



Theory of Computation

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Chapter-3: part1

Turing Machines

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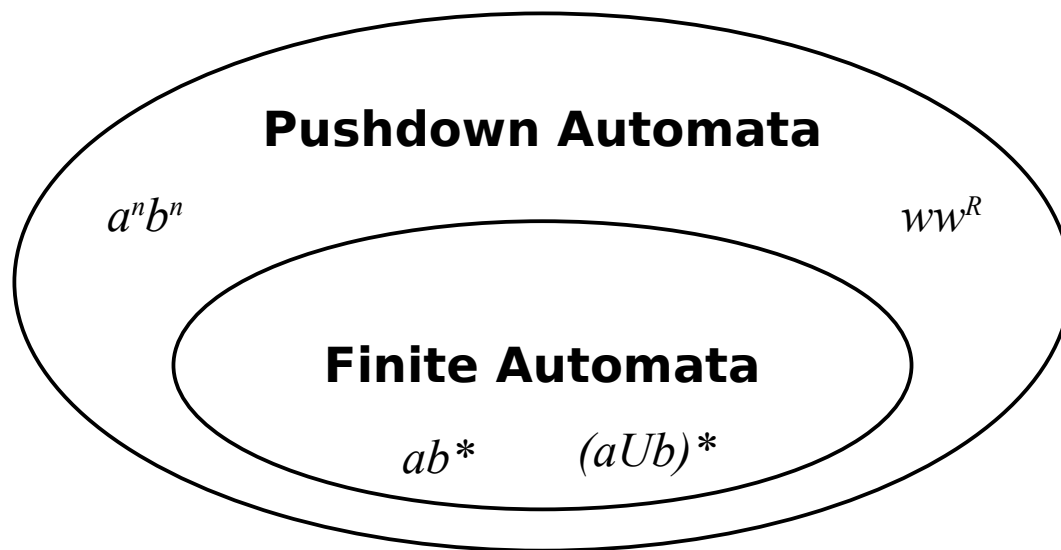
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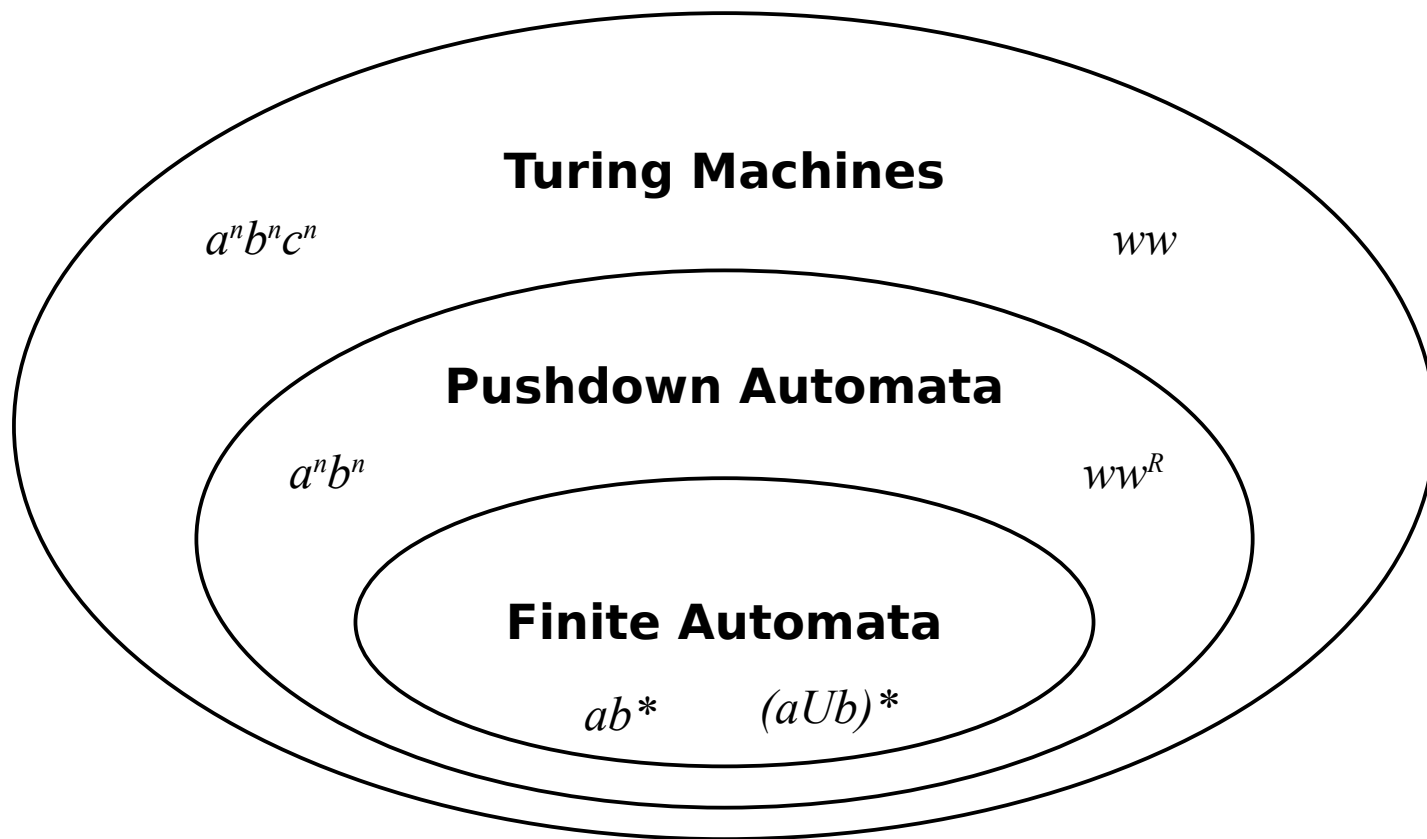
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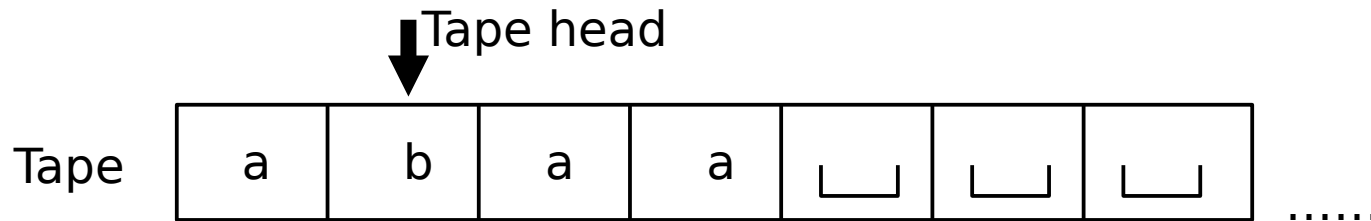
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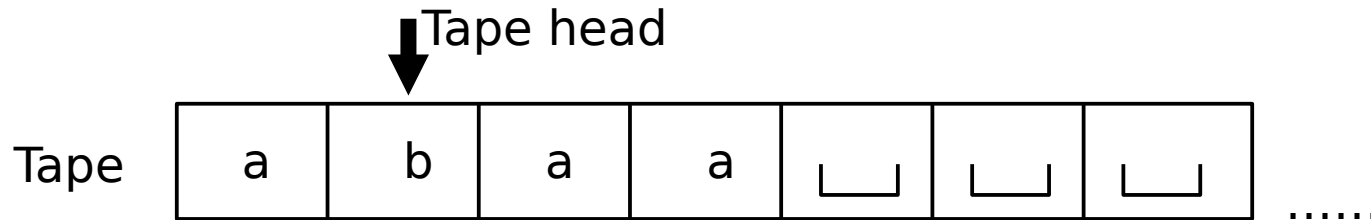


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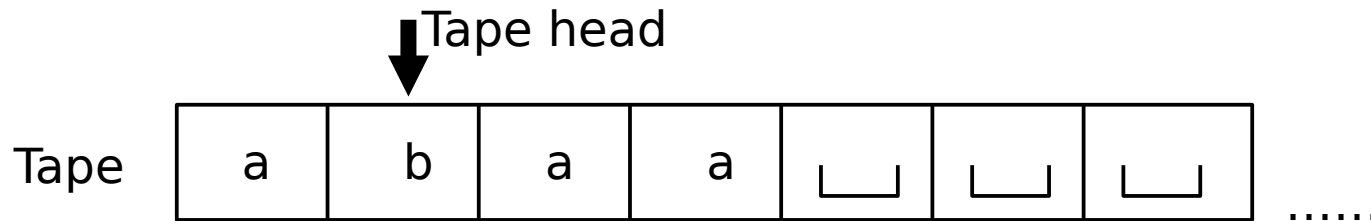
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Turing Machines vs. Finite Automata

- **Turing machines can read from the tape and write to it.**
- **The tape “head” can move left and right.**
- **The tape is infinite.**
- **Separate accept and reject states.**
- **The accept and reject states take effect immediately.**

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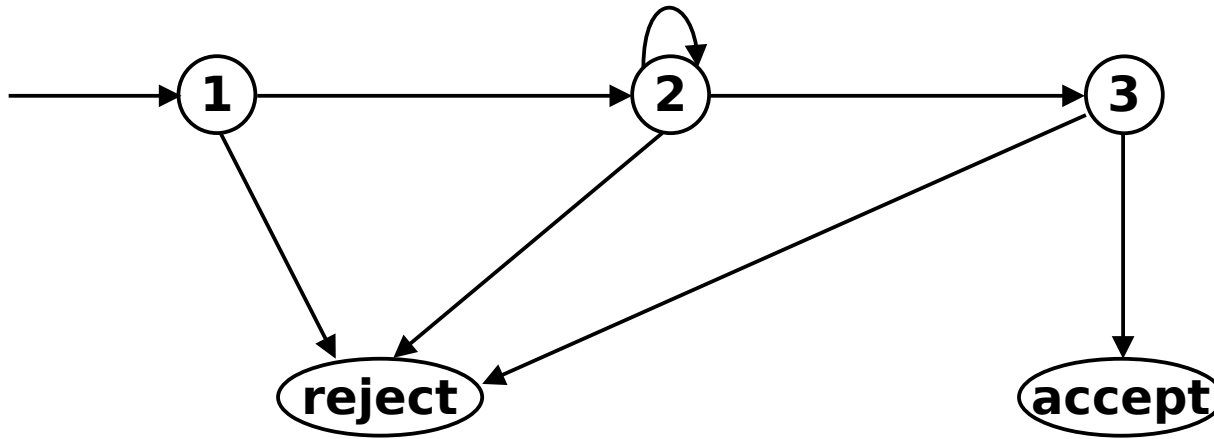
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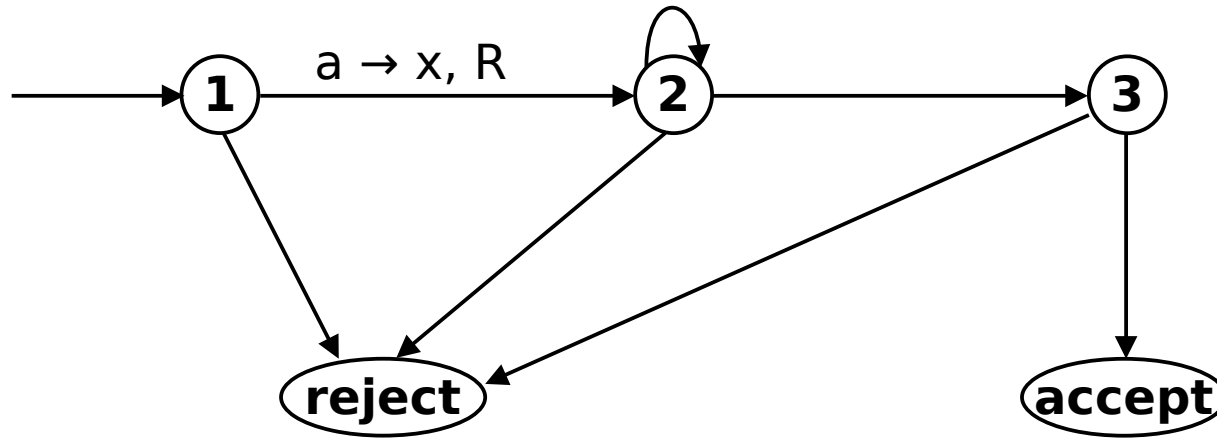
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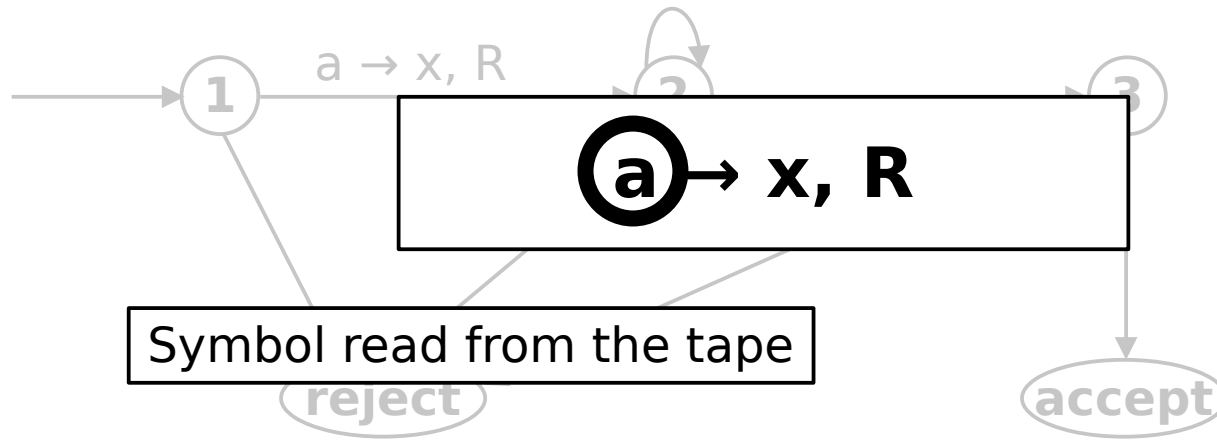


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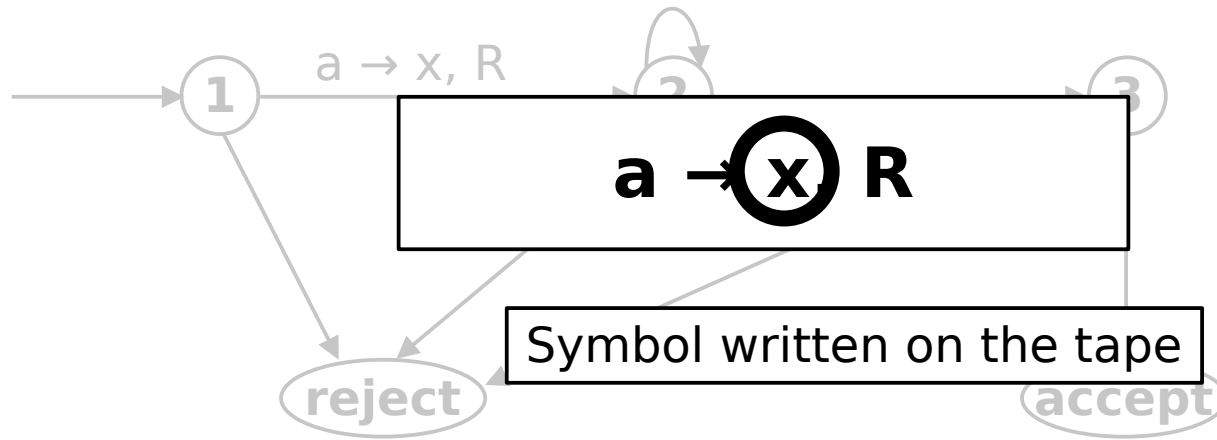
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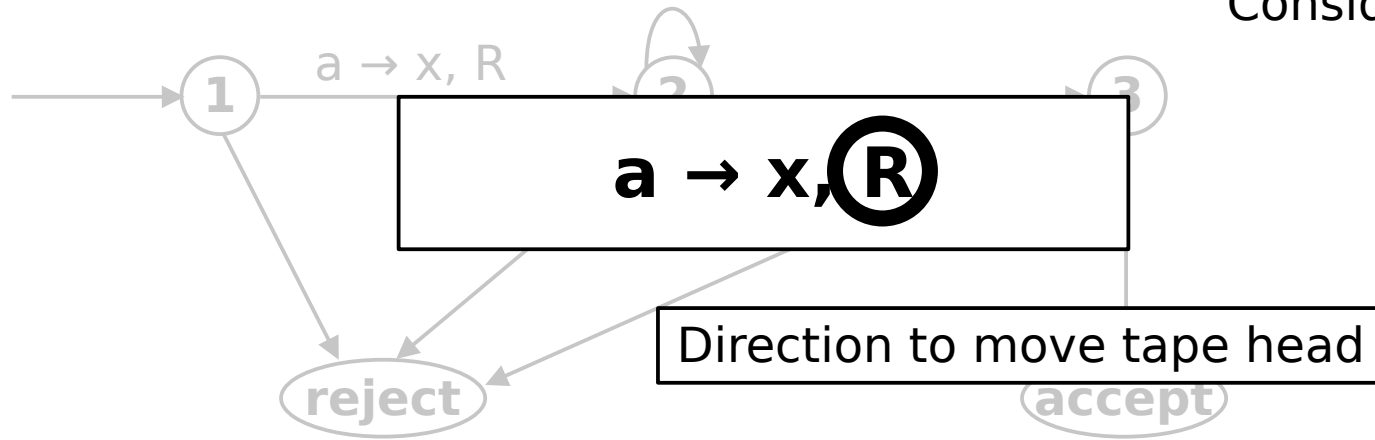
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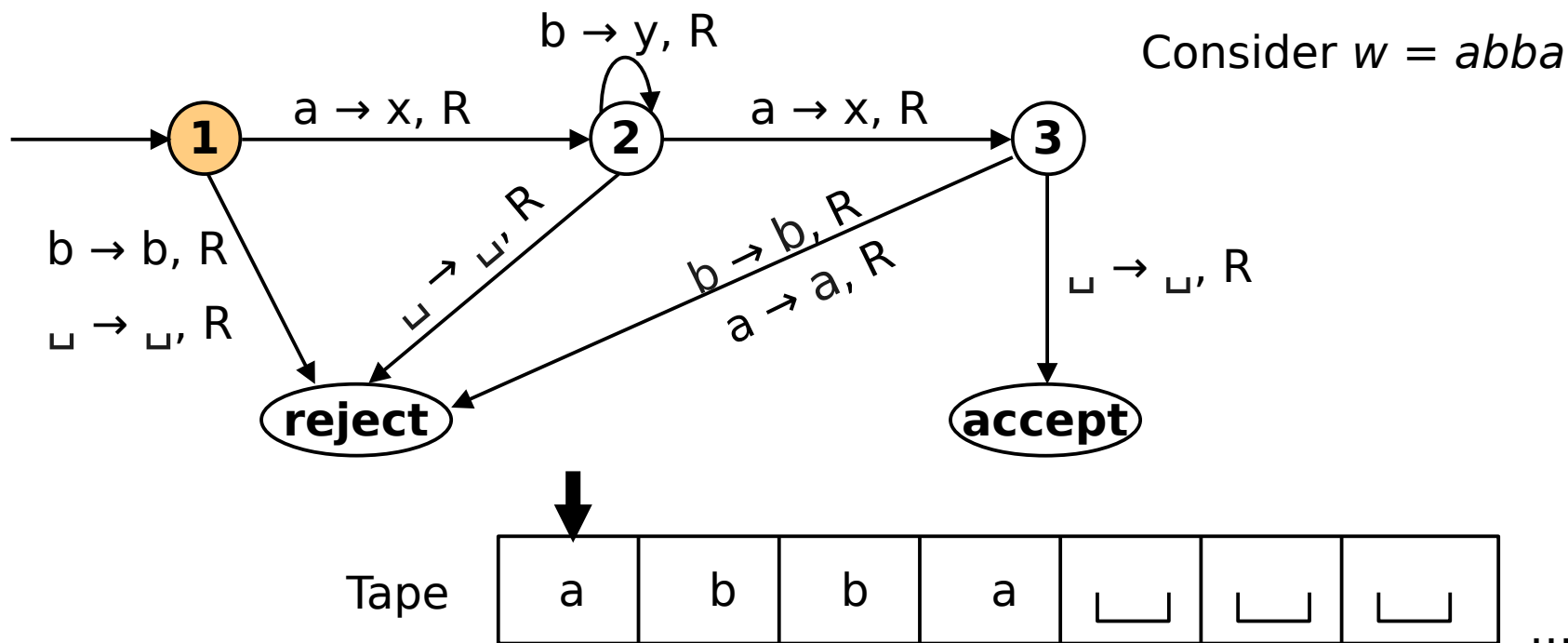
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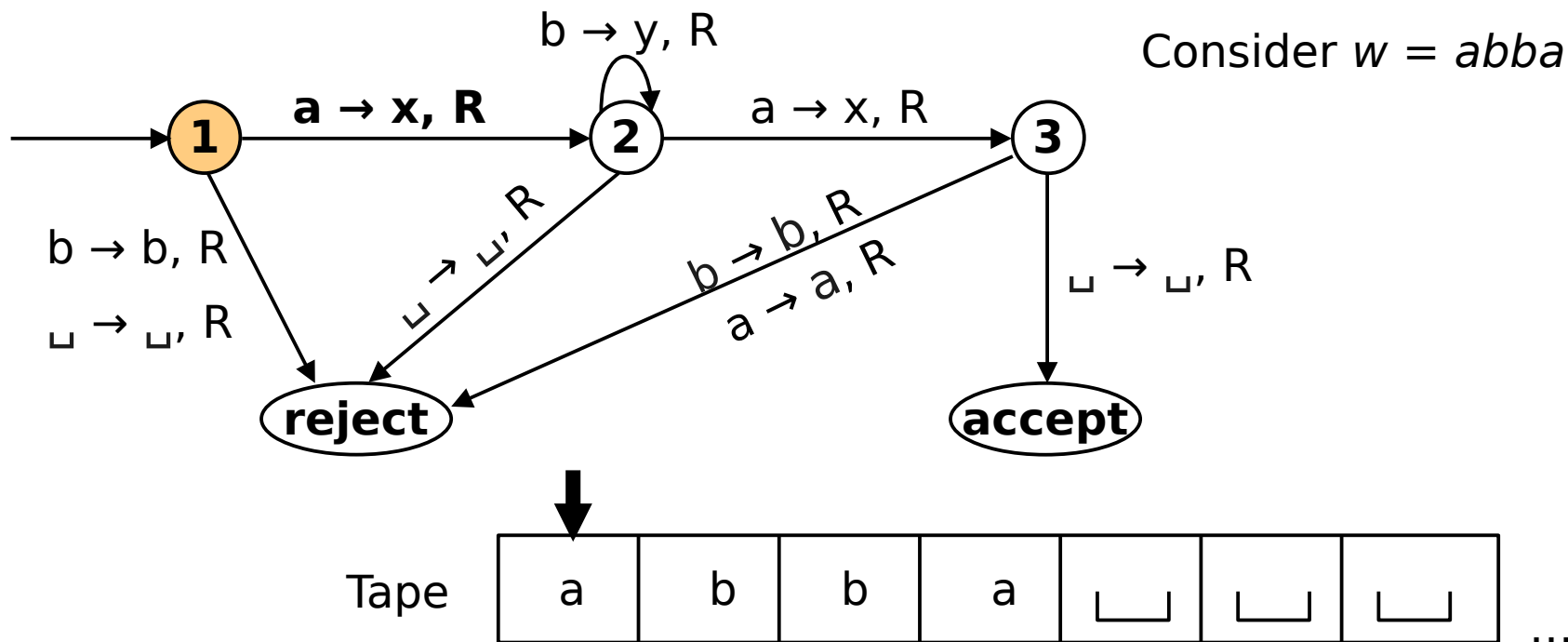
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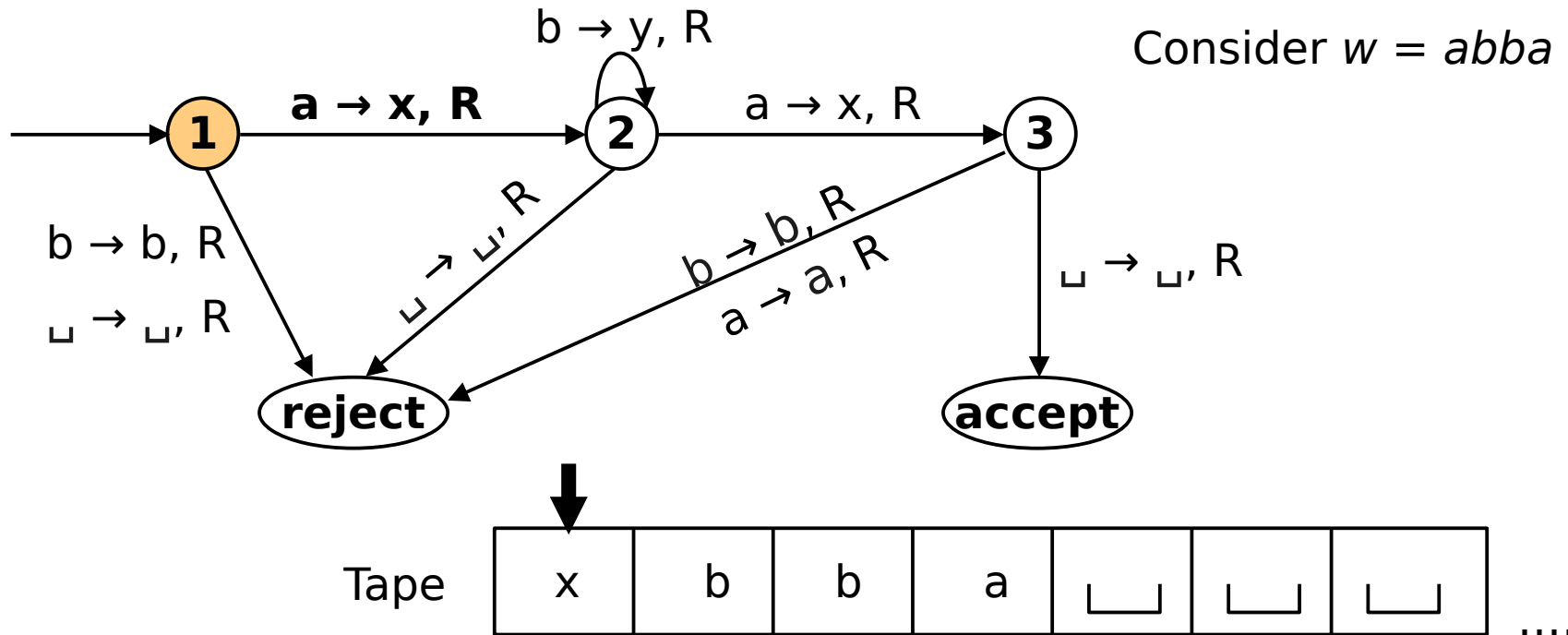
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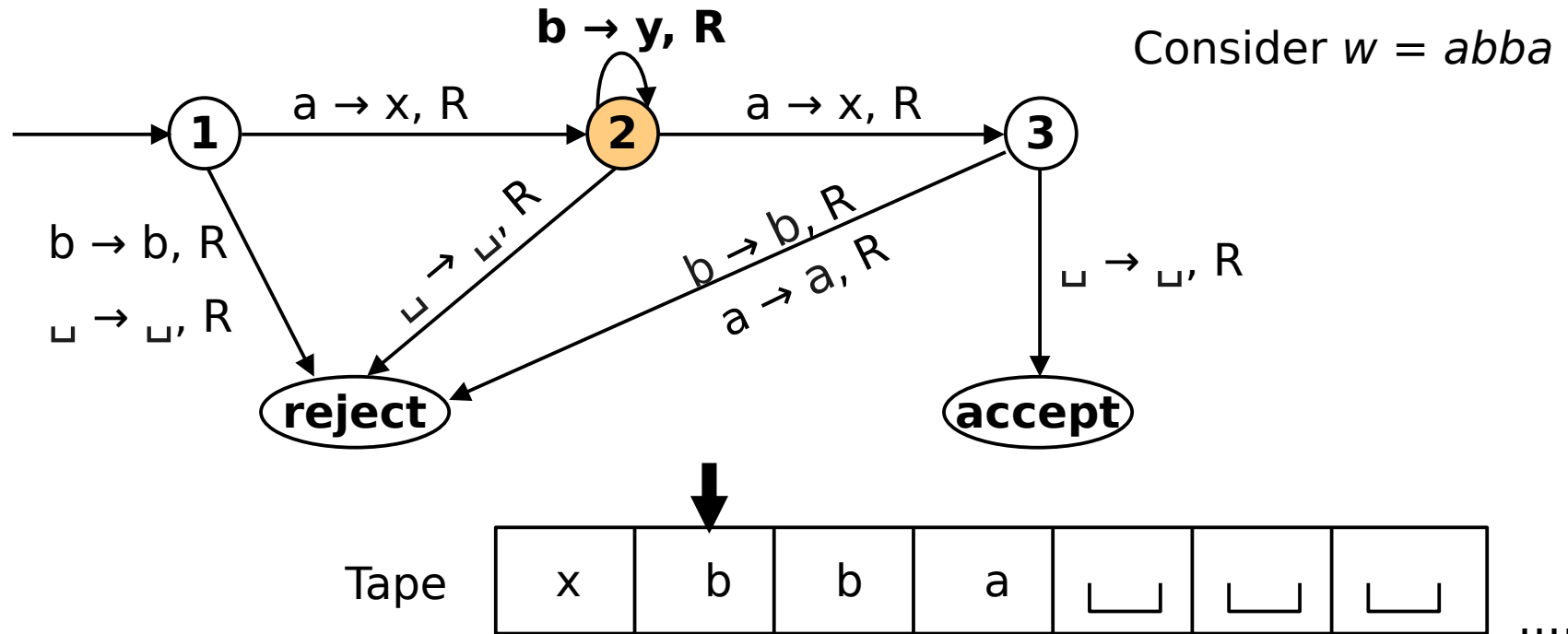
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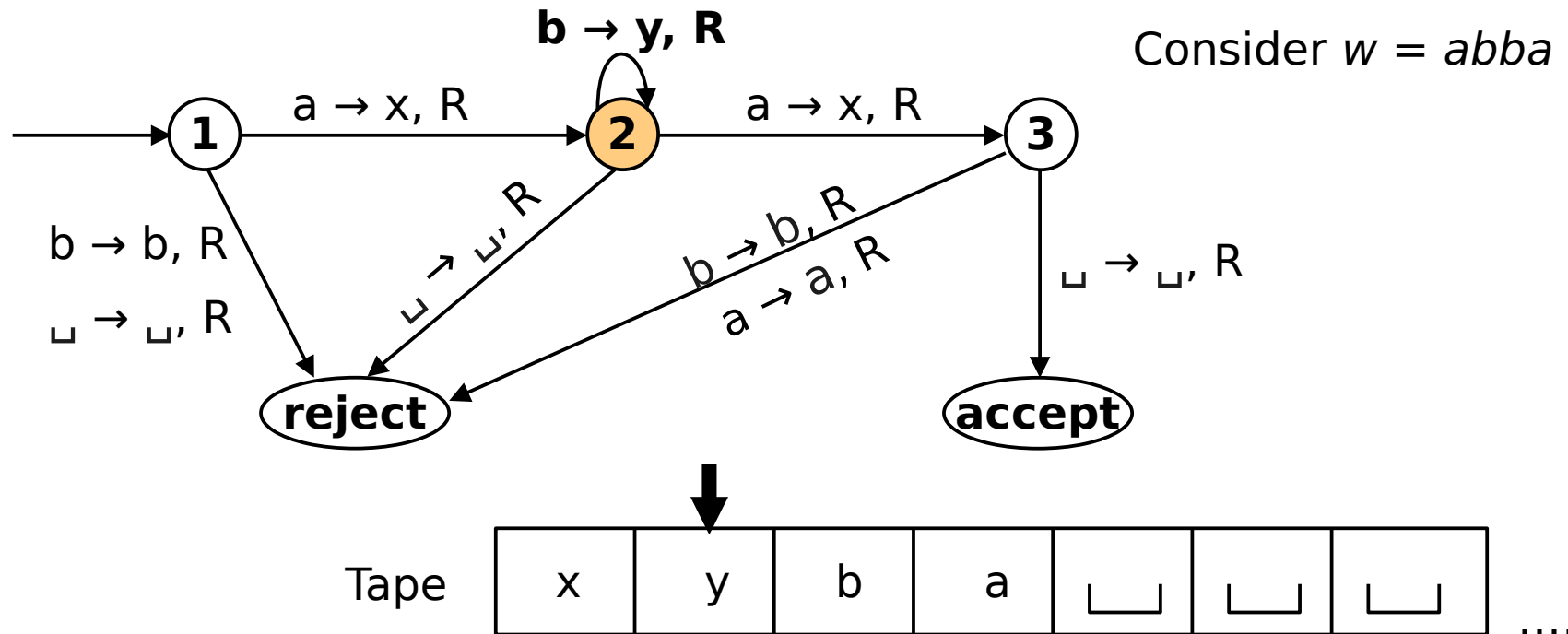
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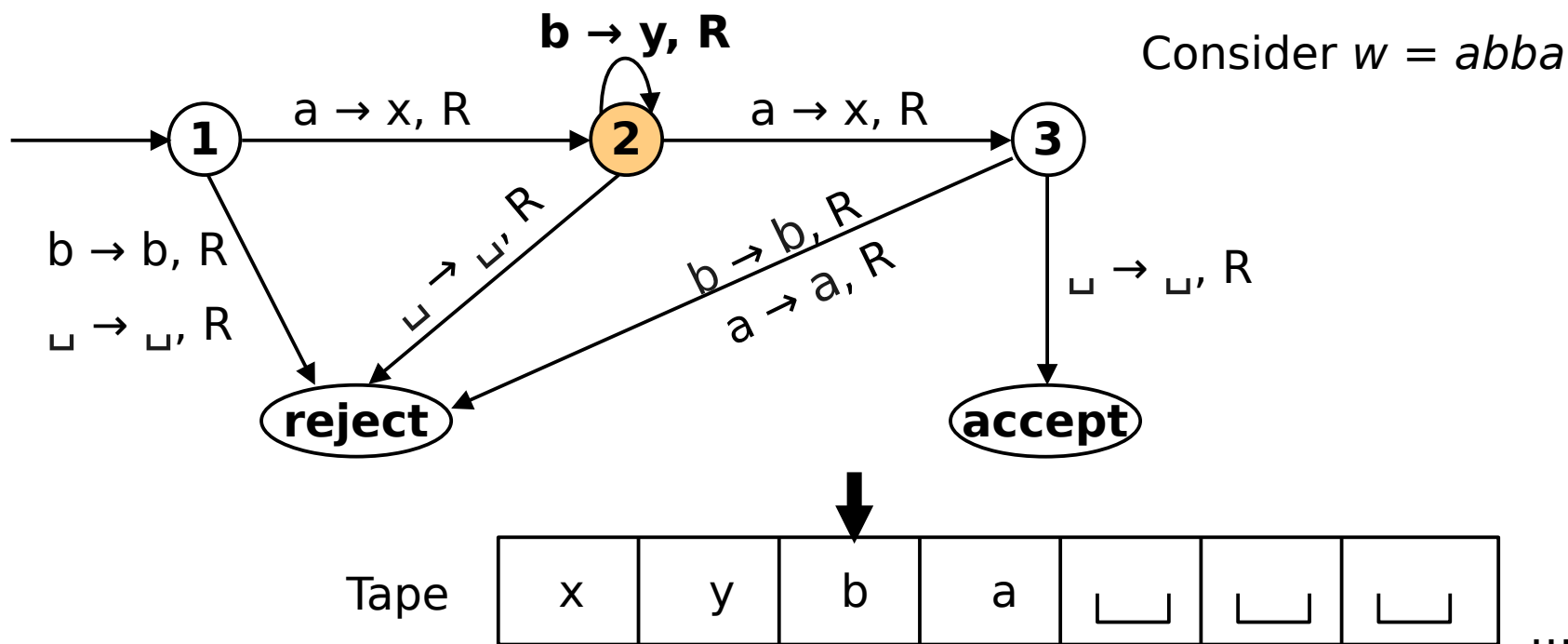
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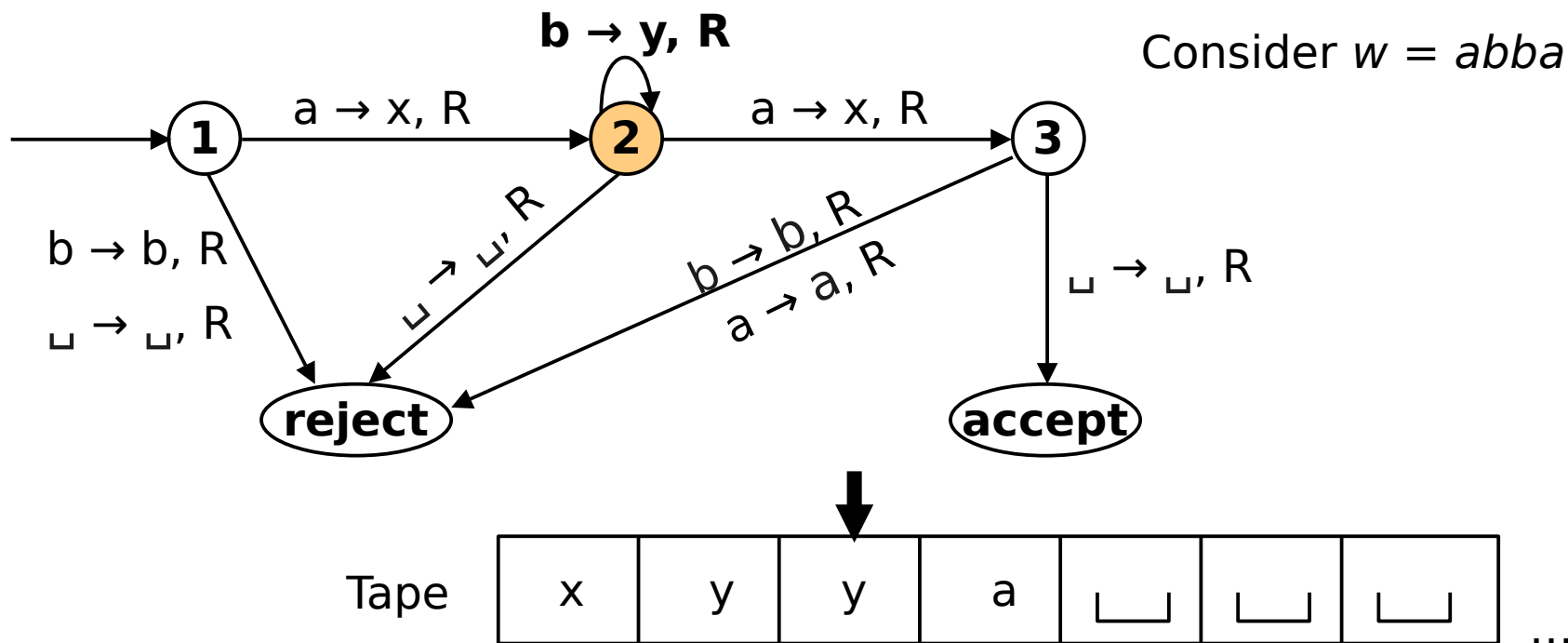
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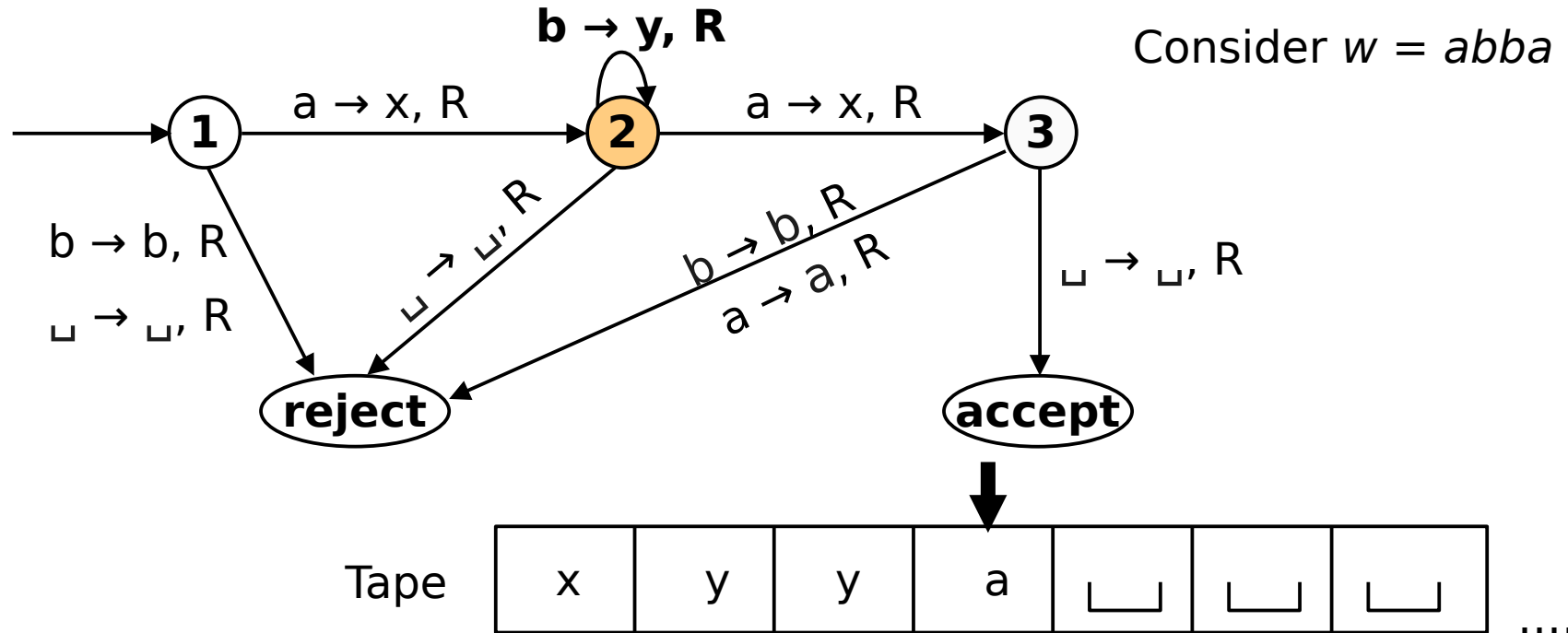
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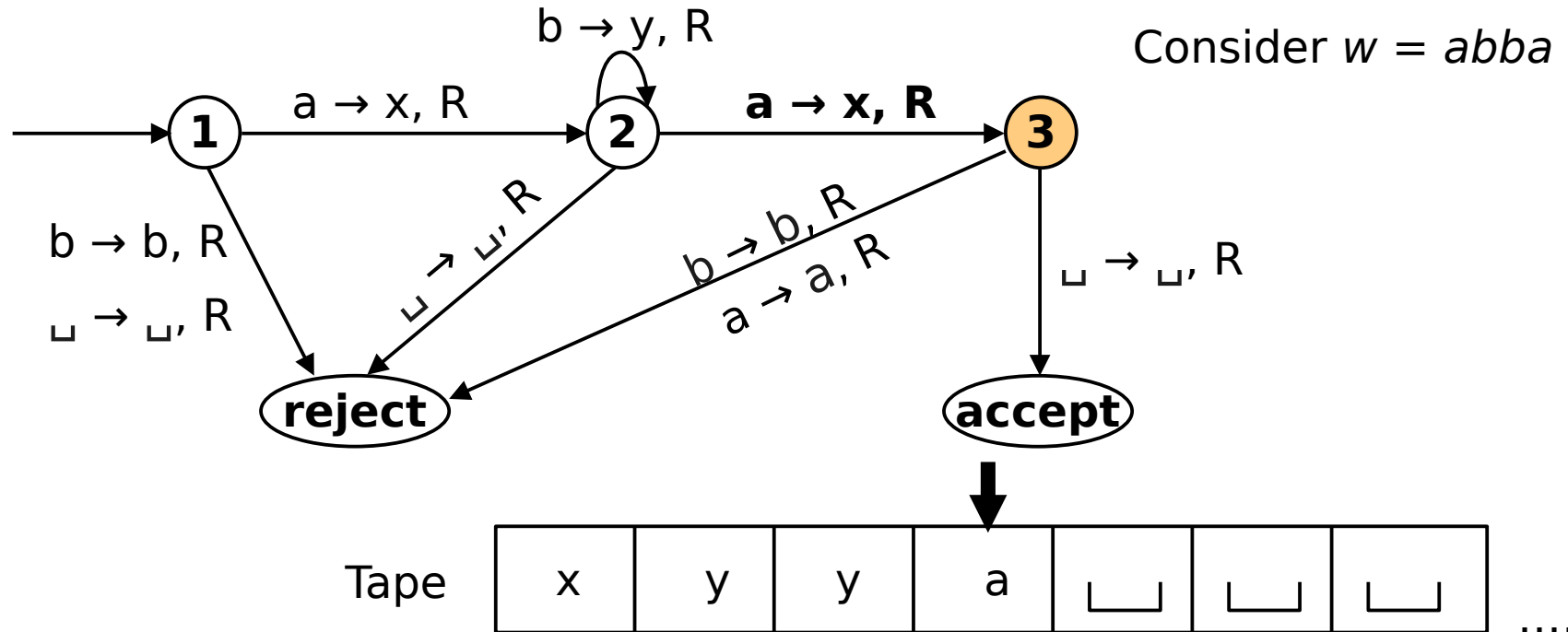
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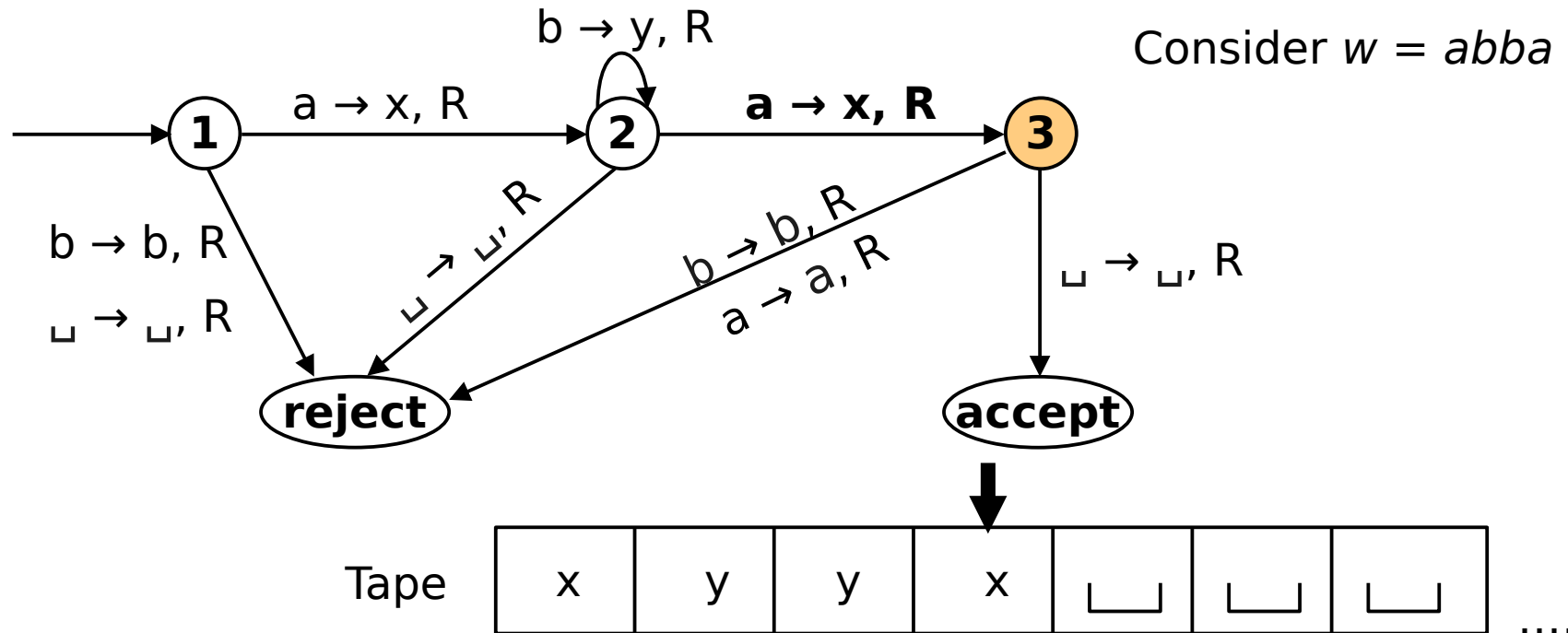
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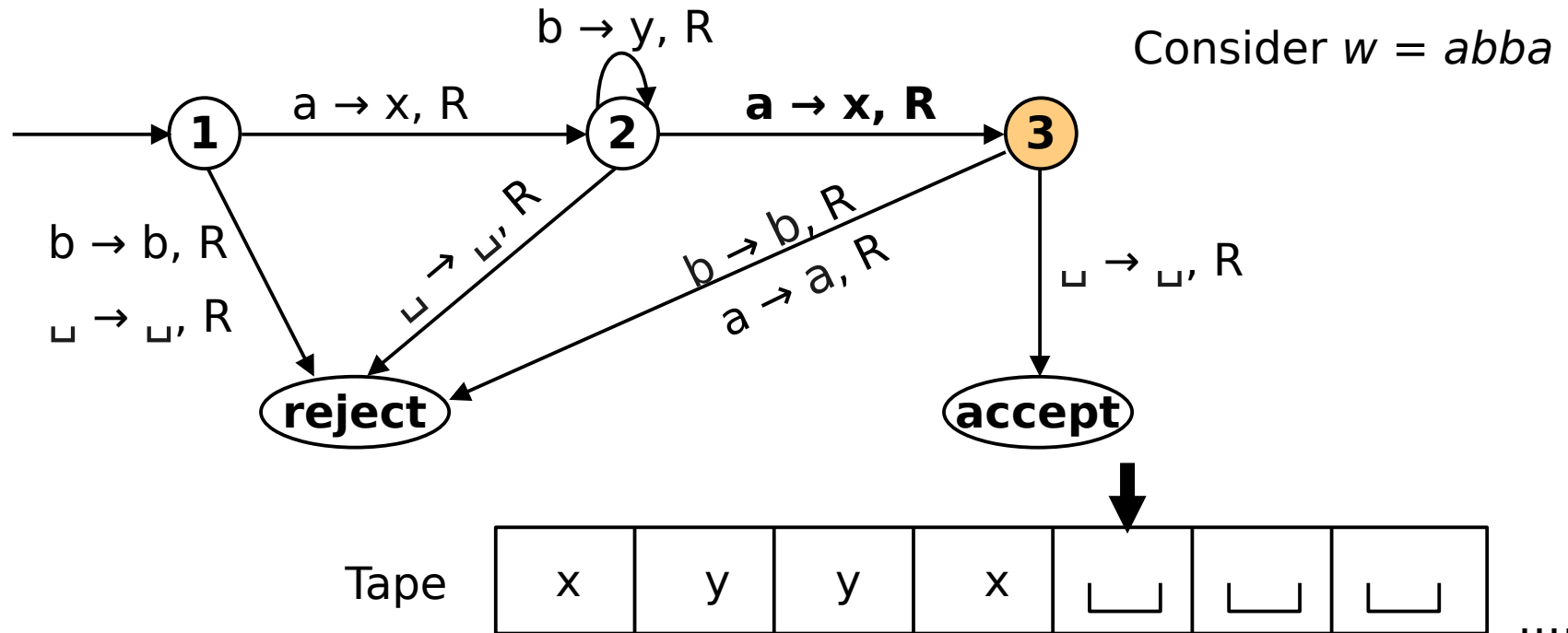
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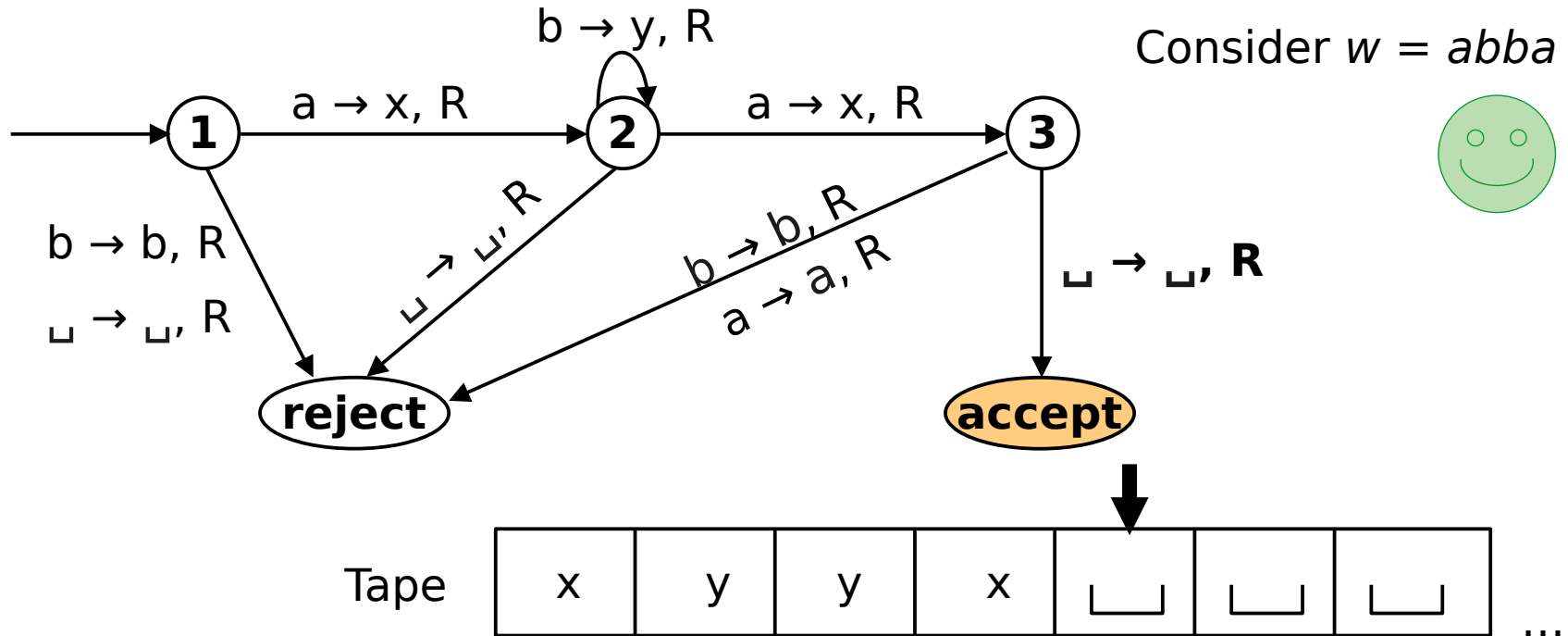
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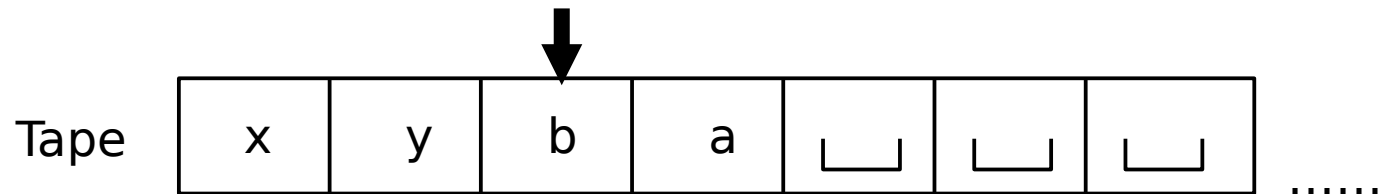
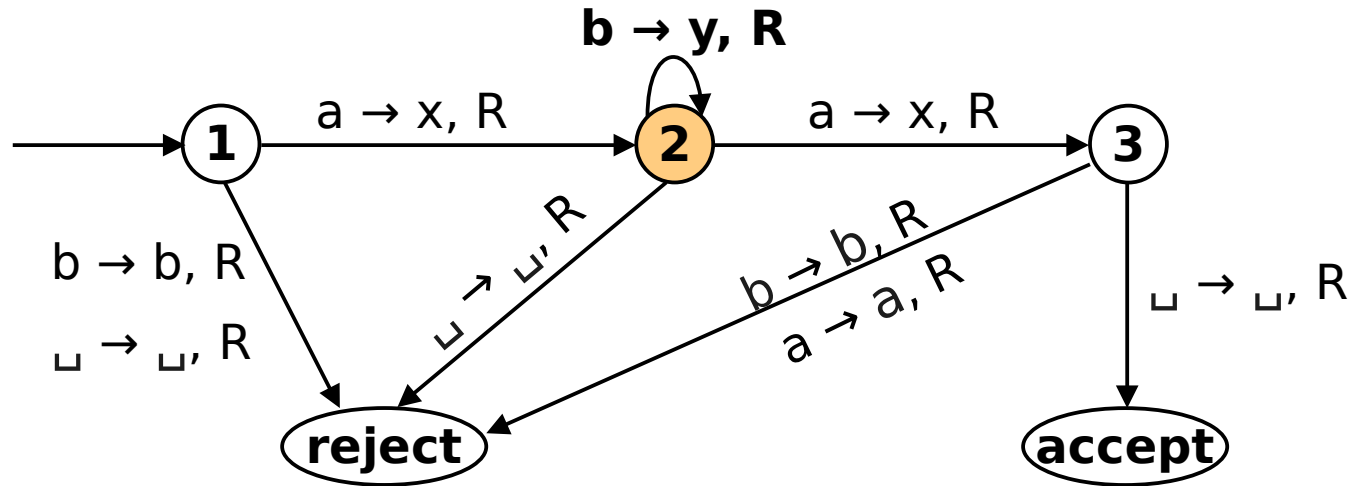
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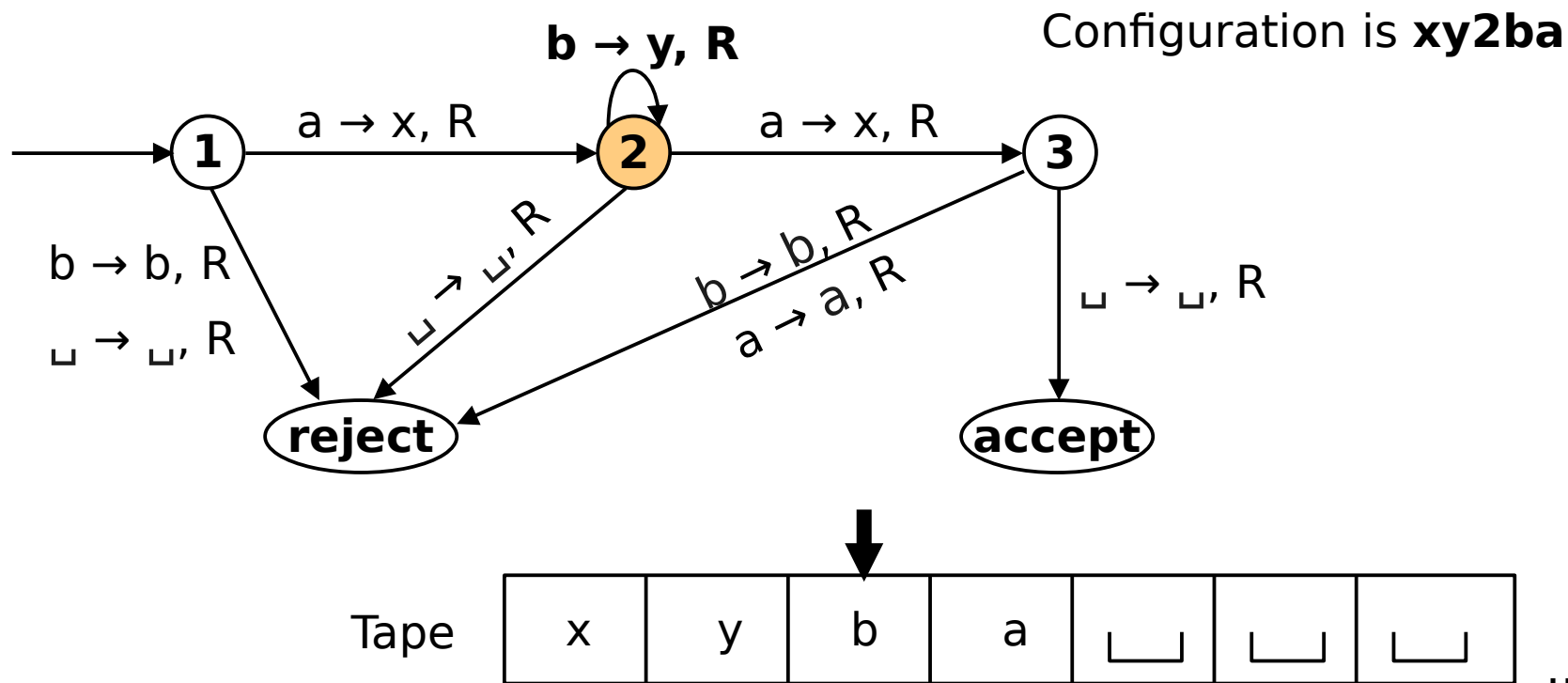
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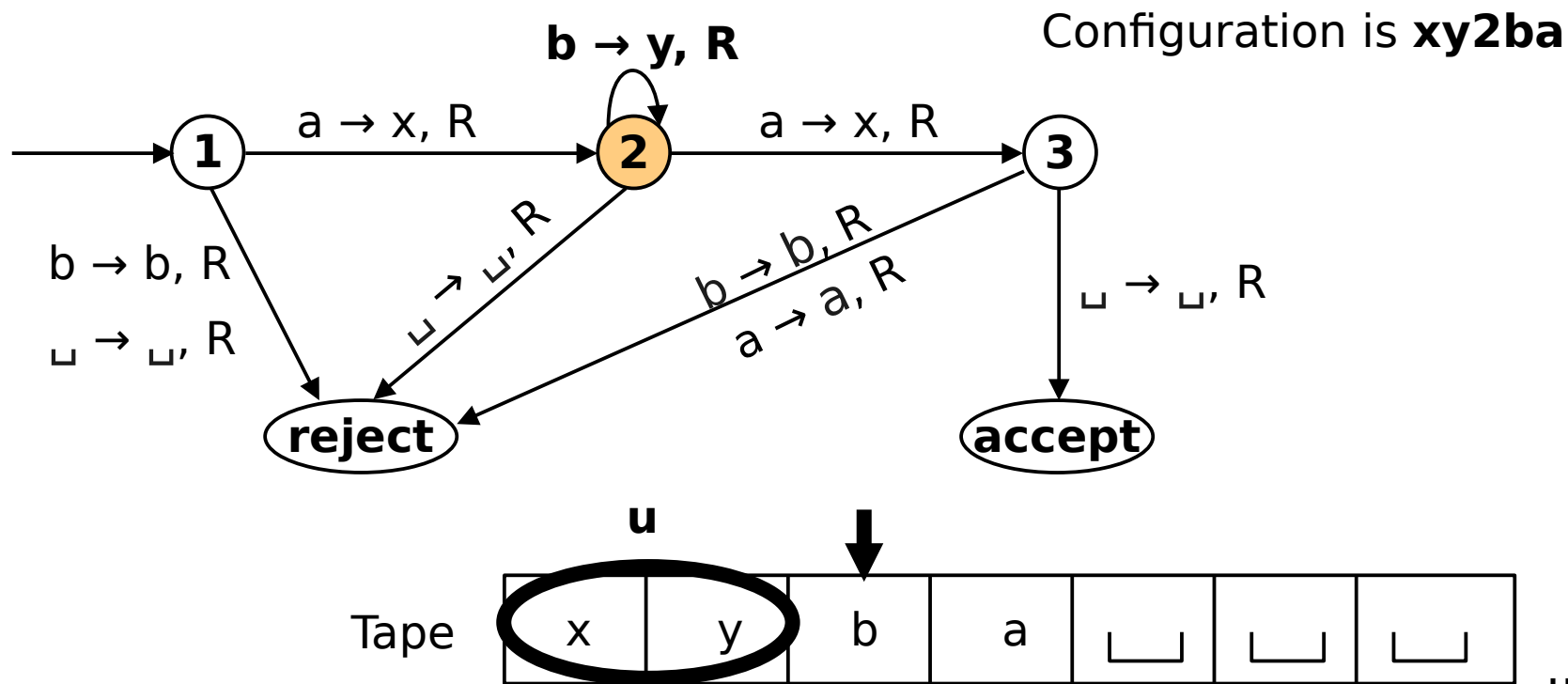
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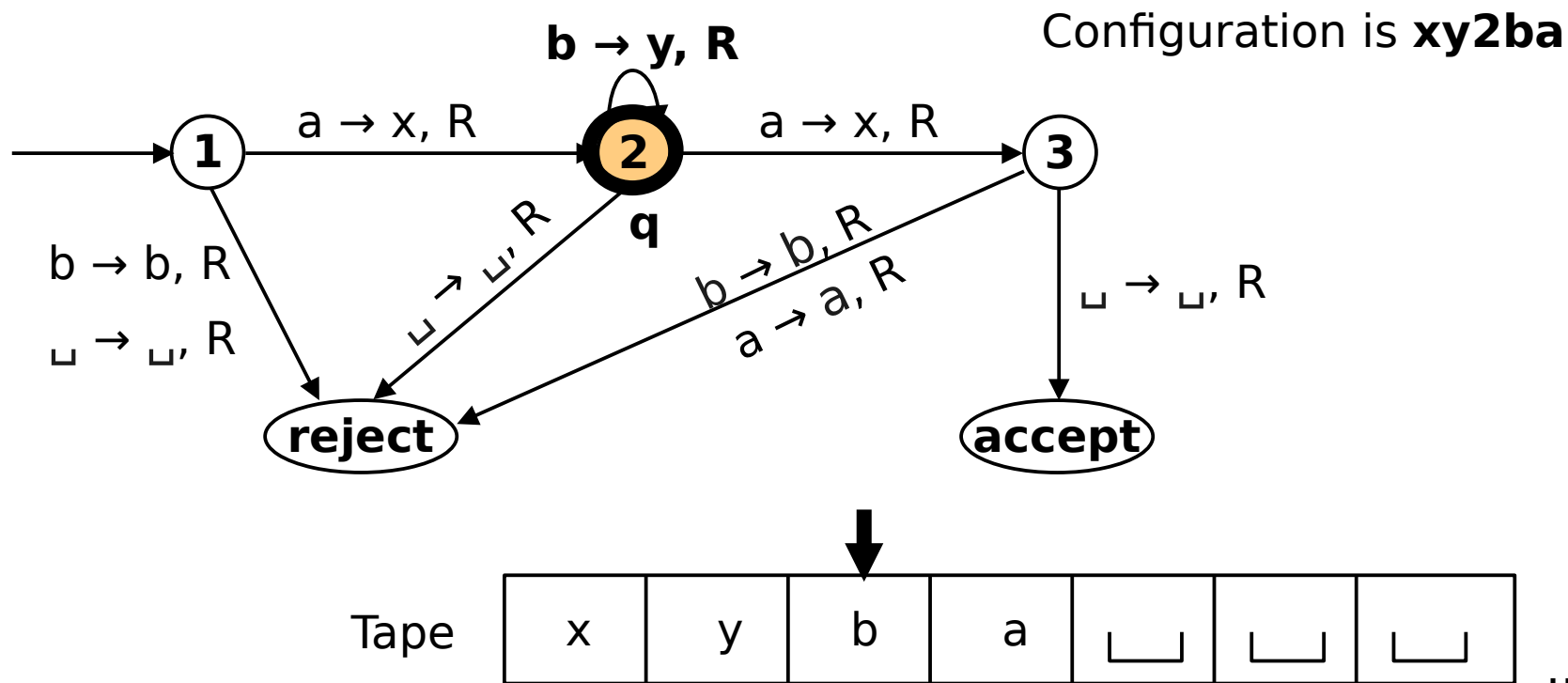
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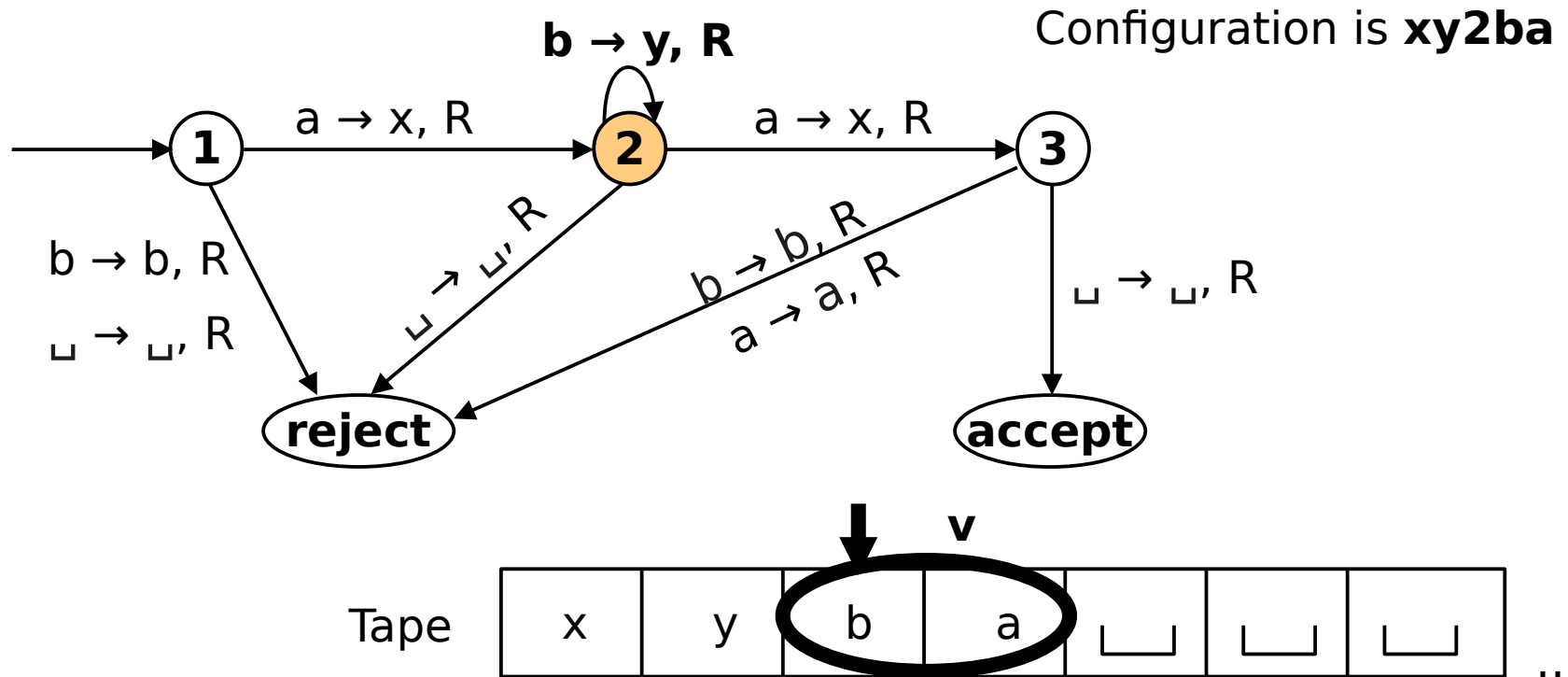
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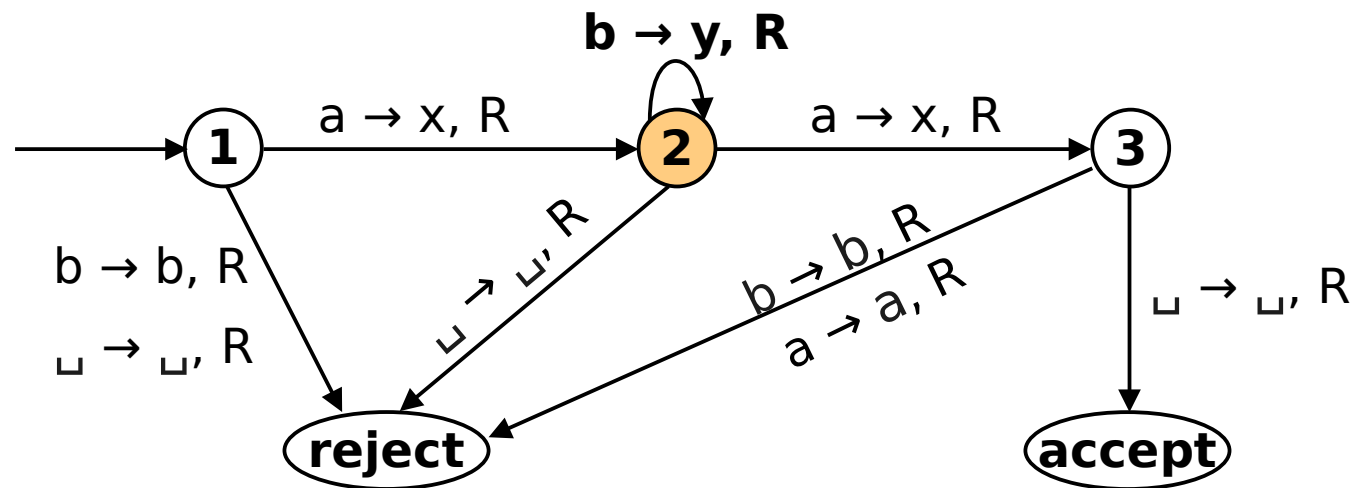
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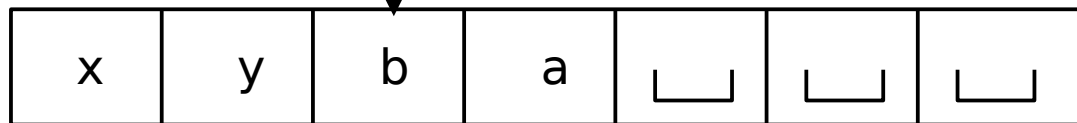


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➤ **A TM M accepts its input w if there is a sequence of configurations C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k exists, where:**

- **C_1 is the start configuration of M on input w .**
- **each C_i yields C_{i+1} , and**
- **C_k is an accepting configuration.**

Turing Machines: Turing-recognizable

➤ The collection of strings that M accepts is the language of M , or language recognized by M , $L(M)$.

➤ A language is called **Turing-recognizable** if some TM recognizes it.

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➤ **When a TM starts on an input, there are three possible outcomes. The machine may:**

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- **Loop**

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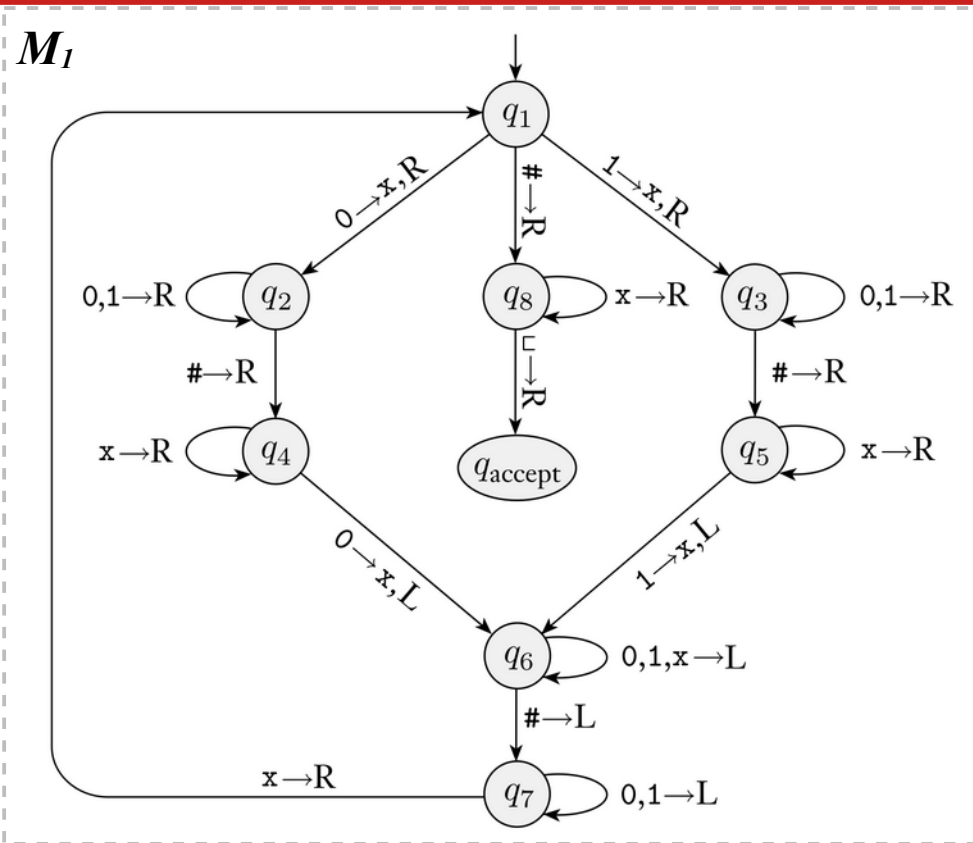
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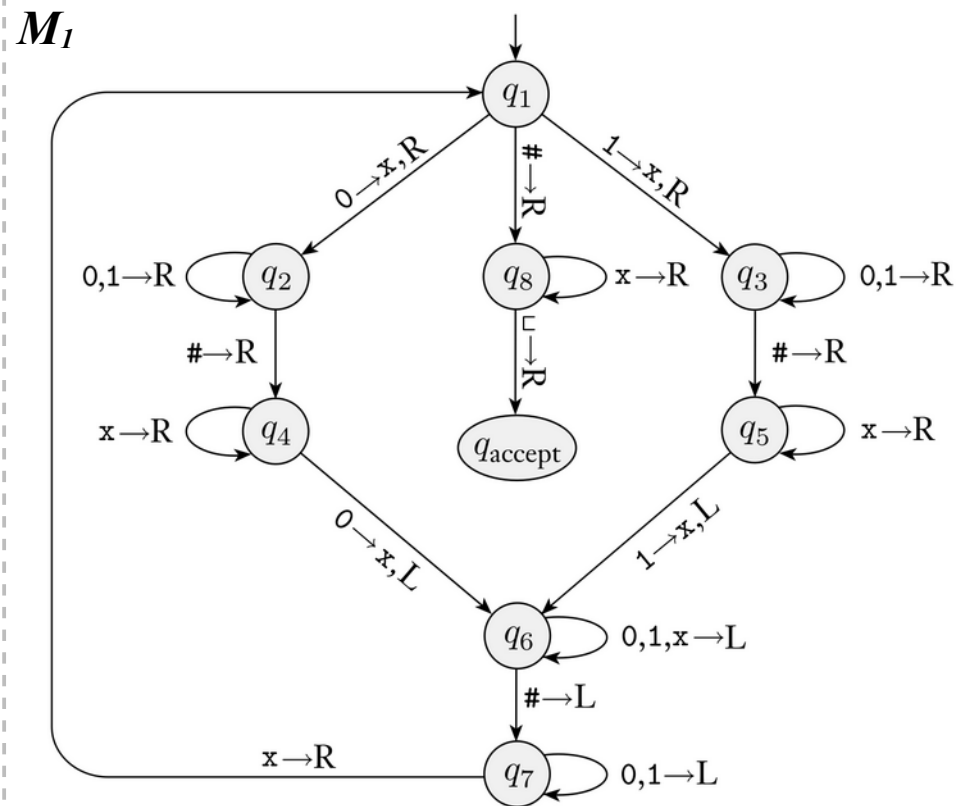


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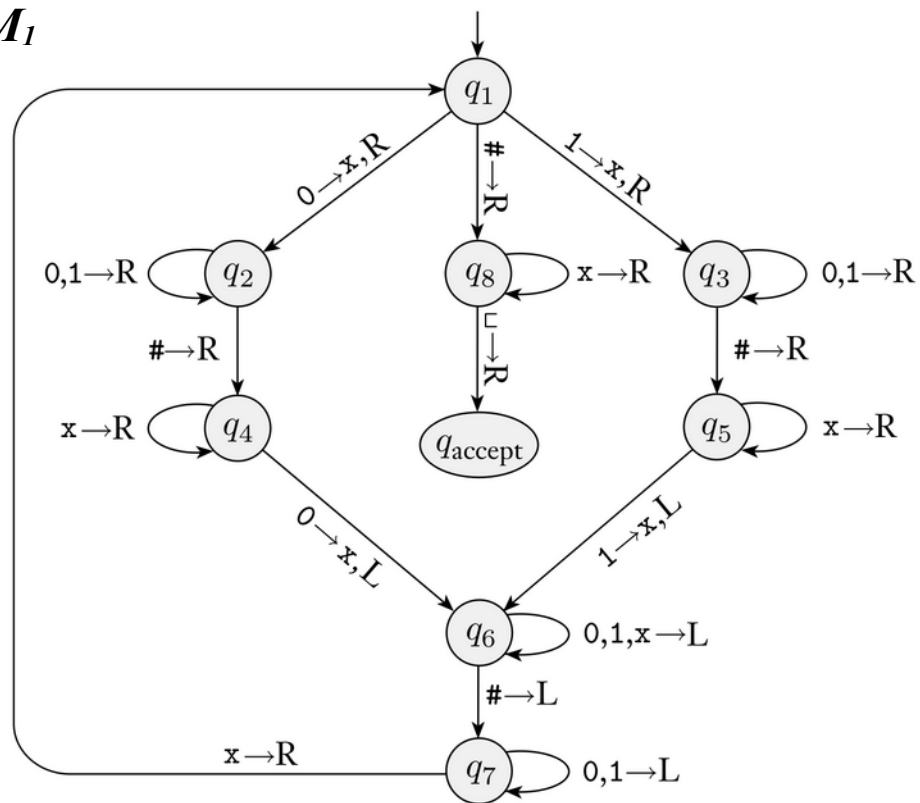
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- $\Sigma = \{0,1,\#\}$, and
- $\Gamma = \{0,1,\#,x,\sqcup\}$
- δ is the state diagram
- Start state is q_1
- Accept state is q_{accept}
- Reject state is q_{reject} (not shown)



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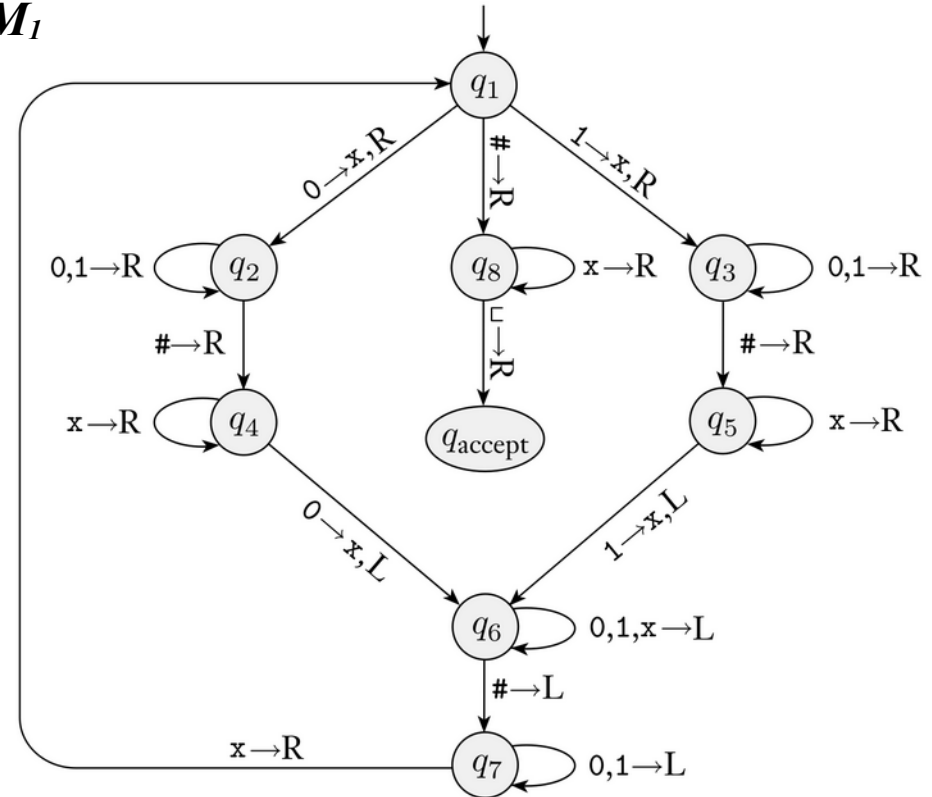
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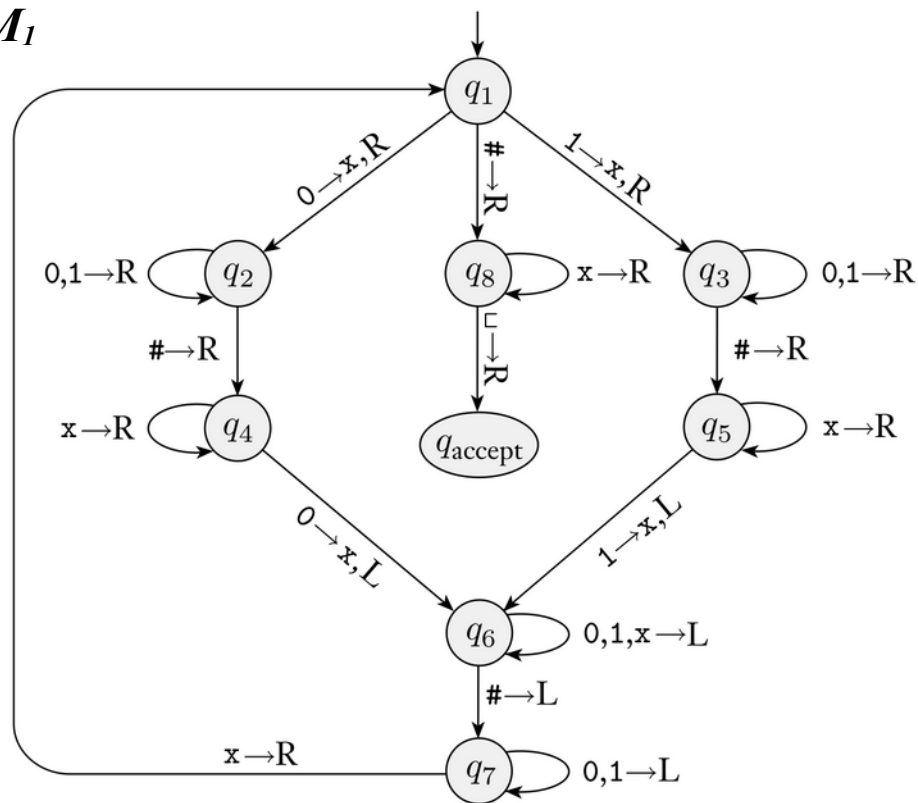


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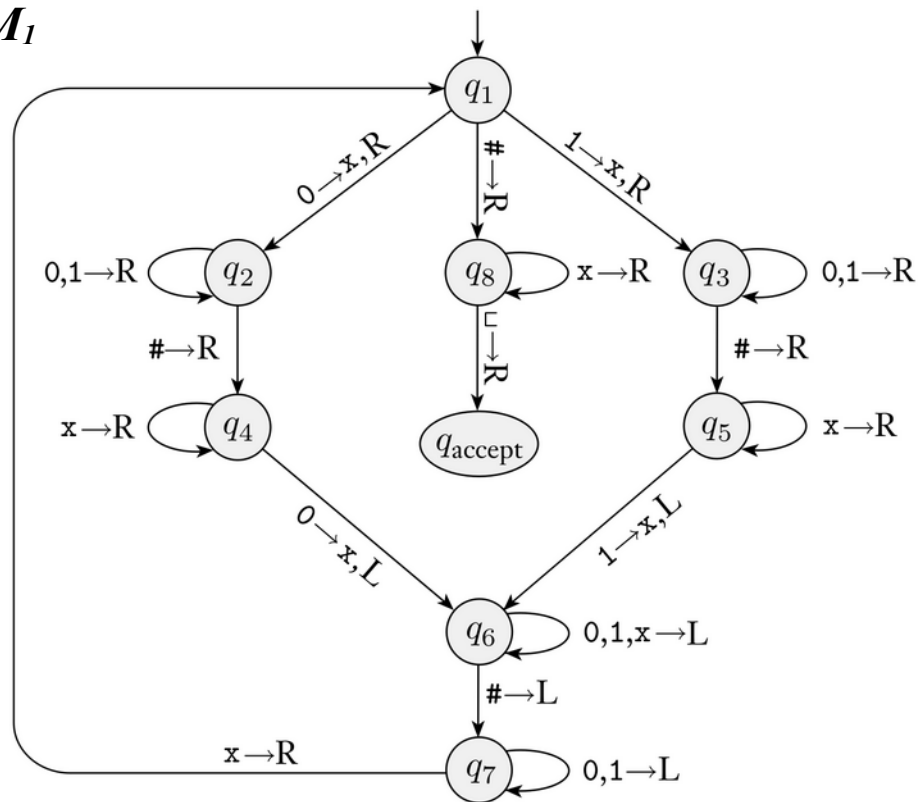


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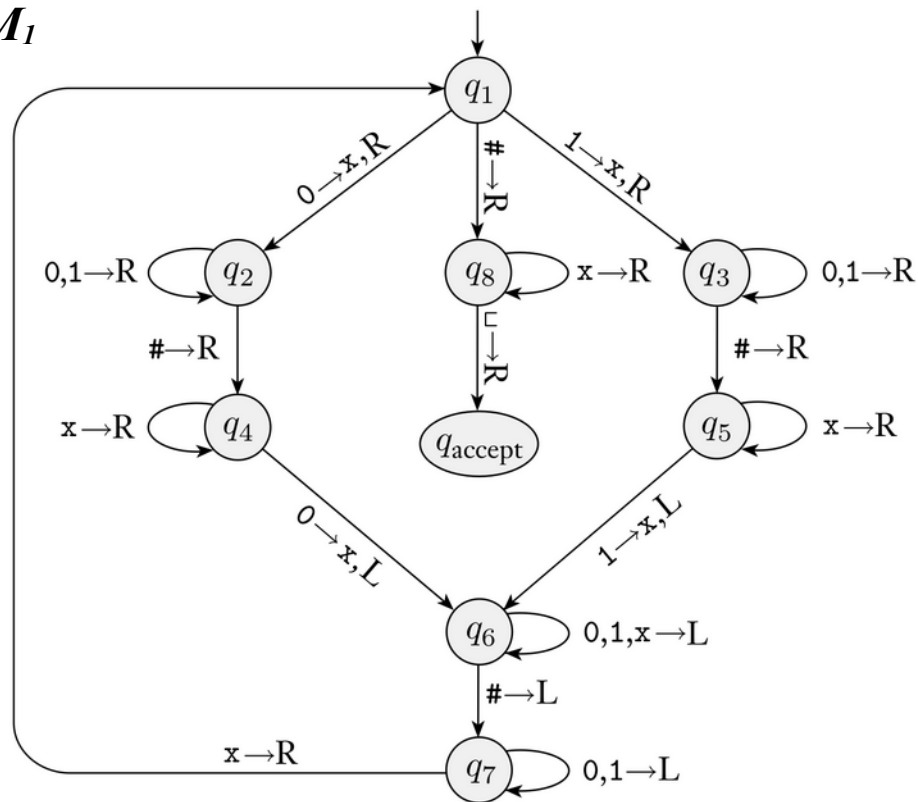


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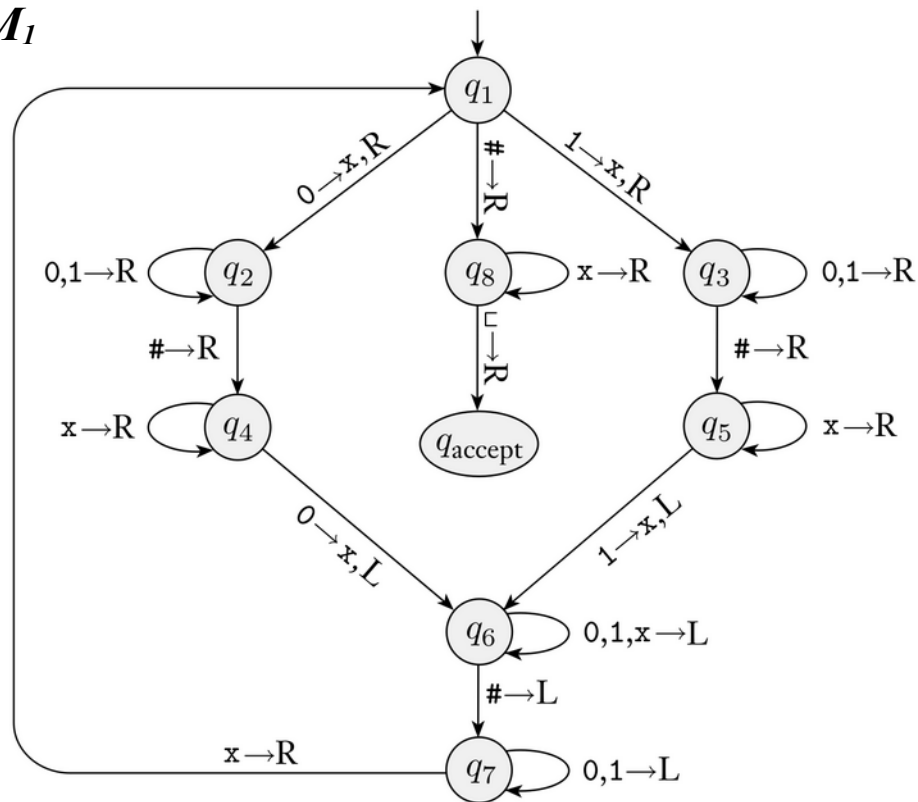


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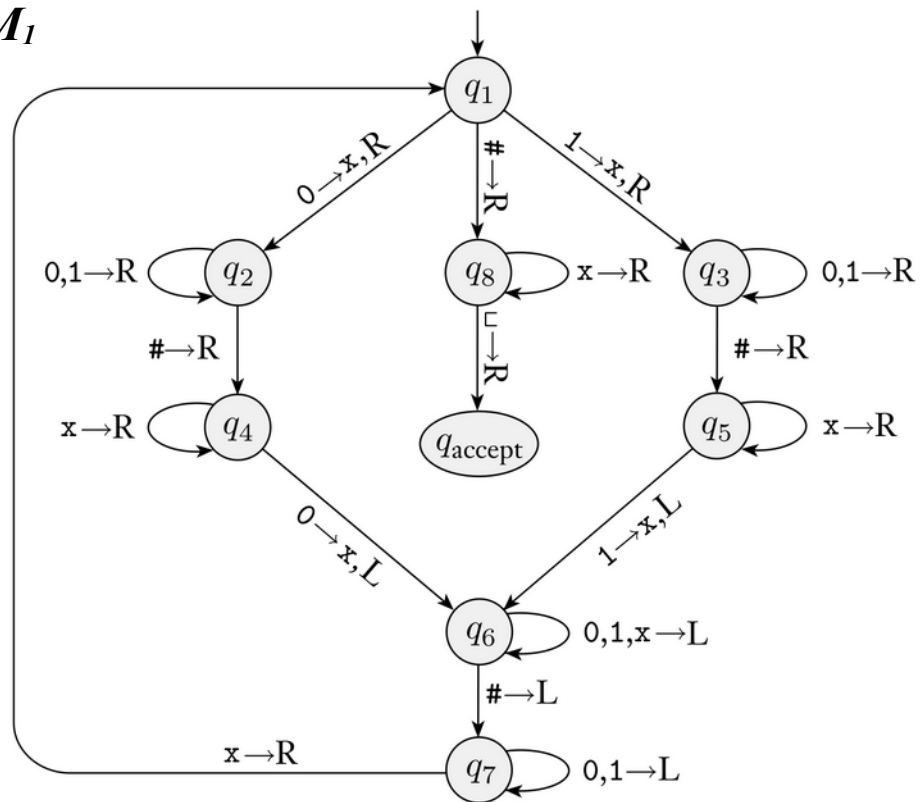


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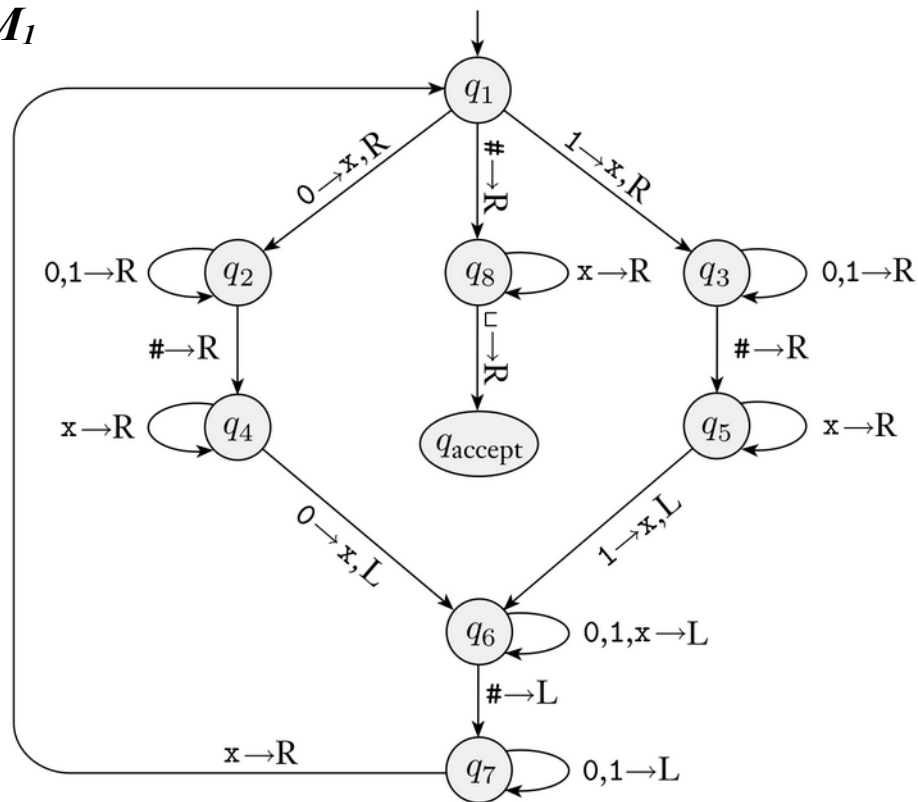


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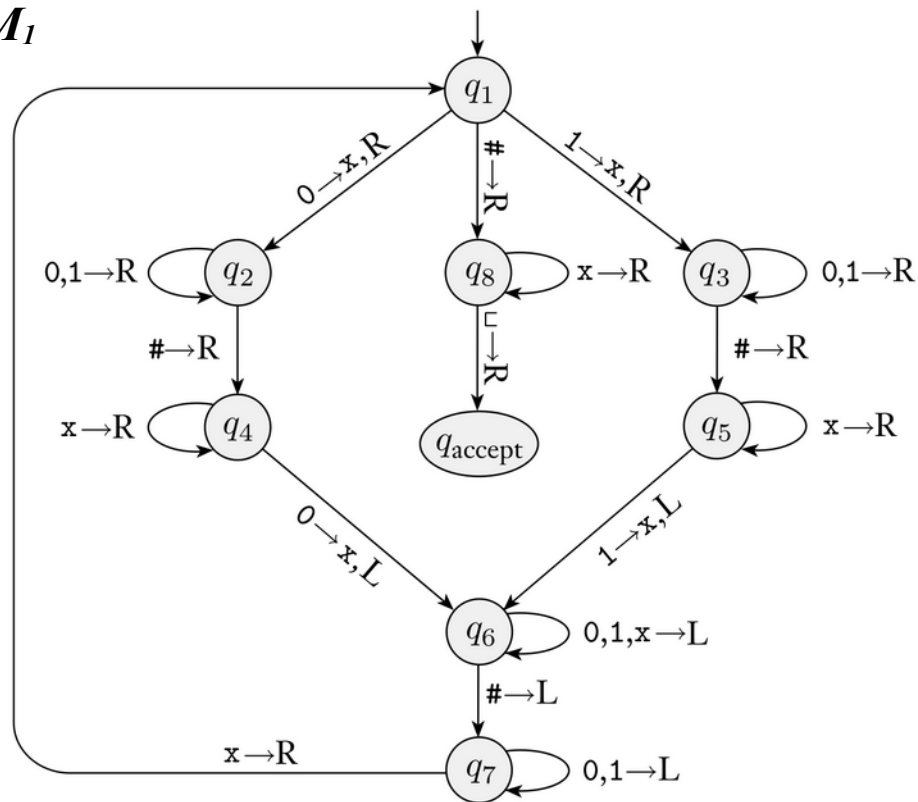


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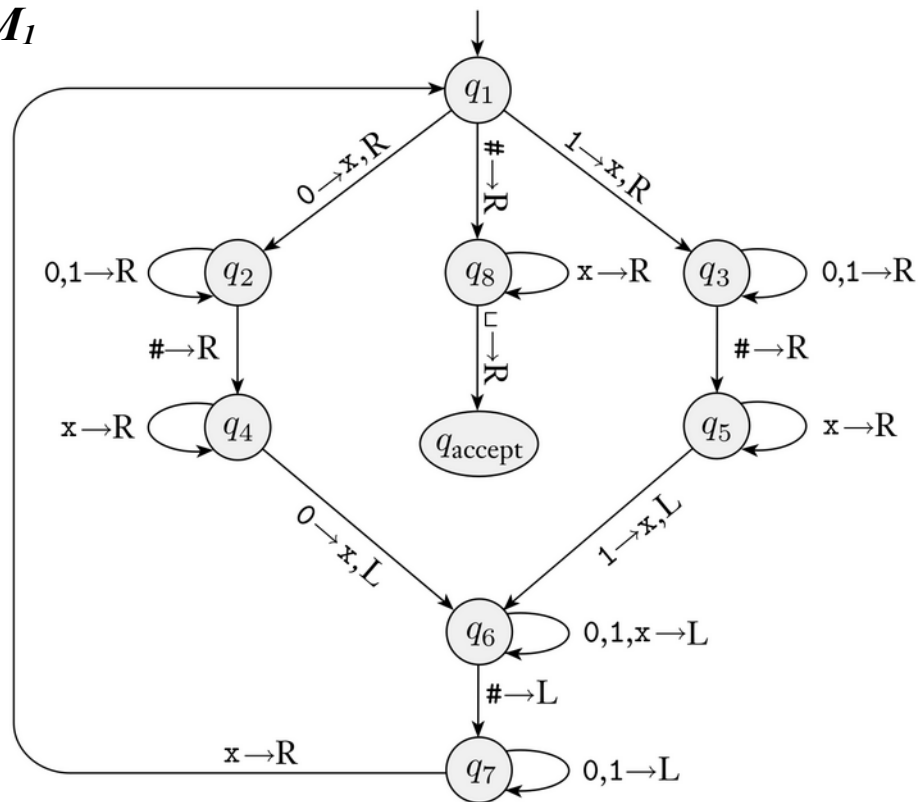


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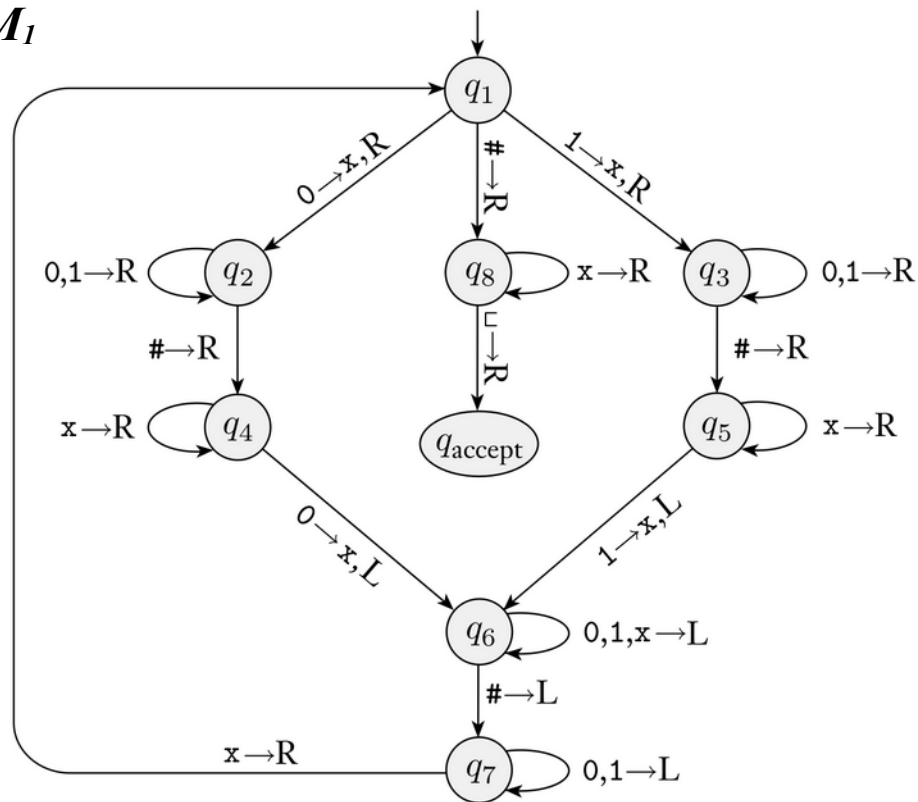


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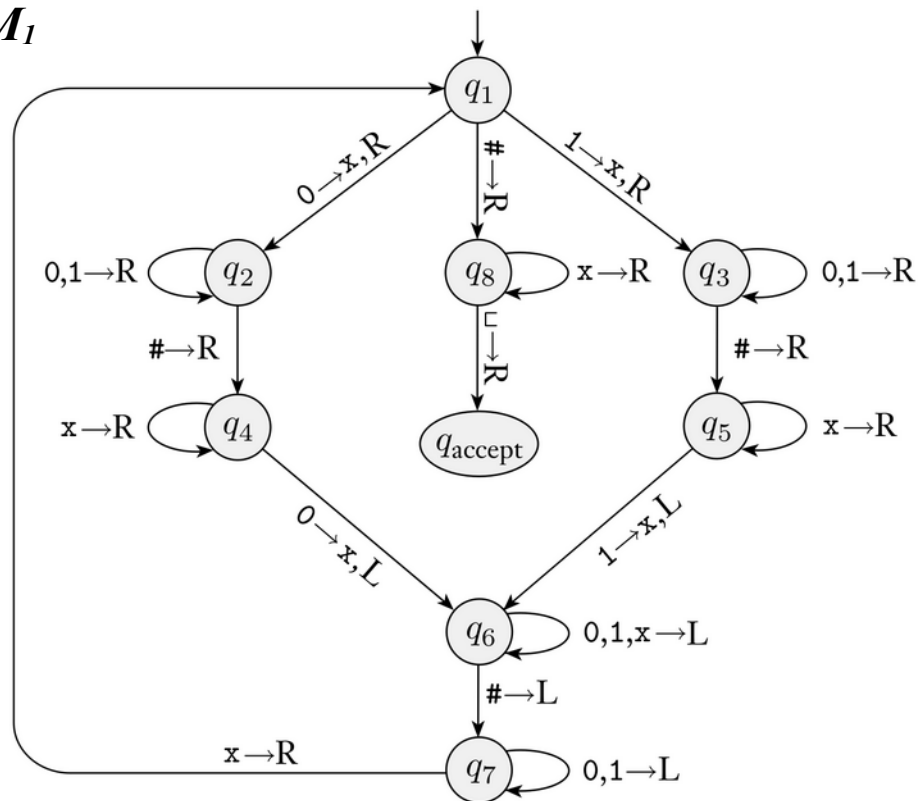


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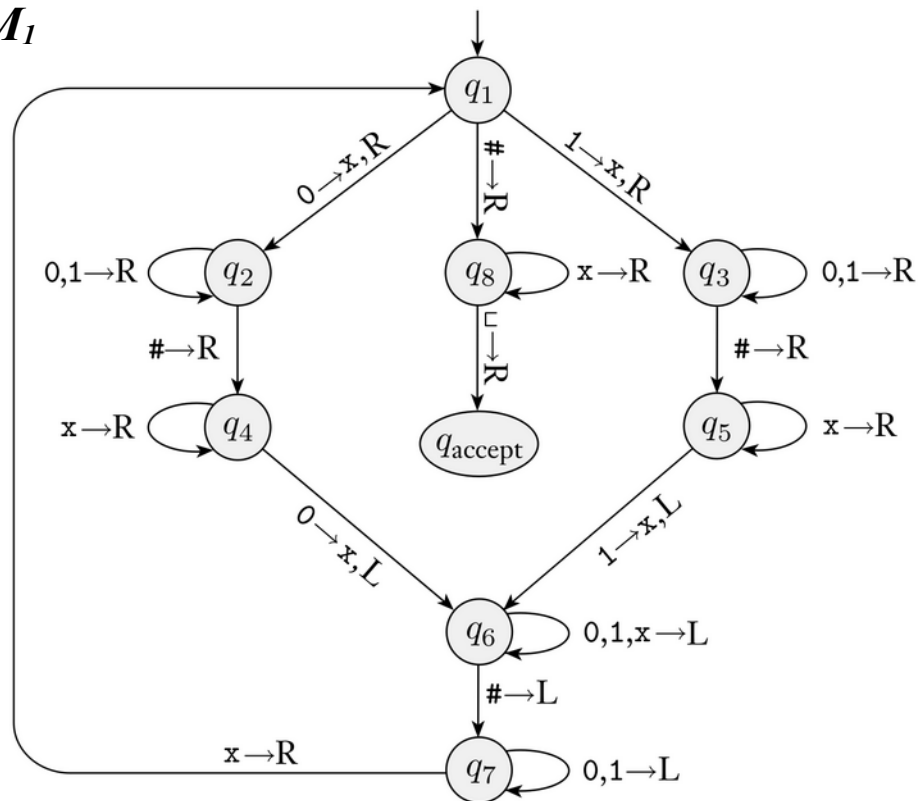


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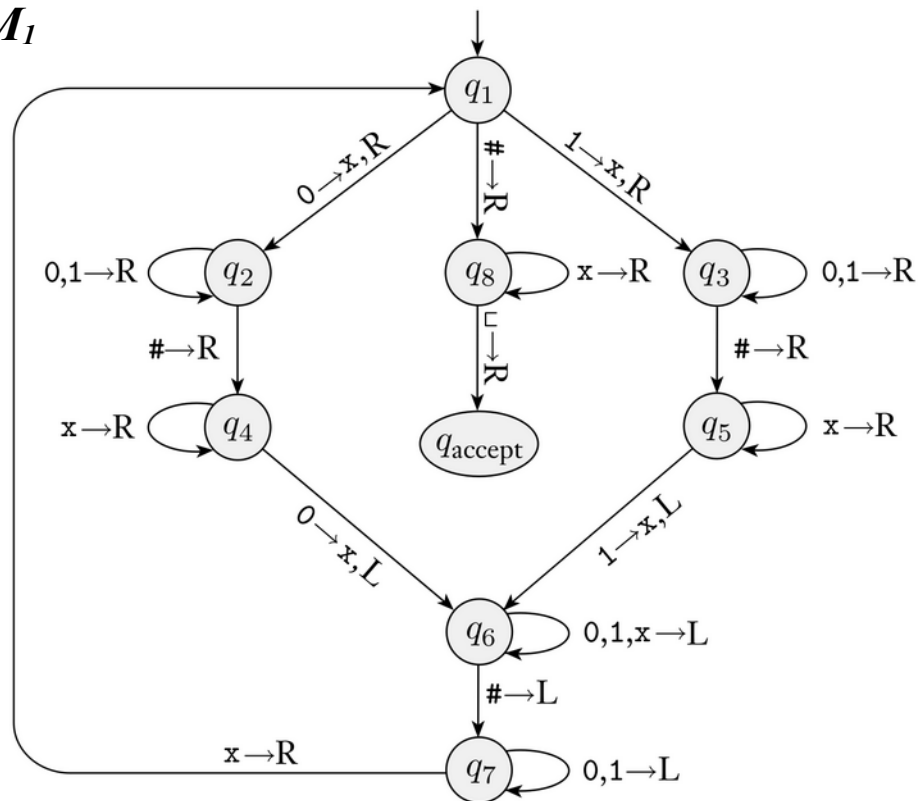


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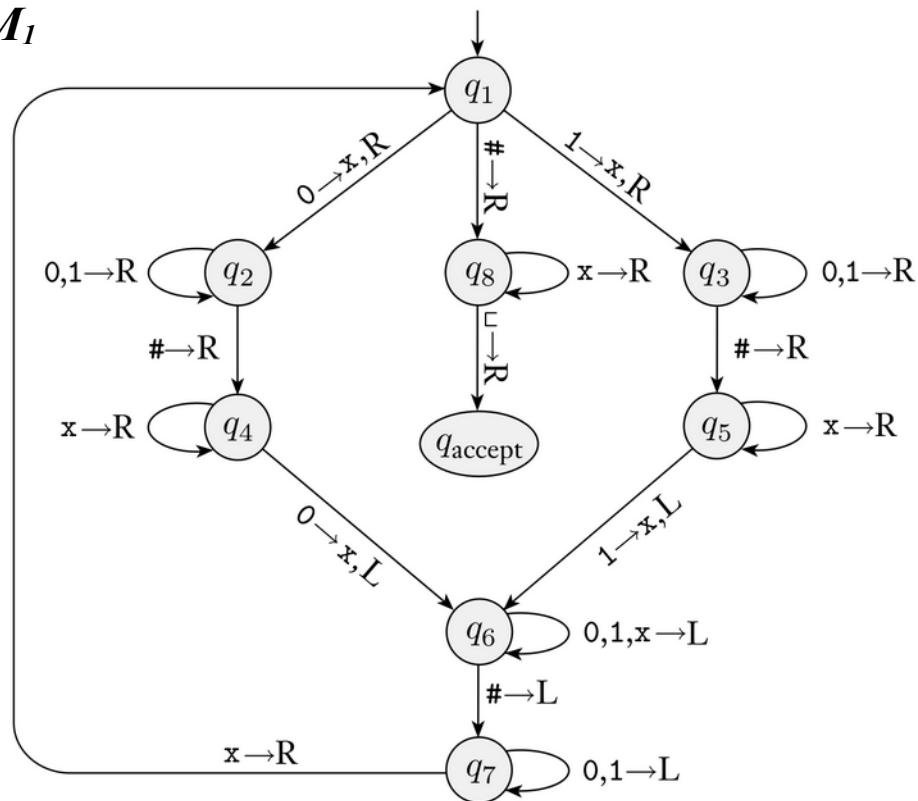


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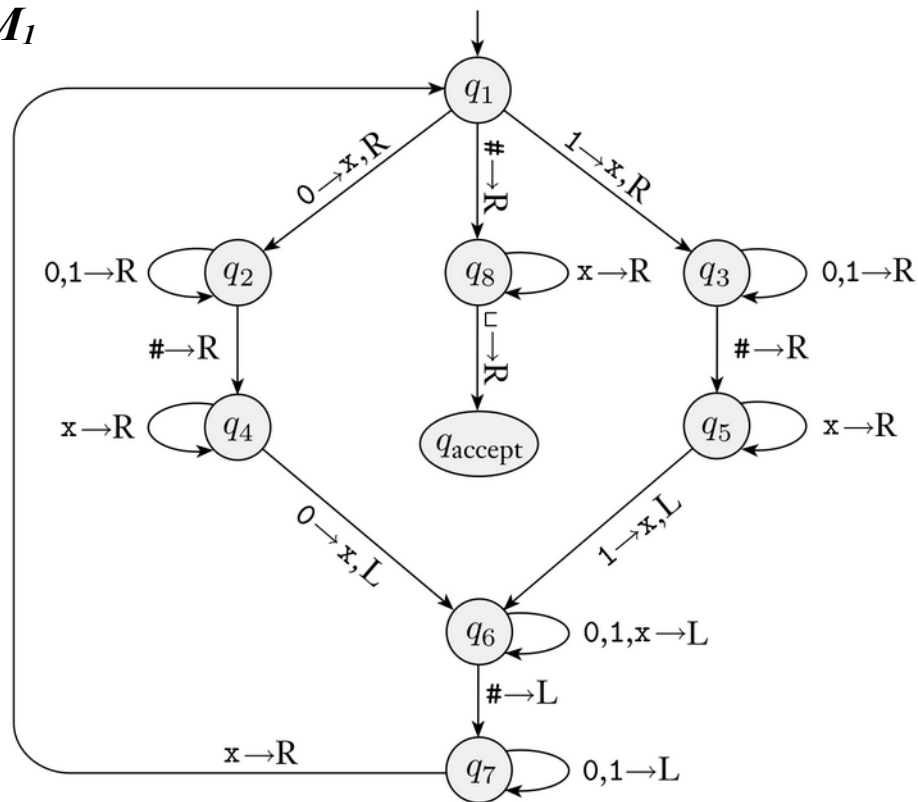


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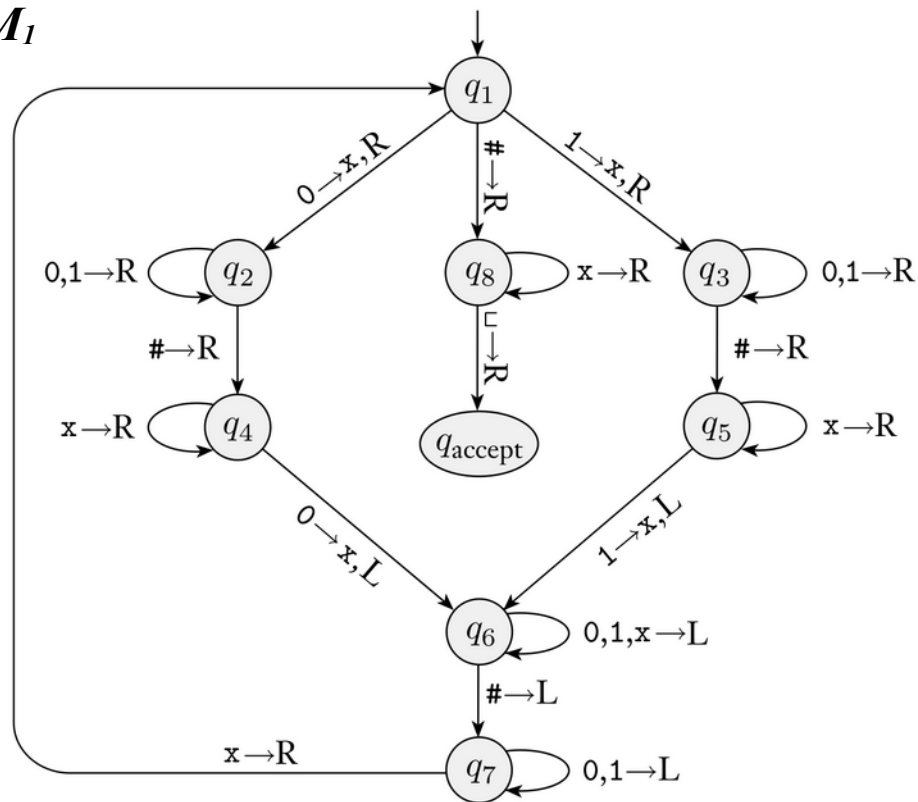


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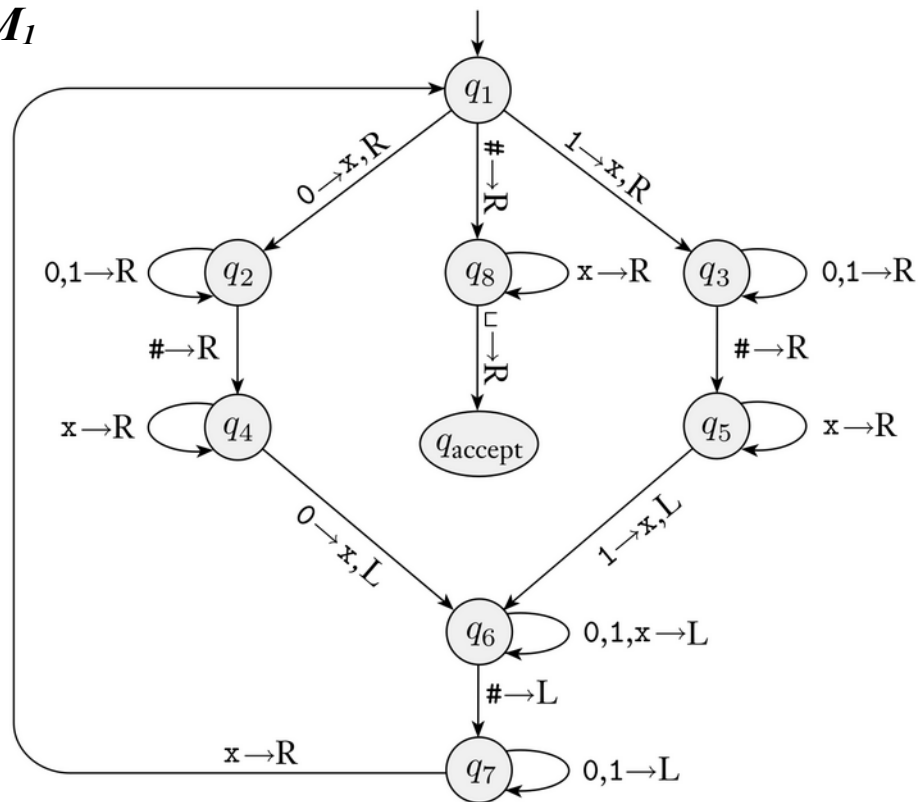


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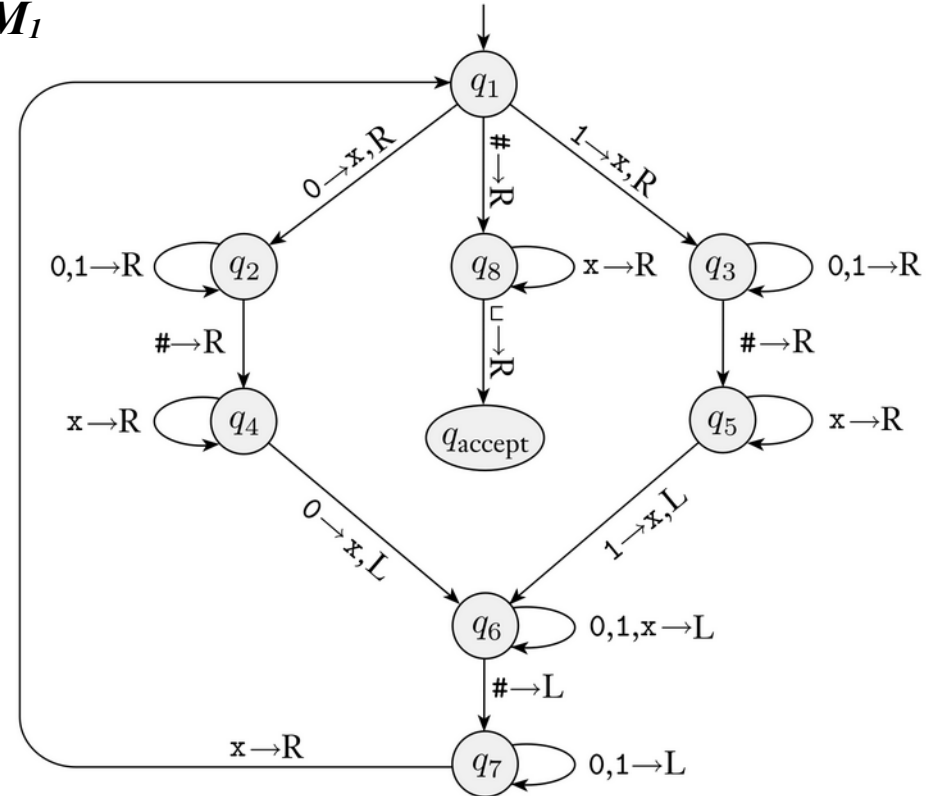


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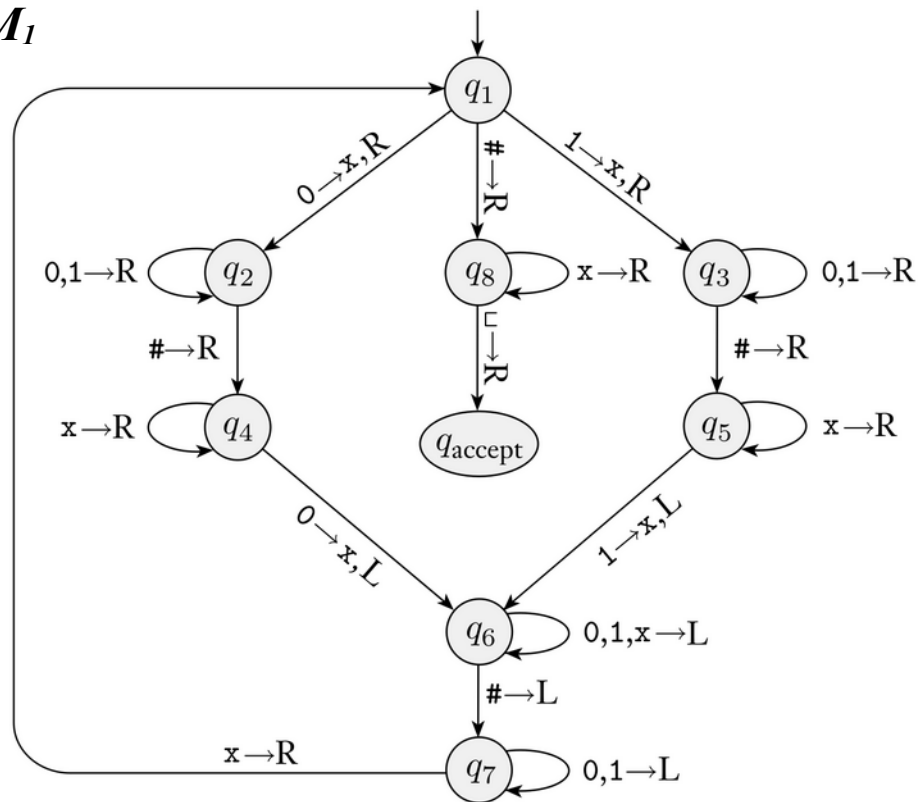


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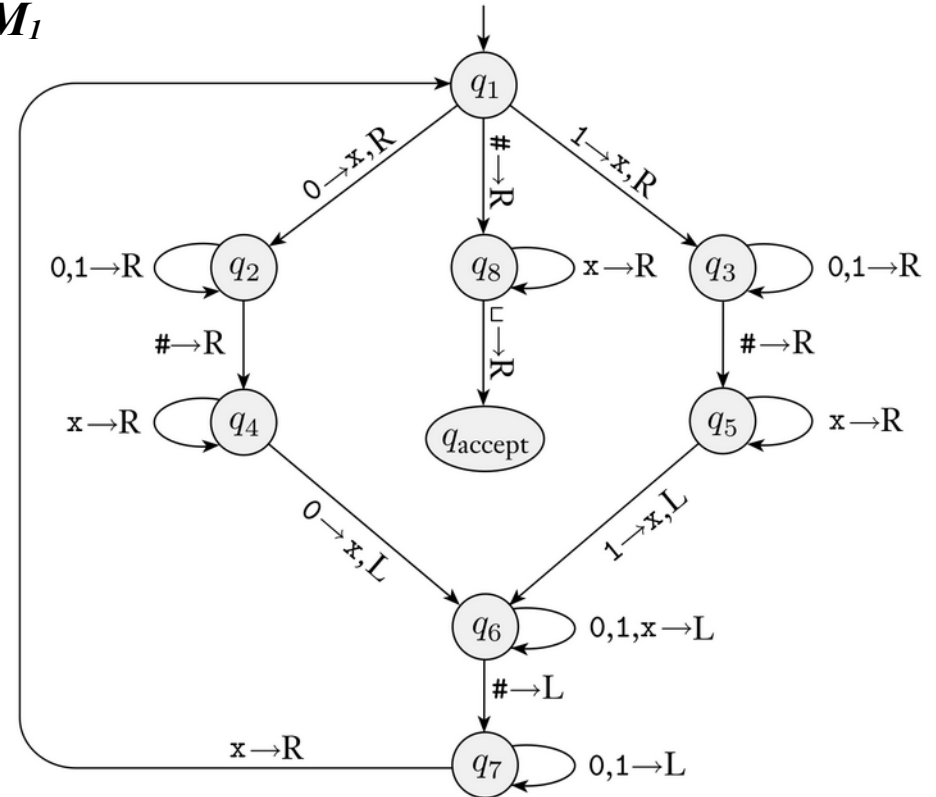


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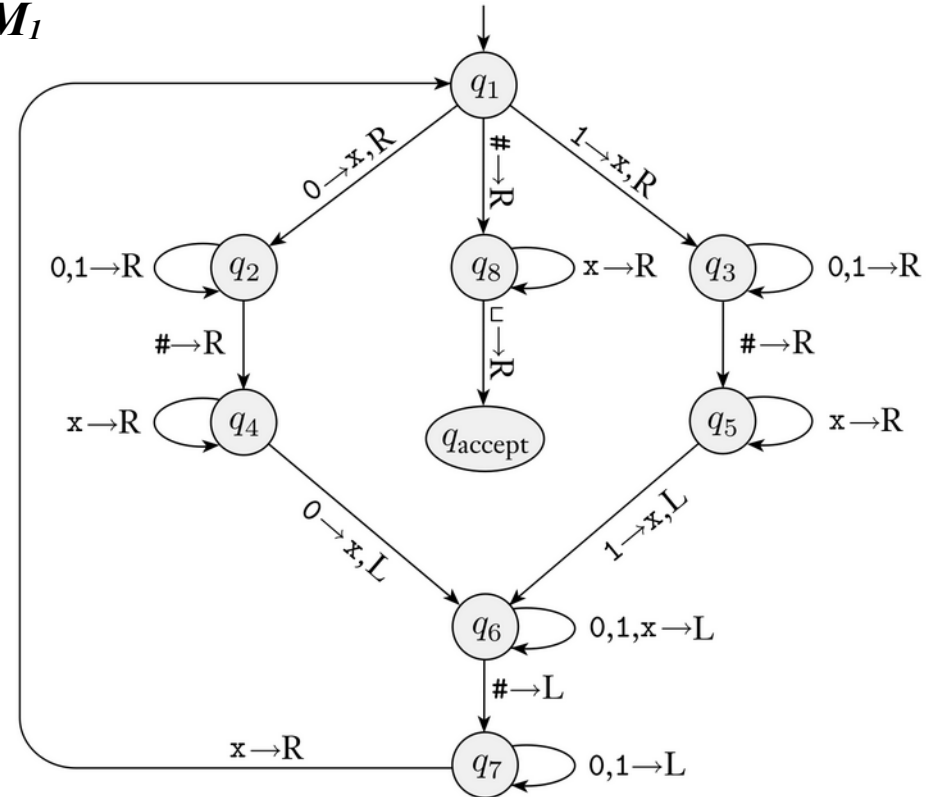


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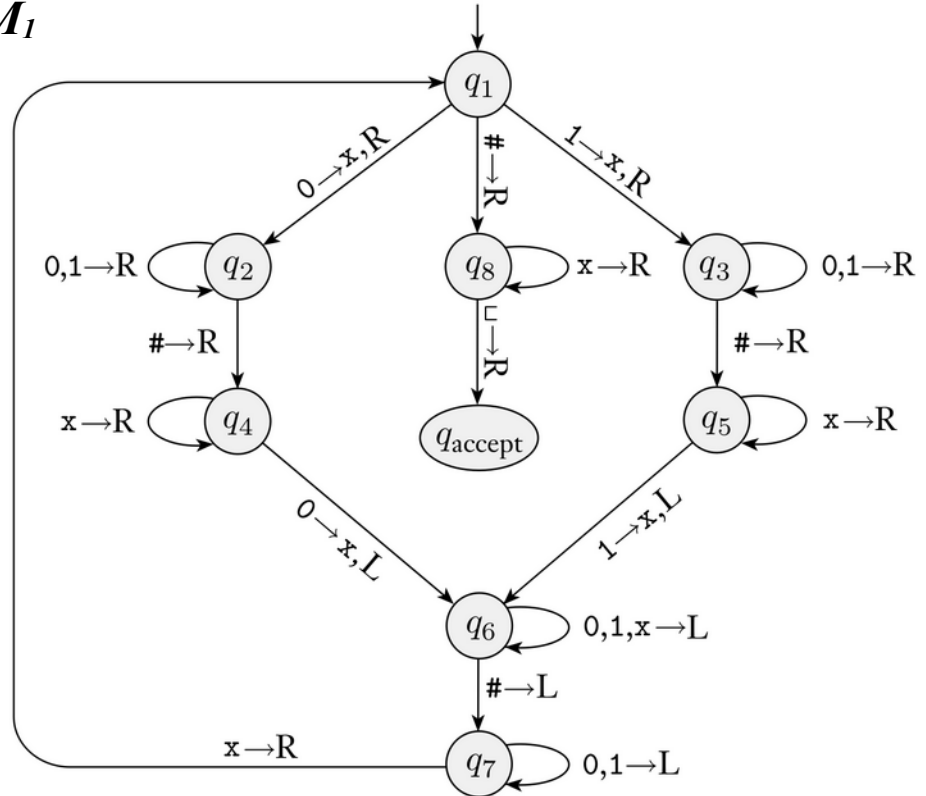


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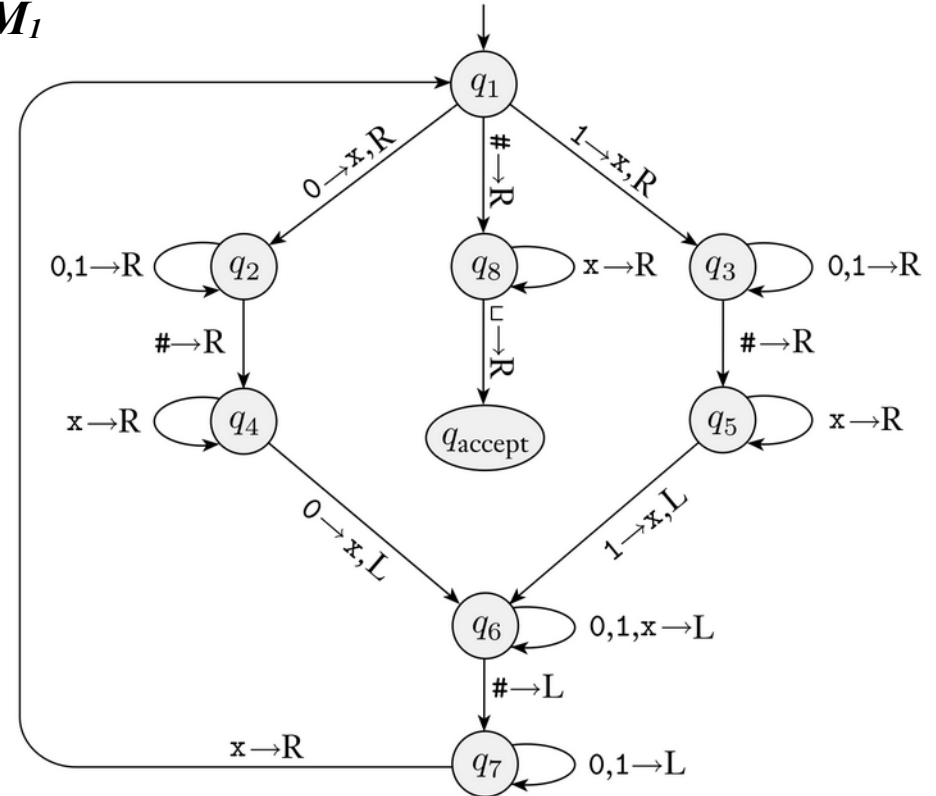


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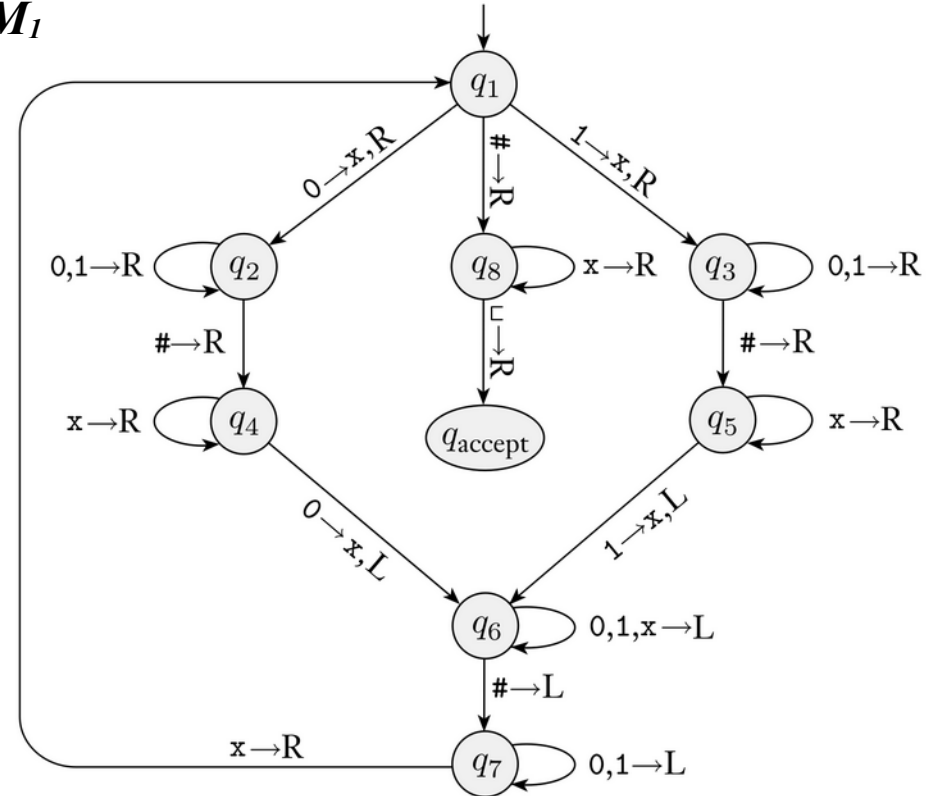


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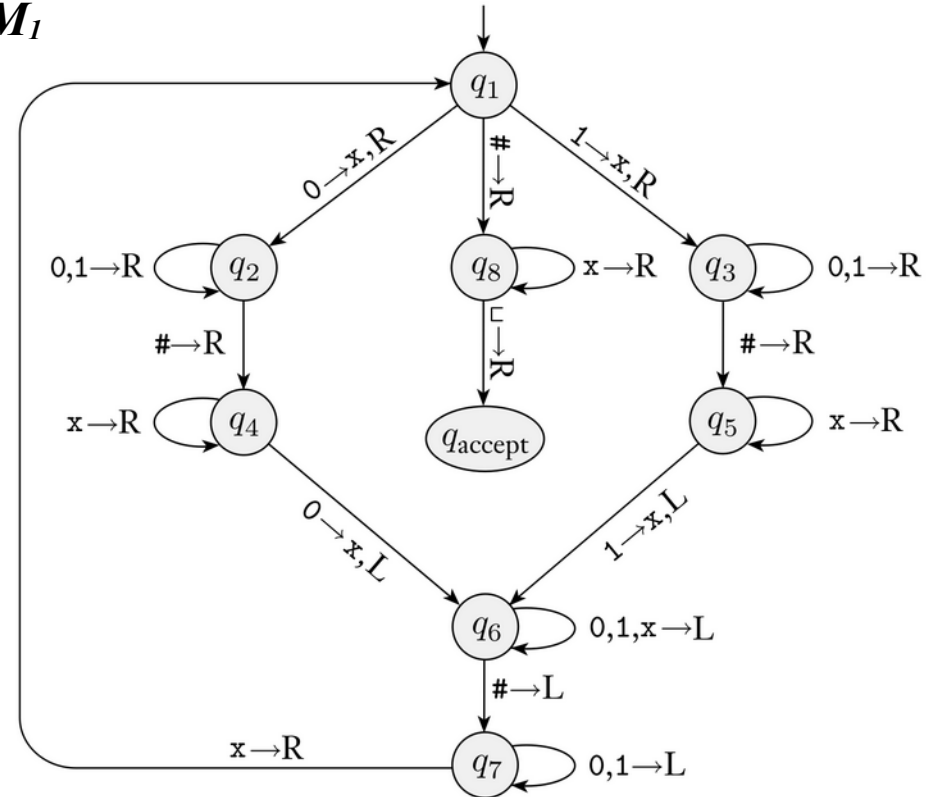


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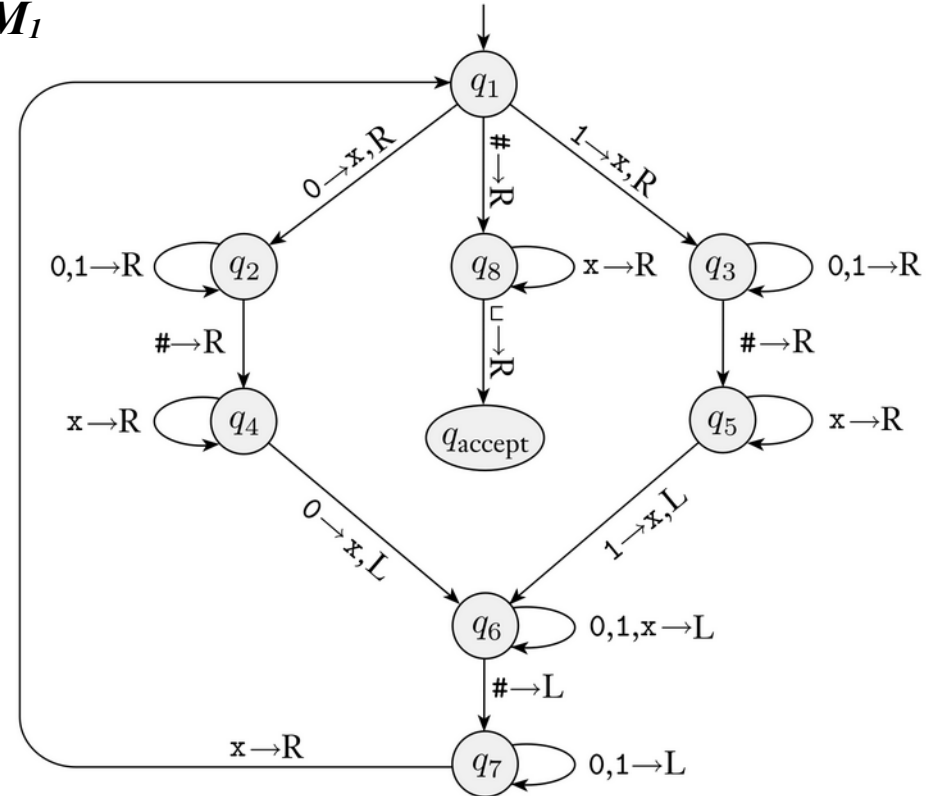


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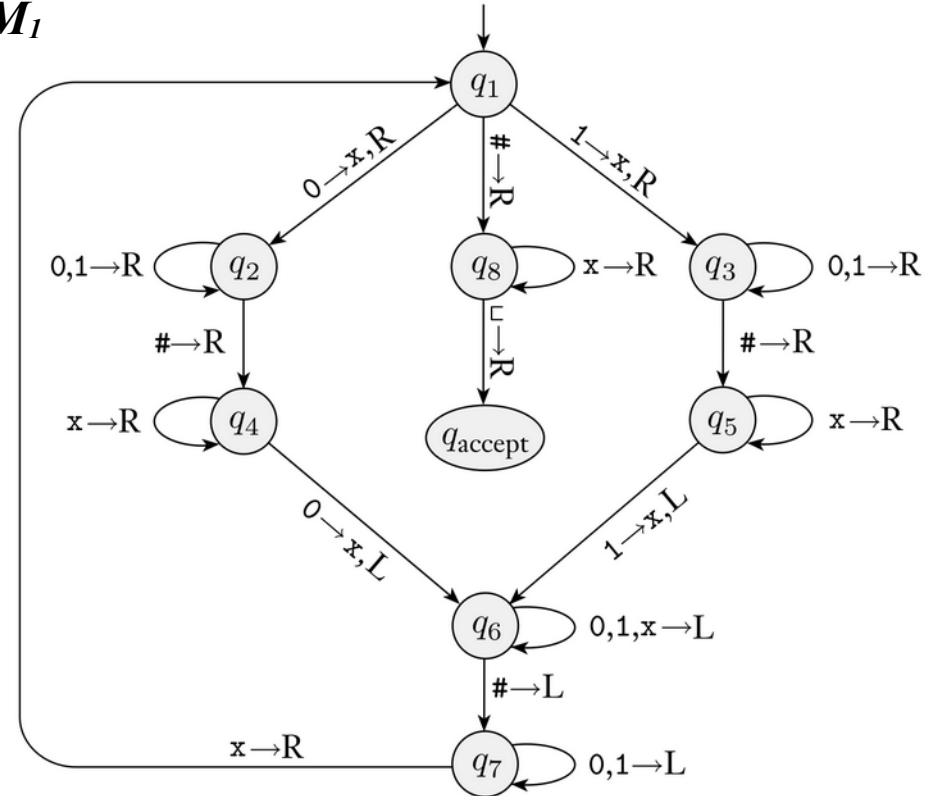


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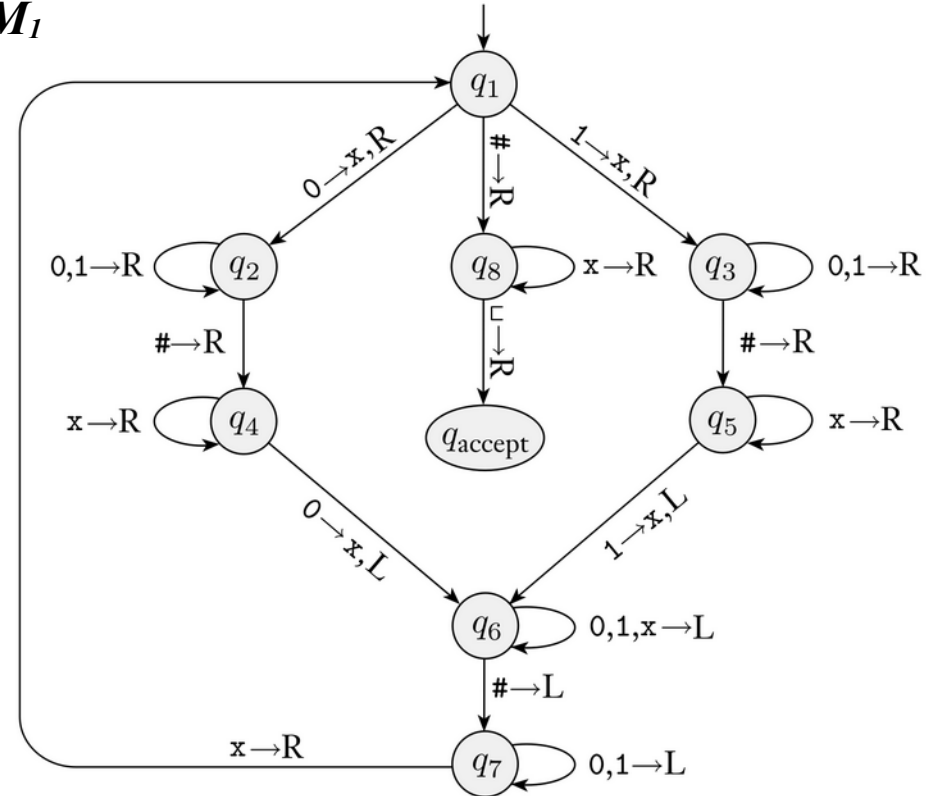


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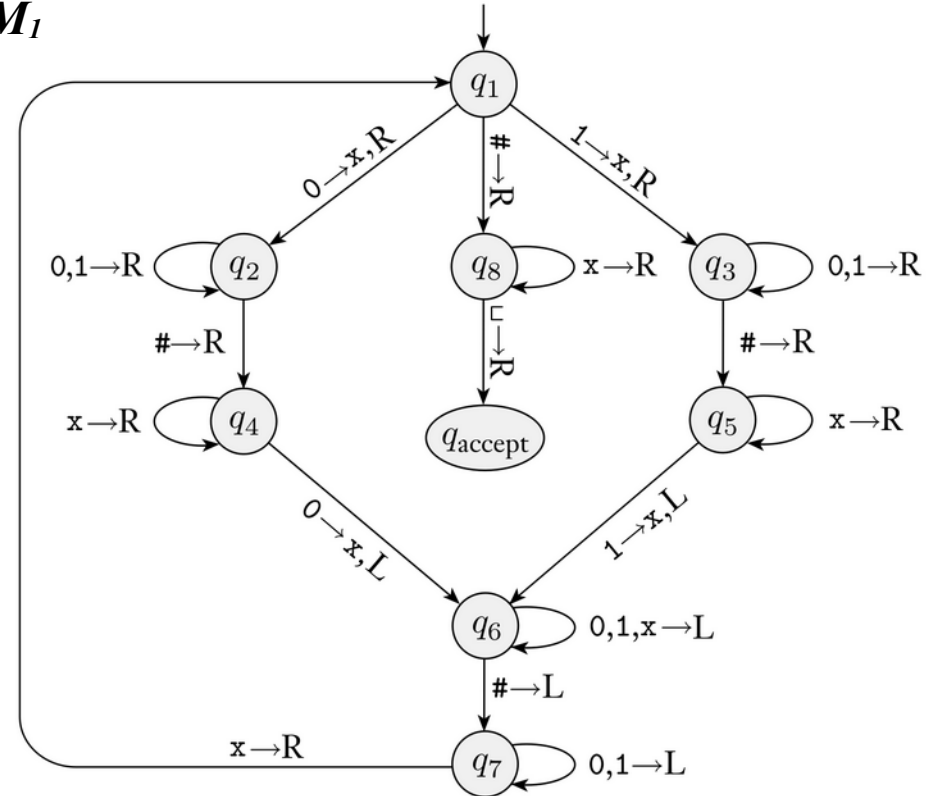


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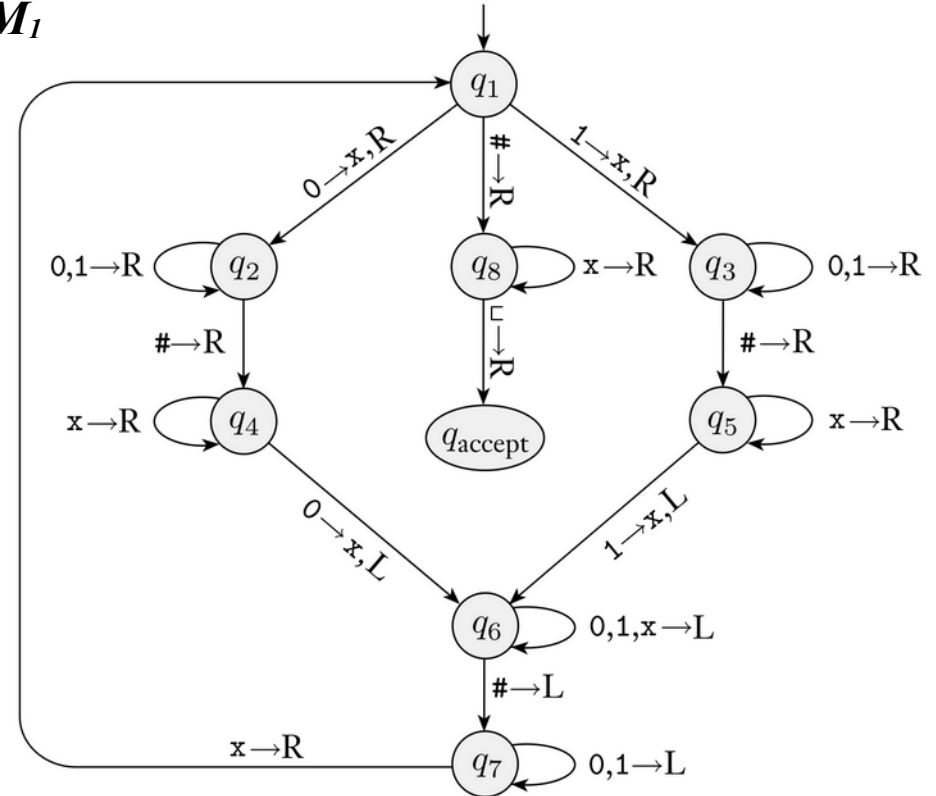


Turing Machines: Example

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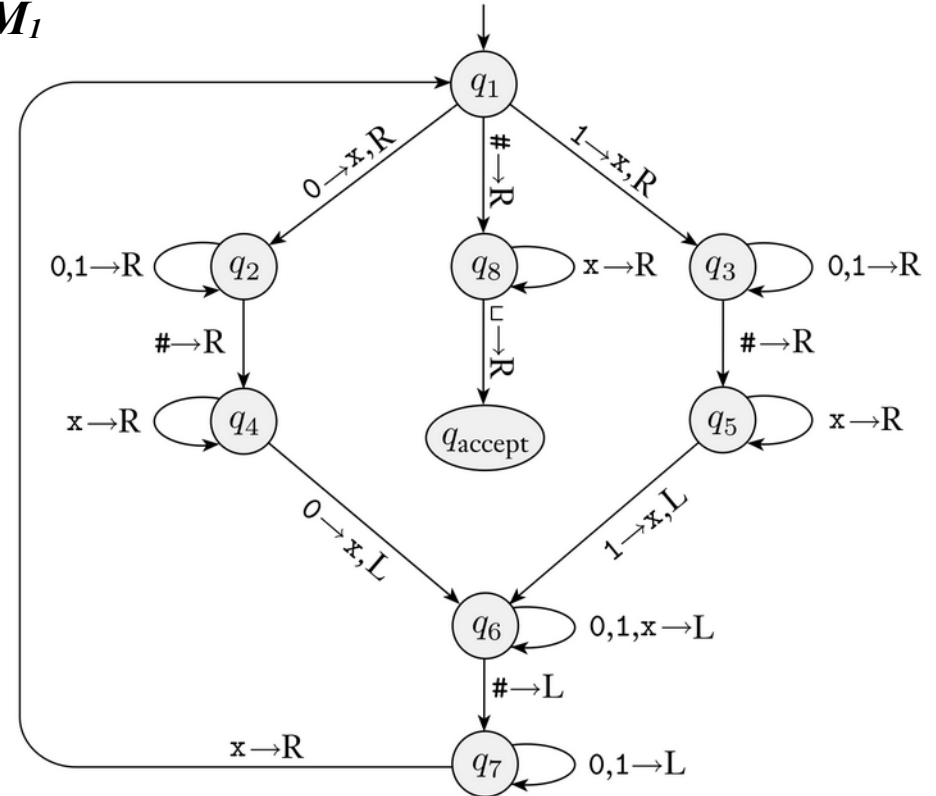


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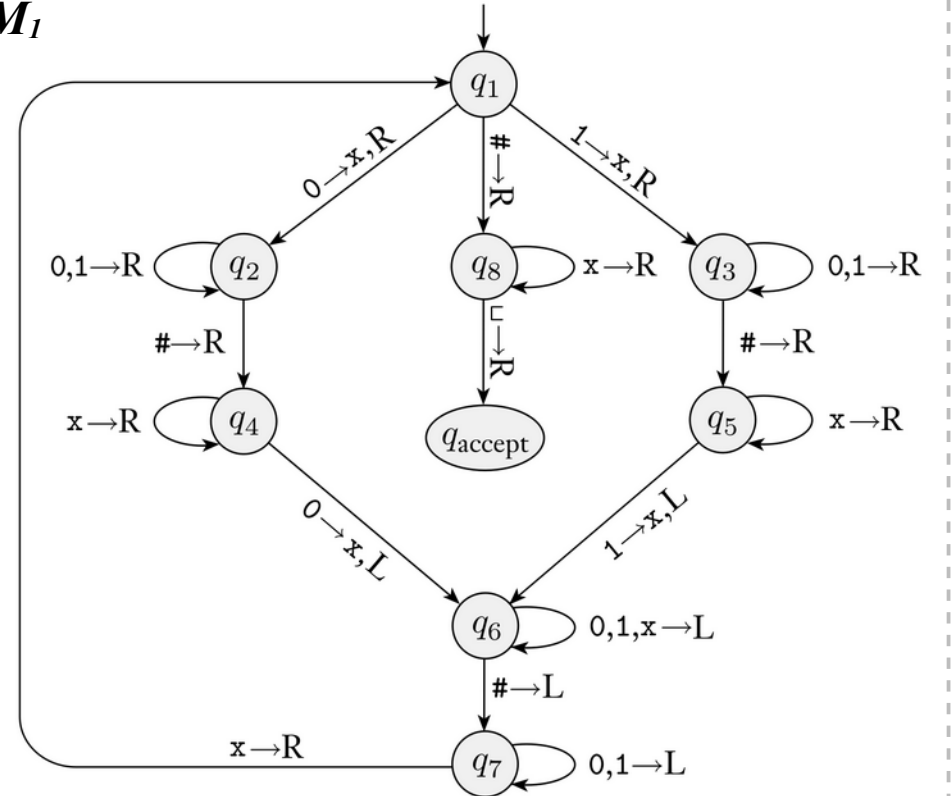


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Homework

- **Exercises:**

- **3.1, 3.2, 3.5, and 3.8a**

- **Read 3.2 and 3.3**