

Compilation

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- Final grade:
 - Exam: 50%
 - Project: 50%
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Course Project

- Build a compiler for an OOP Programming Language
 - Simplified version of known programming languages
- Consists of 4 exercises
- Implement in Java
- Work in groups of 3-4 students
- Constitutes **50%** of the final grade

Submission Guidelines

- Submission with **github**
 - Each group should create a private repository
- Exercises submissions will be tested on **nova**
- **Recommended** development environment:
 - Ubuntu
 - Windows users can install a VM

Books

- Modern Compiler Implementation in C
 - *Andrew W Appel*
- Compilers: Principles, Techniques, and Tools
 - *Aho et al.*
- Modern Compiler Design
 - *Grune et al.*

What is compilation?

Translation of code (text) to executable code (machine code)

```
int foo(int x, int y) {  
    return x + y;  
}
```



```
push    %rbp  
mov     %rsp,%rbp  
mov     %edi,-0x4(%rbp)  
mov     %esi,-0x8(%rbp)  
mov     -0x4(%rbp),%edx  
mov     -0x8(%rbp),%eax  
add     %edx,%eax  
pop     %rbp  
retq
```

Common compilers

- *GCC, LLVM, MSVC*
- *GCC* and *LLVM* are both open source
- Very useful as an implementation reference....
 - *LLVM* specially...

Compilation Steps: Frontend

- Lexical analysis
 - Check the validity of tokens
- Syntax analysis
 - Check the syntactic structure
- Semantic analysis
 - Make sure it makes sense

These steps don't depend on the compilation target!

Compilation Steps: Backend

- Intermediate Code Generation
 - Can't be executed...
- Machine code generation
 - Naive register allocation (as if we had infinitely many registers)
 - Finite register allocation (real world scenario)

Lexical Analysis

Lexical Analysis

- The code text consists of *tokens*
- We need to check the **validity** of these *tokens*

Valid Tokens in C

Token	Examples
Constants	12, 0x1234, 1.7, 2e+8
Identifiers	var, tmp1
Reserved Keywords	if, while, int, char, do
Parentheses	(,)
Binary Operators	+, -, *, /
Unary Operators	-, *
Comments	/* ... */ , //

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    6;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    6;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    6b;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    6b;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    0x;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    0x;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    Ou;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    Ou;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x = 1;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x = 1;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x 1;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x 1;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x 1  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    x 1  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    1 = x;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    1 = x;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    90000000000000000000000000;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    90000000000000000000000000;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    int @gmail = 0;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    int @gmail = 0;  
}
```

Invalid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    127.0;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    127.0;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    127.0.0.1;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    127.0.0.1;  
}
```

Invalid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    123e;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    123e;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    0xcafecafe;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    0xcafecafe;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    int x = 0x00000000000000000007;  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    int x = 0x00000000000000000007;  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    void g() {};  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    void g() {};  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    /* */  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    /* */  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    /*  
    */  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    /*  
    */  
}
```

Invalid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    // bla  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    // bla  
}
```

Valid

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    / bla  
}
```

Examples

```
void f(int a) {  
    / bla  
}
```

Valid

Detecting Numerical Constants

- We want an **efficient** algorithm for detecting numerical constants
- Can you use a dictionary?
 - Probably not...
 - Too many values to store

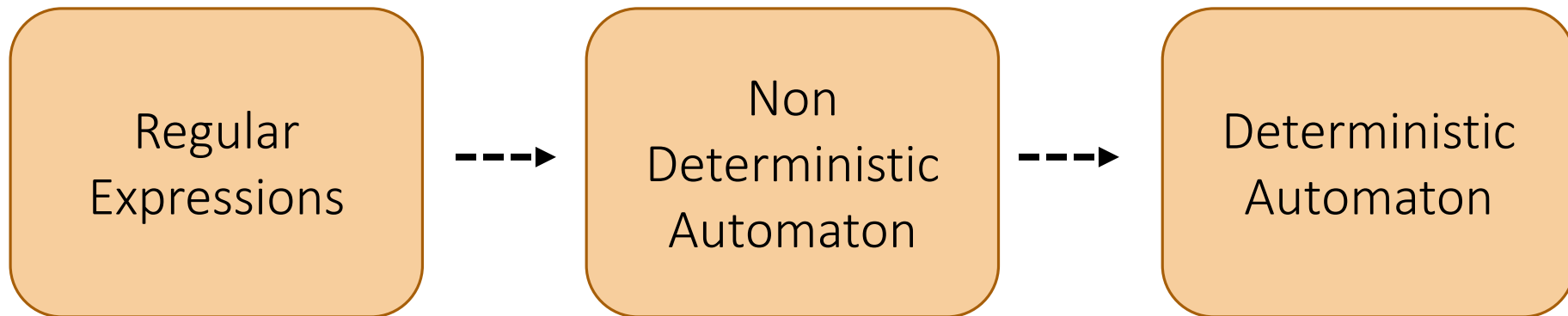
Using Regular Expressions

- We can use regular expressions for that
- Identifiers:
 - `[_a-zA-Z][_a-zA-Z0-9]*`
- Hex-decimal constants:
 - `[0][xX][0-9a-fA-F]+`
- Floats
 - ...?

Every token can be represented using a regular expressions.

Using Regular Expressions

- But what is the actual algorithm?
- The plan is:



Regular Expressions: Reminder

Given an alphabet Σ , the regular expression R represents the language $L(R)$ as follows:

- Atomic expressions:
 - $L(a) = \{a\}, L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}, L(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- Concatenation:
 - $L(R_1R_2) = \{w_1w_2 \mid w_1 \in L(R_1), w_2 \in L(R_2)\}$
- Union:
 - $L(R_1|R_2) = L(R_1) \cup L(R_2)$
- Kleene Star:
 - $L(R^*) = \{\epsilon\} \cup L(R) \cup L(RR) \cup \dots$

DFA: Reminder

A deterministic finite automaton M is a tuple: $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

- Q is a finite set of states
- Σ is a finite set of input symbols
- δ is the transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
- q_0 is the initial states
- F is a set of accepting states

A string $a_1 a_2 \dots$ is **accepted** by M if there is a state sequence $s_0 s_1 \dots$:

- $s_0 = q_0$
- $\delta(s_i, a_{i+1}) = s_{i+1} \ (i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1)$
- $s_n \in F$

NFA: Reminder

A non-deterministic finite automaton M is a tuple: $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

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- δ is the transition function: $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow P(Q)$
- q_0 is the initial states
- F is a set of accepting states

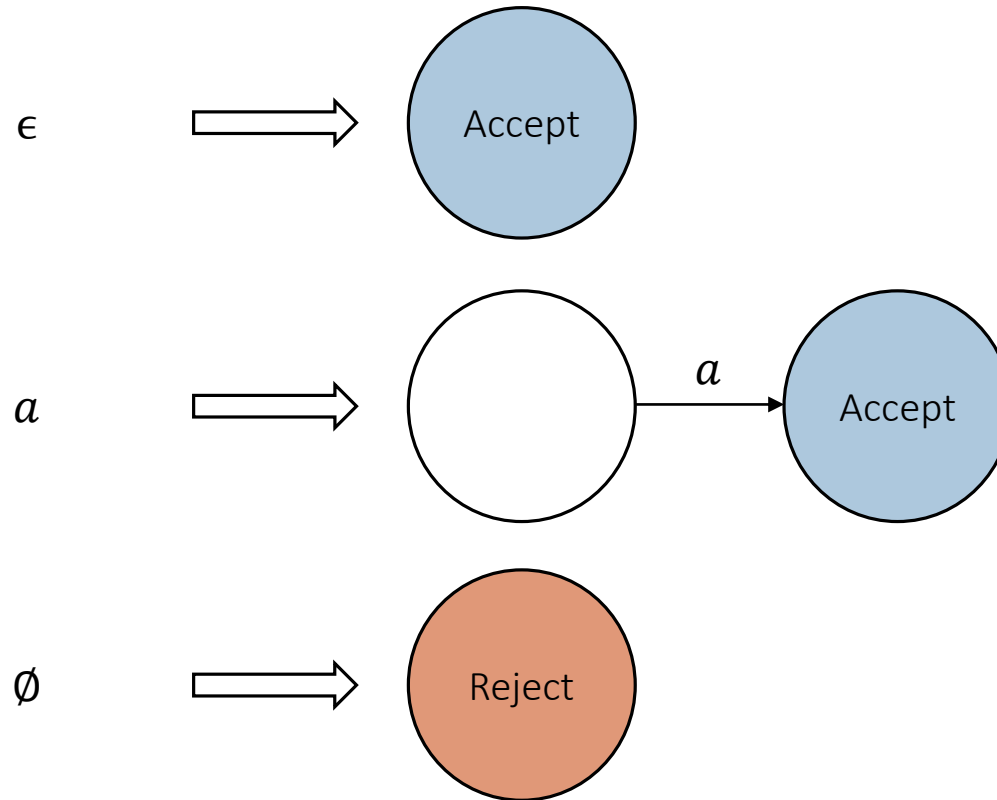
A string $a_1 a_2 \dots$ is **accepted** by M if there is a state sequence $s_0 s_1 \dots$:

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- $s_n \in F$

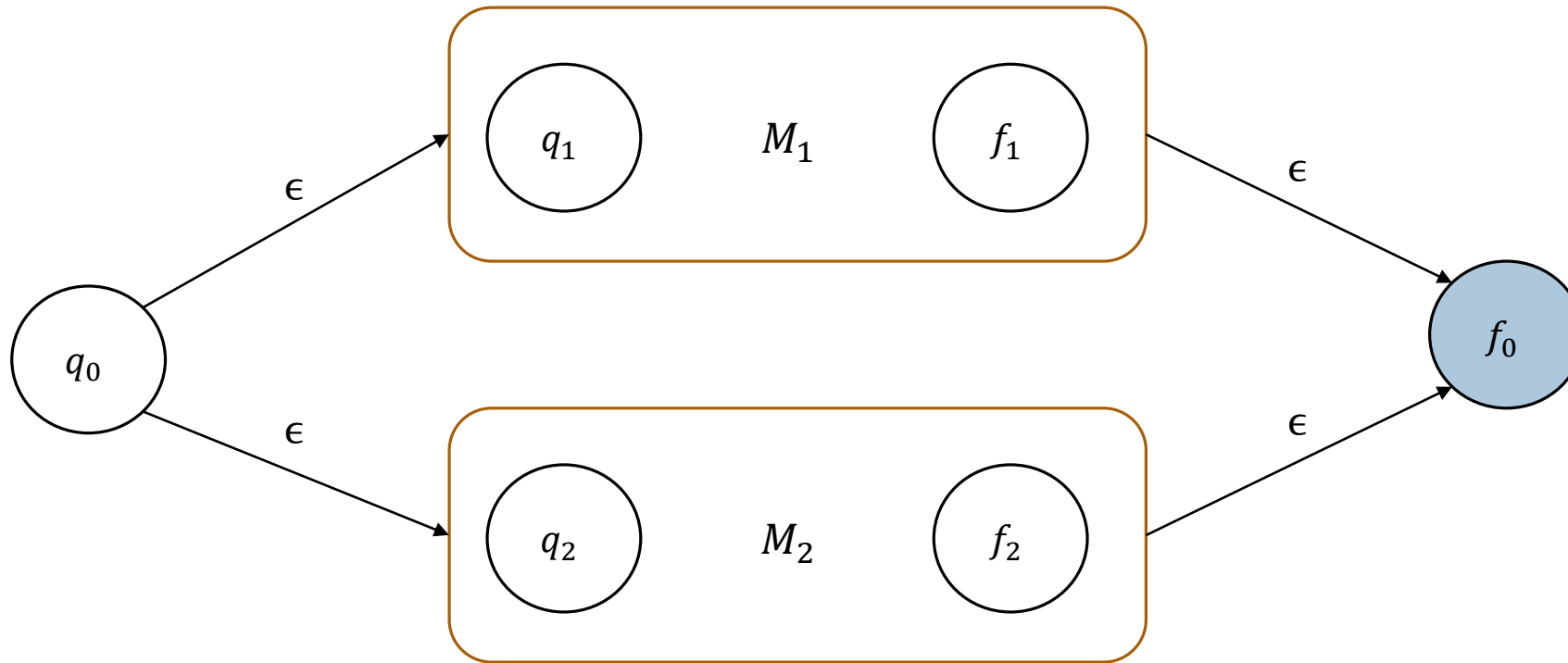
RE to DFA

- For every regular expression, there is a deterministic finite automaton that accepts its language
 - *Proof by construction...*
- Once we have the DFA, we can implement using a transition table
 - As done in *Flex*

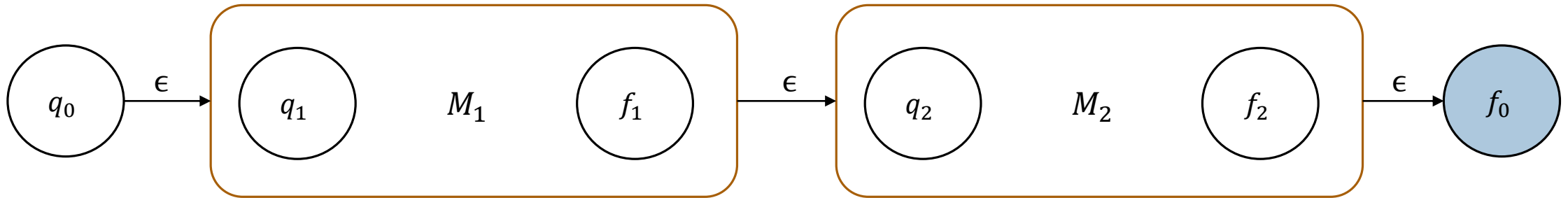
RE to NFA: Atomic Expressions



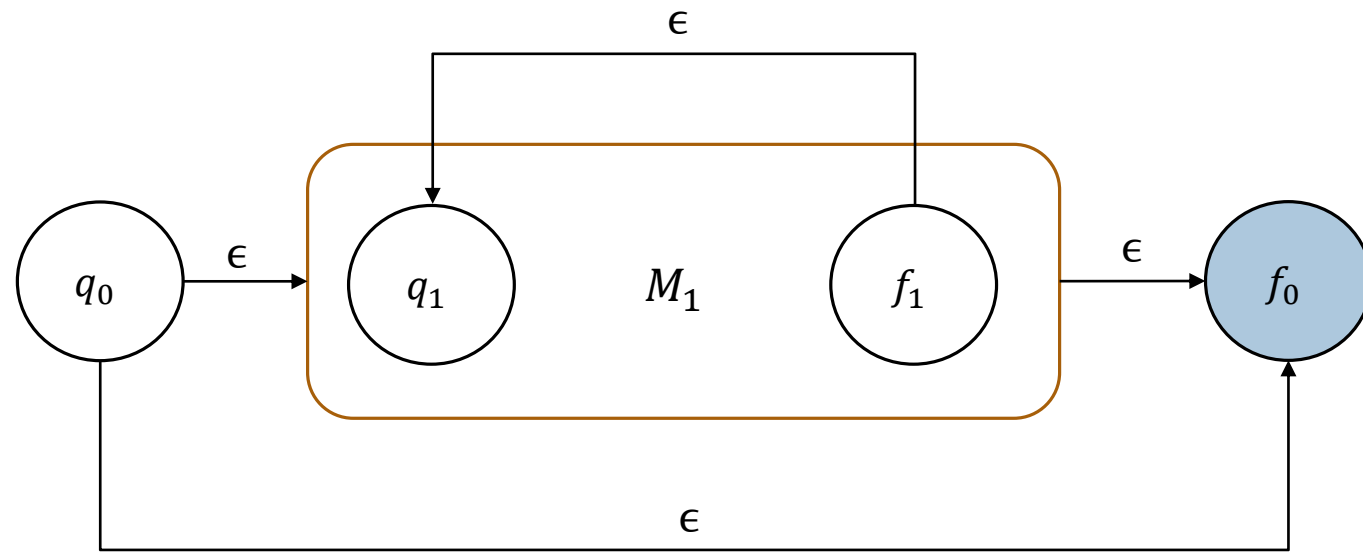
RE to NFA: Union



RE to NFA: Concatenation

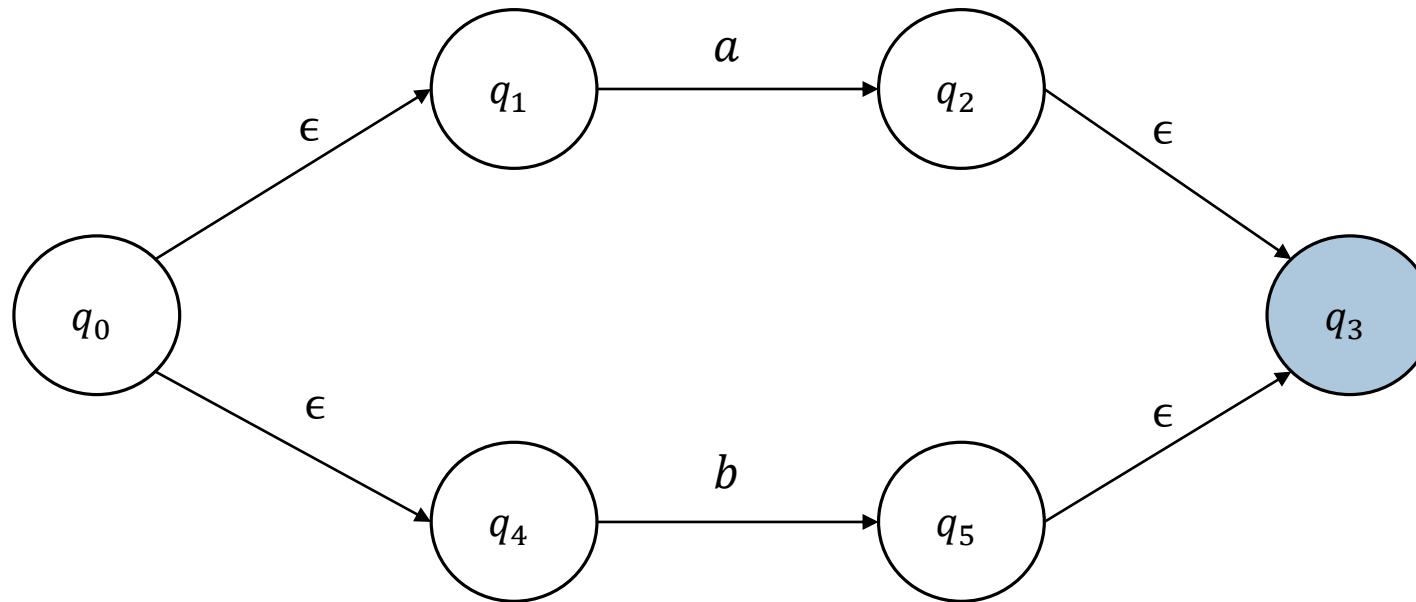


RE to NFA: Kleene Star



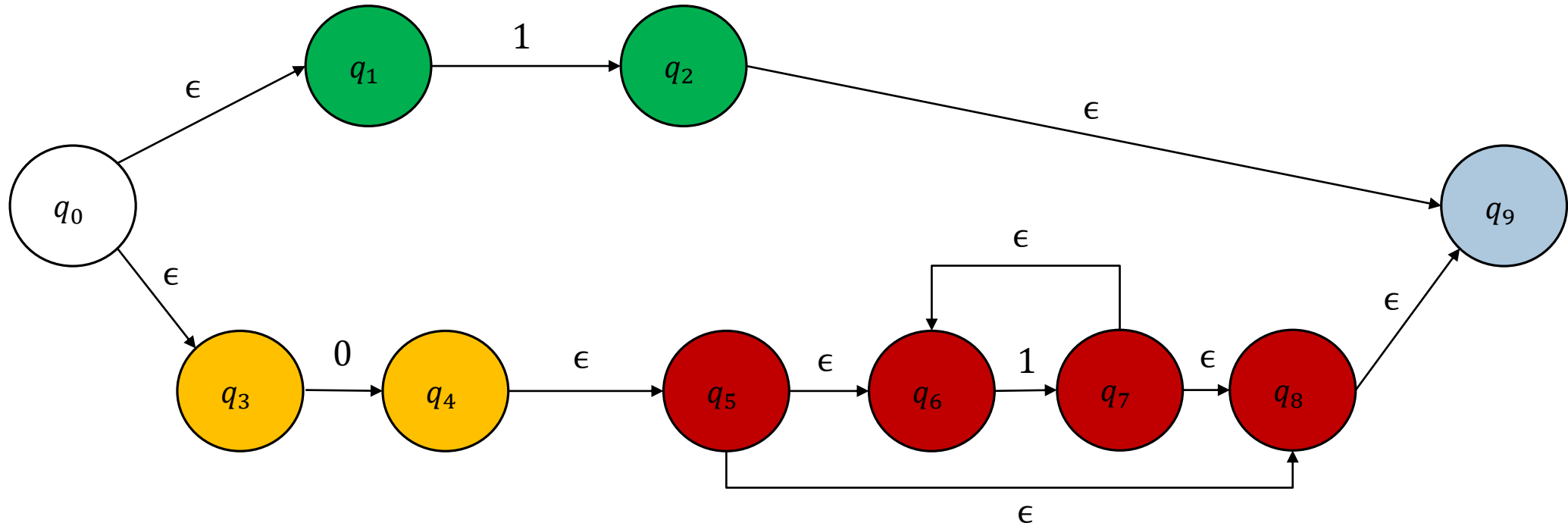
RE to NFA: Example

- NFA for $a \mid b$



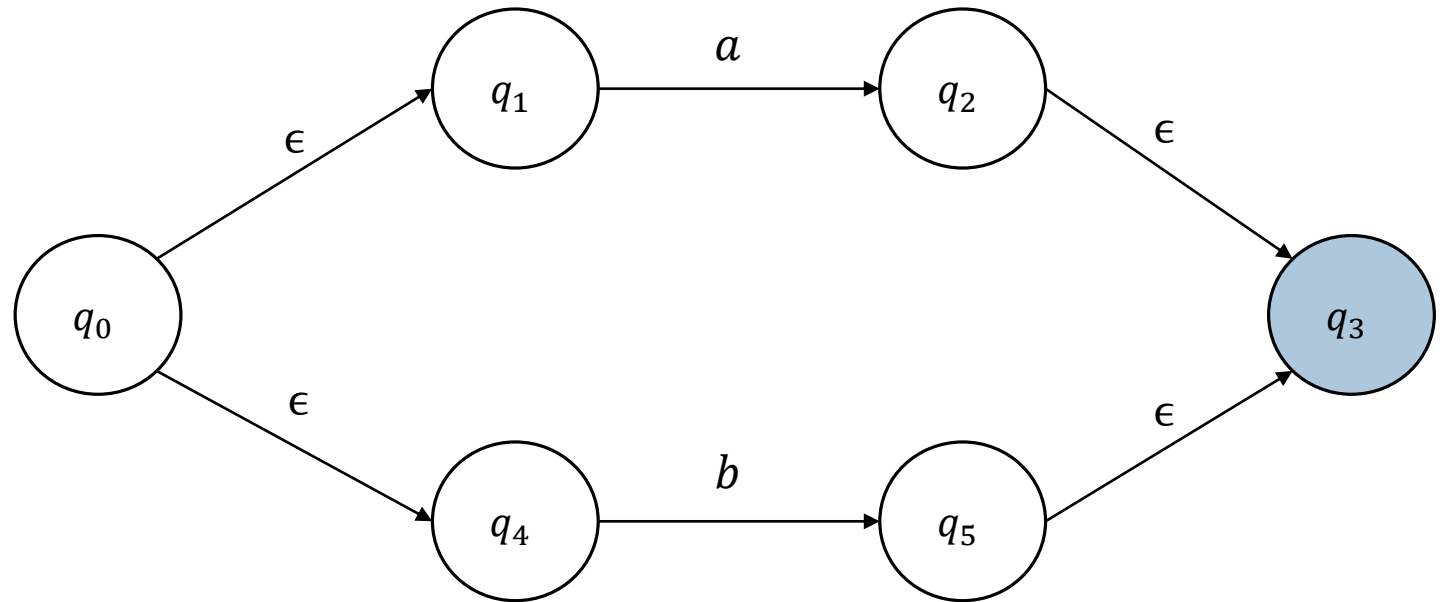
RE to NFA: Another Example

- NFA for $01^* \mid 1$



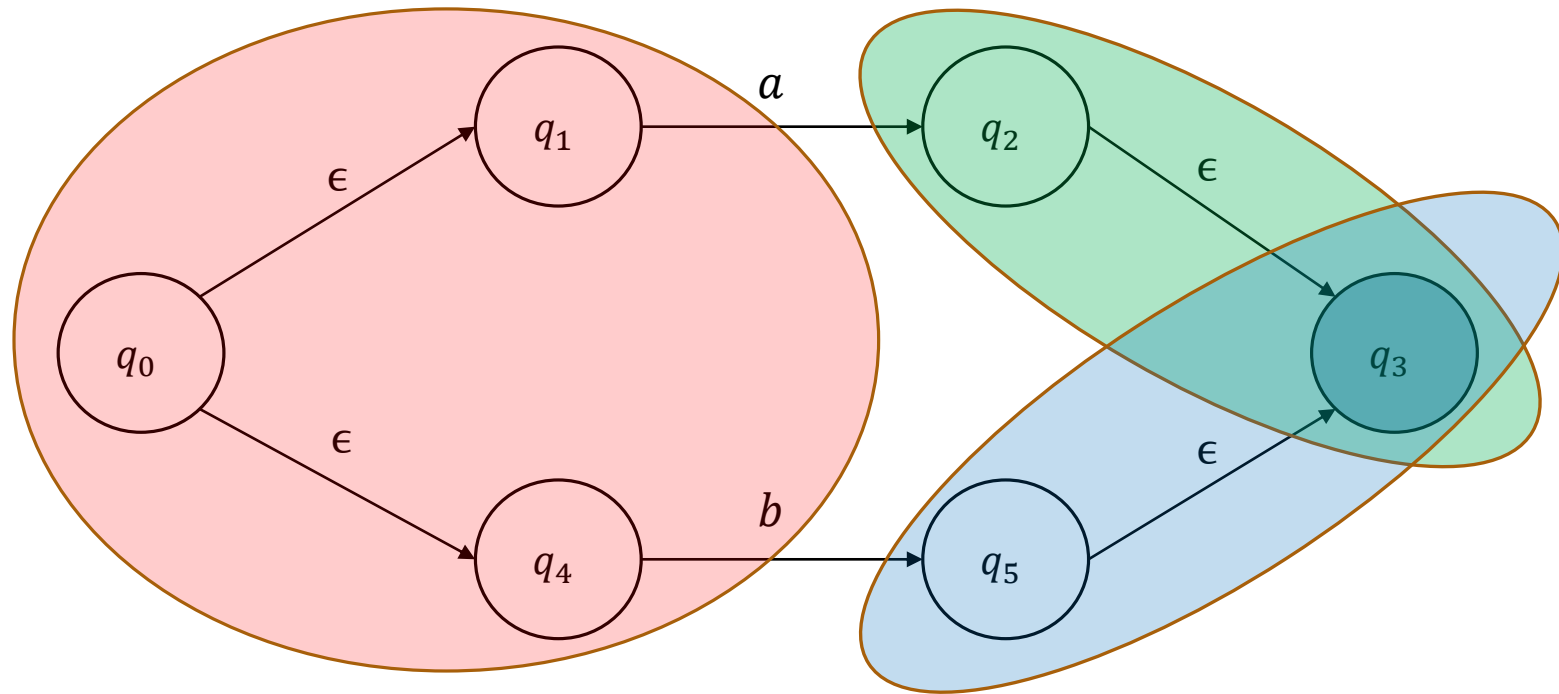
NFA to DFA: Example

- At the beginning, we may be at: q_0, q_1, q_4
- If next token is a then we may be at: q_2, q_3
- If next token is b then we may be at: q_5, q_3



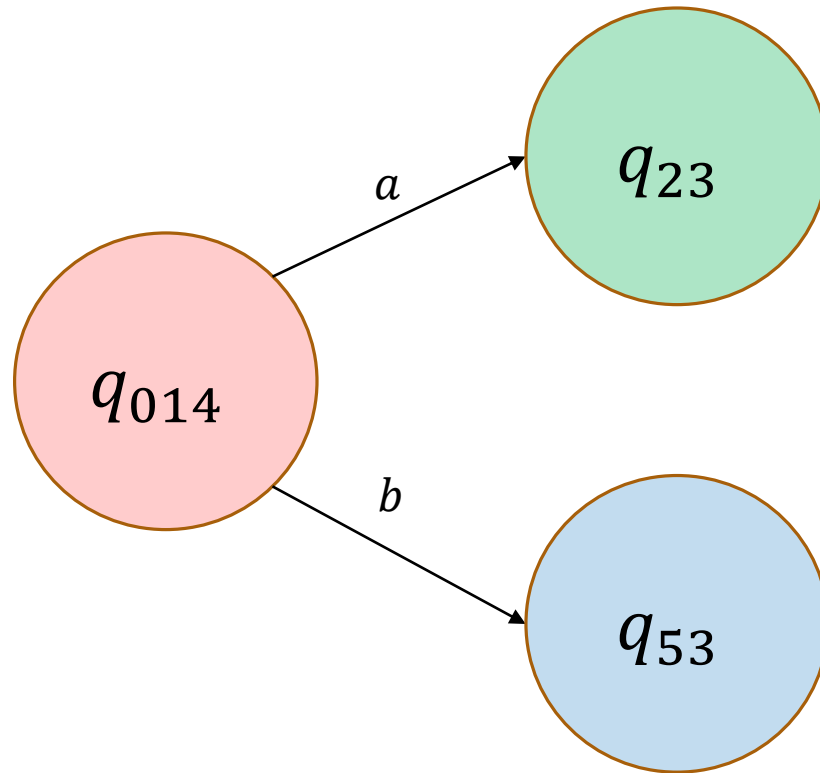
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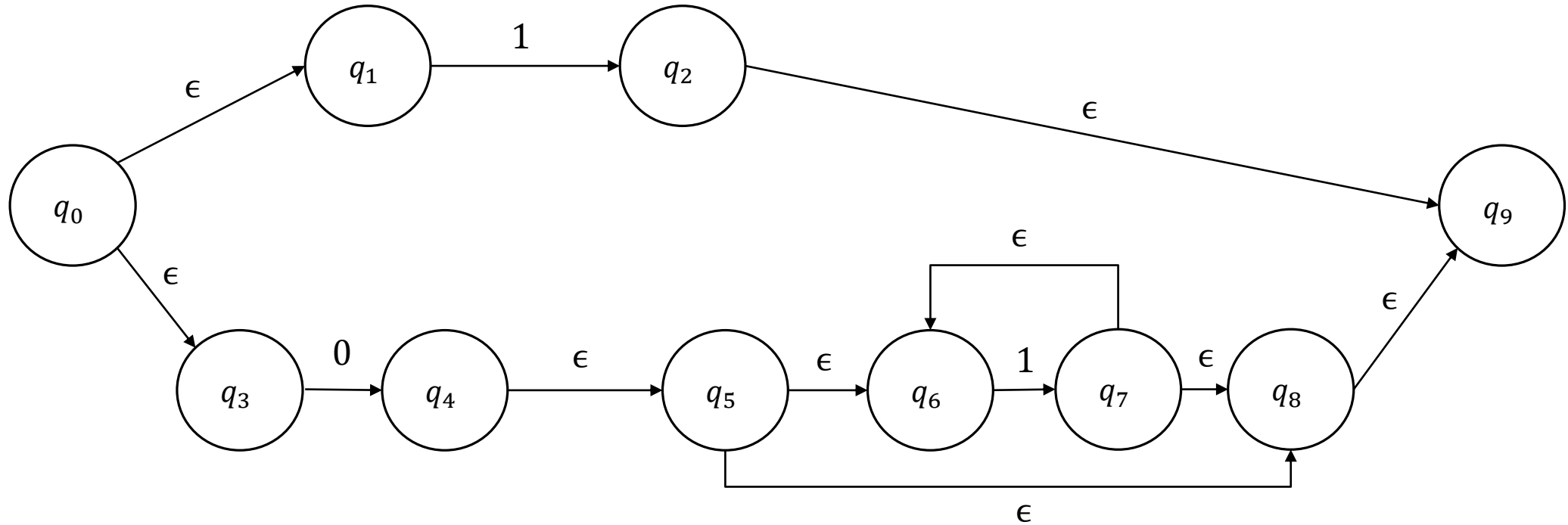
- So we can transform to the following DFA:



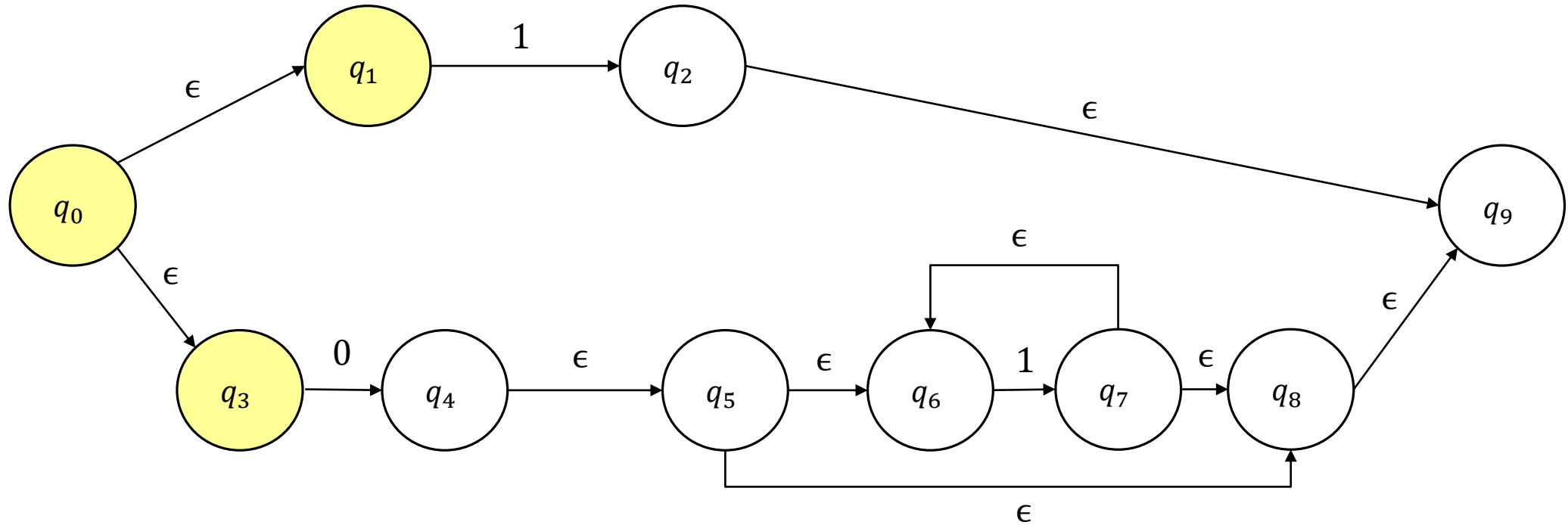
NFA to DFA: Formal Details

- Let $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, q_0, F)$ be a non-deterministic finite automaton
- The set of states is the $P(Q)$
- The initial state is the ϵ -closure of q_0
- For every state in the set (now, a state is a ***set of states***):
 - Compute the union over the ϵ -closure of the successor states
- A state is accepting if it contains a set from F

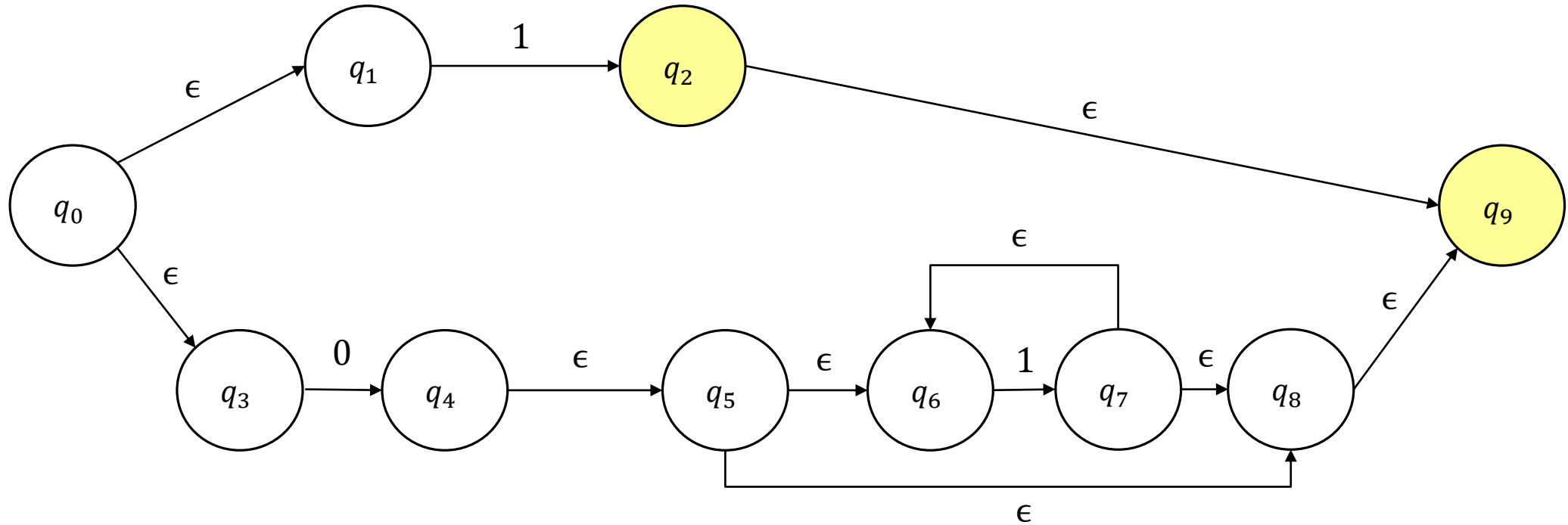
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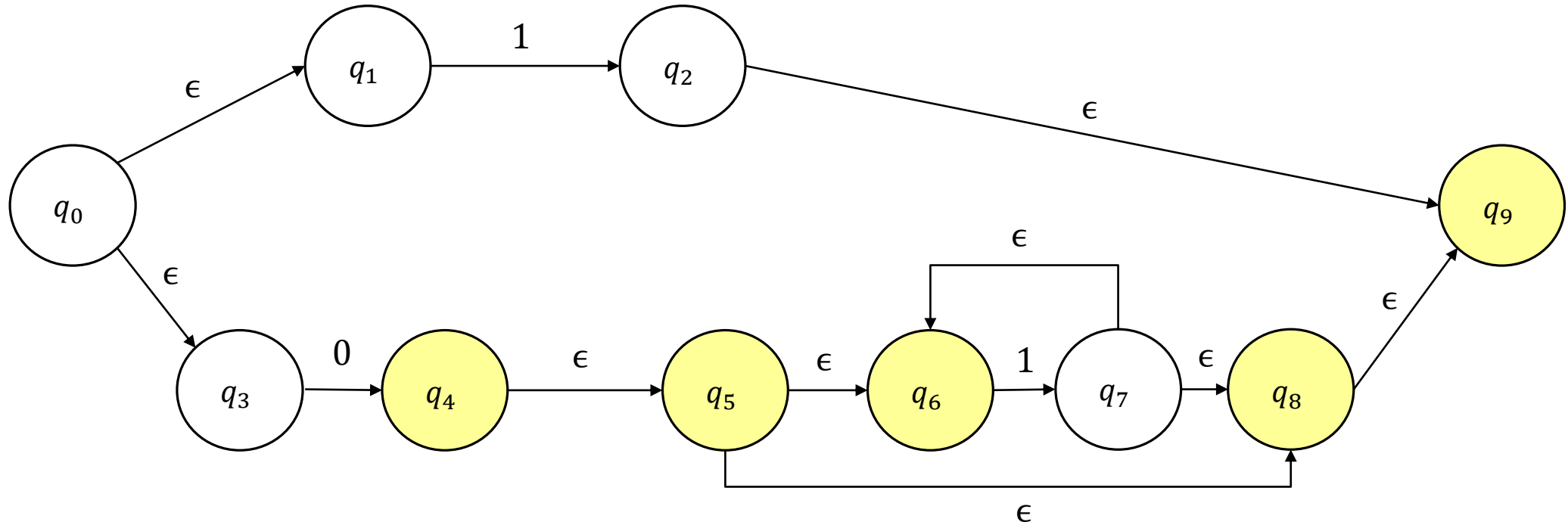
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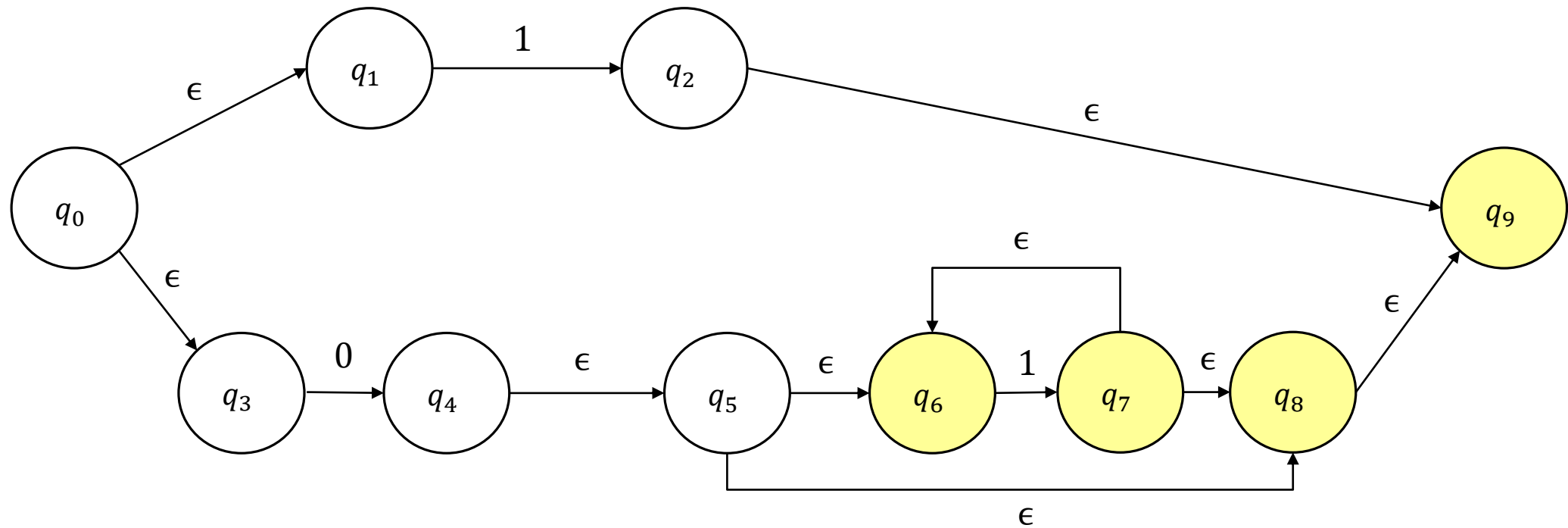
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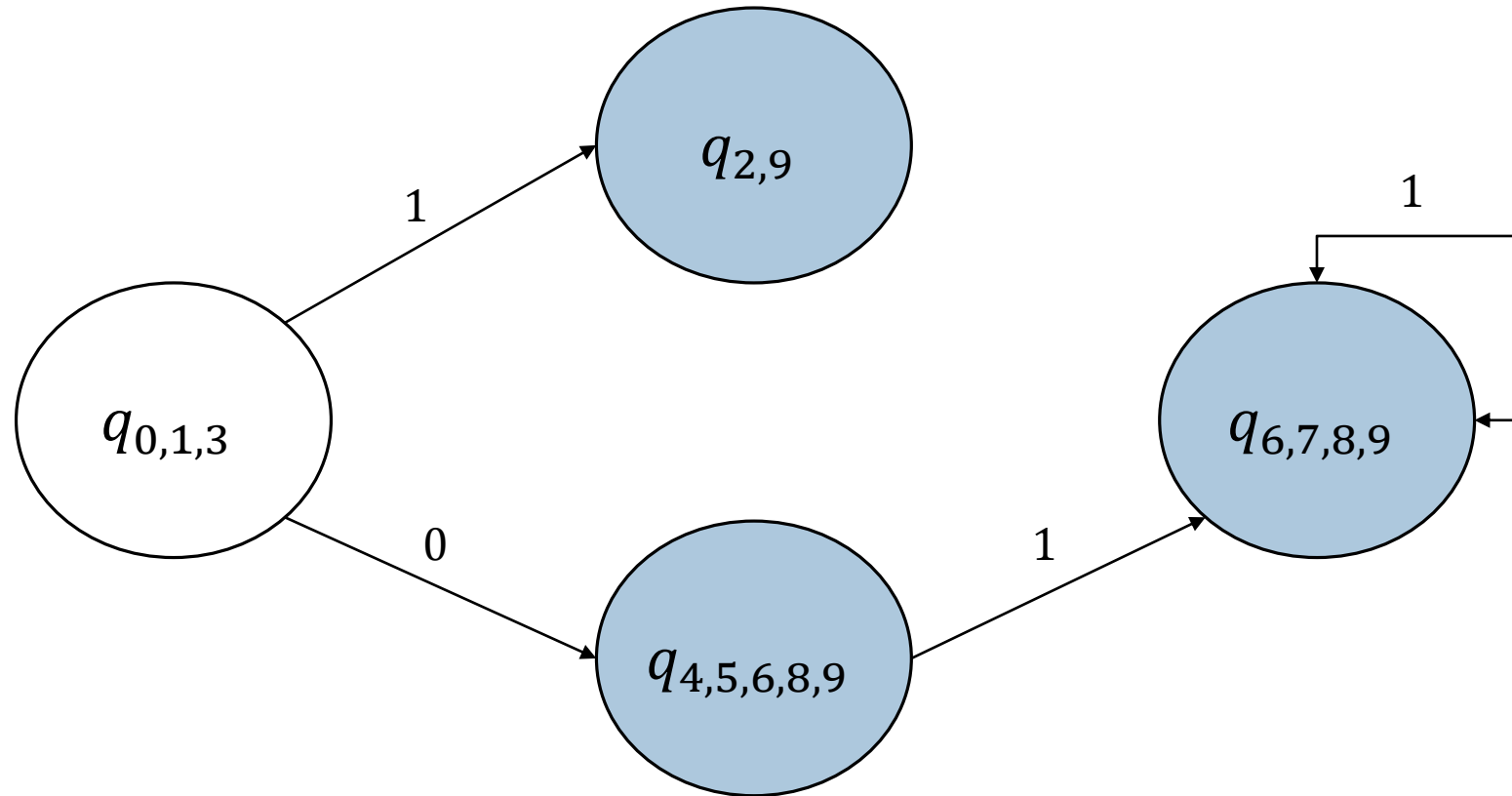
Another Example: NFA to DFA



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Another Example: NFA to DFA



Building a Lexical Analyzer

- Construct a regular expression for token types:
 - Identifiers, numbers, reserved keywords
- If we have a collision (a token is accepted in more than one DFA):
 - Define priority
 - The RE that was defined earlier will take advantage

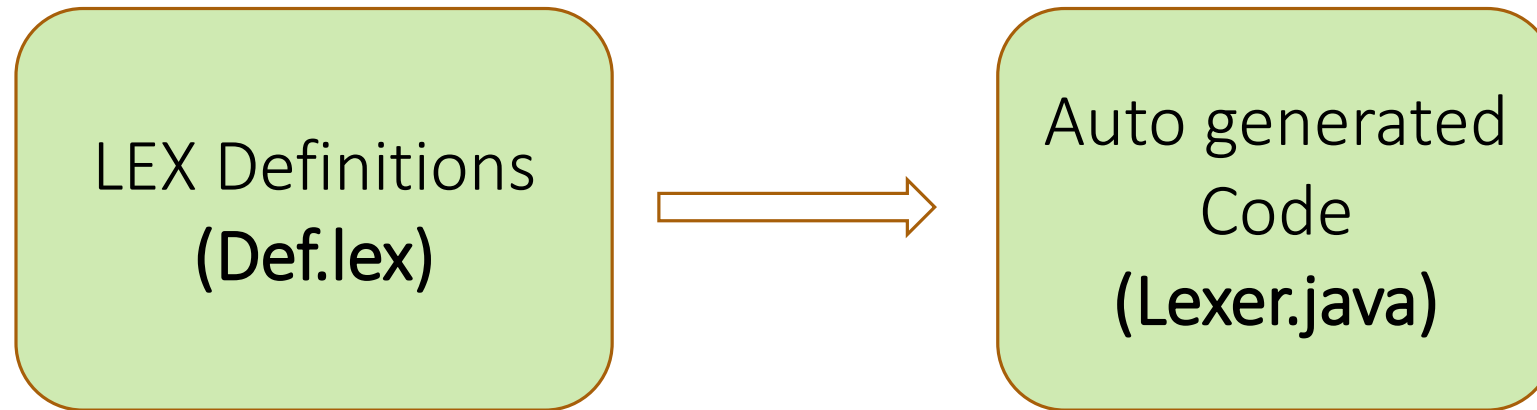
Regular Expressions Definitions for C

- Here we can see the regular expression definitions:
 - <http://www.lysator.liu.se/c/ANSI-C-grammar-1.html>
 - Quite simple and modular...

JFlex

- Java **F**ast **L**exical Analyzer
 - Inspired by the original **flex** project (written in C)
- Accepts an input file with tokens definitions
- Generates Java code is the exported function **yylex**
- This **yylex** function reads the input and returns:
 - The type of the read token
 - Or an error...

JFlex



Example: Counting Lines

- How can we use JFlex to count lines for a given input file?

Counting Lines: Lex Definitions

```
%{  
private Symbol symbol(int type) { return new Symbol(type, yyline, yycolumn); }  
public int getLine() { return yyline + 1; }  
public int getTokenStartPosition() { return yycolumn + 1; }  
public int lines_count = 0;  
%}  
NEWLINE = \n|\r\n  
ANY = .*  
%% // separator...  
<YYINITIAL> {  
{NEWLINE} { lines_count++; }  
{ANY} { }  
<<EOF>> { return symbol(TokenNames.EOF);}  
}
```

Counting Lines: Lex Definitions

User define code/handlers:

```
%{  
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yycolumn); }  
public int getLine() { return yyline + 1; }  
public int getTokenStartPosition() { return yycolumn + 1; }  
public int lines_count = 0;  
%}
```

Counting Lines: Lex Definitions

Regular expressions definitions:

NEWLINE = \n|\r\n

ANY = .*

Counting Lines: Lex Definitions

Putting it all together:

```
<YYINITIAL> {  
  {NEWLINE} { lines_count++; }  
  {ANY} { }  
<<EOF>> { return symbol(TokenNames.EOF);}  
}
```

Counting Lines: Tokens Definitions

```
public interface TokenNames {  
    /* terminals */  
    public static final int EOF = 0;  
}
```

Counting Lines: Main

```
Lexer l = new Lexer(fileReader);
```

```
Symbol s = l.next_token();
```

```
while (s.sym != TokenNames.EOF) {
```

```
    s = l.next_token();
```

```
}
```

```
System.out.print("Lines: " + l.lines_count + "\n");
```


Exam Questions

- Consider the following flex-like definition:
 - `a*b` { print "1" }
 - `ca` { print "2" }
 - `a*ca*` { print "3" }
- What will the lexer print for the input:
 - `abcaacacaaabbbaabcaaca`

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- Answer:
 - ...

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    i--+-j;  
}
```

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    i--+-j;  
}
```

Valid

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    i-----j;  
}
```

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    i-----j;  
}
```

Invalid

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    (i--) - (--j);  
}
```

Exam Questions

```
void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    (i--) - (--j) ;  
}
```

Valid

Exam Questions

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    int i = 8;  
    int j = 3;  
    i---(--j);  
}
```

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void f(int a) {  
    int i = 8;  
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}
```

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