

CS321 Introduction to Theory of Computation
Assignment No. 2, Due: Friday February 2, 2024

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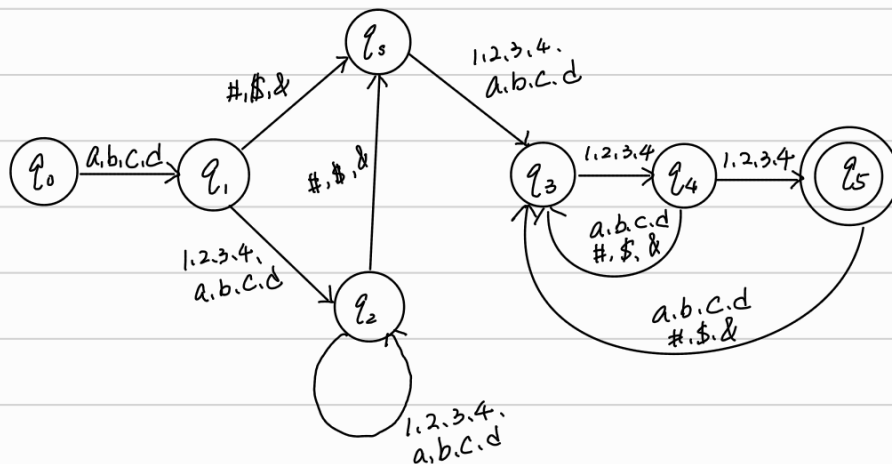
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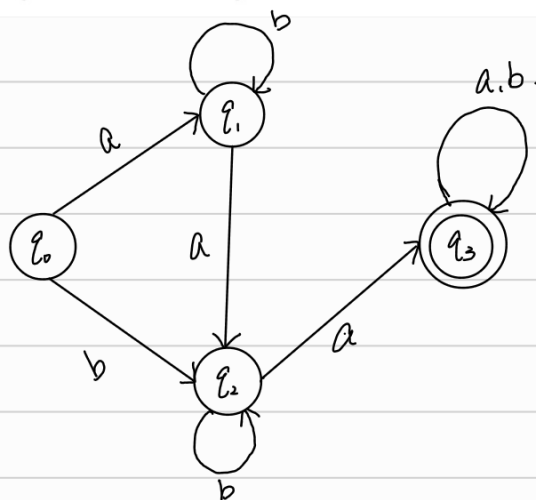
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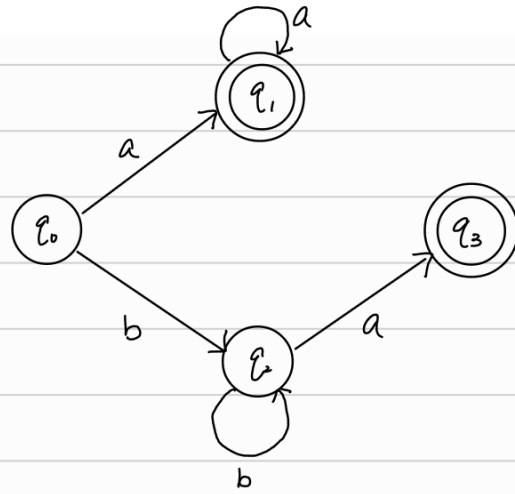
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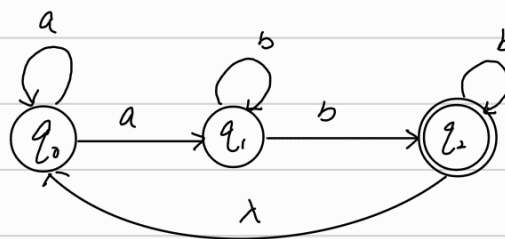
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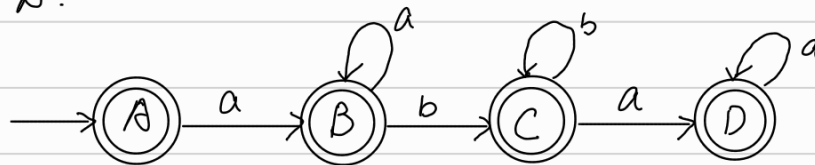
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Given NFA.:



DFA.



5. Show that if L is regular, so is L^R .

- ① Express L as a regular expression: Since L is regular, there exists a regular expression r
- ② Reverse the order of the symbols and operations in r to get a new regular expression r'
- ③ Show that r' generates L^R , it can be proven that for any regular expression r , $L(r') = (L(r))^R$. The reversed regular expression r' generates the reversal of the language generated by r
- ④ Since r' generates L^R , and regular expressions are closed under reversal, so we can calculate that L^R is also regular.