

# Tutorial #3

Regular Languages and Regular Expression

# Exercise 1.1

- Each of the following languages is the intersection of two simpler languages. In each part, construct DFAs for the simpler languages, then combine them in one DFA that simulates in parallel  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ . In all parts,  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .
- $\{w \mid w \text{ has even length and an odd number of } a\text{'s}\}$

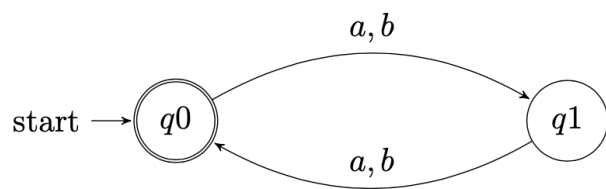


Figure 1: L1:  $w:w$  has even length

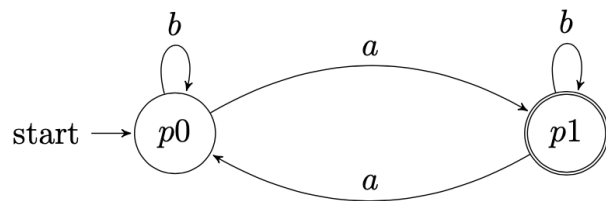


Figure 2: L2:  $w:w$  has odd number of  $a$ 's

# Solution

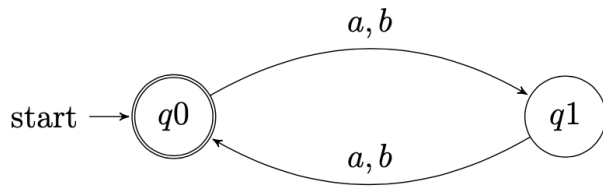


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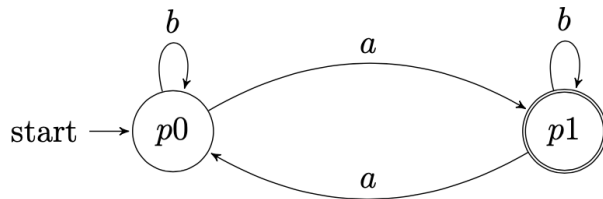


Figure 2: L2:  $w:w$  has odd number of  $a$ 's

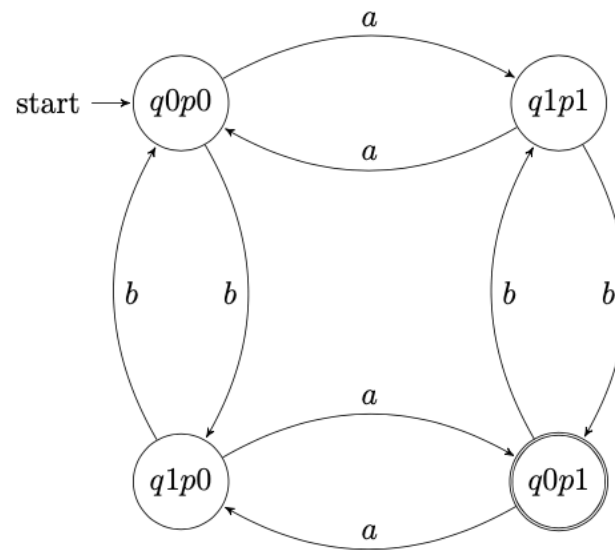


Figure 3: L:  $w:w$  has odd number of  $a$ 's and has even length

# Exercise 2.1

- Construct a regular expression representing the following languages:
  1. Over the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$ , in which for every string  $w$  it holds that the number of  $a$ 's is even.
  2. Over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ , in which  $w$  consists of alternating zeroes and ones.

- Over the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$ , in which for every string  $w$  it holds that the number of  $a$ 's is even.

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

- Over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ , in which  $w$  consists of alternating zeroes and ones.

$$(1+\lambda)(01)^*(0+\lambda)$$

## Exercise 2.2

- Consider the following regular expression:
- **$(0(23)^*1)^*$**
- 1. Find a string over  $\{0,1,2,3\}^4$  which matches the expression.

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- 2. Find a string over  $\{0,1,2,3\}^4$  which does not match the expression.

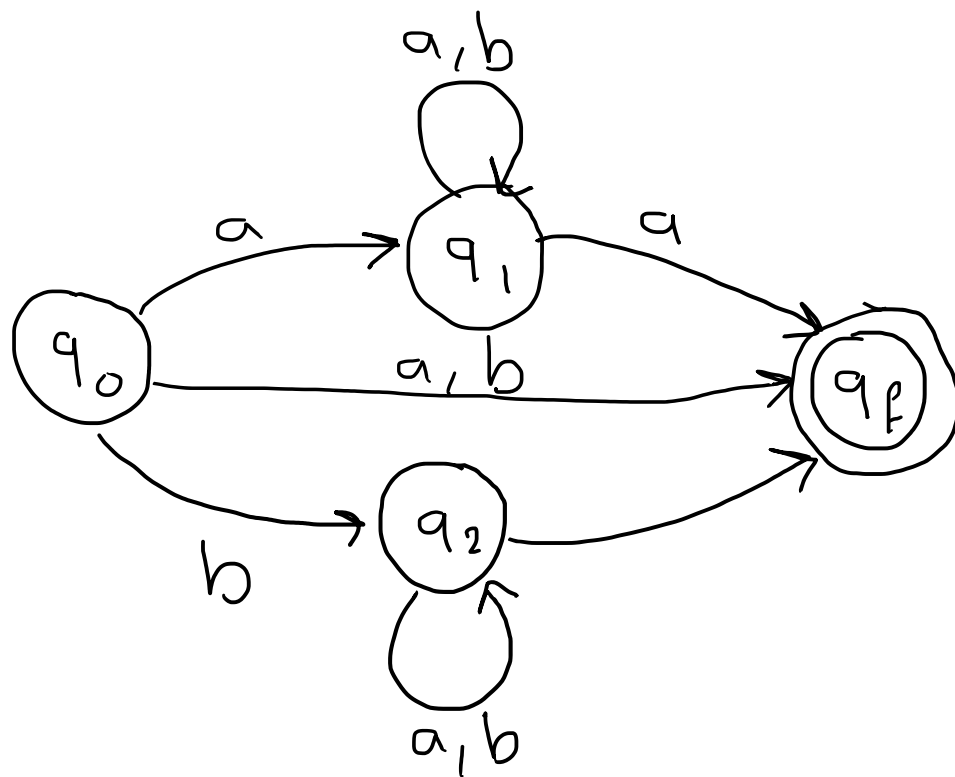
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# Exercise 3

- Construct a finite automaton (deterministic or non-deterministic) for the following regular expression:

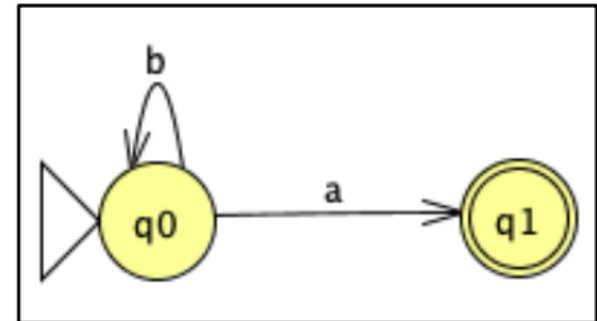
$$\mathbf{a(a \cup b)^*a \cup b(a \cup b)^*b \cup a \cup b}$$



# Exercise 4

- Find out which regular expressions describes the following automata's languages:

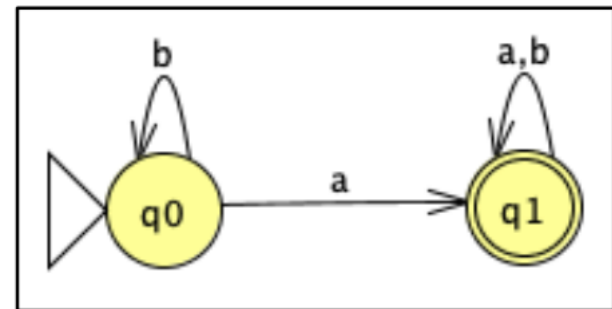
$b^*a$



# Exercise 4

- Find out which regular expressions describes the following automata's languages:

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



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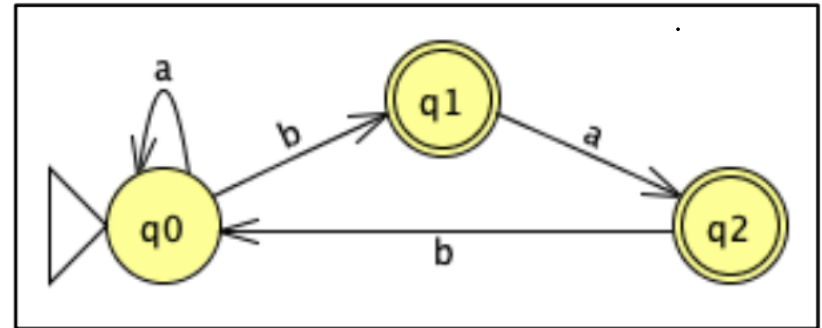
① get rid of trap state  $\rightarrow$  DFA

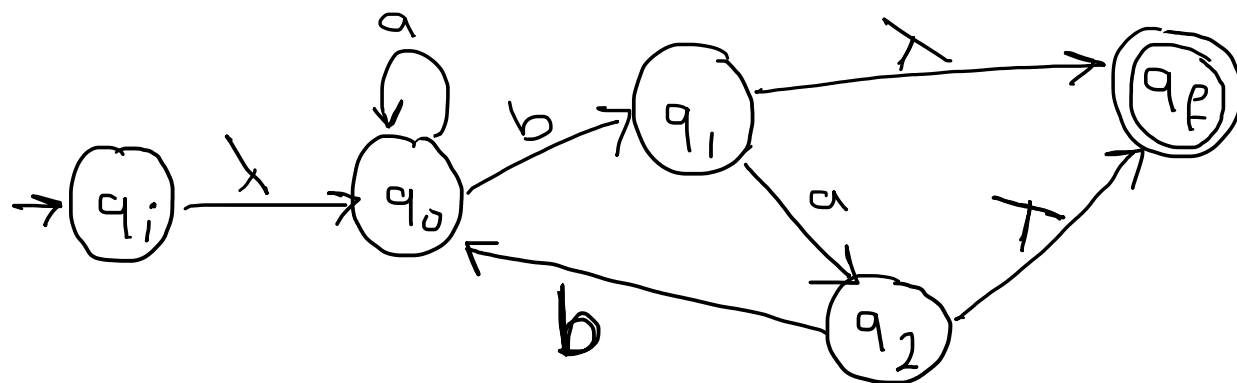
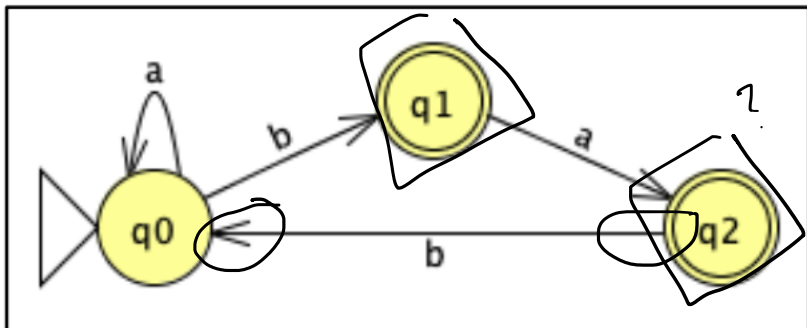
② only one final state

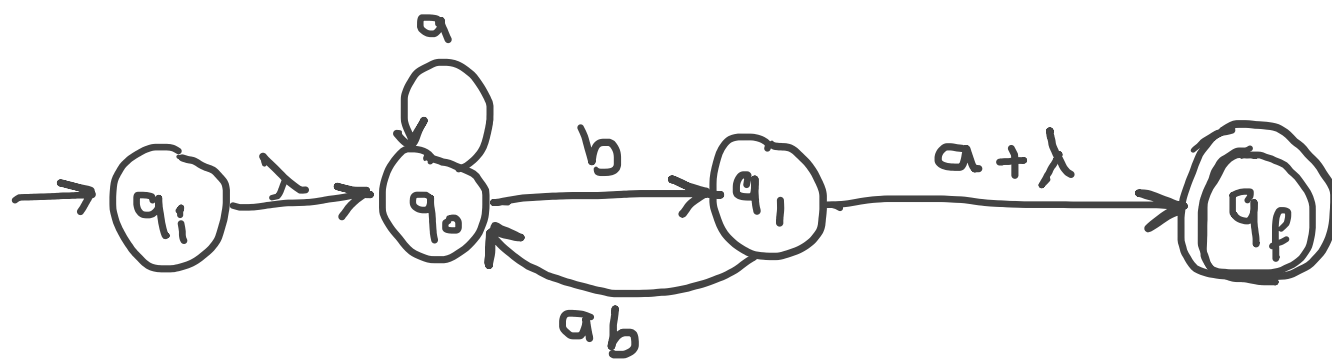
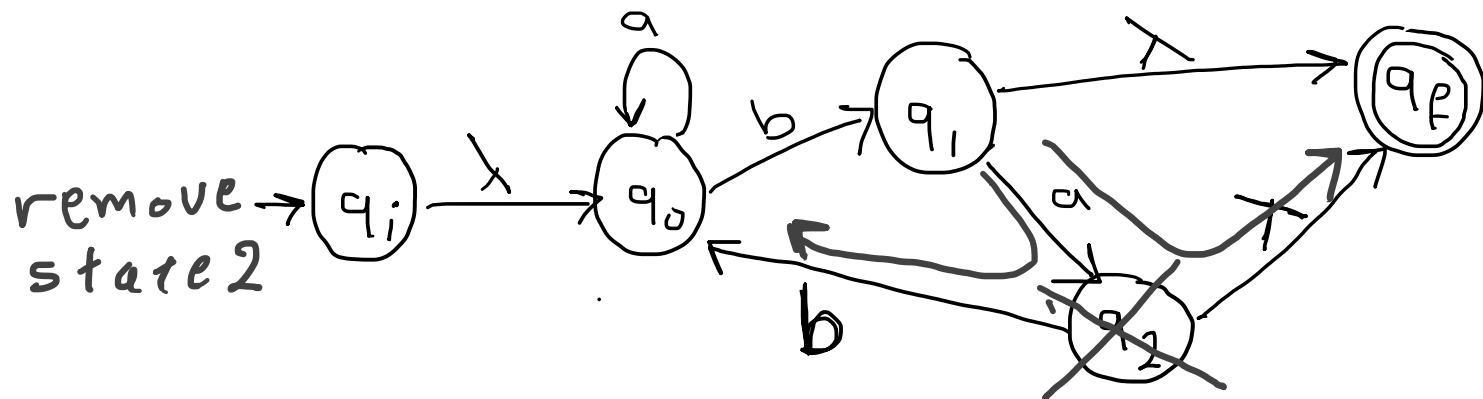
③ to make it easy

$\rightarrow$  make sure that no incoming edge to initial state

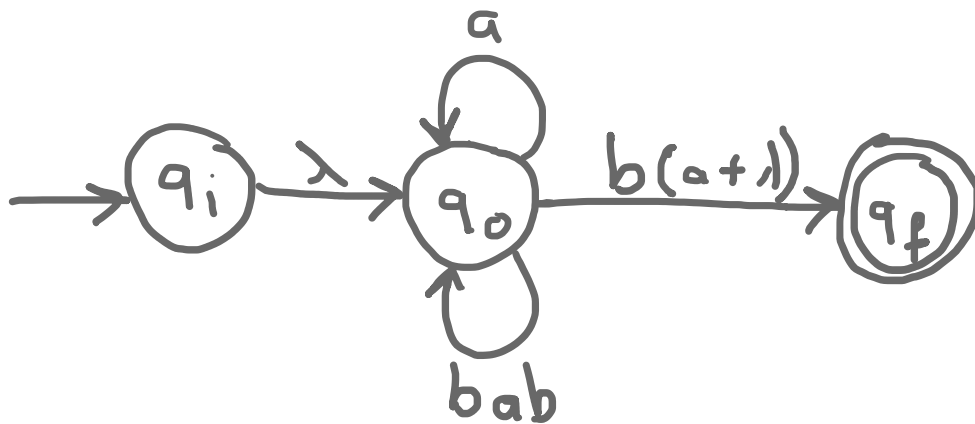
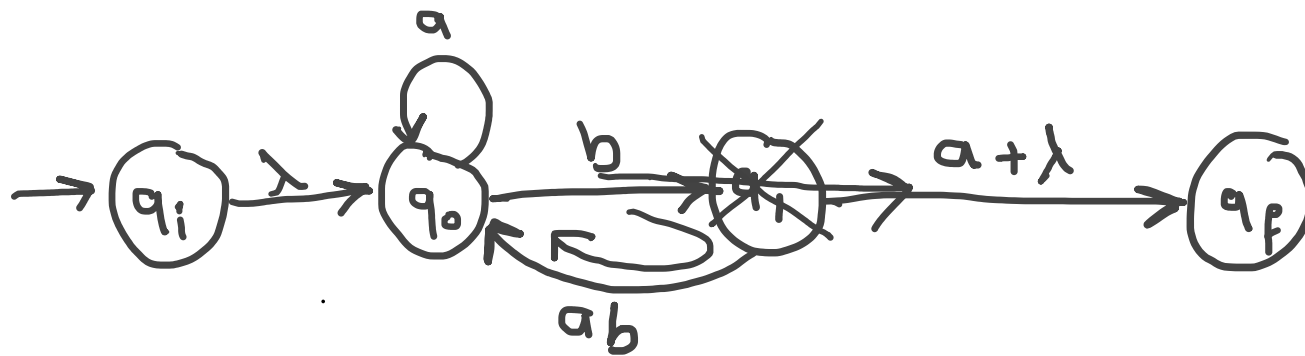
$\rightarrow$  " " " no outgoing edge from final state





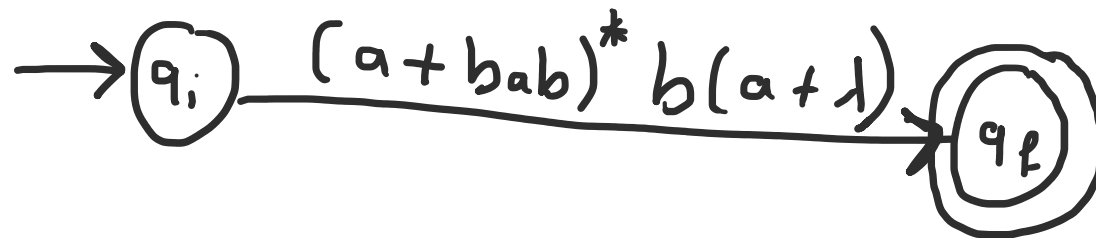
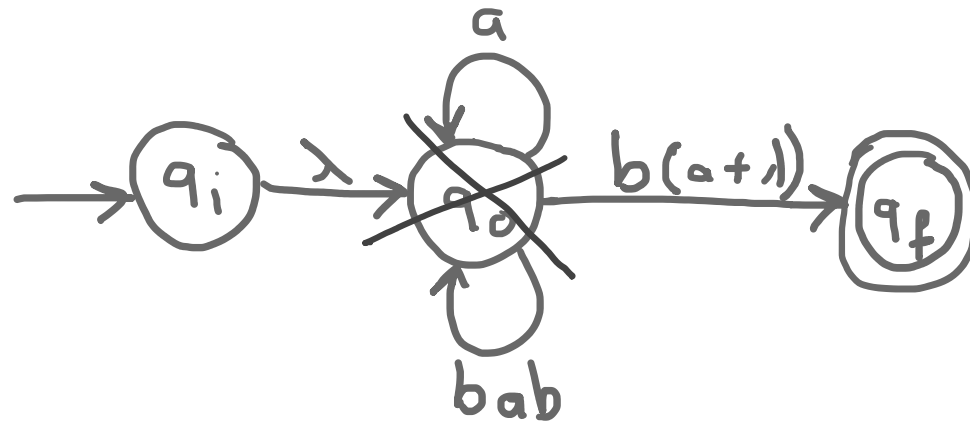


remove  
State 1





remove  
state 0



# Exercise 5

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

$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains the substring } aaa\}$

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

$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains the substring } aaa \text{ as a prefix}\}$

$aaa(a+b)^*$

$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ contains the substring } aaa \text{ as a suffix}\}$

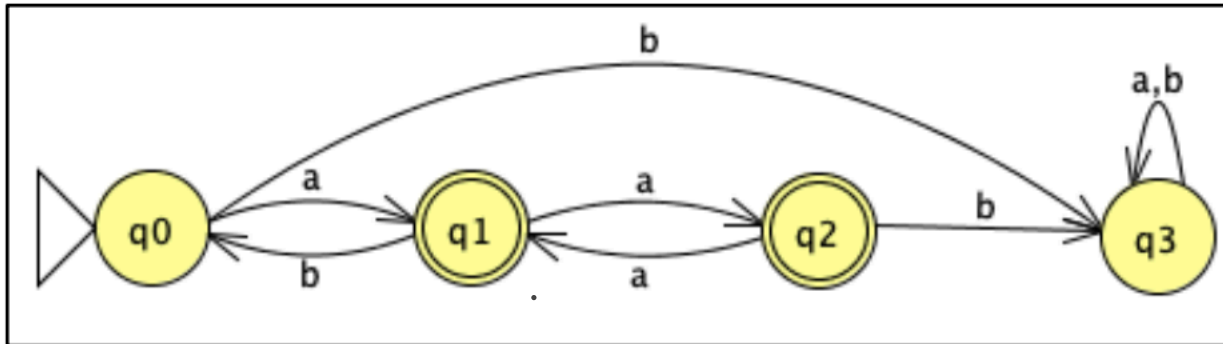
$(a+b)^*aaa$

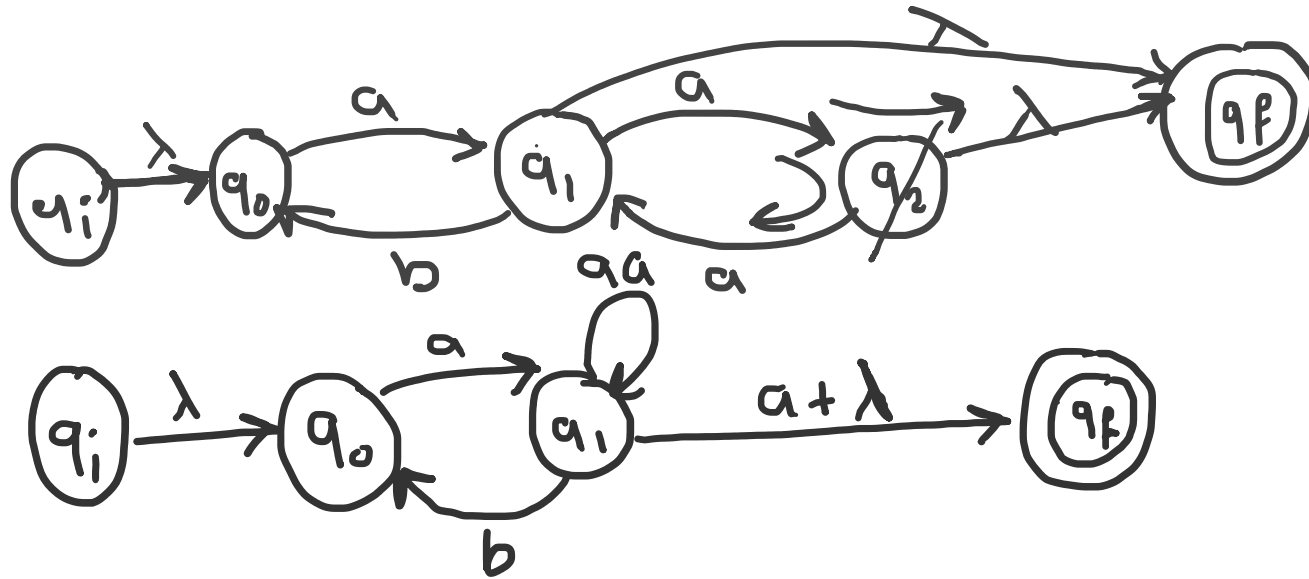
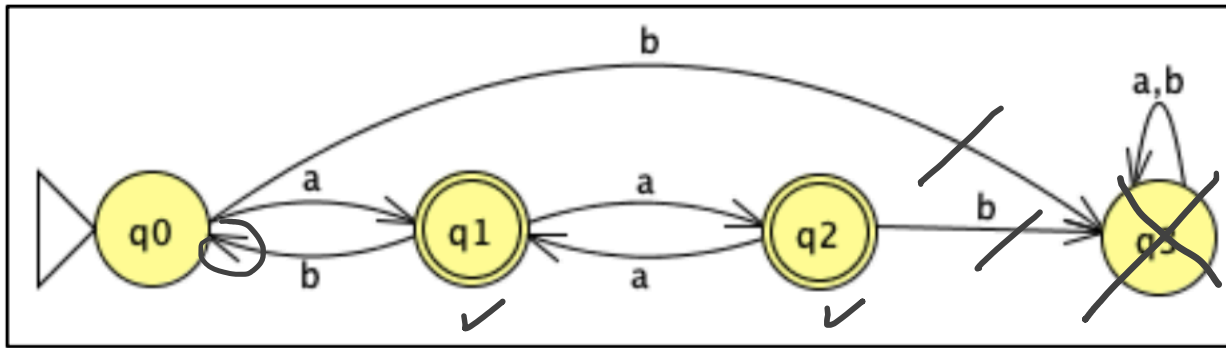
$L = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ does not contains the substring } aaa\}$

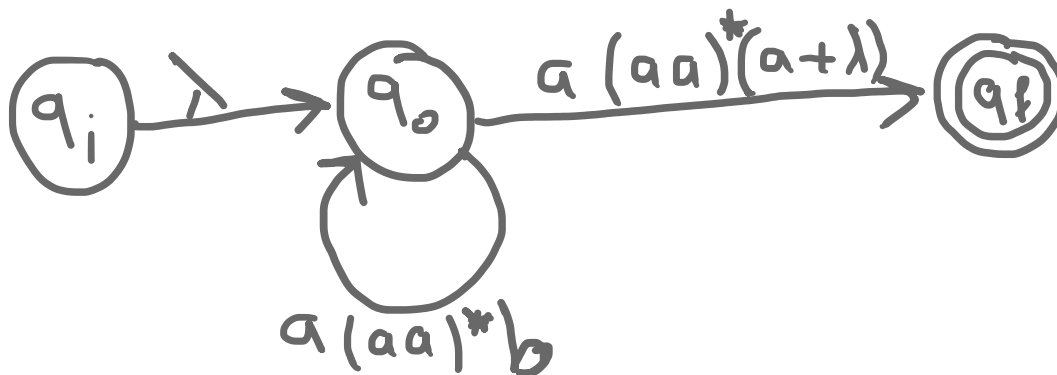
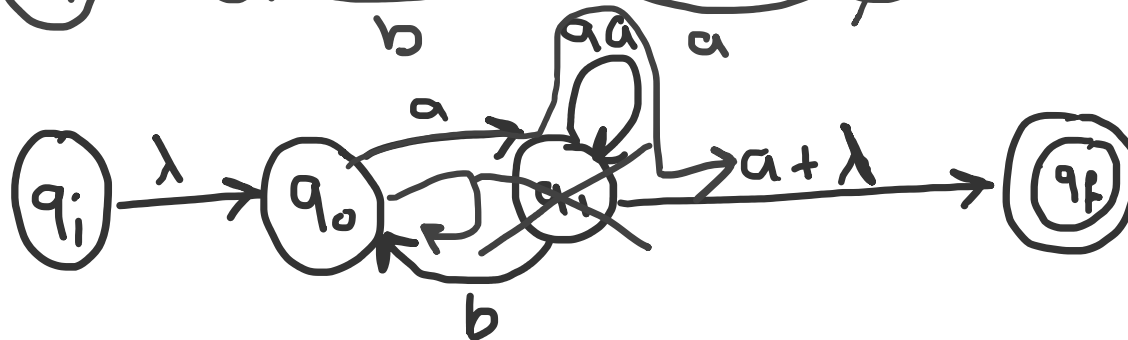
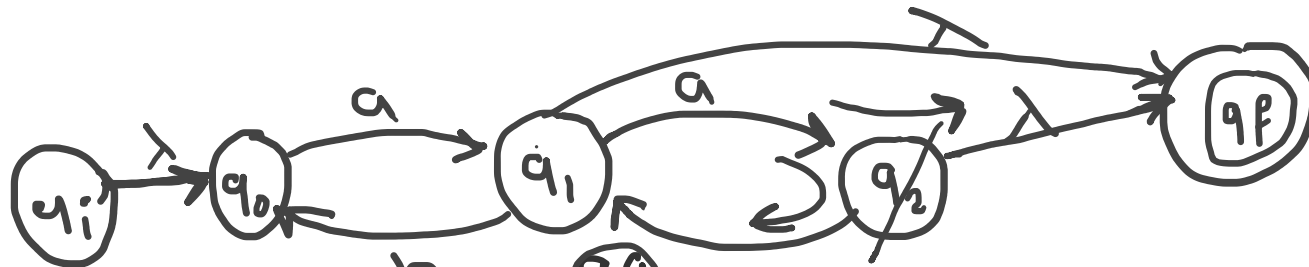
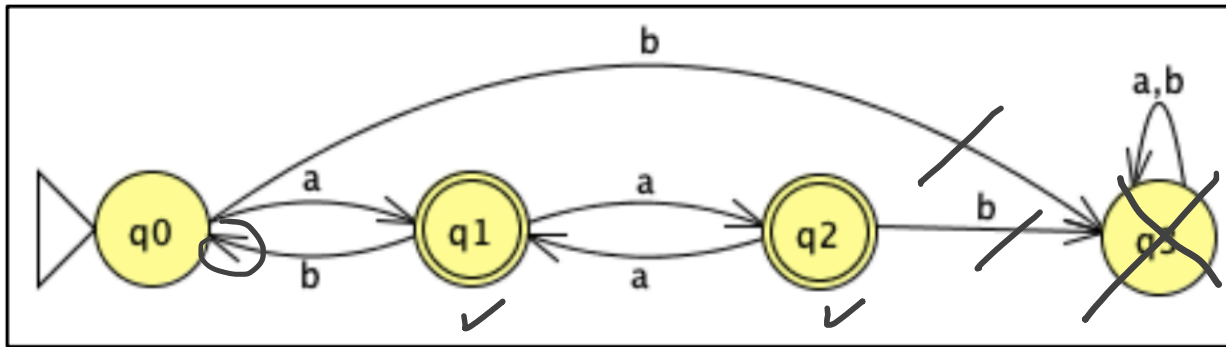
$(b+ab+aab)^*(aa+a+\lambda)$

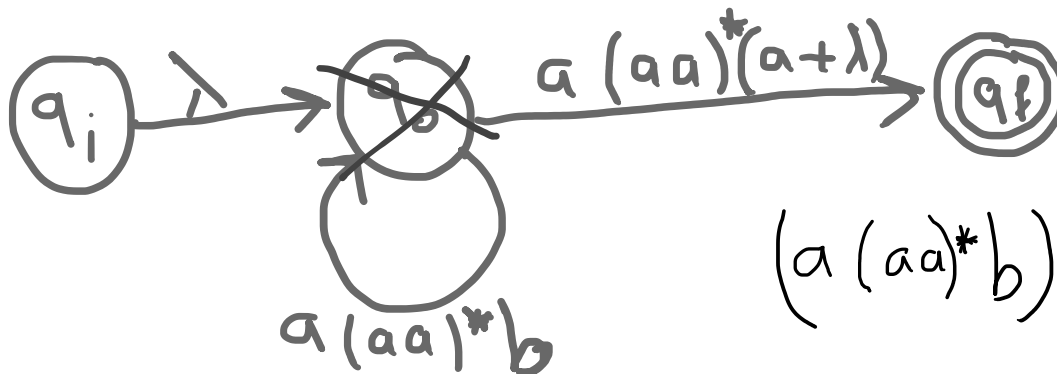
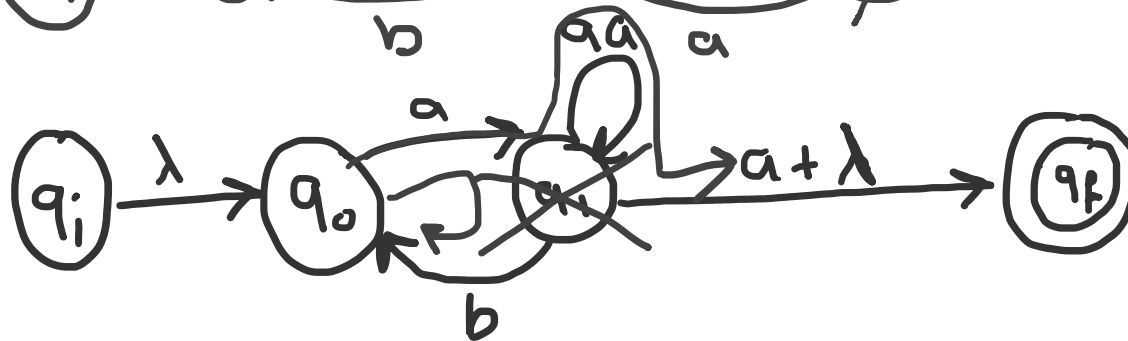
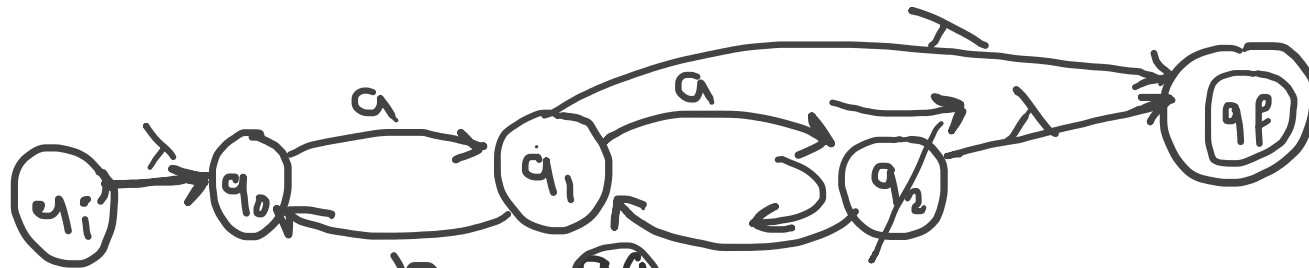
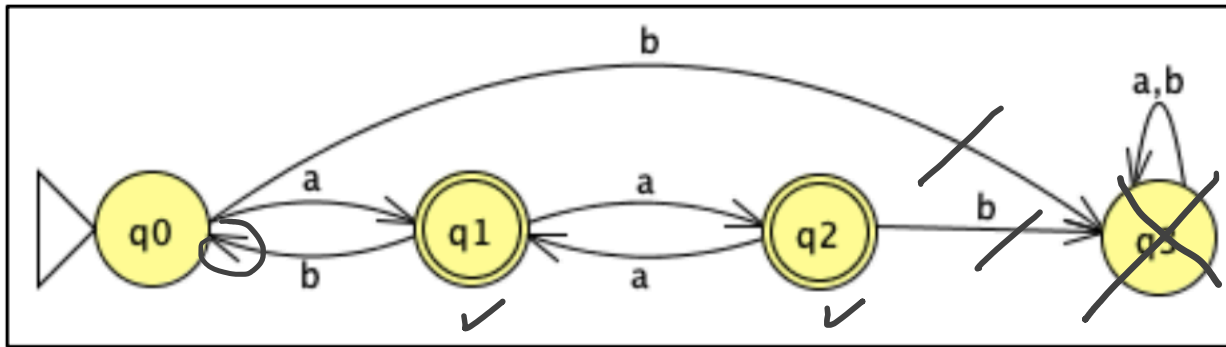
# Exercise 6

- Construct a regular expression which is equivalent to the following (deterministic) finite automata:









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