

# Context-free Languages

**Formal Languages and Abstract Machines**

**Week 08**

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# Outline

- Last week
- Conversions around Context-free Languages
- Deterministic PDA(DPDA)
- Turing Machines
- Review



# Context-Free and Regular Languages

Context-Free Languages

$$\{a^n b^n\}$$

$$\{ww^R\}$$

Regular Languages

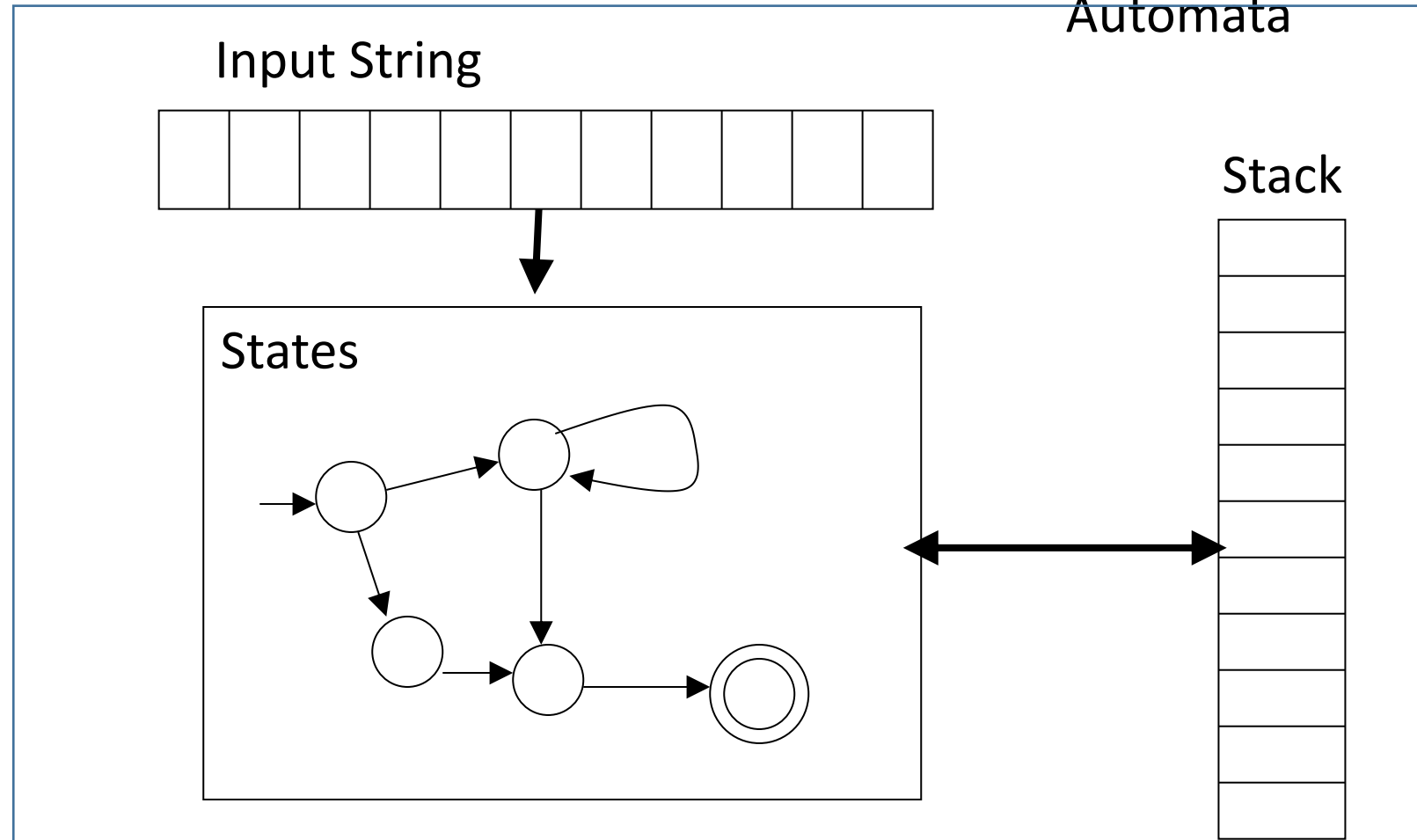
$$a^*b^*$$

$$(a+b)^*$$

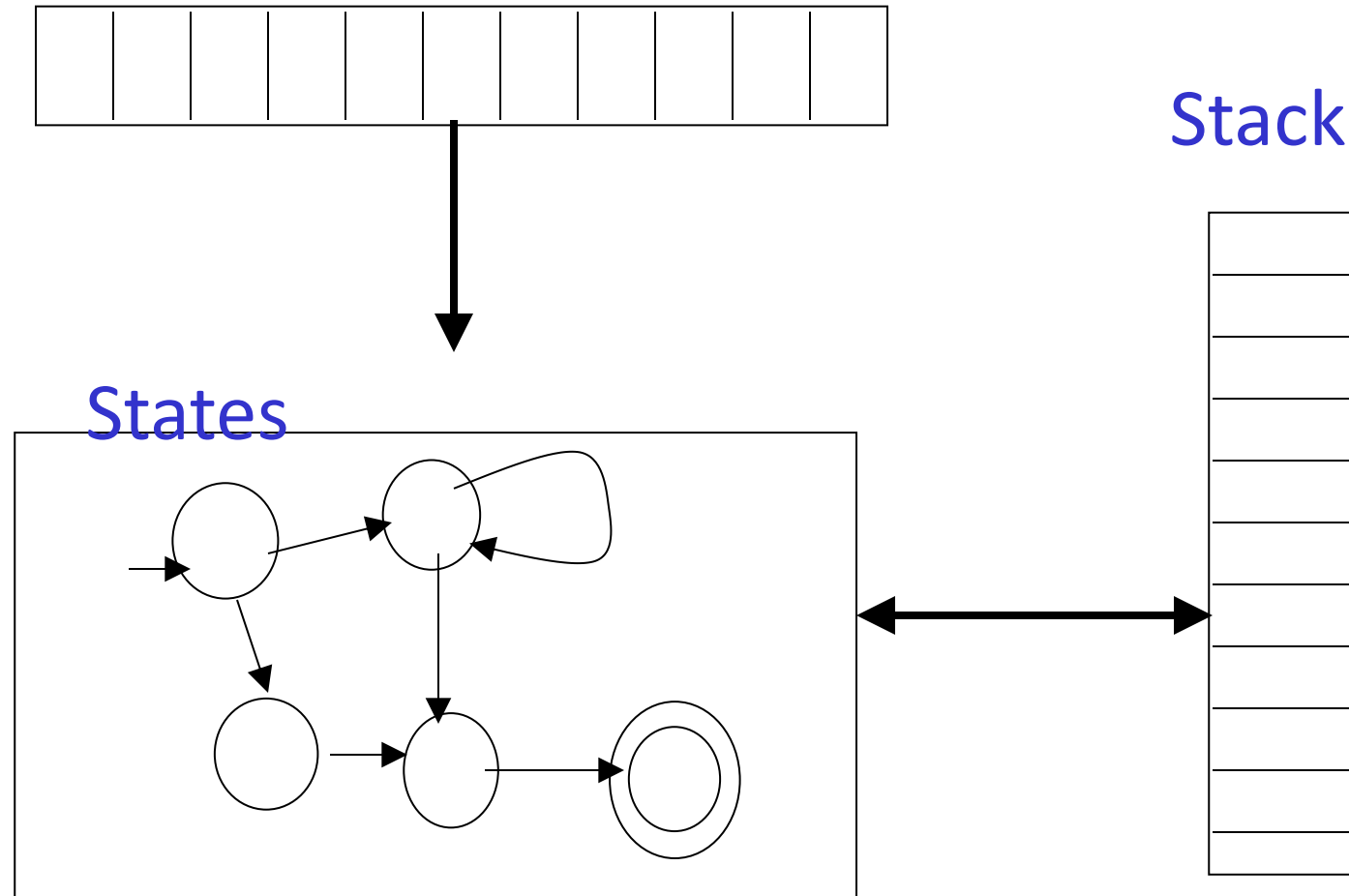
# Context-Free Languages

Context-Free  
Grammars

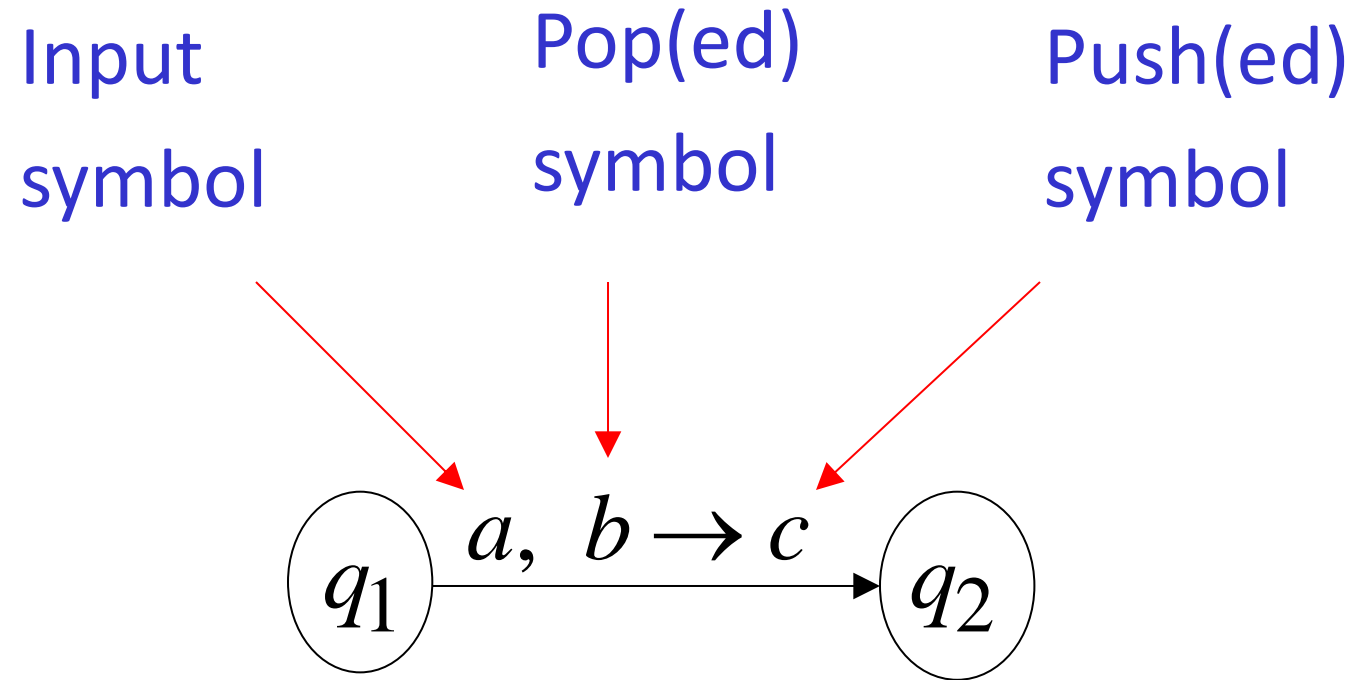
Pushdown  
Automata



# Pushdown Automaton -- PDA

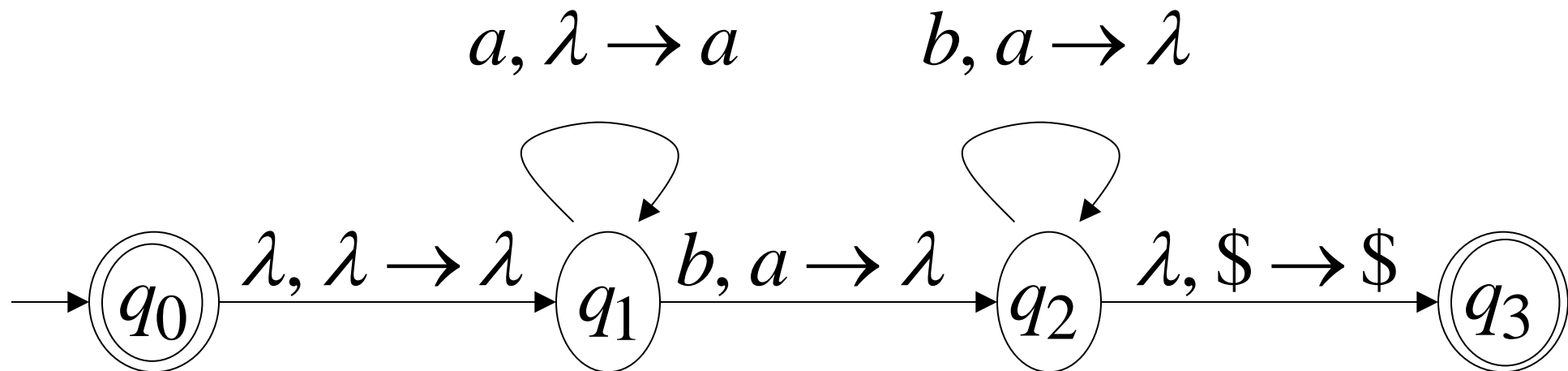


# The States



# NPDA: Non-Deterministic PDA

Example:



A string is accepted if there is  
one computation such that:

All the input is consumed

**AND**

The last state is a final state

At the end of the computation,  
we do not care about the stack contents



A string is rejected  
if in every computation with this string:

The input cannot be consumed

**OR**

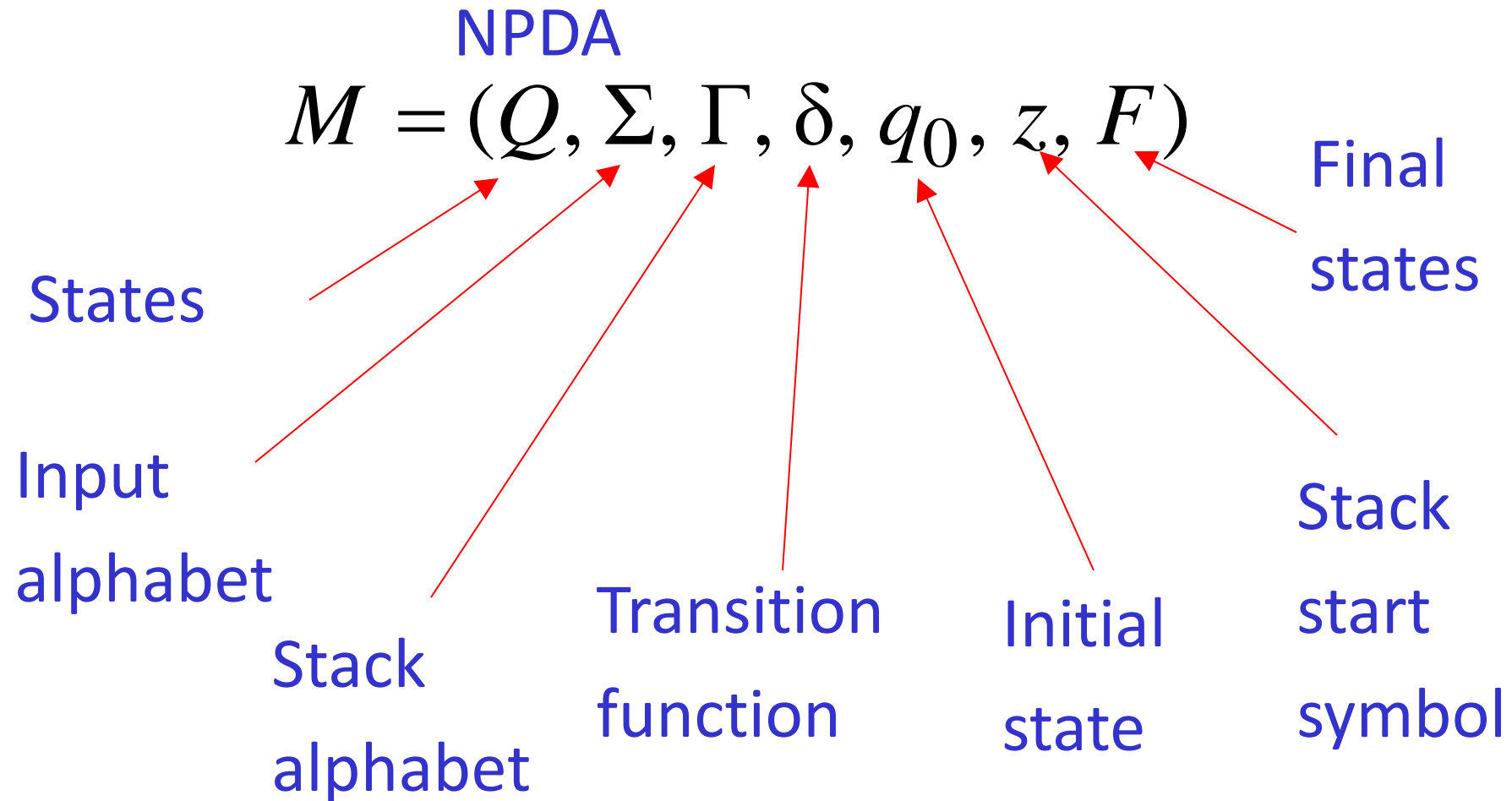
The input is consumed and the last state  
is not a final state

**OR**

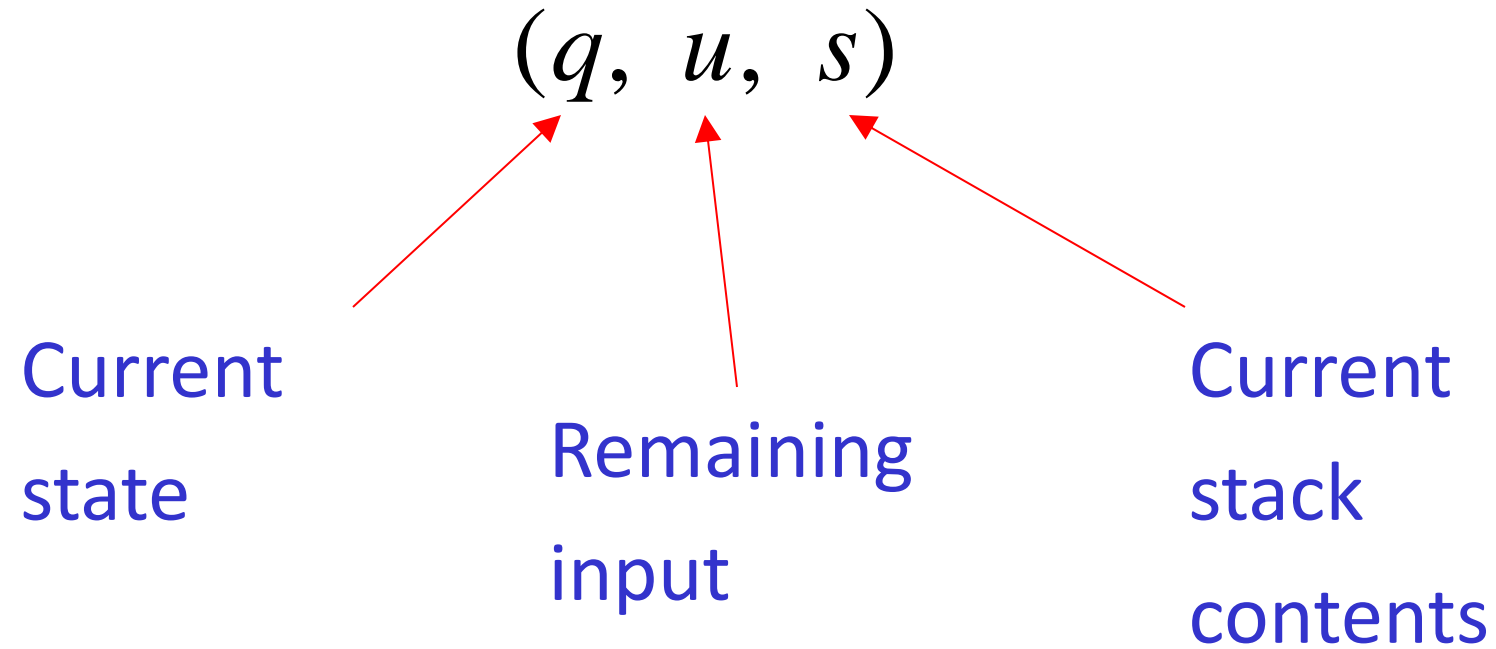
The stack head moves below the bottom  
of the stack

# Formal Definition

## Non-Deterministic Pushdown Automaton



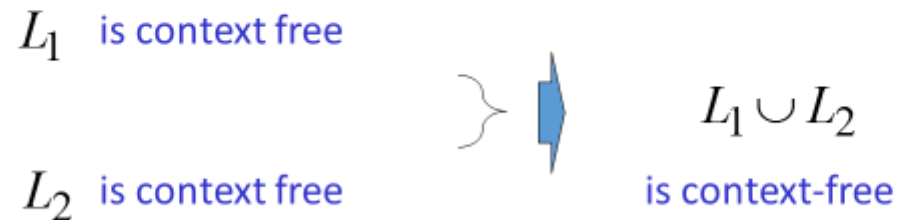
# Instantaneous Description



## Union

Context-free languages  
are closed under:

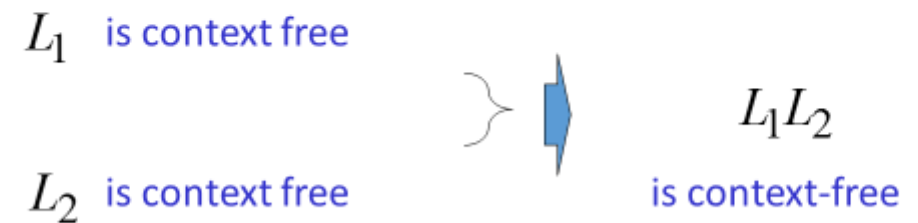
**Union**



## Concatenation

Context-free languages  
are closed under:

**Concatenation**



## Star Operation

Context-free languages  
are closed under:

**Star-operation**



## Intersection

Context-free languages  
are not closed under:

**intersection**

$L_1$  is context free



$$L_1 \cap L_2$$

$L_2$  is context free

not necessarily  
context-free

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## Complement

Context-free languages  
are not closed under:

**complement**

$L$  is context free



$\bar{L}$

not necessarily  
context-free

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# NPDAs Accept Context-Free Languages

## Theorem:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Context-Free} \\ \text{Languages} \\ \text{(Grammars)} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Languages} \\ \text{Accepted by} \\ \text{NPDAs} \end{array} \right\}$$



## Proof - Step 1:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Context-Free} \\ \text{Languages} \\ \text{(Grammars)} \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Languages} \\ \text{Accepted by} \\ \text{NPDA's} \end{array} \right\}$$

Convert any context-free grammar  $G$   
to a NPDA  $M$  with:  $L(G) = L(M)$

## Proof - Step 2:

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Convert any NPDA  $M$  to a context-free grammar  $G$  with:  $L(G) = L(M)$

## Proof - step 1

*Converting*  
Context-Free Grammars  
to  
NPDAs

We will convert any context-free grammar

$G$

to an NPDA automaton

$M$

Such that:

$M$  Simulates leftmost derivations of

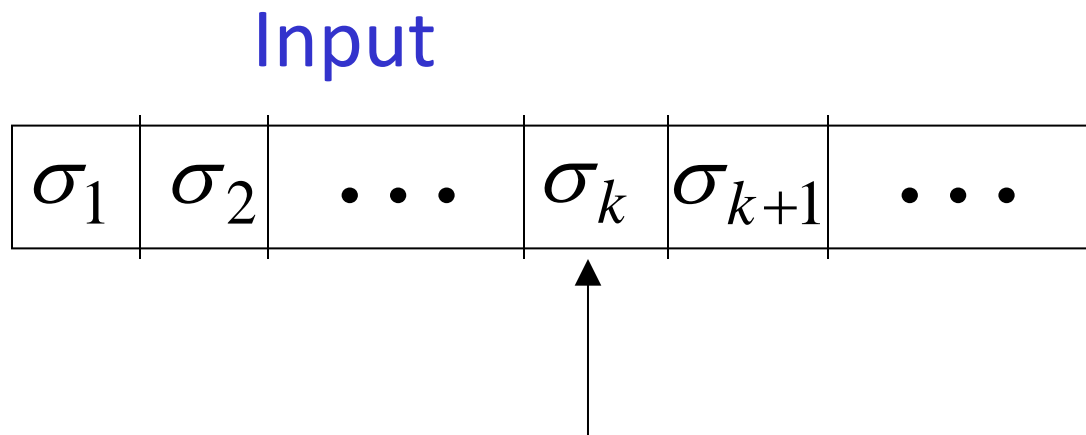
$G$

## Leftmost derivation

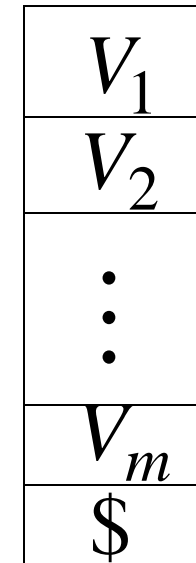
$$G: \quad S \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \underbrace{\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_k}_{\substack{\text{Input} \\ \text{processed}}} \overset{\substack{\text{leftmost variable}}}{\nearrow} V_1 \underbrace{V_2 \dots V_m}_{\substack{\text{Stack} \\ \text{contents}}} \Rightarrow \dots$$

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$M$ :      Simulation of derivation



Stack



## Leftmost derivation

$G :$

$$S \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cdots \sigma_n$$

string of terminals

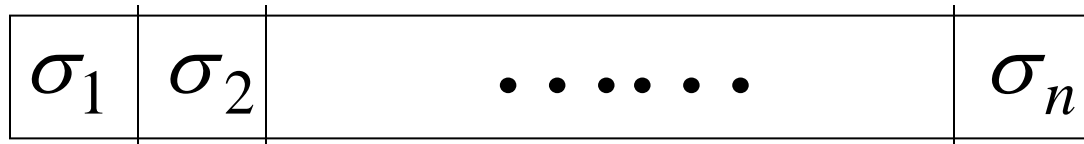
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$M :$

Simulation of derivation

Stack

Input



end of input is reached

An example grammar:  $S \rightarrow aSTb$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

$$T \rightarrow Ta$$

$$T \rightarrow \lambda$$

What is the equivalent NPDA?

## Grammar:

$$S \rightarrow aSTb$$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

$$T \rightarrow Ta$$

$$T \rightarrow \lambda$$

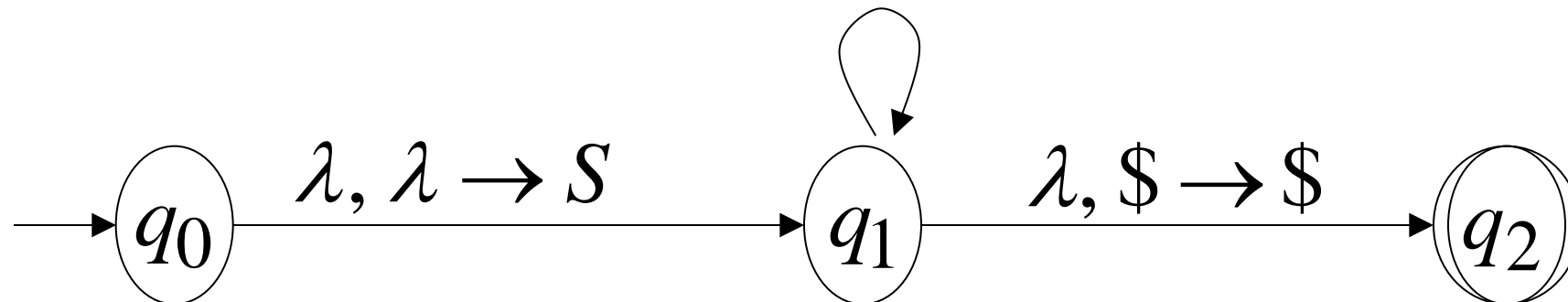
## NPDA:

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$$

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$$

$$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta \quad a, a \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda \quad b, b \rightarrow \lambda$$





Grammar:  $S \rightarrow aSTb$

$$S \rightarrow b$$

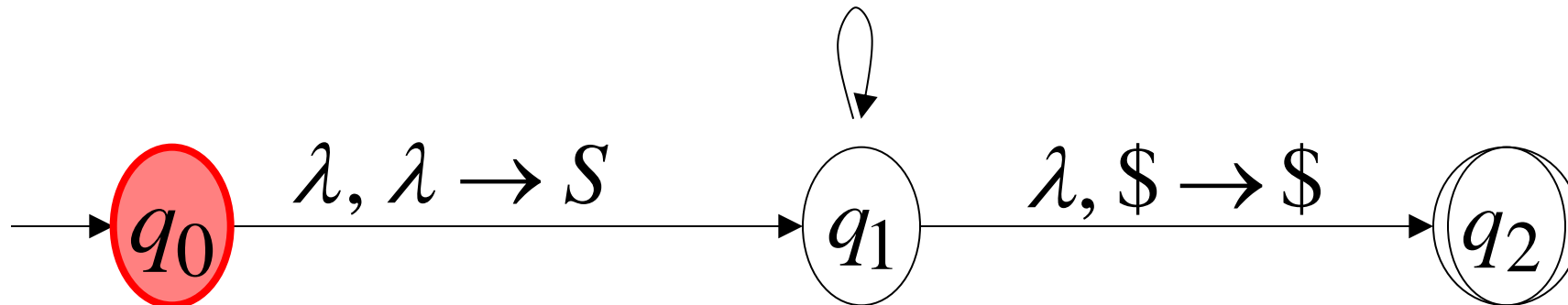
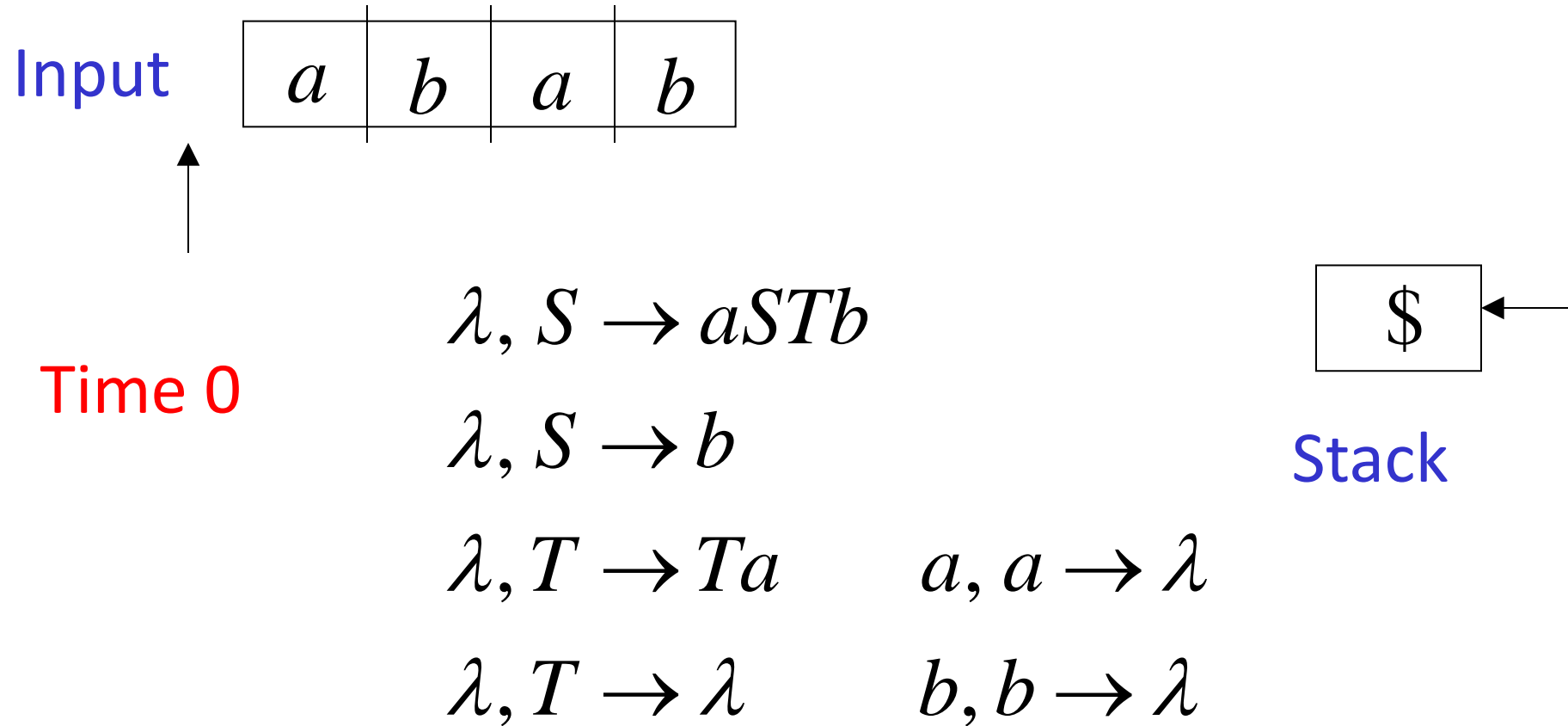
$$T \rightarrow Ta$$

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A leftmost derivation:

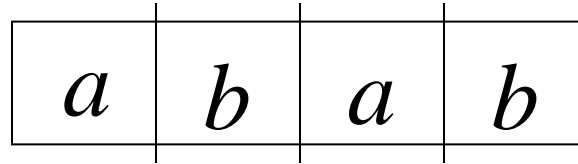
$$S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$$

## Derivation:



# Derivation: $S$

Input



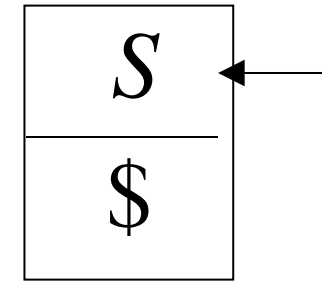
Time 0

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$$

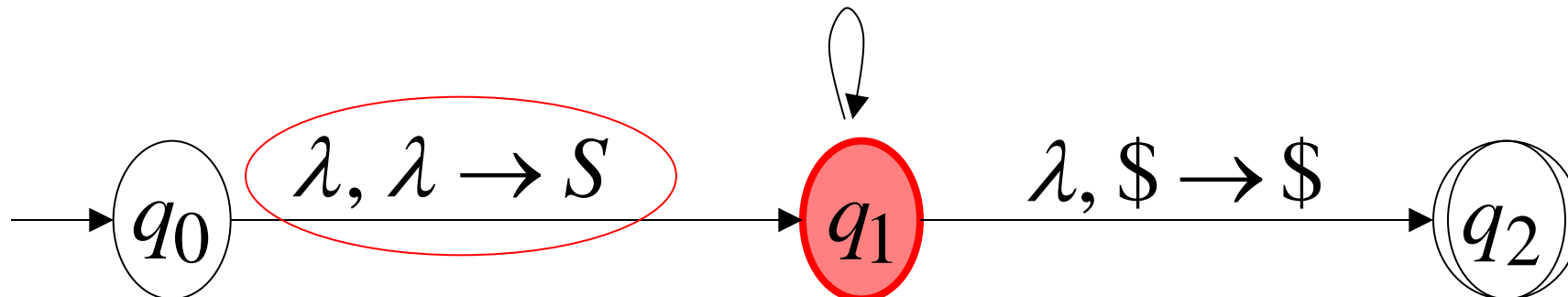
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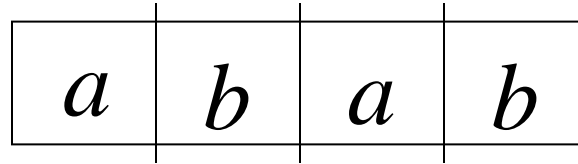


Stack



Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input



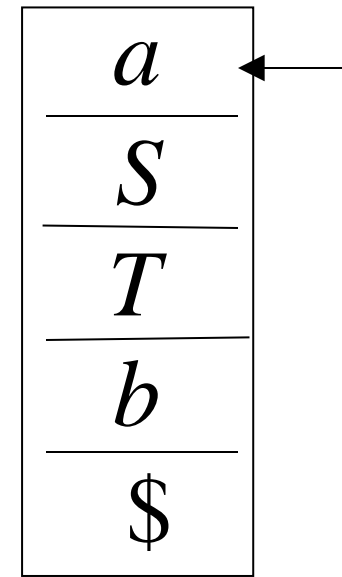
Time 1

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

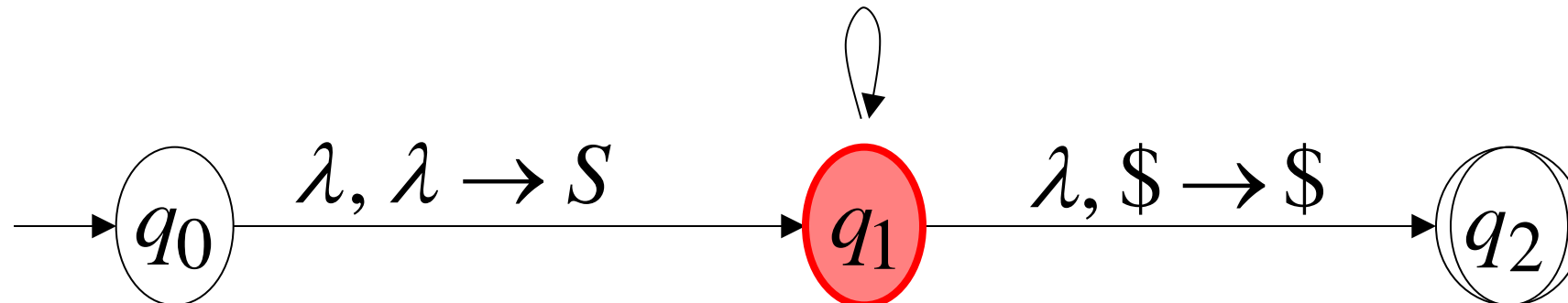
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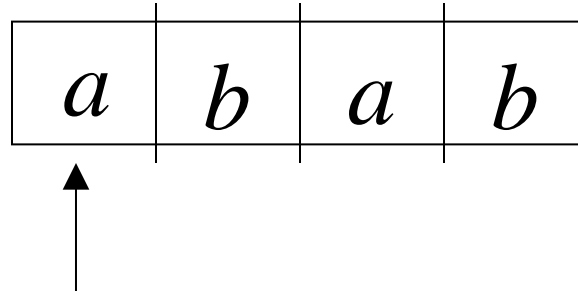


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Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb$

Input



Time 2

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

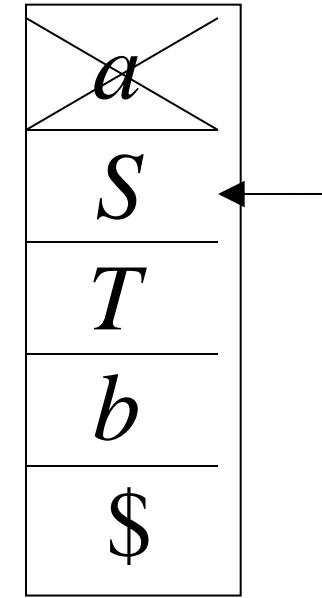
$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow Ta$

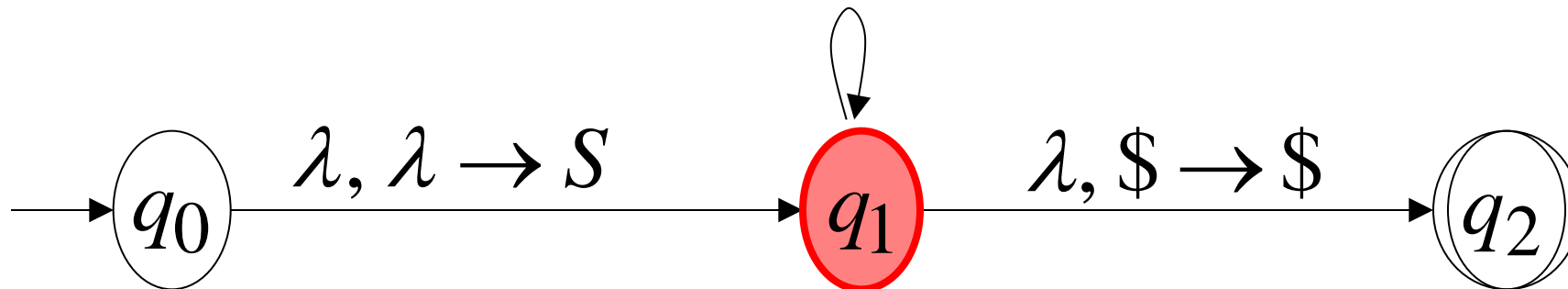
$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$

$\lambda, T \rightarrow \lambda$

$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$

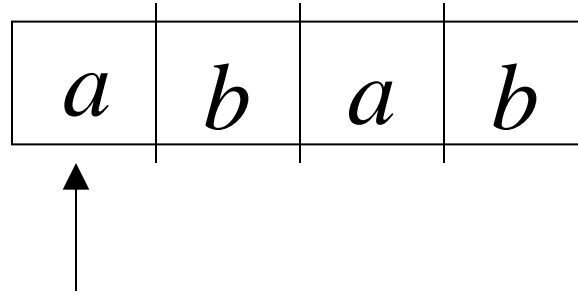


Stack



Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

Input



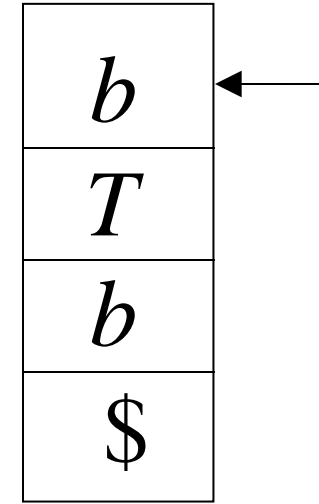
Time 3

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

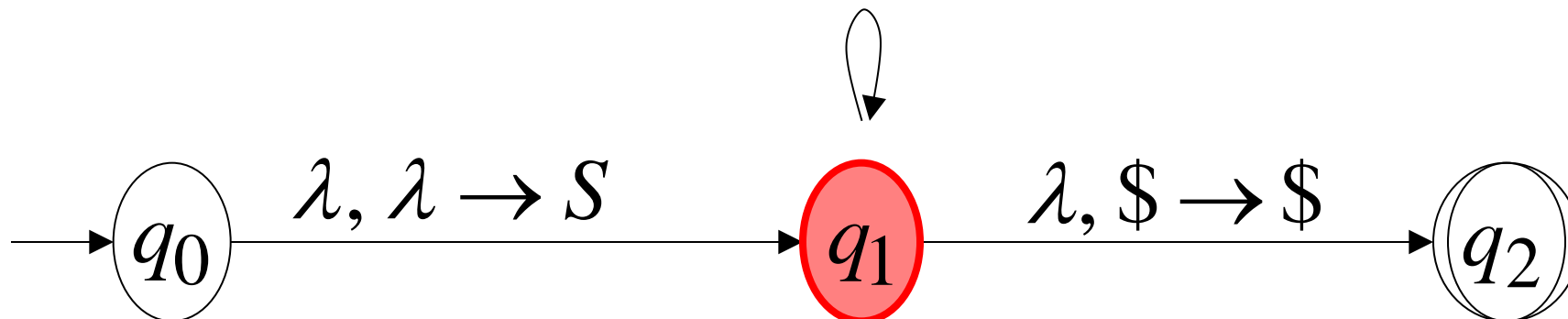
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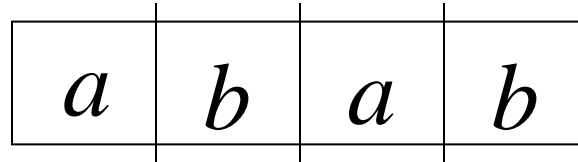


Stack



Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb$

Input



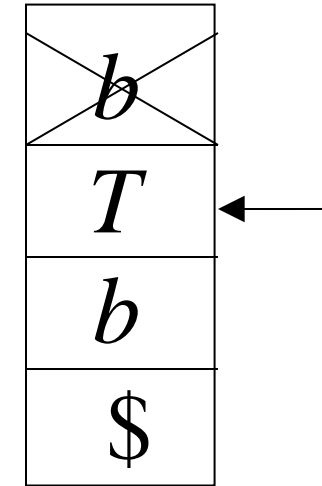
Time 4

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

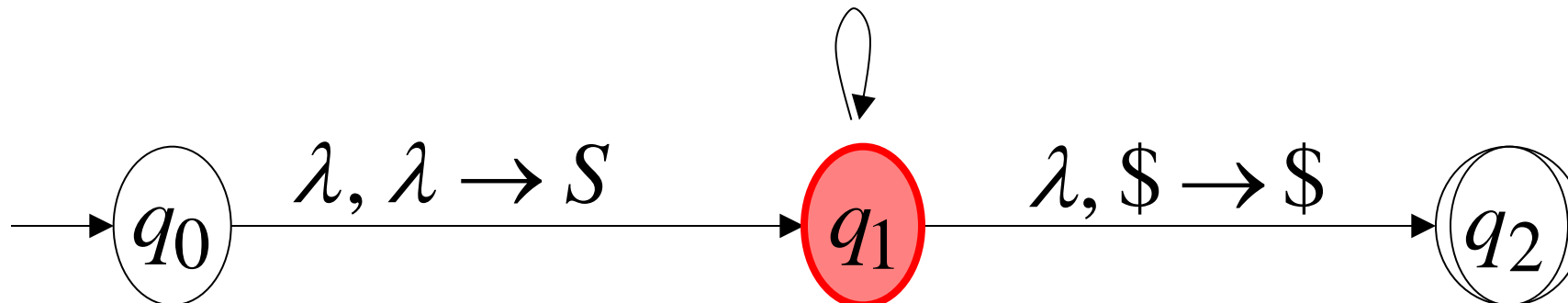
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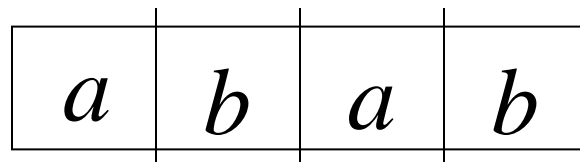


Stack



Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab$

Input



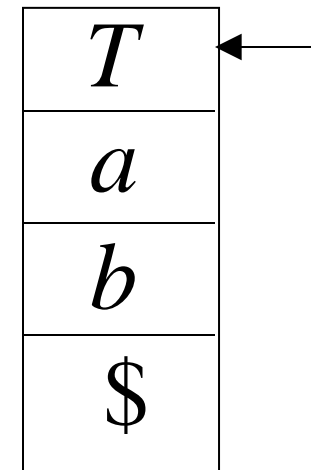
$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

$\lambda, S \rightarrow b$

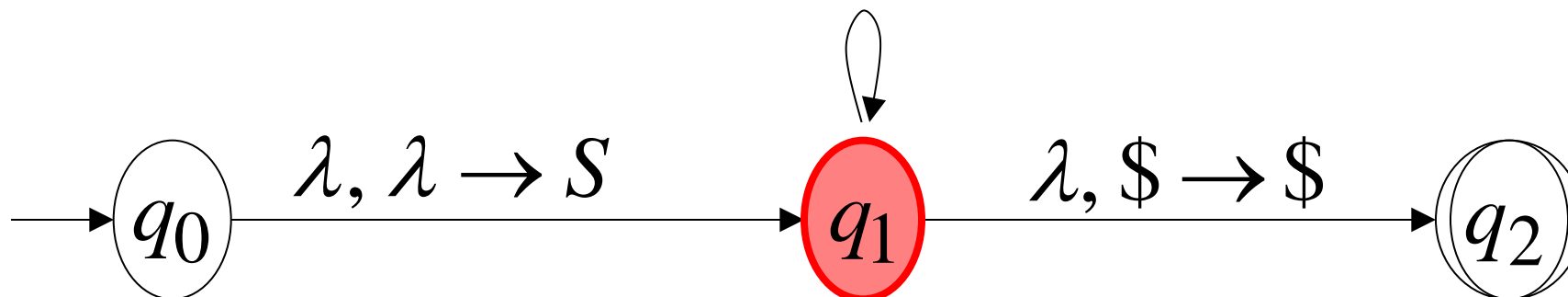
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Time 5



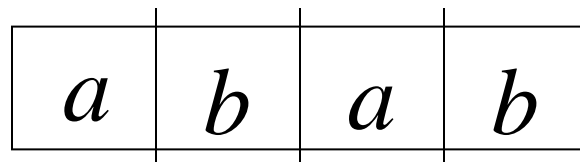
Stack





Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

Input

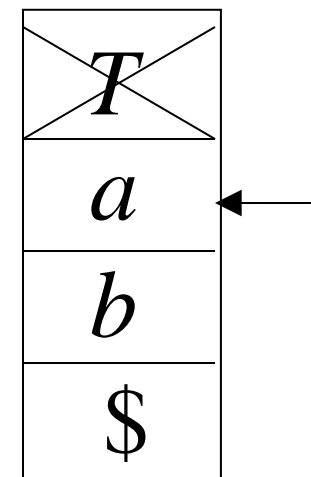


$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

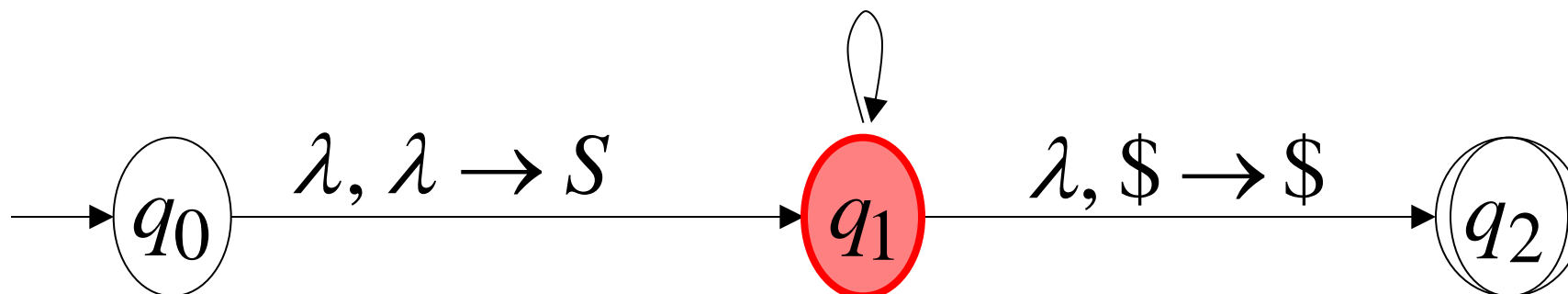
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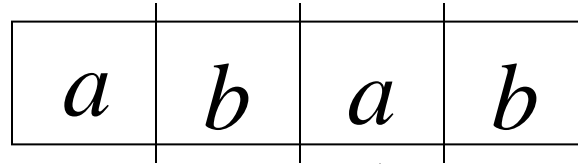


Stack



Derivation:  $S \Rightarrow aSTb \Rightarrow abTb \Rightarrow abTab \Rightarrow abab$

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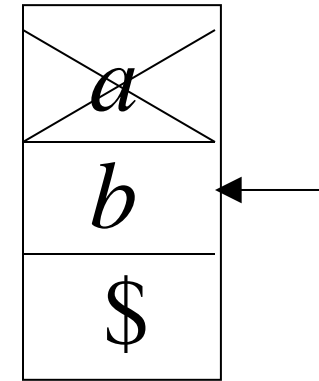


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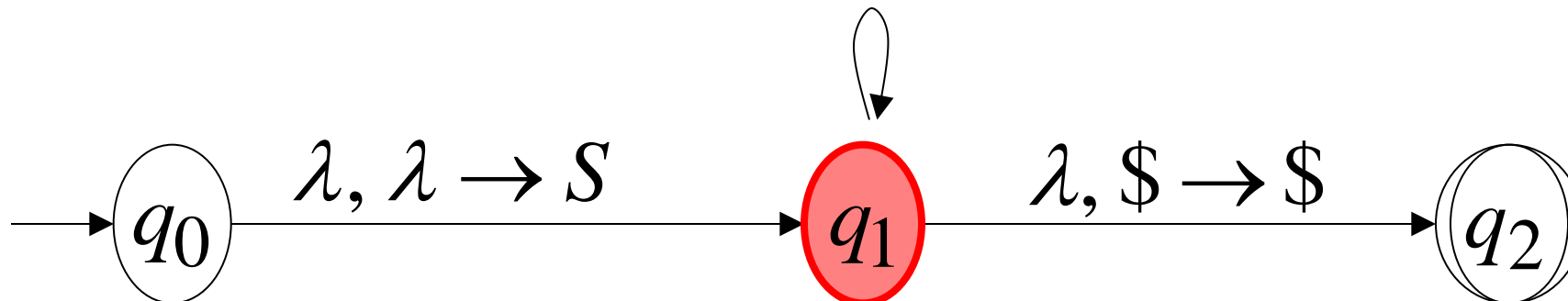
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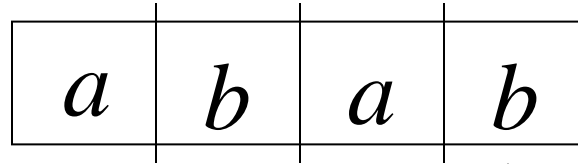


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## Derivation:

Input



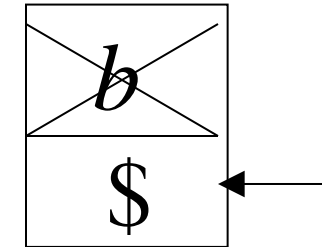
Time 8

$$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$$

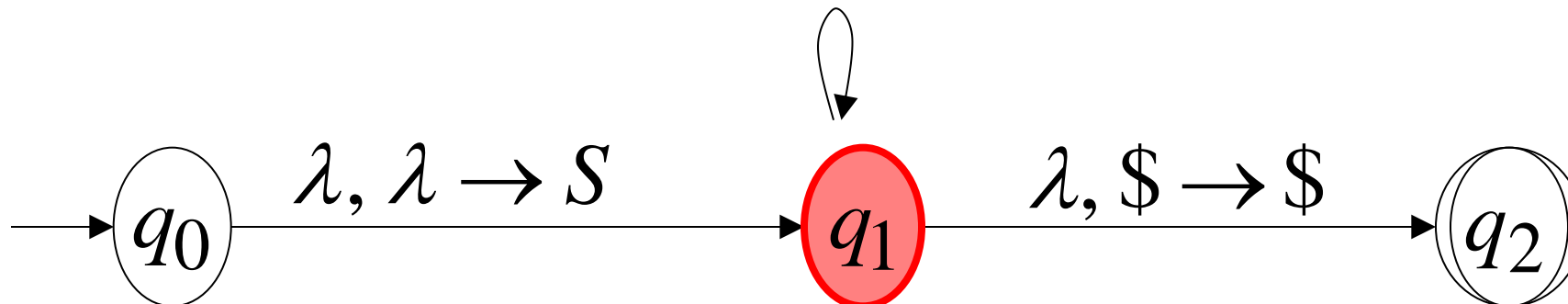
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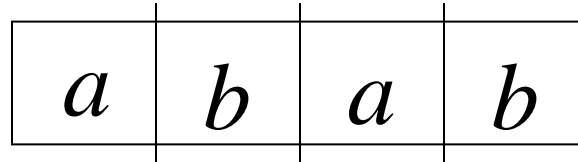


Stack



## Derivation:

Input



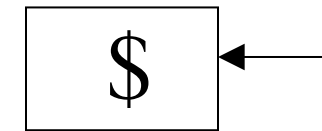
Time 9

$\lambda, S \rightarrow aSTb$

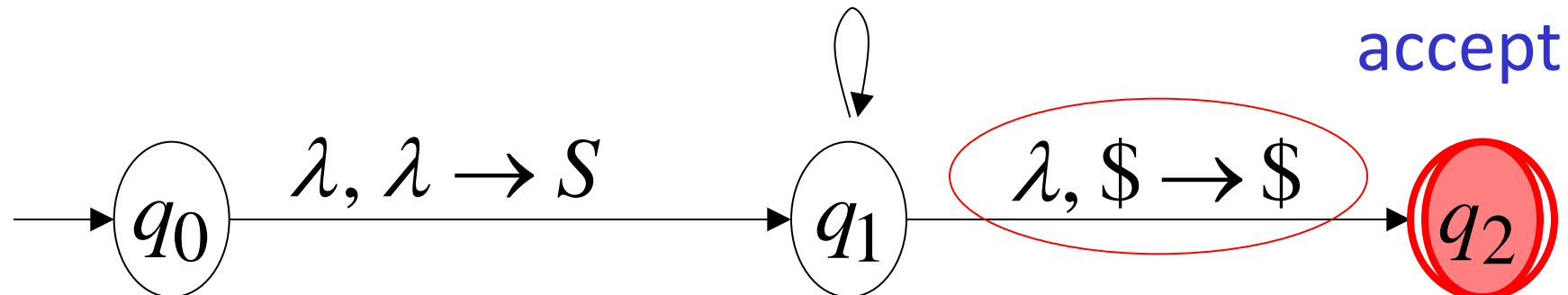
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Stack



In general:

Given any grammar  $G$

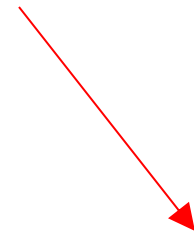
We can construct a NPDA  $M$

With  $L(G) = L(M)$

# Constructing NPDA $M$ from grammar : $G$

For any production

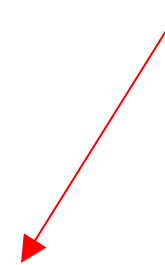
$$A \rightarrow w$$



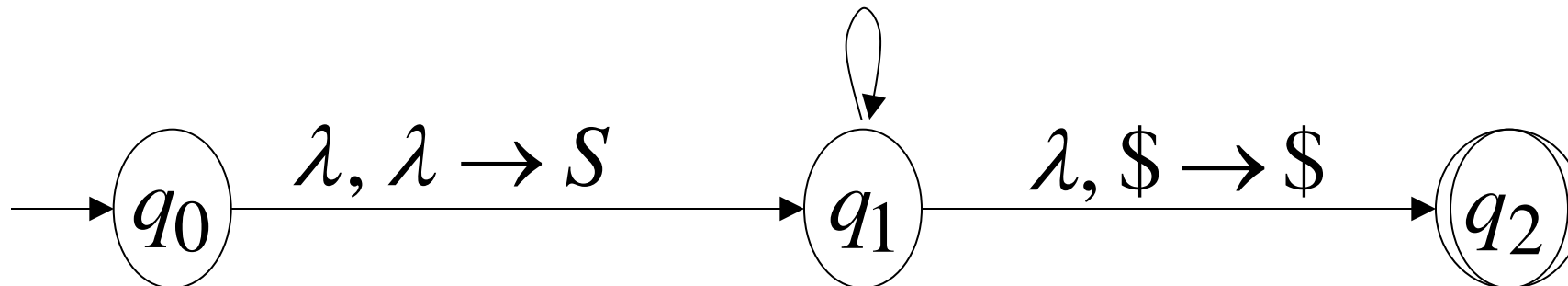
$$\lambda, A \rightarrow w$$

For any terminal

$a$



$$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$$



Grammar  $G$  generates string  $w$

if and only if

NPDA  $M$  accepts  $w$



$$L(G) = L(M)$$

Therefore:

For any context-free language  
there is a NPDA  
that accepts the same language

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Context-Free} \\ \text{Languages} \\ \text{(Grammars)} \end{array} \right\} \subseteq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Languages} \\ \text{Accepted by} \\ \text{NPDAs} \end{array} \right\}$$



## Proof - step 2

*Converting*  
NPDAs  
to  
Context-Free Grammars  
is possible

For any NPDA  $M$

we will construct

a context-free grammar  $G$  with

$$L(M) = L(G)$$

**Intuition:** The grammar simulates the machine

A derivation in Grammar :  $G$

terminals      variables  
 $S \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow abc \dots ABC \dots \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow abc \dots$

Input processed      Stack contents

Current configuration in NPDA  $M$

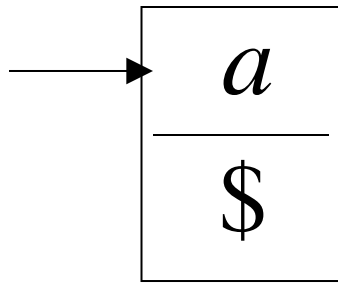
# Some Necessary Modifications

Modify (if necessary) the NPDA so that:

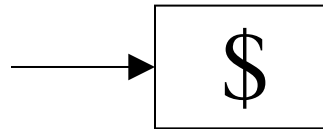
- 1) The stack is never empty
- 2) It has a single final state  
and empties the stack when it accepts a string
- 3) Has transitions in a special form

1) Modify the NPDA so that  
the stack is never empty

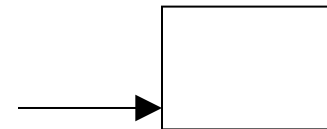
Stack



OK

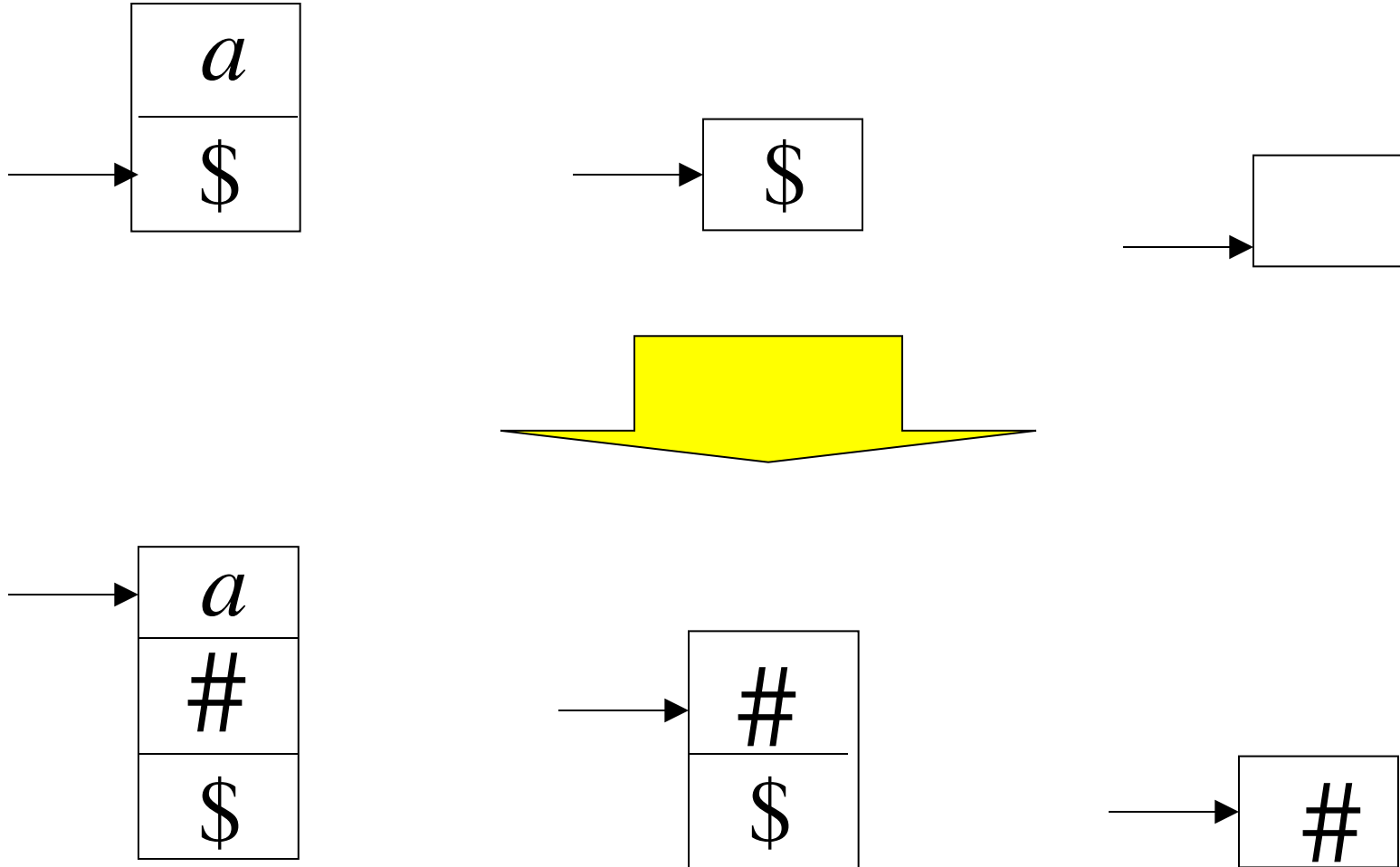


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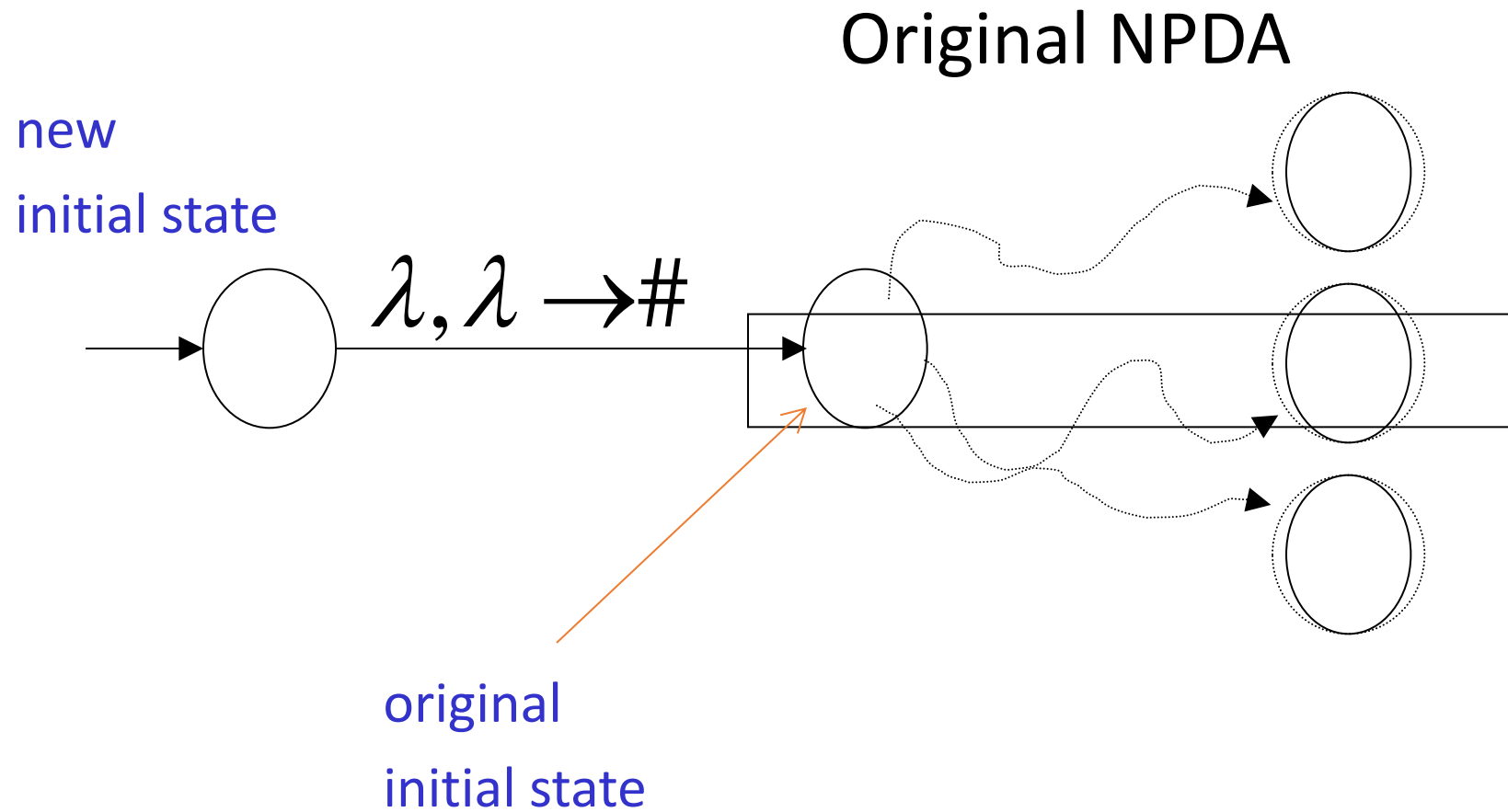


NOT OK

Introduce the new symbol  $\#$  to denote the bottom of the stack



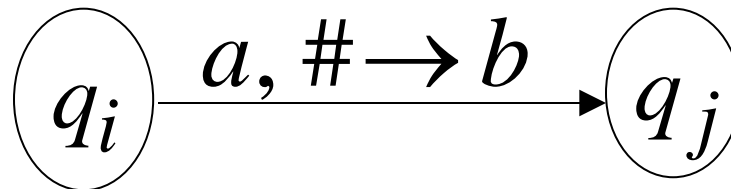
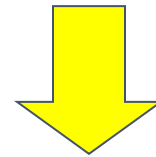
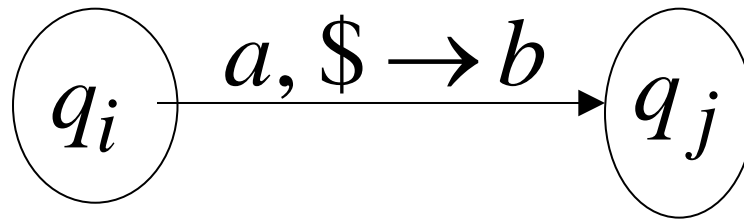
At the beginning push  $\#$  into the stack



In transitions:

replace every instance of  $\$$  with  $\#$

Example:

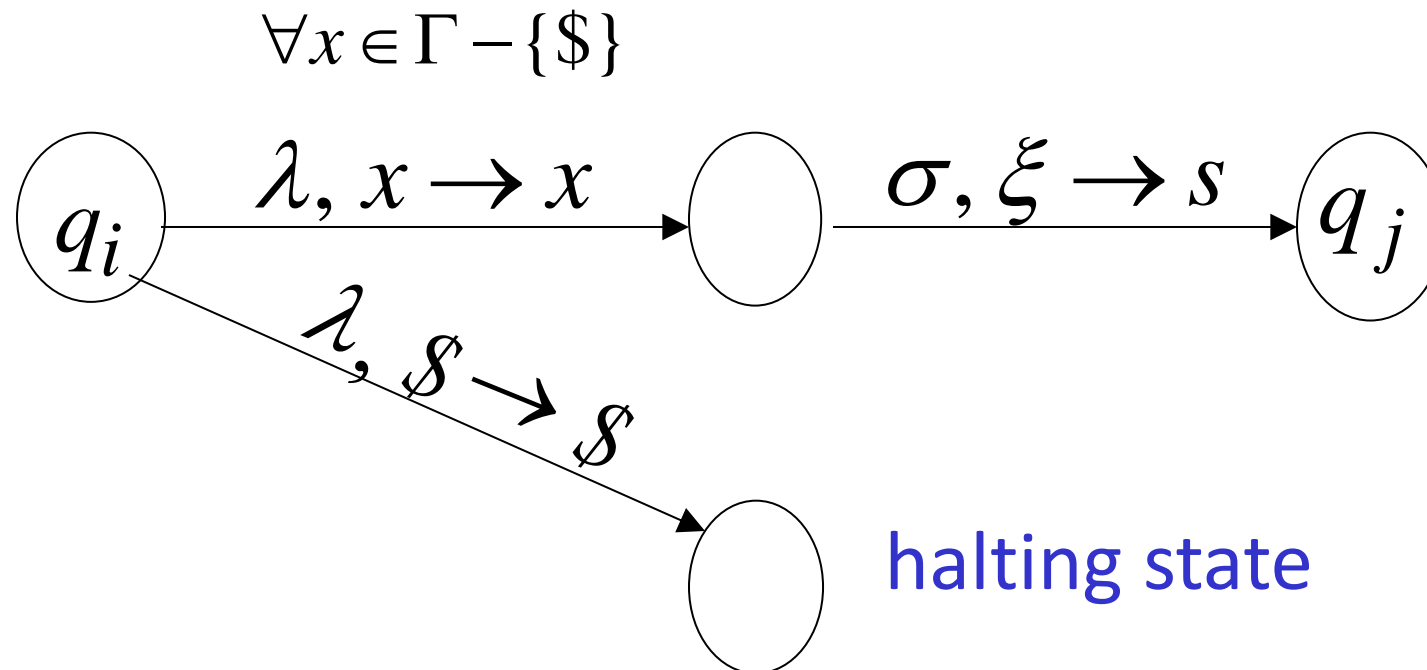
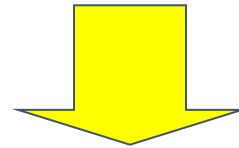
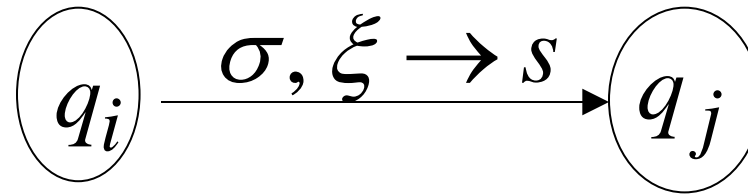




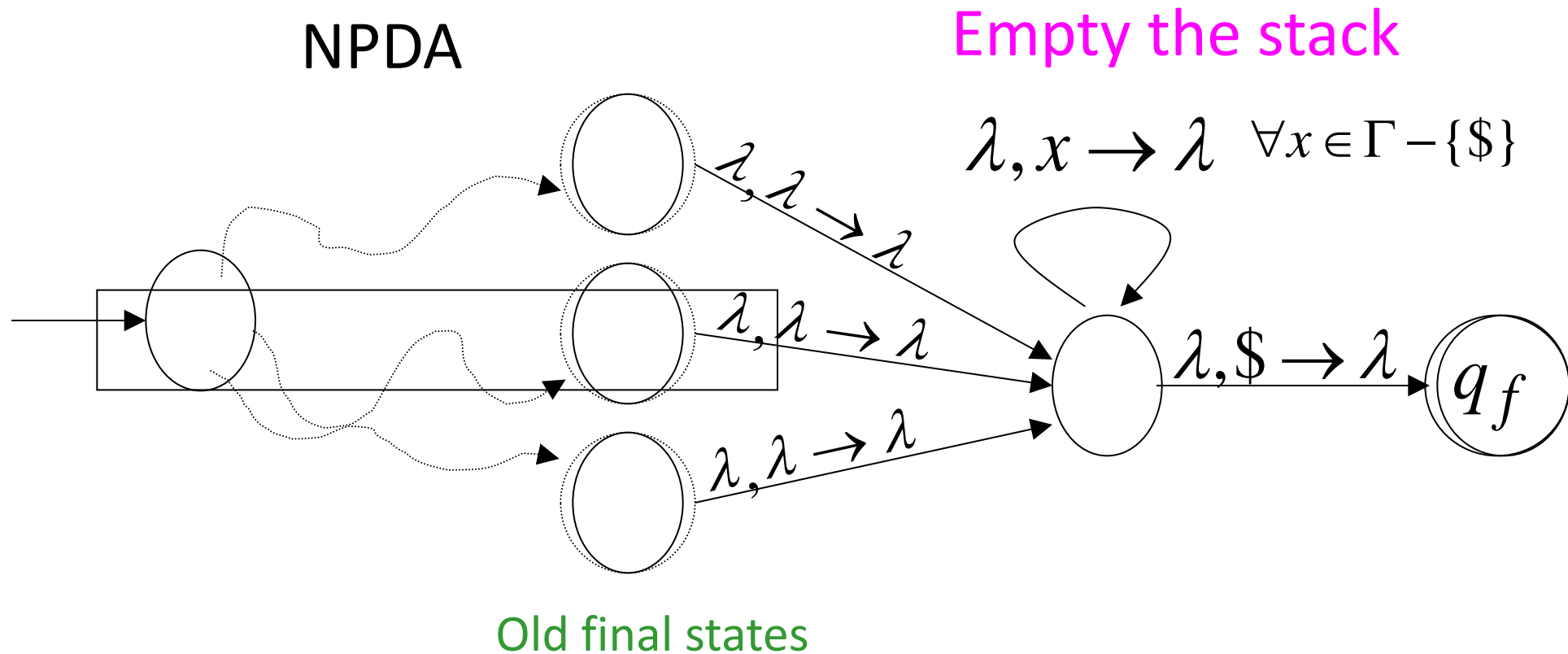
Convert all transitions so that:

if the automaton attempts to pop  
or replace \$ it will halt

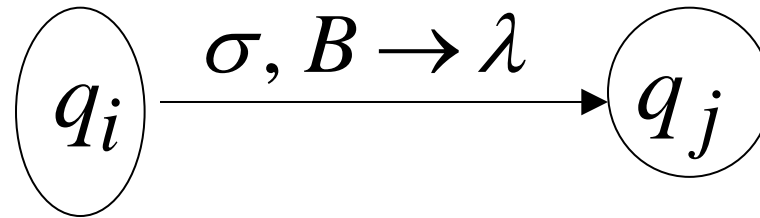
Convert transitions as follows:



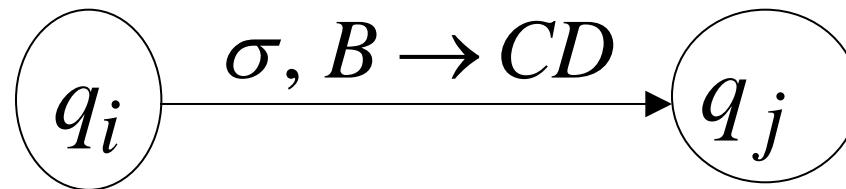
2) Modify the NPDA so that  
it empties the stack  
and has a unique final state



3) modify the NPDA so that  
transitions have the following forms:

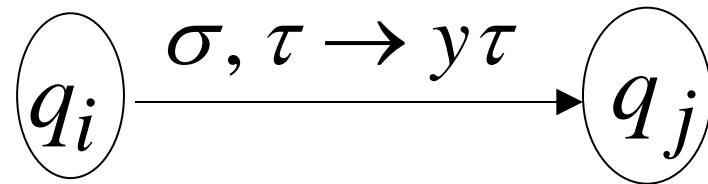
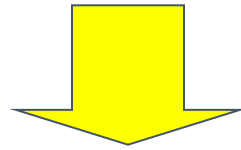
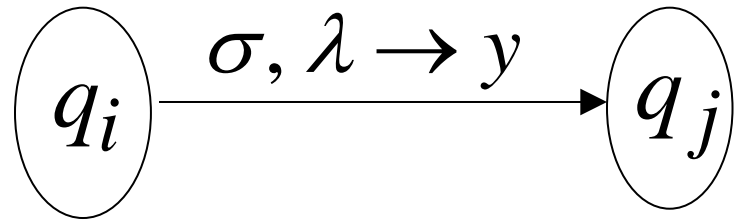


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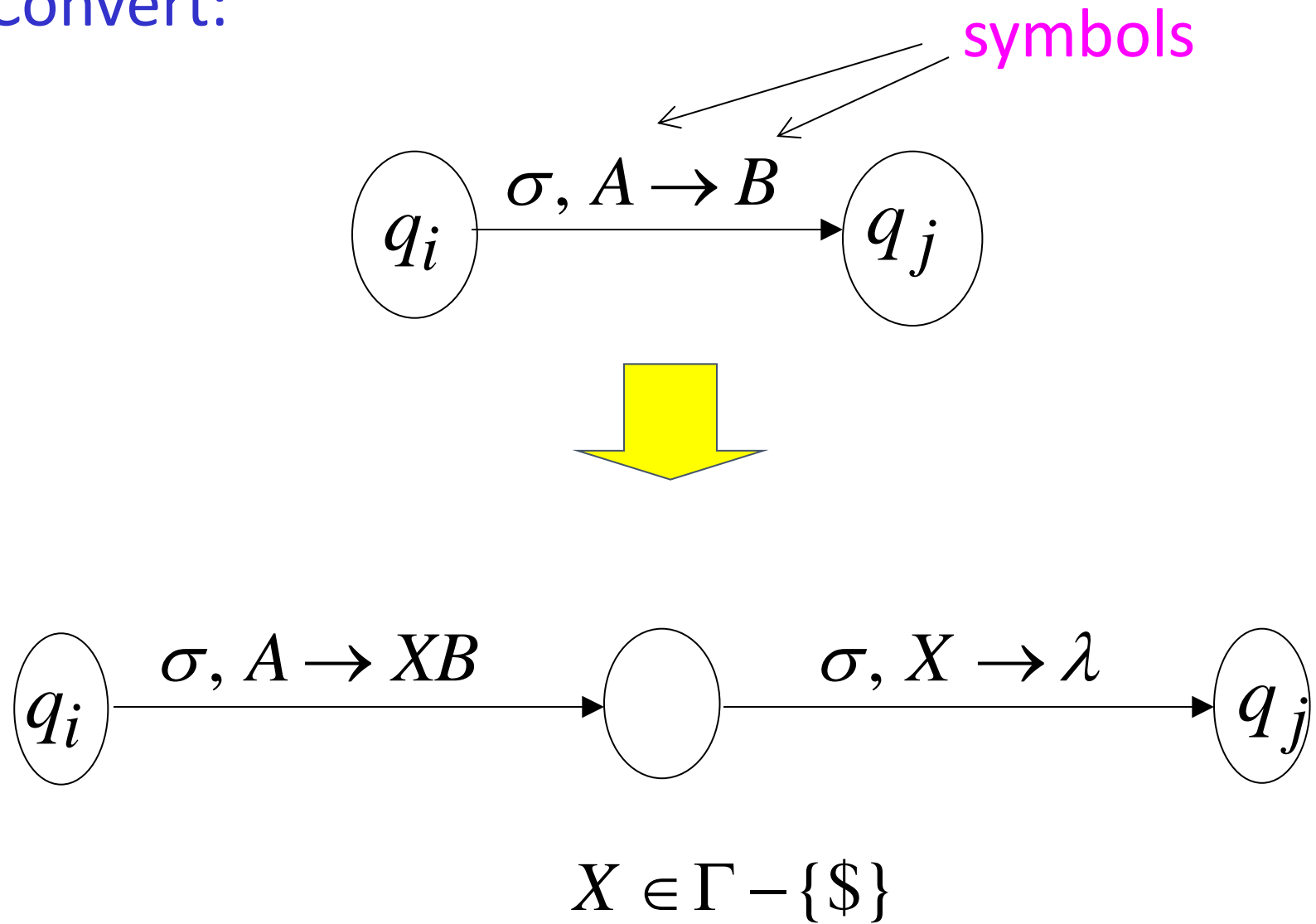
$B, C, D$  : stack symbols

Convert:



$$\forall \tau \in \Gamma - \{\$ \}$$

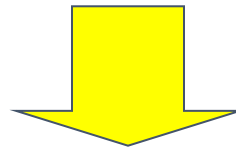
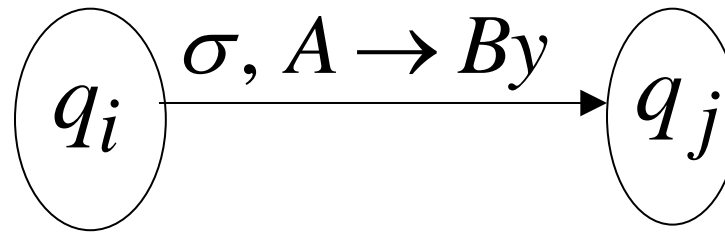
Convert:



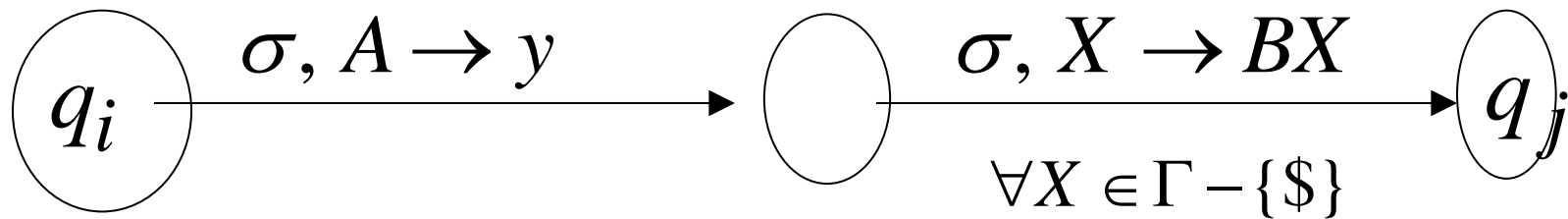
Convert:

$$|y| \geq 2$$

symbols



Convert recursively



## Example of a NPDA in correct form:

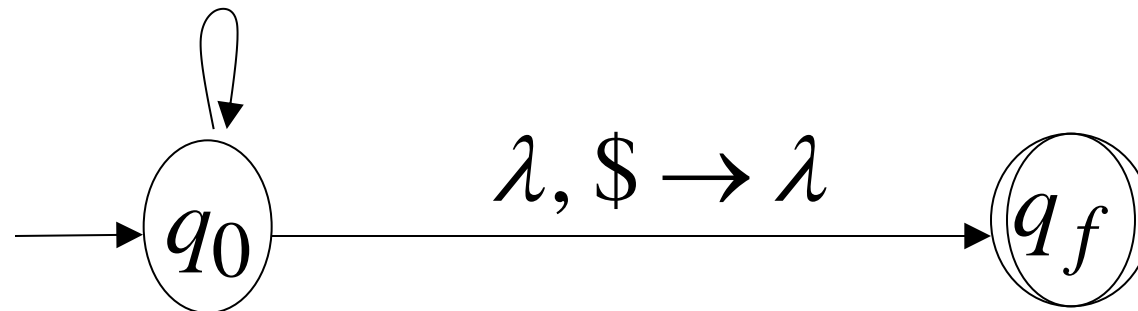
$$L(M) = \{w : n_a = n_b\}$$

$\$$  : initial stack symbol

$$a, \$ \rightarrow 0\$ \quad b, \$ \rightarrow 1\$$$

$$a, 0 \rightarrow 00 \quad b, 1 \rightarrow 11$$

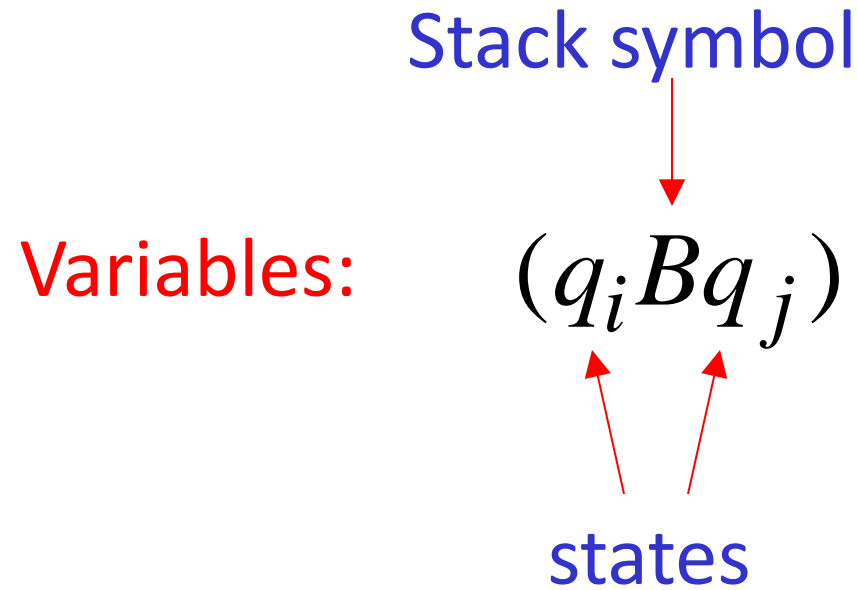
$$a, 1 \rightarrow \lambda \quad b, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$$





# The Grammar Construction

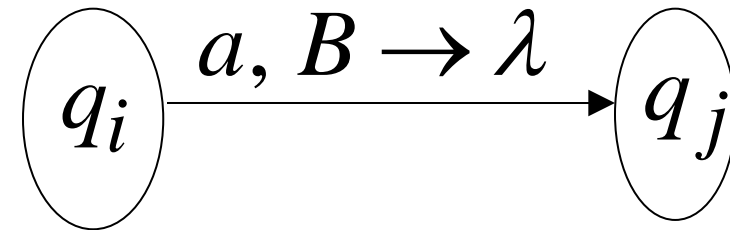
In grammar  $G$ :



Terminals:

Input symbols of NPDA

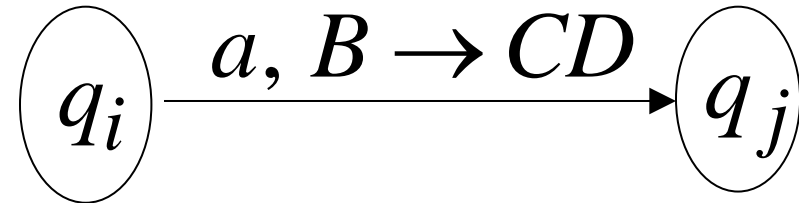
For each transition



We add production

$$(q_i B q_j) \rightarrow a$$

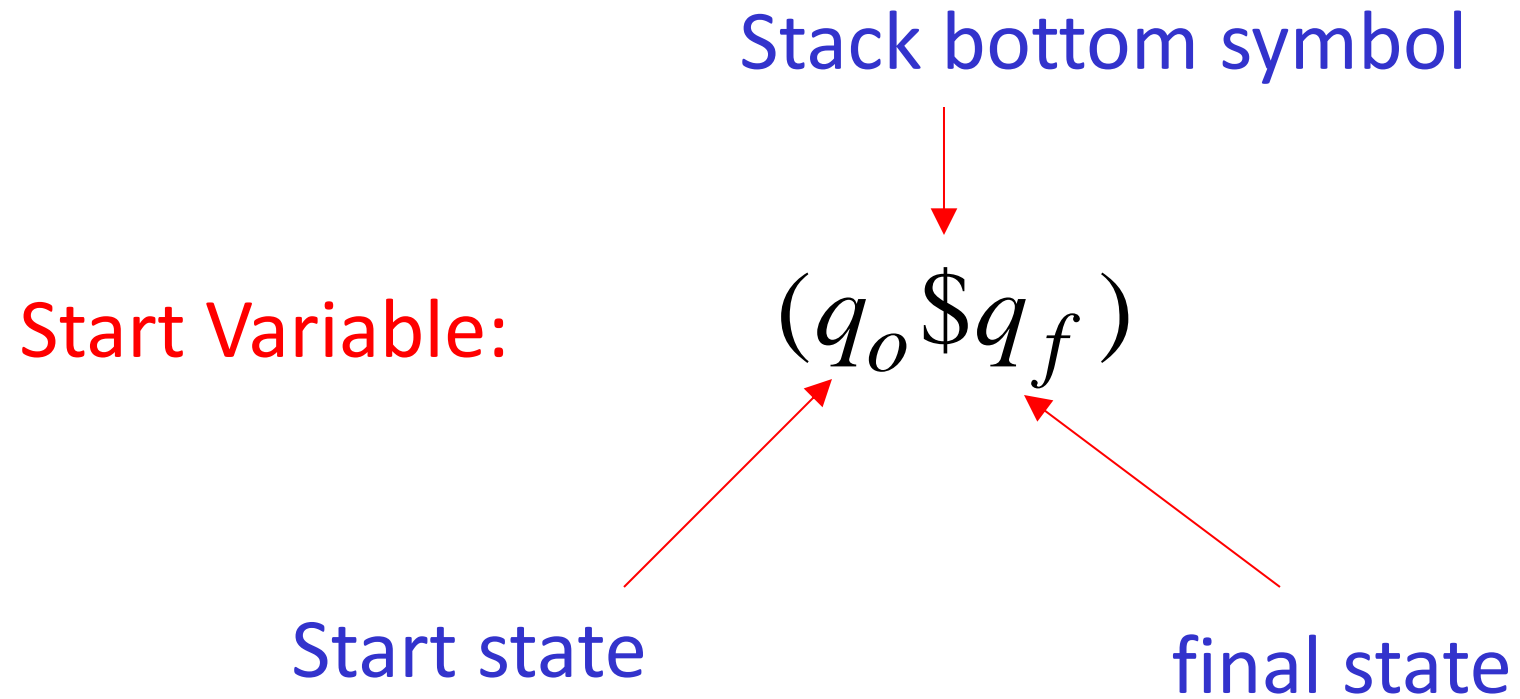
For each transition



We add productions

$$(q_i B q_k) \rightarrow a(q_j C q_l)(q_l D q_k)$$

For all possible states  $q_k, q_l$   
in the automaton

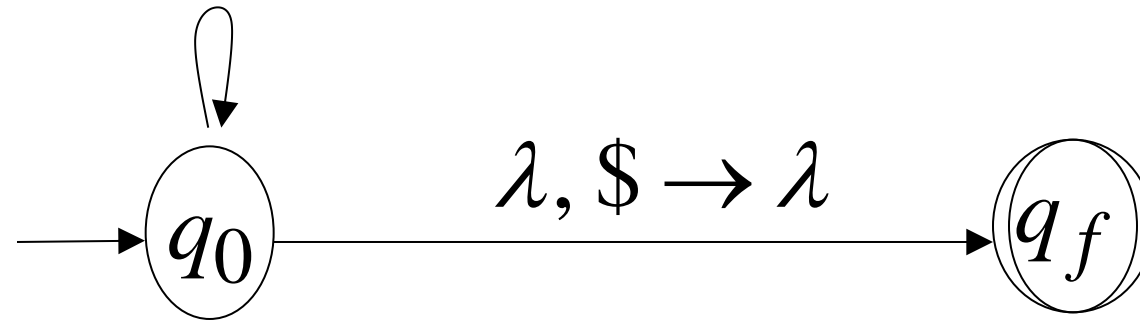


Example:

$a, \$ \rightarrow 0\$$        $b, \$ \rightarrow 1\$$

$a, 0 \rightarrow 00$        $b, 1 \rightarrow 11$

$a, 1 \rightarrow \lambda$        $b, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$



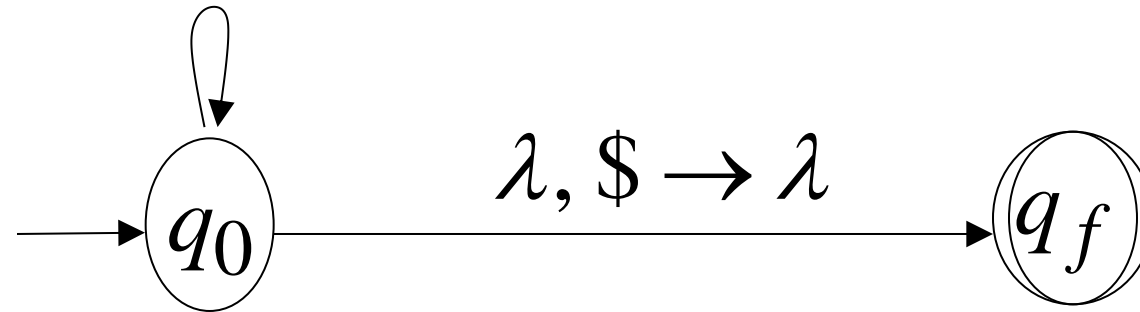
Grammar production:       $(q_0 1 q_0) \rightarrow a$

## Example:

$a, \$ \rightarrow 0\$$      $b, \$ \rightarrow 1\$$

$a, 0 \rightarrow 00$      $b, 1 \rightarrow 11$

$a, 1 \rightarrow \lambda$      $b, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$



## Grammar productions:

$(q_0 \$ q_0) \rightarrow b(q_0 1 q_0)(q_0 \$ q_0) \mid b(q_0 1 q_f)(q_f \$ q_0)$

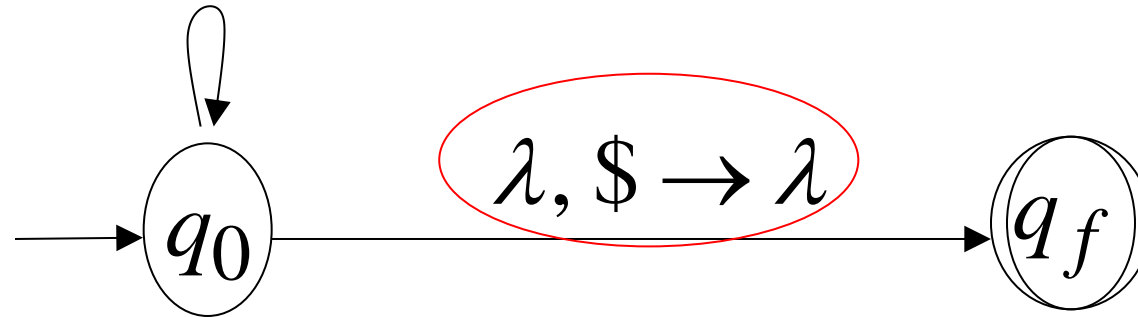
$(q_0 \$ q_f) \rightarrow b(q_0 1 q_0)(q_0 \$ q_f) \mid b(q_0 1 q_f)(q_f \$ q_f)$

## Example:

$a, \$ \rightarrow 0\$$        $b, \$ \rightarrow 1\$$

$a, 0 \rightarrow 00$        $b, 1 \rightarrow 11$

$a, 1 \rightarrow \lambda$        $b, 0 \rightarrow \lambda$



Grammar production:  $(q_0 \$ q_f) \rightarrow \lambda$

Resulting Grammar:

$(q_0\$q_f)$ : start variable

$$(q_0\$q_0) \rightarrow b(q_01q_0)(q_0\$q_0) \mid b(q_01q_f)(q_f\$q_0)$$

$$(q_0\$q_f) \rightarrow b(q_01q_0)(q_0\$q_f) \mid b(q_01q_f)(q_f\$q_f)$$

$$(q_01q_0) \rightarrow b(q_01q_0)(q_01q_0) \mid b(q_01q_f)(q_f1q_0)$$

$$(q_01q_f) \rightarrow b(q_01q_0)(q_01q_f) \mid b(q_01q_f)(q_f1q_f)$$

$$(q_0\$q_0) \rightarrow a(q_00q_0)(q_0\$q_0) \mid a(q_00q_f)(q_f\$q_0)$$

$$(q_0\$q_f) \rightarrow a(q_00q_0)(q_0\$q_f) \mid a(q_00q_f)(q_f\$q_f)$$



$$(q_0 0 q_0) \rightarrow a(q_0 0 q_0)(q_0 0 q_0) \mid a(q_0 0 q_f)(q_f 0 q_0)$$

$$(q_0 0 q_f) \rightarrow a(q_0 0 q_0)(q_0 0 q_f) \mid a(q_0 0 q_f)(q_f 0 q_f)$$

$$(q_0 1 q_0) \rightarrow a$$

$$(q_0 0 q_0) \rightarrow b$$

$$(q_0 \$ q_f) \rightarrow \lambda$$

Derivation of string *abba*

$$(q_0 \$ q_f) \Rightarrow a(q_0 0 q_0)(q_0 \$ q_f) \Rightarrow$$

$$ab(q_0 \$ q_f) \Rightarrow$$

$$abb(q_0 1 q_0)(q_0 \$ q_f) \Rightarrow$$

$$abba(q_0 \$ q_f) \Rightarrow abba$$

In general:

$$(q_i A q_j) \xRightarrow{*} w$$

if and only if

the NPDA goes from  $q_i$  to  $q_j$   
by reading string  $w$  and  $A$   
the stack doesn't change below  
and then  $A$  is removed from stack

Therefore:

$$(q_0 \$ q_f) \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} w$$

if and only if


$w$  is accepted by the NPDA

Therefore:

For any NPDA  
there is a context-free grammar  
that accepts the same language

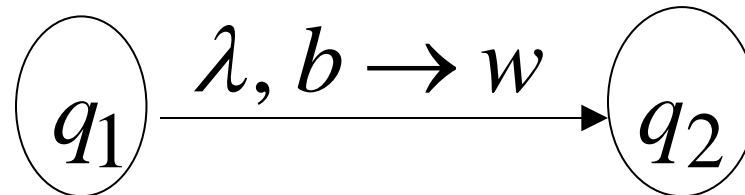
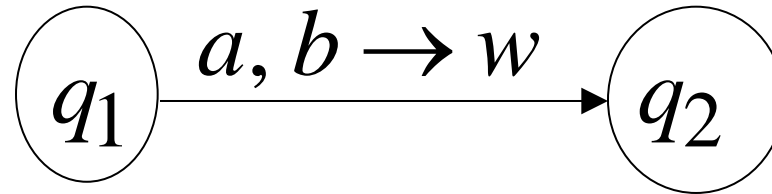
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Context-Free} \\ \text{Languages} \\ \text{(Grammars)} \end{array} \right\} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Languages} \\ \text{Accepted by} \\ \text{NPDAs} \end{array} \right\}$$

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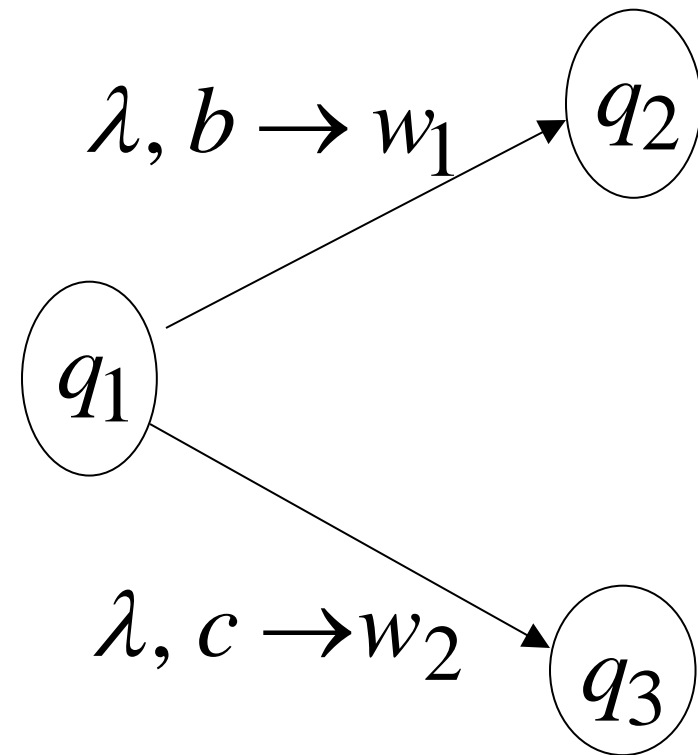
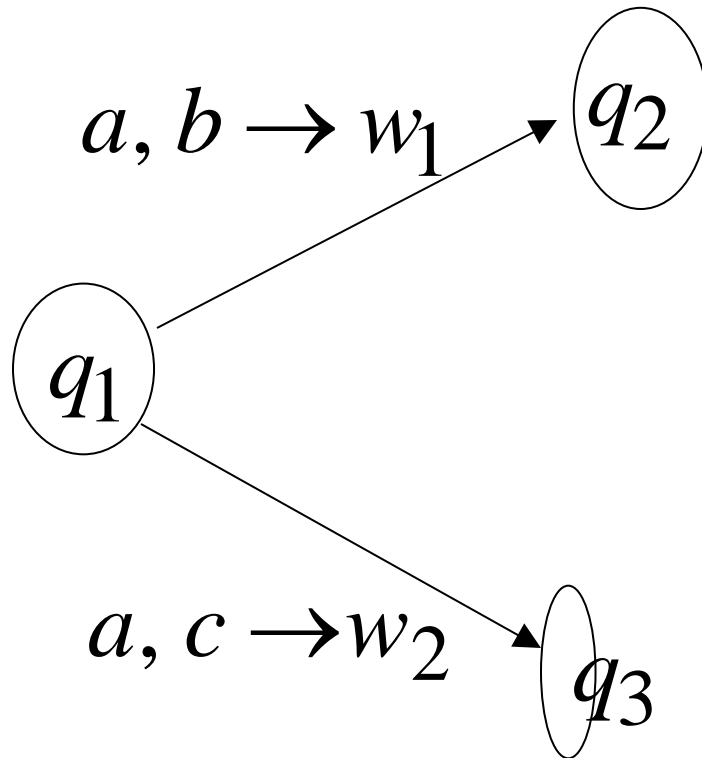
# Deterministic PDA: DPDA

Allowed transitions:



(deterministic choices)

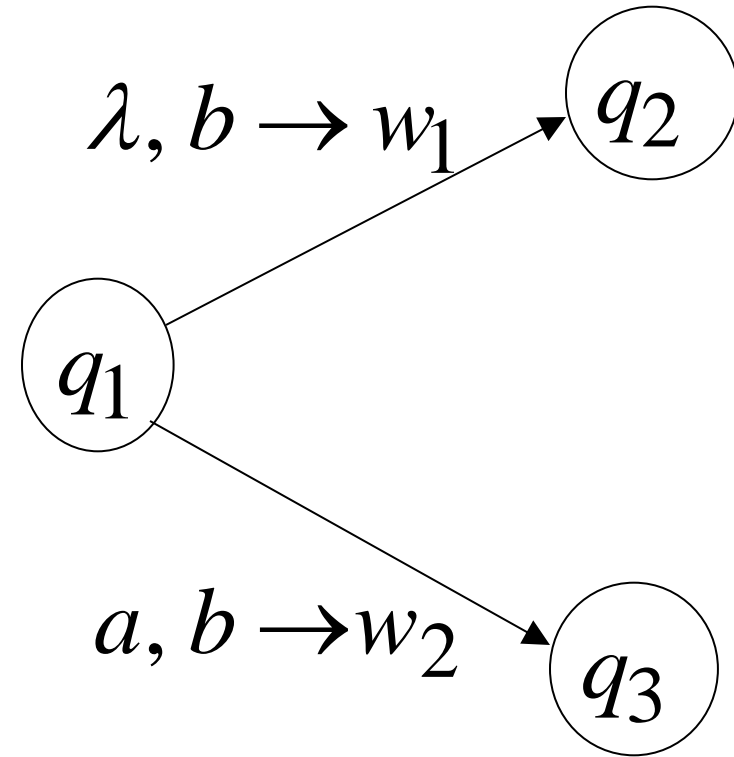
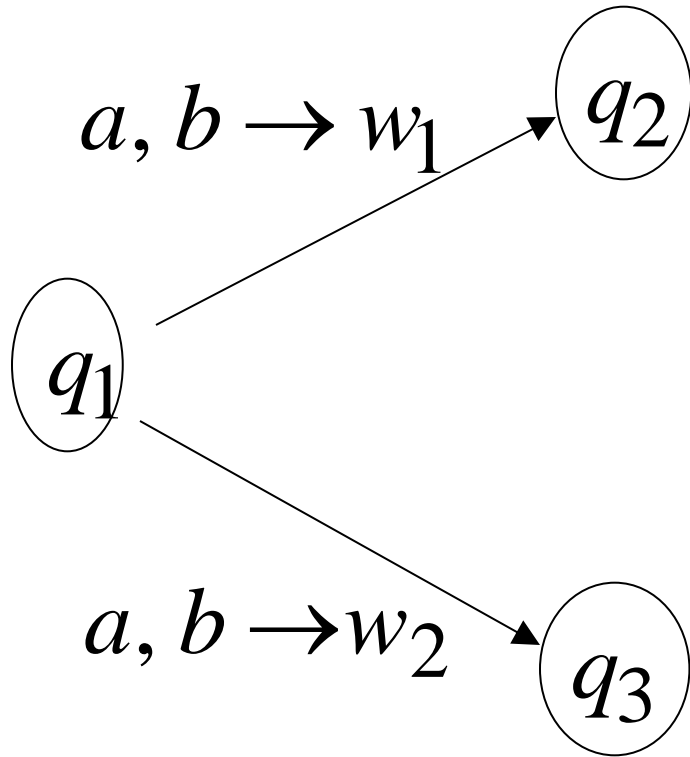
## Allowed transitions:



(deterministic choices)



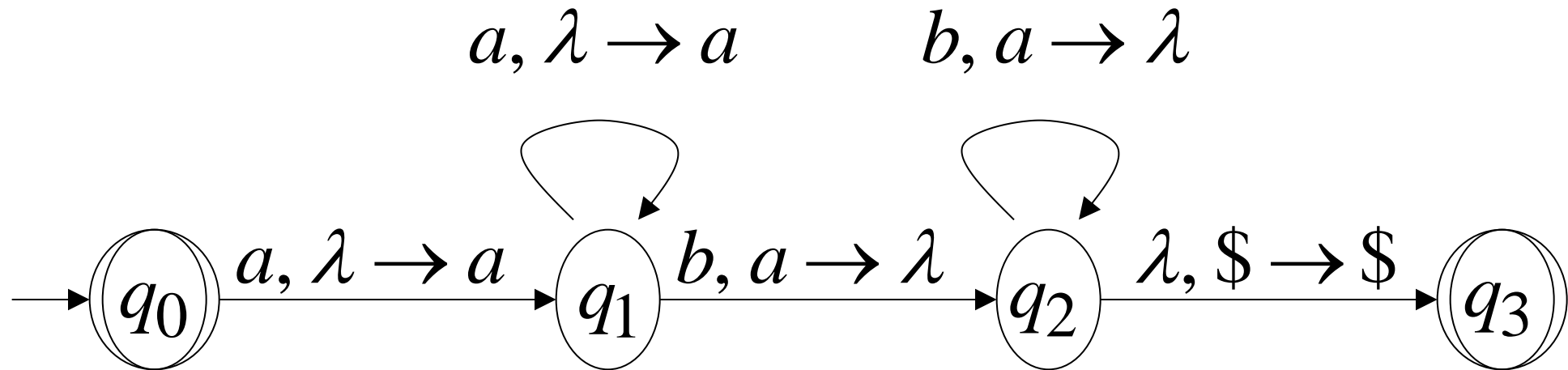
Not allowed:



(non deterministic choices)

# DPDA example

$$L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$$



The language  $L(M) = \{a^n b^n : n \geq 0\}$

is **deterministic context-free**

## Definition:

A language  $L$  is **deterministic context-free**  
if there exists some DPDA that accepts it

# Example of Non-DPDA (NPDA)

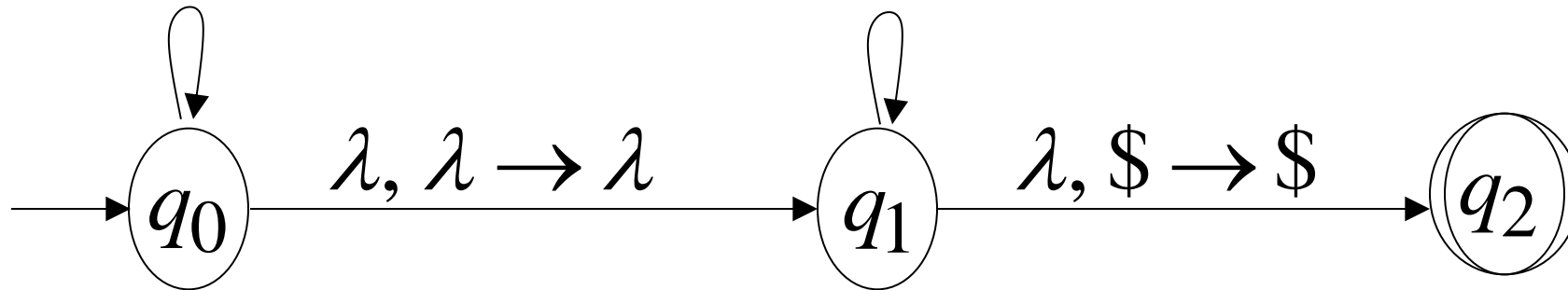
$$L(M) = \{ww^R\}$$

$$a, \lambda \rightarrow a$$

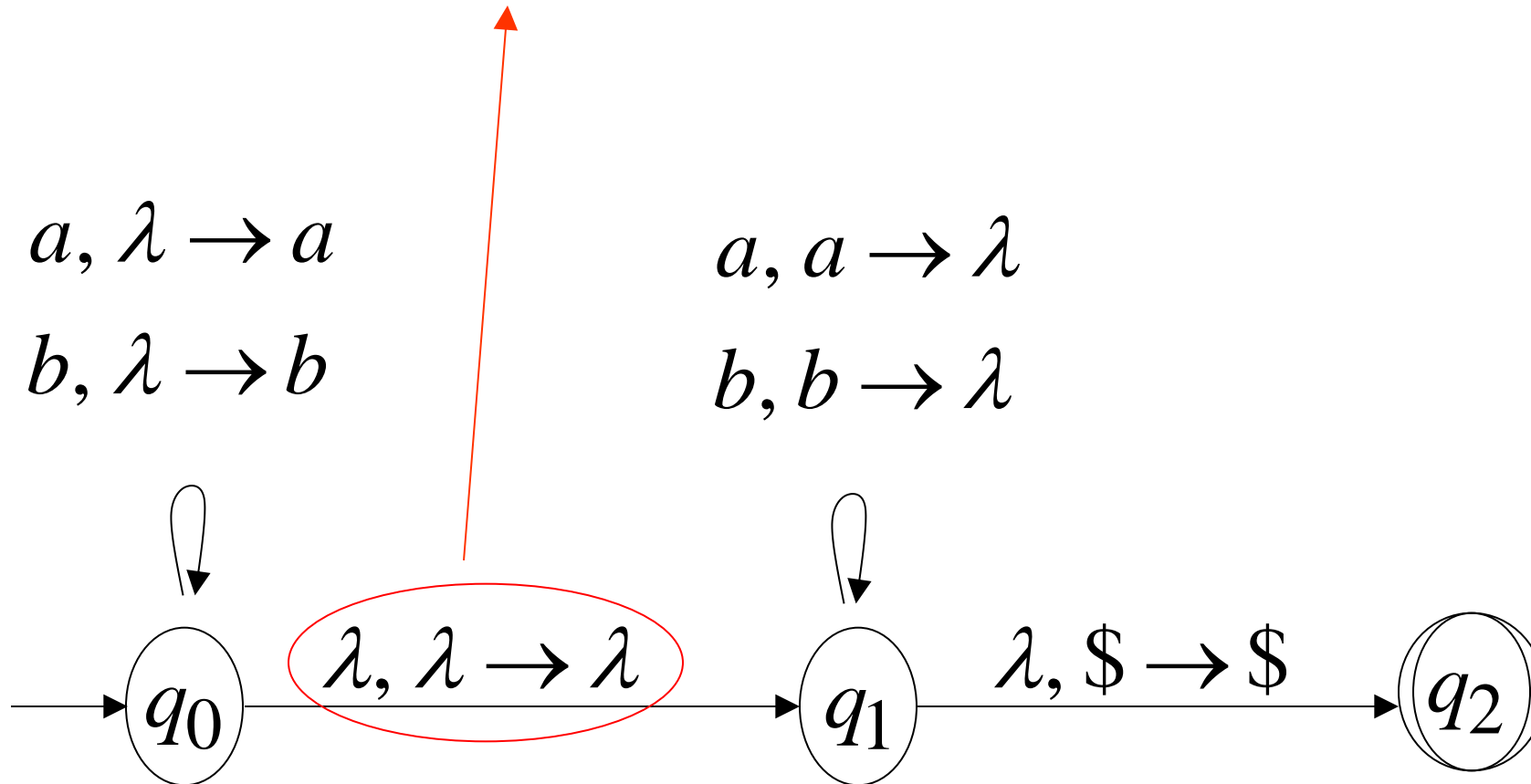
$$a, a \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$b, \lambda \rightarrow b$$


$$b, b \rightarrow \lambda$$



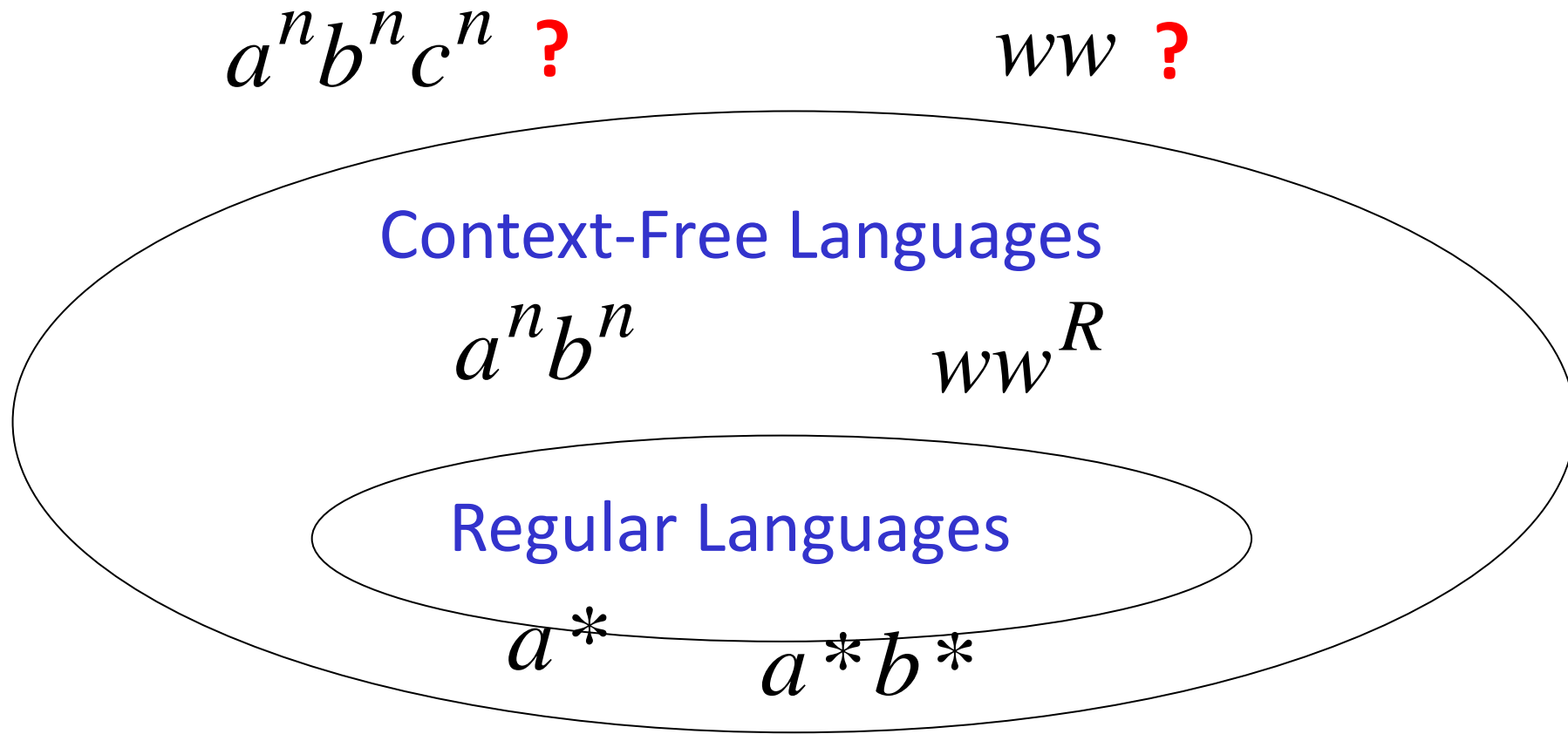
Not allowed in DPDAs



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# The Language Hierarchy





Languages accepted by  
**Turing Machines**

$a^n b^n c^n$

$ww$

Context-Free Languages

$a^n b^n$

$ww^R$

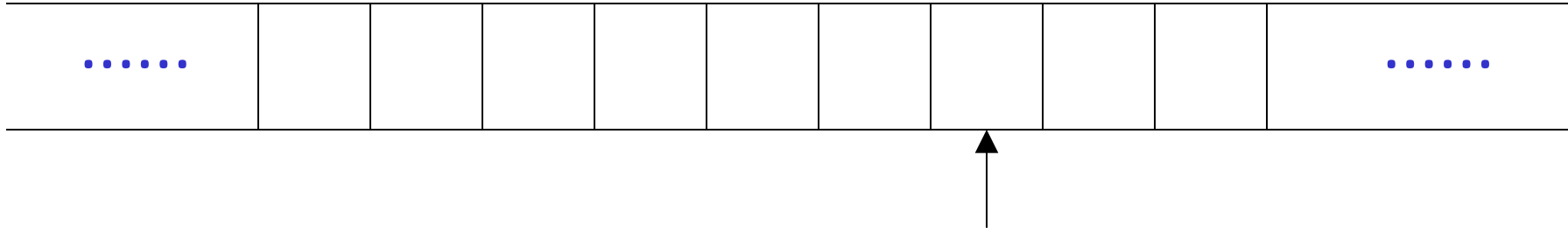
Regular Languages

$a^*$

$a^* b^*$

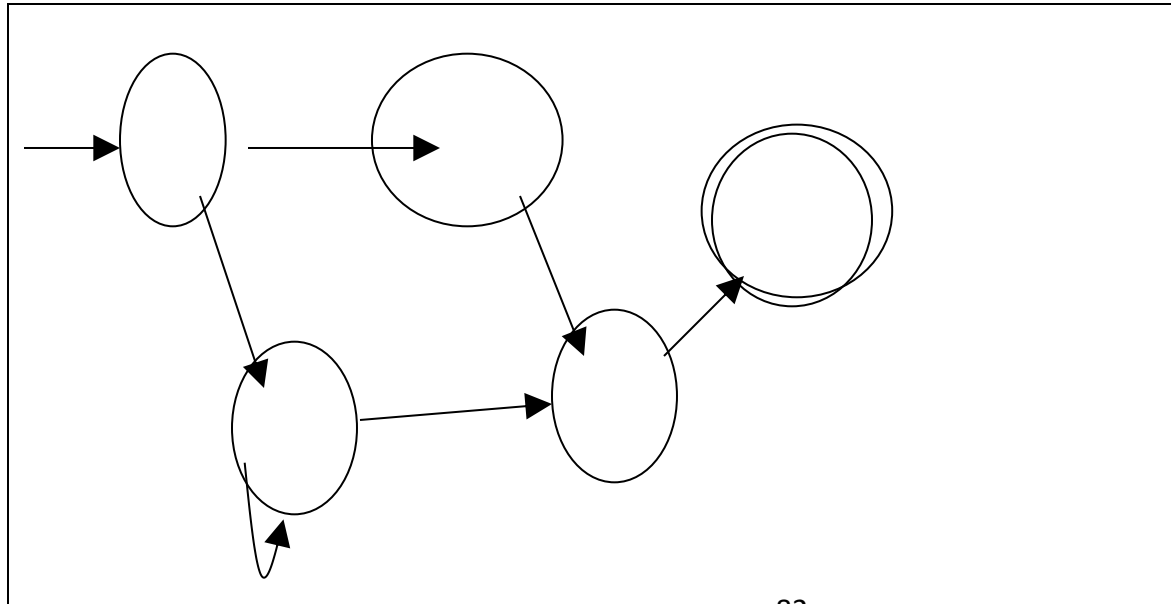
# A Turing Machine

Tape



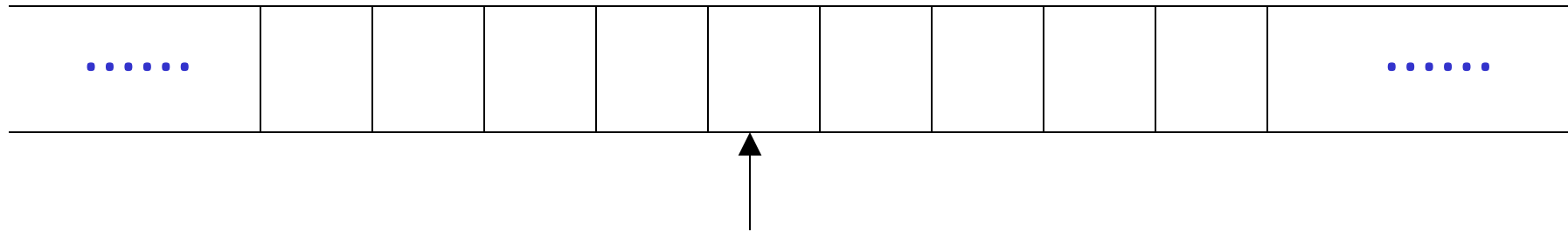
Read-Write head

Control Unit



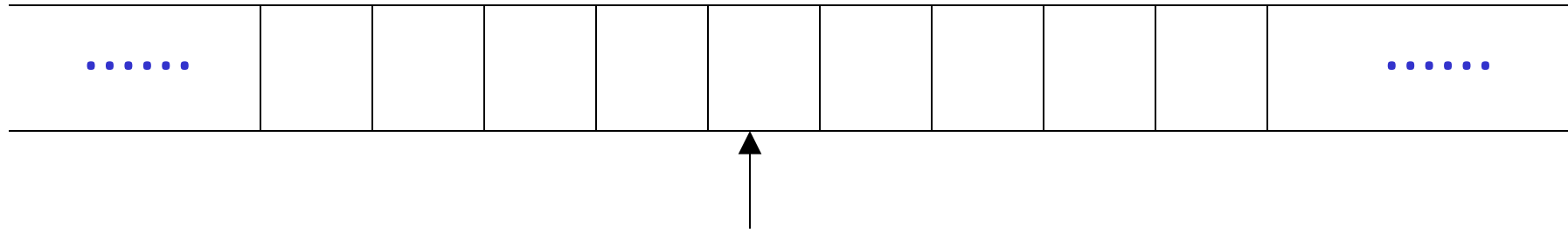
# The Tape

No boundaries -- infinite length



Read-Write head

The head moves Left or Right



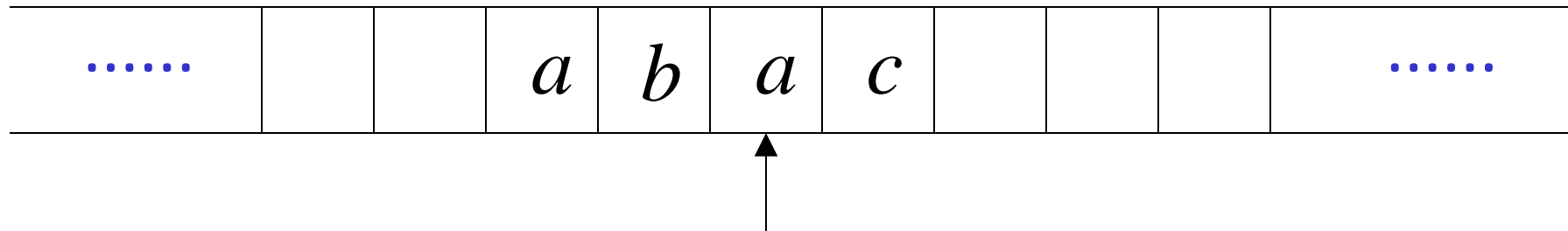
Read-Write head

The head at each time step:

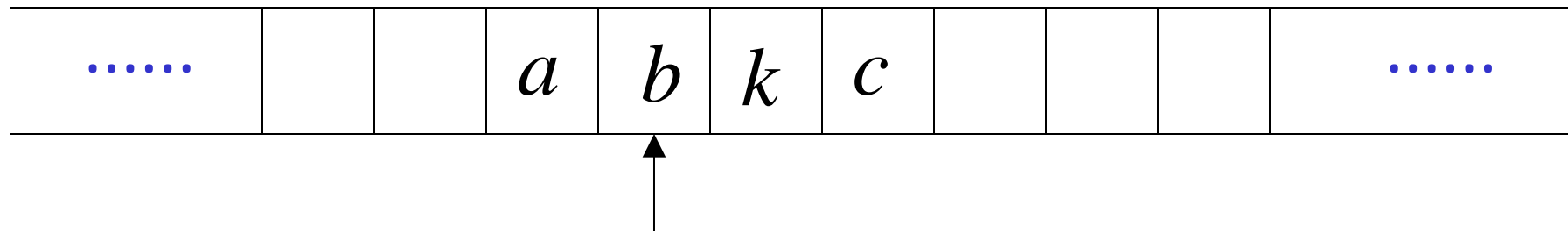
1. Reads a symbol
2. Writes a symbol
3. Moves Left or Right

Example:

Time 0



Time 1

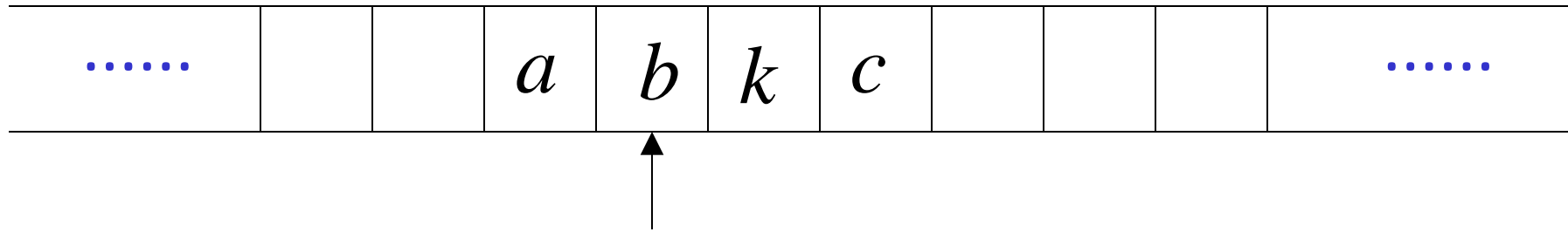


1. Reads  $a$

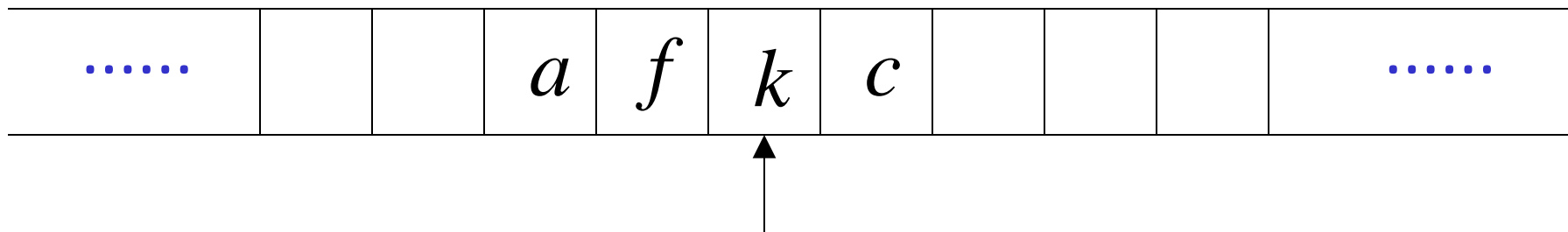
2. Writes  $k$

3. Moves Left

Time 1

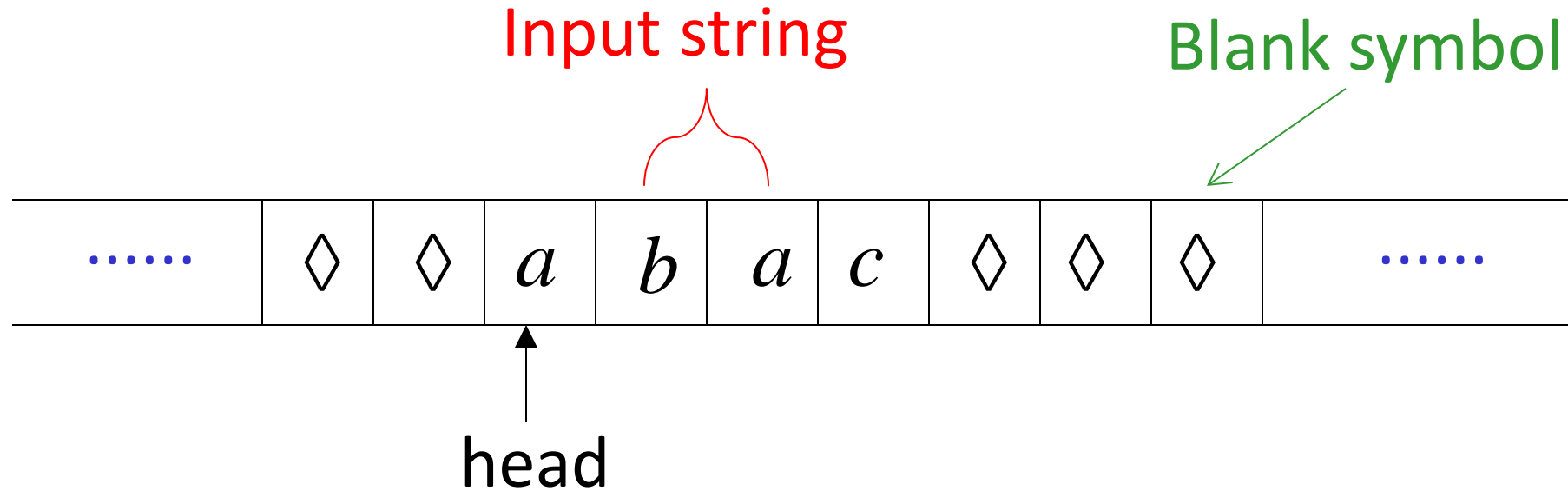


Time 2

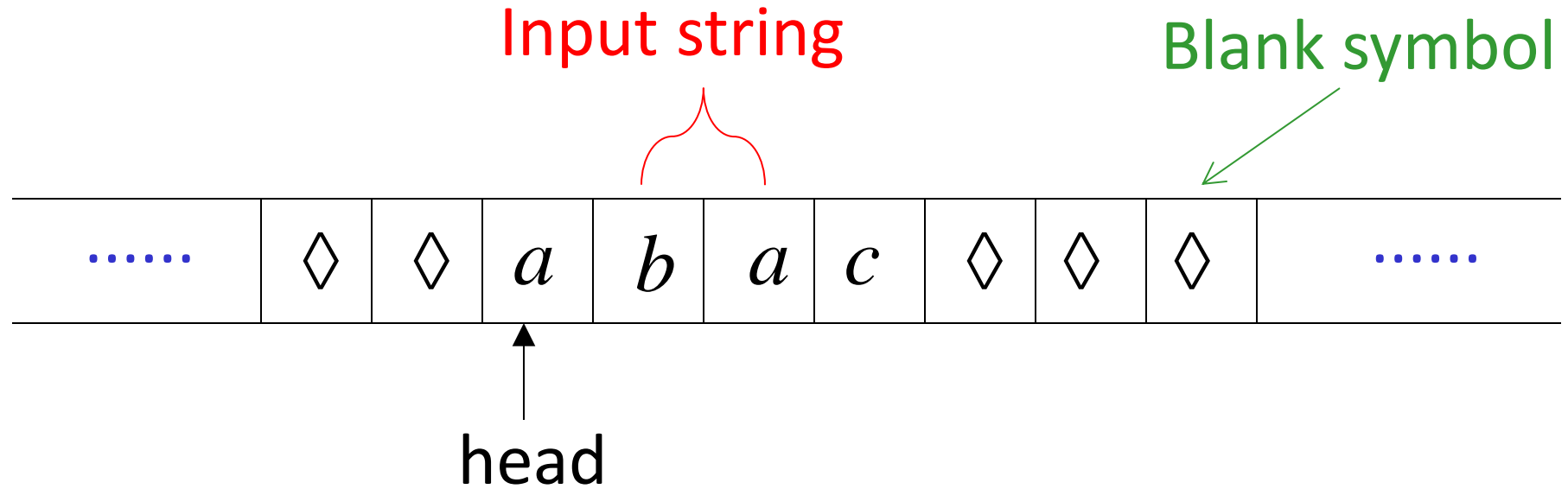


1. Reads  $b$
2. Writes  $f$
3. Moves Right

# The Input String



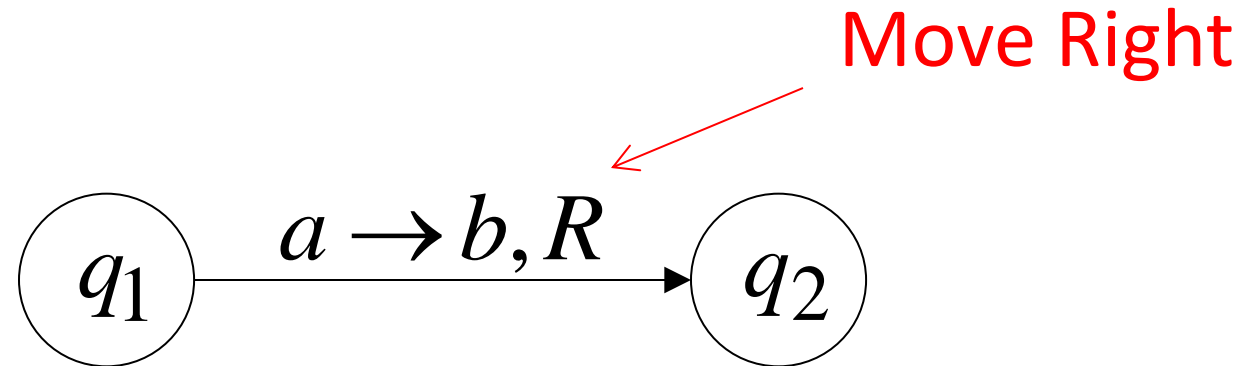
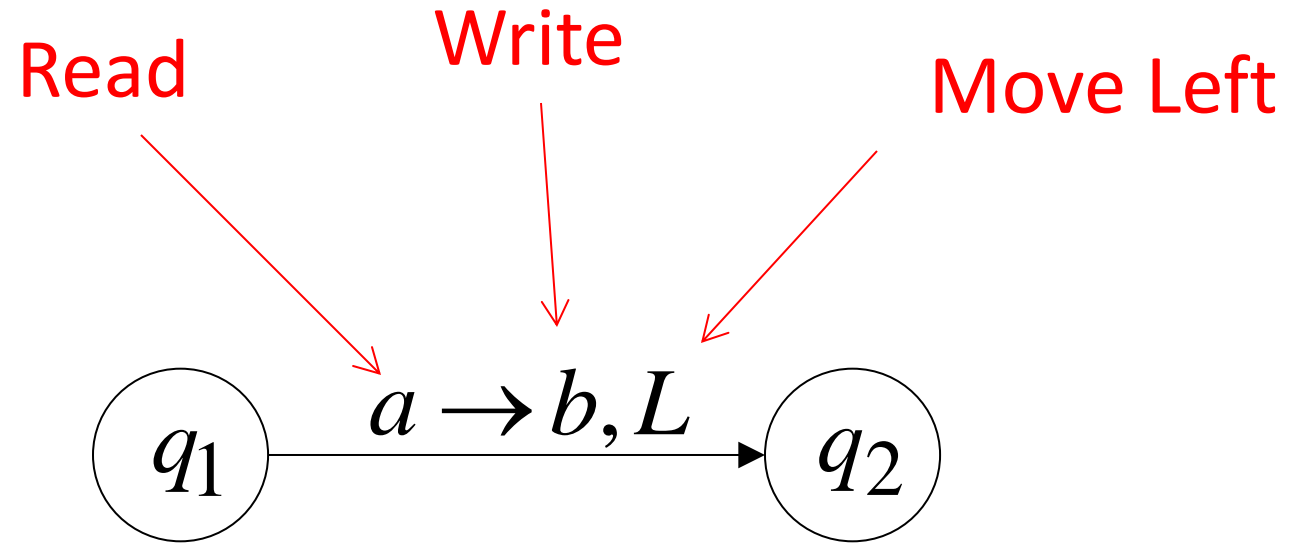
Head starts at the leftmost position  
of the input string



Remark: The input string is never empty

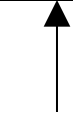
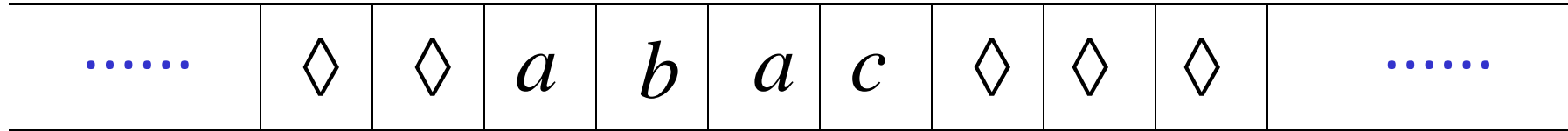


# States & Transitions



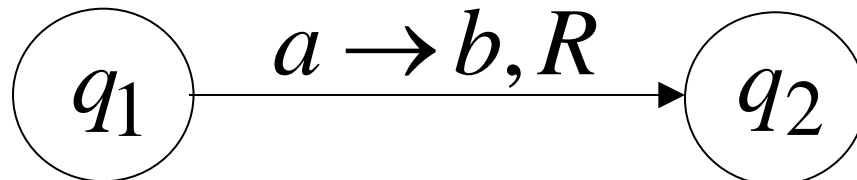
Example:

Time 1

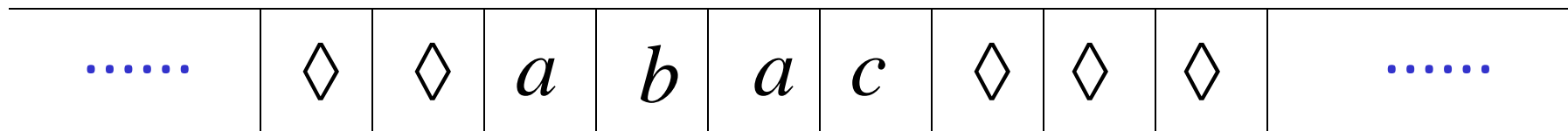


$q_1$

current state

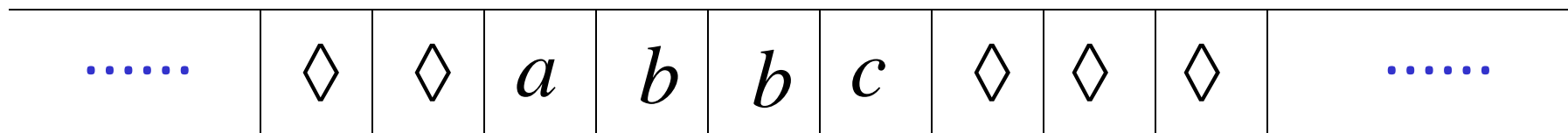


Time 1

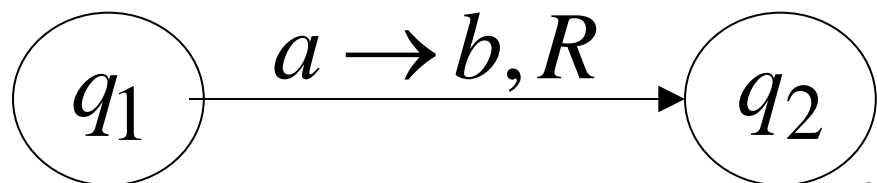


$q_1$

Time 2

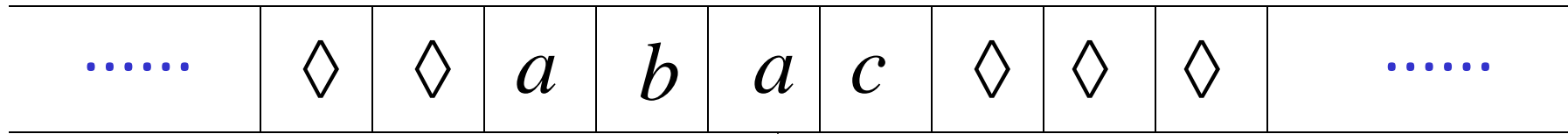


$q_2$



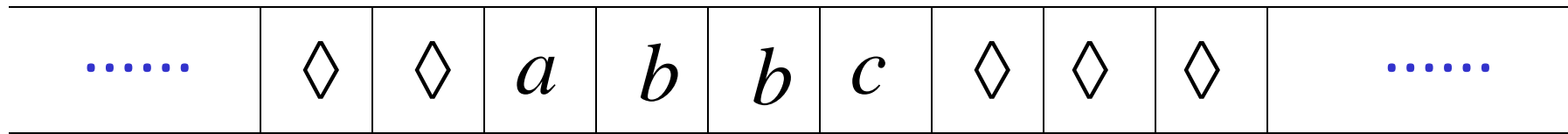
Example:

Time 1

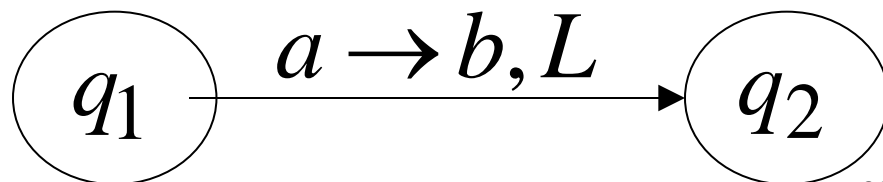


$q_1$

Time 2

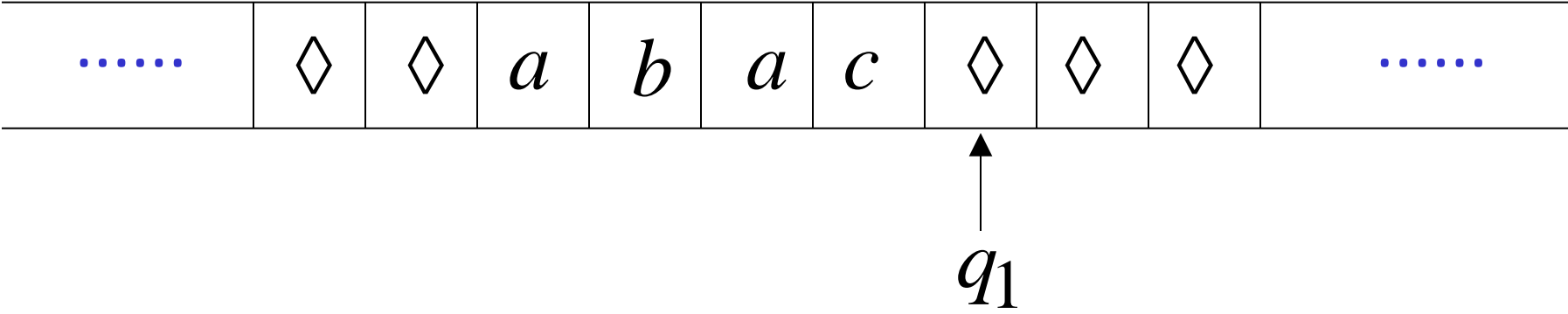


$q_2$

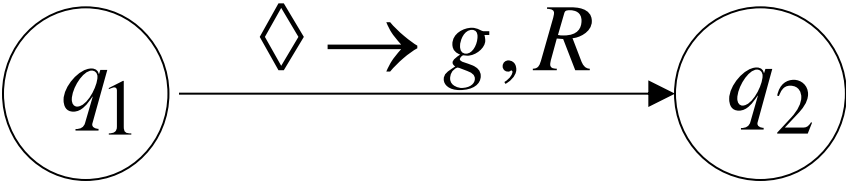
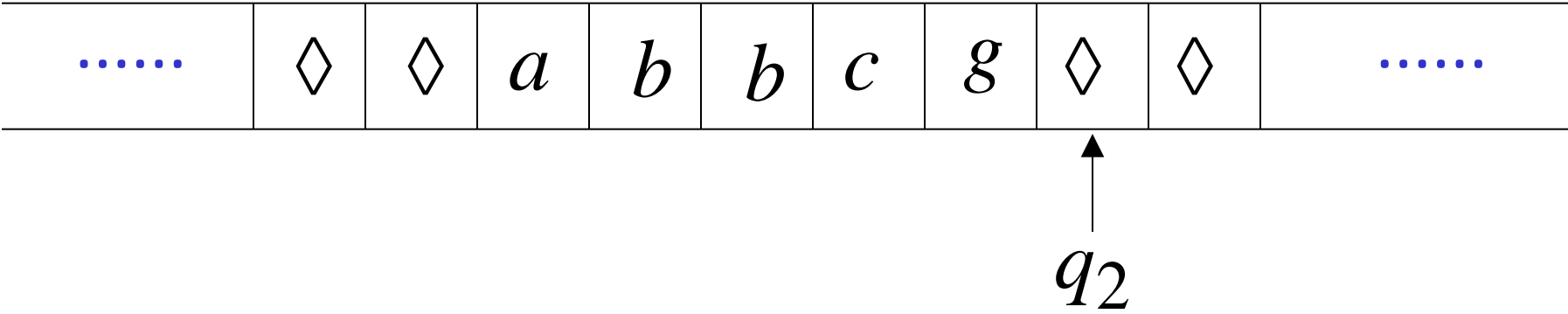


Example:

Time 1



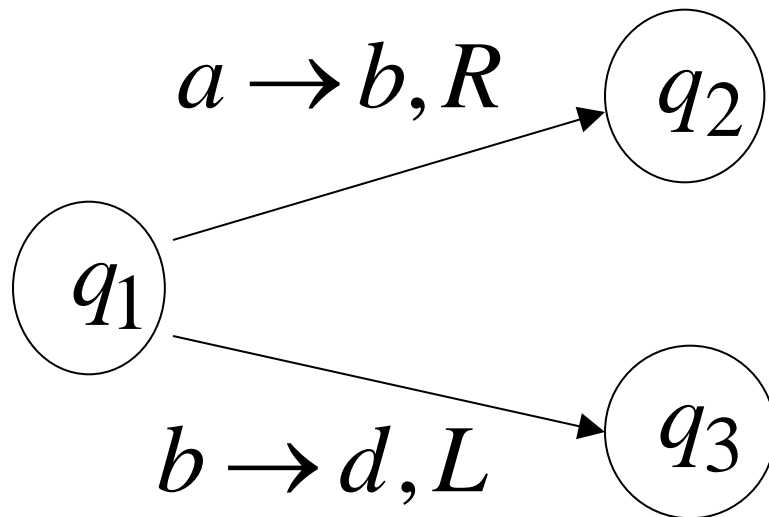
Time 2



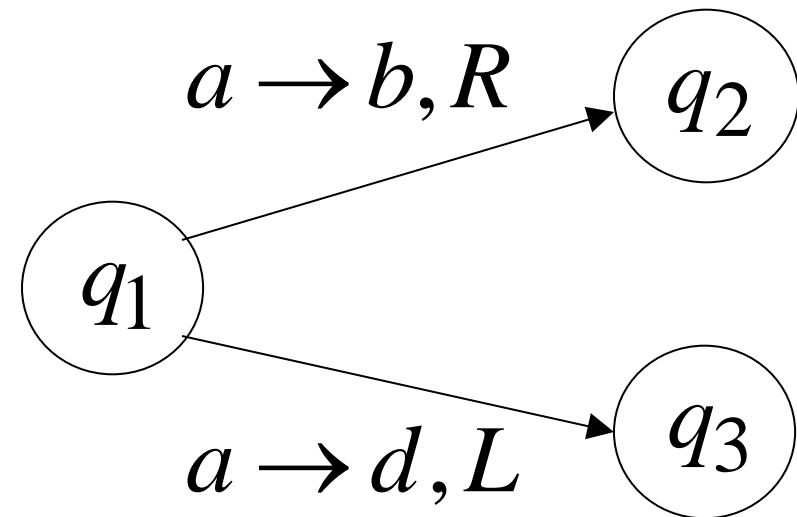
# Determinism

Turing Machines are deterministic

Allowed



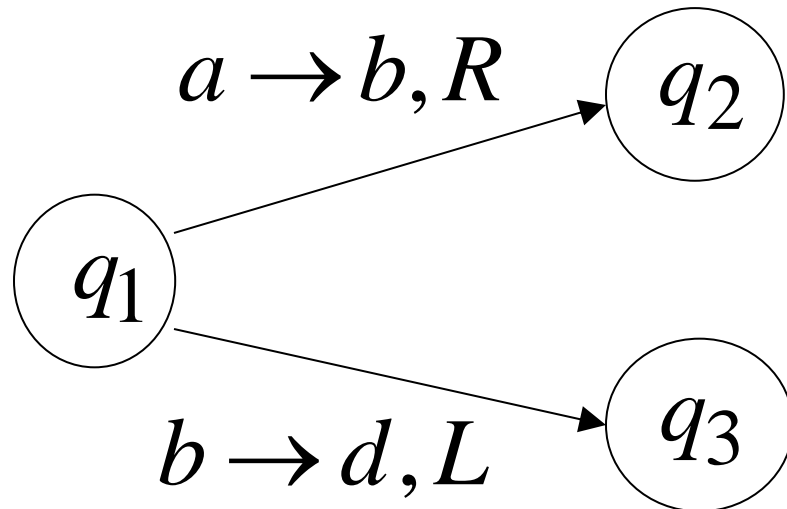
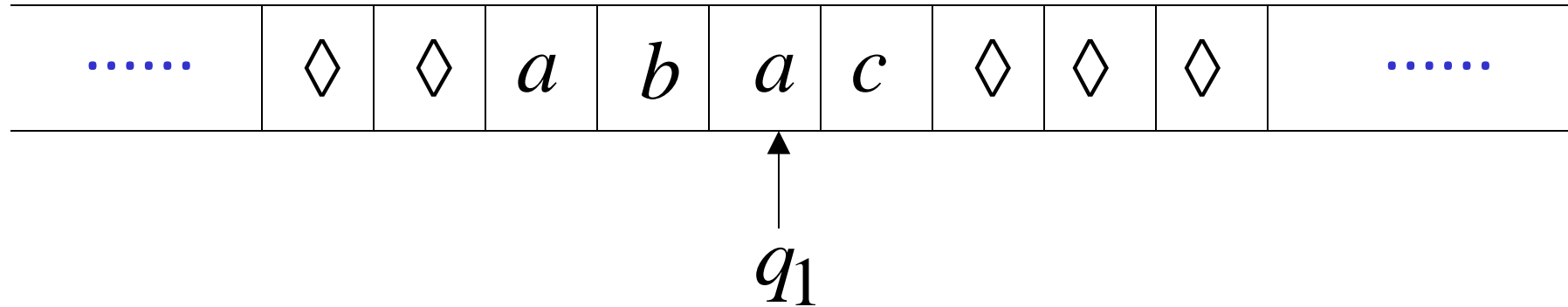
Not Allowed



No lambda transitions allowed

# Partial Transition Function

Example:



Allowed:

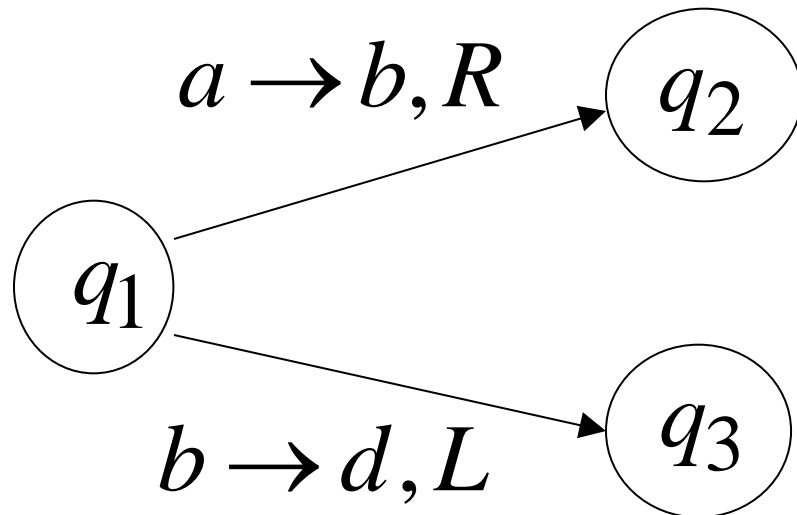
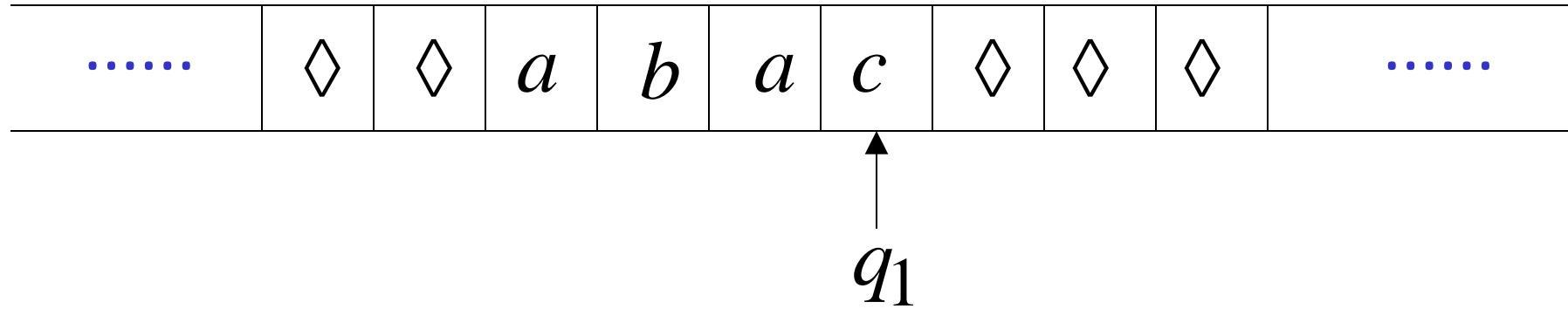
No transition  
for input symbol  $c$

# Halting

The machine *halts* if there are  
no possible transitions to follow



Example:



No possible transition

**HALT!!!**

# Final States



Allowed



**Not Allowed**

- Final states have no outgoing transitions
- In a final state the machine halts

# Acceptance

Accept Input



If machine halts  
in a final state

Reject Input



If machine halts  
in a non-final state

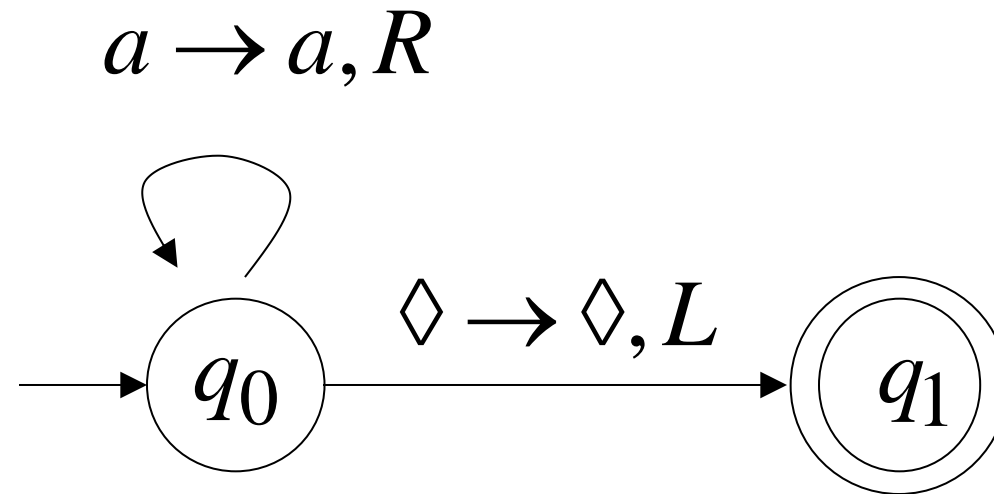
or

If machine enters  
*an infinite loop*

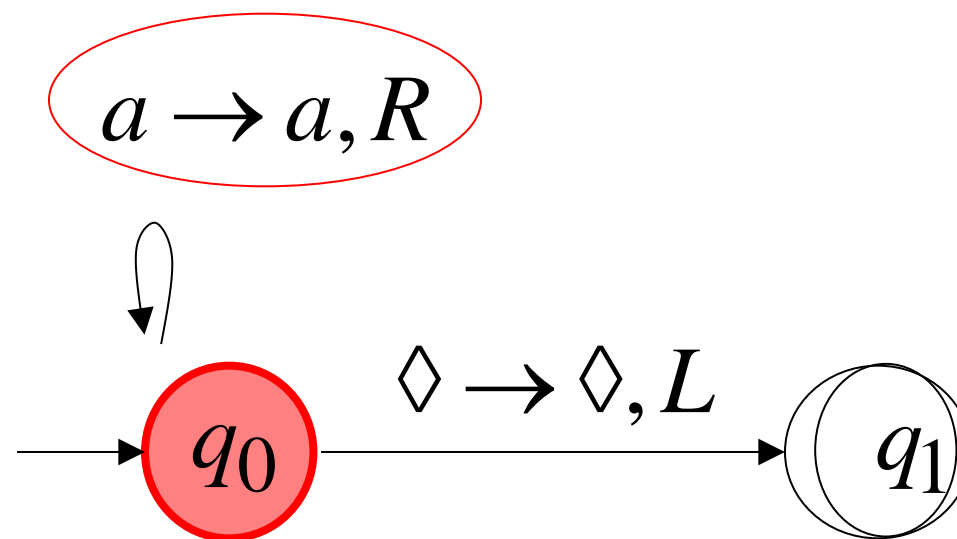
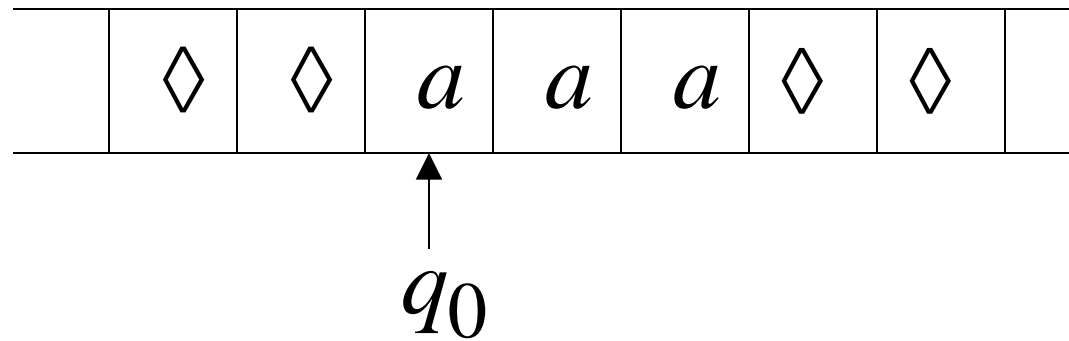
# Turing Machine Example

A Turing machine that accepts the language:

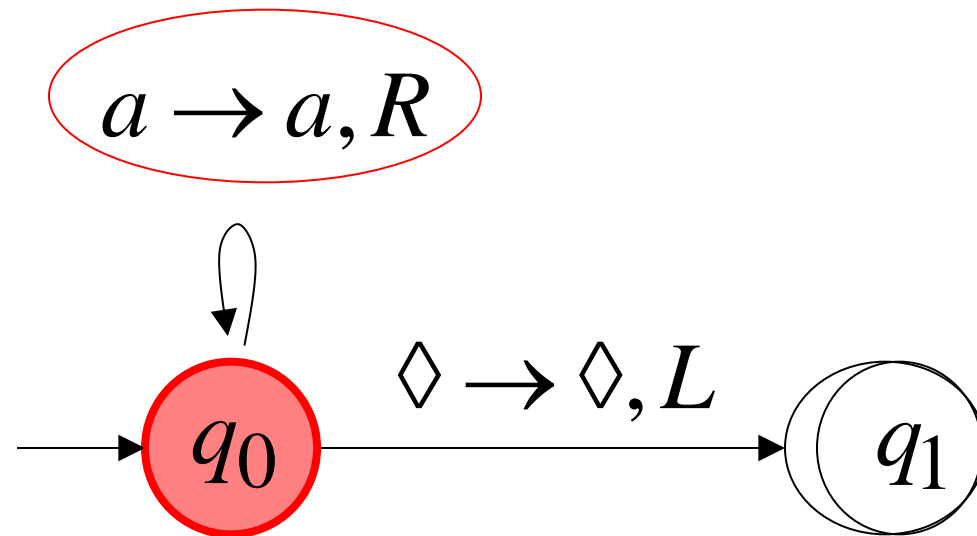
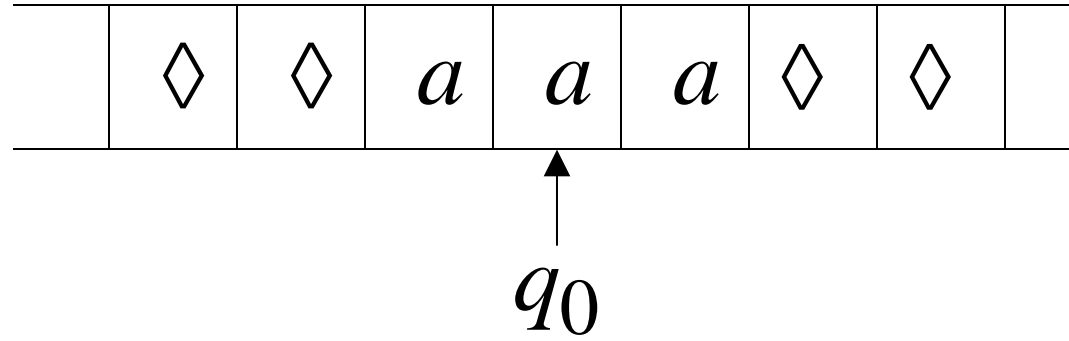
$aa^*$



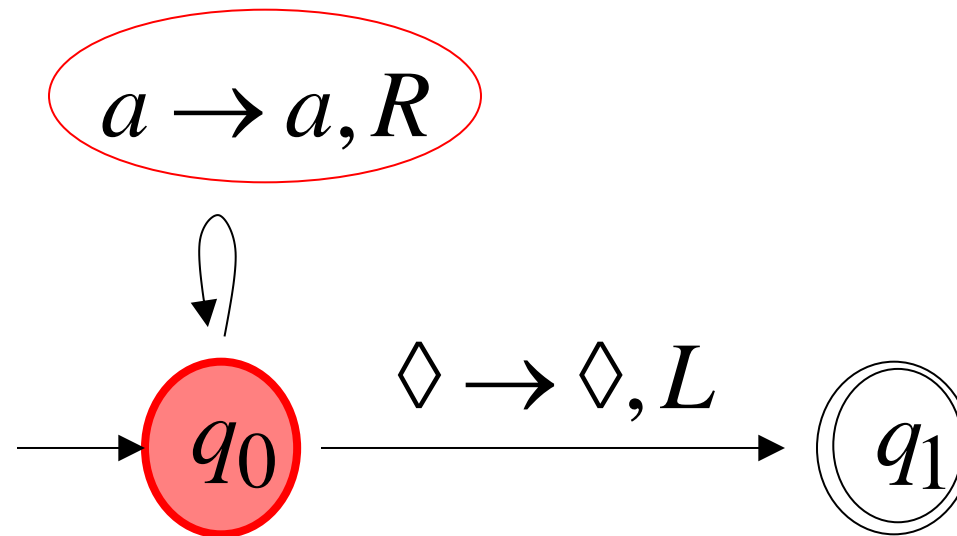
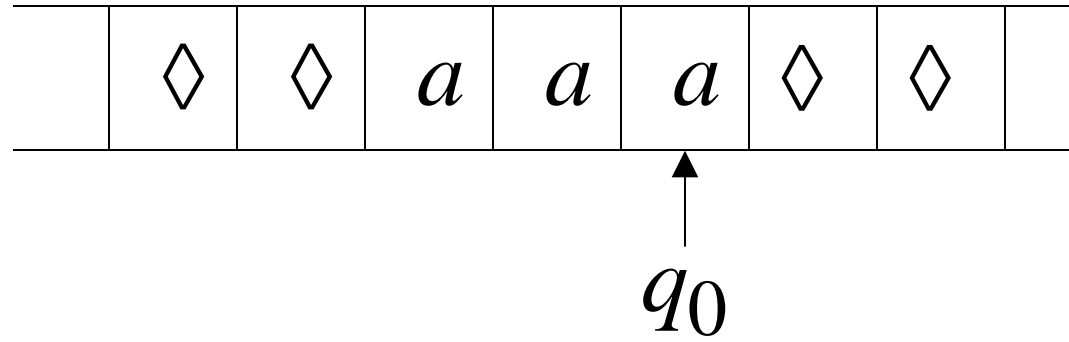
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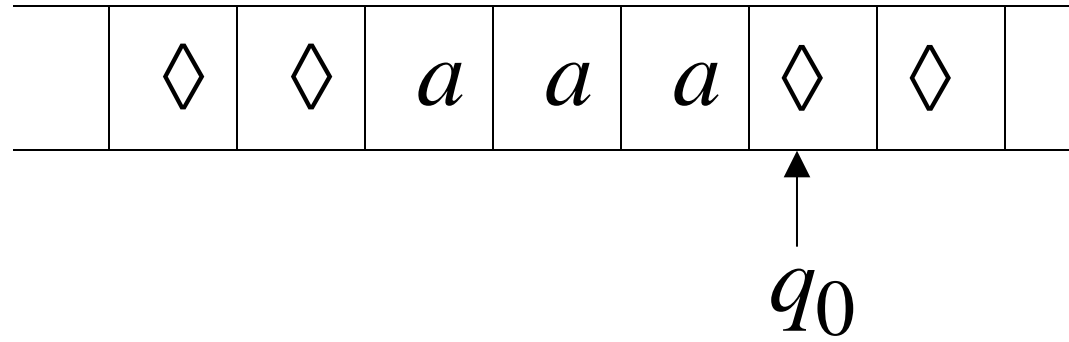
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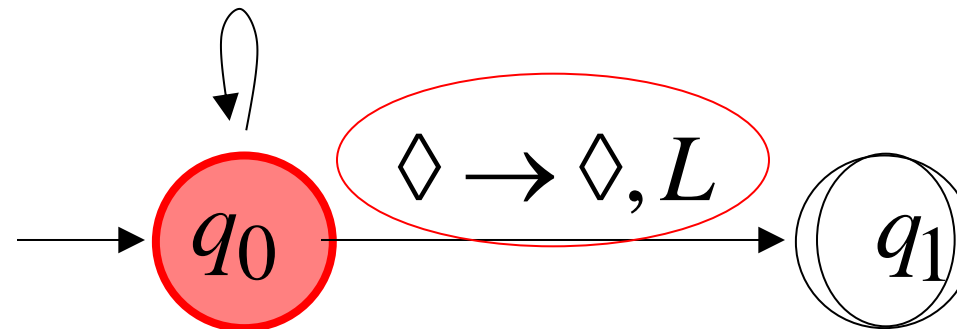
Time 2



Time 3

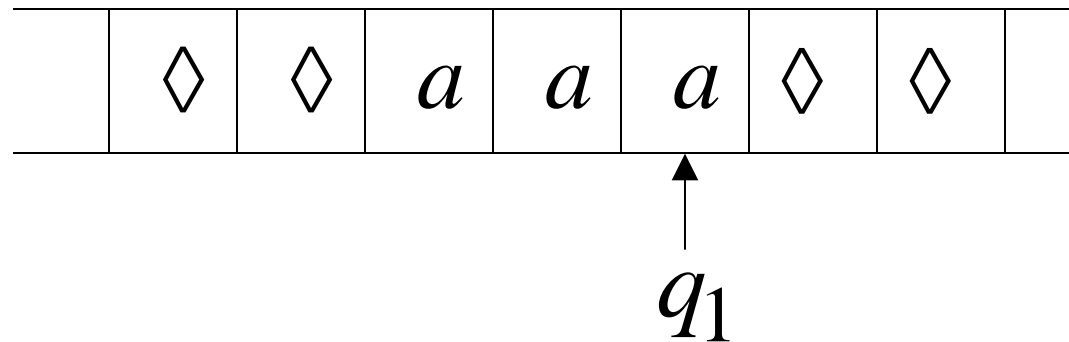


$a \rightarrow a, R$



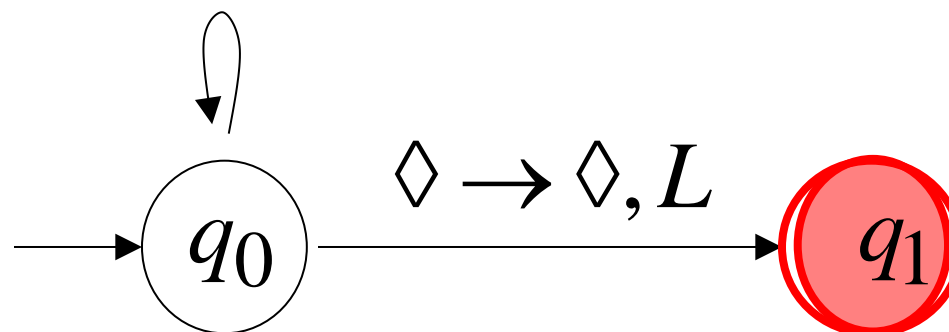


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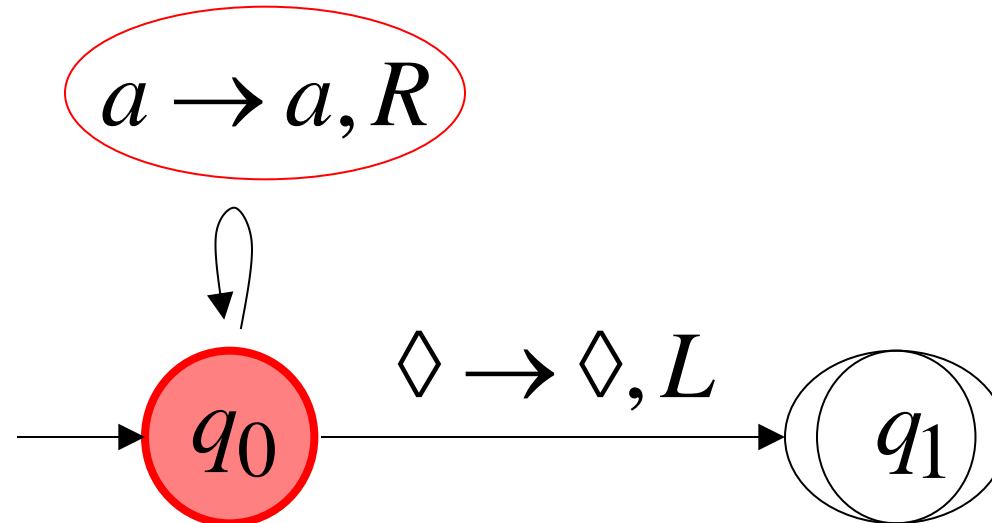
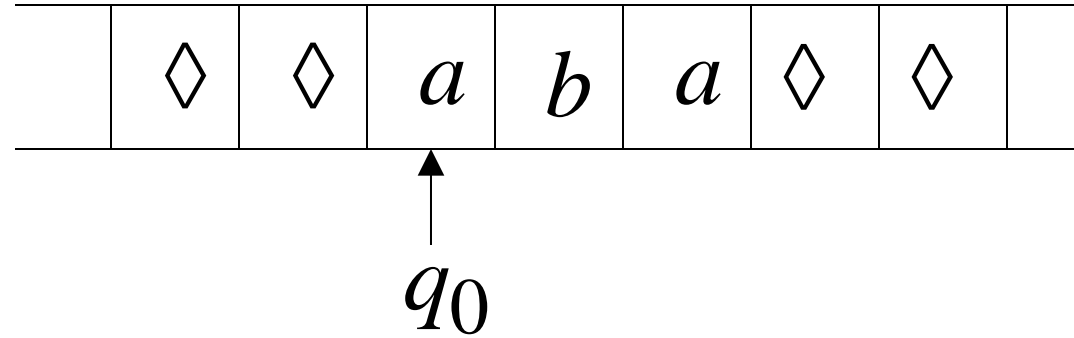
$a \rightarrow a, R$

**Halt & Accept**

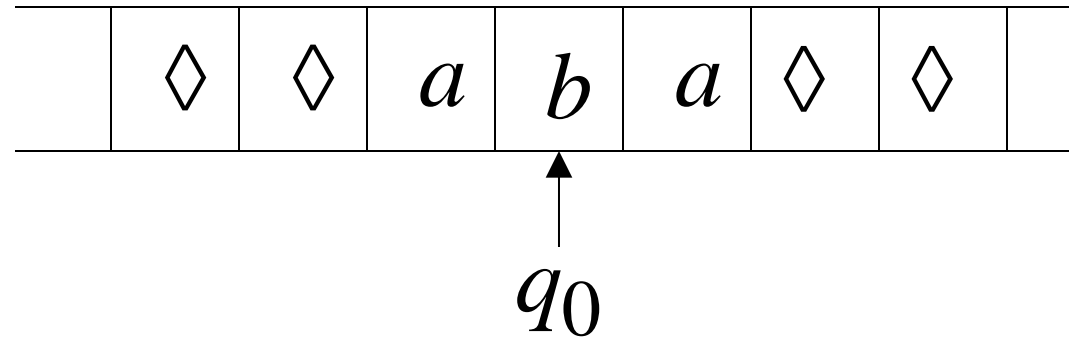


# Rejection Example

Time 0



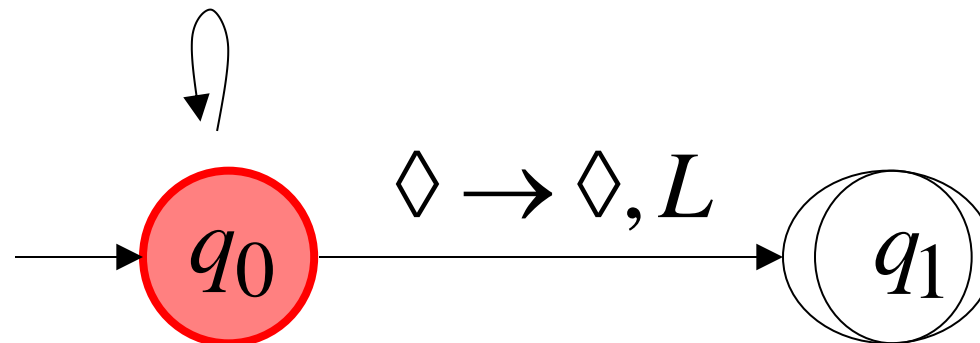
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No possible Transition

$a \rightarrow a, R$

**Halt & Reject**



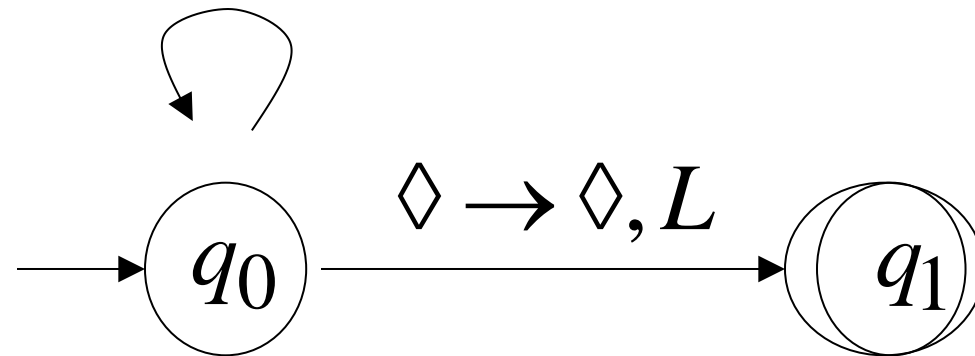
# Infinite Loop Example

A Turing machine  
for language

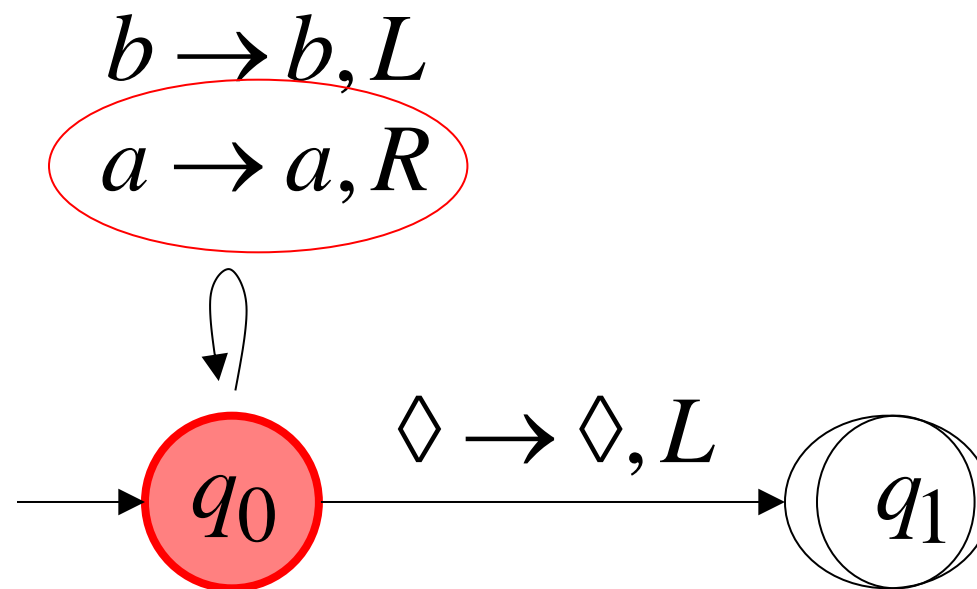
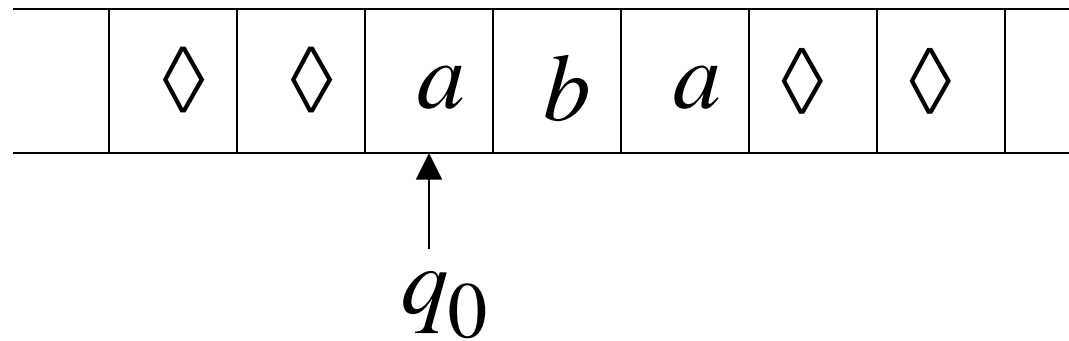
$$aa^* + b(a + b)^*$$

$$b \rightarrow b, L$$

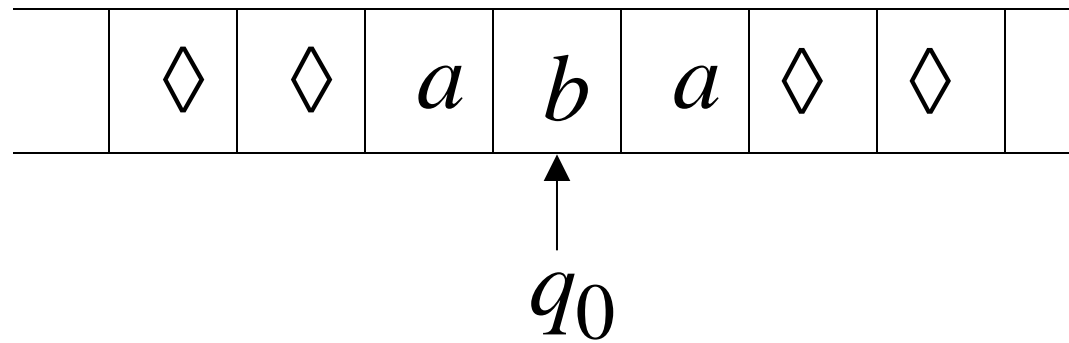
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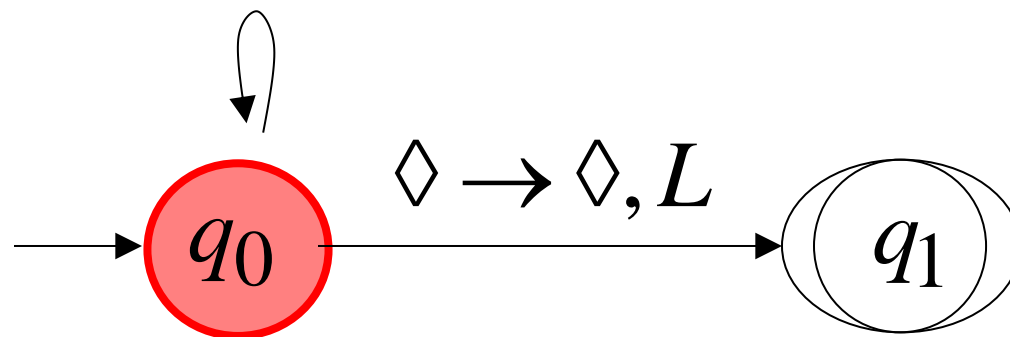
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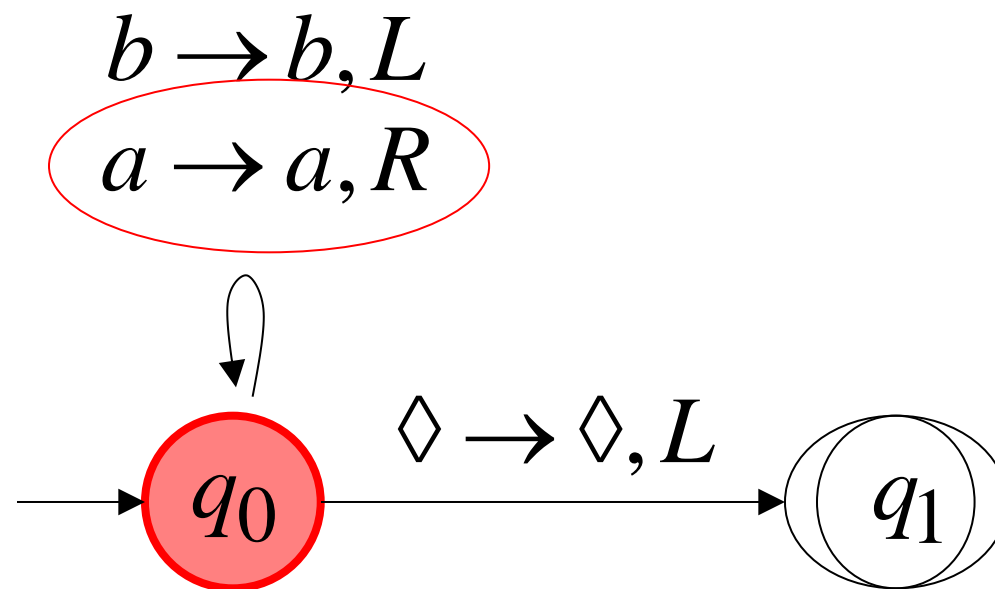
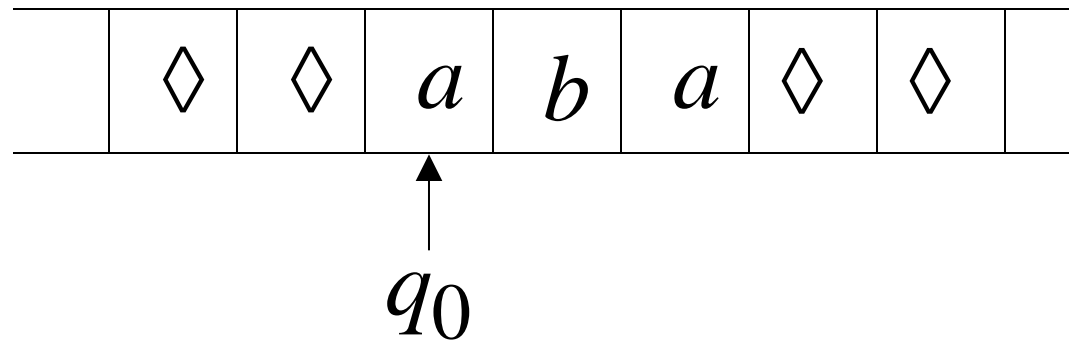
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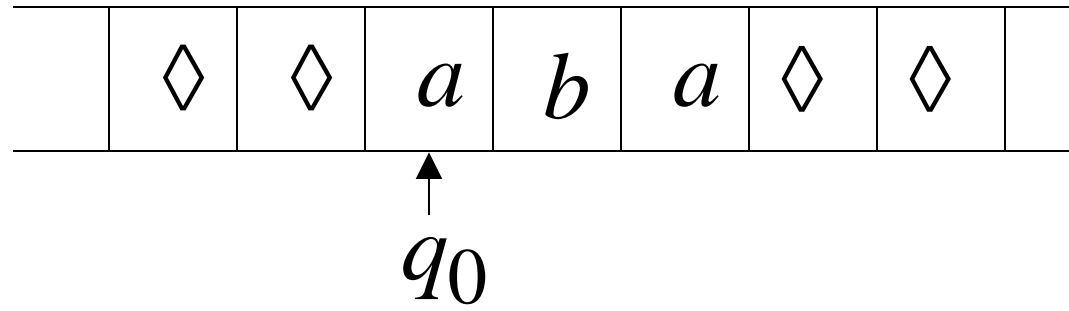
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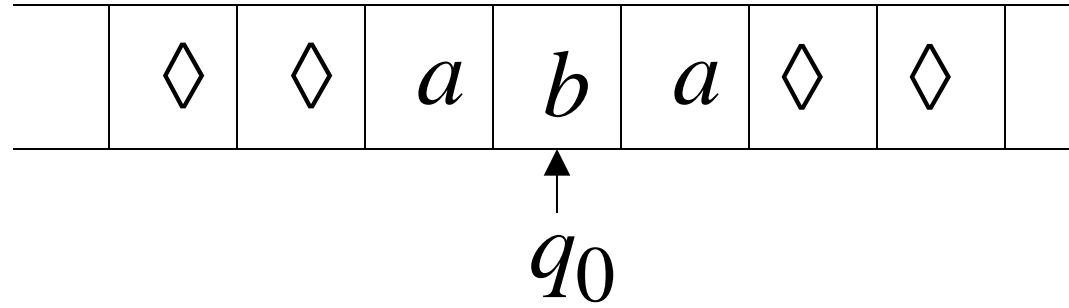
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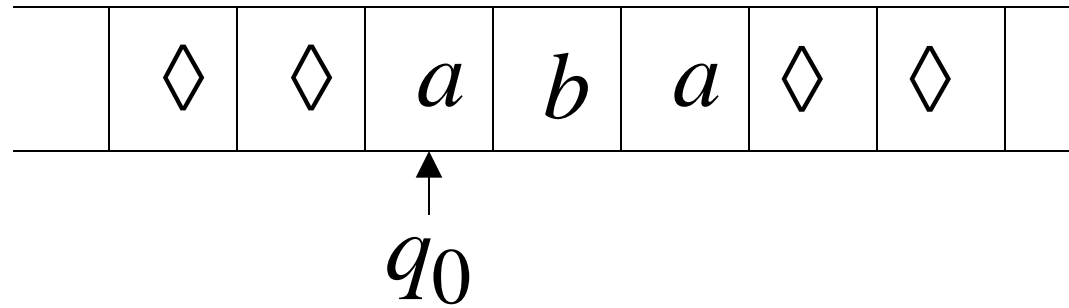
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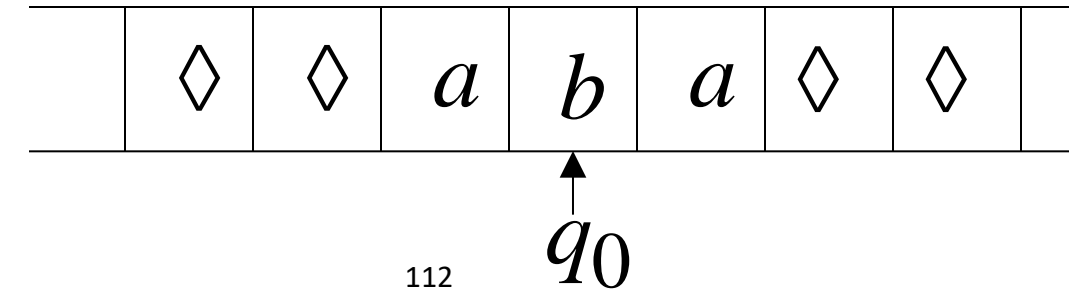
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Time 4



Time 5



Infinite loop



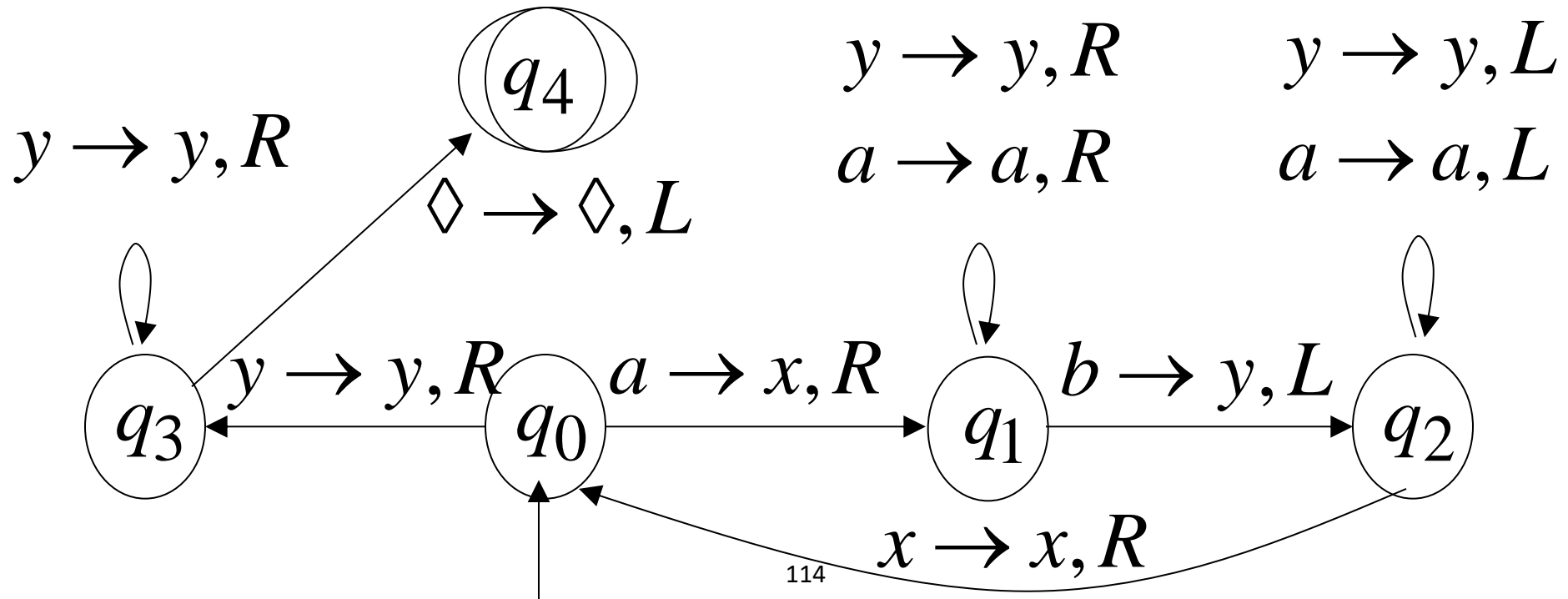
Because of the **infinite loop**:

- The final state cannot be reached
- The machine never halts
- The input is **not accepted**

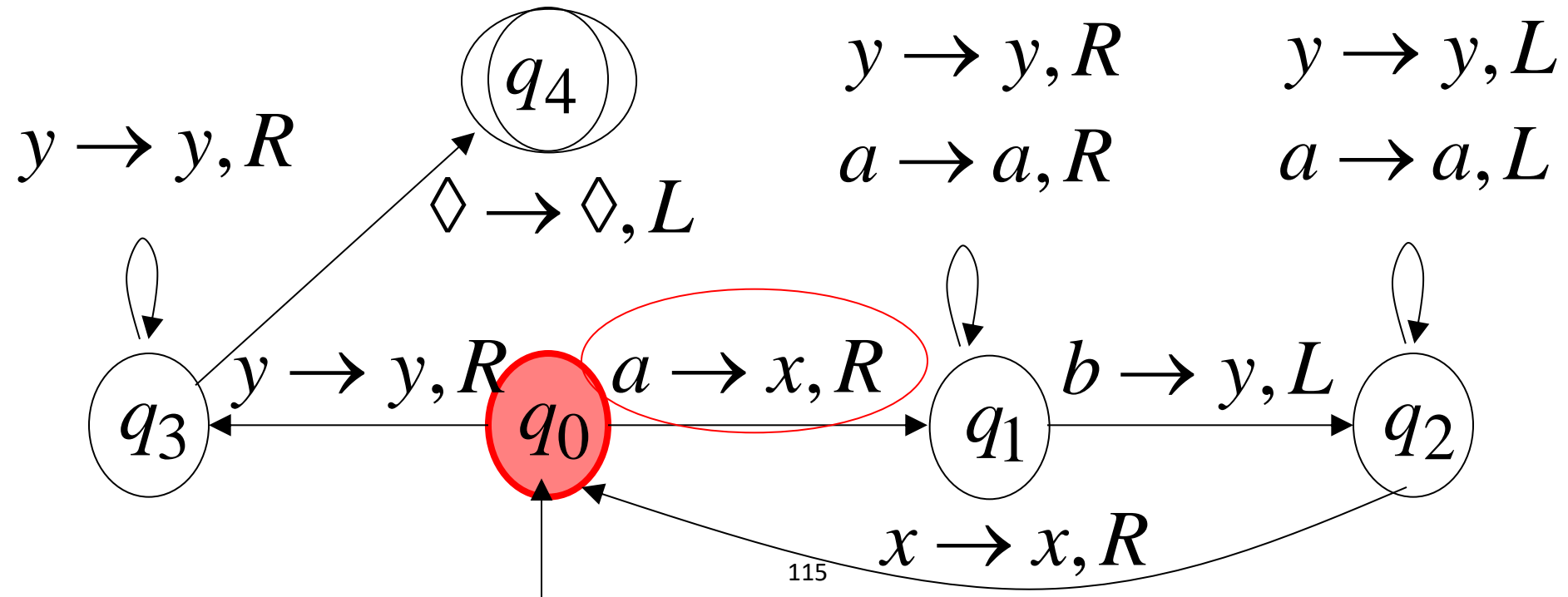
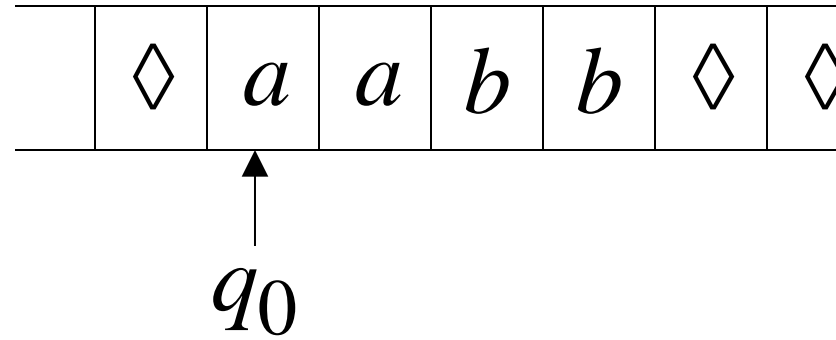
# Another Turing Machine Example

Turing machine for the language

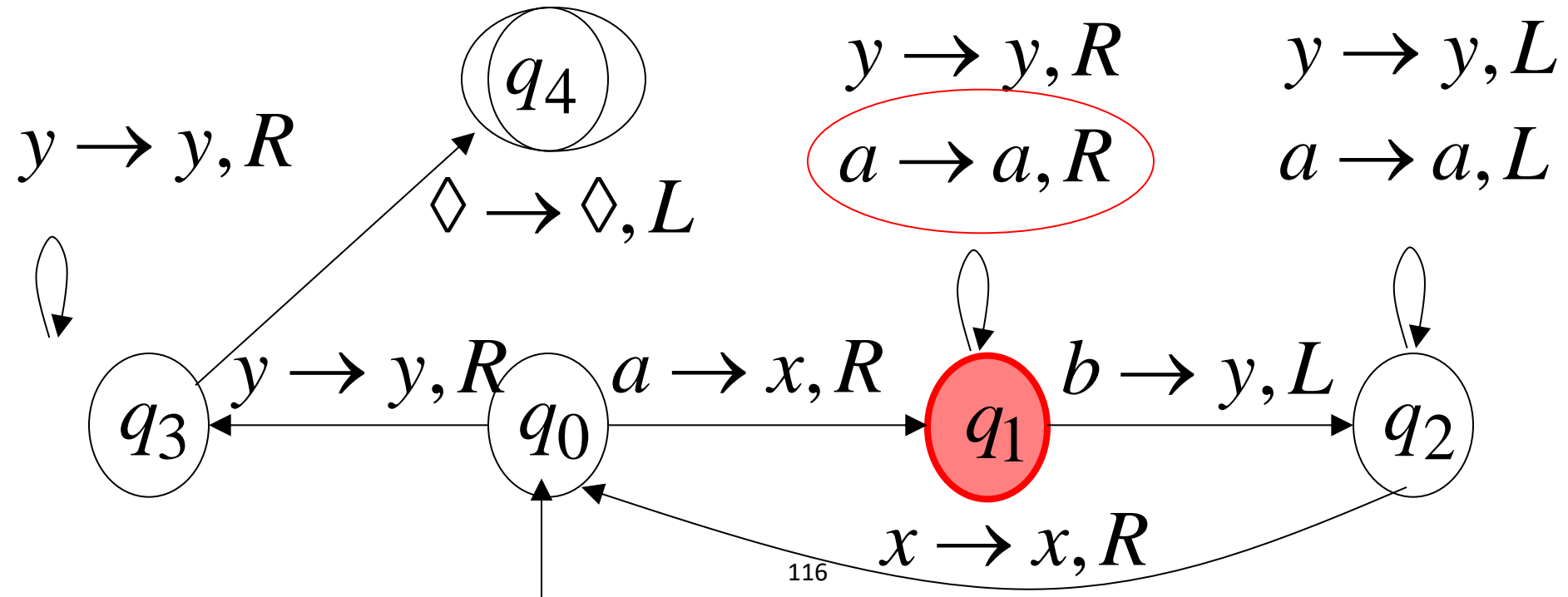
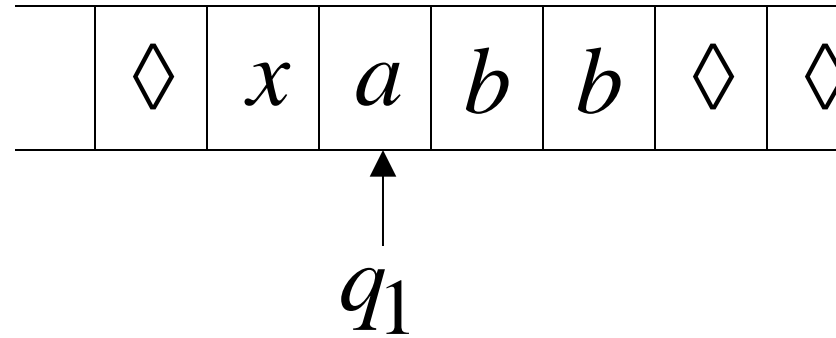
$$\{a^n b^n\}$$



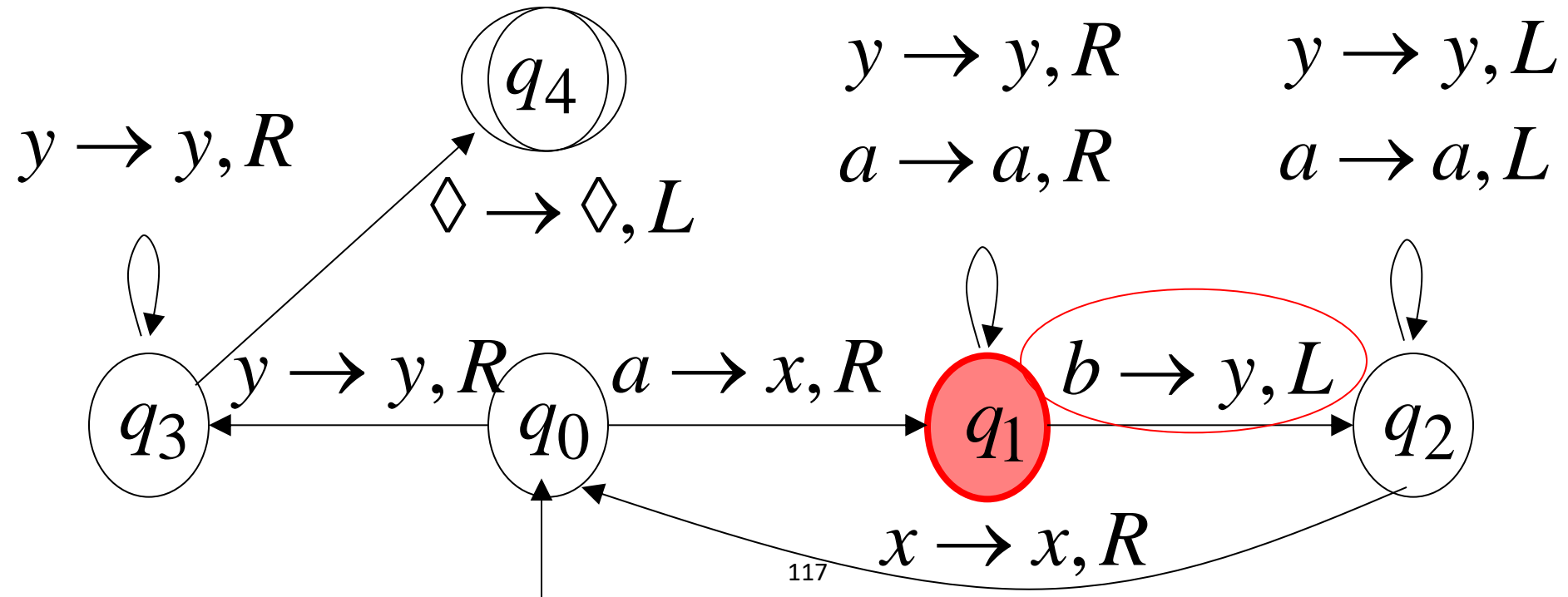
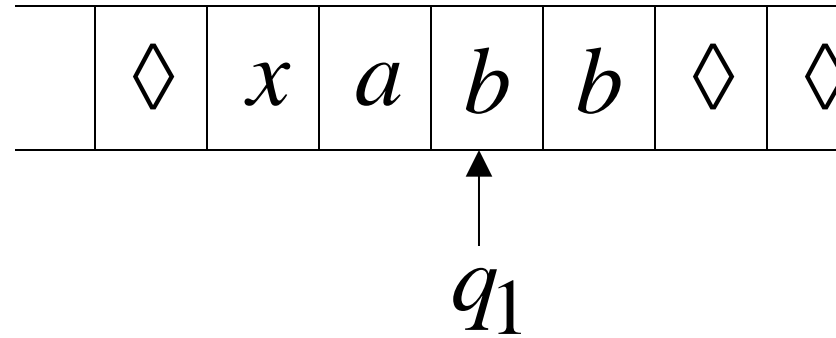
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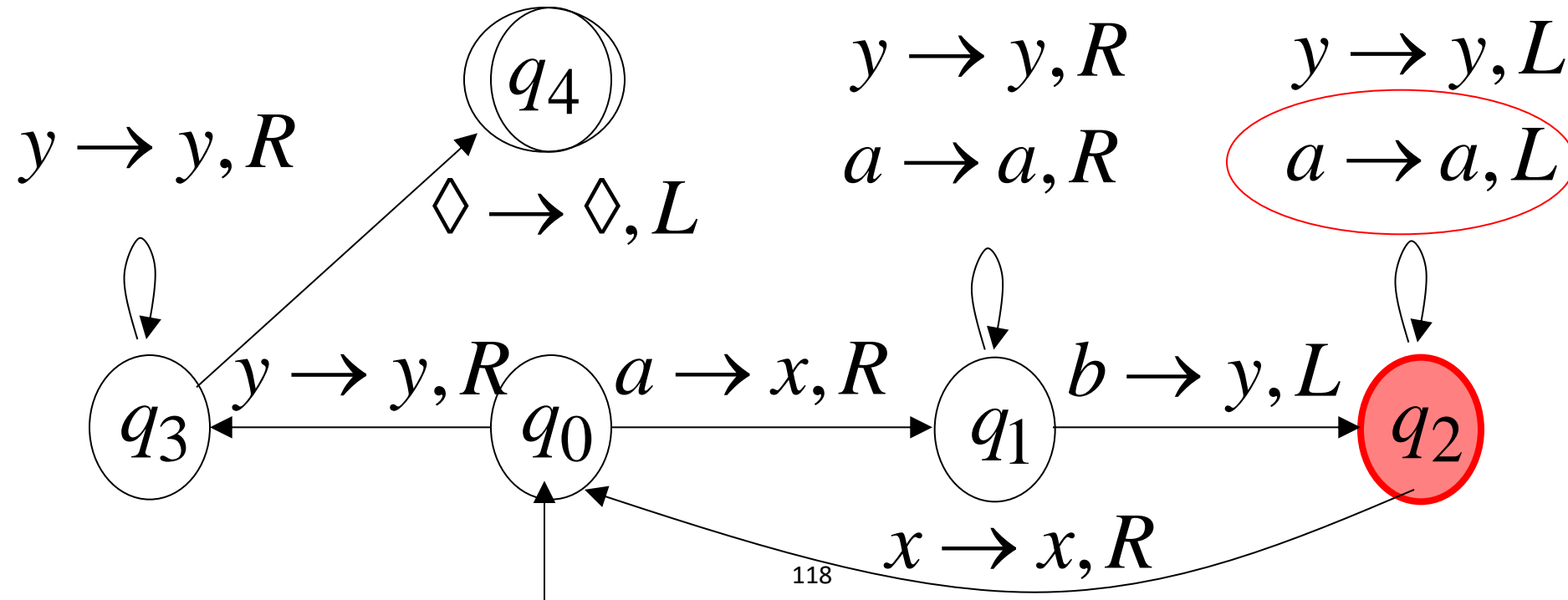
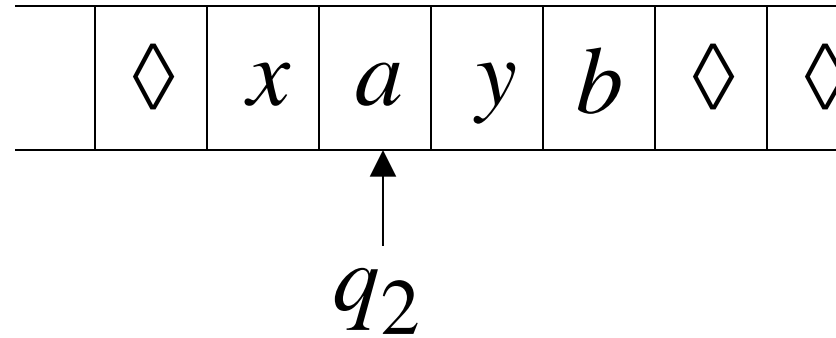
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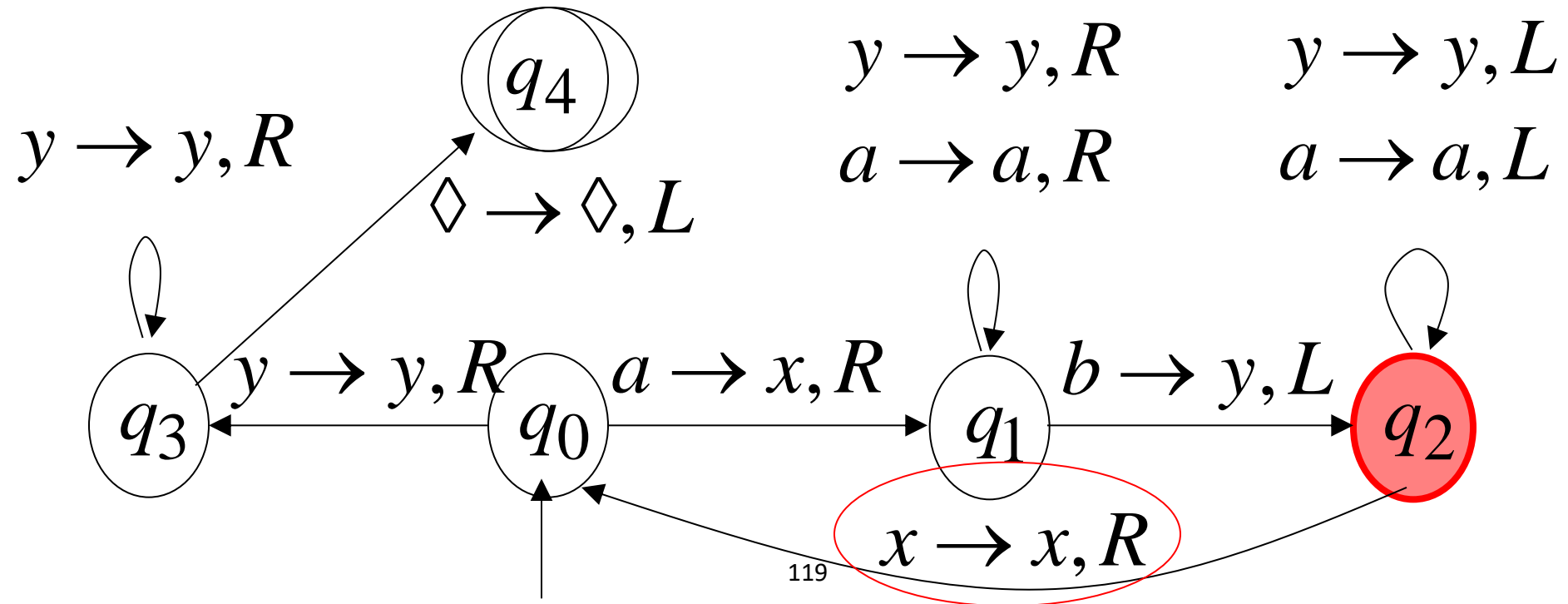
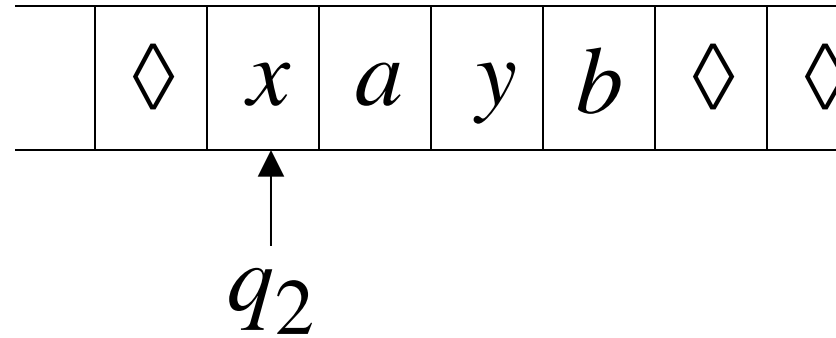
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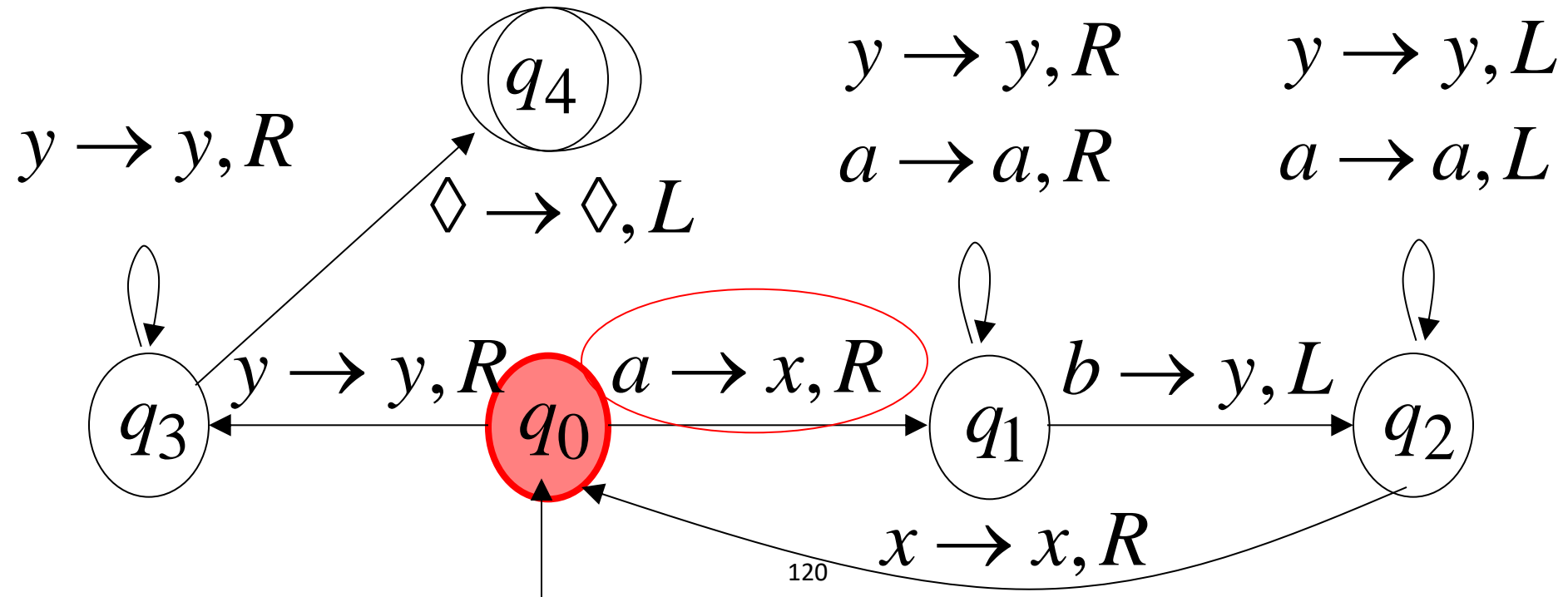
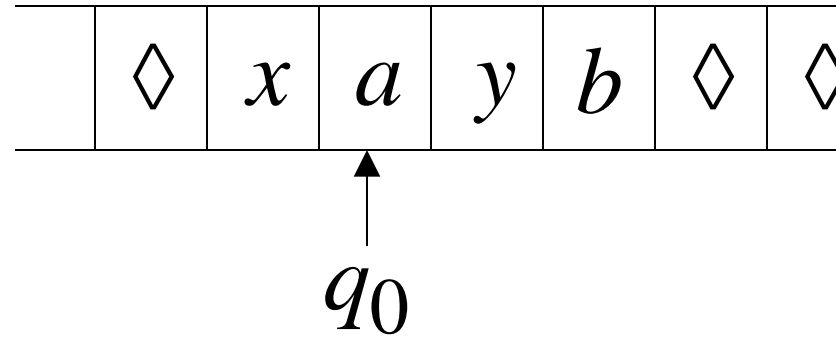
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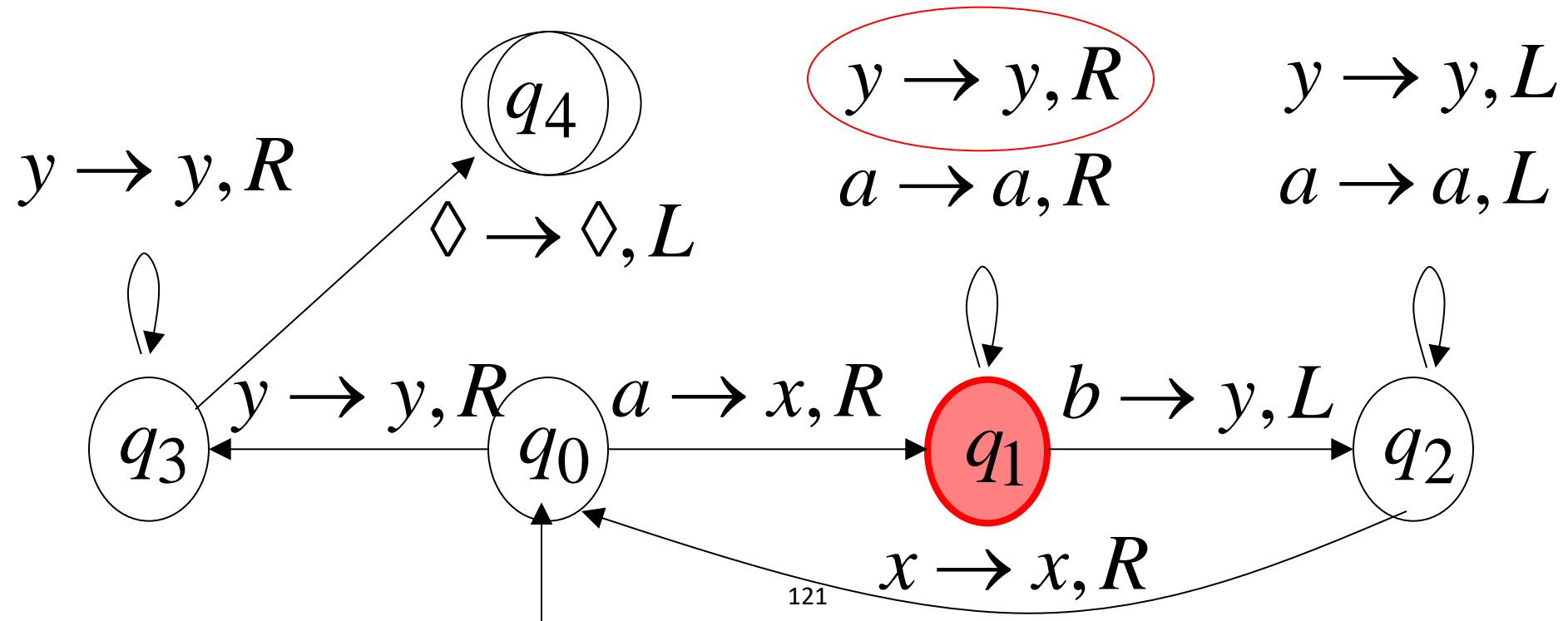
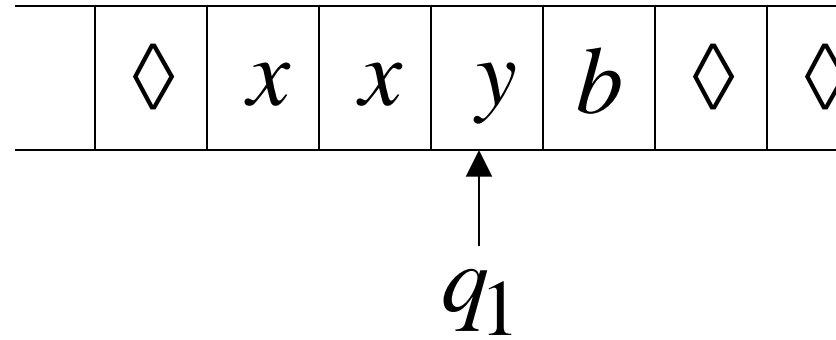


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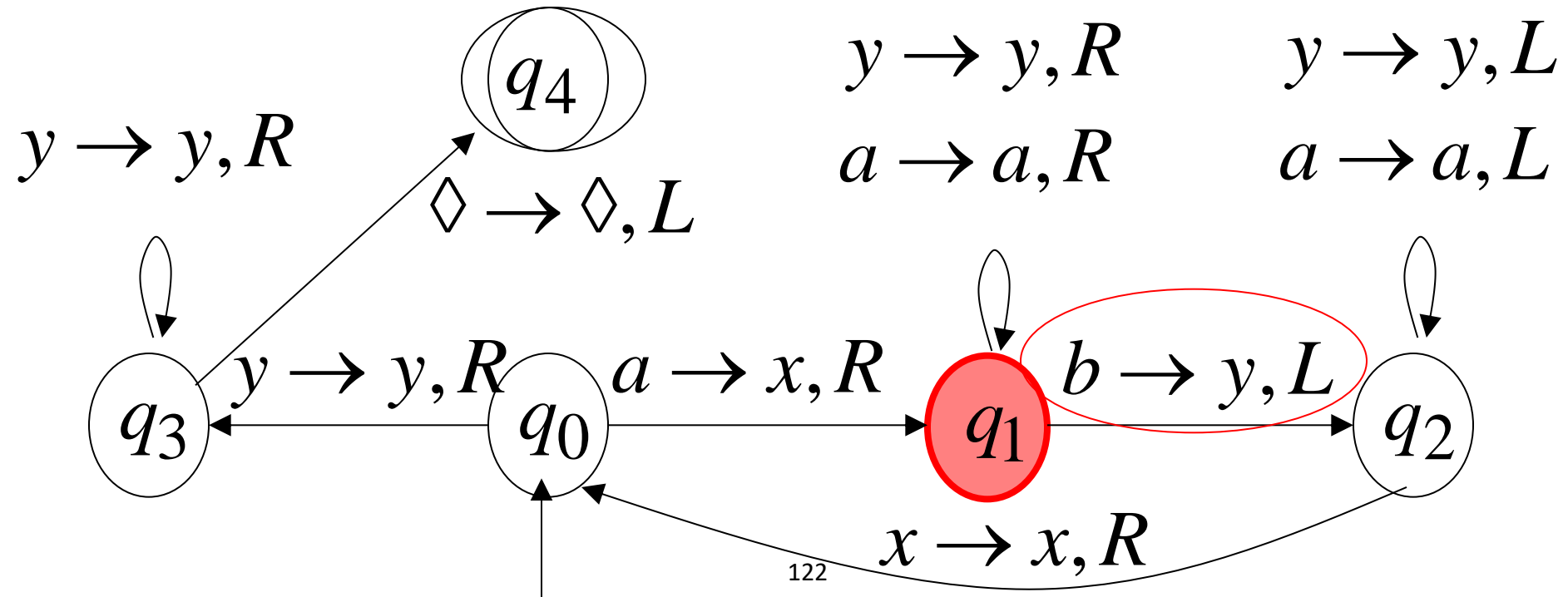
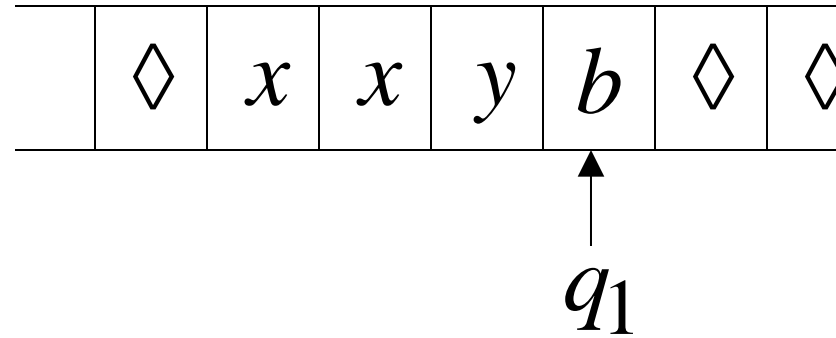




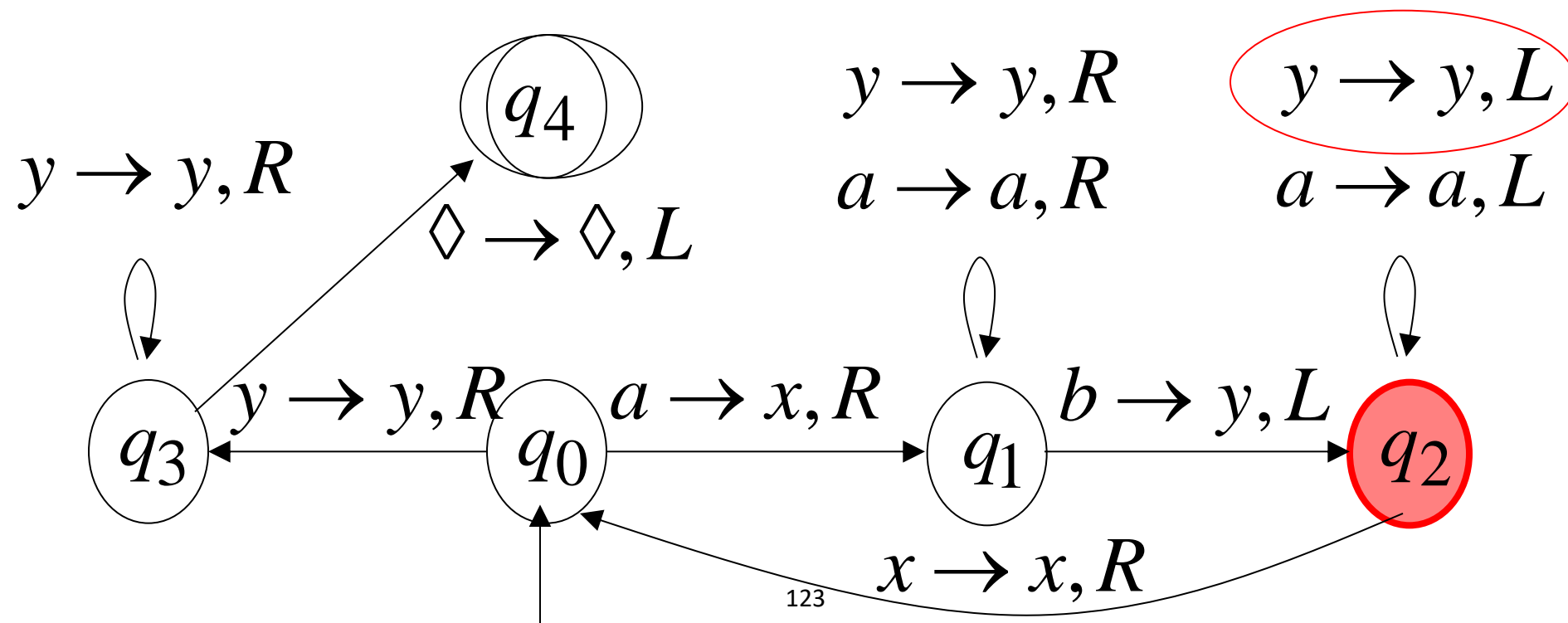
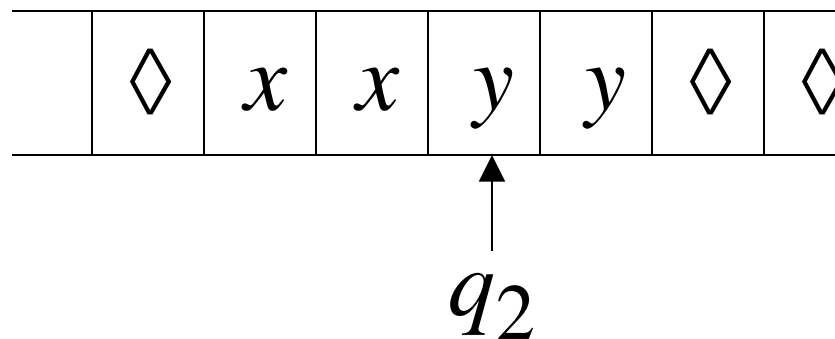
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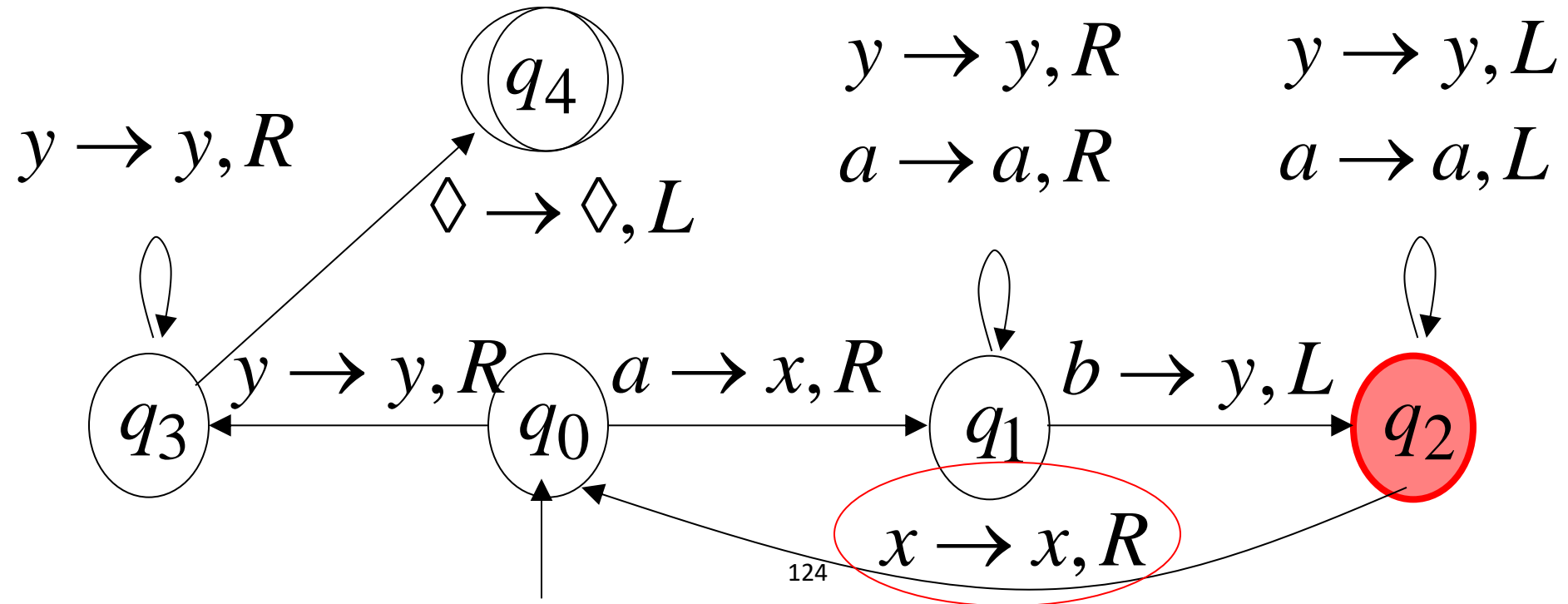
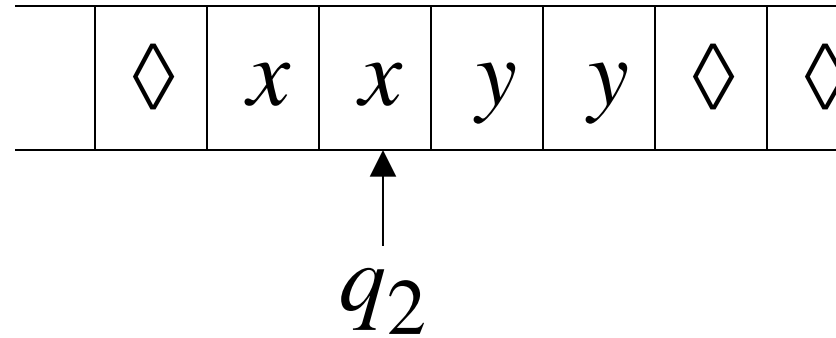
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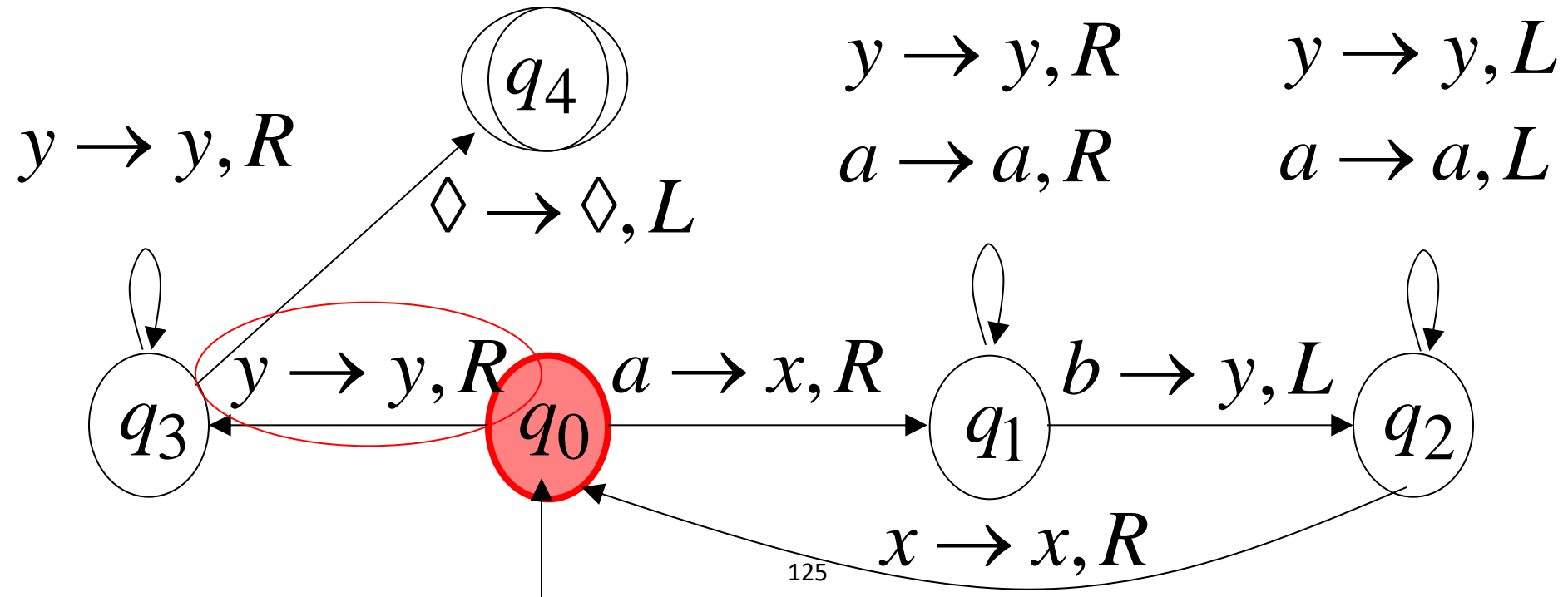
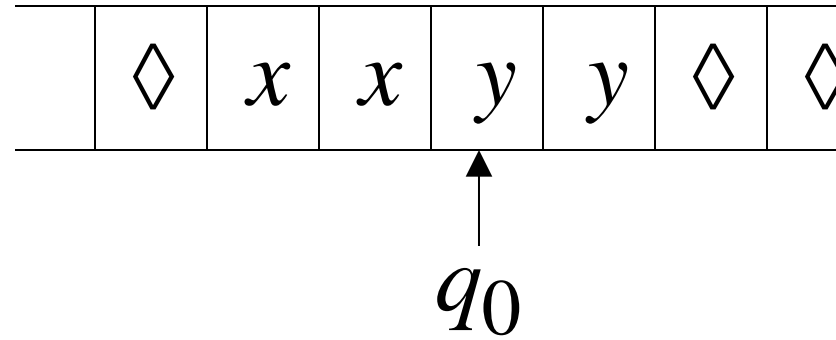
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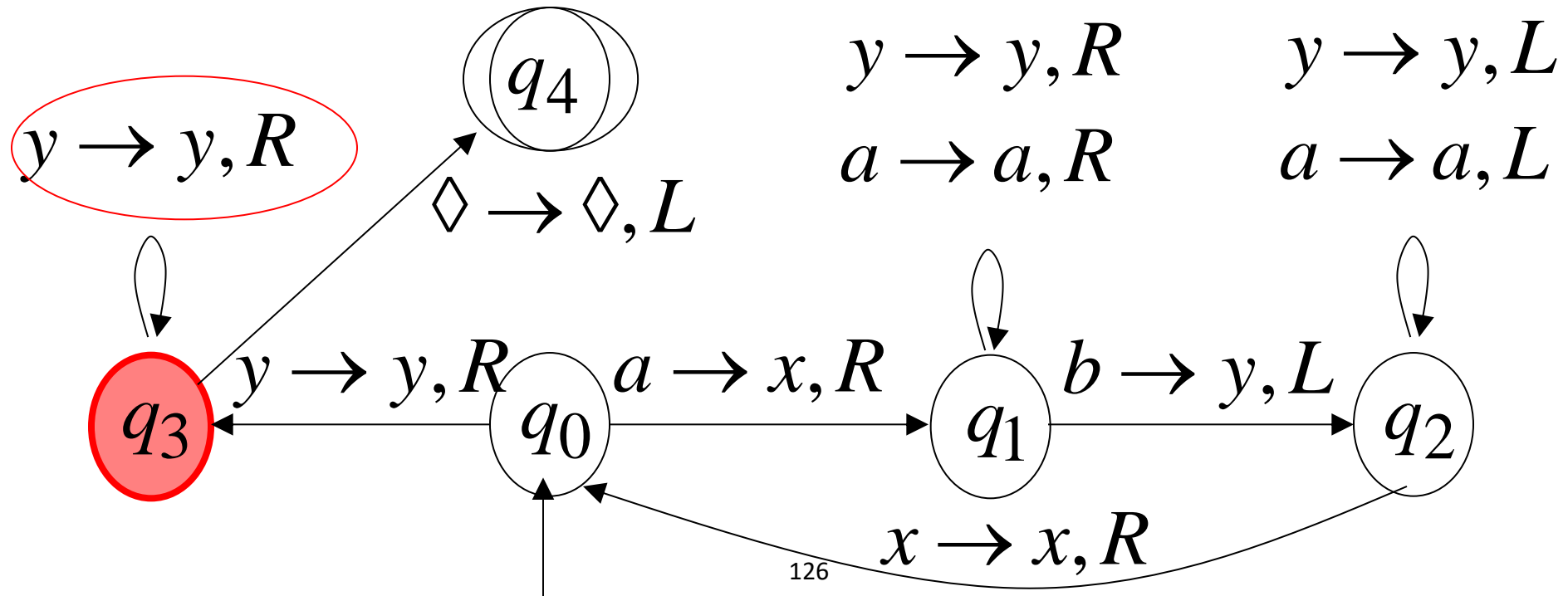
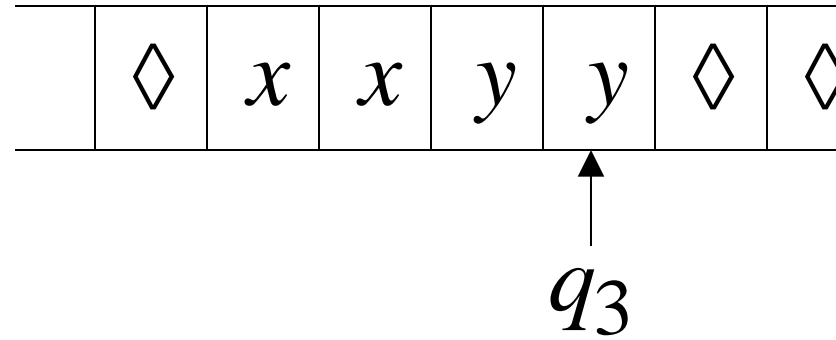
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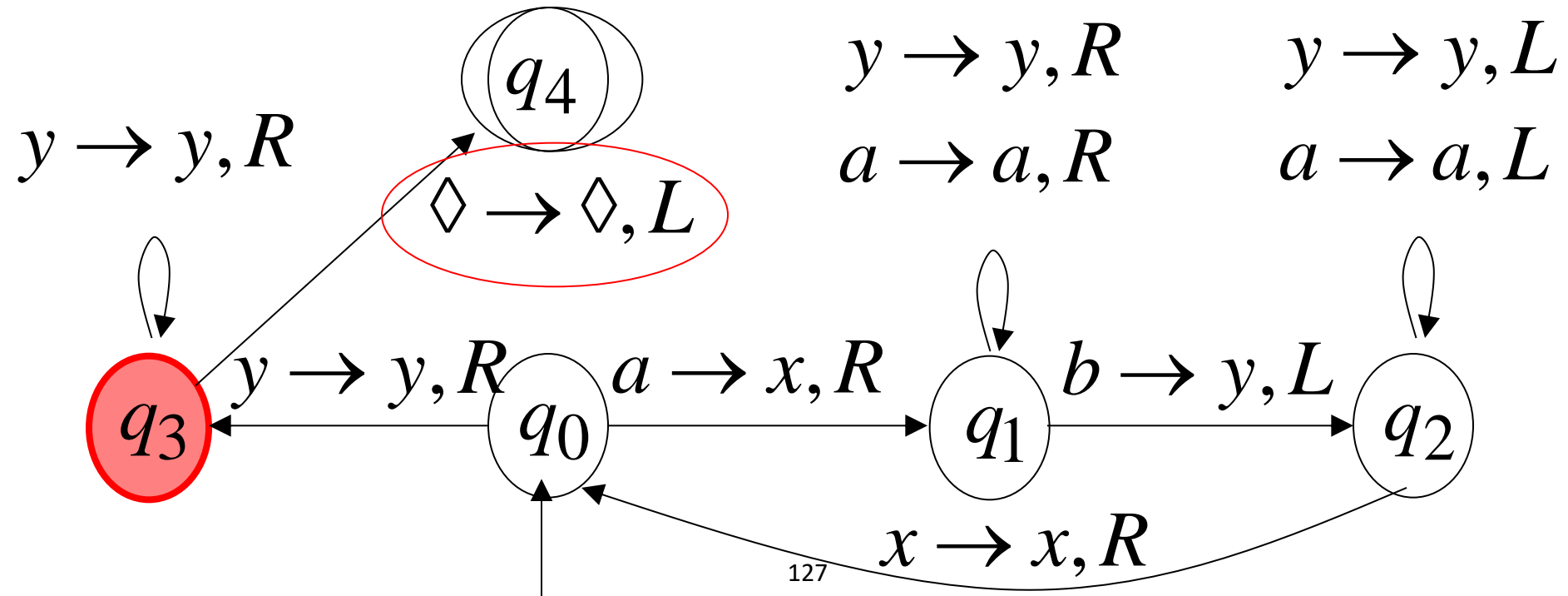
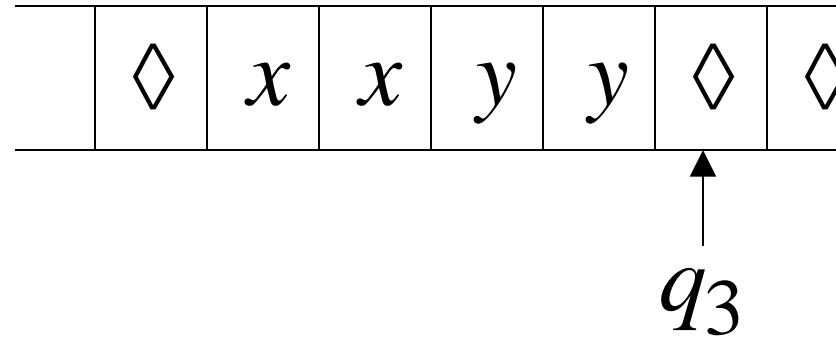
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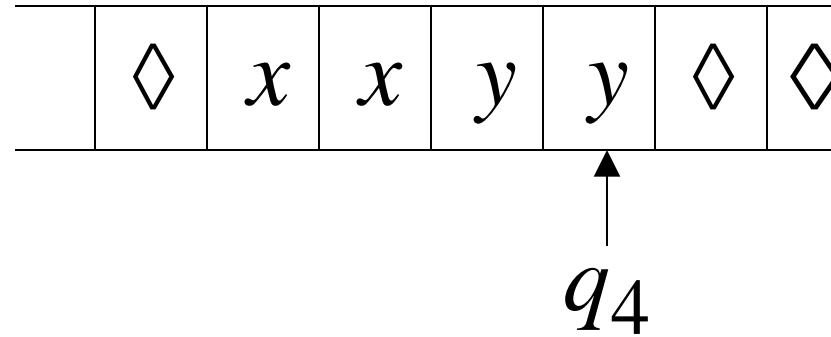
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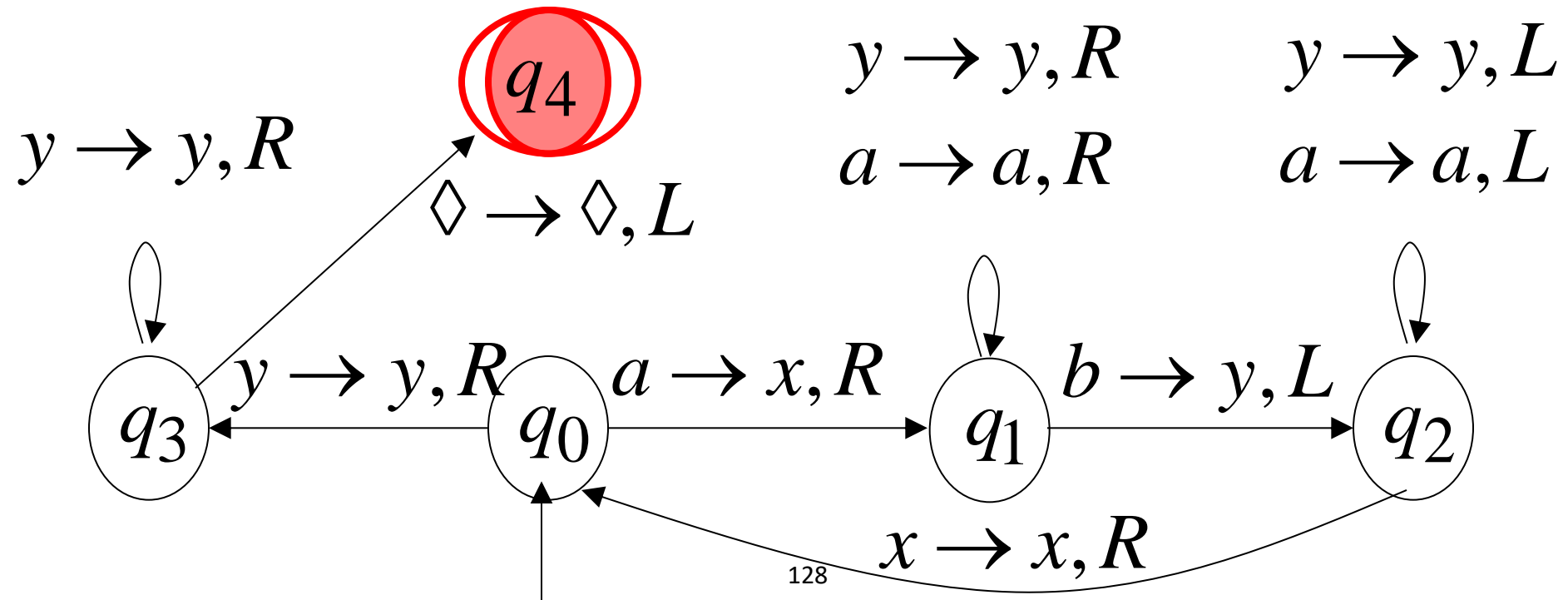
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Time 13



**Halt & Accept**





## Observation:

If we modify the  
machine for the language

$$\{a^n b^n\}$$

we can easily construct  
a machine for the language


$$\{a^n b^n c^n\}$$

# Standard Turing Machine

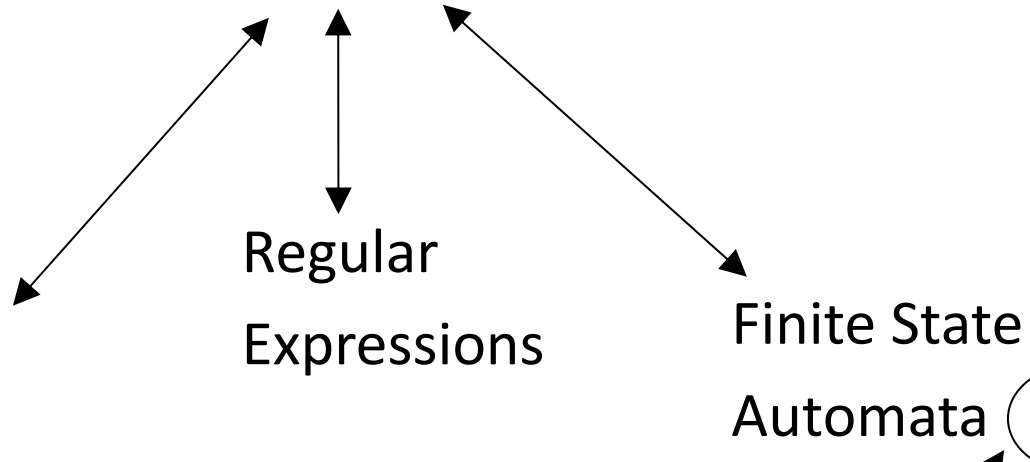
The machine we described is the standard:

- Deterministic
- Infinite tape in both directions
- Tape is the input/output file

# Outline

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Regular Languages

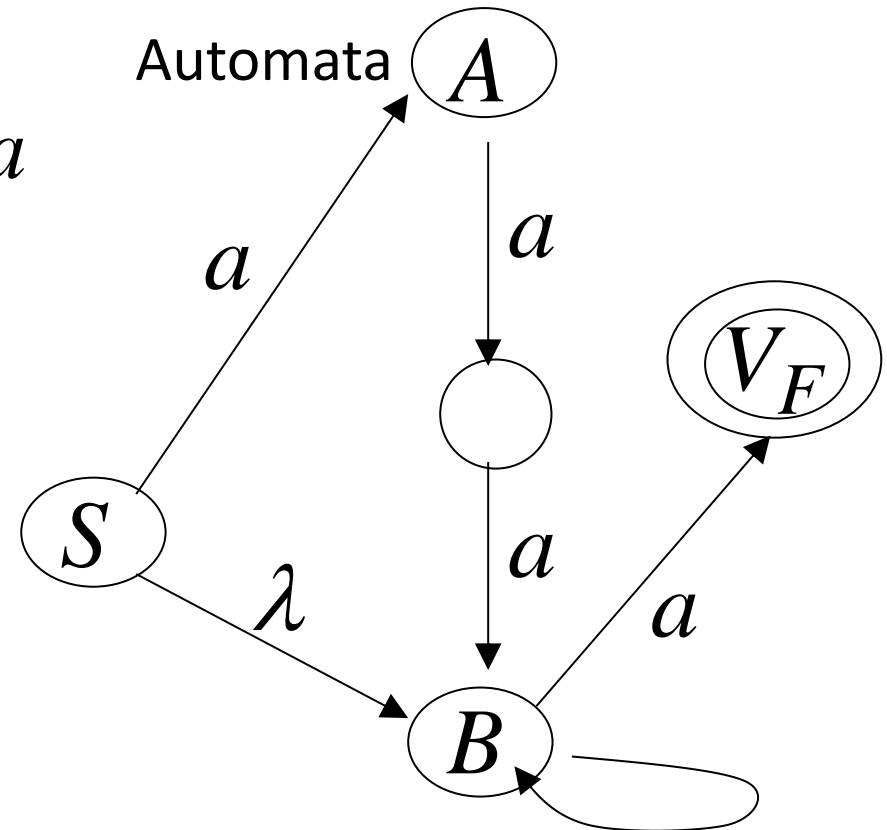


$$S \rightarrow aA \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow aaB$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid a$$

$$aaab^*a + b^*a$$



# Context-Free and Regular Languages

Context-Free Languages

$$\{a^n b^n\}$$

$$\{ww^R\}$$

Regular Languages

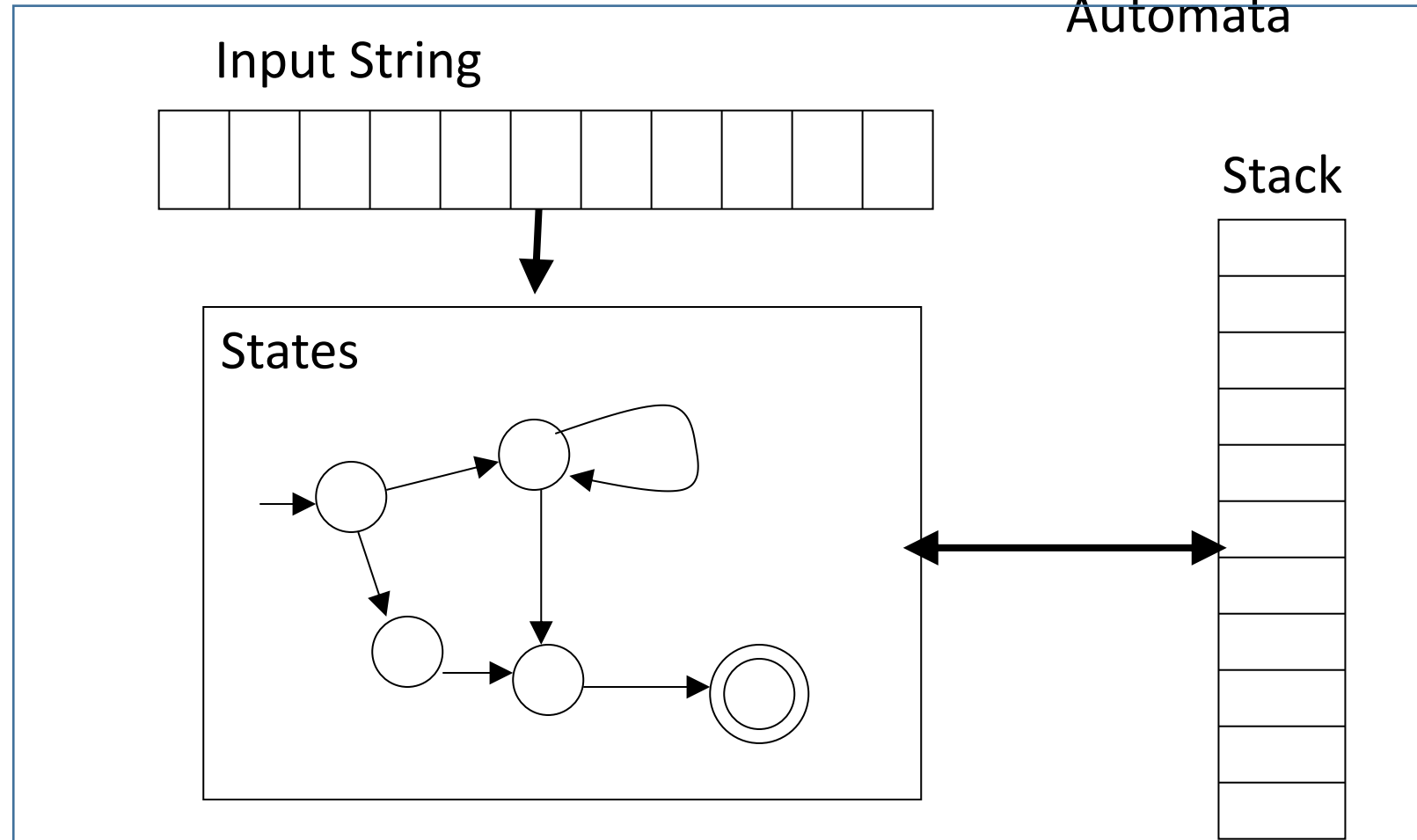
$$a^*b^*$$

$$(a+b)^*$$

# Context-Free Languages

Context-Free  
Grammars

Pushdown  
Automata



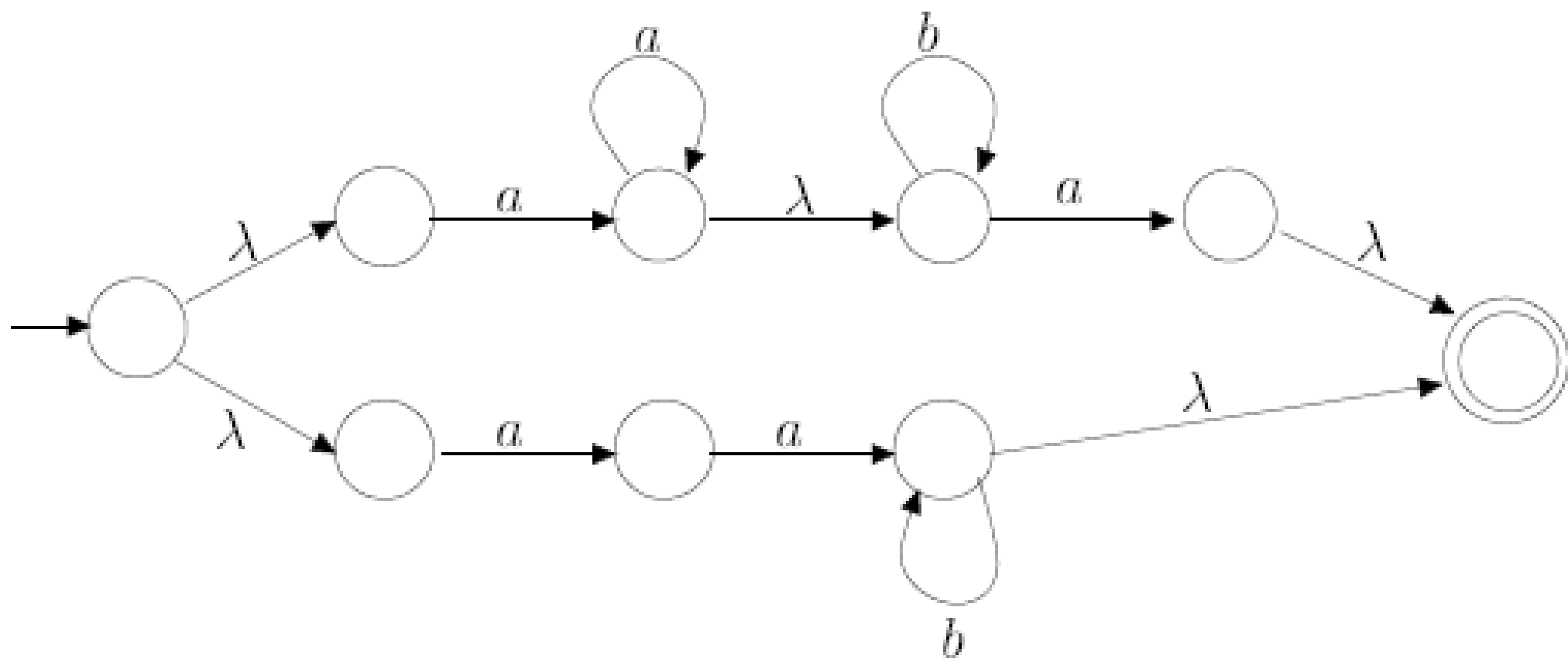
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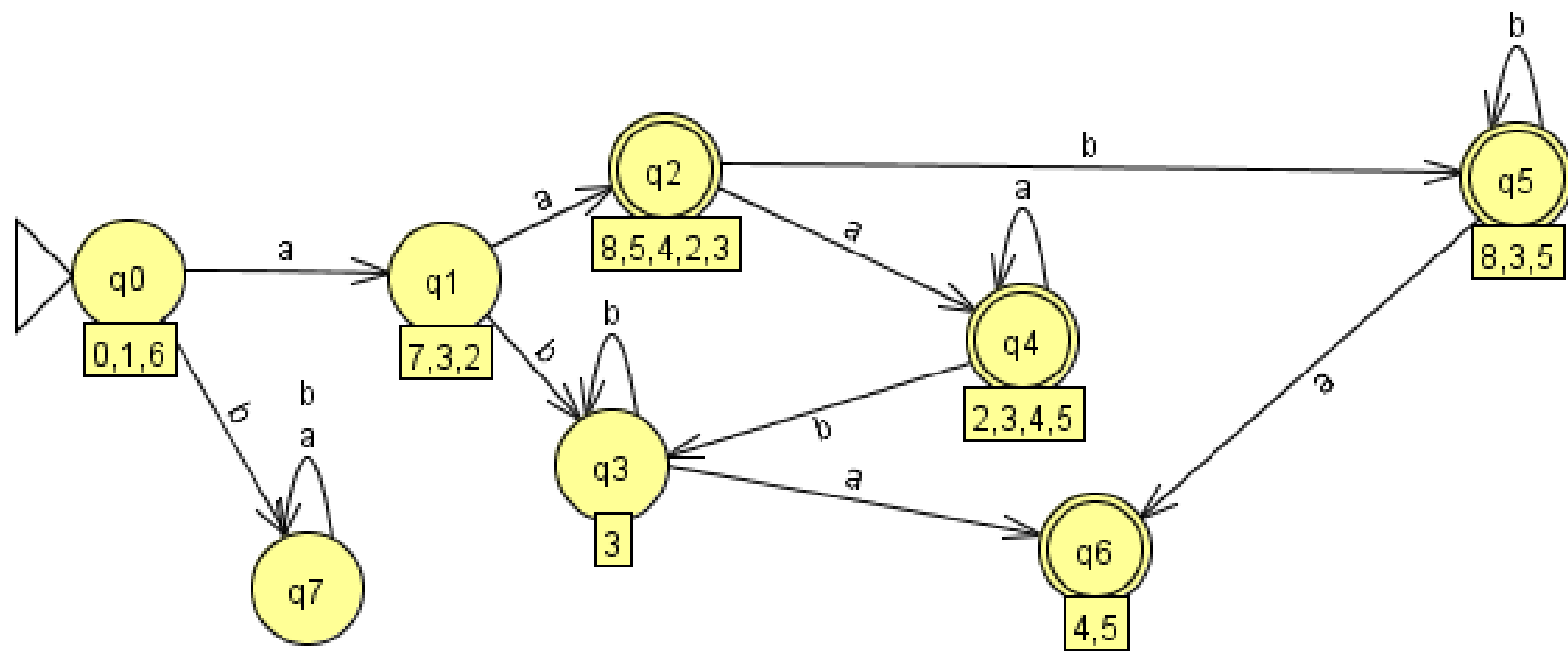
- Convert
  - RA/FA/RG
  - Any CFG to Chomsky NF
- Given language, define
  - Grammar
  - RA
  - Automata

# Exercise

Give a NFA with a single final state for the language  $L(aa^*b^*a + aab^*)$ .







# Exercise

Give the regular expression for the following regular language defined over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ :

$$L = \{\text{the binary positive integers (without 0)} \\ \text{whose most significant bit is 1} \\ \text{and contain the substring 11}\}$$

$$1(1+0)^*11(1+0)^*+11(1+0)^*$$

# Exercise

Create a NFA for following grammar. What kind of grammar is this?

$$S \rightarrow aaB \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB$$

$$B \rightarrow abS$$

# Exercise

- (a) Give a context-free grammar for the following language:

$$L = \{wa^n b^n w^R \quad : w \in \{a,b\}^*, \quad n \geq 0\}$$

where  $w$  is any string over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$  including  $\lambda$ .

- (b) Give the derivation of the string *abaabbba* using your grammar.

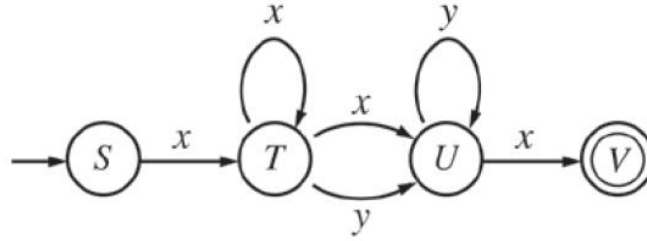
$$S \rightarrow aSa|bSb|A$$

$$A \rightarrow aAb|\lambda$$

$$S \Rightarrow aSa \Rightarrow abSba \Rightarrow abAba \Rightarrow abaAbba \Rightarrow abaaAbbba \Rightarrow abaabbba$$



Consider the following nondeterministic finite state automaton over alphabet  $\{x, y\}$  with start state  $S$ .



4. Which of the following is the regular expression corresponding to the automaton above?

(A)  $xxx + yyx$

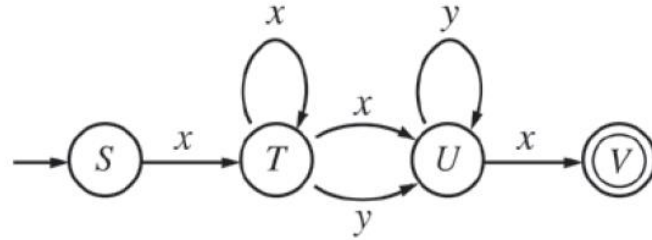
(B)  $x^3y^2x$

(C)  $x^*y^*x$

(D)  $xx^*(x+y)y^*x$

(E)  $x^*xy^*x$

Consider the following nondeterministic finite state automaton over alphabet  $\{x, y\}$  with start state  $S$ .



5. Which of the following grammars over alphabet  $\{x, y\}$  generates the language recognized by the automaton above?

(A)  $S \rightarrow xT$   
 $T \rightarrow xT \mid xU \mid yU$   
 $U \rightarrow yU \mid xV$

(B)  $S \rightarrow xT$   
 $T \rightarrow xT \mid xU \mid yU$   
 $U \rightarrow yU \mid x$

(C)  $S \rightarrow xT \mid T$   
 $T \rightarrow xT \mid xU \mid yU \mid T \mid U$   
 $U \rightarrow yU \mid xV \mid V \mid x$

(D)  $S \rightarrow xV$   
 $T \rightarrow xT \mid yU$   
 $U \rightarrow yU \mid xV$

(E)  $S \rightarrow xT$   
 $T \rightarrow xT \mid T$   
 $U \rightarrow yU \mid V$   
 $V \rightarrow xV \mid x$

53. Consider a regular language  $L$  over  $\{0, 1\}$ . Which of the following languages over  $\{0, 1\}$  must also be regular?

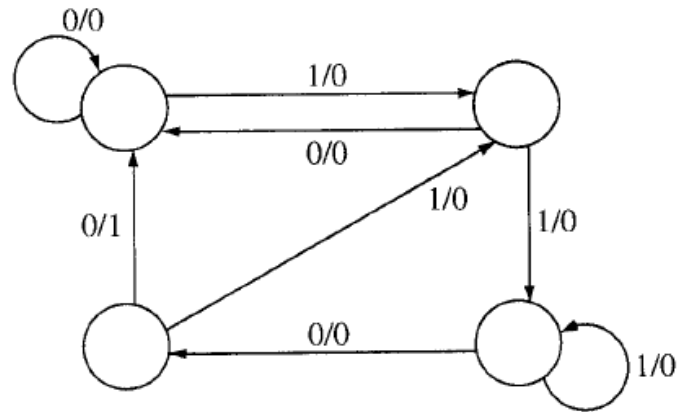
I.  $\{w \in L \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is even}\}$

II.  $\{w \in L \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is prime}\}$

III.  $\{w \in L \mid \text{the length of } w \text{ is an integer power of } 2\}$

(A) None      (B) I only      (C) III only      (D) I and III only      (E) I, II, and III

11. Consider an output-producing, deterministic finite state automaton (DFA) of the kind indicated in the figure below, in which it is assumed that every state is a final state.



Assume that the input is at least four bits long. Which of the following is(are) true?

- I. The last bit of the output depends on the start state.
- II. If the input ends with "1100", then the output must end with "1".
- III. The output cannot end with "1" unless the input ends with "1100".

- (A) I only
- (B) II only
- (C) I and II only
- (D) II and III only
- (E) I, II, and III

12. A particular BNF definition for a “word” is given by the following rules.

```
<word> ::= <letter> | <letter><pairlet> | <letter><pairdig>
<pairlet> ::= <letter><letter> | <pairlet><letter><letter>
<pairdig> ::= <digit><digit> | <pairdig><digit><digit>
<letter> ::= a|b|c|. . .|y|z
<digit> ::= 0|1|2|. . .|9
```

Which of the following lexical entities can be derived from <word> ?

- I. word
- II. words
- III. c22

- (A) None
- (B) I and II only
- (C) I and III only
- (D) II and III only
- (E) I, II, and III

16. Consider the following grammar.

$$S ::= AB$$
$$A ::= a$$
$$A ::= BaB$$
$$B ::= bbA$$

Which of the following is FALSE?

(A) The length of every string produced by the grammar is even.

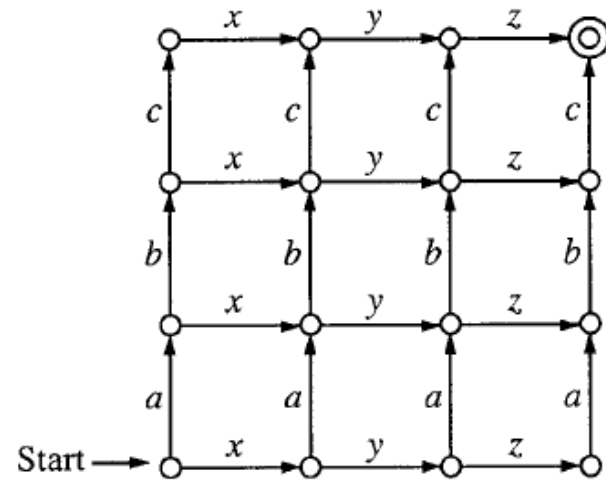
(B) No string produced by the grammar has an odd number of consecutive b's.

(C) No string produced by the grammar has three consecutive a's.

(D) No string produced by the grammar has four consecutive b's.

(E) Every string produced by the grammar has at least as many b's as a's.

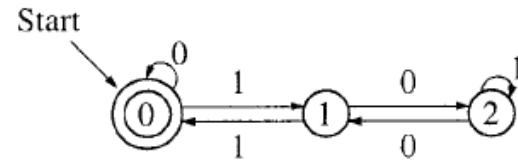
25.



The finite automaton above recognizes a set of strings of length 6. What is the total number of strings in the set?

- (A) 18      (B) 20      (C) 30      (D) 32  
(E) None of the above

28.



State 0 is both the starting state and the accepting state.

Each of the following is a regular expression that denotes a subset of the language recognized by the automaton above EXCEPT

(A)  $0^*(11)^*0^*$

(B)  $0^*1(10^*1)^*1$

(C)  $0^*1(10^*1)^*10^*$

(D)  $0^*1(10^*1)0(100)^*$

(E)  $(0^*1(10^*1)^*10^* + 0^*)^*$



70. If DFA denotes “deterministic finite automata” and NDFA denotes “nondeterministic finite automata,” which of the following is FALSE?

- (A) For any language  $L$ , if  $L$  can be recognized by a DFA, then  $\bar{L}$  can be recognized by a DFA.
- (B) For any language  $L$ , if  $L$  can be recognized by an NDFA, then  $\bar{L}$  can be recognized by an NDFA.
- (C) For any language  $L$ , if  $L$  is context-free, then  $\bar{L}$  is context-free.
- (D) For any language  $L$ , if  $L$  can be recognized in polynomial time, then  $\bar{L}$  can be recognized in polynomial time.
- (E) For any language  $L$ , if  $L$  is decidable, then  $\bar{L}$  is decidable.

5. Which of the following regular expressions will not generate a string with two consecutive 1s? (Note that  $\epsilon$  denotes the empty string.)

I.  $(1 + \epsilon)(01 + 0)^*$

II.  $(01 + 10)^*$

III.  $(0 + 1)^*(0 + \epsilon)$

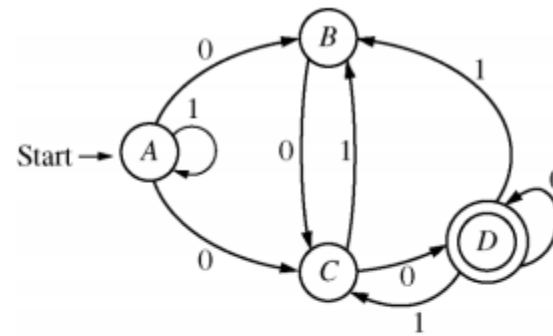
(A) I only

(B) II only

(C) III only

(D) I and II only

(E) II and III only



14. The figure above represents a nondeterministic finite automaton with accepting state  $D$ . Which of the following strings does the automaton accept?

- (A) 001
- (B) 1101
- (C) 01100
- (D) 000110
- (E) 100100