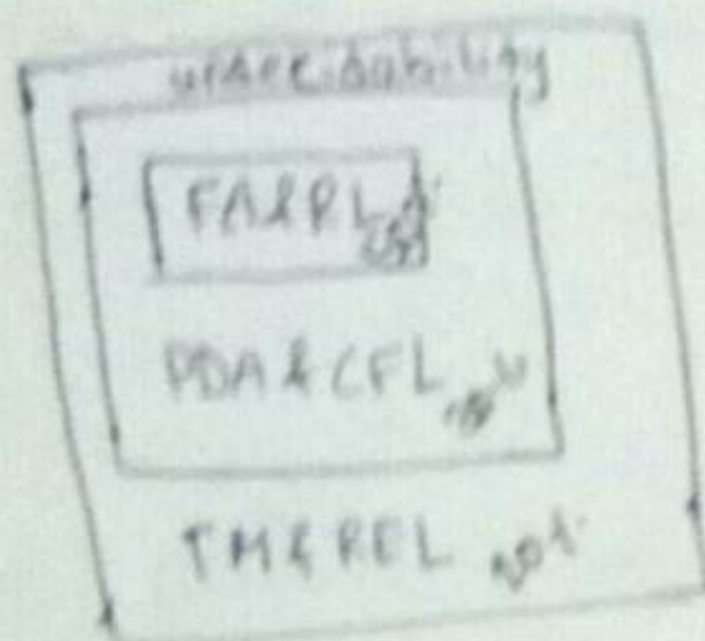


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# Theory of Computation (6-8M) (9491919183)

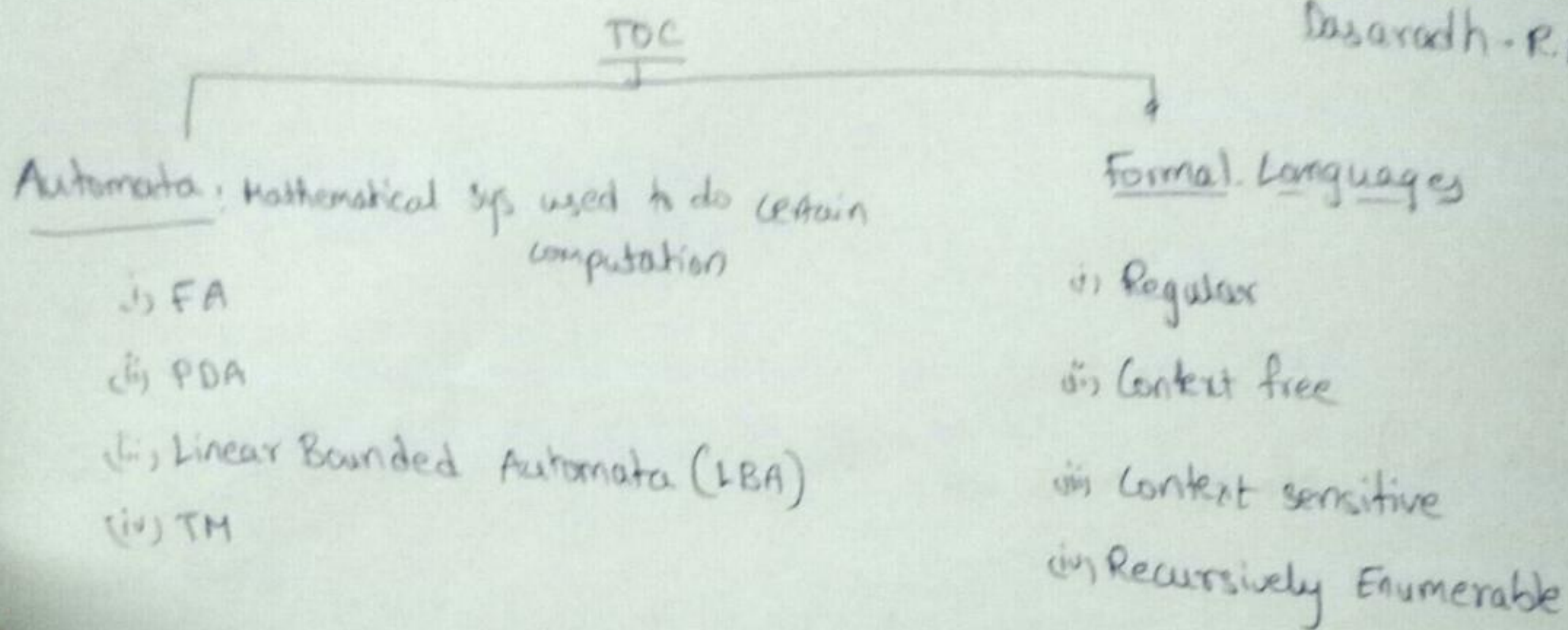
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## Syllabus:



## Text books:

1. Introduction to formal languages & Automata by peter linz
2. Theory of Computation by I.A. Daniel
- \* 3. Introduction to language, automata & computation by Ullman, Aho
4. Introduction to automata & compiler design by Dasarath.R.K



## Fundamentals & Terminology:

Alphabet: An alphabet is finite set of symbols denoted by  $\Sigma$ .

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\} \text{ valid}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\} \text{ valid}$$

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \text{ invalid}$$

words / strings / sentences: A finite sequence of symbols over some fixed alphabet called as string, which is denoted by 'w' or 'x'.

Ex:  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

w = 101110 - valid string

\* w = 101121 - invalid string



length of the string: The no. of symbols composing the string is called length of the string, denoted by  $|w|$

Empty string<sup>is</sup> denoted by  $\epsilon$  or  $\lambda$  or  $\Lambda$

Eg:  $w = 101101 = 1\epsilon 011\epsilon 01\epsilon$   
 $|w| = 6$   $\hookrightarrow$  length is still 6.

power alphabet: The power alphabet  $\Sigma^k$  denotes set of all strings of length  $k$  over  $\Sigma$ .

Eg:  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$\Sigma^0 = \{\epsilon\}$

$\Sigma^1 = \{0, 1\}$

$\Sigma^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$

$\rightarrow \Sigma^*$  - All strings of length 0 or more. (i.e., Universal set over the alphabet)

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma^0 + \Sigma^1 + \Sigma^2 + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \Sigma^i$$

$\rightarrow \Sigma^+$  = All strings of length 1 or more.

$$\Sigma^+ = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Sigma^i = \Sigma^* - \epsilon$$

Operations on string:

prefixes: All possible leading symbol substrings

suffixes: All possible tail end symbol substrings

Eg:  $w = toc$

prefixes:  $\epsilon, t, to, toc$

suffixes:  $\epsilon, c, oc, toc$

proper prefixes:  $t, to, toc$

proper suffixes:  $c, oc, toc$

} exclude ' $\epsilon$ '

Concatenation: To obtain concatenation of two strings  $w_1$  &  $w_2$ . Write  $w_1$

followed by  $w_2$  without any space b/w then

$w_1 = cat$   
 $w_2 = walk$  }  $w_1 w_2 = catwalk$



palindrome: A string  $w$  is said to be a palindrome, it should be identical whether we read forward or backward.

eg:  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$  3rd palindrome: 00100, 1001

palindromes: 0, 00100, 1001, 110011, 0001000, 1001001

Consider the following alphabet and the string  $w_1$  &  $w_2$

$\Sigma = \{0,1\}$   $w_1 = 0011$   $w_2 = 1100$

(a) find no of strings of length 3 begins and end with 1. - 2

(b)  $|w_1 w_1| = 8$

(c)  $|w_1 w_2 w_1| = 001111000011$

(d) whether  $w_1 w_2$  is it palindrome? - Yes

(e) prefixes of  $w_1$  - 5 (length + 1)

(f) no of common suffixes of  $w_1$  &  $w_2$  [e]

(g) How many string of length 5 are palindromes with '1' in 3rd place: 4

Formal Languages: Set of strings over some fixed alphabet is called is language denoted  $L$  or  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$\Sigma = \{0,1\}$

$L = \{01, 0011, 000111, \dots\}$

$L = \{01, 0^2 1^2, 0^3 1^3, \dots\}$

$L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n > 0\}$

$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^+ \mid \text{every } w \text{ has equal no of 0's followed by equal no of 1's}\}$



→ let  $L$  can be described as set of all strings over set  $\{0,1\}$  with equal no of 0's and ~~eq~~ followed by equal no of 1's.

→ list the members of the language over the alphabet  $\{0,1\}$ , all strings of length 4.  
 $\{0000, 0001, \dots, 1111\}$

$$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^+ \mid |w| = 4\}$$

Operations on language:

→  $L_1 = \{\} = \phi$  (empty language)

→  $L_2 = \{\epsilon\} = \epsilon$  (empty string language) (Its size is one)

$$(L_1 \neq L_2)$$

Countably infinite : Eg:  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Uncountably infinite : Eg:  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number}\}$

$$\{12.11, 12.12, 12.111, \dots\}$$

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 → All formal languages are either finite or countably infinite but no  
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 uncountably infinite.

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Q: Consider the following strings over alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$$w = \underline{b}a \underline{a}c \underline{a}b \underline{b}b$$

find the no of substring of the  $w$ ?

Sol:

No of substring of length 0 = 1

$$1 = 7$$

$$2 = 6$$

$$3 = 5$$

$$7 = 1$$

$$\frac{7 \times 8}{2} + 1 = 29$$



|               |               |                                  |               |               |               |               |               |                  |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 0 length      | 1 length      | 2 length                         | 3             | 4             | 5             | 6             | 7             |                  |
| $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$                    | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\Rightarrow 25$ |
| $\epsilon$    | a<br>b<br>c   | aa<br>ab<br>ac<br>ba<br>bb<br>bc |               |               |               |               |               |                  |

Q: Let  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ . How many strings are possible of length  $n$ ?

a)  $n$    b)  $n+1$    c)  $2^n$    d)  $2n$

Q: Let  $\Sigma = \{a,b,c\}$ . No. of strings of length  $\leq 3$ .

$$\frac{0}{1} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{27} = 40$$

Note:

Let  $\Sigma$  be the alphabet with  $m$  symbols, the possible no. of strings of length  $n$  are:  $m^n$

### Language Operations:

Union:  $L_1 \cup L_2 = \{w \mid w \text{ is in either } L_1 \text{ or } L_2\}$

Intersection:  $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{w \mid w \text{ is in both } L_1 \text{ and } L_2\}$

Concatenation:  $L_1 L_2 = \{xy \mid x \in L_1 \text{ and } y \in L_2\}$

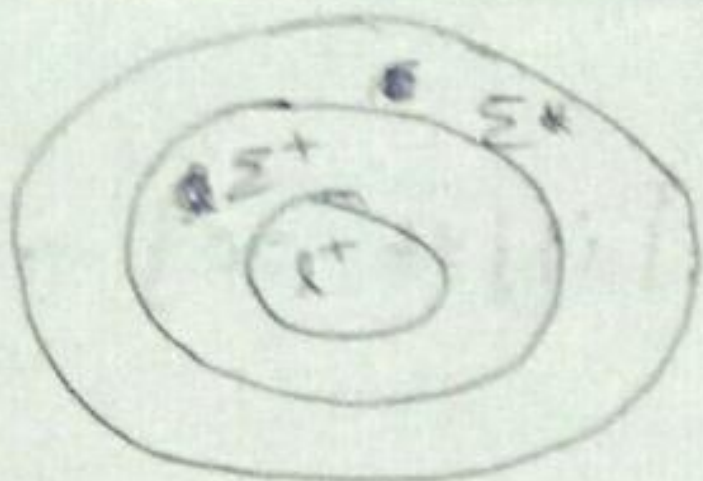
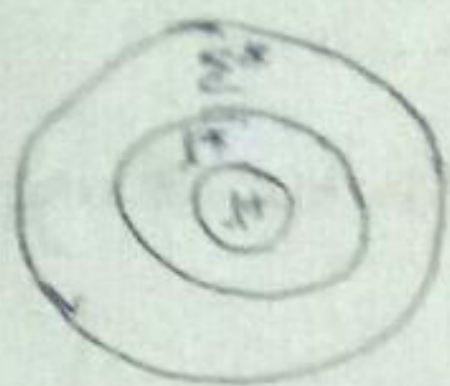
Complementation:  $L_1'$  or  $\bar{L}_1$  or  $\sim L_1 = \{w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \text{ but not in } L_1\} = \Sigma^* - L_1$

Kleen closure:  $L^* = L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup \dots$  i.e., zero or more concatenations of  $L$ .

$\Rightarrow L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$   
 $L^1 = L$   
 $L^2 = L \cdot L$  (concatenation)

Positive closure:  $L^+ = L^* - L^0$  i.e., one or more concatenations of  $L$ .





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Q: Consider the following language  $L = \{a^i b^j \mid i = j > 0\}$

✓ which of the following represents complementation of  $L$

a)  $L = \{a^i b^j \mid i \neq j > 0\}$

b)  $L = \{a^i b^j \mid i \neq j \geq 0\}$

c)  $L = \{w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^+ \text{ and } w \text{ contains unequal no of a's, b's}\}$

✓ d) None of the above.

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Correct answer is d

~~$L = \{w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^+ \text{ and } w \text{ contains unequal}$~~

✓

Q: Consider the following lang over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . which of

the following is true

(i)  $L_1 = \{w \mid w \text{ no}(w) = n_1(w)\}$

where  $n_0$  = no of zeroes in  $w$

$n_1$  = no of ones in  $w$

(ii)  $L_2 = \{w \mid w \text{ contains all strings } \{0, 1\}^*\}$

(iii)  $L_3 = \{w \mid w \text{ contains all palindromes over } \{0, 1\}^*\}$

(iv)

a) Find the no of strings of length 4 common in all three lang. - 2 (1001, 0110)

b) which one of the following relationship true of these lang

2)  $L_1 \subseteq L_2 \subseteq L_3$

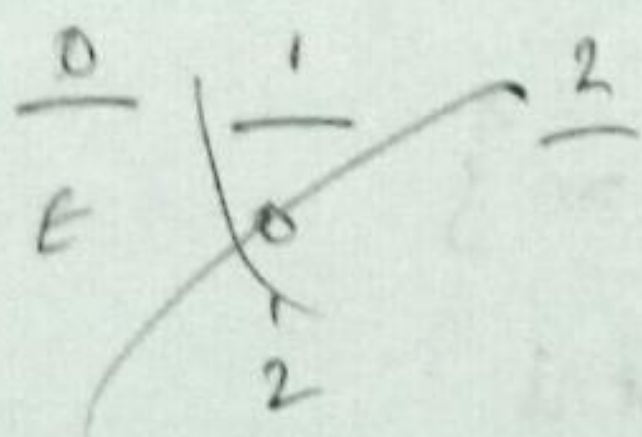
3)  $L_2 \subseteq L_1 \subseteq L_3$

4)  $L_2 \subseteq L_3 \subseteq L_1$

✓ d) None of the above



Q: Consider  $L = \{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid i+j+k > 0\}$ . No. of possible strings of length 2 or less.


$$\frac{0}{00120}$$

not valid

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$0^1 1^0 2^0$  (not valid)

 $0^{\circ}1'20'' \text{ (N.V.)}$  $0^0 1^0 2^1 (N, V)$ 

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 $0^2 1^0 2^0 \text{ (A.V.)}$ 
$$O^0, 2^0 (N.V)$$
 $\text{O}^0\text{O}_2^2(\text{N}_2)$ 

Ans: 0

Q: Let  $w$  be the string of length  $n$  and  $w$  contains diff symbols. How many non empty substring string are possible with  $w$ ?

- (a)  $2^n$

- $$b) 2n$$

- c)  $n+1$

- $$\checkmark d) \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

check computing substring  
by removing prefixes

Sol.

No. of substring of length 'n' = 21

0-1 = 00

$$n-1 = 2$$

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$$2 = n-1$$

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$$\text{Sum} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Q: Set of all strings of length  $n$  can have how many substrings

Ans:  $(n+1)$  to  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$

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4

when all symbols  
are equal

when all symbols are distinct.



Q: If  $L^* = L^0 + L^1 + L^2 + \dots$  then  $L^+ =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(✓)

- a)  $L^* + \epsilon$
- b)  $L^* + L$
- c)  $L^*$
- d) None

Sol:

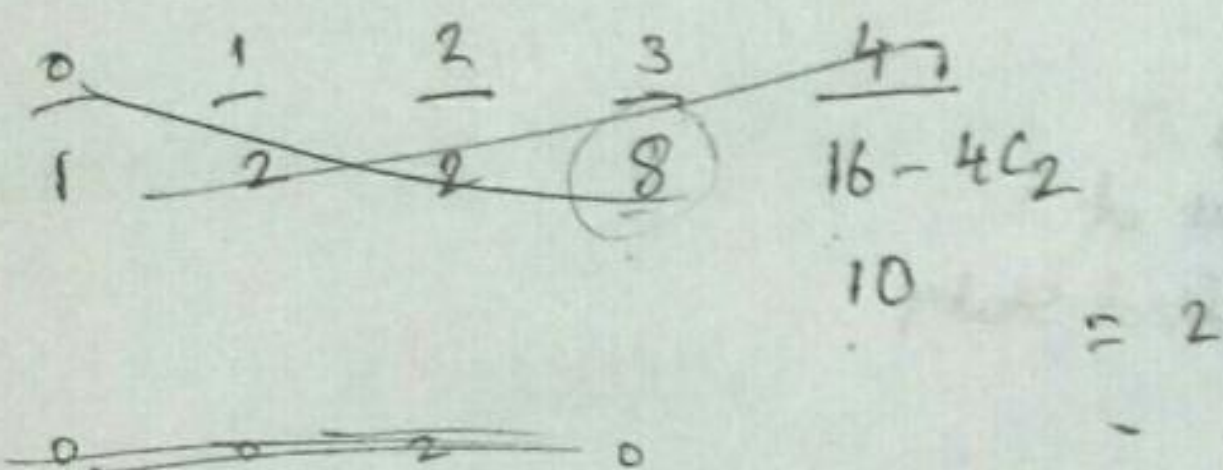
$$L^+ = L(\epsilon + L + L^2 + L^3 + \dots)$$

$$= L + L^2 + L^3 + \dots = L^+$$

Q: Let  $L = \{w \mid w \in \{0,1\}^* \text{ and } N_0(w) \neq N_1(w)\}$

(✓)

Find the strings of length 4 or less. in  $L$ .



Method 1:

For  $L$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 8 & 16-4C_2 \\ & & & & = 10 \end{array}$$

$$= 22$$

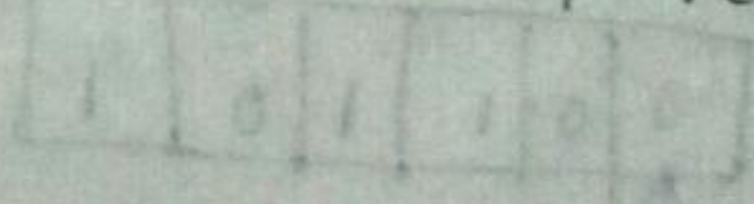
$$\text{Total no of string of length 4 or less} = 2^5 - 1 = 31 (2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^4 = 2^{4+1} - 1)$$

$$\therefore \text{Ans} = 31 - 22 = 9$$

Method 2:

Directly compute  $L^+$

$$L^+ = \{ \epsilon, 00, 11, 0011, 1010, 1100, 0101, 1001, 0110 \} \rightarrow 9$$



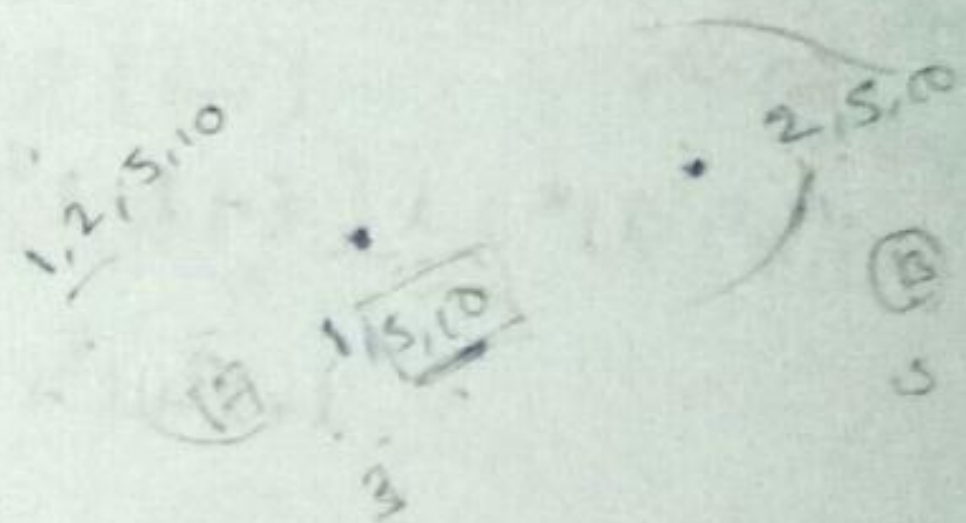


Q: A lang defined over a alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and every  $w$  length is 4 such that first place, 4th place and last place are 1's. Find no. of string in lang.

sol:

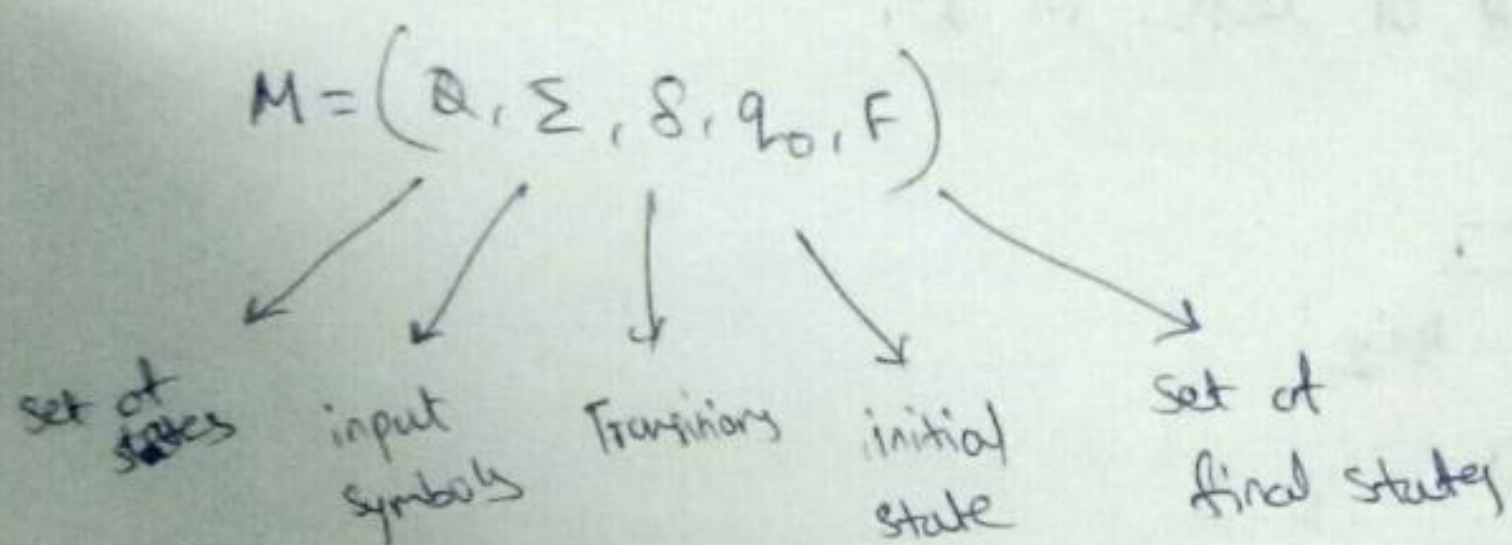
$$1 \_ \_ \_ 1$$

$$2^4 = 16$$



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### Finite Automata:



→ can be represented by (i) state diagram/transition diagram/transition system  
(ii) state table/transition table

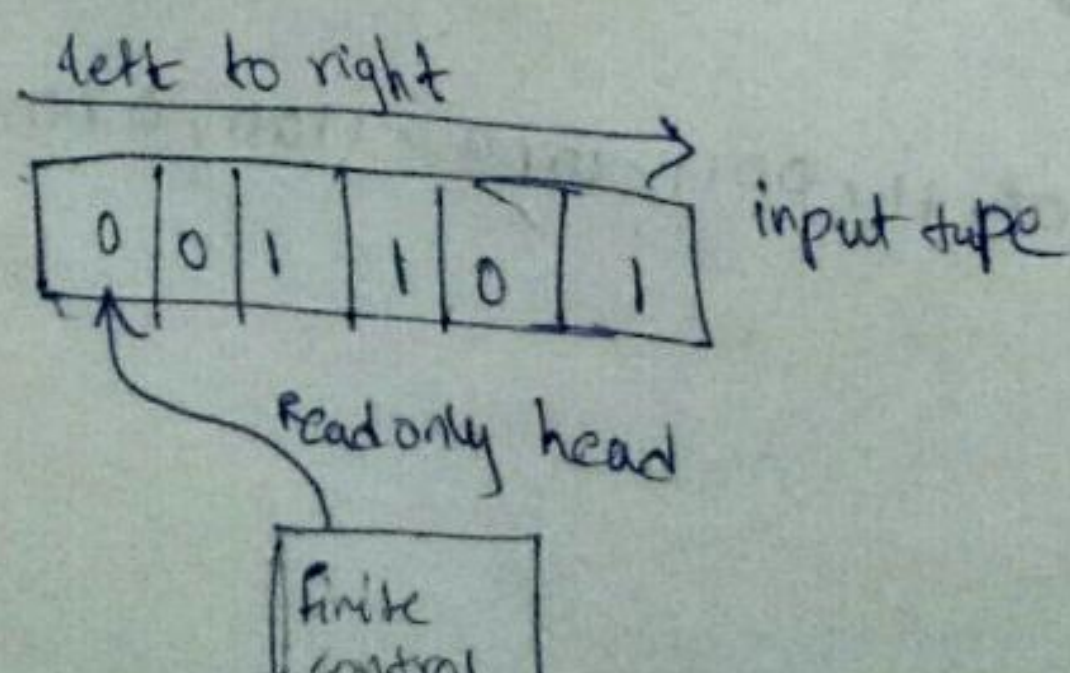
→ FA is a mathematical system consists of 5 tuples

→  $\rightarrow$  initial state

$\odot$  final state

→ Although there are many applications with the F.A, the main obj of the FA is to perform certain computational operations in the computer science. The following is finite automata to identify whether binary number has odd zeroes or even zeroes

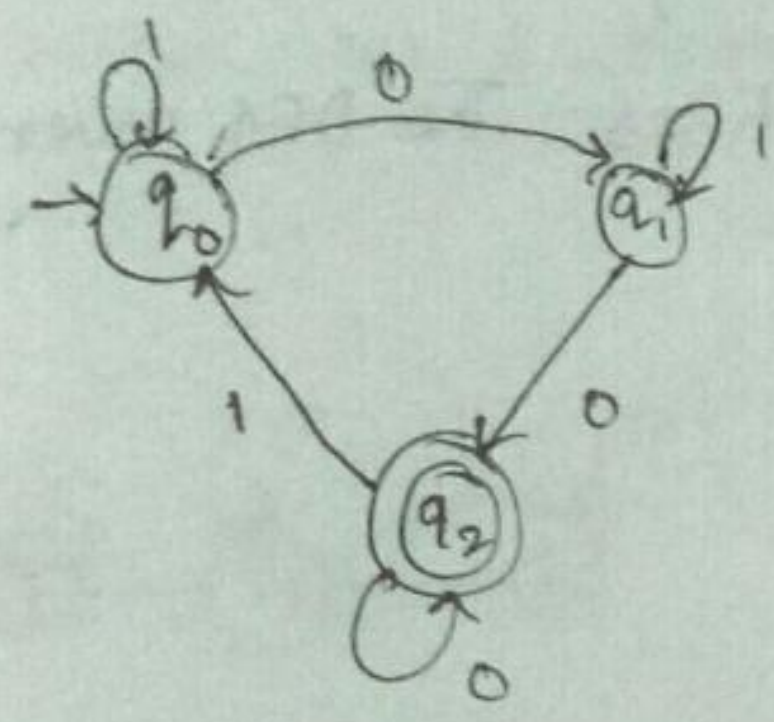
Block diagram:





A F.A's basic obj is recognition of string. A string  $w$  is said to be accepted by F.A if and only if a machine terminated at final state by reading the last symbol in  $w$ . In other words a string  $w$  said to be accepted by F.A  $\Leftrightarrow \delta(q_0, w) = p$  for some 'p' in 'F'.

Q: Consider below F.A



101010

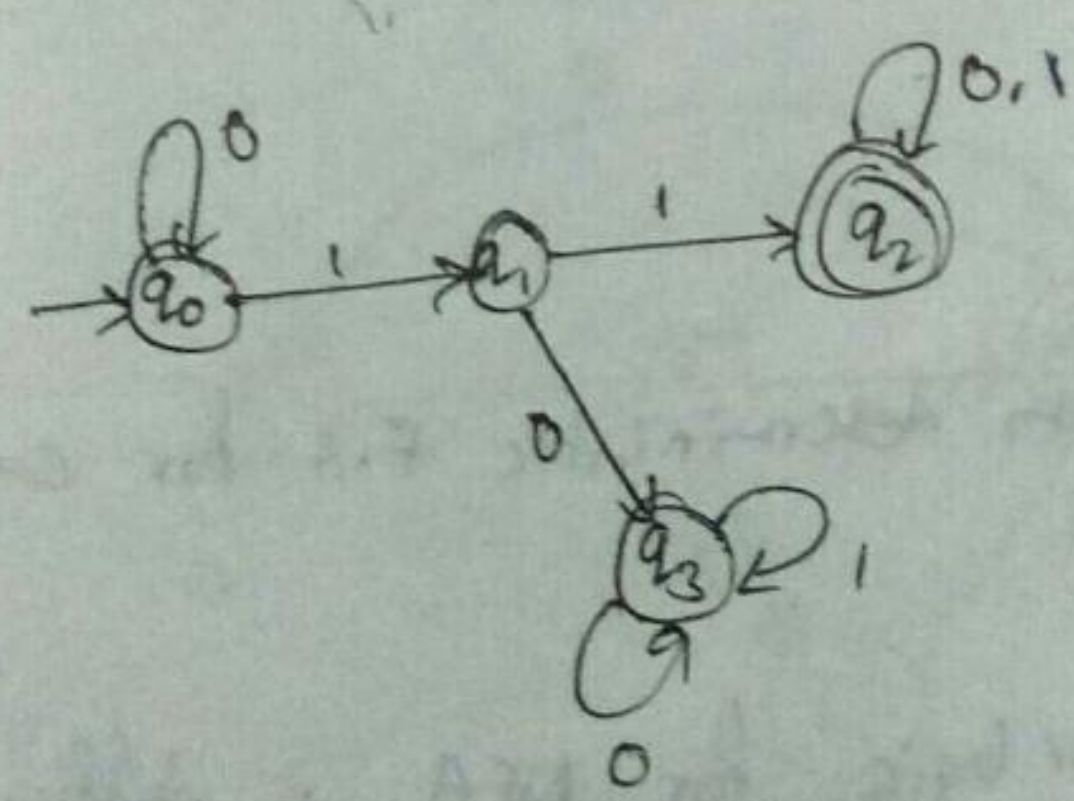
check whether the following strings are recognised by the F.A or not

✓ a) 101110

✗ b) 010101

✗ c) 1001

Q: Consider following F.A



✗ a) 010010

✗ b) 1000110

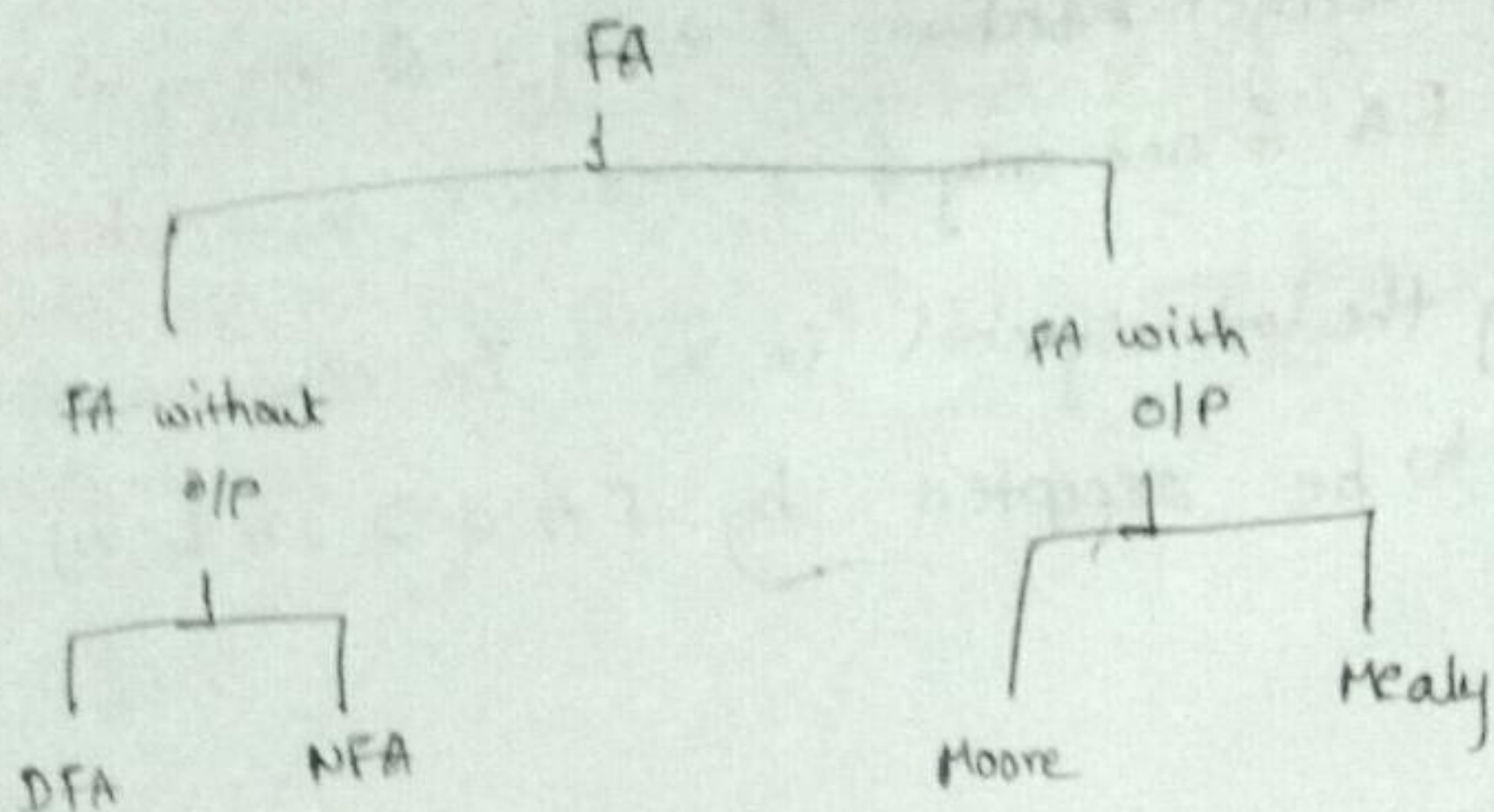
✗ c) 0101110

✗ d) 100111001

$$L(M) = \{ 11, 011, 110, 111, 0011, 0110, \dots \}$$

→ language of M can be defined as set of all strings over  $\{0,1\}$  with any zeros followed by 2 consecutive 1's followed by any combination





### DFA:

- In DFA for i/p symbol there exist exactly one transition
- The state table of DFA consists of single entities. The DFA never permits  $\epsilon$  transitions.

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

### NFA:

- It is a 5 tuple system

$$M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$\delta$ : defined as

$$Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$$

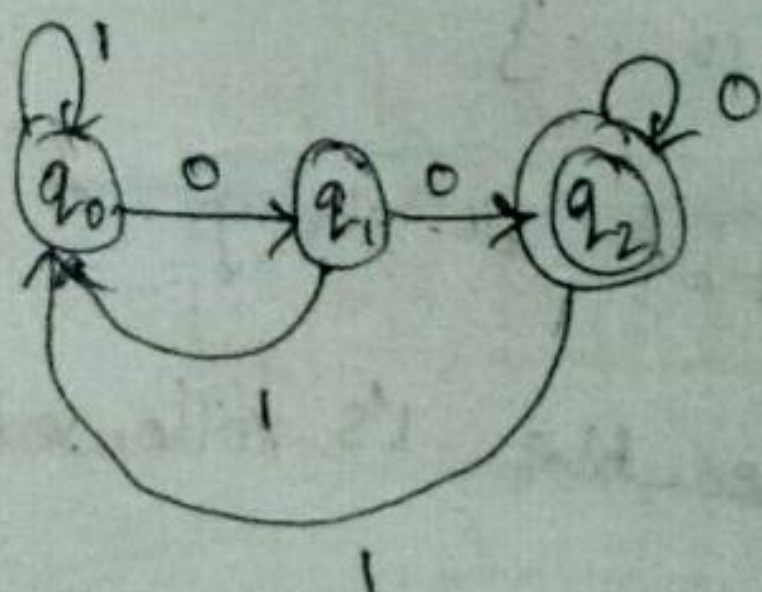
- For each i/p symbol of NFA there may exist one or more transitions.
- The state table of NFA consists of multiply defined entries. The NFA may also permits  $\epsilon$ -transitions.

- All NFA are generally translated into deterministic F.A for easy <sup>secured</sup> implementation.

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i.e., developing a mechanism or logic for NFA is difficult than that of DFA. Hence we do translate NFAs to DFAs.

Ex: Design a DFA to recognise set of all strings over  $\{0,1\}$  ending with 00

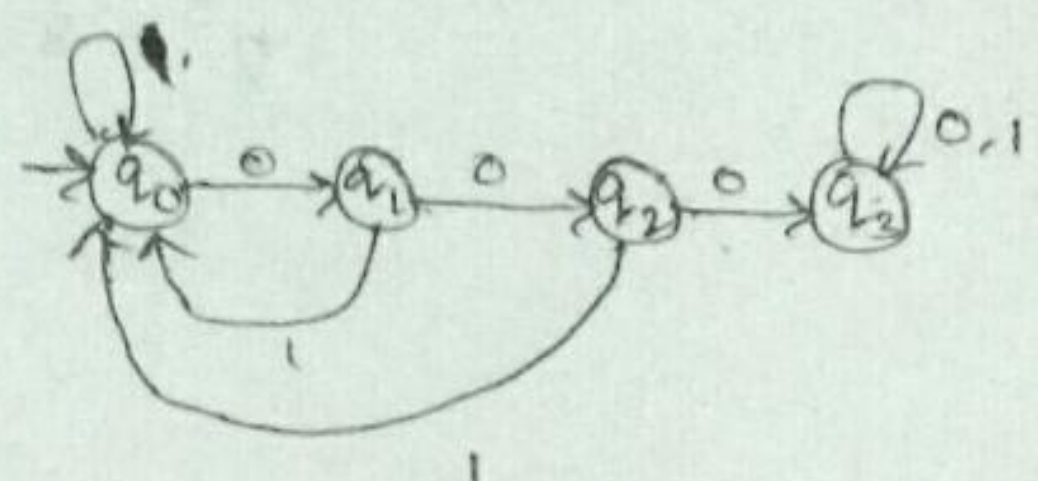


$$L = \{00, 000, 100, 0000, 0100, 1000, 1100, \dots\}$$

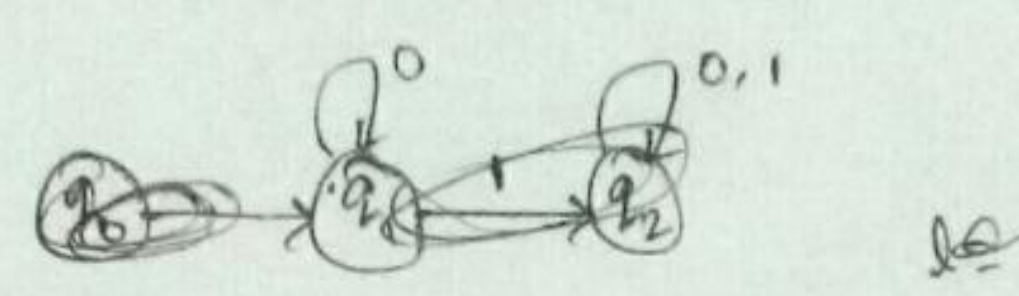


Q: Design a DFA to recognise set of all strings containing the substring '000'.

$L = \{ 000, 1000, 0000, 0001, 10001, \dots \}$



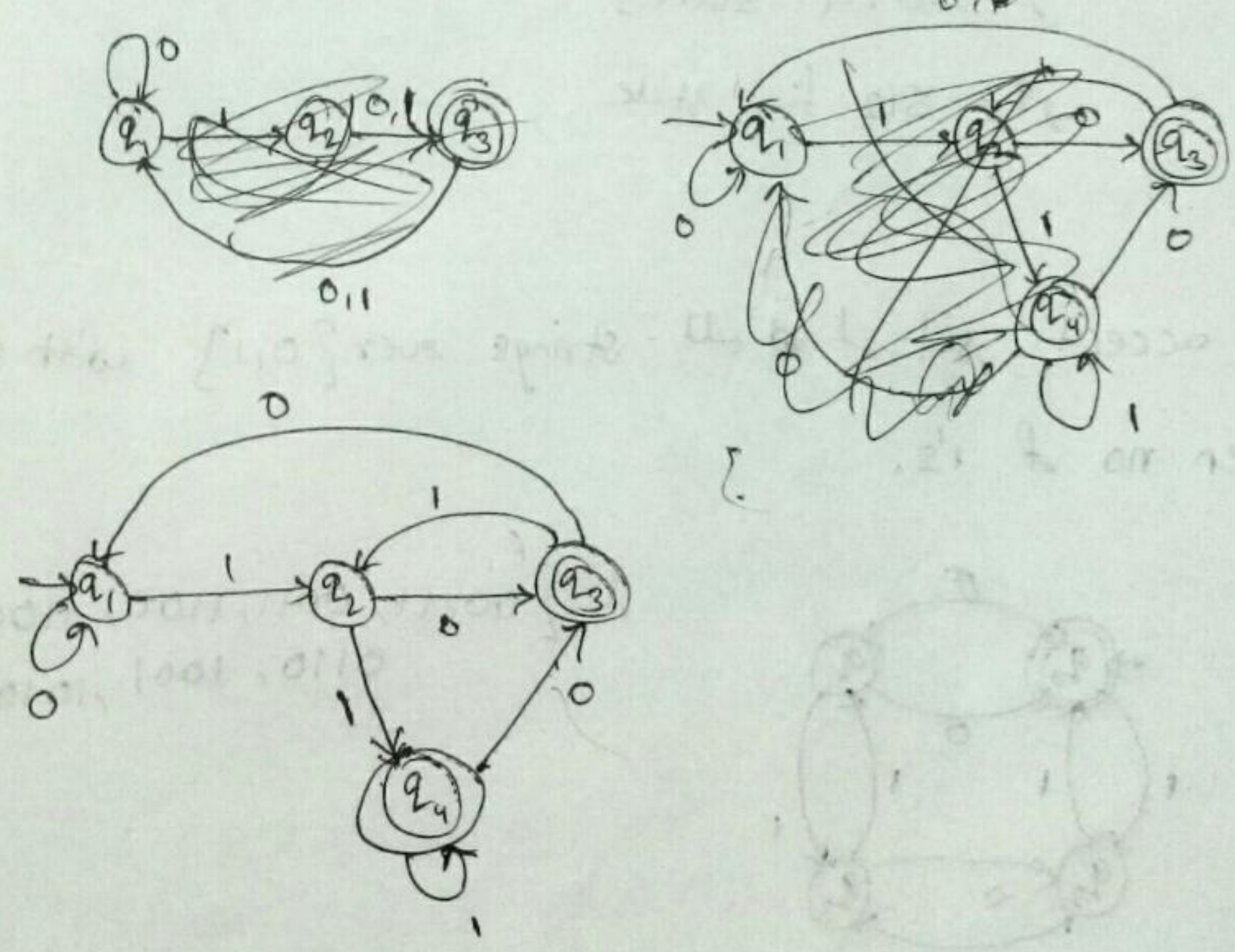
Q: DFA to accept set of strings over  $\{0,1\}$  such that 10th symbol from right end is '1'.



First design DFA such that 2nd symbol from right end is '1'.

$L = \{ 10, 11, 110, 111, 010, 011, \dots \}$

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|                   | 0     | 1     |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| $\rightarrow q_0$ | $q_0$ | $q_1$ |
| $q_1$             | $q_2$ | $q_3$ |
| $q_2$             | $q_0$ | $q_1$ |
| $q_3$             | $q_2$ | $q_3$ |

General Method :

$2^n - 1$  corresponds to nth digit from right side  
 $\Rightarrow 2$  kind states  
 $2^n \rightarrow$  states



lets design for 1 at 3<sup>rd</sup> place from right end.

$$2^{2-1} = 4 \text{ final state}$$

$$2^3 = 8 \text{ states}$$

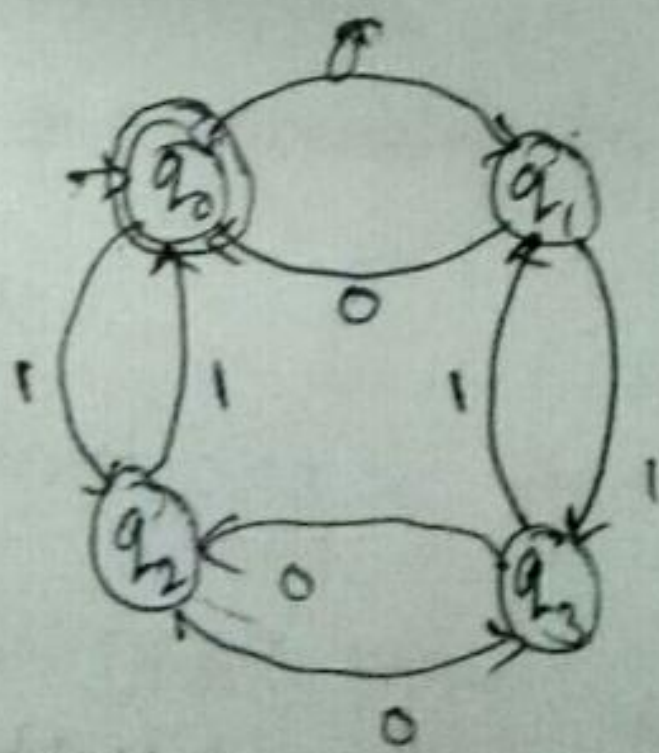
|         | 0     | 1     |
|---------|-------|-------|
| $q_0$   | $q_0$ | $q_1$ |
| $q_1$   | $q_2$ | $q_3$ |
| $q_2$   | $q_4$ | $q_5$ |
| $q_3$   | $q_6$ | $q_7$ |
| $q_4^*$ | $q_0$ | $q_1$ |
| $q_5^*$ | $q_2$ | $q_3$ |
| $q_6^*$ | $q_4$ | $q_5$ |
| $q_7^*$ | $q_6$ | $q_7$ |

for 1 at 10<sup>th</sup> place from right end

$$2^{10} = 1024 \text{ states}$$

$$2^9 = 512 \text{ final state}$$

Q: to accept set of all strings over  $\{0,1\}$  with even no of 0's & even no of 1's.



$$L = \{ \epsilon, 00, 11, 0011, 1100, 110011, 001100, 000011, 0110, 1001, 10100101 \}$$

In above fig if  $q_1$  is final state  $\rightarrow$  odd 0's even 1's  
 $q_2$  is final state  $\rightarrow$  even 0's odd 1's  
 $q_3$  is final state  $\rightarrow$  odd 0's odd 1's