

Regular Expressions

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$(0 \cup 1)1^*$

R is reg. exp if R is

1. a for some $a \in \Sigma$
(single symbol)
2. ε - string w/ no symbols
3. \emptyset - no strings
4. $(R_1 \cup R_2)$ where R_1, R_2 are
reg. exp.
5. $(R_1 \circ R_2)$ "
6. R_1^* R_1 is reg. exp.

$$R^+ = RR^*$$

Precedence order \times, o, \cup

$$A \cup BC^*$$
$$A \cup (B \cdot (C^*))$$

$$\Sigma^*$$

$L(R)$ language described by
reg. exp R .

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

$$R = 0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*$$

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$$\Sigma^* 1 1 0 \Sigma^*$$

$$(00 \cup 11)^*$$

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$$1^* \emptyset = \emptyset$$

$$\emptyset^* = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$R \cup \emptyset = R$$

$$R \circ \{\epsilon\} = R$$

A language is regular iff
some reg. exp. describes it.

I. If a language is described by
a regular expression then it
is regular.

Given a regular expression R
Show $L(R)$ is regular by building
an NFA to recognize it.

6 cases from def. of reg. expr

1. $R = a$



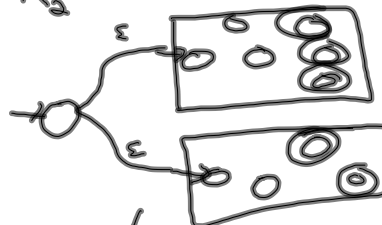
2. $R = \epsilon$



3. $R = \emptyset$



4. $R = R_1 \cup R_2$



5. $R = R_1 \circ R_2$

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6. $R = R_1^*$

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$a^*b \cup b^*$
 build NFA

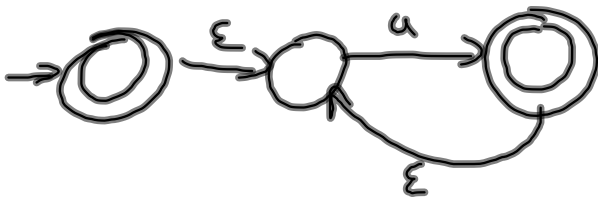
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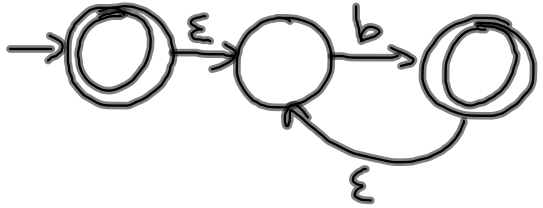
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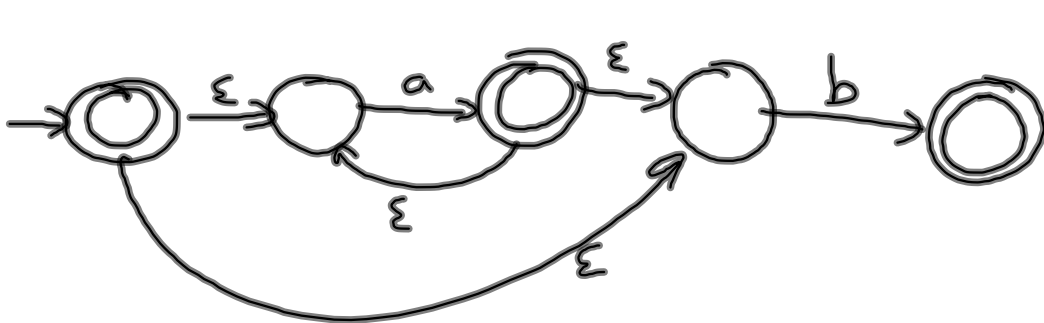
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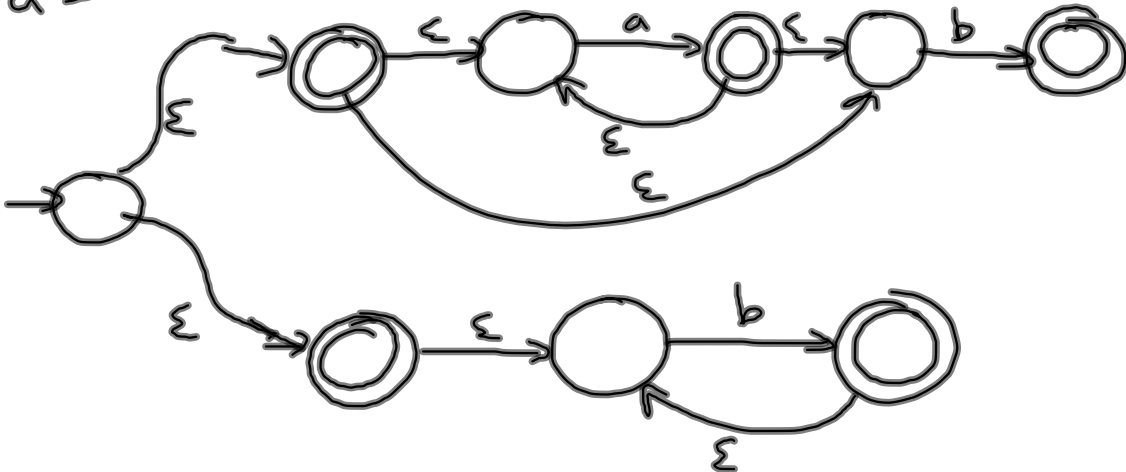
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a^*b



$a^*b \cup b^*$



If a language is regular, then
(\Leftarrow) it is described by a regular exp.

GNFA : generalized NFA

e.g.

