

REGULAR EXPRESSION (RE)

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\* Regular Expression/set:

→ "The set of string accepted by finite automata is known as Regular Language."

operator: This language can also be described in a compact form using a set of operators.

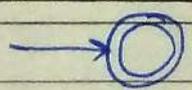
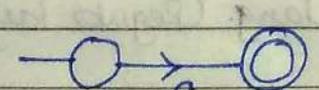
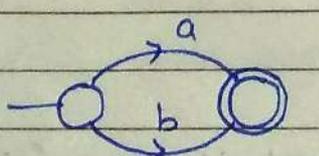
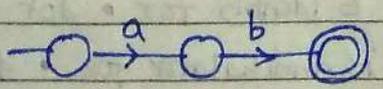
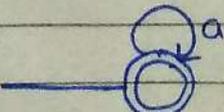
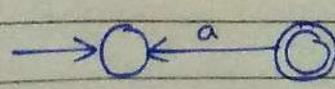
These operators are:

- 1) + , union operator
- 2) . , Concatenation operator
- 3) \* , star / closure operator.

Def: Regular Expression:

An expression written using set of operators (+, ., \*) and describing a regular language is known as Regular Expression.

The Regular expression for some basic Automata.

Automata	Language	Regular expression
	{ $\epsilon$ }	R.E = $\epsilon$
	{a}	R.E. = a
	{a, b}	R.E. = a + b
	{ab}	R.E = a . b
	{ $\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots$ }	R.E = $a^*$
	$\phi$	R.E = $\phi$

## \* Precedence of Operators:

→ operator are associated with operand in particular order.  
The Precedence of operators for regular expression is as follow:

- 1) The star operator has the highest Precedence
- 2) The Concatenation or "dot" operator comes next in precedence
- 3) Union or "+" operators comes last in the Precedence.

## \* Algebraic laws for Regular Expression:

→ There are number of laws for algebraic laws:

- 1) Associativity and commutativity.
- 2) Identities and annihilators.
- 3) The idempotent law.
- 4) Laws of involving closures.
- 5) Distributive law.

### 1) Associativity & Commutativity

- Commutative laws for union says that the union of two regular languages can be taken in any order.

- For any two lang. L and M.

$$L + M = M + L$$

- The Associative law holds for union of two lang. (Regular lang)

$$(L + M) + N = L + (M + N)$$

### 2) Identities and annihilator:

$\epsilon$  is identity and  $\phi$  is annihilator

There are 3 law 1)  $\phi + L = L + \phi = L$   $\phi$  is identity for '+'

2)  $\epsilon \cdot L = L \cdot \epsilon = L$   $\epsilon$  is identity for  $\cdot$  dot

3)  $\phi \cdot L = L \cdot \phi = \phi$  is annihilator for  $\cdot$  dot

### 3) Distributive law:

1) Left distributive law of concatenation over union

$$L(M + N) = LM + LN$$

2) Right distributive law of concatenation

$$(M + N)L = ML + NL$$

#### 4. Idempotent Law :-

It says that the union of two identical expressions can be replaced by one copy of expression.

$$L + L = L$$

#### 5. Laws of Involving closures.

These laws include :-

1.  $(L^*)^* = L$

2.  $\emptyset^* = \epsilon$

3.  $\epsilon^* = \epsilon$

4.  $L^* = LL^* = L^*L$

5.  $L^* = L^* + \epsilon$

#### \* Pumping Lemma for Regular Language :-

Def :- "Let  $L$  be a regular language and  $M = \{Q, \epsilon, \delta, q_0, F\}$  be a finite automata with  $n$ -states. Language  $L$  is accepted by  $m$ . Let  $w \in L$  and  $|w| \geq n$  then  $w$  can be written as  $xyz$  where.

i)  $|y| > 0$

ii)  $|xy| \leq n$

iii)  $xy^i z \in L$  for all  $i \geq 0$  here  $y^i$  denotes that  $y$  is repeated or pumped  $i$  times."

- pumping lemma should be used to establish that a given language is not regular.

## \* Closure properties of Regular Language:

"If an operation on regular lang. generates a Regular lang. then we say that "the class of regular lang. is closed under above operation"."

Some of the closure properties:

- 1) Union
- 2) Difference
- 3) Concatenation
- 4) Intersection
- 5) Complementatation
- 6) Kleene star.

## \* Regular Language is ~~under~~ closed under union:

→ Let  $M_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_0, F)$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_0, G)$  be two given automata.

To prove closure property, we need  $M_3$  variable.

which accept every string accepted either by  $M_1$  or  $M_2$ .

$$\therefore L(M_3) = L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$$

## \* Regular lang. is closed under concatenation:

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$$L(M_3) = L(M_1) \cdot L(M_2)$$

## \* Regular lang is closed under Kleene star (closure)

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$$L(M_2) = L(M_1)^*$$

## \* Difference $\div L(M_3) = L(M_1) - L(M_2)$

## \* Intersection $\div L(M_3) = L(M_1) \cap L(M_2)$

## \* Complementatation: $L(M_1) = \overline{L(M_1)}$

## \* Reversal $\div L = \{aab, abb, aaa\}$

then  $L^R = \{baa, bba, aaa\}$ ;

\* Show that the set  $L = \{b^i \mid i > 1\}$  is not regular.  
 → We have to prove that the lang  $L = b^i$  is not regular.  
 This lang is such that nos of b's is always a perfect square.  
 For example,

if we take  $i = 1$

$$L = b^1 = b \quad \text{then length} = 1^2$$

$$= b^2 = bbbb \quad \text{then length} = 2^2$$

and so on.

Now let us consider,  $L = b^{n^2}$  where length  $n^2$   
 it is denoted by  $Z$

$$|Z| = n^2$$

By pumping lemma,

$$Z = UVW \quad \text{where } 1 \leq |V| \leq n.$$

$$\text{As } Z = UV^iW \quad \text{where } i = 1.$$

Now we will pump  $V$  i.e.  $i = 2$

$$\text{As we made } i = 2 \text{ we have added one } n^2 \quad 1 \leq |V| \leq 2$$

$$n^2 + 1 \leq |UVW| \leq n + n^2$$

Thus, string lies bet<sup>n</sup> 2 consecutive perfect square.

But string is not perfect square, Hence we can say  
the given lang. is not regular.

For example ÷

$$L = b^4$$

$$i = 2$$

$$L = bbbb$$

$$L = UVW$$

Assume  $UVW = bbbb$

$$u = b$$

$$v = bb$$

$$w = b.$$

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By pumping lemma, even we pump  $V$  i.e. increase  $V$ . then  
 lang. should show the length as perfect square.

$$= UVW$$

$$= UV \cdot V \cdot W \quad \therefore \left. \begin{array}{l} u = b \\ v = bb \\ v = bb \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= bbbbbb \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} v = bb \\ w = b \end{array}$$

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The length of  $b$  is not perfect square. so it is not regular.

\* Prove / Disprove that the language  $L$  given by  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \neq n \text{ and } m, n \text{ are +ve integers}\}$  is regular.

→ Let  $L = \{a^m b^n \mid m \neq n\}$  be a language

Assume that  $L$  is regular lang., Now consider case

i) Case 1  $z = a a a b b b b \in L$

By pumping lemma if  $z = uvw$  then we pump some string to make  $z = uv^i w$  then  $i \neq 2$ .

if  $z \in L$  then such lang. is called regular.

Let,

$$z = \underbrace{a a a}_u \underbrace{b b b}_v \underbrace{b b}_w$$

if  $z = uv^i w$  and if  $i = 2$  then  $z = uvv w$

$$z = \underbrace{a}_u \underbrace{a a b b}_v \underbrace{a a b b}_v \underbrace{b b}_w$$

$$z = a^3 b^2 a^2 b^4 \in a^m b^n \in L$$

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ii) Case 2 Assume  $L \in Z$  such that

$$z = \underbrace{a a a}_u \underbrace{a a a}_v \underbrace{b b b b b b}_w$$

By pumping lemma,

$z = uv^i w \in L$  for regular lang. If  $i = 2$

$$z = uvv w$$

$$z = \underbrace{a a a}_u \underbrace{a a a}_v \underbrace{a a a}_v \underbrace{b b b b b b}_w$$

$$z = a^6 b^6 \in a^m b^n \text{ because } m = n$$

From these case, we get  $z \in L$ , Thus our assumption of  $L$  being regular is wrong.

Hence, given language  $\{L = a^m b^n \mid m \neq n\}$

is not regular // Disproved

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