

# Lexical Analyzer for the C Language



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## Abstract:

A compiler is computer software that transforms computer code written in one programming language (the source language) into another programming language (the target language). The name compiler is primarily used for programs that translate source code from a high-level programming language to a lower level language (e.g., assembly language, object code, or machine code) to create an executable program.

## Phases of Compiler

Conceptually, a compiler operates in phases, each of which transforms the source program from one representation to another. The phases are as below :

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### Analysis

1. Lexical Analysis:
2. Parsing:
3. Semantic Analysis:
4. Intermediate Code Generation:

### Synthesis

1. Code Optimization:
2. Code Generation:

## Objectives:

This project aims to undertake a sequence of experiments to design and implement various phases of a compiler for the C programming language. Following constructs will be handled by the mini-compiler :

1. **Data Types:** int, char data types with all its sub-types. Syntax :

```
int a=3;
```

2. **Comments:** Single line and multiline comments,

3. **Keywords:**

```
char, else, for, if, int, long, return, short, signed, struct, unsigned, void,  
while, main
```

4. Identification of valid identifiers used in the language,
5. Looping Constructs: It will support nested for and while loops. Syntax:

```
int i;  
for(i=0;i<n;i++){ } int x; while(x<10){ ... x++}
```

6. Conditional Constructs: if...else-if...else statements,

7. Operators: ADD(+), MULTIPLY(\*), DIVIDE(/), MODULO(%), AND(&), OR(|)

8. Delimiters: SEMICOLON(;), COMMA(,)

9. Structure construct of the language, Syntax:

```
struct pair{ int a; int b};
```

10. Function construct of the language, Syntax:

```
int func(int x)
```

11. Support of nested conditional statement,

12. Support for a 1-Dimensional array. Syntax :

```
char s[20];
```

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# Introduction

## Lexical Analysis

The Lexical Analyzer is the first phase of the Analysis (front end) stage of a compiler. In layman's terms, the Lexical Analyzer (or Scanner) scans through the input source program character by character, and identifies 'Lexemes' and categorizes them into 'Tokens'. These 'tokens' are represented as a symbol table, and is given as input to the Parser (second phase of the front end of a compiler).

## Tokens

Tokens are essentially just a group of characters which have some meaning or relation when put together.

The Lexical Analyzer detects these tokens with the help of 'Regular Expressions'. While writing the Lexical Analyzer, we have to specify rules for each Token type using Regular Expression. These rules are used to check whether a certain group of characters fall under a given token category or not.

An example, in this case, would be an 'Identifier' token. We specify the rules for an identifier as follows: Any string of characters, that start with an `_` or an alphabet, followed by any number of `_`'s, alphabets or numbers. The regular expression for Identifiers is `{S}({S}|{D})*` where S is `[a-zA-z_]` and D is `[0-9]`.

## Lexemes

Lexemes are instances of Tokens. An example would be ' `long int` ', which is a Lexeme of 'Keyword' Token.

## Symbol Table

A symbol table is generated in the Lexical Analyzer stage, which is basically a table with the columns 'Symbol', 'Type' and 'Token ID'. The symbol is the Lexime itself, the 'Type' is the token category and the 'Token ID' is a unique ID given to a token, which is used in the parser

stage. There are no duplicate entries in the symbol table. Each symbol is recorded only once, even if there are multiple instances.

A Lexical Analyzer is internally implemented based on the concept of FSMs (Finite State Machines). A DFA (Deterministic Finite State Automata) is internally built for each Token based on the Regular Express provided. This is used to identify Lexemes and categorize them into Tokens.

## Flex Script

The script written by us is a program that generates lexical analyzers ("scanners" or "lexers"). Lex reads an input stream specifying the lexical analyzer and outputs source code implementing the lexer in the C programming language.

The structure of our flex script is intentionally similar to that of a yacc file; files are divided into three sections, separated by lines that contain only two percent signs, as follows:

Definition section

```
%%
```

Rules section

```
%%
```

C code section

The definition section defines macros and imports header files written in C. It is also possible to write any C code here, which will be copied verbatim into the generated source file.

The rules section associates regular expression patterns with C statements. When the lexer sees text in the input matching a given pattern, it will execute the associated C code.

The C code section contains C statements and functions that are copied verbatim to the generated source file. These statements presumably contain code called by the rules in the rules section. In large programs, it is more convenient to place this code in a separate file linked in at compile time.

## C Program

This section describes the input C program which is fed to the flex script in order to generate the lex file after taking all the rules mentioned into account. Finally, a file called lex.yy.c is generated, which when executed recognizes the tokens present in the C program which was given as an input.

The script also has an option to take standard input instead of taking input from a file.

```
/* Declaration section */
%option noyywrap
%option yylineno

/* Declarations*/
%{
    #include "lib/header.h"
    #define MAX_NODES 1000
    symbol_node *symbolTable[100];
    symbol_node *constantTable[100];
    symbol_node *headerTable[100];
    void printToken(char *info, char *token, int line_number);
}%

/* Definitions */
letter          [a-zA-Z]
digit           [0-9]
escape_sequences 0|a|b|f|n|r|t|v|"\"|\"'|\"
keyword
signed|while|for|continue|break|if|else|return|struct|int|char|void|main|float|double|short|long|unsigned
operator
"&"|"^"|\||\||\||"="|">"|"<"|>="|<="|"=="|"!="|"+"| "-"| "+"| "-"| "!"
| "~"|"*"|" /"|"%"| ">>"| "<<"
alphanum        {letter}{digit}
function         ((_){letter})( {alphanum}|_)*)/[ ]*[(]

/* Rules */
%%
\n              {}
" "             {}
"["             { printToken("LEFT
BRACKET", yytext, yylineno); }
"]"             { printToken("RIGHT
BRACKET", yytext, yylineno); }
"{"             { printToken("LEFT
BRACE", yytext, yylineno); }
```

```

"}"                                { printToken("RIGHT
BRACE", yytext, yylineno); }
","                                { printToken("COMMA",
yytext, yylineno); }
";"                                {
printToken("SEMICOLON", yytext, yylineno); }

"#include"[ ]*<"{letter}({alphanum})*".h>" { printToken("HEADER",
yytext, yylineno); insert(headerTable, yytext, "Header" , yylineno);}

"#define"[ ]+(_|{letter})({alphanum})*[ ]*(.)+ {
printToken("PREPROCESSOR DIRECTIVE", yytext, yylineno); }

"//".*                             { printToken("SINGLE
LINE COMMENT", yytext, yylineno); }

("/*")(((^[*]*[*]+[^[*/]])*([^[*]*[*]+[/]))    { printToken("MULTI LINE
COMMENT", yytext, yylineno); }

("/*")(((^[*]*([*]+[^[*/]])*))*                { printToken(COL_RED
"ERROR: UNMATCHED COMMENT", yytext, yylineno); }

 "("                                { printToken("LEFT
PARENTHESIS", yytext, yylineno); }

 ")"                                { printToken("RIGHT
PARENTHESIS", yytext, yylineno); }

("\\"")^[^\\n\\"]*(\\"")                { printToken("STRING",
yytext, yylineno); insert(constantTable, yytext, "String",
yylineno);}

("\\"")^[^\\n\\"]*                      { printToken(COL_RED
"ERROR: UNCLOSED STRING", yytext, yylineno); }

("\'")(("\\\"({escape_sequences}))|.|)(\'") {
printToken("CHARACTER", yytext, yylineno); insert(constantTable,
yytext, "Character", yylineno);}

```



```

("\'")((((("\\"")[^0abfnrtv\\\"'\"]^[^n\\']*))|^[^n\\'']^[^n\\'']+)("\'") {
printToken(COL_RED "ERROR: NOT A CHARACTER", yytext, yylineno); }

{keyword}/[ ]*([?
yytext, yylineno);} { printToken("KEYWORD",

#include[/ "<][ ]*{letter}{letter}*\\.h[/ ">] { printToken("HEADER",
yytext, yylineno);}

{operator} { printToken("OPERATOR",
yytext, yylineno); }

{function} { printToken("FUNCTION",
yytext, yylineno); insert(symbolTable, yytext, "Function",
yylineno);}

(_|{letter})([alphanum]|_)* {
printToken("IDENTIFIER", yytext, yylineno);insert(symbolTable,
yytext, "Identfier", yylineno);}

"-"?{digit}+ { printToken("INTEGER",
yytext, yylineno);insert(constantTable, yytext, "Integer",
yylineno);}

"-"?{digit}+\\.({digit}+)? { printToken("FLOATING
POINT", yytext, yylineno);insert(constantTable, yytext, "Floating
point", yylineno);}

%%

void printToken(char *info, char *token, int line_number){
printf(COL_YEL "%-30s\t\t%-30s\t\t%-30d\n" RESET, info, token,
line_number);}

int main()
{
printf(COL_MAG "\n" DASHES RESET);

```

```

printf(COL_CYN "\\t\\t\\t\\t\\t\\t\\tLexical Analyser for C \\n" RESET);
printf(COL_MAG DASHES "\\n" RESET);
printf(COL_GRN "%-30s\\t\\t%-30s\\t\\t%-30s\\n", "TOKEN TYPE", "TOKEN
VALUE", "TOKEN LINE NUMBER" RESET);
yylex();
print(symbolTable, "Symbol Table");
print(constantTable, "Constant Table");
print(headerTable, "Header Table");
return 0;
}

```

## Explanation:

In the definition section of the program, all necessary header files were included. Apart from that structure declaration for both the symbol table and constant table were made. In order to convert a string of the source program into a particular integer value a hash function was written that takes a string as input and converts it into a particular integer value. Standard table operations like look-up and insert were also written. Linear Probing hashing technique was used to implement the symbol table i.e. if there is a collision, then after the point of collision, the table is searched linearly in order to find an empty slot. Functions to print the symbol table and constant table was also written.

## Rules section:

In this section rules related to the specification of the C language were written in the form of valid regular expressions. E.g. for a valid C identifier the regex written was `[A-Za-z_][A-Za-z_0-9]*` which means that a valid identifier need to start with an alphabet or underscore followed by 0 or more occurrence of alphabets, numbers or underscores. In order to resolve conflicts we used lookahead method of scanner by which a scanner decides whether an expression is valid token or not by looking at its adjacent character. E.g. in order to differentiate between comments and division operator lookahead characters of a valid operator were also given in the regular expression to resolve a conflict. If none of the patterns matched with the input, we said it is a lexical error as it does not match with any valid pattern of the source language. Each character/pattern along with its token class was also printed.

## C code section:

In this section both the tables (symbol and constant) were initialised to 0 and `yylex()` function was called to run the program on the given input file. After that, both the symbol table and constant table were printed in order to show the result.

The flex script recognises the following classes of tokens from the input:

- Pre-processor instructions
  - Statements processed : `#include<stdio.h>, #define var1 var2`
  - Token generated : Preprocessor Directive
- Errors in pre-processor instructions
  - Statements processed : `#include<stdio.h>, #include<stdio.?`
  - Token generated : Error with line number
- Single-line comments
  - Statements processed : `// .....`
  - Token generated : Single Line Comments
- Multi-line comments
  - Statements processed : `/* ..... */ , /* ... /* ... */`
  - Token generated : Multi Line Comment
- Errors for unmatched comments
  - Statements processed : `/* .....`
  - Token generated : Error with line number
- Errors for nested comments
  - Statements processed : `/* ..... /* ..... */ ..... */`
  - Token generated : Error with line number
- Parentheses (all types)
  - Statements processed : `(..), {...}, [..]`
  - Token generated : Parenthesis

- Operators
  - Statements processed : `int, float, char`
  - Tokens generated : Keywords
- Errors for unclean integers and floating point numbers
  - Statements processed : `123rf`
  - Tokens generated : Error
- Errors for incomplete strings
  - Statements processed : `char a[] = "abcd`
  - Tokens generated : Error Incomplete string and line number
- Keywords
  - Statements processed : `if, else, void, while, do, int, float, break and so on.`
  - Tokens generated : Keyword
- Identifiers
  - Statements processed : `a, abc, a_b, a12b4`
  - Tokens generated : Identifier
- Errors for any invalid character used that is not in C character set.
  - Keywords accounted for:

```
auto, break, case, char, const, continue, default, do, double,
else, enum, extern, float, for, goto, if, int, long, register,
return, short, signed, sizeof, static, struct, switch, typedef,
union, unsigned, void, volatile, while, main
```

## Test Cases

### Test Case 1: Error Free Code

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main(){
    int n,i;
    char ch;//Character Datatype

    for (i=0;i<n;i++){
        if(i<10){
            int x;
            while(x<10){
                x++;
            }
        }
    }
    /*
    This File Contains Test cases about
    Datatypes,Keyword,Identifier,Nested For and while loop,
    Conditional Statement,Single line Comment,MultiLine Comment
    etc.*/
}
```



## Test Case 2:

```
#include<stdio.h>

/*struct pair{
    int a;
    int b;
};*/

int fun(int x){
    return x*x;
}

int main(){
    int a=2,b,c,d,e,f,g,h;

    c=a+b;
    d=a*b;
    e=a/b;
    f=a%b;
    g=a&&b;
    h=a||b;
    h=a*(a+b);
    h=a*a+b*b;
    h=fun(b);
    //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimeters,Function;
}
```





```
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OPERATOR      19  IDENTIFIER &
IDENTIFIER    19  CLOSING_BRACE b ETS
SEMICOLON    19  SEMICOLON ;
IDENTIFIER    20  IDENTIFIER h
OPERATOR      20  OPERATOR =
IDENTIFIER    20  IDENTIFIER a
OPERATOR      20  OPERATOR ||
IDENTIFIER    20  IDENTIFIER b
SEMICOLON    20  OPERATOR ;
IDENTIFIER    21  IDENTIFIER h
OPERATOR      21  OPERATOR =
IDENTIFIER    21  IDENTIFIER a
OPERATOR      21  SEMICOLON ;
LEFT_PARENTHESIS 21  IDENTIFIER (
IDENTIFIER    21  OPERATOR a
OPERATOR      21  IDENTIFIER +
IDENTIFIER    21  OPENING_BRACE b ETS
RIGHT_PARENTHESIS 21  IDENTIFIER )
SEMICOLON    21  CLOSING_BRACE ; ETS
IDENTIFIER    22  SEMICOLON ;
OPERATOR      22  //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimiters,Function; SINGLE LINE COMMENT
IDENTIFIER    22  CLOSING_BRACE )
OPERATOR      22  *
IDENTIFIER    22  a
OPERATOR      22  +
IDENTIFIER    22  b
OPERATOR      22  *
IDENTIFIER    22  b
SEMICOLON    22  OPERATOR ;
IDENTIFIER    23  IDENTIFIER h
OPERATOR      23  OPENING_BRACE { ETS
FUNCTION      23  IDENTIFIER fun
LEFT_PARENTHESIS 23  CLOSING_BRACE { ETS
IDENTIFIER    23  SEMICOLON ;
RIGHT_PARENTHESIS 23  //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimiters,Function; SINGLE LINE COMMENT
SEMICOLON    23  CLOSING_BRACE ;
SINGLE LINE COMMENT //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimiters,Function;
RIGHT BRACE  }

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LEFT_BRACE   12  IDENTIFIER {
KEYWORD      13  CLOSING_BRACE int ;
IDENTIFIER    13  SEMICOLON ;
OPERATOR      13  IDENTIFIER =
INTEGER       13  OPERATOR 2
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  OPERATOR b
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  OPERATOR c
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  OPERATOR d
COMMA         13  SEMICOLON ;
IDENTIFIER    13  IDENTIFIER e
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  OPERATOR f
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  OPENING_BRACE { ETS
COMMA         13  IDENTIFIER ,
IDENTIFIER    13  CLOSING_BRACE } ETS
SEMICOLON    13  SEMICOLON ;
IDENTIFIER    15  //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimiters,Function; SINGLE LINE COMMENT
OPERATOR      15  CLOSING_BRACE }
IDENTIFIER    15  a
OPERATOR      15  +
IDENTIFIER    15  b
SEMICOLON    15  ;
IDENTIFIER    16  d
OPERATOR      16  =
IDENTIFIER    16  OPERATOR =
OPERATOR      16  IDENTIFIER *
IDENTIFIER    16  OPENING_BRACE { ETS
SEMICOLON    16  IDENTIFIER ;
IDENTIFIER    17  CLOSING_BRACE } ETS
OPERATOR      17  SEMICOLON =
IDENTIFIER    17  //This Test case contains operator,structure,delimiters,Function; SINGLE LINE COMMENT
OPERATOR      17  CLOSING_BRACE /
IDENTIFIER    17  b
SEMICOLON    17  ;
IDENTIFIER    18  f
```

Status:PASS

### Test Case 3: Error Code

```
#include<stdio.h>

int main(){
    char s[10]=Welcome!!";
    char s[]="Welcome!!";
    int a[2] = {1, 2};
    char S[20];

    int p;
    if(s[0]=='W'){
        if(s[1]=='e'){
            if(s[2]=='l'){
                printf("Welcome!!");
            }

            else printf("Bug1\n");
        }
        else printf("Bug2\n");
    }

    else printf("Bug3\n");

    int @<_-= 2;

    //This test case contains nested conditional statement,Array and
    print statement
    //Also there is an error in declaring integer variable which does
    not match any regular expression.
}
```

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Lexical Analyzer for C
=====
TOKEN TYPE      TOKEN VALUE      TOKEN LINE NUMBER
=====
HEADER          Lexical Analyzer for the C Language  #include<stdio.h> 1
KEYWORD         int 3
KEYWORD         main 3
LEFT PARENTHESIS ( 3
RIGHT PARENTHESIS ) 3
LEFT BRACE      { 3
KEYWORD         else printf("Bug1\n"); 4
IDENTIFIER      s 4
LEFT BRACKET    [ 4
INTEGER         10 4
RIGHT BRACKET   ] 4
OPERATOR        = 4
IDENTIFIER      Welcome 4
OPERATOR        ! 4
OPERATOR        ; 4
ERROR: UNCLOSED STRING 4
KEYWORD         char 5
IDENTIFIER      s 5
LEFT BRACKET    [ 5
RIGHT BRACKET   ] 5
OPERATOR        = 5
STRING          "Welcome!!" 5
SEMICOLON       ; 5
KEYWORD         int 6
IDENTIFIER      a 6
LEFT BRACKET    [ 6
INTEGER         2 6
RIGHT BRACKET   ] 6
OPERATOR        = 6
LEFT BRACE      { 6
INTEGER         1 6
COMMA           , 6
INTEGER         2 6
RIGHT BRACE     } 6
SEMICOLON       ; 6
=====

Implementation
The Regular Expressions for most of the features of C are fairly straightforward. However, a few features require a significant amount of thought, such as:

Symbol Table
=====
| Symbol | Type | Line Number |
=====
| p | Identifier | 9 |
| printf | Function | 13 |
| s | Identifier | 4 |
| S | Identifier | 7 |
| Welcome | Identifier | 4 |
| _ | Identifier | 23 |
| a | Identifier | 6 |
=====

Constant Table
=====
| Symbol | Type | Line Number |
=====
| "Welcome!!" | String | 5 |
| "Bug1\n" | String | 16 |
| "Bug2\n" | String | 18 |
| "Bug3\n" | String | 21 |
| 'W' | Character | 10 |
| 'e' | Character | 11 |
| 'l' | Character | 12 |
| 0 | Integer | 10 |
| 10 | Integer | 4 |
| 1 | Integer | 6 |
| 2 | Integer | 6 |
| 20 | Integer | 7 |
=====

```

Status: PASS

#### Test Case 4:

```
#include<stdio.h>

struct student
{
    int rollNum;
    int marks;
}student1;

int main()
{
    int a = 1, b=0;

    student1.rollNum = 1;
    student1.marks = 90;

    if(a >= 1 && a <= 10)
        b++;

    else
        { b--;
          /* }
}

```

```

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=====
TOKEN TYPE      TOKEN VALUE      TOKEN LINE NUMBER
=====
HEADER          #include<stdio.h> 1
KEYWORD         struct            3
IDENTIFIER      student          3
LEFT BRACE      {                4
KEYWORD         int              5
IDENTIFIER      rollNum          5
SEMICOLON       ;               5
KEYWORD         int              6
IDENTIFIER      marks            6
SEMICOLON       ;               6
RIGHT BRACE     }               7
IDENTIFIER      student1         7
SEMICOLON       ;               7
KEYWORD         int              9
KEYWORD         main             9
LEFT PARENTHESIS (              9
RIGHT PARENTHESIS )             9
LEFT BRACE      {              10
KEYWORD         int              11
IDENTIFIER      a                11
OPERATOR        =                11
INTEGER         1                11
COMMA           ,                11
IDENTIFIER      b                11
OPERATOR        =                11
INTEGER         0                11
SEMICOLON       ;                11
IDENTIFIER      student1         13
IDENTIFIER      rollNum          13
OPERATOR        =                13
INTEGER         1                13
SEMICOLON       ;                13
=====
Implementation
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=====
TOKEN TYPE      TOKEN VALUE      TOKEN LINE NUMBER
=====
INTEGER         1                11
COMMA           ,                11
IDENTIFIER      b                11
OPERATOR        =                11
INTEGER         0                11
SEMICOLON       ;                11
IDENTIFIER      student1         13
IDENTIFIER      rollNum          13
OPERATOR        =                13
INTEGER         1                13
SEMICOLON       ;                13
IDENTIFIER      student1         14
IDENTIFIER      marks            14
OPERATOR        =                14
INTEGER         90             14
SEMICOLON       ;                14
KEYWORD         if                16
LEFT PARENTHESIS (              16
IDENTIFIER      a                16
OPERATOR        >=             16
INTEGER         1                16
OPERATOR        &              16
IDENTIFIER      a                16
OPERATOR        <=             16
INTEGER         10             16
RIGHT PARENTHESIS )             16
IDENTIFIER      b                17
OPERATOR        ++             17
SEMICOLON       ;                17
KEYWORD         else            19
LEFT BRACE      {                20
IDENTIFIER      b                20
OPERATOR        --            20
SEMICOLON       ;                20
ERROR: MULTI LINE COMMENT NOT CLOSED
/* }
=====
Implementation
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=====
Symbol Table
=====
| Symbol | Type | Line Number |
|-----|-----|-----|
| marks | Identifier | 6 |
| rollNum | Identifier | 5 |
| student | Identifier | 3 |
| student1 | Identifier | 7 |
| a | Identifier | 11 |
| b | Identifier | 11 |
=====

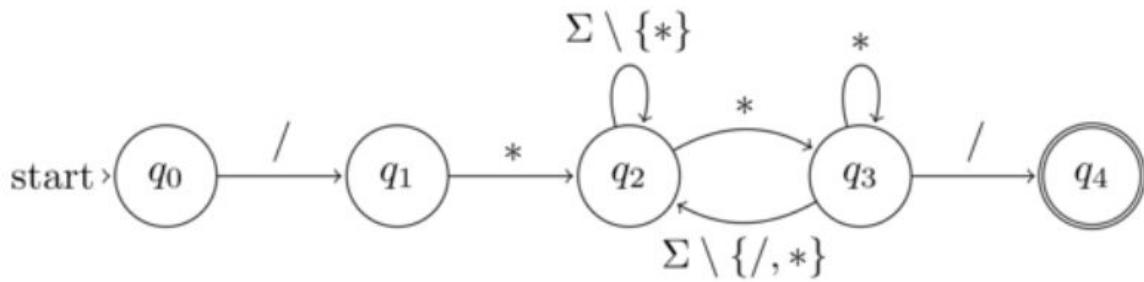
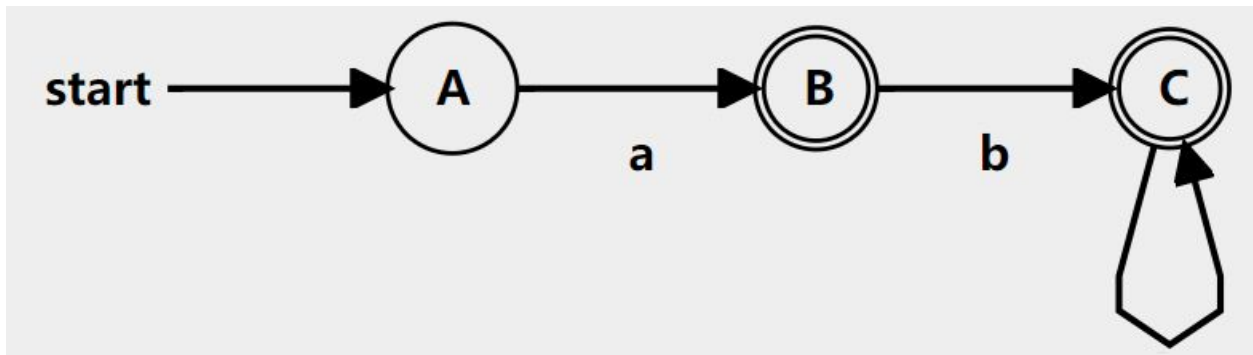
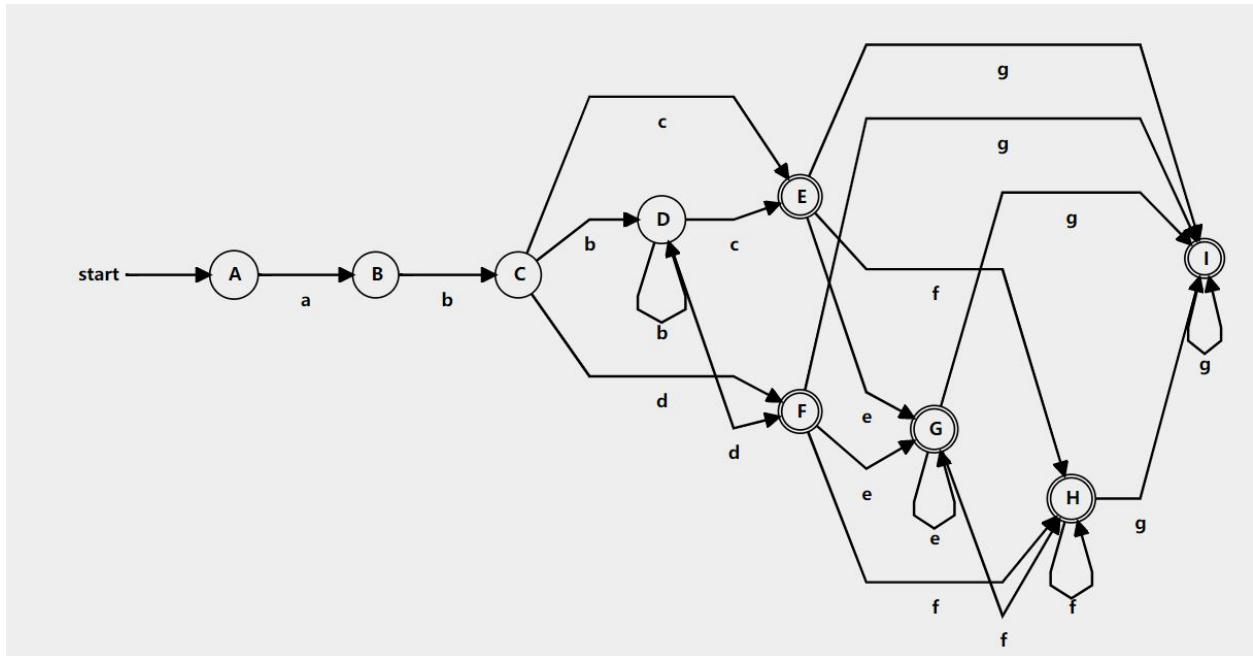
Implementation
=====
Constant Table
=====
| Symbol | Type | Line Number |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 0 | Integer | 11 |
| 1 | Integer | 11 |
| 10 | Integer | 16 |
| 90 | Integer | 14 |
=====

Header Table
=====
| Symbol | Type | Line Number |
|-----|-----|-----|
| #include<stdio.h> | Header | 1 |
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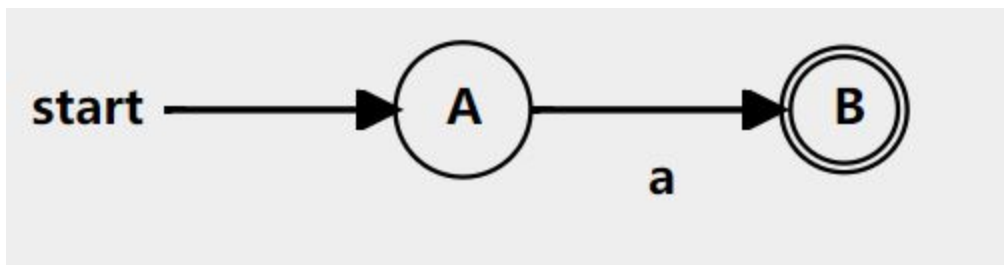
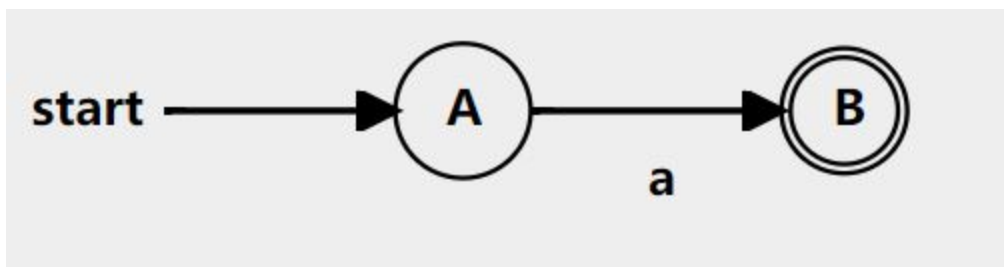
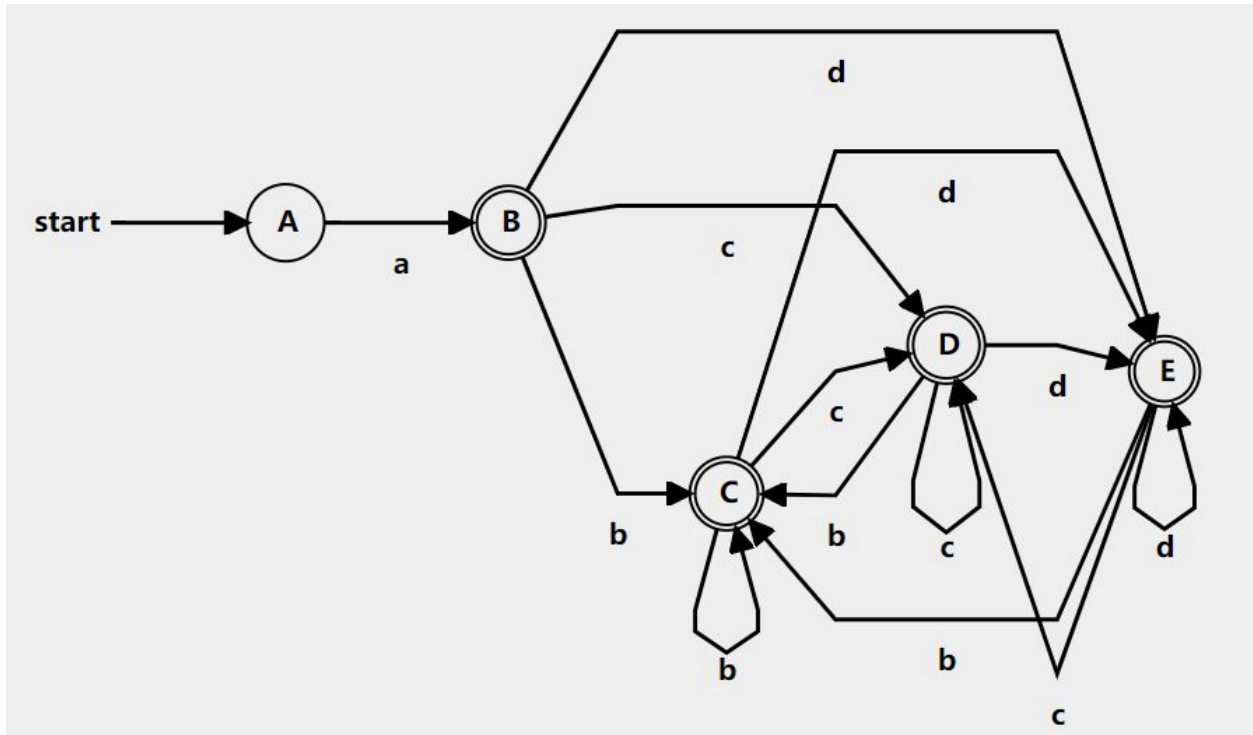
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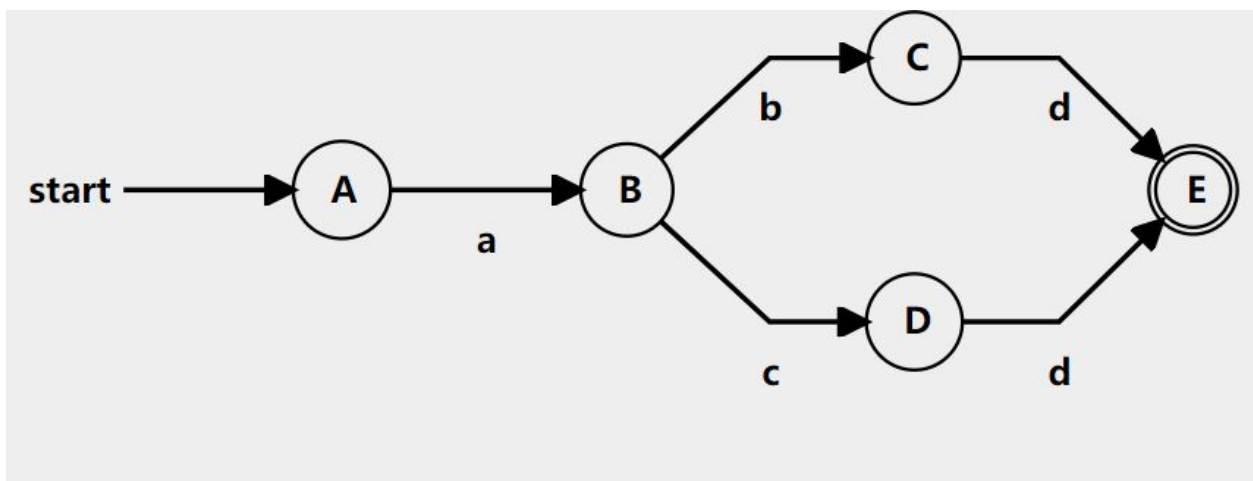
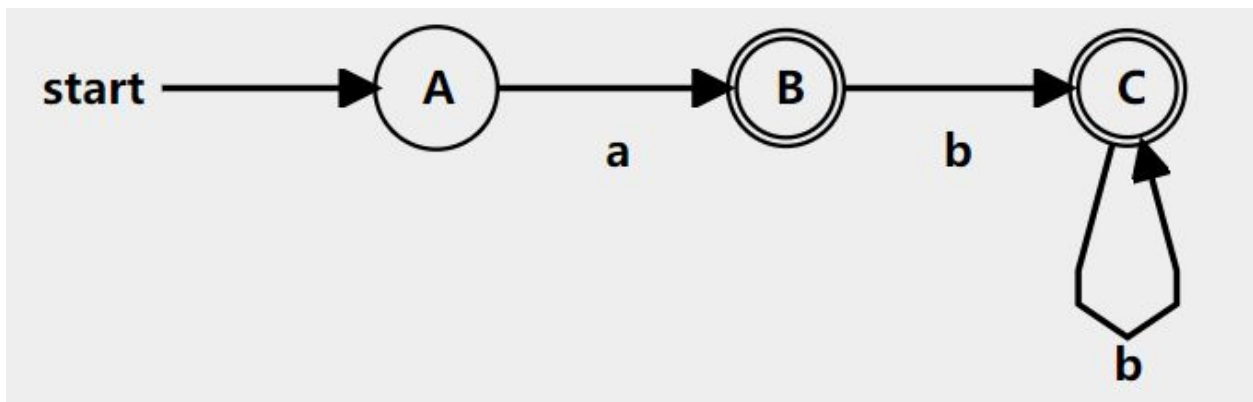
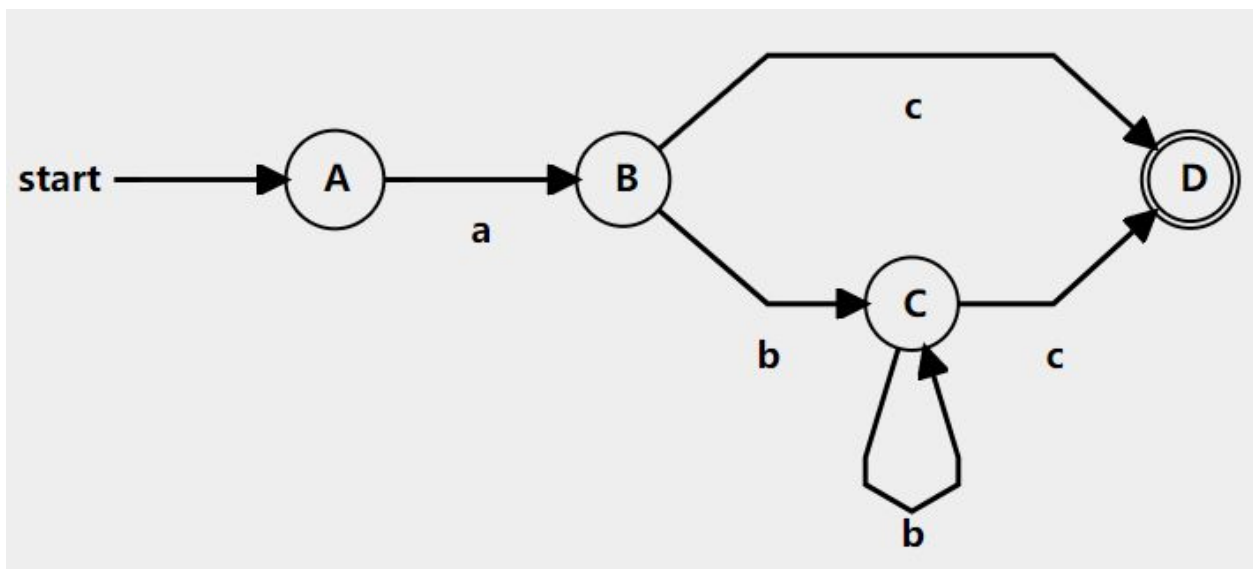
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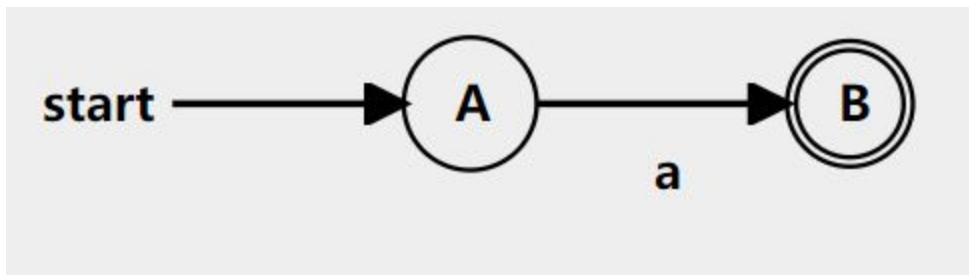
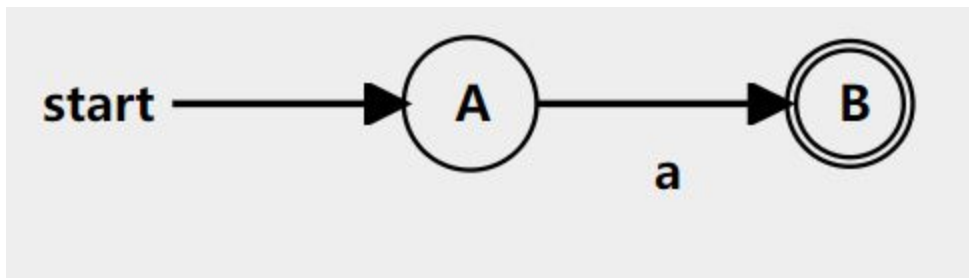
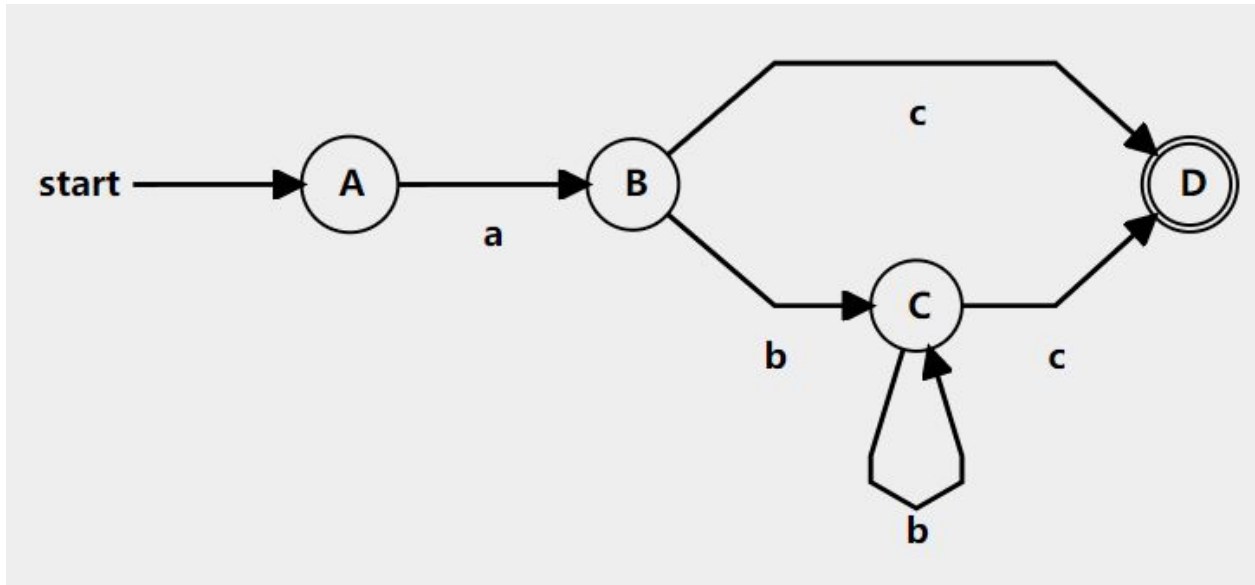


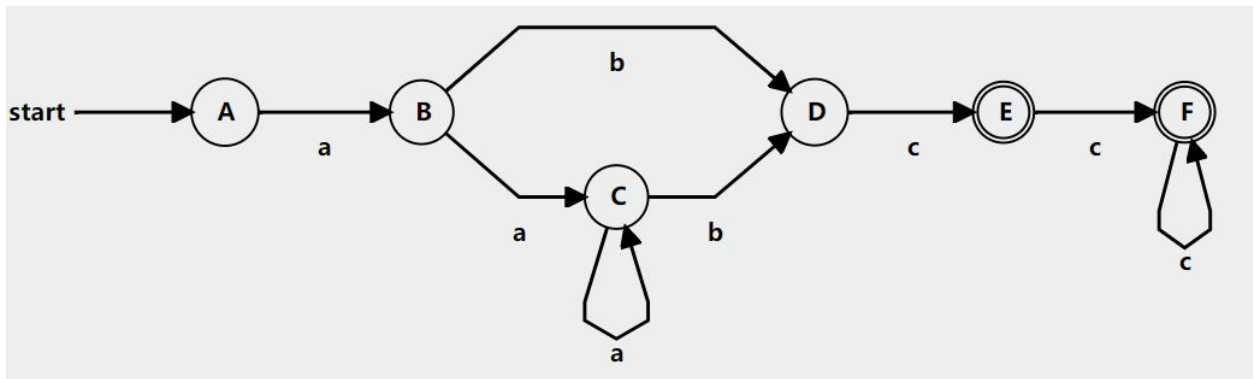
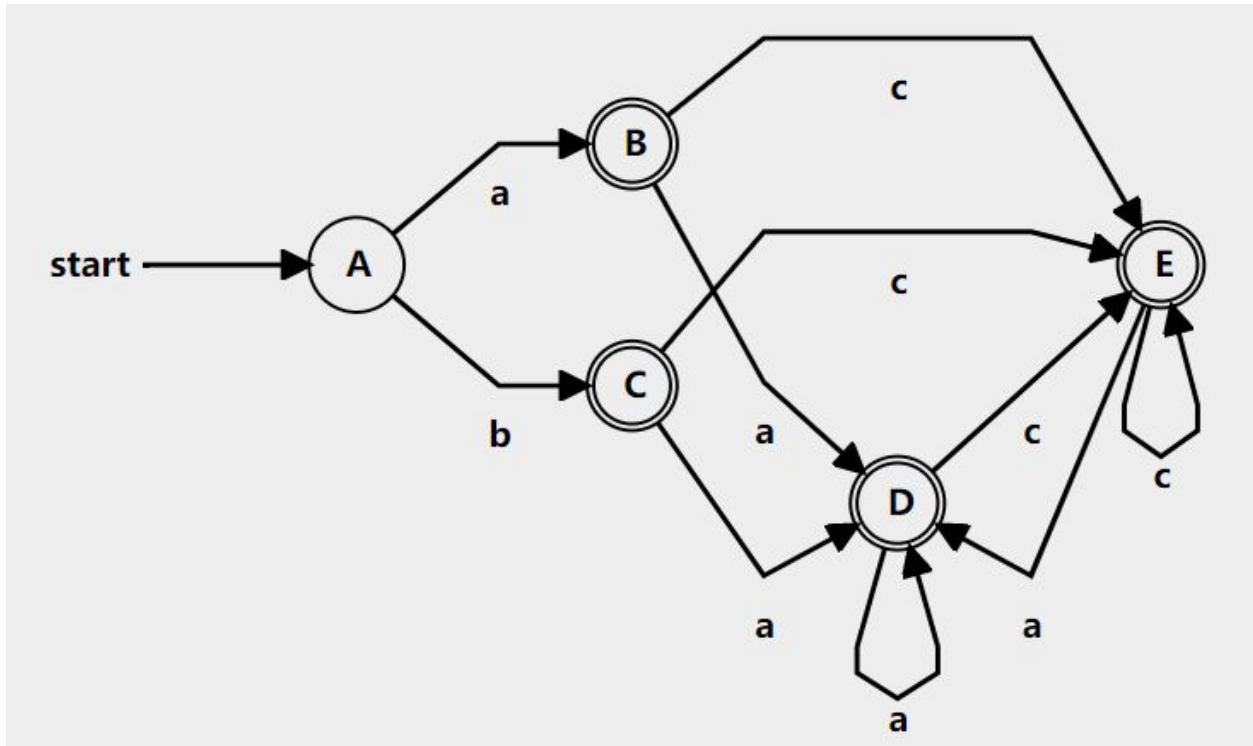


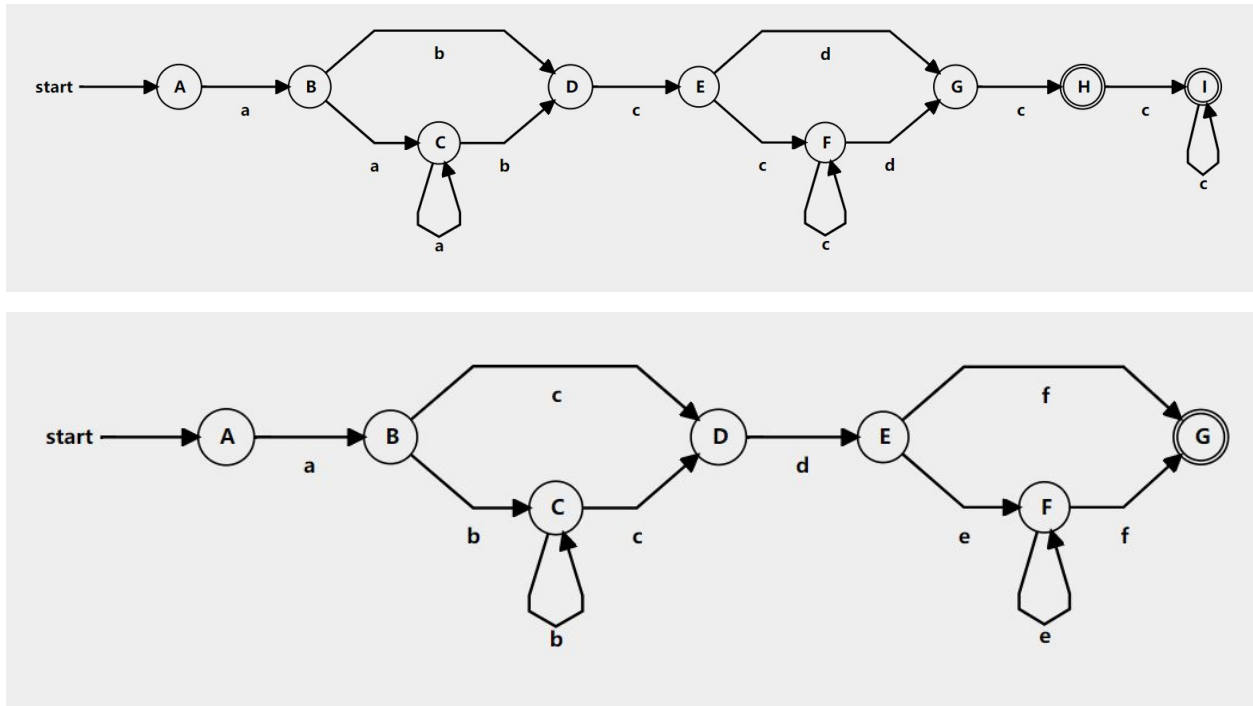












# Implementation

The Regular Expressions for most of the features of C are fairly straightforward. However, a few features require a significant amount of thought, such as:

- **The Regex for Identifiers:** The lexer must correctly recognize all valid identifiers in C, including the ones having one or more underscores.
- **Multiline comments should be supported:** To implement it a proper regular expression was written along with that lookahead character set for operators were thought so to resolve conflict with the division operator.
- **Literals:** Different regular expressions have been implemented in the code to support all kinds of literals, i.e integers, floats, strings, etc.
- **Error Handling for Incomplete String:** Open and close quote missing, both kind of errors have been handled in the rules written in the script.
- **Error Handling for Unmatched Comments:** This has been handled by adding lookahead characters to operator regular expression. If there is an unmatched comment then it does not match with any of the patterns in the rule. Hence it goes to default state which in turn throws an error.

- **Error Handling for unclean integer constant:** This has been handled by adding appropriate lookahead characters for integer constant. E.g. `int a = 786rt`, is rejected as the integer constant should never follow an alphabet

At the end of the token recognition, the lexer prints a list of all the identifiers and constants present in the program. We use the following technique to implement this:

- We maintain two structures one for symbol table and other for constant table one corresponding to identifiers and other to constants.
- Four functions have been implemented `lookupST( )`, `lookupCT( )`, these functions return true if the identifier and constant respectively are already present in the table. `InsertST( )`, `InsertCT( )` help to insert identifier/constant in the appropriate table.
- Whenever we encounter an identifier/constant, we call the `insertST()` or `insertCT()` function which in turns call `lookupST( )` or `lookupCT( )` and adds it to the corresponding structure.
- In the end, in `main( )` function, after yylex returns, we call `printST( )` and `printCT( )`, which in turn prints the list of identifier and constants in a proper format.

Results:

1. Token --- Token Class

2. Symbol Table:

Token --- Attribute

3. Constant Table

Token --- Attribute

## Future work:

The flex script presented in this report takes care of all the rules of the C language, but is not fully exhaustive in nature. Our future work would include making the script even more robust in order to handle all aspects of the C language and making it more efficient.

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