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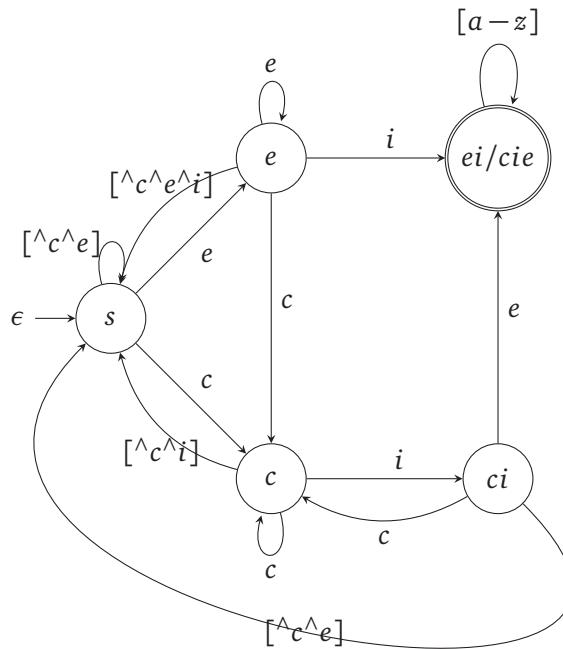
(a) The regular expression of the desired language L is defined as:

- $w \in L$ if w contains substring ei which is NOT preceded by c to be cei .
- $w \in L$ if w contains substring cie .

Therefore, the regular expression is:

$$[a-z]^*[^c]ei[a-z]^* + [^c]^*ei[a-z]^* + [a-z]^*cie[a-z]^*$$

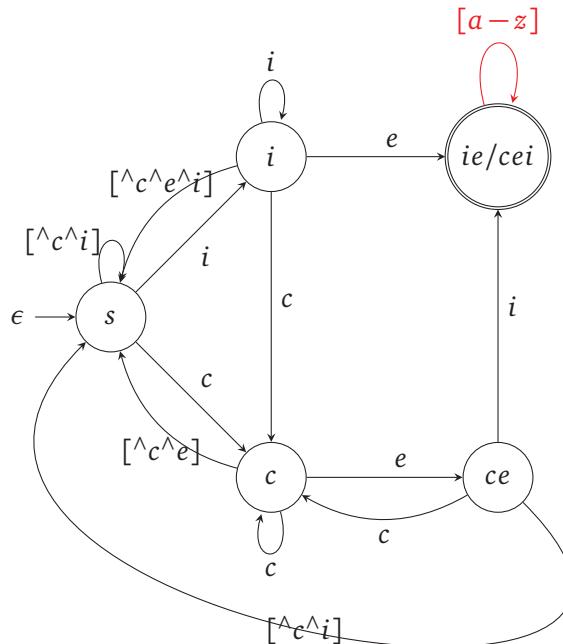
(b) The graphical representation is:



- s is the start state.
- c means we have just read the initial c of cie .
- e means we have just read the initial e of ei .
- ci means we have read the ci part of cie .
- ei/cie means we have read the substring ei (without preceding c) or cie , and it is the accepting state.

This graphical representation captures all the cases, because it traces two possible path, $e \rightarrow ei$ and $c \rightarrow ci \rightarrow cie$, to reach the accepting state. Also it avoids " $c \rightarrow ce \rightarrow cei$ ", because it forces the state c to transit to state s if it receives e .

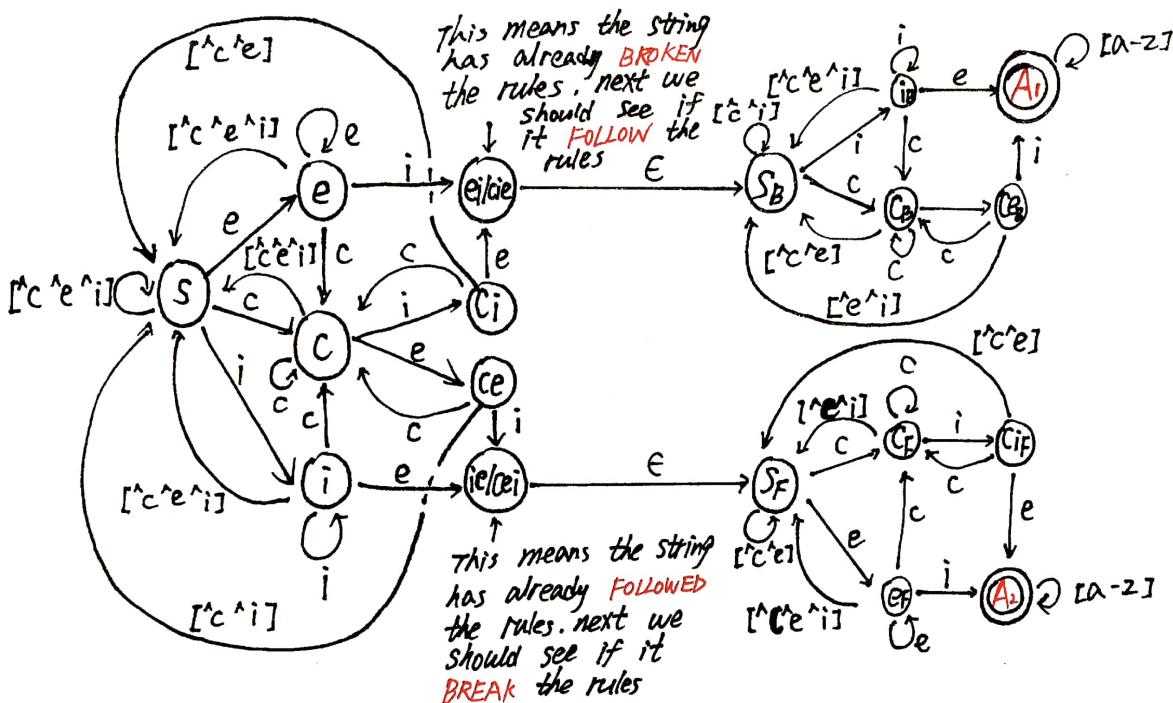
(c) The graphical representation of the DFA that satisfies "all strings that **END UP WITH THE SUBSTRING** ie (without preceding c) or cei (without preceding substring ie (without preceding c) or cei)" is:



- s is the start state.
- c means we have just read the initial c of cei .
- i means we have just read the initial i of ie .
- ce means we have read the ce part of cei .
- ie/cei means we have finally verified that the string ends up with substring ie (without preceding c) or cei without preceding ie (without preceding c) or cei .

A very important thing is that the transition function of this DFA is not a total function, this is shown as we've indicated with a red loop, since we will not discuss the states after we find the first substring ie (without preceding c) or cei .

Then we show how to construct a DFA that "recognizes words that both break the rules and follow it". We can break the definition into two parts: first, the words (strings) break the rules; second, they also follow the rules, and we can see the desired DFA as a "concatenation" of these two parts. The DFA given above in (c) just verifies the words (strings) that have a substring that follows the rules, the DFA in (b) verifies the words (strings) that have a substring that breaks the rules, therefore, we can "concatenate" them together:



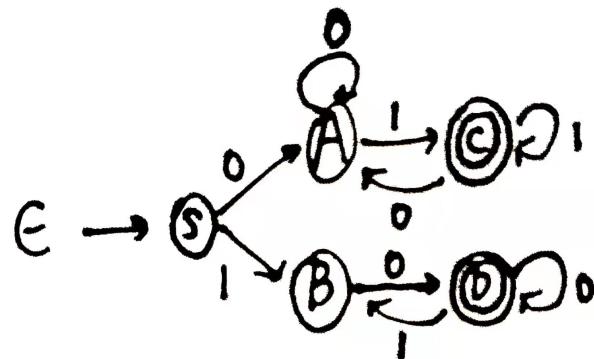
Where subscripts B and F in states of the right half represent we have already found the words (strings) that break/follow the rules, A₁ and A₂ are accepting states where the strings that go into A₁ first break the rules, and the strings that go into A₂ first follow the rules.

Solution:

(a) The regular expression for (a) is:

$$0(0+1)^*1 + 1(0+1)^*0$$

The DFA is:



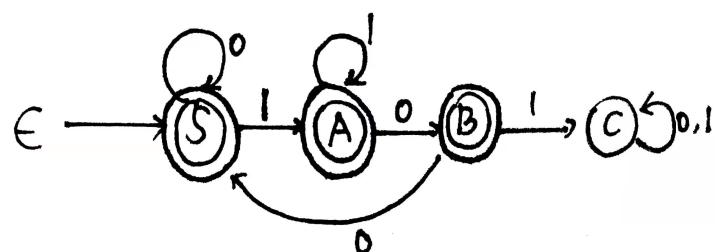
Where,

- S is the start state.
- A means the string starts with 0 but the current last digit is not 1.
- B means the string starts with 1 but the current last digit is not 0.
- C means the string starts with 0 and the last digit is 1.
- D means the string starts with 1 and the last digit is 0.

(b) The regular expression for (b) is:

$$0^*(1^*000^*)^*1^*0^*$$

The DFA is:



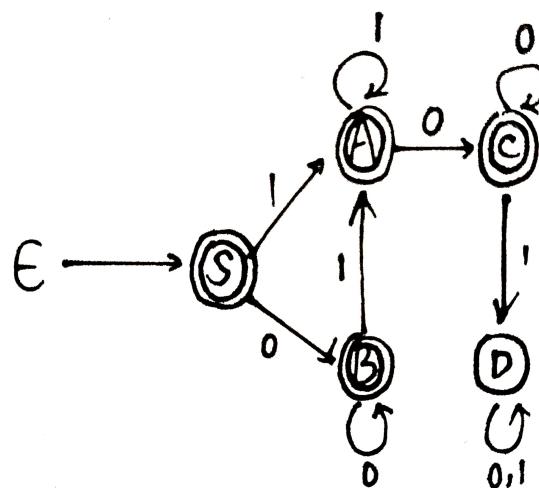
Where,

- S is the start state.
- A means the string currently does not have substring 101 but the current last digit is 1.
- B means the string currently does not have substring 101 but the current last-two-digit is 10.
- C means the string has substring 101.

(c) The regular expression for (c) is:

$$0^*1^*0^*$$

The DFA is:



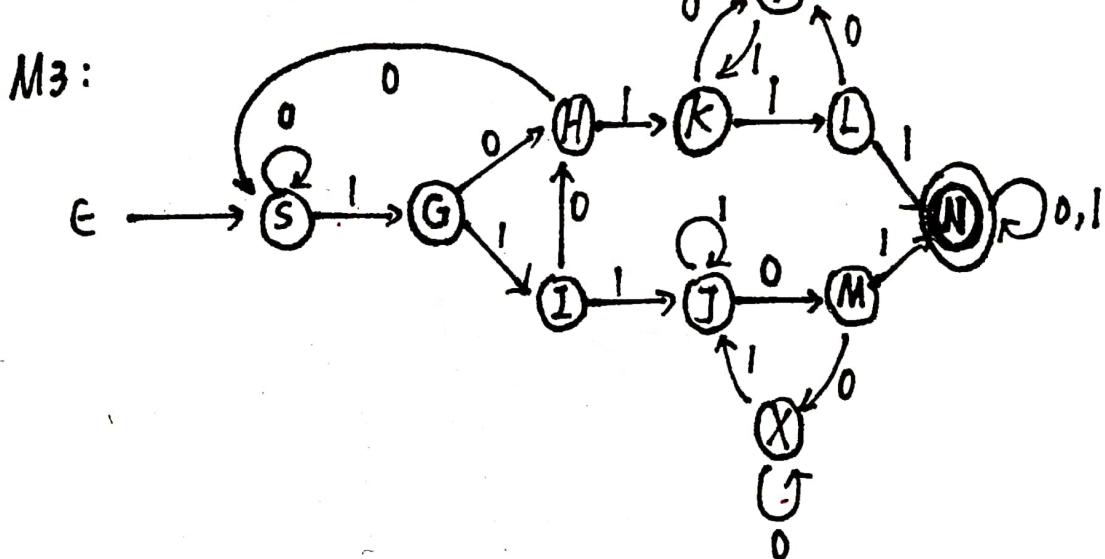
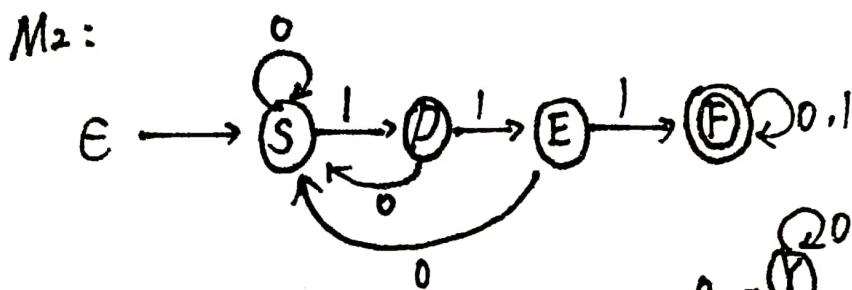
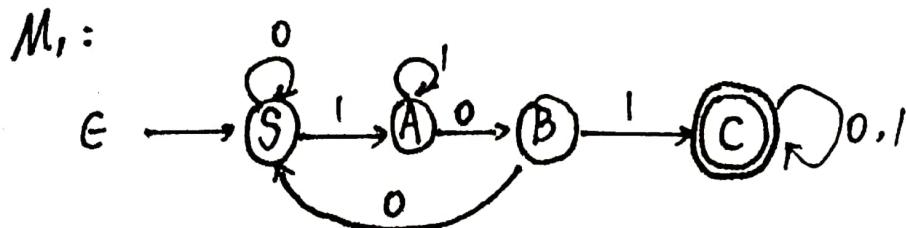
Where,

- S is the start state.
- A means the string currently does not have subsequence 101 but has subsequence 1.
- B means the string currently only has 0's.
- C means the string currently does not have subsequence 101 but has subsequence 10.
- D means the string has subsequence 101.

Solution: $L(M_1), L(M_2), L(M_3)$ are defined as follows:

- $L(M_1)$ is the set of all strings that contain substring 101.
- $L(M_2)$ is the set of all strings that contain substring 111.
- $L(M_3)$ is the set of all strings that contain both substrings 101 and 111.

M_1, M_2 , and M_3 are represented as:



Where in M_1 :

- S is the start state.
- A means we have just read the initial 1 of substring 101.
- B means we have read the 10 part of substring 101.
- C means we have found substring 101.

Where in M_2 :

- S is the start state.
- D means we have just read the initial 1 of substring 111.
- E means we have read the 11 part of substring 111.
- F means we have found substring 111.

Where in M_3 :

- S is the start state.
- G means we have not yet found both substrings 101 and 111 but have just read the initial 1 of substrings 101 and 111.
- H means we have not yet found both substrings 101 and 111 but have just read the initial 10 of substring 111.
- I means we have not yet found both substrings 101 and 111 but have just read the initial 11 of substring 111.
- J means we have not yet found substring 101 but have found substring 111, and we have found the initial 1 of substring 101.
- K means we have not yet found substring 111 but have found substring 101, and we have found the initial 1 of substring 111.
- L means we have not yet found substring 111 but have found substring 101, and we have found the 11 part of substring 111.
- M means we have not yet found substring 101 but have found substring 111, and we have found the 10 part of substring 101.
- N means we have found both substrings 101 and 111.
- X means we have not yet found substring 101 but have found substring 111, and we have to start over to find 111.
- Y means we have not yet found substring 111 but have found substring 101, and we have to start over to find 101.

Obviously, M_1 , M_2 , and M_3 satisfy all of the points above:

- (a) $|Q_1| = |Q_2| = 4 > 2$.
- (b) M_1 and M_2 use the minimal number of states since the substrings have length 3, and we have to determine them one symbol by one symbol, and there are 4 cases: not match, the first symbol matches, the first two symbols match, all three symbols match.
- (c) By definition $L(M_1) \neq L(M_2)$.
- (d) By definition $L(M_3) = L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$.
- (e) There are infinite strings that have substrings 101 and 111.
- (f) $|Q_3| = 11 < 16 = |Q_1| \times |Q_2|$

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