

## **Pumping Lemma for regular language**

**Statement:** If language  $A$  is regular language the  $A$  has a pumping length ' $p$ ' such that any string ' $s$ ' where  $|s| \geq p$  any be divided into 3 points  $s = xyz$  such that following conditions must be true.

- (a)  $xy^iz \in A$  for every  $i \geq 0$
- (b)  $|y| > 0$  (length of  $y$ )
- (c)  $|xy| \leq p$  (length of  $x$  and  $y$ )

**Steps to be followed while proving language is not regular by pumping lemma:**

- (a) Assume that  $A$  is regular.
- (b) It has to have a pumping length (say  $P$ ).
- (c) All strings longer than  $P$  can be pumped.
- (d) Now find a string ' $s$ ' in  $A$  such that  $|S| \geq P$ .
- (e) Divide  $S$  into  $x, y, z$ .
- (f) Show that,  $xy^iz \in A$  for some  $i$ .
- (g) Then consider all ways that  $S$  can be divided into  $x, y, z$ .
- (h) Show that none of these can satisfy all the 3 pumping conditions at the same time.
- (i)  $S$  can't be pumped = contradiction.
- (j) We should learn it by some examples.

1. Using pumping lemma prove that the language  $A = \{a^n b^n / n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

**Solution:**

(Theoretically, we can conclude that this language is not regular as the language generates strings which contains certain number of a's followed by equal number of b's. And to do that, finite state machine need to have some memory for storing counted number of a but in actual it doesn't have memory. So, if a language is not recognized by finite state machine, it is not regular.)

Using pumping lemma, let's assume that language A is regular. Now, it must follow following conditions.

- (a)  $XY^iZ \in A$  for every  $i \geq 0$  ... .. (i)
- (b)  $|y| > 0$  ... .. (ii)
- (c)  $|xy| \leq p$  where p is pumping length ... .. (iii)

Let,  $P = 7$  (say)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let, } S \in A &= a^P b^P \\ &= a^7 b^7 \\ &= \text{aaaaaaabbbbbbb} \end{aligned}$$

Dividing S into x, y and z. Gets these cases.

**Case - I**

When y is in the 'a' part.

$$\text{i.e. } S = \underbrace{a}_x \quad \underbrace{aaaa}_y \quad \underbrace{aabbabbbb}_z$$

Here, condition 2 and 3 are satisfied as  $|y| = 4 > 0$  and  $|xy| = 5 < 7$ .

For condition 1

$$xy^i z = xy^2 z \quad [i = 2 \text{ say}]$$

Then,

$$S = a \text{ aaaa aaaa aabbabbbb}$$

So, number of 'a' = 11

number of 'b' = 7

$\therefore$  Number of 'a'  $\neq$  number of 'b'.

The first condition is not satisfied.

i.e.  $xy^2 z \notin A$

### Case - II:

When y is in the both 'a' and 'b' part

i.e.  $S = \underbrace{aaaaaa}_x \underbrace{ab}_y \underbrace{bbbbbb}_z$

Let  $S = xy^2z$  ( $i = 2$ )

$= aaaaaa abab bbbbbb$

Here, pattern is not followed i.e.  $a^n b^n$ .

So, condition 1 is not satisfied and condition 3, as well as  $|xy| = 8 > 7$

### Case - III

When y is in the 'b' part.

i.e.  $S = \underbrace{aaaaaaabb}_x \underbrace{bbb}_y \underbrace{bb}_z$

Let,  $S = xy^2z$

$= aaaaaaabb bbbbbb bb$

Here, also condition 1 is not satisfied as, number of a's  $\neq$  number of b's,

So, none of the cases satisfy the all 3 conditions of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore language A is not regular.

## Proving Language not to be Regular

It is shown that the class of language known as regular language has at least four different descriptions. They are the language accepted by DFA's, by NFA's, by  $\epsilon$ -NFA, and defined by RE.

Not every language is Regular. To show that a language is not regular, the powerful technique used is known as Pumping Lemma.

### Pumping Lemma

**Statement:** Let L be a regular language. Then, there exists an integer constant n so that for any  $x \in L$  with  $|x| \geq n$ , there are strings u, v, w such that  $x = uvw$ ,  $|uv| \leq n$ ,  $|v| > 0$ . Then  $uv^k w \in L$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .

Note: Here y is the string that can be pumped i.e. repeating y any number of times or deleting it, keeps the resulting string in the language.



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Proof:

Suppose  $L$  is a regular language, then  $L$  is accepted by some DFA  $M$ . Let  $M$  has  $n$  states. Also  $L$  is infinite so  $M$  accepts some string  $x$  of length  $n$  or greater. Let length of  $x$ ,  $|x| = m$  where  $m \geq n$ .

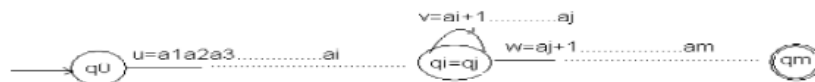
Now suppose;

$X = a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_m$  where each  $a_i \in \Sigma$  be an input symbol to  $M$ . Now, consider for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $q_j$  be states of  $M$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\delta}(q_0, x) &= \hat{\delta}(q_0, a_1 a_2 \dots a_m) && [q_0 \text{ being start state of } M] \\ &= \hat{\delta}(q_1, a_2 \dots a_m) \\ &= \dots \\ &= \dots \\ &= \dots \\ &= \hat{\delta}(q_m, \epsilon) && [q_m \text{ being final state}] \end{aligned}$$

Since  $m \geq n$ , and DFA  $M$  has only  $n$  states, so by pigeonhole principle, there exists some  $i$  and  $j$ ;  $0 \leq i < j \leq m$  such that  $q_i = q_j$ .



Now we can break  $x = uvw$  as

$u = a_1 a_2 \dots a_i$

$v = a_{i+1} \dots a_j$

$w = a_{j+1} \dots a_m$

i.e. string  $a_{i+1} \dots a_j$  takes  $M$  from state  $q_i$  back to itself since  $q_i = q_j$ . So we can say  $M$  accepts  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_i (a_{i+1} \dots a_j)^k a_{j+1} \dots a_m$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .

$\neq$  It is a negative test.

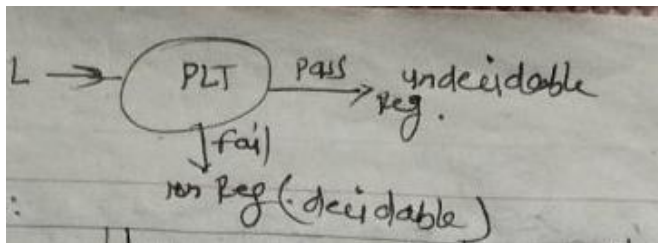
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## Pumping Lemma for Regular language

The pumping lemma is used to determine whether the language is regular or not i.e. it is used to determine the class of language of FA.

It is a relationship between the length of string ( $n$ ) and the no. of states ( $m$ ) of the given finite automata.

It is a powerful tool for proving the certain language non-regularity.



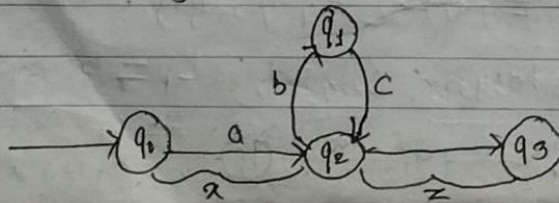
(i)  $y \neq \epsilon$  (empty) [ $y > 0$ ]

(ii)  $|xy| \leq n$

(iii) string  $xyz$  for all  $i \geq 0$

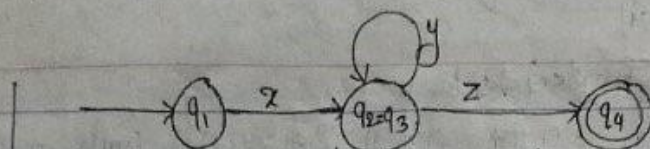
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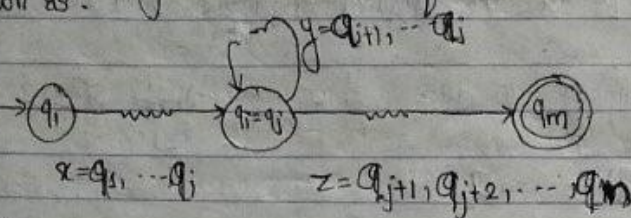








Now, the generalized form of above automata can be drawn as:



Here

$$1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$$

$$\therefore |xy| \leq m$$

$$\text{Now, } |xyz| \leq n$$

$$\text{when } i=0, w=xz$$

$$i=1, w=xy^1z$$

$$i=2, w=xy^2z$$

$$i=n, w=xy^n z$$

Similarly

$$xy^i z \text{ for all } i \geq 0$$

$$\therefore xy^i z \in L$$

Proved

2. Using pumping lemma prove that  $A = \{yy/y \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$  is not regular.

**Solution:**

According to pumping lemma, 'if a language is regular then it must have string  $|S| \geq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length and can be divided into  $xyz$  such that:

(a)  $xy^iz \in A$  for some  $i \dots \dots \dots$  (i)

(b)  $|y| > 0 \dots \dots \dots$  (ii)

(c)  $|xy| \leq p \dots \dots \dots$  (iii)

**To prove:** Language  $A = \{yy/y \in \{0, 1\}^*\}$  is not regular

**Proof:** Let us consider language  $A$  is regular then it must follow above 3 conditions. Then it must have pumping length  $P = 7$  (say).



Let, the strings be accepted by finite state machine

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 0^p 10^p 1 \\ &= 0^7 10^7 1 \\ &= 0000000100000001 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing S into x, y and z we get,

$$S = \underbrace{00}_x \underbrace{00000}_y \underbrace{100000001}_z$$

Here, the above condition (ii) and (iii) are satisfied as

$$|y| \geq 0$$

$$|xy| = 7 \leq 7$$

Changing for condition 1

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^i z \quad \text{let, } i = 2 \\ &= xy^2 z \\ &= 00 \ 0000000000 \ 100000001 \end{aligned}$$

Here, , on pumping i.e.  $(xy^i z)$  the language doesn't follow pattern  $(0^p 10^p 1)$  (i.e. first half is equal to the second half). So none of the cases follow all 3 conditions of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore language A is not regular language.

State the pumping lemma for the regular languages. Show that the languages

$L = \{0^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$  not regular example,

if  $x = 1, w = 0, n = 2, w = 0000, n = 3, w = 000000000$  [2074, Chaitra]

Pumping lemma states that if a language  $A$  is regular then it must have string  $|s| \geq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length and can be divided into  $xyz$  such that

(a)  $xy^iz \in A$  for some  $i$

(b)  $|y| > 0$

(c)  $|xy| \leq P$

Here, given language is  $L = \{0^{n^2} \mid n \geq 1\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: Using pumping lemma

Let's assume language  $L$  is regular.

Then, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let  $P = 3$  (say)

Then, let  $s$  be the string accepted by finite automaton.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } s &= 0^{P^2} \\ &= 0^{3^2} \\ &= 0^9 \\ &= 000000000 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing  $s$  into  $x, y$  and  $z$  as

$$\underbrace{0}_x \quad \underbrace{00}_y \quad \underbrace{000000}_z$$

Checking for condition 1

$$\begin{aligned} s &= xy^iz = xy^2z & (i = 2 \text{ (say)}) \\ &= 0 \ 0000 \ 000000 \end{aligned}$$

Now,  $|s| = 11$

Here, no value of  $P$  (or  $n$ ) would give  $|s| = 1$  in other words, length of string  $s$  on being pumped is not perfect square which means it doesn't belong to language  $L$  so, condition 1 fails. Though, condition 2 and 3 are satisfied.

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 3 \geq P$$

Since, condition 1 is failed, our assumption contradicts. That's why language  $L$  is not regular.

11. State pumping lemma for regular language. Use pumping lemma and prove that language  $L = \{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ and } w \text{ has an equal number of 0's and 1's}\}$  is not regular. [2073 Chaitra]

For statement of pumping lemma for regular language, please see theory part.

**Proof:** Let, assume that language  $L$  is regular. Now, since it is regular, it must follow these conditions:

- (a)  $xy^iz \in L$  for every  $i \geq 0$
- (b)  $|y| > 0$
- (c)  $|xy| \leq P$  where  $P$  is pumping length

Let,  $S \in L = 01010101$  and  $P = 3$

Now, dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$$\underbrace{0}_x \cdot \underbrace{10}_y \cdot \underbrace{10101}_z$$

Here, the above condition (ii) and (iii) are satisfied as

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 2 \leq 3$$

Now, checking for condition 1,

$$xy^iz$$

Let,  $i = 2$

$$xy^2z$$

$$= 01010 \ 10101$$

Then, no of 0's is not equal to number of 1's so, it doesn't belong to  $L$  and condition 1 fails. If any of the above condition fails, then our assumption is also false which means language  $L$  is not regular.



16. State pumping lemma, for regular language and use the theorem to prove that  $L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 1\}$  is not regular. [2073, Shrawan]

✎ If a language  $L$  is a regular language, then it must have a pumping length ' $P$ ' such that any string  $S \in L$  having length  $|S| \geq P$  can be divided into 3 parts such that following conditions are true.

(a)  $xy^iz$  for every  $i \geq 0$

(b)  $|y| > 0$

(c)  $|xy| \leq p$

Given,  $L = \{a^n b^{2n} : n \geq 1\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: We prove it by contradiction using pumping lemma.

Let's assume language  $L$  is regular having pumping length ' $P$ '.

Let,  $S \in L = a^p b^{2p}$

Let,  $P = 4$  (say)

Then,  $S = a^4 b^8$

$= aaaabbbbbbbb$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

Case - I: When  $y$  contains  $m$  'y' 'a'

$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{bbbbbbbb}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aa aaaa bbbbbbbb$

$= a^6 b^8 \notin L$

Here, condition 1 fails as 'b' is not as twice as 'a'.

**Case - II:** Why y contains both kind of symbols 'a' and 'b' i.e.

$$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{aaa}_y \underbrace{bbbbbbb}_z$$

Checking for condition I

$$\text{Let, } i = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^2z \\ &= aa \text{ aab aab } bbbbbbb \notin L \end{aligned}$$

Again, condition 1 fails as it doesn't follow pattern

**Case - III:** When y contains only b's i.e.

$$S = \underbrace{aaaa}_x \underbrace{bbbb}_y \underbrace{bbbb}_z$$

Checking for condition I

$$\text{Let, } i = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= xy^2z \\ &= aaaa \text{ bbbbbbbbbbbb} \\ &= a^4 b^{12} \notin L \end{aligned}$$

Again, condition 1 fails

Here, in pumping (i.e.  $xy^iz$ ) doesn't follow condition 1. So, none of the cases follow all three condition of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore, language L is not regular language.

**18. Define pumping lemma for regular languages. Use pumping lemma for regular language to show  $L [ a^n b a^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots ]$  is not regular. [2072, Chaitra]**

✎ Pumping lemma states that if a language L is regular then it must have  $|s| \geq p$  where p is pumping length and s is the string,  $S \in L$  which can be divided into x, y and z parts such that following conditions are true.

- (1)  $xy^iz \in L$  for every  $i \geq 0$
- (2)  $|y| > 0$
- (3)  $|xy| \leq p$

**To prove:**  $L = \{a^n b a^n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is not regular.

**Proof:** Let's assume language  $L$  is regular. Then it must have pumping length ' $p$ '.

Let,  $S \in L = q^p b a^p$

Let,  $p = 3$

$S = a^3 b a^3$

$= aaabaaa$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

**Case - I:** When ' $y$ ' contains only ' $a$ '

$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{baaa}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aaaaa baaa$

$= a^5 b a^3 \notin L$

So, condition 1 fails as the power of  $a$ 's at the start and end of the string are not equal.

**Case - II:** When  $y$  contains both symbol ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ '

$S = \underbrace{aa}_x \underbrace{ab}_y \underbrace{aaa}_z$

Checking for condition I

Let,  $i = 2$

$S = xy^2z$

$= aaababaaa \notin L$

So, condition 1 fails as it doesn't follow pattern  $a^n b a^n$ .

Hence, on pumping (i.e.  $xy^iz$ ), none of the cases follow all three conditions of regular language as stated by pumping lemma. Therefore, language  $L$  is not regular.



21. State pumping lemma for regular language. Use this lemma to prove language  $L : \{a^{n^2} : n \geq 0\}$  is not regular. [2071 Chaitra]

For statement of pumping lemma, see theory part.

Here, given language  $L = \{a^{n^2}, n \geq 0\}$

To prove:  $L$  is not regular

Proof: Let's assume language  $L$  is regular.

Then, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let,  $P = 3$  (say)

Then, let  $S$  be the string accepted by finite automata.

$$\text{i.e. } S = a^{P^2}$$

$$= a^{3^2}$$

$$= a^9$$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{aaaaaa}_z$$

Now, checking for condition I

$$S = xy^iz$$

Let,  $i = 2$

$$S = xy^2z$$

$$= a \text{ } aaaa \text{ } aaaaaa$$

Now,  $|S| = 11$

Here, no value of  $P$  (or  $n$ ) would give  $|S| = 11$  in other words, length of string  $S$  on being pumped is not perfect square which means it doesn't belong to language  $L$ .

26. State the pumping lemma for regular language show that the language  $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is prime}\}$  is not regular using the pumping lemma. [2072 Kartik, Back]

For statement of pumping lemma, see theory part.

To prove:  $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is a prime}\}$  is not a regular

**Proof:** Let's assume that language  $L$  is regular. Then, according to pumping lemma, it must follow these conditions.

$$(1) xy^iz \in L \text{ for every } i \geq 0$$

$$(2) |y| > 0$$

$$(3) |xy| \leq P$$

Since, language  $L$  is regular, it must have pumping length  $P$ .

Let  $P = 7$

Let,  $S \in L = a^P$

$$= a^7$$

$$= \text{aaaaaaa}$$

Dividing  $S$  into  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , we get

$$S = \underbrace{a}_x \underbrace{aa}_y \underbrace{aaaa}_z$$

Checking for condition 1

Let  $i = 2$

Then,  $S = xy^2z$

$$= a \text{ aaaa aaaa}$$

$$= a^9 \notin L$$

Since, 9 is not a prime number. Therefore, on pumping i.e.  $xy^iz$ , condition 1 fails. Though condition (2) and (3) are satisfied.

$$|y| = 2 > 0$$

$$|xy| = 3 < 7$$

Here, assuming language  $L$  as regular language doesn't follow all three conditions of pumping lemma to be regular language. So, it contradicts our assumption. Therefore, language  $L$  is not regular.



Closure

Properties of regular sets or regular languages

~~RE Union~~

If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are REs then  $R_1 + R_2$ ,  $R_1 \cdot R_2$ ,  $R_1^*$  are also RE

Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be two RE such that  $L_1 \in M_1$  and  $L_2 \in M_2$  where  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are respective finite state machine for  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

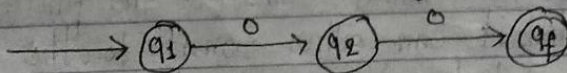
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } M_1 &= \{Q_1, \Sigma_1, \delta_1, q_1, f_1\} \\ M_2 &= \{Q_2, \Sigma_2, \delta_2, q_2, f_2\} \end{aligned}$$

① For union

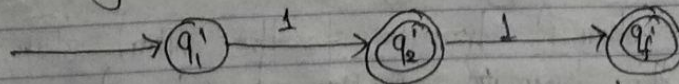
We have to show that the union of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  i.e.,  $L_1 + L_2$  is also regular. To show that we have to design a finite automata such that it processes  $L_1 + L_2$ .

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Let  $L_1 = 00$  is a regular then <sup>FA</sup> model is:

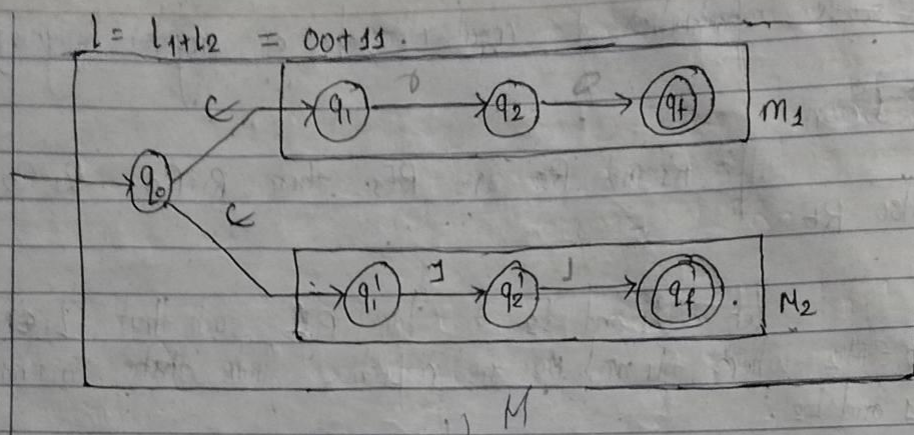


Similarly,  $L_2 = 11$  is a regular then model is:



Now, the union is:





Let  $M = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, f\}$

where,

$Q =$  finite set of states  $= Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup Q_0$

$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$

$\delta = \delta_1 \cup \delta_2 \cup \{ \delta(q, \epsilon) \rightarrow q_1, \delta(q, \epsilon) \rightarrow q'_1 \}$

$q_0 =$  initial state  $= q_0$

$f =$  final state  $= F_1 \cup F_2 = \{q_f, q'_f\}$

This finite automata  $M$  processes the union of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . Let  $q_0$  be the initial state of  $M$ . The finite automata  $M$  is designed such that it can either transit to the initial state of  $M_1$  or to the initial state of  $M_2$  by non-deterministically consuming empty string ( $\epsilon$ ).

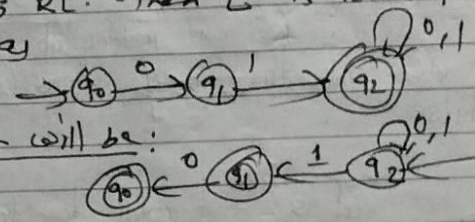
When it transits to the initial state of  $M_1$ , it initiates the processing of  $M_1$  and when it transits to the initial state of  $M_2$  it initiates the processing of  $M_2$  resulting in the processing of  $L_1 + L_2$ . Hence, we can conclude that the class of language of FA is closed.

iv) Complement:  $L$  is RL then  $\bar{L}$  is also RL.  $\bar{L} = \Sigma^* - L$   
 Let  $L$  = set of all strings containing 100 as a substring.  
 Then  $\bar{L}$  = " " not " " 100 as substring.

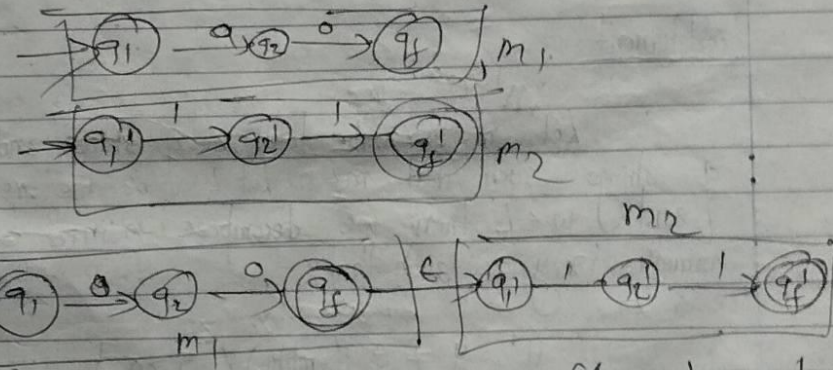
v) Intersection: If  $L_1, L_2$  are two R.L. then  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is also a R.L.  
 $L_1 = a^*$ ,  $L_2 = b^*$  then  $L_1 \cap L_2 = a^* \cap b^*$

~~for concatenation:~~  
 We have to show that

vi) Reversed: If  $L$  is RL then  $L^R$  is also a RL.  
 Let's assume FA as  
 $L = \{0, 01, 001\}$   
 $L^R = \{0, 10, 110\}$   
 The LR will be:



2) Concatenation:  
 $L_1 = 00$ ,  $L_2 = 11$   
 $\therefore L_1 L_2$  is also Regular Expression. i.e.  $0011$



$\delta: \delta_1 \cup \delta_2 \cup \{ \delta(q, \epsilon) \rightarrow q_1, \delta(q_f, \epsilon) \rightarrow q_1' \}$   
 $q_0$  — initial state  
 $q$  — Finite set of states  $q_1 \cup q_2 \cup q_0$   
 $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$   
 $F = F_1 \cup F_2 = \{q_f, q_1'\}$

3) Kleene closure similarly,  $L_1 = 0$  is regular,  $L_1^* = 0^*$   
 $F = F_1$ ,  $q = \text{initial}$  (B also in state)  
 $\delta: \delta_1 \cup \{ \delta(q, \epsilon) \rightarrow q_1, \delta(q, \epsilon) \rightarrow q_1 \}$

