \epsilon + \phi + \phi + \dots \\ &= \epsilon + \phi = \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi^0 &= \epsilon \\ a^0 &= \epsilon \\ \epsilon^0 &= \epsilon\end{aligned}$$



The length of the shortest string **NOT** in the language (over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$) of the following regular expression is

_____.

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

[2014-Set3: 1 Mark]

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon &= a^0b^0(ba)^0a^0 \\ a &= a^1b^0(ba)^0a^0 \\ b &= a^0b^1(ba)^0a^0 \\ aa &= a^2 \quad \epsilon \\ ab &= a^1b^1 \quad \epsilon \\ ba &= a^0b^0(ba)^1a^0 \\ bb &= a^0b^2 \quad \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

$= 3 //$

aaa ✓
aab ✓
aba ✓
abb ✓
baa ✓
bab X

Len

0 $\rightarrow \epsilon$
1 $\rightarrow a, b$
2 $\rightarrow aa, ab, ba, bb$
3 $\rightarrow aaa, \dots, bbb$
4
5
...

Consider alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$, the null/empty string λ and the sets of strings X_0 , X_1 and X_2 generated by the corresponding non-terminals of a regular grammar. X_0 , X_1 and X_2 are related as follows:

[2015-Set2: 2 Marks]

$$X_0 = 1X_1$$

$$X_1 = 0X_1 + 1X_2$$

$$X_2 = 0X_1 + \{\lambda\}$$

Which one of the following choices precisely represents the strings in X_0 ?

- A** $10(0^* + (10)^*)1$
- B** $10(0^* + (10)^*)^*1$
- C** $1(0 + 10)^*1$
- D** $10(0 + 10)^*1 + 110(0 + 10)^*1$

Regular Grammar

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Which one of the following regular expressions represents the language: *the set of all binary strings having two consecutive 0s and two consecutive 1s*?

[2016-Set1: 1 Mark]

A $(0 + 1)^*0011(0 + 1)^* + (0 + 1)^*1100(0 + 1)^*$ → contains 0011 or 1100

B $(0 + 1)^*(00(0 + 1)^*11 + 11(0 + 1)^*00)(0 + 1)^*$

C $(0 + 1)^*00(0 + 1)^* + (0 + 1)^*11(0 + 1)^*$
 contain 00 or contain 11

D $00(0 + 1)^*11 + 11(0 + 1)^*00$

starts with 00
and ends with 11

OR

starts with 11
and ends with 00

$$\Sigma^* \underbrace{00 \Sigma^*}_{\swarrow} 11 \Sigma^* \nearrow + \Sigma^* 11 \underbrace{\Sigma^* 00}_{\nwarrow} \Sigma^* \nearrow$$

$$\Sigma^* (00 \Sigma^* 11 + 11 \Sigma^* 00) \Sigma^*$$

Q



Which one of the following regular expression represents the set of all binary strings with an odd number of 1's?

[2020: 1 Mark]

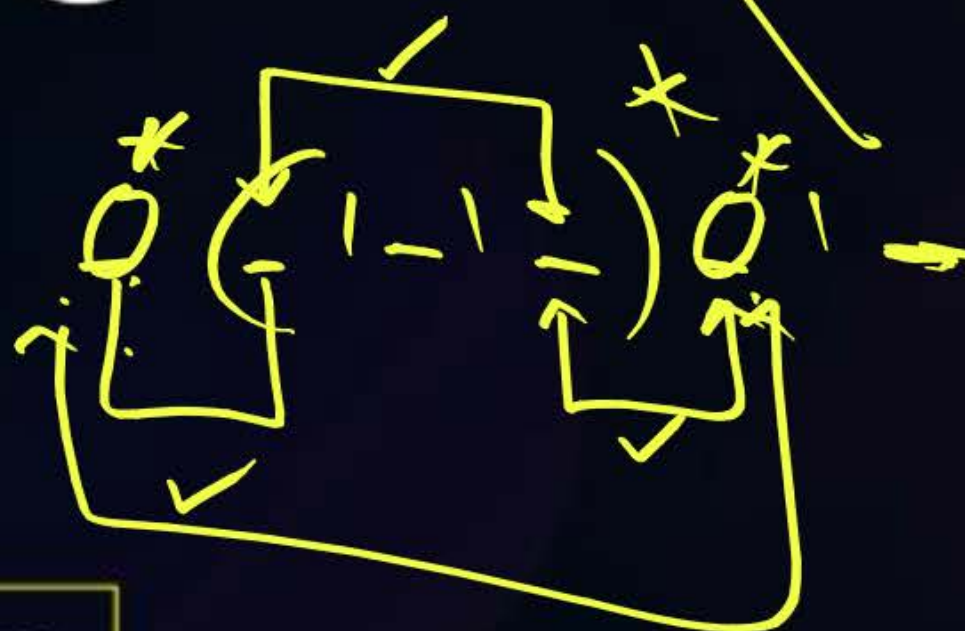
A $(0^*10^*10^*)^*0^*1$ → 10 X

B $10^*(0^*10^*10^*)^*$ → 01 X

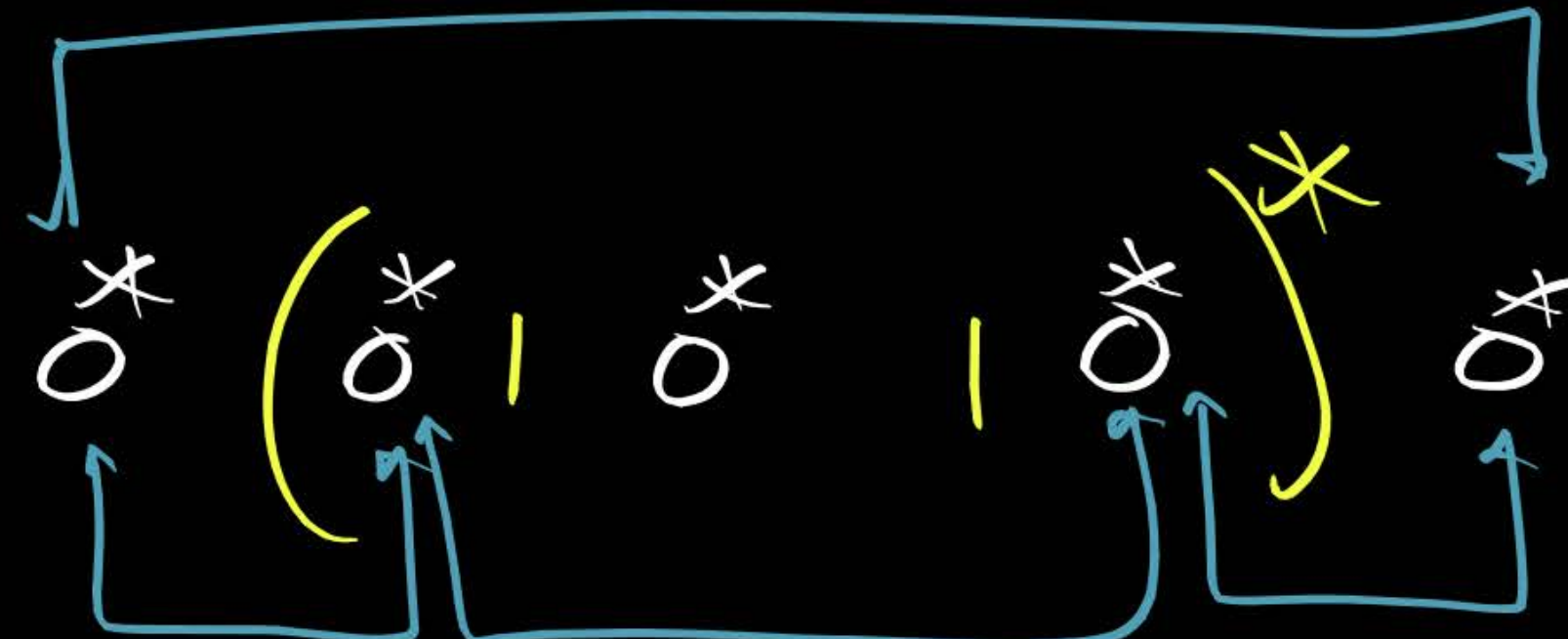
C $((0 + 1)^*1(0 + 1)^*1)^*10^*$ → 01 X

D $(0^*10^*10^*)^*10^*$ → 01 X

all options are wrong



$$= 0^* \left(0^* \mid 0^* \mid 0^* \right)^* 0^* \mid 0^*$$

$$= 0^* \mid 0^* \left(0^* \mid 0^* \mid 0^* \right)^* 0^*$$




TOPIC:



(61) If $L = \underbrace{a(a+b)^*}_{\text{starting with 'a'}}$ then $\bar{L} = ?$

$$\Sigma^* = \{ \epsilon, \underline{a\Sigma^*}, b\Sigma^* \}$$

Not starting with 'a'

$$= \epsilon + b\Sigma^*$$

$$= (ba^*)^+$$

$$= (b\Sigma^*)^*$$

Not starting with 'a'

$$\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$$

universal
language

$$\Sigma^* =$$

$L = a\Sigma^*$

$$\bar{L} = \epsilon + b\Sigma^*$$

$LU\bar{L} = \Sigma^*$



TOPIC:



$$(62) \quad \text{If } L = \Sigma^* \text{ then } \bar{L} = \phi$$

$$(63) \quad \text{If } L = \Sigma^+ \text{ then } \bar{L} = \epsilon$$



TOPIC:



$$(64) \quad L = b(a+b)^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = a\Sigma^* + \epsilon$$

$$(65) \quad L = (a+b)^*a \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \Sigma^*b + \epsilon$$

$$(66) \quad L = (a+b)^*b \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \Sigma^*a + \epsilon$$

$$(67) \quad L = \underbrace{(a+b)^*a(a+b)^*}_{\text{contains 'a'}} \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \underbrace{\Sigma^*b}_{\text{Not contains 'a'}}$$



TOPIC:



$$(67) \quad L = \underbrace{(a+b)^* a (a+b)^*}_{\text{Containing 'a' as substring}}$$

$$\bar{L} = \underbrace{b^*}_{\text{not containing 'a' as substring}}$$



TOPIC:



$$I) L \cup \bar{L} = \Sigma^*$$

$$II) L \cap \bar{L} = \phi$$

$$III) \bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$$

L and \bar{L} are disjoint



TOPIC:



$\Sigma = \{a\}$ (68)

$$L = a^* = \Sigma^* \Rightarrow \bar{L} = \phi$$

(69)

$$L = (aa)^* \quad \{ \epsilon, a^2, a^4, \dots \} \Rightarrow \bar{L} = a(aa)^* = (aa)^*a$$

(70)

$$L = \underbrace{a(aa)^*}_{\text{odd no. of } a\text{'s}} \Rightarrow \bar{L} = (aa)^* = \{ \epsilon, a^2, a^4, \dots \}$$



2 mins Summary



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