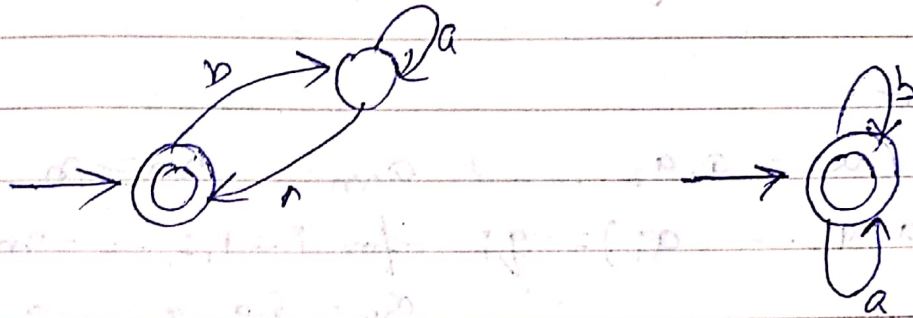
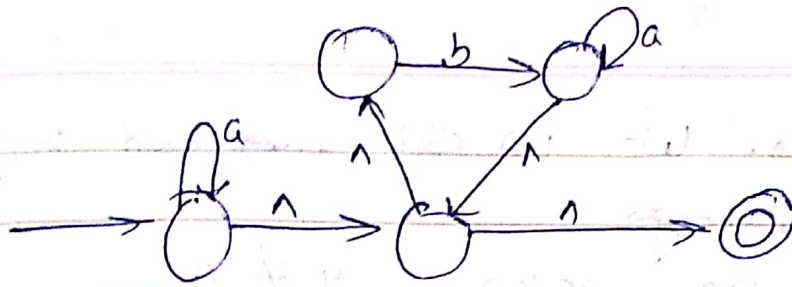




Pumping Lemma for Regular Sets

we give a necessary condition for an input string to belong to a regular set. The result is called pumping lemma as it gives a method of pumping (generating) many input strings from a given string. A pumping lemma gives a necessary condition, it can be used to show that certain sets are not regular.

Theorem $\Rightarrow$ Pumping Lemma $\Rightarrow$

Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ be a finite automaton with n states. Let L be the regular set

accepted by M . let $w \in L$ and x, y, z are two strings.

Such that $w = xyz$, $y \neq \epsilon$
and $xy^iz \in L$ for each $i \geq 0$

Proof: let

$$w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m \quad m \geq n$$

$$\delta(q_0, a_1 a_2 \dots a_i) = q_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, m;$$

$$Q_1 = \{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_m\}$$

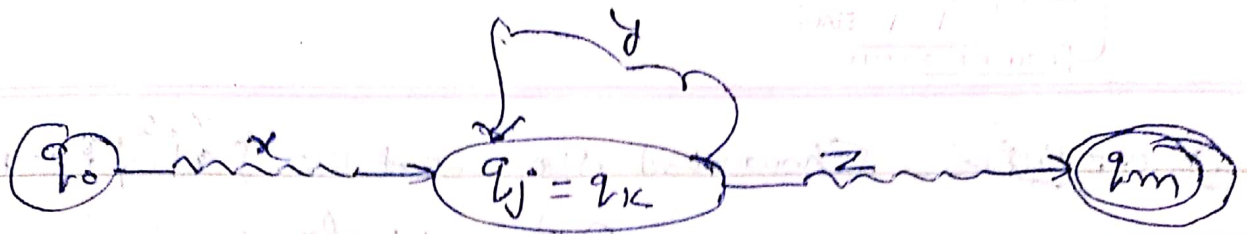
That is Q_1 is the sequence of states in the path with path value $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$.

As there are only n distinct states, at least two states in Q_1 must coincide. Among various pairs of repeated states, we take the first pair. let us take them as q_j and q_k ($q_j = q_k$). Then j and k satisfy the condition $0 \leq j < k \leq n$.

The string w can be decomposed into three substrings $a_1 a_2 \dots a_j$, $a_{j+1} \dots a_k$ and $a_{k+1} \dots a_m$.

let x, y, z denote these strings $a_1 a_2 \dots a_j$, $a_{j+1} \dots a_k$ and $a_{k+1} \dots a_m$ respectively. As $k \leq n$, $|xy| \leq n$ and $w = xyz$.

The path with path value w in the transition diagram of M is shown below.



Here $xy^iz \in L$, As every state in Q , is obtained by applying an input symbol $y \neq \epsilon$

The decomposition is valid only for strings of length greater than or equal to the number of states.

Application of Pumping Lemma $\Rightarrow$

This theorem can be used to prove that certain sets are not regular.

Step 1. Assume L is a regular. Let n be the number of states in the corresponding FA.

Step 2. Choose a string w such that $|w| \geq n$ use pumping lemma to write $w = xyz$ with $|xy| \leq n$ and $|y| > 0$

Step 3. Find a suitable integer i such that $xy^iz \notin L$. This contradicts our assumption hence L is not regular.

Que 4.18 Show that the set $L = \{a^{i^2} \mid i \geq 1\}$ is not regular.

Sol:

$$L = \{a^{i^2} \mid i \geq 1\}$$

$$= \{a^2, a^4, a^6, \dots\}$$

$$= \{aa, aaaa, aaaaaa, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Let } w = xy^iz$$

$$\text{where } x = \Lambda$$

$$y = a$$

$$z = a$$

$$\text{then } w = a^i a$$

$$\text{for } i=1, w = aa \in L$$

$$\text{for } i=2, w = a^2 a = aaa \notin L$$

Hence we can say a^{i^2} are not regular.

Que 4.19 Show that $L = \{a^p \mid p \text{ is a prime}\}$ is not regular.

Sol:

$$L = \{a^p \mid p \text{ is prime}\}$$

$$= \{a^2, a^3, a^5, a^7, \dots\}$$

$$= \{aa, aaa, aaaaaa, aaaaaaaa, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Let } w = xy^iz$$

where

$$x = \Lambda$$

$$y = a$$

then $w = a^i a$
for $i=2 \Rightarrow w = a^2 a = aaa \in L$

for $i=3 \Rightarrow w = a^3 a = aaaa \notin L$

Hence we can say a^p where p is prime are not regular.

Que (4.20) Show that $L = \{0^i 1^i \mid i \geq 1\}$ is not regular.

Sol: $\rightarrow$

$$L = \{0^i 1^i \mid i \geq 1\}$$

$$L = \{01, 0011, 000111, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Let } w = xy^iz$$

$$\text{where } x = 1$$

$$y = 0$$

$$z = 1$$

$$\text{then } w = 0^i 1$$

$$\text{for } i=1 \quad w = 0^1 1 = 01 \in L$$

$$\text{for } i=2 \quad w = 0^2 1 = 001 \notin L$$

Hence we can say $0^i 1^i$ are not regular.

Que (4.21) Show that $L = \{ww \mid w \in (a,b)^*\}$ is not regular.

Sol: $\rightarrow$

We suppose L is regular and get a contradiction. Let n be a no of states in FA accepting L .

let us consider $L = \{a^n b a^n \mid n \geq 1\}$

$$L = \{a^1 b a^1, a^2 b a^2, a^3 b a^3, \dots\}$$

let $K = x y^i z$

where

$$x = a$$

$$y = b$$

$$z = a$$

then $K = a b^i a$

for $i=1 \Rightarrow K = a b a \notin L$

$i=2 \Rightarrow K = a b b a \notin L$

Hence we can say $L = \{a^n b a^n \mid n \geq 1\}$ are not regular.

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