## Finite State Automata

- FSA - Type 3 Grammar - Regular language
- Recognizer $\rightarrow$ input $\rightarrow$ x belongs to $L \rightarrow$ yes/no
- Regular Expression is compiled into a Recognizer by constructing Transition diagram called Finite Automaton
- Types:
- Deterministic Finite State Automata (DFA)
- Non-Deterministic Finite State Automata (NFA)
- $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-Non-Deterministic Finite State Automata ( $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}-\mathrm{NFA}$ )


## FSA - NFA Example



- Regular Expression $\rightarrow(\mathrm{a} \mid \mathrm{b})^{*} \mathrm{abb}$
- $\left\{\mathrm{Q}, \sum, \mathrm{qo}, \mathrm{t}, \mathrm{F}\right\}$
- $\mathrm{Q} \rightarrow 0,1,2,3$
- Inputs $\rightarrow$ a,b
- $\mathrm{q} 0 \rightarrow 0$
- $\mathrm{F} \rightarrow 3$

|  | a | b |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0 | 0,1 | 0 |
| 1 | - | 2 |
| 2 | - | 3 |
| 3 | - | - |

## FSA - DFA (a|b)*abb Example

- Epsilon is not accepted
- For each state s and input symbol a, there is exactly one edge out of $s$ labeled $a$



## FSA

- Set of strings over $\{\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}\}$ which ends with bb
- $R L=\{b b, a b b, a b a b b, b b b, a b b b, a b a b a b b, . . .$.
- $\mathrm{RE}=(\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b})^{*} \mathrm{bb}$
- Upcoming Topics

1. Regular expression to Automata
2. Regular expression to $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-NFA
3. $\varepsilon$-NFA to DFA
4. Direct conversion of Regular Expression to DFA

## 1. Regular Expression to Automata

- $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b}$ (or) $\mathrm{a} \mid \mathrm{b}$
$a, b$
- ab

- $a^{*}$
b
q3


# 2.Regular Expression to NFA <br> $\varepsilon=$ NFA 

- $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ - Empty
- $\left\{\mathrm{Q}, \sum, \mathrm{qo}, \delta, \mathrm{F}\right\}$
- $\delta \rightarrow \mathrm{NFA} \rightarrow \mathrm{Qx} \sum \rightarrow 2^{\mathrm{Q}}$
- $\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon$-NFA $\rightarrow \mathrm{Qx} \sum \mathrm{U} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \rightarrow 2^{\mathrm{Q}}$
- Example: 2 states $\rightarrow 2^{2}$ transitions

- Every state on $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ goes to itself


# 2.Regular expression to $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-NFA 

Designing NFA using Thompson's Construction

- (a+b) OR a|b

- ab



## 2. Regular expression to $\varepsilon$-NFA

- a

- $\mathbf{a}^{+}$

- $2^{*}$



## 2. Regular expression to $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-NFA (a*)


2. Regular expression to $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-NFA $(\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b})^{*}$ a

Step-1 First we create $\epsilon$-NFA for ( $a / b$ )


Step-2 Then create $\epsilon$-NFA for $(a / b) *$

2. Regular expression to $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$-NFA $(\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{b})^{*}$ a

Step-3 Then we create $\epsilon$-NFA for(a/b)*a
2. Regular expression to $\varepsilon$-NFA (a+b)*abb


## RE to Epsilon NFA - Assignment

- Regular expression $\rightarrow$ ab* $^{*}$
- Regular expression for strings that begin with 0 and end with 1 $\rightarrow 0(0+1) * 1$


## 3. $\varepsilon$-NFA to DFA

- Convert $\varepsilon$-NFA to DFA for the regular expression $a^{*} b^{*} c^{*}$
- Solution:
- Step 1: construct the epsilon NFA

- Step 2:
- Find the $\varepsilon$-closure (q0) $=\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{A}$
- $\delta(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{a})=\mathrm{q} \rightarrow \varepsilon$-closure $(\mathrm{q})$
- $\delta(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{b})=\mathrm{r} \rightarrow \varepsilon$-closure (r)
- $\delta(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{c})=\mathrm{s} \rightarrow \varepsilon$-closure $(\mathrm{s})$


## Scenario Explicating NFA

(Given by Karunya of III CSE B)

## Non deterministic choices:

Nondeterministic computation can be thought of as a selfreproducing agent traveling in the state space.

1. At the start of computation the agent is in the initial state.


## Non deterministic choices

2. Both before and after receiving an input symbol, the agent follows each
o-labeled outgoing edge by producing its own clone and sending it along the edge. Thus, the original remains in the current location.


## Non deterministic choices:

3. On receiving an input symbol, say
a,
(a) If there is only one
a-labeled outgoing edge, the agent follows the edge.
(b) If there is no
a-labeled outgoing edge, the agent evaporates.


## Non deterministic choices

4. When two agents collide in a state, they merge themselves into one.

