Automata and Formal Languages

Regular Languages

- A language is called **regular language** if some finite automaton recognises it
- $L(M) = \{w \mid w \text{ is the empty string or ends in } 0\}$

Formal Definition of Computation

- Let M be a finite automaton and
- Let $w = w_1 w_2 ... w_n$ be a string of length n
- *M* accepts string *w* if:

a sequence of states r_o, r_1, \ldots, r_n exists in Q with the following conditions:

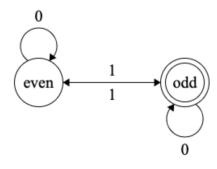
- 1. $r_0 = q_0$
- 2. $\delta(r_1, w_{i+1}) = r_{i+1}$ for i = 0, ..., n-1
- 3. $r_n \in F$

then the string is accepted.

- M recognises language A if $A = \{w \mid M \text{ accepts } w\}$

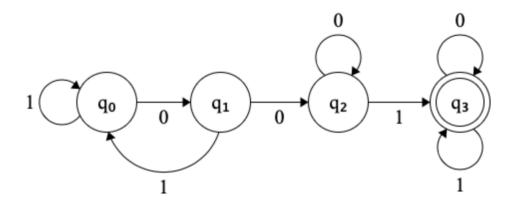
Designing Finite Automata

- A FA which recognises a language $A = \{w \mid w \text{ has an odd number of 1s}\}$

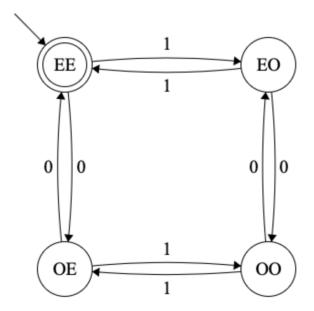


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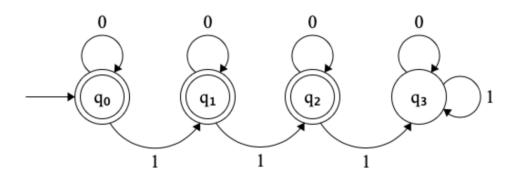
 $L(M) = \{w \mid w \text{ is } x001y \text{ for some } x \text{ and } y\}$



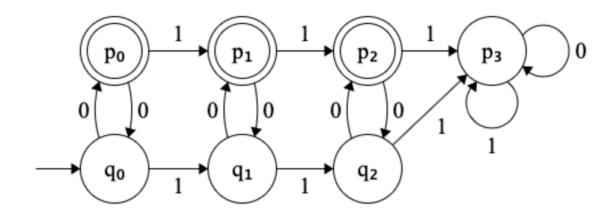
 $L(M) = \{ w \, | \, w \text{ has an even number of 0s and an even number of 1s} \}$



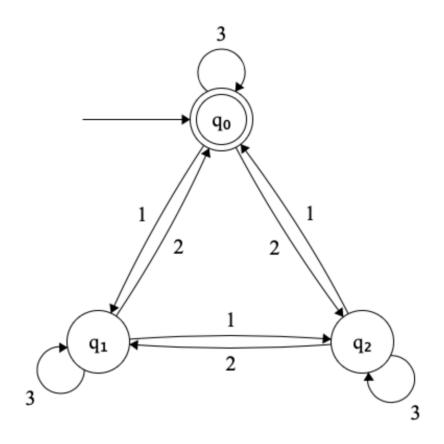
 $L(M) = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at most two 1s}\}$



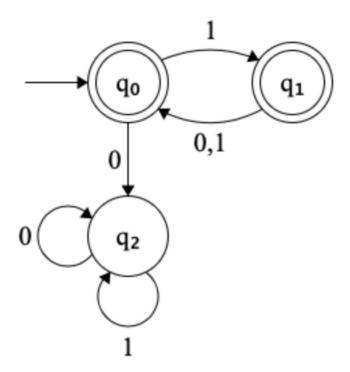
 $L(M) = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at most two 1s, and has an odd number of 0s}\}$



 $L(M) = \{w \mid \text{ the sum of the numerical values of the symbols of } w \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$ $\Sigma = \{0,1,2\}$



 $L(M) = \{w \,|\, \text{ every odd position of w is a 1}\}$



 $L(M) = \{w \mid w \text{ contains an even number of occurrences of substring 00}\}$