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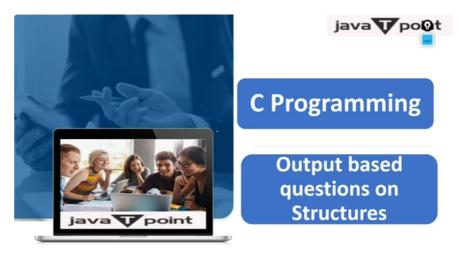
## Arden's Theorem

The Arden's Theorem is useful for checking the equivalence of two regular expressions as well as in the conversion of DFA to a regular expression.

Let us see its use in the conversion of DFA to a regular expression.

Following algorithm is used to build the regular expression form given DFA.

1. Let  $q_1$  be the initial state.



- 2. There are  $q_2$ ,  $q_3$ ,  $q_4$  .... $q_n$  number of states. The final state may be some  $q_i$  where j <= n.
- 3. Let  $\alpha_{ii}$  represents the transition from  $q_i$  to  $q_i$ .
- 4. Calculate q<sub>i</sub> such that

$$q_i = \alpha_{ji} * q_j$$

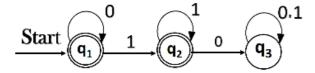
If  $q_i$  is a start state then we have:

$$q_i = \alpha_{ji} * q_j + \epsilon$$

5. Similarly, compute the final state which ultimately gives the regular expression 'r'.

### Example:

Construct the regular expression for the given DFA



#### **Solution:**

Let us write down the equations

$$q1 = q1 0 + \epsilon$$

Since q1 is the start state, so  $\epsilon$  will be added, and the input 0 is coming to q1 from q1 hence we write State = source state of input  $\times$  input coming to it

Similarly,

$$q2 = q1 \ 1 + q2 \ 1$$
  
 $q3 = q2 \ 0 + q3 \ (0+1)$ 

Since the final states are q1 and q2, we are interested in solving q1 and q2 only. Let us see q1 first

$$q1 = q1 0 + \epsilon$$

We can re-write it as

$$q1 = \varepsilon + q1 0$$

Which is similar to R = Q + RP, and gets reduced to  $R = OP^*$ .

Assuming R = q1, Q =  $\epsilon$ , P = 0

We get

$$q1 = \epsilon.(0)^*$$
  
 $q1 = 0^*$   $(\epsilon.R^* = R^*)$ 

Substituting the value into q2, we will get

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q2 = 0* 1 + q2 1

q2 = 0* 1 (1)* (R = Q + RP \rightarrow Q P*)
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The regular expression is given by

$$r = q1 + q2$$

$$= 0^* + 0^* 1.1^*$$

$$r = 0^* + 0^* 1^+ (1.1^* = 1^+)$$



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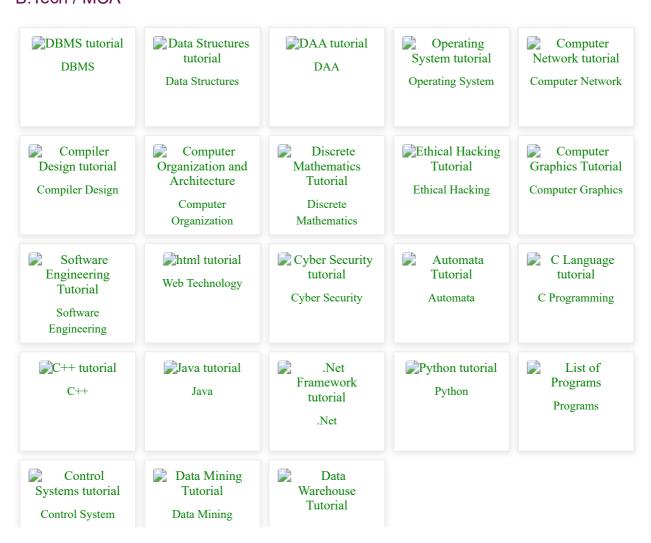


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