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**CSC 339**  
**Theory of Computation**

**Tutorial # 1**  
 Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)

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## Exercise 1

Find a possible alphabet  $\Sigma$  for the following languages:

1. The language  $L = \{\text{oh, ouch, ugh}\}$ .
2. The language  $L = \{\text{apple, pear, 4711}\}$ .
3. The language of all binary strings.

Note: a word **foobar** should be interpreted as a string of characters **f, o, o, b, a, and r**.

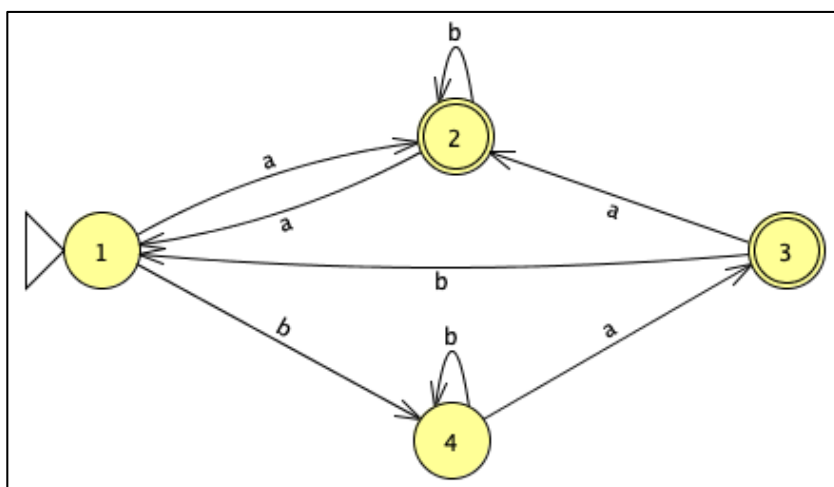
## Exercise 2

Describe the result of applying the Kleene star operation  $*$  over the following alphabets:

1.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$
2.  $\Sigma = \{a\}$
3.  $\Sigma = \emptyset$  (the empty alphabet)

## Exercise 3

Let  $M$  be the following DFA:



1. Write down four string accepted by  $M$  and the sequence of configurations that shows them.
2. Write down four strings not accepted by  $M$ .

Exercise 4

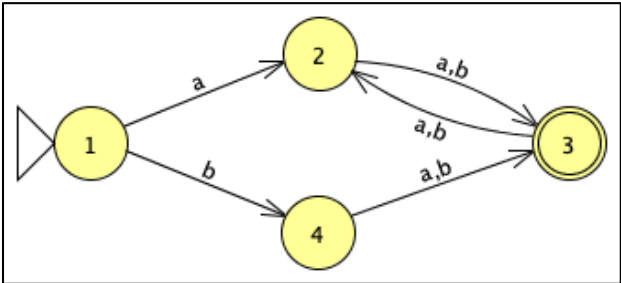
Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ; construct a DFA which accepts the following language:

- 1.  $L = \{w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \wedge w \text{ contains the substring } 0101\}$ . That is,  $w = x0101y$  for two arbitrary strings  $x$  and  $y$ .

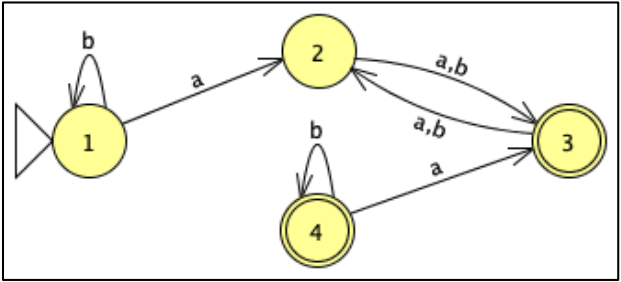
Exercise 5

Which languages are accepted by the following automata?

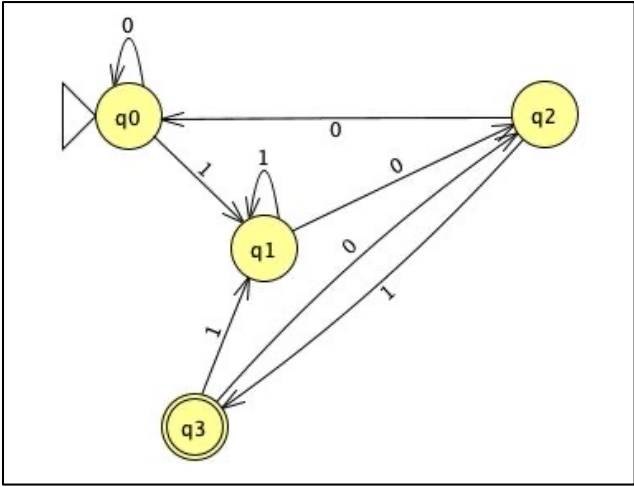
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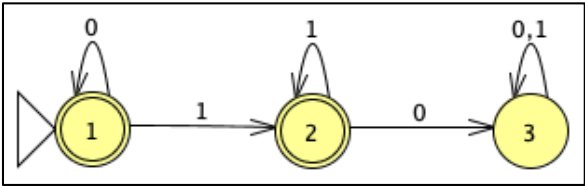
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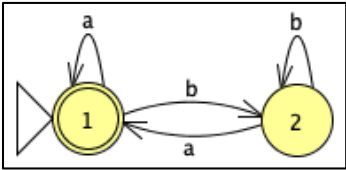
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## Exercise 6

Consider the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ ; give a DFA for each of the following languages:

1. All strings that end with ***aa***.
2. All strings that have **three** consecutives ***a's*** (i.e. contains the substring ***aaa***).
3. All strings without ***aaa*** as a substring.
4. All strings over the alphabet, where each string of length **5** contains **at least two *a's***.
5. The strings  ***$\lambda$ , aab*** and ***aaabab***.