Regular Expressions and Finite Automata

The following are sections of different programming language specifications. Build the deterministic finite automata (DFA) and regular expressions of each of the described elements.

• C Identifiers [Kernighan]

An identifier is a sequence of letters and digits. The first character must be a letter; the underscore _ is considered a letter. Uppercase and lowercase letters are considered different.

• Java 6 and previous Integer Literals [Gosling]

An integer literal may be expressed in decimal (base 10), hexadecimal (base 16), or octal (base 8). An integer literal is of type long if it is suffixed with an ASCII letter L or 1 (ell); otherwise it is of type int. The suffix L is preferred, because the letter 1 (ell) is often hard to distinguish from the digit 1 (one).

A decimal numeral is either the single ASCII character 0, representing the integer zero, or consists of an ASCII digit from 1 to 9, optionally followed by one or more ASCII digits from 0 to 9, representing a positive integer.

A hexadecimal numeral consists of the leading ASCII characters 0x or 0X followed by one or more ASCII hexadecimal digits and can represent a positive, zero, or negative integer. Hexadecimal digits with values 10 through 15 are represented by the ASCII letters a through f or A through F, respectively; each letter used as a hexadecimal digit may be uppercase or lowercase.

An octal numeral consists of an ASCII digit 0 followed by one or more of the ASCII digits 0 through 7 and can represent a positive, zero, or negative integer.

Note that octal numerals always consist of two or more digits; 0 is always considered to be a decimal numeral-not that it matters much in practice, for the numerals 0, 00, and 0x0 all represent exactly the same integer value.

• Scheme Integer Literals [Clinger]

A number may be written in binary, octal, decimal, or hexadecimal by the use of a radix prefix. The radix prefixes are #b (binary), #o (octal), #d (decimal), and #x (hexadecimal). With no radix prefix, a number is assumed to be expressed in decimal.

Java 6 and previous Floating-Point Literals [Gosling]

A floating-point literal has the following parts: a whole-number part, a decimal point (represented by an ASCII period character), a fractional part, an exponent, and a type suffix. The exponent, if present, is indicated by the ASCII letter e or E followed by an optionally signed integer.

At least one digit, in either the whole number or the fraction part, and either a decimal point, an exponent, or a float type suffix are required. All other parts are optional.

A floating-point literal is of type float if it is suffixed with an ASCII letter F or f; otherwise its type is double and it can optionally be suffixed with an ASCII letter D or d.

• C Comments [Kernighan]

The characters /* start a comment that ends with the characters */. Comments cannot be nested nor can they be inside a string or character literal.