

# 第 3 章 正则语言

(Part 1 of 3)

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  - ***Pushdown automata*** 下推自动机
  - ***Linear-bounded automata*** 线性有界自动机
  - ***Turing machine*** 图灵机

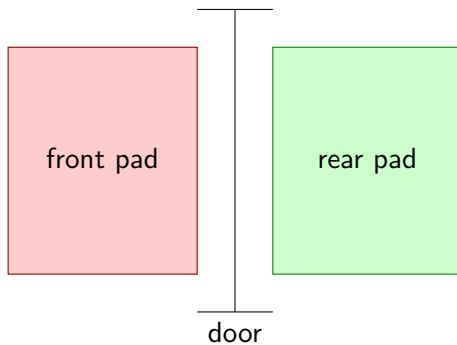
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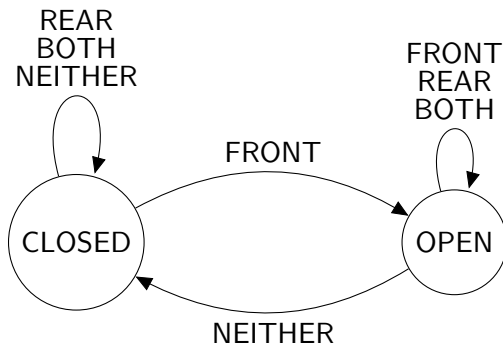
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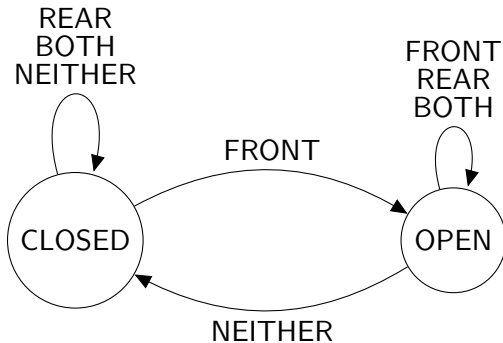


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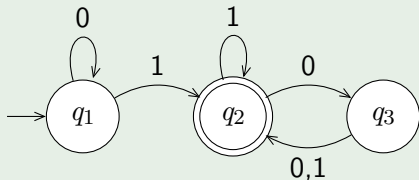


input signal

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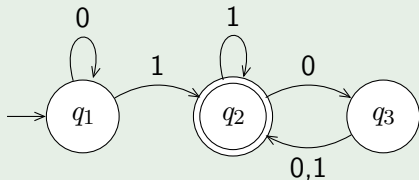
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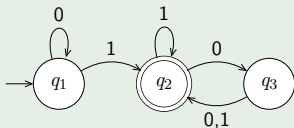
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- the **state diagram** of  $M_1$
- three **states**:  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ , and  $q_3$
- the **start state**:  $q_1$
- the **accept state**:  $q_2$
- **transitions**: the arrows going from one state to another

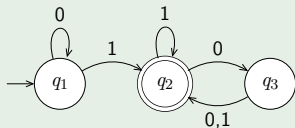
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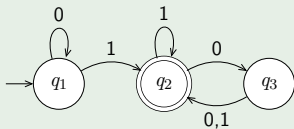
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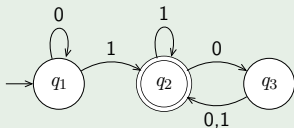


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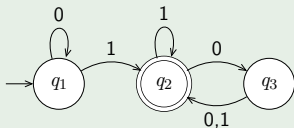


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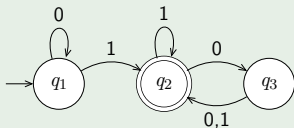
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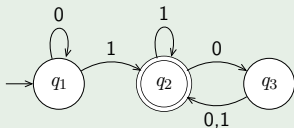


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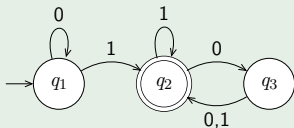


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- ➏ **Accept** because  $M_1$  is in an accept state  $q_2$  at the end of the input

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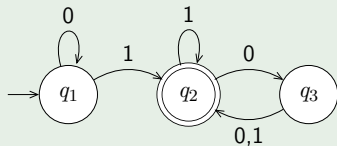
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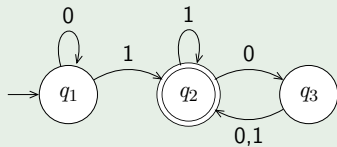
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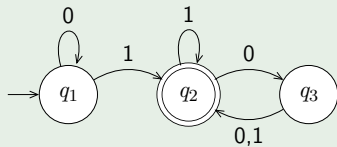
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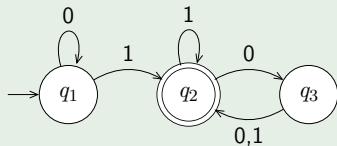


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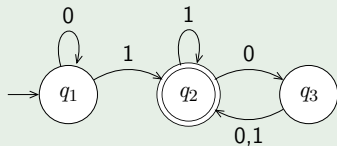


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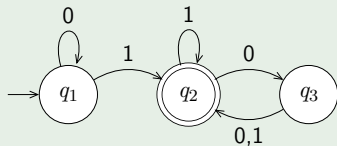


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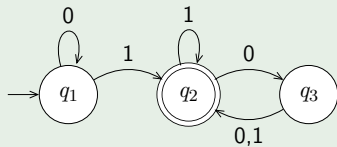
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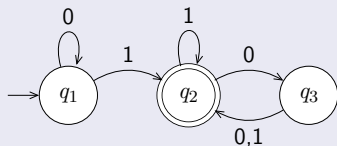
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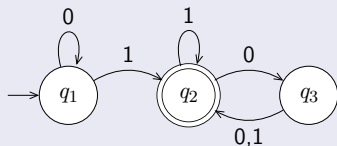
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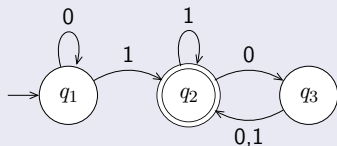
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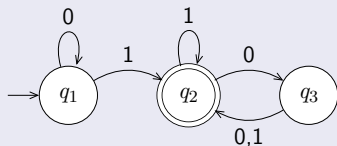
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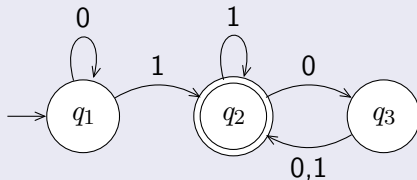
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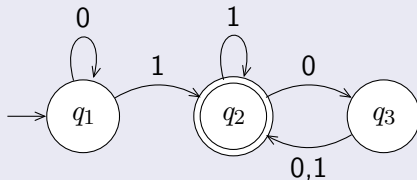
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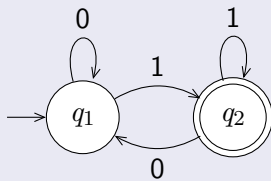
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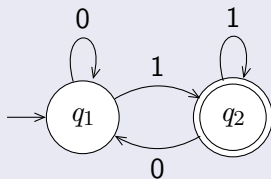
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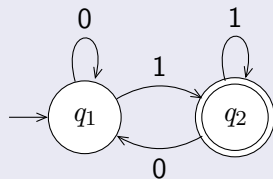
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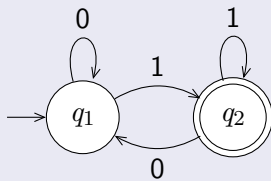
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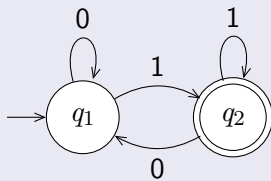
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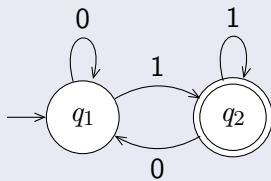
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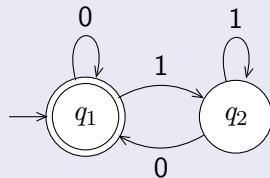
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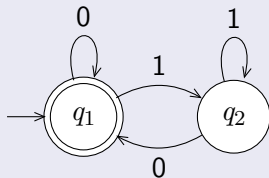
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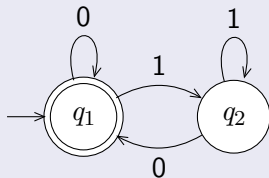
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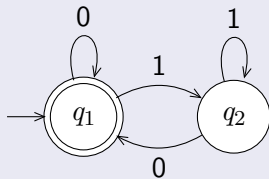
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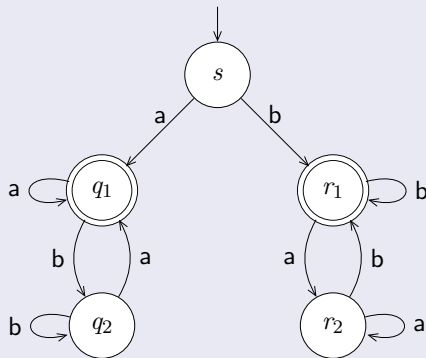
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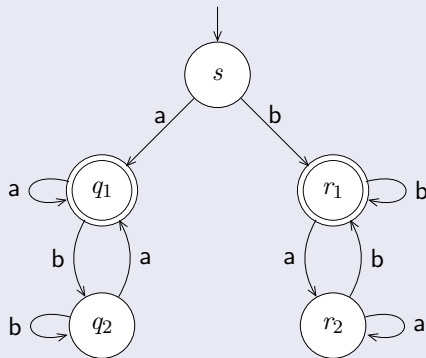
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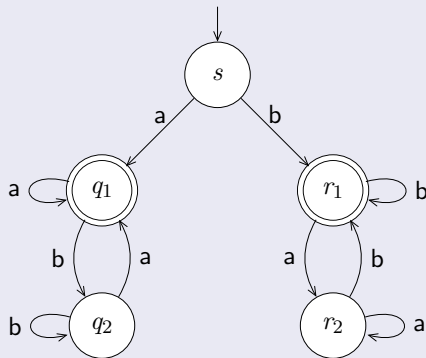
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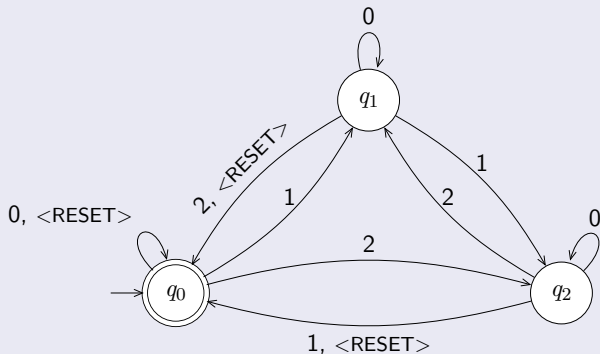
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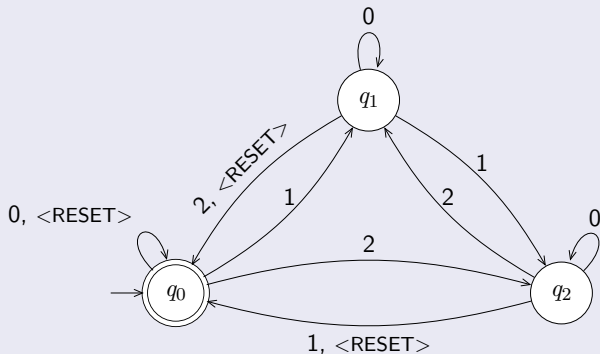
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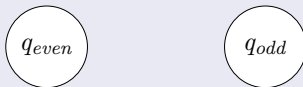
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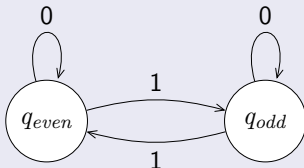


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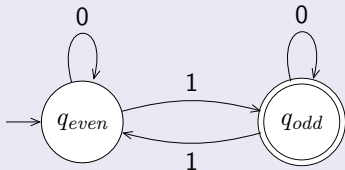


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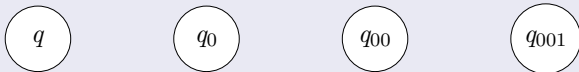
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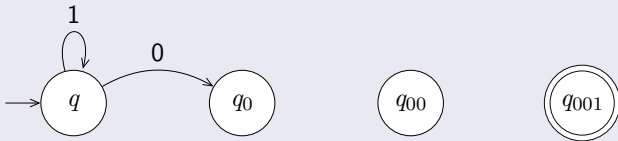


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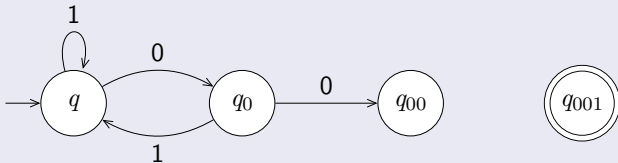


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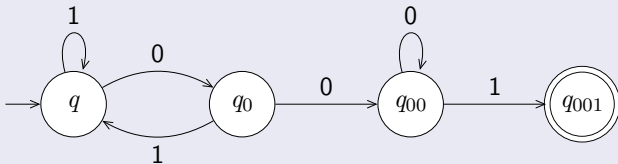


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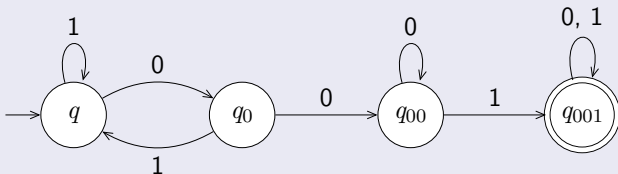


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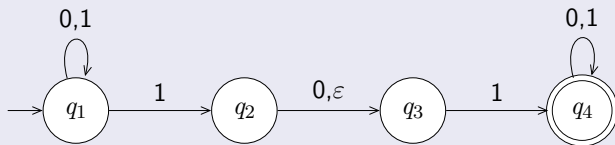
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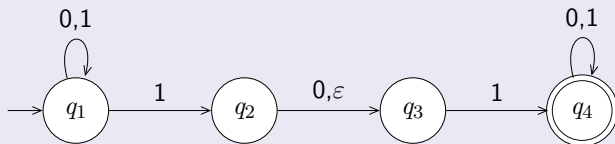
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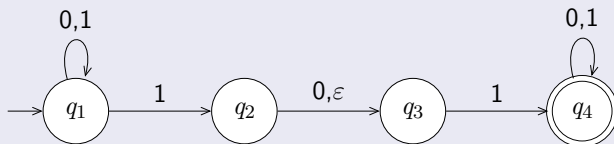
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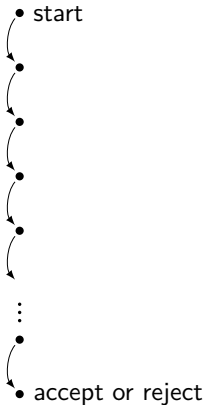
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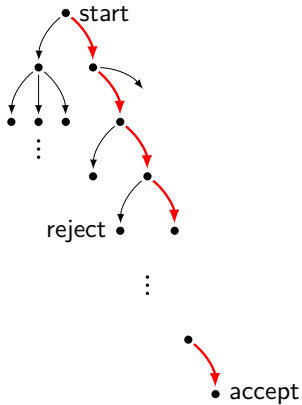
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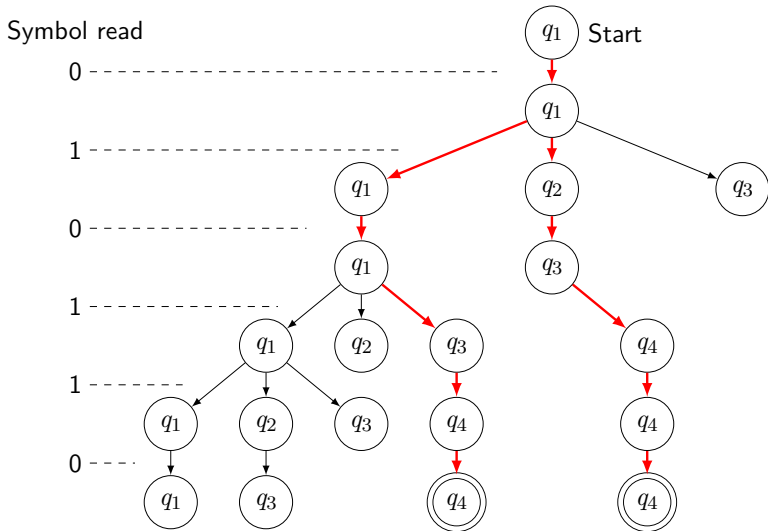
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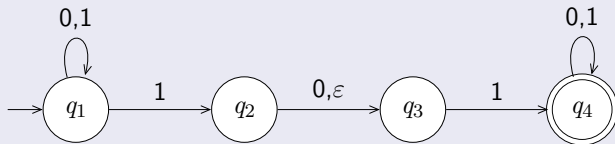
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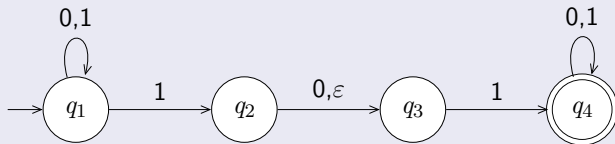


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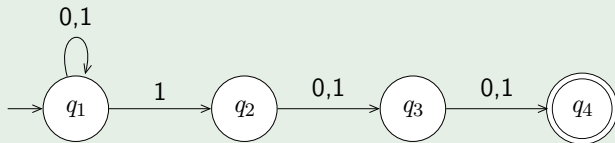
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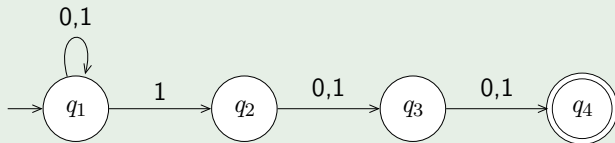
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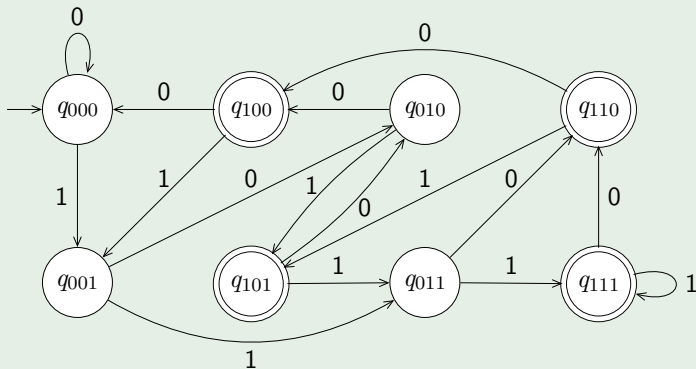


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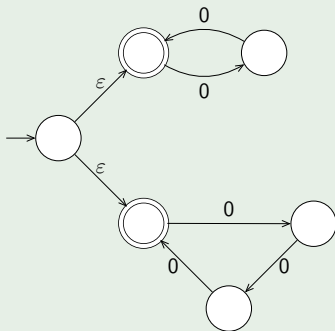
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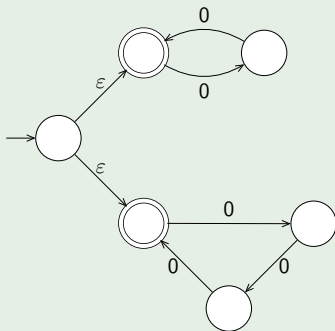
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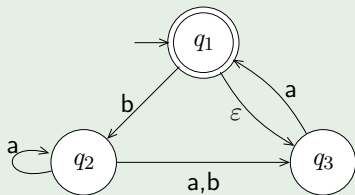
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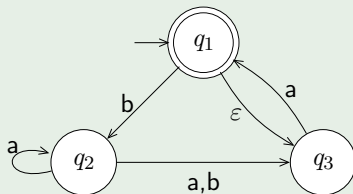
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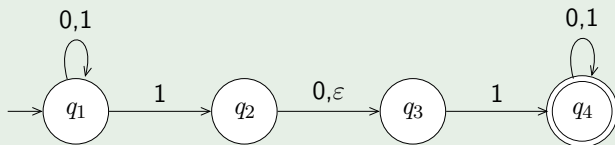
A **nondeterministic finite automaton** (NFA) is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , where

- 1  $Q$  is a finite set of states,
- 2  $\Sigma$  is a finite alphabet,
- 3  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_{\varepsilon} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$  is the transition function,
- 4  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state, and
- 5  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states.

- $\mathcal{P}(Q)$  is the power set of  $Q$
- $\Sigma_{\varepsilon} = \Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\}$

# Example: The Formal Definition of NFA $N_1$

例 (Recall the NFA  $N_1$ )



$N_1 = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F)$ , where

- $Q = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
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	0	1	$\epsilon$
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# Formal Definition of Computation for an NFA

- Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be an NFA.
- Let  $w$  be a string over  $\Sigma$ .
- Then  $N$  **accepts**  $w$  if we can write  $w$  as  $w = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n$ , where  $a_i \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$  and a sequence of states  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_n$  exists in  $Q$  with three conditions:
  - 1  $r_0 = q_0$
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- We construct a DFA  $M = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q'_0, F')$  recognizing  $A$ .
- Before doing the full construction, let's first consider the easier case wherein  $N$  has no  $\varepsilon$  arrows. Later we take the  $\varepsilon$  arrows into account.



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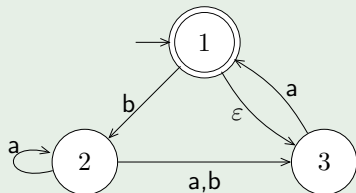
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- $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$
- $\delta$
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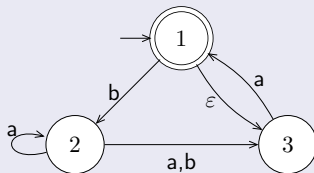


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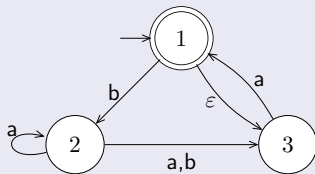
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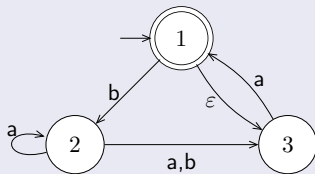


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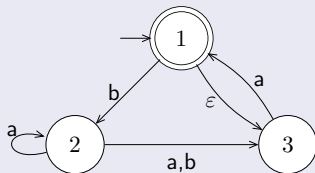


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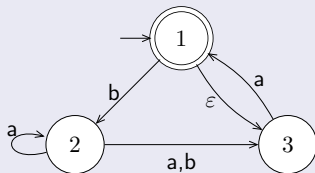


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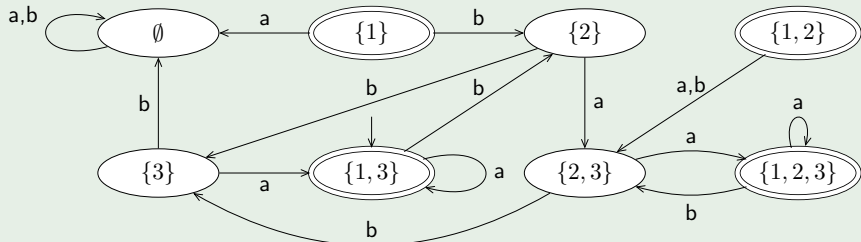


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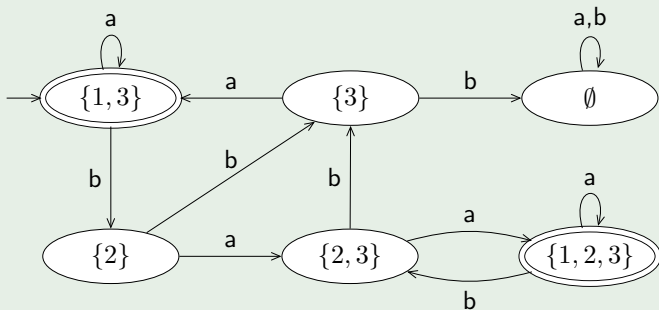
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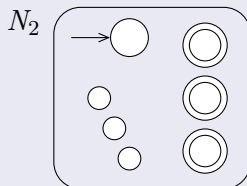
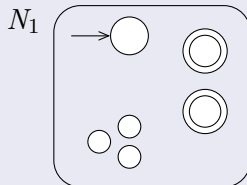
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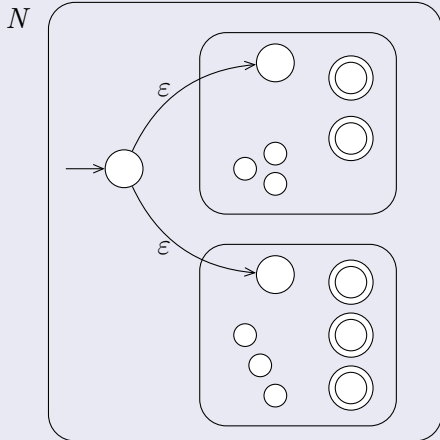
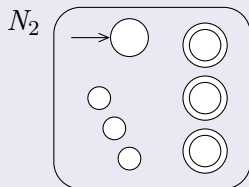
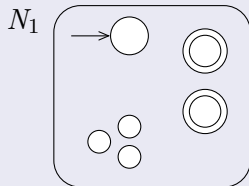
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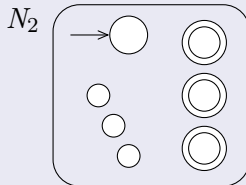
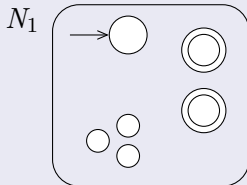
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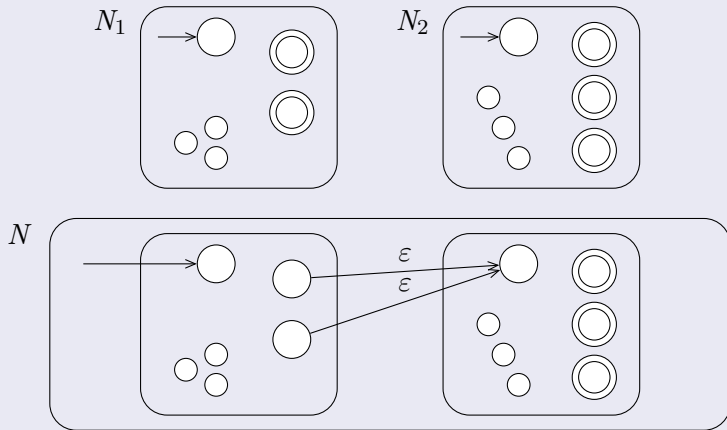
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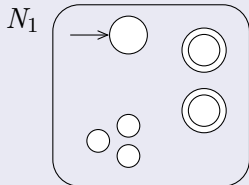
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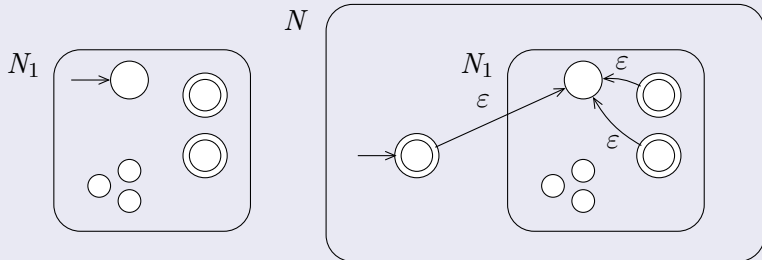
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