

is the set of all strings of 0's and 1's such that the DFA of Example 2.4, then $L(A)$ is the set of all strings of 0's and 1's are both even. \square

2.2.6 Exercises for Section 2.2

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Exercise 2.2.1: In Fig. 2.8 is a marble-rolling toy. A marble is dropped at A or B. Levers x_1 , x_2 , and x_3 cause the marble to fall either to the left or to the right. Whenever a marble encounters a lever, it causes the lever to reverse after the marble passes, so the next marble will take the opposite branch.

- * a) Model this toy by a finite automaton. Let the inputs A and B represent the input into which the marble is dropped. Let acceptance correspond to the marble exiting at D; nonacceptance represents a marble exiting at C.
- ! b) Informally describe the language of the automaton.
- c) Suppose that instead the levers switched *before* allowing the marble to pass. How would your answers to parts (a) and (b) change?

***! Exercise 2.2.2:** We defined $\hat{\delta}$ by breaking the input string into any string followed by a single symbol (in the inductive part, Equation 2.1). However, we informally think of $\hat{\delta}$ as describing what happens along a path with a certain string of labels, and if so, then it should not matter how we break the input string in the definition of $\hat{\delta}$. Show that in fact, $\hat{\delta}(q, xy) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q, x), y)$ for any state q and strings x and y .

Hint: Perform an induction on $|y|$.

! Exercise 2.2.3: Show that for any state q , string x , and input symbol a , $\hat{\delta}(q, ax) = \hat{\delta}(\hat{\delta}(q, a), x)$. *Hint:* Use Exercise 2.2.2.

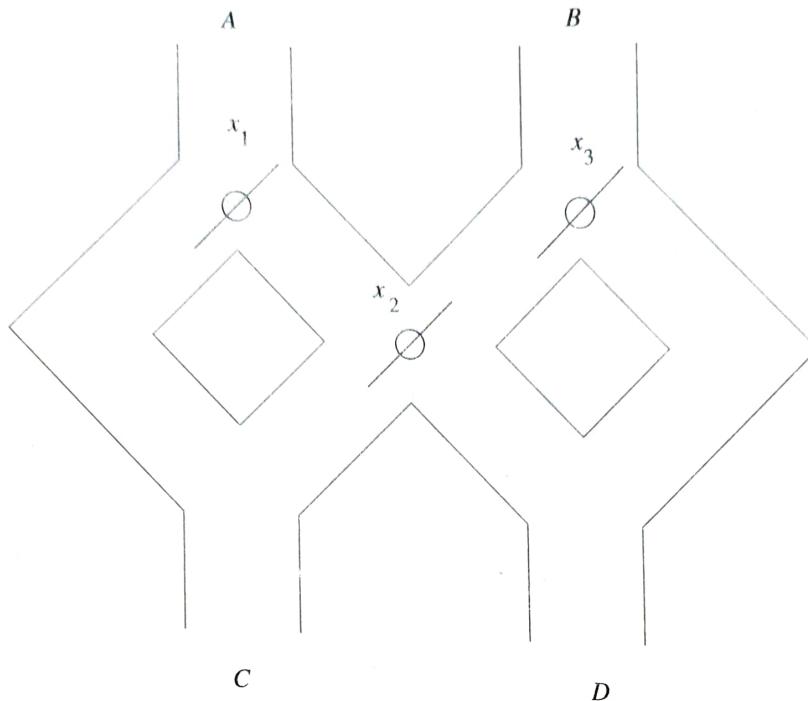


Figure 2.8: A marble-rolling toy

Exercise 2.2.4: Give DFA's accepting the following strings over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$:

- * a) The set of all strings beginning with 101.
 - b) The set of all strings containing 1101 as a substring.
 - c) The set of all strings with exactly three consecutive 0's.
- ! **Exercise 2.2.5:** Give DFA's accepting the following strings over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$:
- a) The set of all strings such that the number of 1's is even and the number of 0's is a multiple of 3.
 - b) The set of all strings not containing 110.
 - c) The set of all strings that begin with 01 and end with 11.
 - d) The set of all strings which when interpreted as a binary integer is a multiple of 3.

!! **Exercise 2.2.6:** Give DFA's accepting the following languages over the alphabet $\{0, 1\}$:

- * a) The set of all strings beginning with a 1 that, when interpreted as a binary integer, is a multiple of 5. For example, strings 101, 1010, and 1111 are in the language; 0, 100, and 111 are not.
- b) The set of all strings that, when interpreted *in reverse* as a binary integer, is divisible by 5. Examples of strings in the language are 0, 10011, 1001100, and 0101.

Exercise 2.2.7: Let A be a DFA and q a particular state of A , such that $\delta(q, a) = q$ for all input symbols a . Show by induction on the length of the input that for all input strings w , $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = q$.

Exercise 2.2.8: Let A be a DFA and a a particular input symbol of A , such that for all states q of A we have $\delta(q, a) = q$.

- a) Show by induction on n that for all $n \geq 0$, $\hat{\delta}(q, a^n) = q$, where a^n is the string consisting of n a 's.

- b) Show that either $\{a\}^* \subseteq L(A)$ or $\{a\}^* \cap L(A) = \emptyset$.

* **Exercise 2.2.9:** Let $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, \{q_f\})$ be a DFA, and suppose that for all a in Σ we have $\delta(q_0, a) = \delta(q_f, a)$.

- a) Show that for all $w \neq \epsilon$ we have $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) = \hat{\delta}(q_f, w)$.
- b) Show that if x is a nonempty string in $L(A)$, then for all $k > 0$, x^k (i.e., x written k times) is also in $L(A)$.

*! **Exercise 2.2.10:** Consider the DFA with the following transition table:

δ	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	B	A
$*B$	A	B

Informally describe the language accepted by this DFA, and prove by induction on the length of an input string that your description is correct. Hint: When setting up the inductive hypothesis, it is wise to make a statement about what inputs get you to each state, not just what inputs get you to the accepting state.

! **Exercise 2.2.11:** Repeat Exercise 2.2.10 for the following transition table:

δ	0	1
$\rightarrow A$	B	A
B	C	A
$*C$	C	C