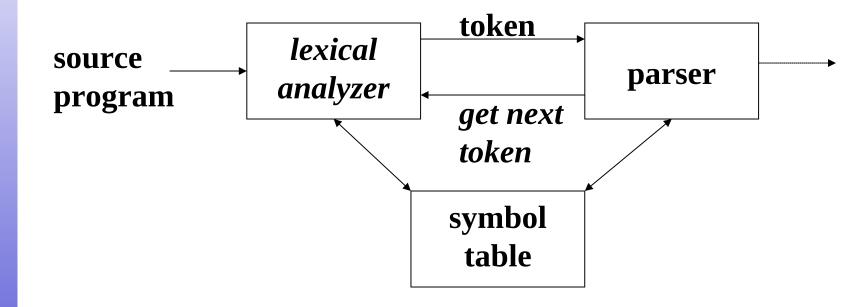
Lexical Analysis

Lexical Analysis

- Basic Concepts & Regular Expressions
 - □ What does a Lexical Analyzer do?
 - □ How does it Work?
 - □ Formalizing Token Definition & Recognition
- Reviewing Finite Automata Concepts
 - Non-Deterministic and Deterministic FA
 - Conversion Process
 - Regular Expressions to NFA
 - > NFA to DFA
- Relating NFAs/DFAs /Conversion to Lexical Analysis

Lexical Analyzer in Perspective



Important Issue:

What are Responsibilities of each Box? Focus on Lexical Analyzer and Parser.

Lexical Analyzer in Perspective

- LEXICAL ANALYZER
 - Scan Input
 - □ Remove WS, NL, ...
 - □ **Identify Tokens**
 - □ Create Symbol Table
 - Insert Tokens into ST
 - □ Generate Errors
 - □ Send Tokens to Parser

- PARSER
 - □ Perform Syntax Analysis
 - ☐ Actions Dictated by Token Order
 - Update Symbol TableEntries
 - □ Create Abstract Rep. of Source
 - □ **Generate Errors**
 - □ And More.... (We'll see later)

What Factors Have Influenced the Functional Division of Labor?

- Separation of Lexical Analysis From Parsing Presents a Simpler Conceptual Model
 - A parser embodying the conventions for comments and white space is significantly more complex that one that can assume comments and white space have already been removed by lexical analyzer.
- Separation Increases Compiler Efficiency
 - Specialized buffering techniques for reading input characters and processing tokens...
- Separation Promotes Portability.
 - Input alphabet peculiarities and other device-specific anomalies can be restricted to the lexical analyzer.

Introducing Basic Terminology

What are Major Terms for Lexical Analysis?

□ TOKEN

- A classification for a common set of strings
- Examples Include <Identifier>, <number>, etc.

PATTERN

- The rules which characterize the set of strings for a token
- e.g., digit followed by zero or more digits

□ LEXEME

- Actual sequence of characters that matches pattern and is classified by a token
- Identifiers: x, count, name, etc...

Introducing Basic Terminology

Token	Sample Lexemes	Informal Description of Pattern		
const	const	const		
if	if	characters i, f		
relation	<, <=, =, <>, >, >=	< or <= or = or <> or >= or >		
id	pi, <u>count</u> , <u>D2</u>	letter followed by letters and digits		
num num	3.1416, 0, 6.02E23	any numeric constant		
literal	"core dumped"	any characters between " and " except "		

Classifies Pattern Actual values are critical. Info is:

- 1.Stored in symbol table
- 2.Returned to parser

Attributes for Tokens

Tokens influence parsing decision; the attributes influence the translation of tokens.

```
Example: E = M * C ** 2 (Fortran statement)
```

```
<id, pointer to symbol-table entry for E>
<assign_op, >
<id, pointer to symbol-table entry for M>
<mult_op, >
<id, pointer to symbol-table entry for C>
<id, pointer to symbol-table entry for C>
<exp_op, >
<num, integer value 2>
```

Handling Lexical Errors

- Error Handling is very localized, with Respect to Input Source
- For example: fi (a == f(x))
 a lexical analyzer cannot tell whether fi is a misspelling of the keyword if or an undeclared function identifier.
- O In what Situations do Errors Occur?
- Lexical analyzer is unable to proceed because none of the patterns for tokens matches a prefix of remaining input.
- Panic mode Recovery
- Delete successive characters from the remaining input until the analyzer can find a well-formed token.
- □ May confuse the parser creating syntax error
- Possible error recovery actions:
- Deleting or Inserting Input Characters
- Replacing or Transposing Characters

Buffer Pairs

- Lexical analyzer needs to look ahead several characters beyond the lexeme for a pattern before a match can be announced.
- In C, single-character operators like =, or < could also be the beginning of a two-character operator like ==, or <=.
- Use a function **ungetc** to push lookahead characters back into the input stream.
- Large amount of time can be consumed moving characters.

Special Buffering Technique

Use a buffer divided into two N-character halves

N = Number of characters on one disk block

One system command read N characters

Fewer than N character => **eof**

Buffer Pairs (2)

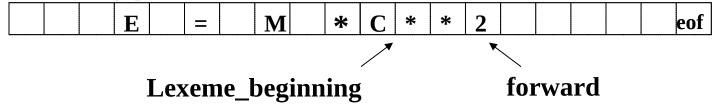
Two pointers **lexeme_beginning** and **forward** to the input buffer are maintained.

The string of characters between the pointers is the current lexeme.

Initially both pointers point to first character of the next lexeme to be found. Forward pointer scans ahead until a match for a pattern is found

Once the next lexeme is determined, the forward pointer is set to the character at its right end.

After the lexeme is processed both pointers are set to the character immediately past the lexeme



Comments and white space can be treated as patterns that yield no token

Code to advance forward pointer

```
if forward at the end of first half then begin
    reload second half;
    forward := forward + 1;
end
else if forward at end of second half then begin
    reload first half;
    move forward to biginning of first half
end
else forward := forward + 1;
```

Pitfalls

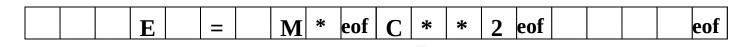
- 1. This buffering scheme works quite well most of the time but with it amount of lookahead is limited.
- 2. Limited lookahead makes it impossible to recognize tokens in situations where the distance, forward pointer must travel is more than the length of buffer.

Problem?

Except at the end of buffer halves, for each advance of *forward* requires 2 tests

```
if forward at the end of first half then begin
    reload second half;
    forward := forward + 1;
end
else if forward at end of second half then begin
    reload first half;
    move forward to biginning of first half
end
else forward := forward + 1;
```

Algorithm: Buffered I/O with Sentinels



lexeme beginning

```
forward := forward + 1;
if forward \uparrow = eof then begin
  if forward at end of first half then begin
      reload second half ; → Block I/O
      forward := forward + 1
  end
  else if forward at end of second half then begin
      reload first half; Block I/O
      move forward to biginning of first half
  end
  else / * eof within buffer signifying end of input * /
      terminate lexical analysis 2nd eof \Rightarrow no more input !
end
```

forward (scans ahead to find pattern match)

We extend each buffer half to hold a sentinal [eof] character at the end

Token Recognition

How can we use concepts developed so far to assist in recognizing tokens of a source language?

Assume Following Tokens:

if, then, else, relop, id, num

We can express patterns using regular expressions.

Given Tokens, What are Patterns?

```
if \rightarrow if
then \rightarrow then
else \rightarrow else
relop → < | <= | > | >= | = | <>
digit \rightarrow [0-9]
letter \rightarrow [A-Za-z]
id \rightarrow letter ( letter | digit )*
num \rightarrow digit + (. digit + )? (E(+ | -)? digit + )?
```

Grammar:

```
stmt \rightarrow |if expr then stmt|
             if expr then stmt else stmt
             \in
expr \rightarrow term \ relop \ term \mid term
term \rightarrow id \mid num
```

Scan away *blanks*, new lines, tabs Can we Define Tokens For These?

```
blank → blank
tab → tab
newline → newline
delim → blank | tab | newline
ws → delim +
```

In these cases no token is returned to parser

Overall

LEXEMES	TOKEN NAME	ATTRIBUTE VALUE	
Any ws	_	_	
if	if	_	
then	${f then}$	_	
else	$_{ m else}$		
${\rm Any}\ id$	id	Pointer to table entry	
Any number	number	Pointer to table entry	
<	relop	LT	
<=	relop	ĹE	
=	relop	EQ	
<>	relop	NE	
>	relop	GŤ	
>=	relop	GE	

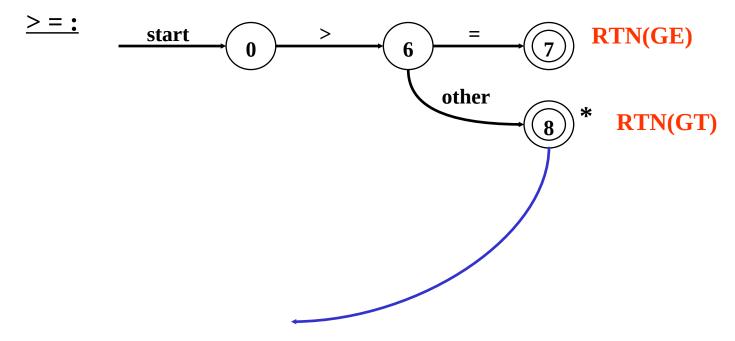
Tokens, their patterns, and attribute values

Note: Each token has a unique token identifier to define category of lexemes

Constructing Transition Diagrams for Tokens

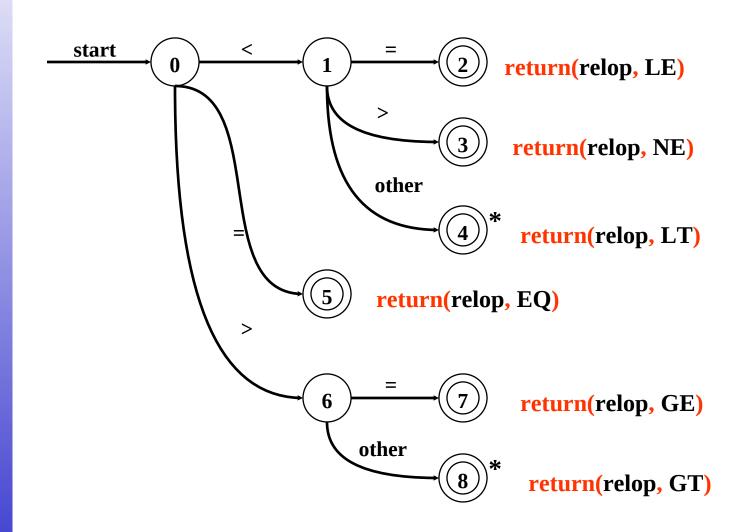
- Transition Diagrams (TD) are used to represent the tokens
- As characters are read, the relevant TDs are used to attempt to match lexeme to a pattern
- Each TD has:
 - States : Represented by Circles
 - Actions : Represented by Arrows between states
 - Start State: Beginning of a pattern (Arrowhead)
 - Final State(s): End of pattern (Concentric Circles)
- Each TD is **Deterministic** (assume) No need to choose between 2 different actions!

Example TDs

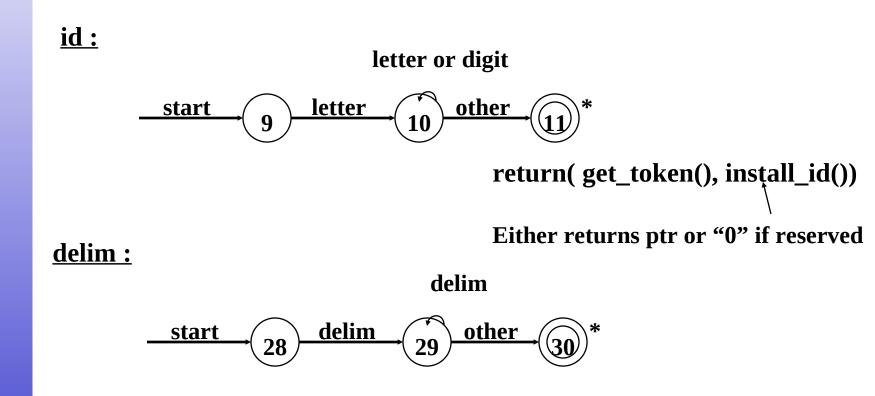


We've accepted ">" and have read one extra char that must be unread.

Example: All RELOPs



Example TDs: id and delim



Question: Why are there no TDs for then, else, if?

All Keywords / Reserved words are matched as ids!!

- So recognizing keywords and identifiers presents a problem.
- There are two ways that we can handle reserved words that look like identifiers.

First Approach (Preferred):

- Install the reserved words in the symbol table initially.
- •After the match, the symbol table or a special keyword table is consulted.

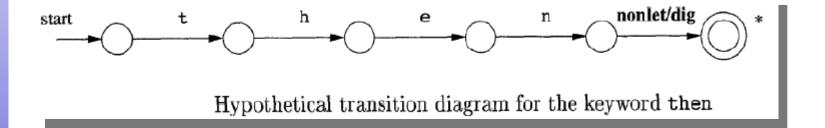
• Keyword table contains string versions of all keywords and associated token values

if	15	
then	16	
begin	17	
•••	•••	

- When a match is found, the token is returned, along with its symbolic value, i.e., "then", 16
- If a match is not found, then it is assumed that an id has been discovered

Second Approach:

• Create separate transition diagrams for each keyword.



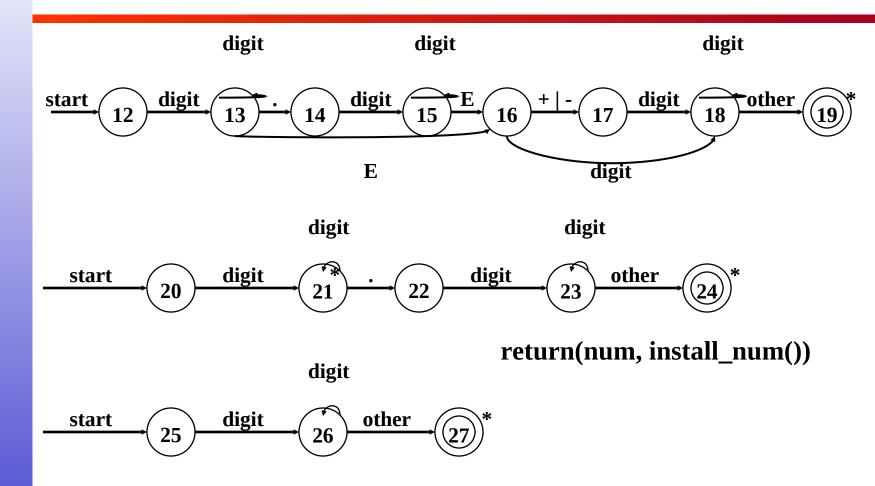
Example TDs: Unsigned Number

```
digit → 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid ... \mid 9
digits → digit digit*
optional_fraction → . digits \mid \in
optional_exponent → (E \mid + \mid - \mid \in) digits) \mid \in
num → digits optional_fraction optional_exponent
```

Shorthand

```
\begin{aligned} &\text{digit} \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid .... \mid 9 \\ &\text{digits} \rightarrow \text{digit}^+ \\ &\text{optional\_fraction} \rightarrow \text{(. digits)} ? \\ &\text{optional\_exponent} \rightarrow \text{(E (+ \mid -) ? digits)} ? \\ &\text{num} \rightarrow \text{digits optional\_fraction optional\_exponent} \end{aligned}
```

Example TDs: Unsigned #s



Questions: Is ordering important for unsigned #s?

Implementing Transition Diagrams

A sequence of transition diagrams can be converted into a program to look for the tokens specified by the grammar

Each state gets a segment of code

Implementing Transition Diagrams

```
int state = 0, start = 0
 lexeme_beginning = forward;
 token nexttoken()
     while(1) {
        switch (state) {
        case 0: c = nextchar();
           /* c is lookahead character */
repeat
           if (c== blank || c==tab || c== newline) {
until
              state = 0;
a "return"
              lexeme_beginning++;
occurs
                 /* advance
                 beginning of lexeme */
                                                           other
           else if (c == '<') state = 1;
           else if (c == '=') state = 5;
           else if (c == '>') state = 6;
           else state = fail();
           break;
                                                          other
           ... /* cases 1-8 here */
```

Implementing Transition Diagrams, II

```
digit
              digit
                         other
                                                advances
                                                forward
case 25; c = nextchar();
          if (isdigit(c)) state = 26;
          else state = fail();
                                           Case numbers
          break;
                                           correspond to transition
case 26; c = nextchar();
                                           diagram states!
          if (isdigit(c)) state = 26;
          else state = 27;
          break;
case 27; retract(1); lexical_value = install_num();
          return ( NUM );
                                  looks at the region
 retracts
                                   lexeme_beginning ... forward
 forward
```

Implementing Transition Diagrams, III

```
case 9: c = nextchar();
         if (isletter(c)) state = 10;
         else state = fail();
         break;
case 10; c = nextchar();
         if (isletter(c)) state = 10;
         else if (isdigit(c)) state = 10;
         else state = 11;
         break;
case 11; retract(1); lexical_value = install_id();
         return ( gettoken(lexical_value) );
                                       letter or digit
                                  letter
                                             other
           reads token
           name from ST
```

When Failures Occur:

```
int fail()
{
    forward = lexeme beginning;
     switch (start) {
       case 0: start = 9; break;
       case 9: start = 12; break;
       case 12: start = 20; break;
       case 20: start = 25; break;
                                        Switch to
       case 25: recover(); break;
                                        next transition
       default: /* lex error */
                                        diagram
    return start;
```

Finite State Automata (FSAs)

- AKA "Finite State Machines", "Finite Automata", "FA"
- A recognizer for a language is a program that takes as input a string x and answers "yes" if x is a sentence of the language and "no" otherwise.
 - The regular expression is compiled into a recognizer by constructing a generalized transition diagram called a finite automaton.
- One start state
- Many final states
- Each state is labeled with a state name
- Directed edges, labeled with symbols
- Two types
 - Deterministic (DFA)
 - □ Non-deterministic (NFA)

Simulation of a Finite Automata (FA)

```
\begin{array}{l} s \leftarrow s_0 \\ c \leftarrow nextchar; \\ while \ c \neq eof \ do \\ s \leftarrow move(s,c); \\ c \leftarrow nextchar; \\ end; \\ if \ s \ is \ in \ F \ then \ return \ "yes" \\ else \ return \ "no" \end{array}
```

NFA simulation

Nondeterministic Finite Automata

A nondeterministic finite automaton (NFA) is mathematical model that consists of

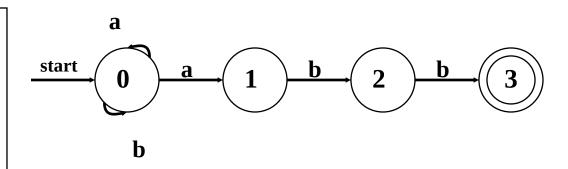
- 1. A set of states S
- 2. A set of input symbols S
- 3. A transition function that maps state/symbol pairs to a set of states
- 1. A special state s_0 called the start state
- 2. A set of states F (subset of S) of final states

INPUT: string

OUTPUT: yes or no

Example – NFA: (a|b)*abb

$$S = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3 \}$$
 $S_0 = 0$
 $F = \{ 3 \}$
 $\Sigma = \{ a, b \}$

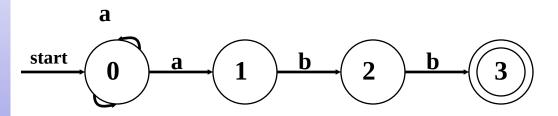


	ınput			
		a	b	
s t	0	{ 0, 1 }	{0}	
a t	1		{2}	
e	2		{ 3 }	

∈ (null) moves possible
 i ∈ j
 Switch state but do not use any input symbol

Transition Table

How Does An NFA Work?



- Given an input string, we trace moves
 - If no more input & in final state, ACCEPT

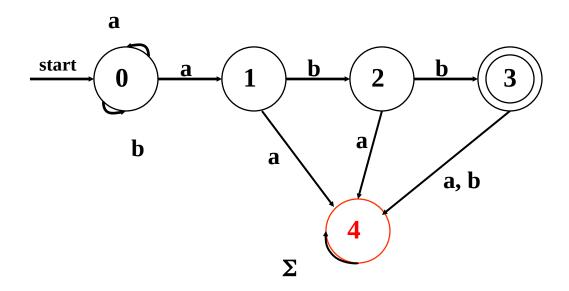
EXAMPLE:

Input: ababb

-OR-

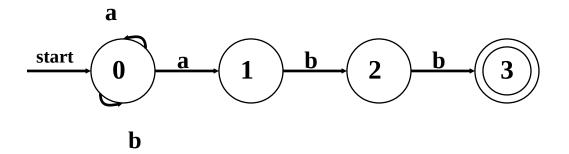
Handling Undefined Transitions

We can handle undefined transitions by defining one more state, a "death" state, and transitioning all previously undefined transition to this **death state**.



Other Concepts

Not all paths may result in acceptance.



aabb is accepted along path : $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$

BUT... it is <u>not accepted</u> along the valid path:

$$0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$$

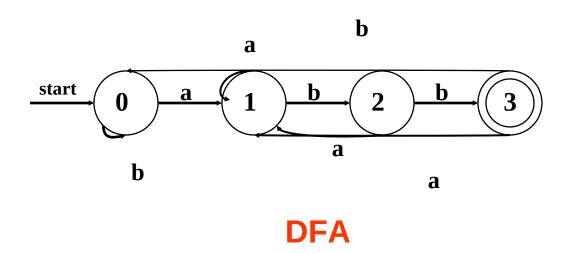
Deterministic Finite Automata

A DFA is an NFA with the following restrictions:

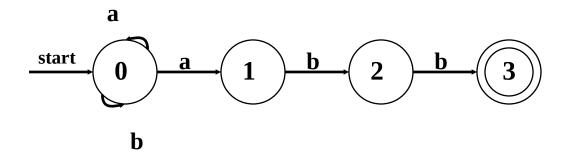
- \blacksquare ∈ moves are <u>not</u> allowed
- For every state $s \in S$, there is one and only one path from s for every input symbol $a \in \Sigma$.

Since transition tables don't have any alternative options, DFAs are easily simulated via an algorithm.

Example – DFA: (a|b)*abb



Recall the original NFA:



Relation between RE, NFA and DFA

- 1. There is an algorithm for converting any RE into an NFA.
- 2. There is an algorithm for converting any NFA to a DFA.
- 3. There is an algorithm for converting any DFA to a RE.

These facts tell us that **REs**, **NFAs** and **DFAs** have equivalent expressive power.

All three describe the class of **regular languages**.

NFA vs DFA

An NFA may be simulated by algorithm, when NFA is constructed from the R.E

Algorithm run time is proportional to |N| * |x| where |N| is the number of states and |x| is the length of input

Alternatively, we can construct DFA from NFA and uses it to recognize input

The space requirement of a DFA can be large. The RE (a+b)*a(a+b)(a+b)(a+b) [n-1 (a+b) at the end] has no DFA with less than 2ⁿ states. Fortunately, such RE in practice does not occur often

	space	time to	
	required	simulate	
NFA	O (r)	$O(r ^* x)$	
DFA	$O(2^{ r })$	O(x)	

where |r| is the length of the regular expression.

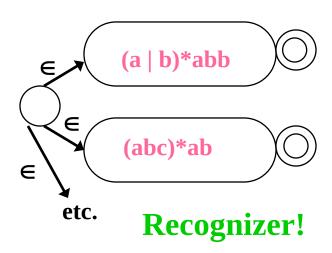
Lexical Analyzer

• Designing Lexical Analyzer Generator

Reg. Expr. \rightarrow NFA construction

NFA → DFA conversion

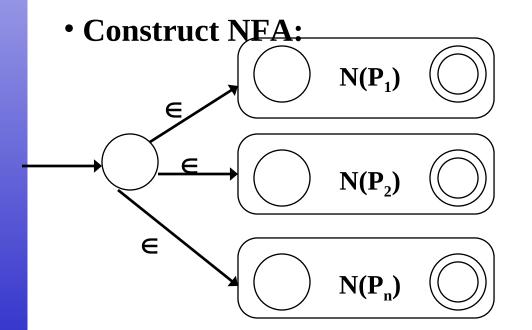
DFA simulation for lexical analyzer



- Each pattern recognizes lexemes. Longest prefix of input is matched. In case of tie the first pattern listed is chosed
- Each pattern described by regular expression

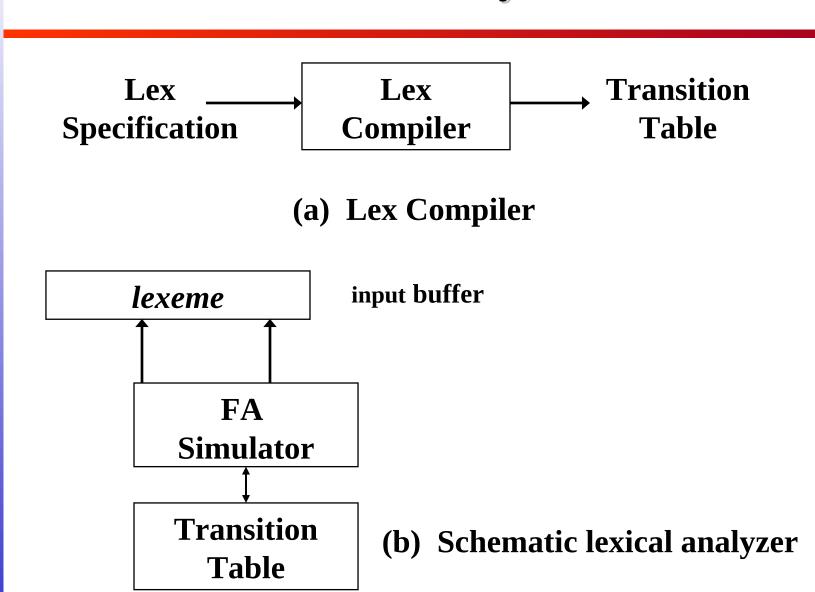
Lex Specification → Lexical Analyzer

- Let P₁, P₂, ..., P_n be Lex patterns
 (regular expressions for valid tokens in prog. lang.)
- Construct $N(P_1)$, $N(P_2)$, ... $N(P_n)$
- Note: accepting state of N(P_i) will be marked by P_i



• Lex applies conversion algorithm to construct DFA that is equivalent!

Pictorially



- How do we define an NFA that accepts a regular expression?
- It is very simple. Remember that a regular expression is formed by the use of alternation, concatenation, and repetition.
- Thus all we need to do is to know how to build the NFA for a single symbol, and how to compose NFAs.

Thompson's Construction

Empty string ϵ is a regular expression denoting $\{ \epsilon \}$

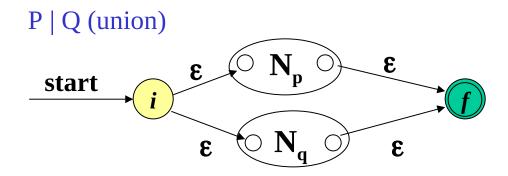
$$\frac{\epsilon}{i}$$

a is a regular expression denoting $\{a\}$ for any a in Σ

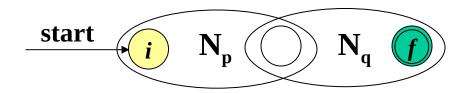
$$\frac{\text{start}}{i}$$
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Composing NFAs with Alternation and Concatenation

If P and Q are regular expressions with NFAs N_p , N_q :

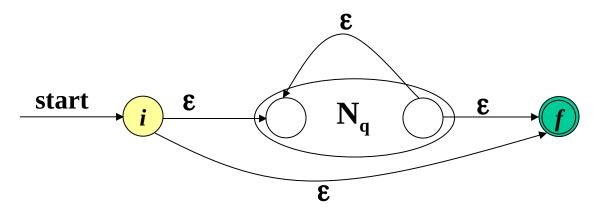


PQ (concatenation)



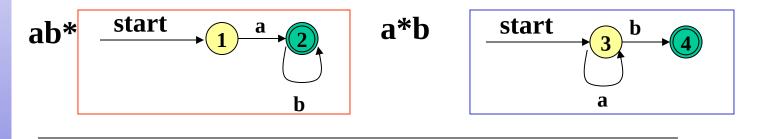
Composing NFAs with Repeation

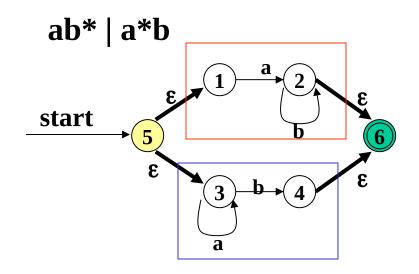
If Q is a regular expression with NFA N_q : Q* (closure)



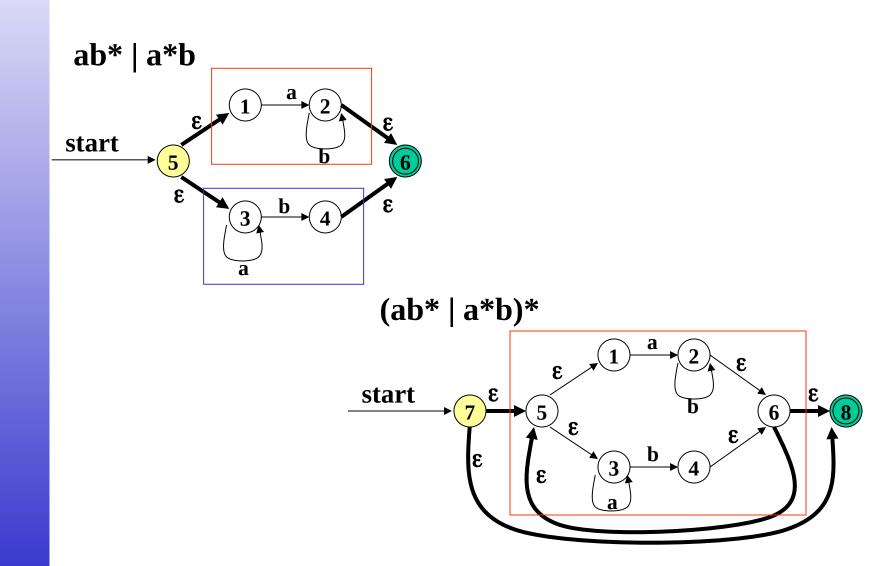
Example (ab* | a*b)*

Starting with:





Example (ab* | a*b)*

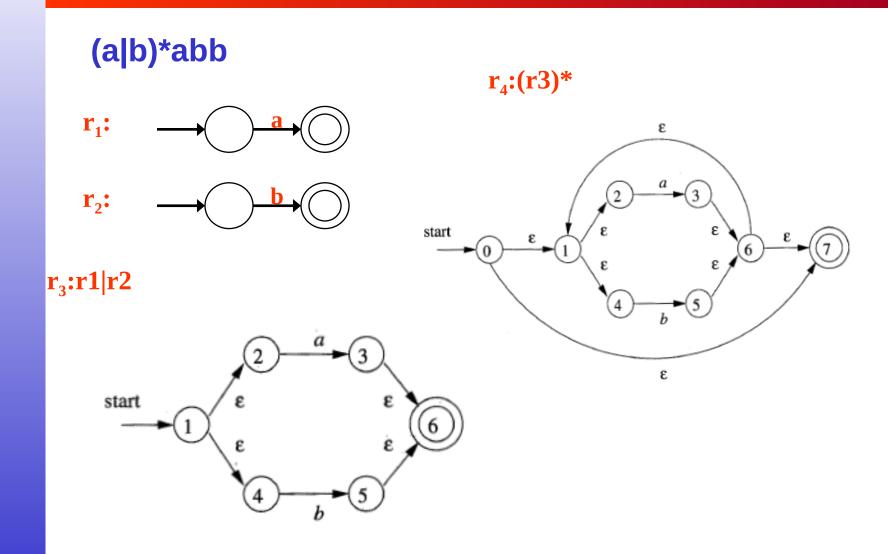


Properties of Construction

Let r be a regular expression, with NFA N(r), then

- 1. N(r) has #of states $\leq 2*(\#symbols + \#operators)$ of r
- 2. N(r) has exactly one start and one accepting state
- 3. Each state of N(r) has at most one outgoing edge $a \in \Sigma$ or at most two outgoing \in -transition

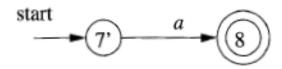
Detailed Example – NFA Construction(1)



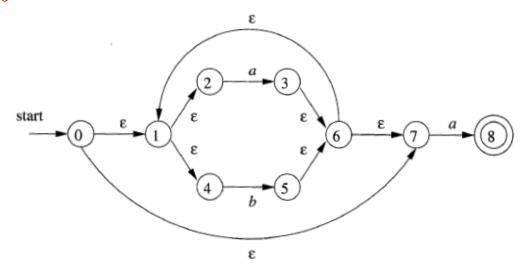
Detailed Example – NFA Construction(2)

(a|b)*abb

 \mathbf{r}_{5}



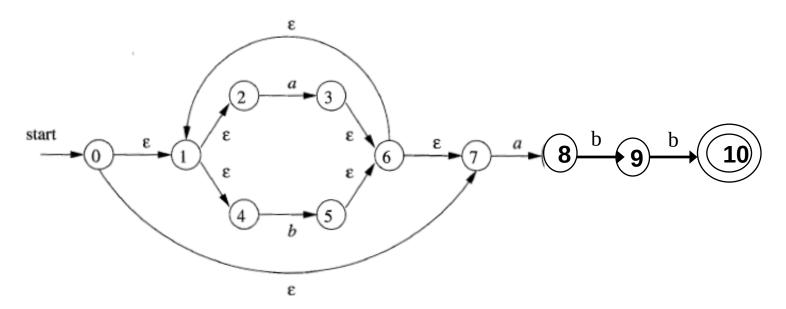
r₆: r4 r5



Detailed Example – Final Step

(a|b)*abb

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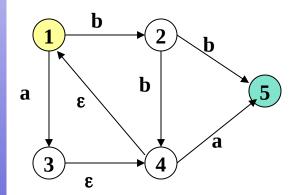


Converting NFAs to DFAs (subset construction)

- Idea: Each state in the new DFA will correspond to some set of states from the NFA. The DFA will be in state $\{s_0, s_1, ...\}$ after input if the NFA could be in *any* of these states for the same input.
- Input: NFA N with state set S_N , alphabet S, start state s_N , final states F_N , transition function T_N : $S_N \times \{S \cup e\} \rightarrow S_N$
- Output: DFA D with state set S_D , alphabet S, start state $S_D = e$ -closure(S_D), final states S_D , transition function $S_D : S_D \times S_D \times S_D$

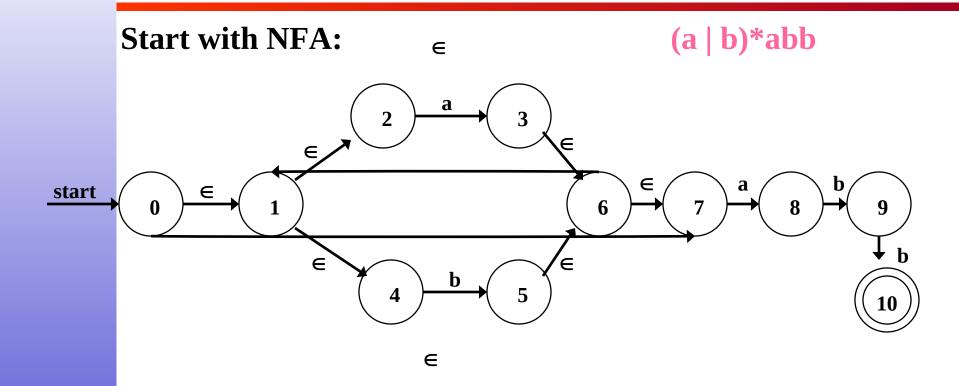
Terminology: ε-closure

 ϵ -closure(T) = T + all NFA states reachable from any state in T using only ϵ transitions.



```
ε-closure({1,2,5}) = {1,2,5}
ε-closure({4}) = {1,4}
ε-closure({3}) = {1,3,4}
ε-closure({3,5}) = {1,3,4,5}
```

Illustrating Conversion – An Example



First we calculate: ∈-closure(0) (i.e., state 0)
∈-closure(0) = {0, 1, 2, 4, 7} (all states reachable from 0
on ∈-moves)

Let A={0, 1, 2, 4, 7} be a state of new DFA, D.

Conversion Example – continued (1)

```
2<sup>nd</sup> , we calculate : a : ∈-closure(move(A,a)) and b : ∈-closure(move(A,b))

a : ∈-closure(move(A,a)) = ∈-closure(move({0,1,2,4,7},a))} adds {3,8} ( since move(2,a)=3 and move(7,a)=8)

From this we have : ∈-closure({3,8}) = {1,2,3,4,6,7,8} (since 3→6 →1 →4, 6 →7, and 1 →2 all by ∈-moves)

Let B={1,2,3,4,6,7,8} be a new state. Define Dtran[A,a] = B.
```

```
b: ∈-closure(move(A,b)) = ∈-closure(move({0,1,2,4,7},b))
adds {5} (since move(4,b)=5)
From this we have: ∈-closure({5}) = {1,2,4,5,6,7} (since 5→6→1→4, 6→7, and 1→2 all by ∈-moves)
Let C={1,2,4,5,6,7} be a new state. Define Dtran[A,b] = C.
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Conversion Example – continued (2)

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4th , we calculate for state C on {a,b}

a : ∈-closure(move(C,a)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7},a))}
= {1,2,3,4,6,7,8} = B

Define Dtran[C,a] = B.

b : ∈-closure(move(C,b)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7},b))}
= {1,2,4,5,6,7} = C

Define Dtran[C,b] = C.
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Conversion Example – continued (3)

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5<sup>th</sup> , we calculate for state D on {a,b}

a : ∈-closure(move(D,a)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7,9},a))}
= {1,2,3,4,6,7,8} = B

Define Dtran[D,a] = B.

b : ∈-closure(move(D,b)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7,9},b))}
= {1,2,4,5,6,7,10} = E

Define Dtran[D,b] = E.
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Finally, we calculate for state E on {a,b}

a : ∈-closure(move(E,a)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7,10},a))}
= {1,2,3,4,6,7,8} = B

Define Dtran[E,a] = B.

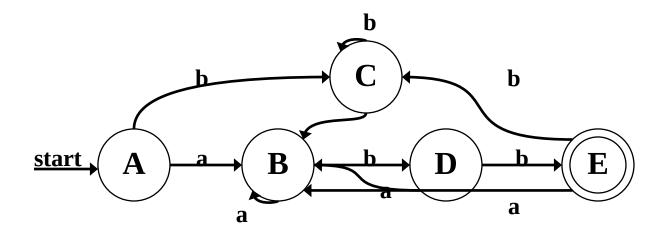
b : ∈-closure(move(E,b)) = ∈-closure(move({1,2,4,5,6,7,10},b))}
= {1,2,4,5,6,7} = C

Define Dtran[E,b] = C.
```

Conversion Example – continued (4)

This gives the transition table Dtran for the DFA of:

_	Input Symbol	
D states	a	<u> </u>
\mathbf{A}	В	C
${f B}$	В	D
\mathbf{C}	В	C
D	В	${f E}$
E	В	C



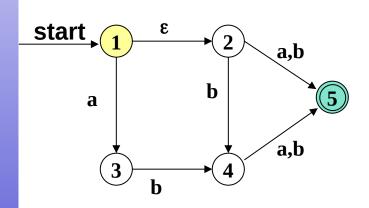
Algorithm For Subset Construction

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computing the
push all states in T onto stack;
                                                     ∈-closure
initialize \in-closure(T) to T;
while stack is not empty do begin
  pop t, the top element, off the stack;
  for each state u with edge from t to u labeled \in do
        if u is not in ∈-closure(T) do begin
            add u to \in-closure(T);
            push u onto stack
  end
end
```

Algorithm For Subset Construction – (2)

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initially, \in-closure(s<sub>0</sub>) is only (unmarked) state in Dstates;
while there is unmarked state T in Dstates do begin
   mark T;
   for each input symbol a do begin
        U := \in -closure(move(T,a));
        if U is not in Dstates then
            add U as an unmarked state to Dstates;
         Dtran[T,a] := U
   end
end
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NFA

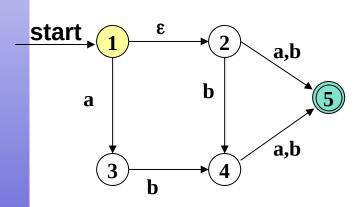


NFA N with

- State set $S_N = \{1,2,3,4,5\},$
- Alphabet $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$
- Start state $s_N=1$,
- Final states $F_N = \{5\}$,
- Transition function $T_N: S_N \times \{\Sigma \cup \epsilon\} \rightarrow S_N$

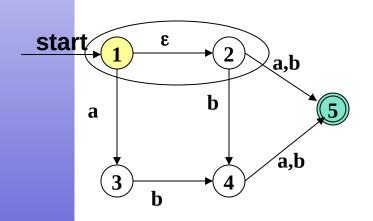
	a	b	ε
1	3	-	2
2	5	5, 4	-
3	-	4	-
4	5	5	-
5	-	-	-

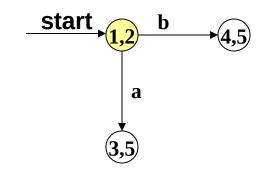
NFA



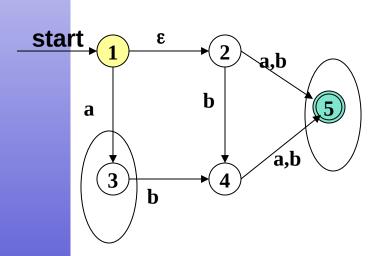
start 1,2

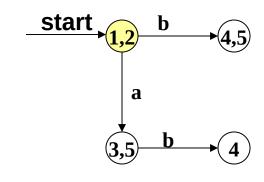
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{1,2}		



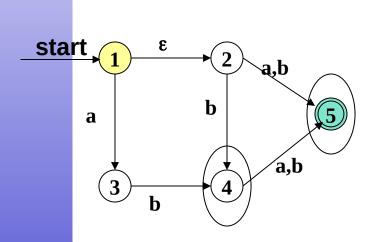


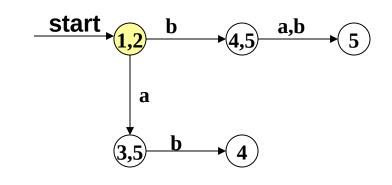
Т	∈-closure(move(T, a))	∈-closure(move(T, b))
{1,2}	{3,5}	{4,5}
{3,5}		
{4,5}		



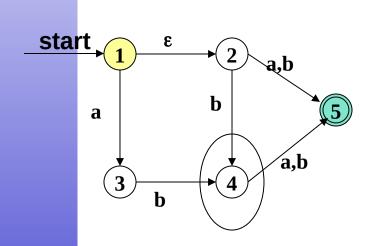


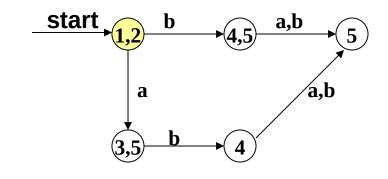
Т	∈-closure(move(T, a))	<pre>∈-closure(move(T, b))</pre>
{1,2}	{3,5}	{4,5}
{3,5}	-	{4}
{4,5}		
{4}		



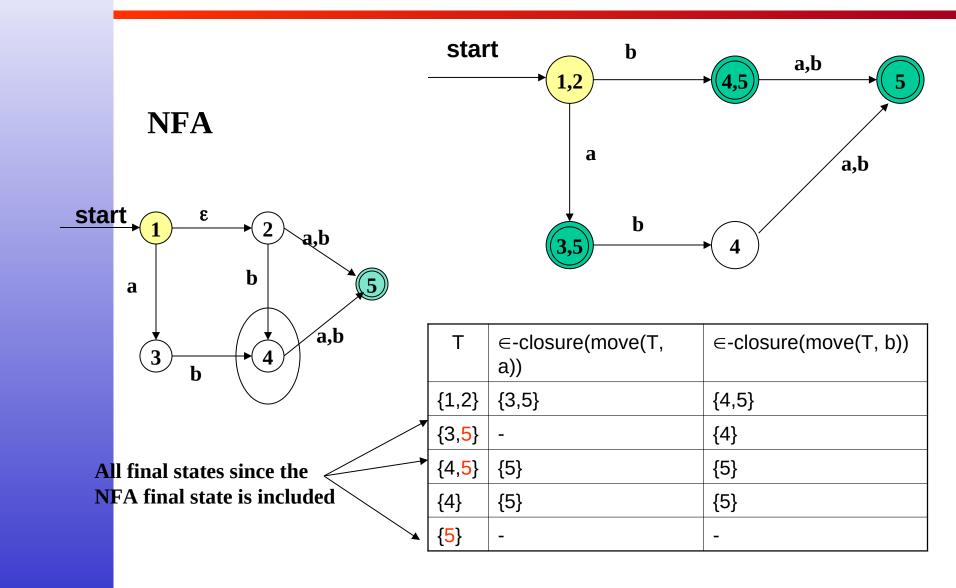


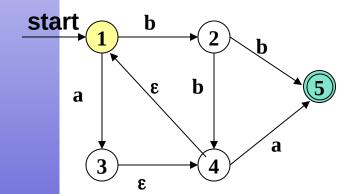
Т	∈-closure(move(T, a))	∈-closure(move(T, b))
{1,2}	{3,5}	{4,5}
{3,5}	-	{4}
{4,5}	{5 }	{5}
{4}		
{5}		





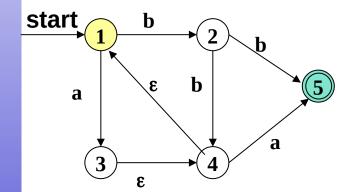
Т	∈-closure(move(T, a))	∈-closure(move(T, b))
{1,2}	{3,5}	{4,5}
{3,5}	-	{4}
{4,5}	{5 }	{5}
{4}	{5}	{5}
{5}	-	-

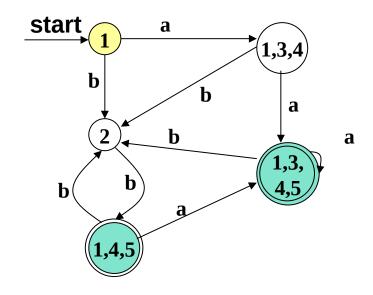




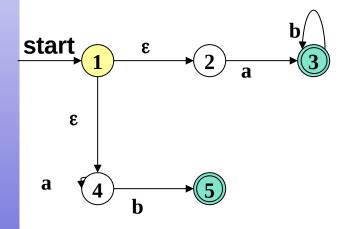
NFA

DFA

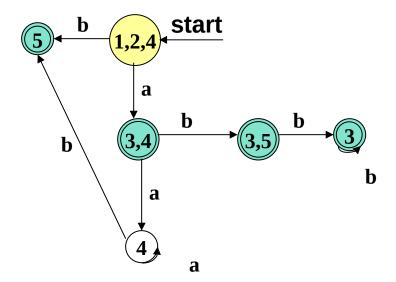




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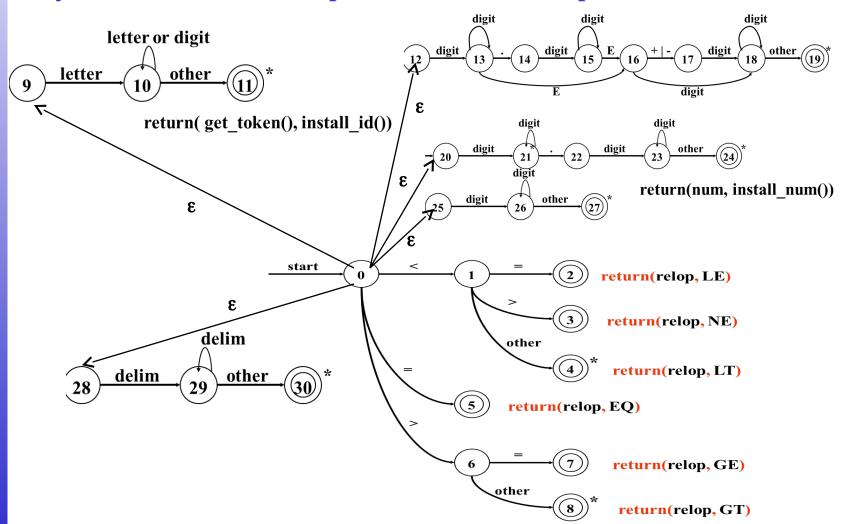


DFA



NFA: Transition Diagram capturing Multiple Tokens

Questions: Draw the transition diagram that will recognize id, keywords, number, whitespaces and relational operators?

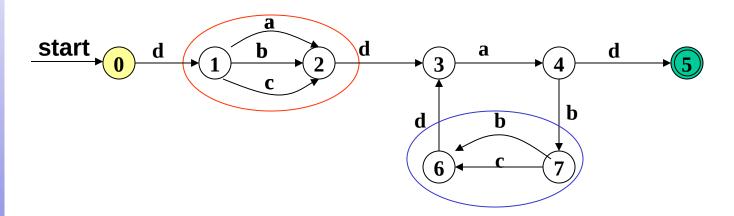


Corresponding DFA: Transition Diagram capturing Multiple Tokens

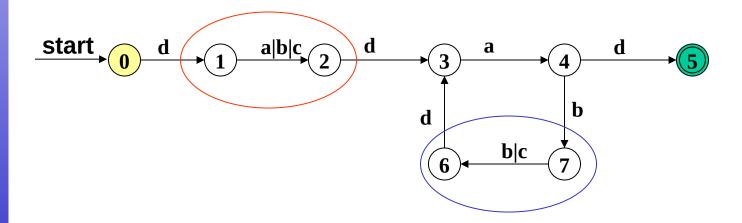
Questions: Draw the transition diagram that will recognize id, keywords, number, whitespaces and relational operators?

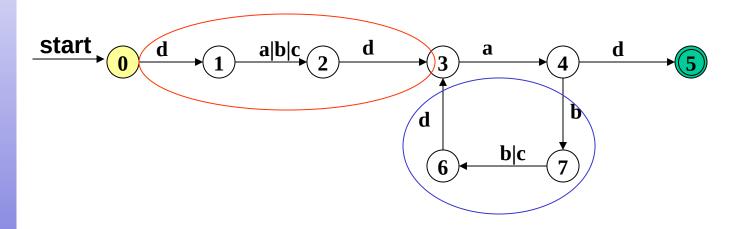
Converting DFAs to REs

- 1. Combine serial links by concatenation
- 2. Combine parallel links by alternation
- 3. Remove self-loops by Kleene closure
- 4. Select a node (other than initial or final) for removal. Replace it with a set of equivalent links whose path expressions correspond to the in and out links
- 5. Repeat steps 1-4 until the graph consists of a single link between the entry and exit nodes.

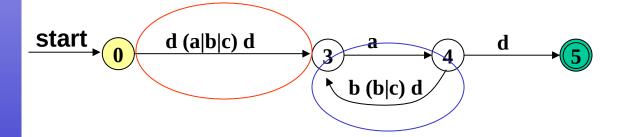


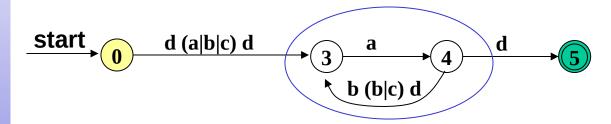
parallel edges become alternation



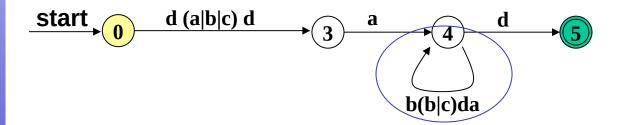


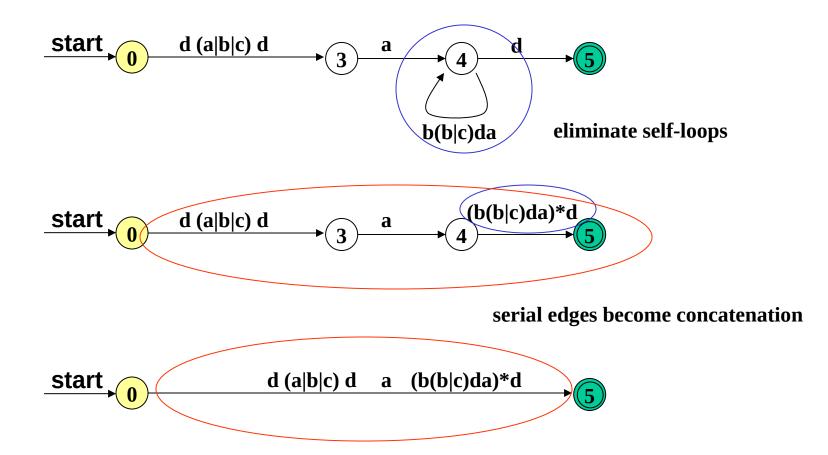
serial edges become concatenation





Find paths that can be "shortened"





Exercises for Practice

Dragon Book (Chapter-3):

3.3.5, 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.6.2, 3.6.3, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.3