

UNIT - 2

Regular expressions (RE):

Regular language consist of a generator : Regular grammar
acceptor : FSM
representor : RE

Def: RE are useful for representing ^{certain} set of strings in an algebraic fashion actually these describes the languages accepted by finite state automata.

If R_1 and R_2 are 2 regular expressions then

$R_1 + R_2$ - Union is possible

R_1^* - possible

R_1^+ - possible

$R_1 \cdot R_2$ - Concatenation is possible

* Any set represented by RE is called regular set

ex:

- Q. $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ then
- a denotes set $\{a\}$
 - $a+b$ denotes set $\{a, b\}$
 - ab denotes set $\{ab\}$
 - a^* denotes set $\{\epsilon, a, aa, aaa, \dots\}$
 - $(a+b)^*$ denotes set $\{a, b\}^*$ (or)

$\{\epsilon, a, b, ab, ba, aba, \dots\}$

Q. Describe following sets by RE

- $\{101\}$
- $\{abba\}$
- $\{01, 10\}$
- $\{\epsilon, ab\}$
- $\{abb, a, b, bba\}$
- $\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000\}$
- $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$

- 101
- ~~abba~~ abba
- $01+10$
- $\epsilon+ab$
- $abb+a+b+bba$
- $\epsilon+0+00+000 = 0^*$
- 1^+ (or)
 $1.\{\epsilon, 1, 11, 111, \dots\}$

Q. Describe following sets by RE

- $L_1 =$ Set of all strings of 0's and 1's ending with '00'
- $L_2 =$ Set of all strings of 0's and 1's beginning with 0 and ending with 1.
- $L_3 = \{\epsilon, 11, 1111, 111111, \dots\}$

a) _____ 00

$$= (0+1)^* 00$$

Any string in L_1 is obtained by concatenating any string over $\{0, 1\}$ and string ending with 00
Hence L_1 is represented as

b) 0 _____ 1

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

c) $(11)^*$

Identities for RE / Algebraic expressions

$$I_1: \phi + P = P$$

$$I_2: \phi P + P \phi = P$$

$$I_3: \epsilon P + P \epsilon = P$$

$$I_4: \epsilon^* = \epsilon \cup \phi^* = \epsilon$$

$$I_5: P \cup P = P$$

$$I_6: P^* P^* = P^*$$

$$I_7: PP^* = P^* P$$

$$I_8: (P^*)^* = P^*$$

$$I_9: \epsilon + PP^* = P^* = \epsilon + P^* P$$

$$I_{10}: (PP^*)^* P = P^* (PP^*)^*$$

$$I_{11}: (P + Q)^* = (P^* Q^*)^* = (P^* + Q^*)^*$$

$$I_{12}: (P + Q) \epsilon = PP + QQ$$

$$P(P + Q) = PP + PQ$$

* If 2 RE P and Q are equivalent, we write $P=Q$. If P and Q represent the same set of strings, we give the identities for RE which are useful for simplifying RE.

Q. Write a RE for set of all languages whose length is exactly 2 over alphabet (a, b)

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

condn: length is exactly 2.

$$\Rightarrow L = \{aa, ab, ba, bb\}$$

$$= aa + ab + ba + bb$$

$$= a(a+b) + b(a+b) = (a+b)(a+b)$$

b) exactly 3

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \{aaa, aab, aba, abb, baa, bab, bba, bbb\}$$

$$= aaa + aab + aba + abb + baa + bab + bba + bbb$$

$$= aa(a+b) + ab(a+b) + ba(a+b) + bb(a+b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (a+b)(aa+ab+ab+bb) \\
 &= (a+b)(a(a+b) + b(a+b)) \\
 &= (a+b)(a+b)(a+b)
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. Find RE for set of all string whose length is atleast 2.

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

Cond: Length is atleast 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \{ \epsilon, a, b, ab, ba, aa, bb \} \\
 &= \epsilon + a + b + ab + ba + aa + bb \\
 &= \epsilon + a(b+a) + b(a+b) + a+b \\
 &= \epsilon + a+b + (a+b)(a+b) \\
 &= \epsilon + (a+b)(1 + (a+b))
 \end{aligned}$$

Q. Find RE for all strings of a) even length over (a,b)

$$L = \{ \epsilon, aa, bb, aabb, aabbbb, \dots \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \{ \epsilon, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaaa, abba, aabb, \dots \} \\
 &= ((a+b)(a+b))^*
 \end{aligned}$$

b) odd length.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \{ \epsilon, a, b, aba, baa, \dots \} \\
 &= (a+b)((a+b)(a+b))^*
 \end{aligned}$$

c) No. of a's exactly 2. with any no. of b's

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \{ aab \} \\
 &= b^* a b^* a b^*
 \end{aligned}$$

$\geq aab$

Regular expression to Finite automata:

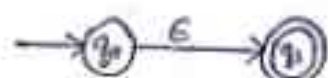
Prerequisites:

- 1) ϕ
- 2) ϵ
- 3) R_1
- 4) $R_1 R_2$
- 5) $R_1 + R_2$
- 6) R_1^*

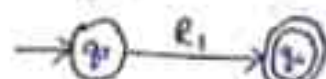
1) For ϕ the initial state and final state is same



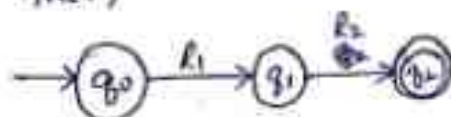
2) For ϵ we will have 2 states with ϵ



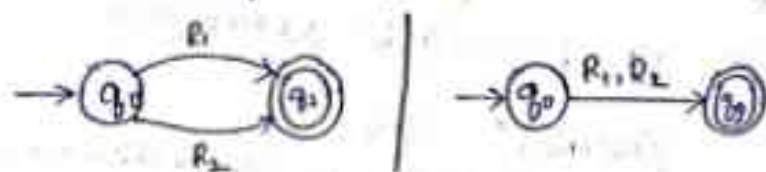
3) For a simple regular expression R_1 ,



4) For 2 regular expressions which are concatenated as $R_1 R_2$ then

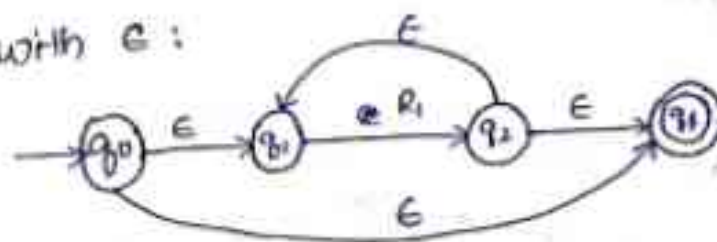


5) For concatenation of 2 regular expressions $R_1 + R_2$,



6) Finite automata diagram for R_1^* is

a) with ϵ :



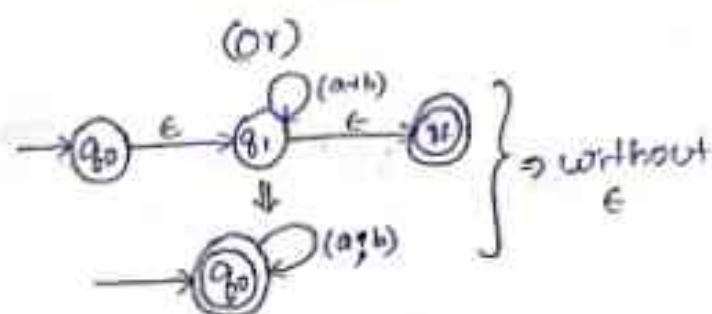
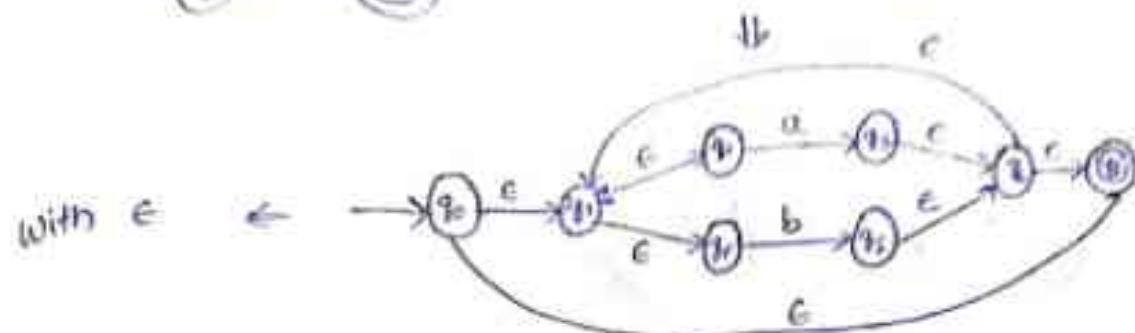
b) without ϵ :



Q. $(a+b)^*$

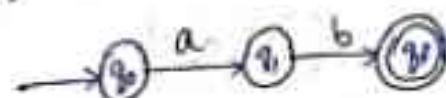
Let $R_1 (a+b)^*$ be R_1^*

→ Finite automata for R_1^* is:

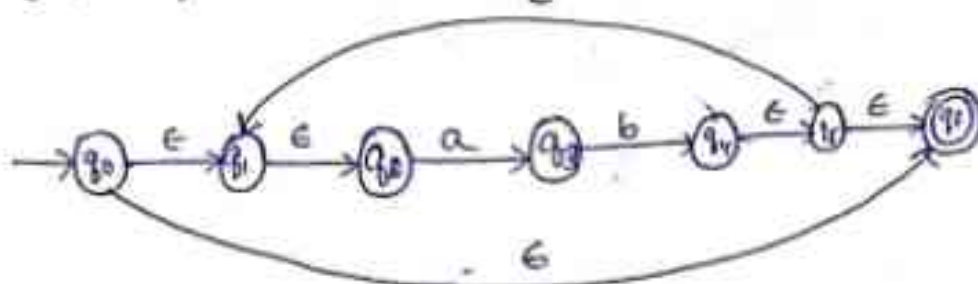


Q. $(ab)^*$

→ ab 's finite automata is:

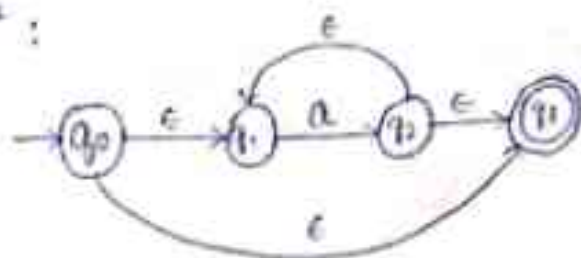


→ $(ab)^*$ finite automata is:

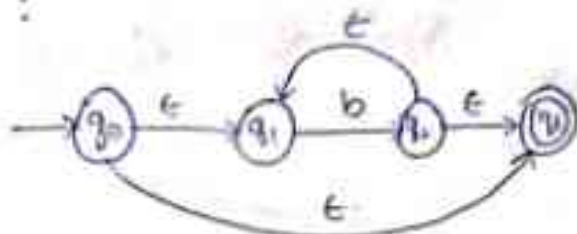


Q. $a^x + b^x + c^x$

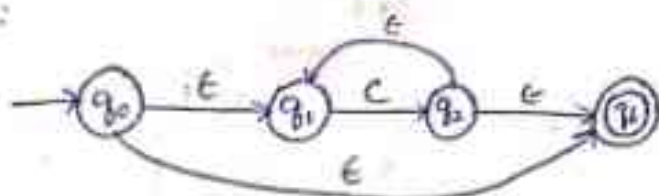
a^x :



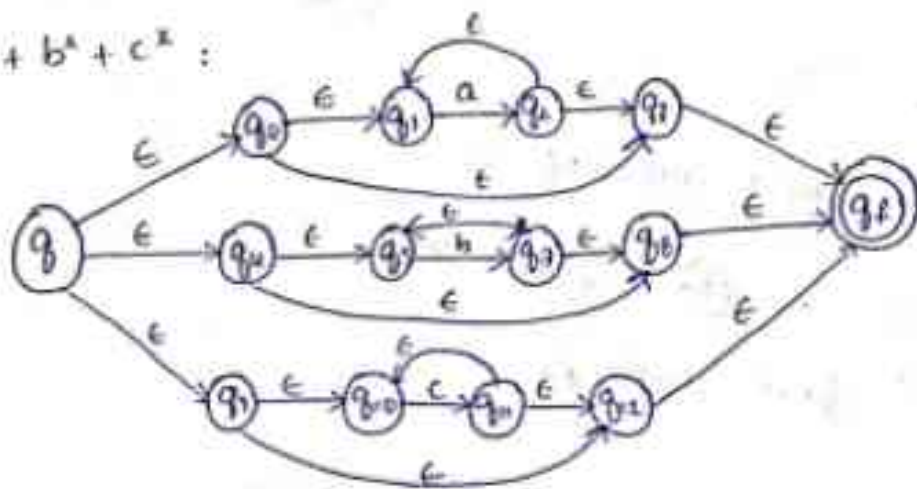
b^x :



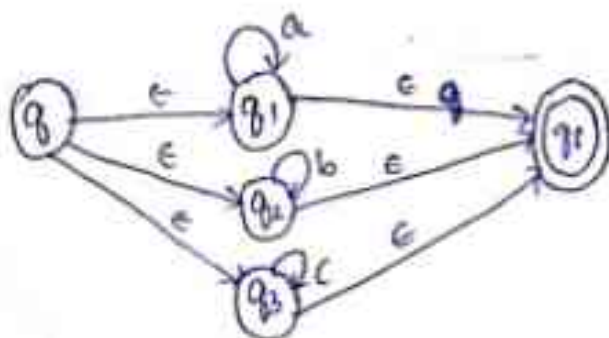
c^x :



→ $a^x + b^x + c^x$:

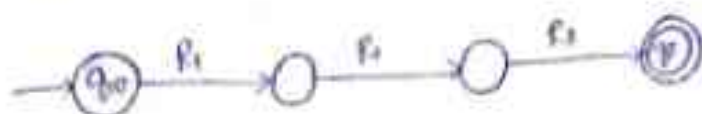


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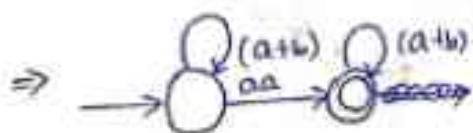
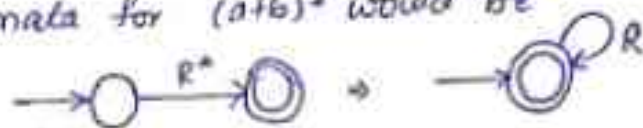


g. Construct a finite automata equivalent to regular expression a) $\frac{(a+b)^*}{R_1} \frac{aa}{R_2} \frac{(a+b)^*}{R_3}$

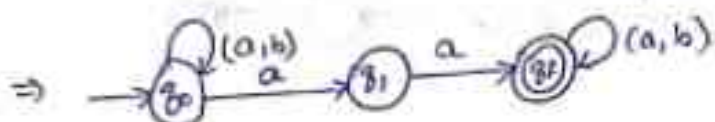
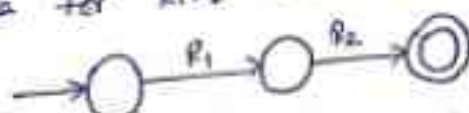
$\Rightarrow R_1 \cdot R_2 \cdot R_3 :$



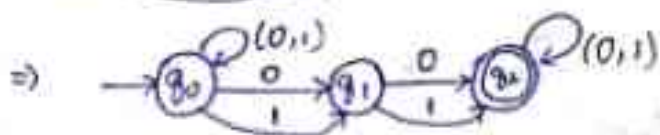
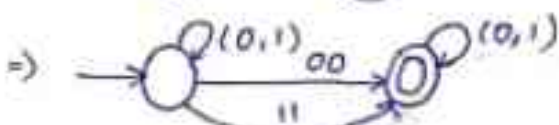
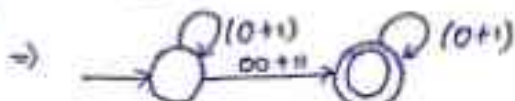
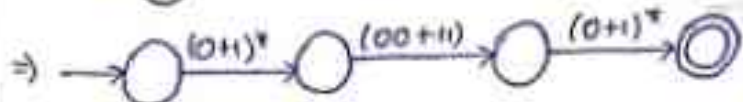
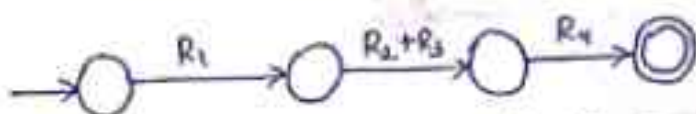
$\Rightarrow$ Finite automata for $(a+b)^*$ would be



Finite automata for $R_1 R_2$ would be



b) $\frac{(0+1)^*}{R_1} \frac{(00+11)}{R_2+R_3} \frac{(0+1)^*}{R_4}$



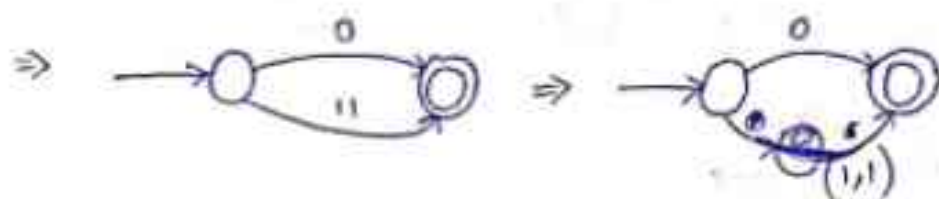
Q. Construct a finite automata with reduced states equivalent to regular expression

$$\frac{10 + (0+11)0^*1}{R_1 \quad R_2 + R_3 \quad R_4}$$

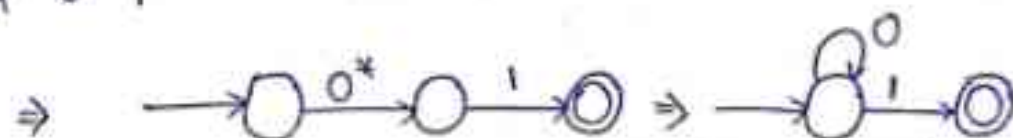
$R_1: 10$



$R_2 + R_3: 0 + 11$



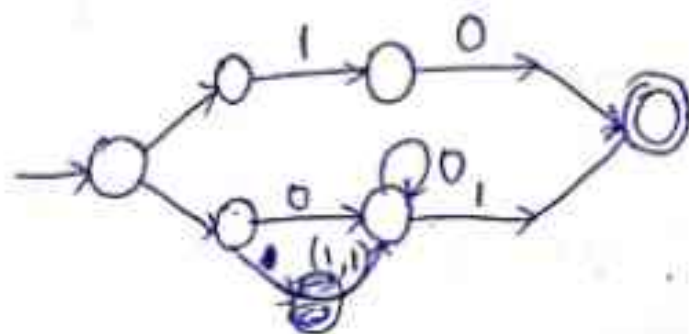
$R_4: 0^*1$



$\Rightarrow (R_2 + R_3)R_4$

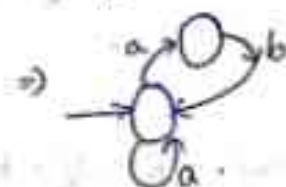
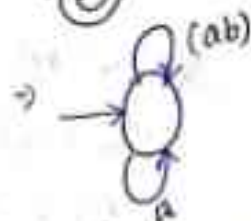
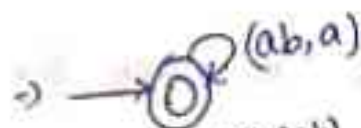


$R_1 + (R_2 + R_3)R_4$

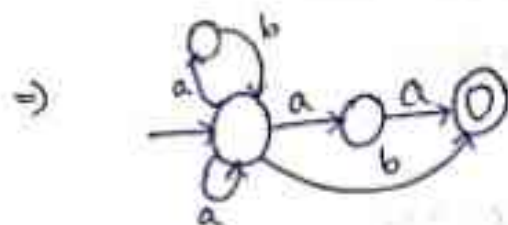
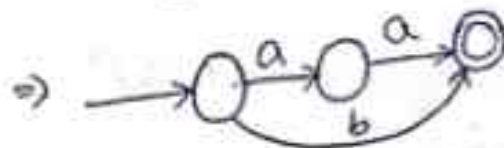
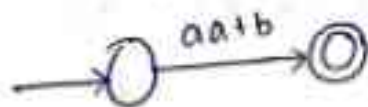


Q. $\frac{(ab+ba)^*}{R_1 + R_2} \quad \frac{(aa+bb)}{R_3 + R_4}$

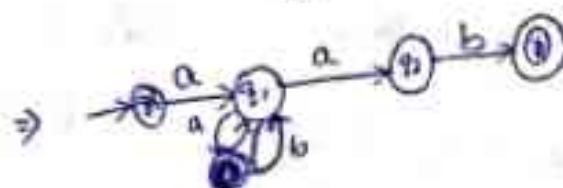
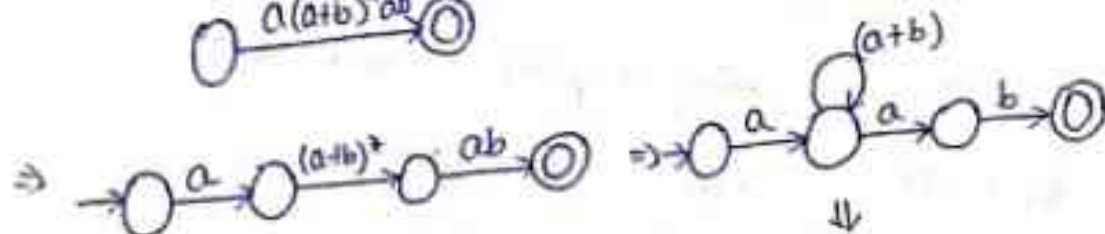
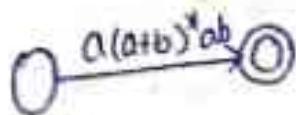
$\Rightarrow (R_1 + R_2)^*$



$R_3 + R_4:$



Q. $a(a+b)^*ab$



Arden's theorem:

Let P & Q to be Σ RE over alphabet (Σ) . If P does not contain ϵ then the following eqn in R

$$R = Q + RP, \quad \{P \neq \epsilon, Q \in \Sigma^+\}$$

has a unique soln. $R = QP^*$

Proof:

equating both the R 's

$$Q = Q + RP$$

$$\Rightarrow Q + (QP^*)^n P$$

$$\Rightarrow Q + QP^*P = Q(\epsilon + P^*P) = QP^* = R$$

Hence $R = Q + RP$ is satisfied when $R = QP^*$

This means $R = QP^*$ is the soln.

To prove the uniqueness, consider $R = Q + RP$.

Here by replacing R with QP^*

$$R = Q + RP$$

$$= Q + (Q + RP)P = Q + QP + RP^2$$

$$= Q + QP + (Q + RP)P^2$$

$$= Q + QP + QP^2 + \dots + QP^n + RP^{n+1}$$

Now replace R with QP^*

$$= Q + QP + QP^2 + \dots + QP^n + (QP^*)P^{n+1}$$

$$= Q + QP + QP^2 + \dots + QP^n + QP^*P^{n+1}$$

$$= Q(\epsilon + P + P^2 + P^3 + \dots + P^n + P^*P^{n+1})$$

$$= QP^*$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

prove that LHS = RHS for given expression

$$(1+00^*1) + (1+00^*1)(0+10^*1)^*(0+10^*1) = 0^*1(0+10^*1)^*$$

LHS:

$$\Rightarrow (1+00^*1)(\epsilon + (0+10^*1)^*(0+10^*1))$$

$$Iq: \epsilon + R^*R = R^*$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+00^*1)((0+10^*1)^*)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+00^*1)(0+10^*1)^* \Rightarrow 0^*1(0+10^*1)^* = \text{RHS.}$$

Algebraic Method using Arden's theorem:

The following method is the extension of Arden's theorem. This is used to find RE recognised by a transition system.

The following assumptions are made:

→ The transition graph does not contain ϵ -moves (ϵ)

→ It has only one initial state say V_i

→ Its vertices are $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$

→ V_i is the RE representing the set of strings accepted by the system even though V_i is the final state

→ α_{ij} denotes RE representing the set of labels of edges from V_i to V_j . When there is no such edge,

$$\alpha_{ij} = \emptyset$$

→ consequently we can get the following set of 'eqns' in $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$

$$V_1 = V_1 \alpha_{11} + V_2 \alpha_{21} + \dots + V_n \alpha_{n1}$$

$$V_2 = V_1 \alpha_{12} + V_2 \alpha_{22} + \dots + V_n \alpha_{n2}$$

$$V_3 = V_1 \alpha_{13} + V_2 \alpha_{23} + \dots + V_n \alpha_{n3}$$

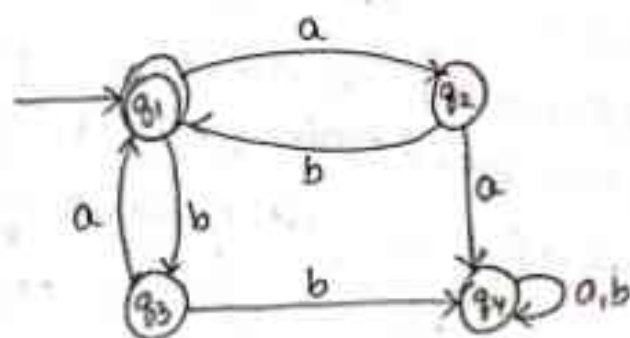
$\vdots$

$$V_n = V_1 \alpha_{1n} + V_2 \alpha_{2n} + \dots + V_n \alpha_{nn}$$

By repeatedly applying substitutions and theorem of Arden, we can express V_i in terms of α_{ij} 's.

For getting set of strings, recognised by transition systems, we have to take the union of all V_i 's corresponding to final states.

Q. prove that the finite automata whose transition diagram is given, accepts the set of all strings over alphabet $(\Sigma) = \{a, b\}$ with equal no. of a's & b's such that each prefix has at most 1 more a than b, and at most one more b than a's.



$$\Rightarrow q_1 = q_2 b + q_3 a + \epsilon \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$q_1 = q_1 a + \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$q_3 = q_1 b \quad \text{--- ③}$$

$$q_4 = q_2 a + q_3 b + q_4 a + q_4 b \quad \text{--- ④}$$

Substitute q_2, q_3 in ①

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = (q_1, a)b + (q_1, b)a + \epsilon$$

$$= q_1 ab + q_1 ba + \epsilon$$

$$= q_1 (ab + ba) + \epsilon$$

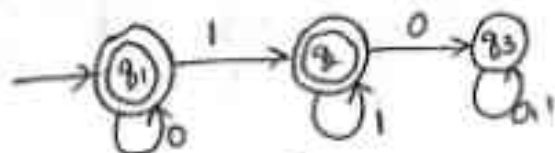
$$q_1 = \epsilon + q_1 (ab + ba) \Rightarrow \text{is in the form } R = Q + RP$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

$$q_1 = \epsilon + (ab + ba)^*$$

$$q_1 = \underline{(ab + ba)^*}$$

Q. Describe in English the set accepted by FA whose Transition diagram is



$$\Rightarrow q_1 = 0q_1 + \epsilon \text{ --- ①}$$

$$q_2 = 1q_1 + q_2 \text{ --- ②}$$

$$q_3 = 0q_2 + q_3(a) \text{ --- ③}$$

$$\text{equn ① is in form } R = Q + RP$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = \epsilon 0^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{q_1 = 0^*}$$

$$\text{Solve equn ②} \Rightarrow q_2 = 0^*1 + q_2$$

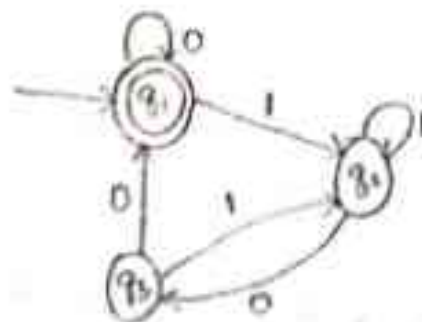
$$q_2 = \cancel{q_2} + 0^*1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{q_2 = 0^*11^*}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Final state q_1 and q_2 :

$$q_1 + q_2 = 0^* + 0^*11^* = 0^*(\epsilon + 11^*)$$

$$\underline{q_1 + q_2} = 0^*1^* \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{by I9} \\ = \epsilon + RR^* \\ = R^* \end{array} \right]$$



$$q_1 = 0q_1 + 0q_2 + \epsilon \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$q_2 = 1q_2 + 1q_1 + 1q_3 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$R = 0 + RP$$

$$q_3 = 0q_2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Substitute (3) in (2)

$$\Rightarrow q_2 = 0q_1 + (q_2 + \epsilon) \quad q_2 = 1q_1 + 1q_2 + q_2 01$$

R =

$$q_2 = 1q_1 + q_2(1+01)$$

$$R = Q + R P$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

$$q_2 = 1q_1(1+01)^* \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = 0q_1 + 00q_2 + \epsilon$$

$$= 0q_1 + 00(1q_1(1+01)^*) + \epsilon$$

$$= q_1(0 + 1(1+01)^* 00) + \epsilon$$

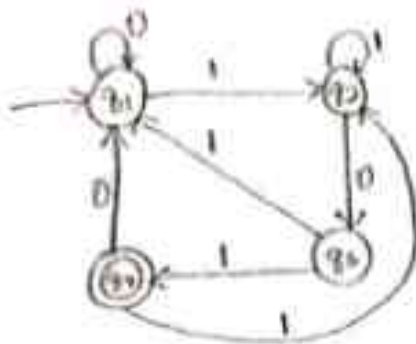
$$\Rightarrow q_1 = \epsilon + q_1(0 + 1(1+01)^* 00)$$

$$R = Q + R P$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{q_1 = \epsilon(0 + 1(1+01)^* 00)^*}$$

Q.



$$\Rightarrow q_1 = 0q_1 + 1q_3 + 0q_4 + \epsilon$$

$$q_2 = 1q_1 + 1q_3 + 1q_4$$

$$q_3 = 0q_1$$

$$q_4 = 1q_3$$

$$\Rightarrow q_2 = 1q_1 + 1q_2 + 1q_3 \quad \rightarrow \text{Substitute all reg. values in } q_2$$

$$= 1q_1 + 1q_2 + 110q_1$$

$$q_2 = 1q_1 + q_2(1+110)$$

$$R = Q + RP$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^* \Rightarrow q_2 = 1q_1(1+110)^* \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_3 = 01q_1(1+110)^* \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_4 = 101q_1(1+110)^* \quad \text{--- ③}$$

Substitute ①, ②, ③ in q_1

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = 0q_1 + 1q_3 + 01q_3 + \epsilon$$

$$= 0q_1 + 101q_1(1+110)^* + 0101q_1(1+110)^* + \epsilon$$

$$q_1 = q_1(0 + 101(1+110)^* + 0101(1+110)^*) + \epsilon$$

$$R = RP$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^* \Rightarrow q_1 = \epsilon(0 + (1+110)^*(101 + 0101))^* \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Substitute ④ in ③

$$\Rightarrow q_4 = 101 \cdot \epsilon(0 + (1+110)^*(101 + 0101))^* (1+110)^*$$

Q.



$$\Rightarrow q_0 = aq_0 + bq_0 + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow q_0 = \epsilon + q_0(a+b)$$

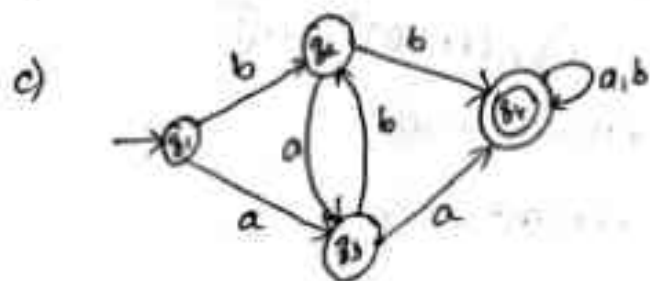
$$R = Q + RP$$

$$\Rightarrow R = QP^*$$

$$\Rightarrow q_0 = \epsilon(a+b)^*$$

$$\underline{q_0 = (a+b)^*}$$

Q. Find the set of strings over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ recognised T.S



a) $q_1 = aq_1 + bq_1 + \epsilon$

$\therefore$ No final state $\Rightarrow$ Regular expression is ϕ

b) $q_1 = aq_1 + bq_1 + \epsilon$

$$= q_1(a+b) + \epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = \epsilon(a+b)^*$$

$$q_1 = (a+b)^*$$

c)

$$q_1 = \epsilon$$

$$q_2 = bq_3 + bq_1 = b(q_3 + \epsilon) \approx bq_3 \quad \boxed{\because \epsilon + x = x}$$

$$q_3 = aq_2 + aq_1 = abq_3 + a\epsilon = a(bq_3 + \epsilon)$$

$$q_4 = bq_2 + aq_3 + q_4(a+b) = abq_3$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$q_1 = bq_3 + aabq_3 + q_4(a+b)$$

$$q_4 = q_3(b + aab) + q_4(a+b)$$

$$\Rightarrow q_4 = \cancel{bq_3} + \cancel{a}q_3 + \cancel{q_4(a+b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_2 = bq_3 + b\epsilon$$

$$q_1 = \epsilon$$