

## Week 3 Summary Sheet

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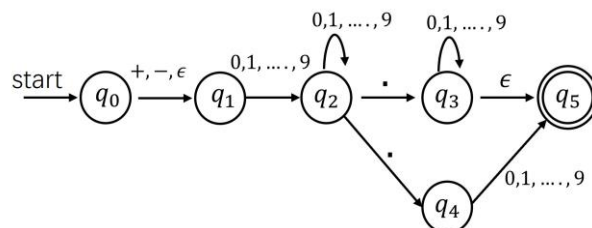
### NFA with $\epsilon$ -Transitions ( $\epsilon$ -NFA)

#### 1. Introduction

- $\epsilon$ -NFA,  $E = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F\}$
- $\delta(q, a) = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_k\}$
- Keep it in mind that for  $a$ , it can be input symbols from  $\Sigma$  or  $\epsilon$

#### 2. Examples

- $\epsilon$ -NFA for decimal numbers (they are strings)
- languages look like this  $L = \{-467.35, 467.35, +467.35, .354, 467., \dots\}$
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#### 3. $\epsilon$ -close (more details are in the second part)

- all accessible following states through  $\epsilon$  transitions
- taking the last  $\epsilon$ -NFA as example
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_0$ ) =  $\{q_0, q_1\}$
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_1$ ) =  $\{q_1\}$
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_2$ ) =  $\{q_2\}$
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_3$ ) =  $\{q_3, q_5\}$
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_4$ ) =  $\{q_4\}$
- $\epsilon$ -close( $q_5$ ) =  $\{q_5\}$

### Epsilon closure

#### 1. $\epsilon$ -closure( $q$ )

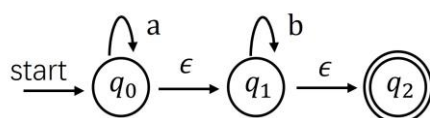
it is a set of states reachable from  $q$  on  $\epsilon$ -transition alone.

- it always starts with  $q$  itself.  $\epsilon$ -closure( $q$ ) =  $\{q\}$
- if there is an  $\epsilon$ -transition from state  $q$  to state  $p$ , then update  $\epsilon$ -closure( $q$ ) =  $\{q, p\}$

#### 2. easy concepts, but please do exercise as much as you can to get familiar with

### Convert the given $\epsilon$ -NFA to DFA

- we will start with an simple example to explain



- 1. Firstly, we will need to have the transition table for this  $\epsilon$ -NFA
- the transition table is :

	a	b	c	$\epsilon$
$q_0$	$\{q_0\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_1\}$
$q_1$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_1\}$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_2\}$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_2\}$	$\emptyset$

2. then get epsilon closure for each state

- $\epsilon - \text{closure}(q_0) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$
- $\epsilon - \text{closure}(q_1) = \{q_1, q_2\}$
- $\epsilon - \text{closure}(q_2) = \{q_2\}$

3. take epsilon closure result of each state as states in your targeted DFA

- then targeted DFA may have 3 states,  $\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$ ,  $\{q_1, q_2\}$  and  $\{q_2\}$  respectively

4. get transitions for targeted DFA transition table

- let  $\delta_D$  as transition function of targeted DFA, and  $\delta_E$  as  $\epsilon$ -NFA transition func.
- we have following principles

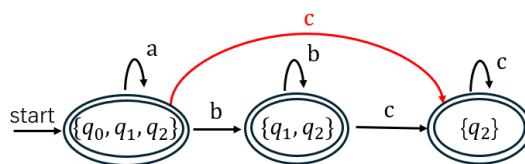
$$\delta_D(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, a) = \epsilon - \text{closure}(\delta_E(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, a))$$

- $\delta_E(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, a) = \delta_E(q_0, a) \cup \delta_E(q_1, a) \cup \delta_E(q_2, a) = \{q_0\}$
  - so first equation changes to  $\delta_D(\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, a) = \epsilon - \text{closure}(q_0) = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$
5. apply the principle on each possible DFA states and then you can have the following transition table for targeted DFA

- arrow means start state (because it includes the state  $q_0$ , which is a start state of given epsilon NFA)
- \* start means all the final states, as  $q_2$  is included in, which is a final state of given epsilon NFA)

	a	b	c
* $\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_2\}$
* $\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	$\{q_2\}$
* $\{q_2\}$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_2\}$

6. based on the DFA transition table, get DFA diagram



## Regular expressions (RE)

1. regular expression specifies pure text strings

- language including DFA, NFA & Regular expression
- RE also be called regular language

2. operators for language

- 2 languages  $L_1 = \{01, 101, 11\}$  and  $L_2 = \{101, \epsilon\}$
- Union  $L_1 \cup L_2 = \{01, 101, 11, \epsilon\}$  no repeated strings
- Concatenation  $L_1 L_2 = \{01101, 01, 101101, 101, 11101, 11\}$
- Closure  $L = \{0, 1\}$ , closure operation means  $L^*$

### 3. RE definitions

#### 3.1 Basics

$RE = \epsilon$ , then the corresponding language is  $\{\epsilon\}$

$RE = a$ , then the corresponding language is  $\{a\}$

#### 3.2 if $R_1$ and $R_2$ are regular expressions

then,  $R_1 + R_2$  means  $L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$

then,  $R_1 R_2$  means  $L(R_1)L(R_2)$ , concatenation of languages

then,  $R_1^*$  means  $(L(R_1))^*$

#### 3.3 example

construct a RE for the language accepting all strings which have *bab* as a substring over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

- then, the RE should be  $R = (a + b)^* bab (a + b)^*$
- $(a + b)^*$  means any number of combination of a and b, any number of a's and b's  
construct a RE start with *ab*
- $RE = ab(a + b)^*$
- End with *aba*, regular expression of this could be  $(a + b)^* aba$

### Translation of RE to NFA

1. they are equivalent when they are trying to describe a same language
2. Precedance of regular expressions

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- \*

- concatenation

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#### 3. things you will need to always keep it in mind

$R = \epsilon$



$R = \emptyset$

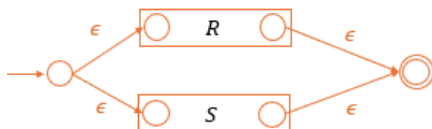


$R = a$



Now we have 2 regular expressions  $R$  and  $S$

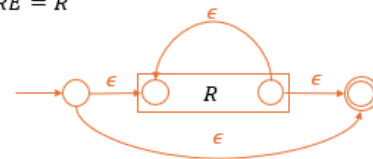
$RE = R + S$



$RE = RS$



$RE = R^*$



$RE = (R)$

$\epsilon$ -NFA for  $R = \epsilon$ -NFA for  $(R)$