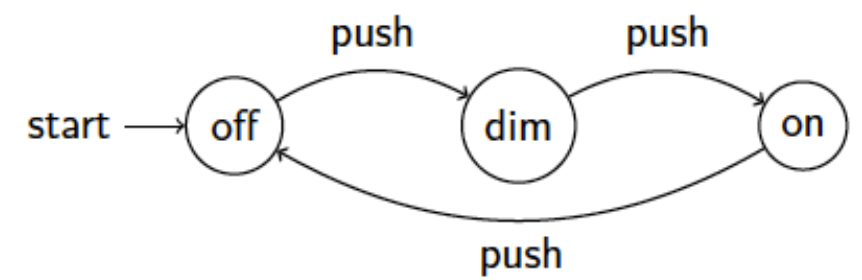


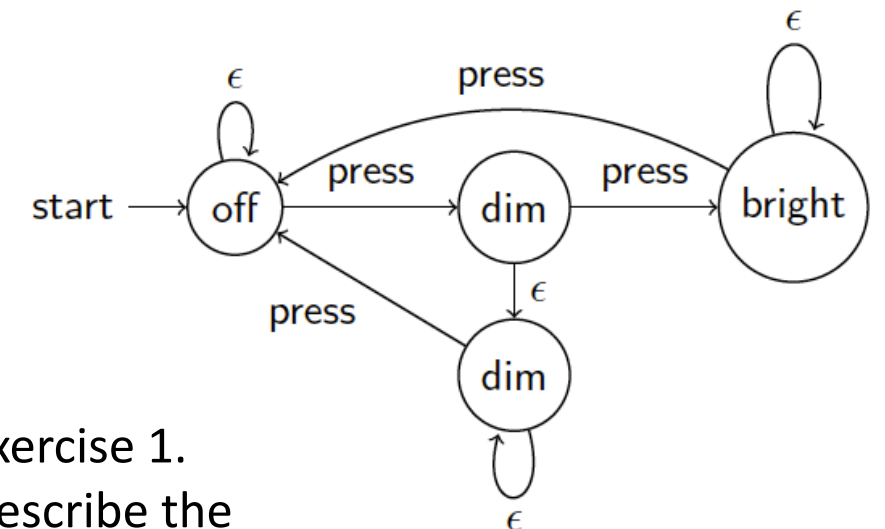
# Alphabets, Strings and Languages

- An *alphabet*  $\Sigma$  is a set of symbols (or letters)
- A *string*  $w = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  is a sequence of symbols from  $\Sigma$
- The empty string is written  $\epsilon$
- A language  $L$  is a set of strings over  $\Sigma$ , that is, a subset of  $\Sigma^*$ 
  - It includes the empty language:  $\emptyset$
  - It includes the language of the empty string:  $\{\epsilon\}$



$\Sigma = \{\text{push}\}$

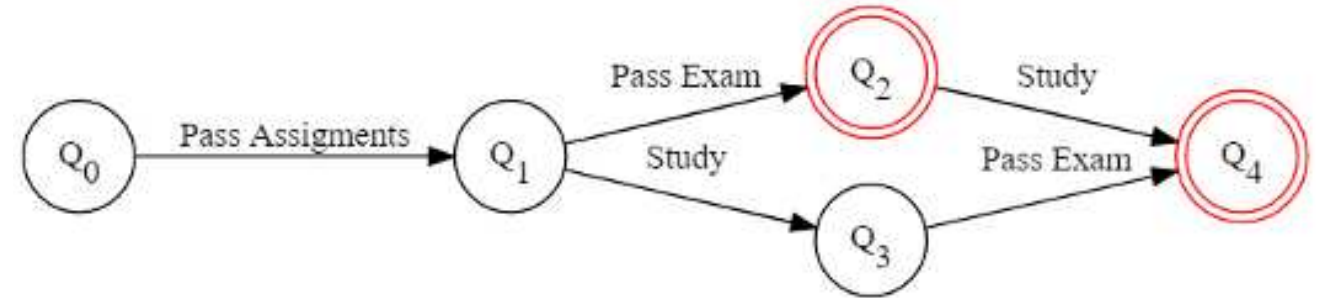
$w_1 = \text{push, push};$   
 $w_2 = \text{push, push, push};$   
 $w_3 =$   
 $\text{push, push, push, push, push, push};$   
...



Exercise 1.  
Describe the  
language of this  
automaton

# How does a DFA define a language?

- Consider a string  $w$
- Start in the initial state  $Q_0$
- Read the first symbol, say *Pass Assignments*, of  $w$
- Determine the new state  $Q_1 = \delta(Q_0, \textit{Pass Assignments})$
- Read the second symbol, say *Pass Exam*, of  $w$
- Determine the new state  $Q_2 = \delta(Q_1, \textit{Pass Exam})$
- ...
- Let  $Q_k$  be the state obtained after having read the last symbol of  $w$
- If  $Q_k$  is in  $F$  then accept  $w$ ; otherwise reject  $w$

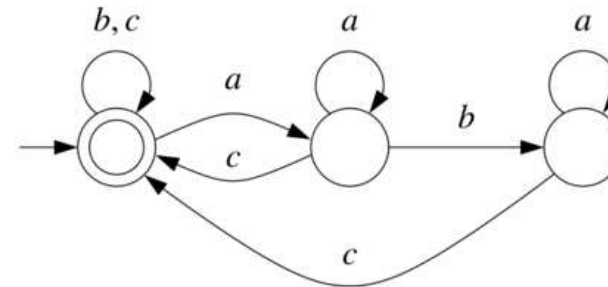
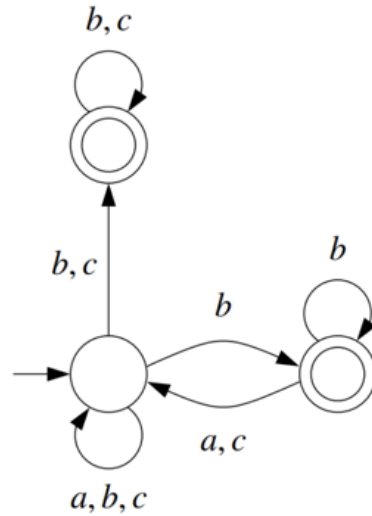
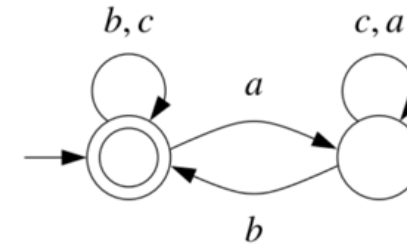
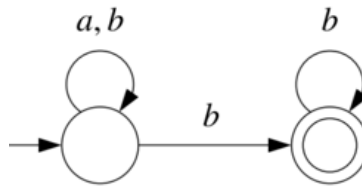
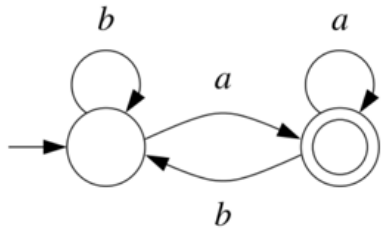


## Exercise 2:

How many words exist in the language above?

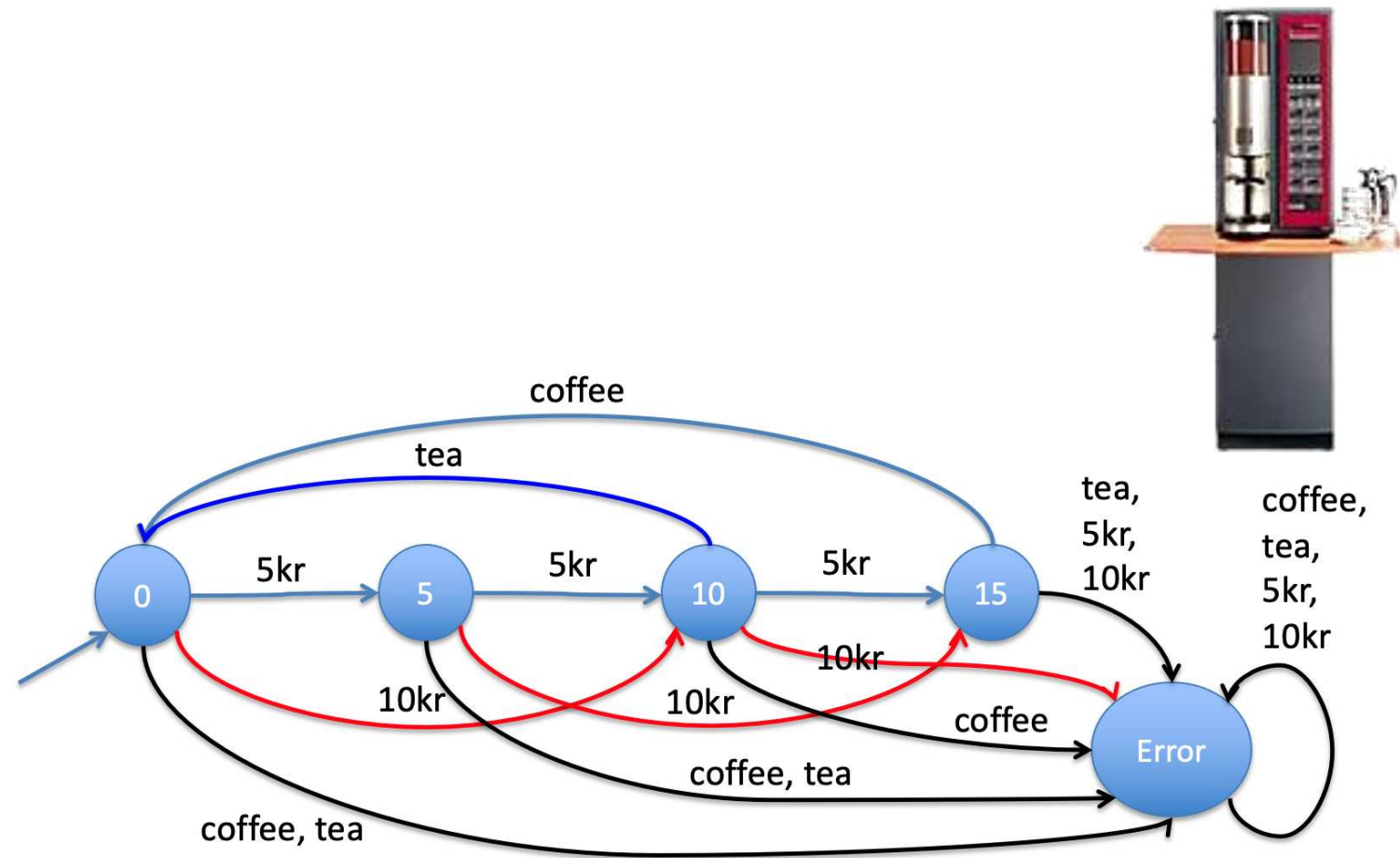
## Exercise 3

- Describe in natural language the following automata



## Exercise 4

- In the programming language of your choice, implement the following vending machine



## Exercise 5

- Extend the vending machine:
  - To offer chocolate for 20kr.
  - To accept coins of 20kr.

## Exercise 6 2x2 puzzle

- Model the  $2 \times 2$  puzzle, the simplest form of the  $N \times N$  puzzle ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/15\\_puzzle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/15_puzzle)) with a DFA. Which sequences of transitions help you solve the puzzle?