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**Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2012  
Formal Languages and Automata Theory**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.**

**PART – A**

- 1 a. Define automata and discuss why study automata. (06 Marks)
- b. Write the DFA's for the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ 
  - i) {set of all string having two consecutive a's}
  - ii)  $L = \{w : |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$
  - iii)  $L = \{awa : w \in (a + b)^*\}$ . (08 Marks)
- c. Define NFA convert the following NFA to its equivalent DFA. (06 Marks)

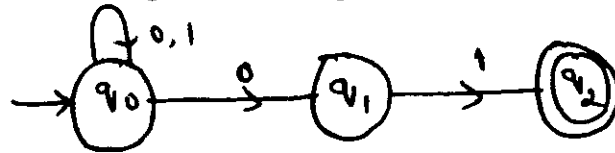


Fig.Q.1(c)

- 2 a. Write regular expression for the following languages:
  - i) {strings of a's and b's having two consecutive a's}
  - ii) {strings of a's and b's whose 3<sup>rd</sup> symbol from right end is a}
  - iii)  $L = \{w : |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$ . (06 Marks)
- b. Obtain a regular expression for the DFA shown below using Kleen's theorem. (10 Marks)

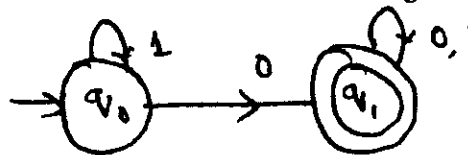


Fig.Q.2(b)

- c. Obtain an  $\epsilon$ - NFA for the regular expression  $a^* + b^* + c^*$ . (04 Marks)
- 3 a. State and prove pumping lemma for regular languages. (08 Marks)
  - b. Show that the language  $L = \{w | n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$  is not regular. (04 Marks)
  - c. Minimize the following DFA using table filling method. (08 Marks)

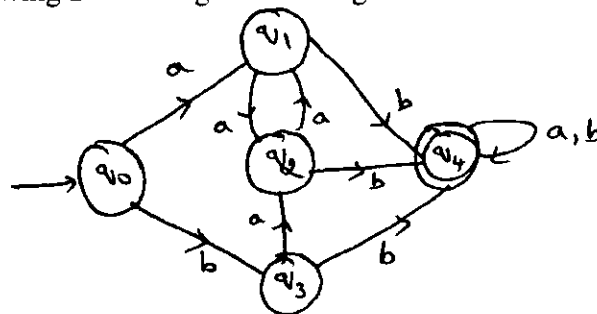


Fig.Q.3(c)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.  
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and /or equations written eg. 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

- 4 a. Write CFG for the following languages:  
 i)  $L = \{\text{set of all non-palindromes over } \{a, b\}\}$   
 ii) For the regular expression  $(011 + 1)^*(01)$ . (06 Marks)
- b. Consider the following grammar G,  
 $S \rightarrow aAS \mid a$   
 $A \rightarrow SbA \mid SS \mid ba$   
 Obtain : i) LMD; ii) RMD; iii) Parse tree for LMD; iv) Parse tree for RMD for the string aabbaa. (08 Marks)
- c. Show that the following grammar is ambiguous.  
 $S \rightarrow iCtS \mid iCtSeS \mid a$   
 $C \rightarrow b$ . (06 Marks)

### PART – B

- 5 a. Define PDA. Design PDA for the language  $L = \{wCw^R, w \in (a + b)^*\}$ . Show that ID's for the string abcba and also write the transition diagram. (12 Marks)
- b. Obtain a PDA for the following CFG:  
 $S \rightarrow SS$   
 $S \rightarrow aSb$   
 $S \rightarrow bSa$   
 $S \rightarrow t$ . (08 Marks)
- 6 a. Remove useless symbols from the following grammar:  
 $S \rightarrow aA \mid \beta$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid a$   
 $B \rightarrow bB$   
 $D \rightarrow ab \mid Ea$   
 $E \rightarrow ac \mid d$ . (08 Marks)
- b. Define CNF. Convert the following CFG to CNF:  
 $E \rightarrow E + E$   
 $E \rightarrow E * E$   
 $E \rightarrow (E)$   
 $E \rightarrow id$ . (08 Marks)
- c. Prove that context tree languages are closed under union operation. (04 Marks)
- 7 a. Define turing machine and multitape turing machine. Show that the languages accepted by these machines are same. (08 Marks)
- b. Design a turing machine to accept the language  $L = \{a^n b^n c^n / n \geq 1\}$ . Give the graphical representation for the TM obtained. (12 Marks)
- 8 Write short notes on:  
 a. Regular expression in unix.  
 b. Applications of CFGs.  
 c. Post correspondence problem.  
 d. Recursively enumerable languages. (20 Marks)