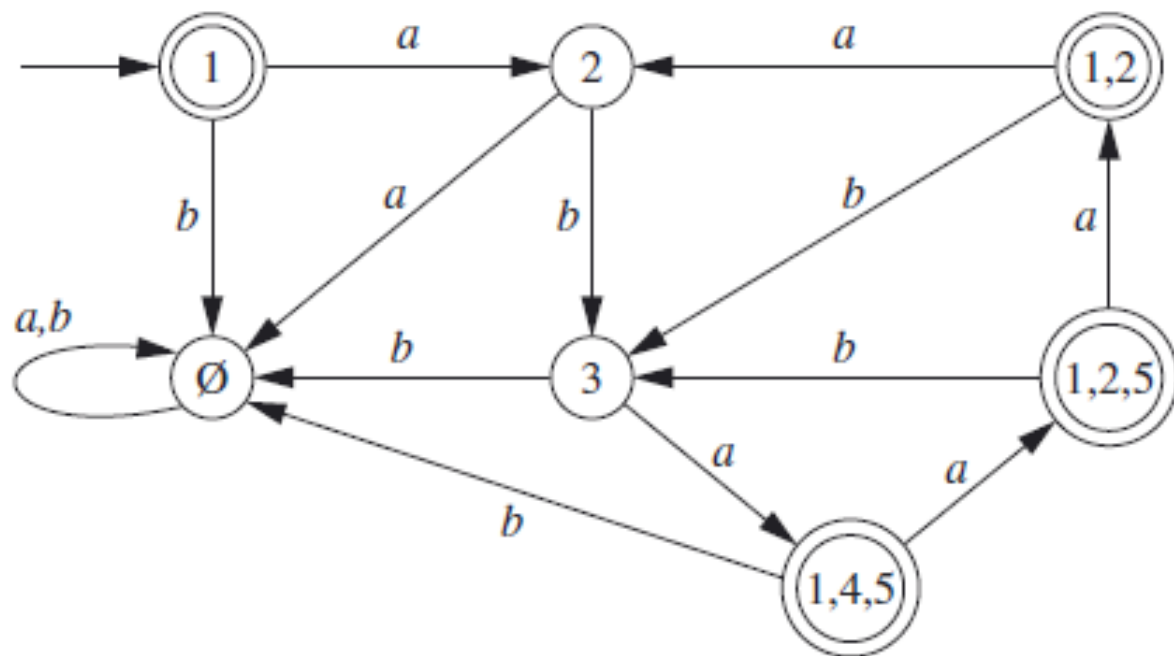


q	$\delta(q,a)$	$\delta(q,b)$
1	{2}	$\emptyset$
2	$\emptyset$	{3}
3	{1,4,5}	$\emptyset$
4	{5}	$\emptyset$
5	{1}	$\emptyset$



# Kleene's Theorem, Part 1

- **Theorem: For every alphabet  $\Sigma$ , every regular language over  $\Sigma$  can be accepted by a finite automaton**
- Because of what we have just shown, it is enough to show that every regular language over  $\Sigma$  can be accepted by an NFA
- The proof is by structural induction, based on the recursive definition of the set of regular languages over  $\Sigma$

Homework: Learn both parts of Kleene's theorem (including proofs).

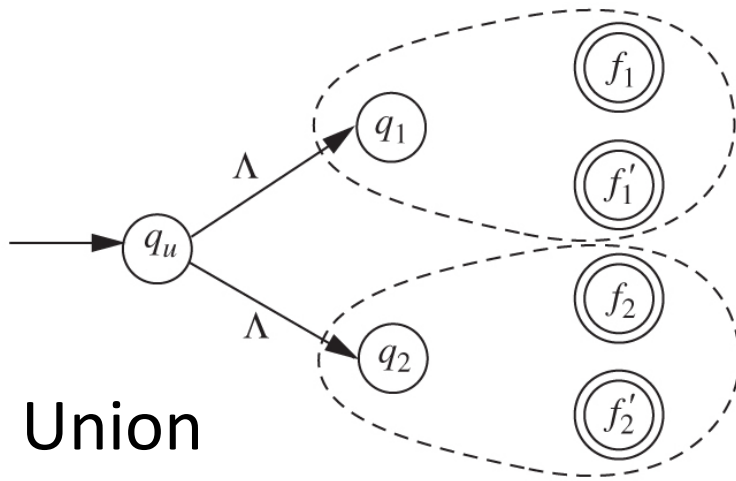
# Kleene's Theorem, Part 1 (cont'd.)

- The basis cases are easy
- The automata pictured below accept the languages  $\emptyset$  and  $\{\sigma\}$ , respectively



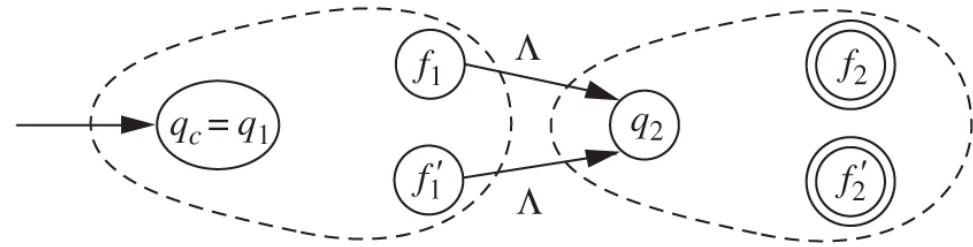
- Induction hypothesis: both  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages can be accepted by NFAs
- Induction step:  $L(M_1) \cup L(M_2)$ ,  $L(M_1)L(M_2)$ , and  $L(M_1)^*$  can be accepted by NFAs

Each FA is shown as having 2 accepting states

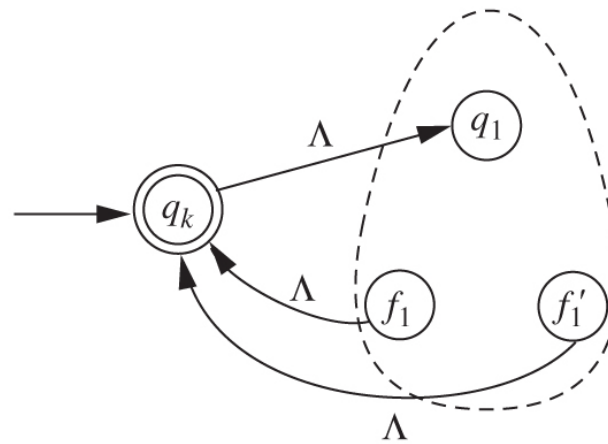


Union

(a)



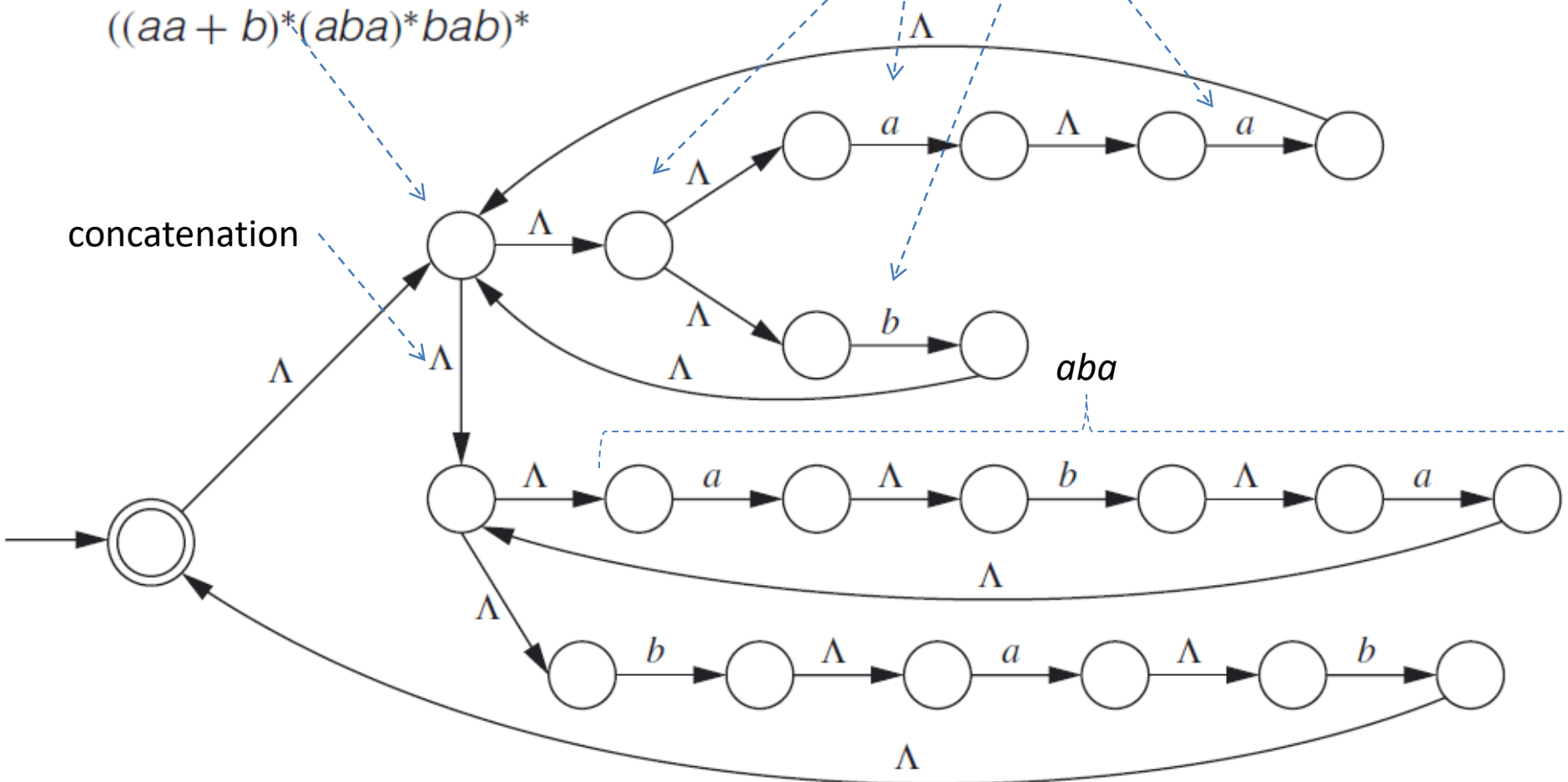
(b) Concatenation



(c)

Kleene's \*

# An NFA Corresponding to $((aa + b)^*(aba)^*bab)^*$



# Kleene's Theorem, Part 2

- **Theorem:** For every finite automaton  $M=(Q, \Sigma, q_0, A, \delta)$ , the language  $L(M)$  is regular
- Proof: First, for two states  $p$  and  $q$ , we define the language  $L(p, q) = \{x \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(p, x)=q\}$
- If we can show that for every  $p$  and  $q$  in  $Q$ ,  $L(p, q)$  is regular, then it will follow that  $L(M)$  is, because ...
  - $L(M) = \cup \{L(q_0, q) \mid q \in A\}$
  - The union of a finite collection of regular languages is regular
- We will show that  $L(p, q)$  is regular by expressing it in terms of simpler languages that are regular

# Kleene's Theorem, Part 2 (cont'd.)

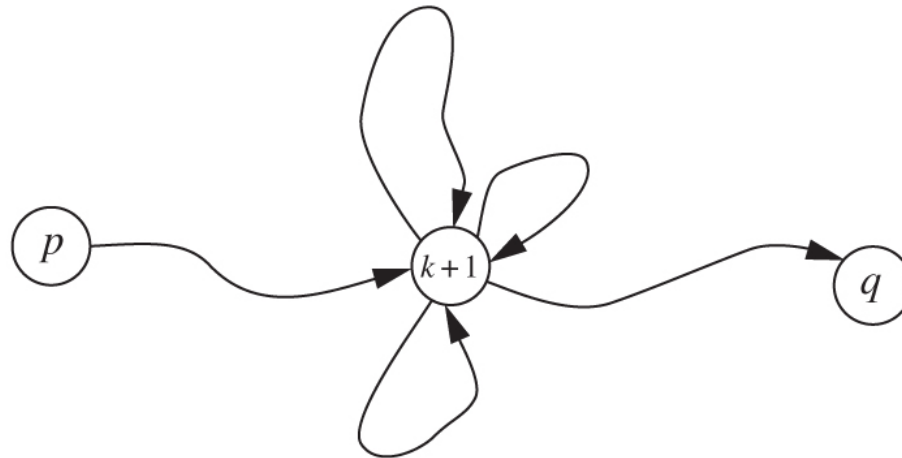
- We will consider the distinct states through which  $M$  passes as it moves from  $p$  to  $q$
- If  $x \in L(p, q)$ , we say  $x$  causes  $M$  to go from  $p$  to  $q$  through a state  $r$  if there are non-null strings  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such that  $x = x_1x_2$ ,  $\delta^*(p, x_1) = r$ , and  $\delta^*(r, x_2) = q$ 
  - In using a string of length 1 to go from  $p$  to  $q$ ,  $M$  does not go *through* any state
  - How can we construct an inductive proof on what happens between  $p$  and  $q$ ?

# Kleene's Theorem, Part 2 (cont'd.)

- Assume  $Q$  has  $n$  elements numbered 1 to  $n$
- For  $p, q \in Q$  and  $j \geq 0$   
 $L(p, q, j)$  = strings in  $L(p, q)$  that cause  $M$  to go from  $p$  to  $q$  without going through any state numbered higher than  $j$
- Suppose that for some number  $k \geq 0$ ,  $L(p, q, k)$  is regular for every  $p, q \in Q$  and consider how a string can be in  $L(p, q, k+1)$ 
  - The easiest way is for it to be in  $L(p, q, k)$
  - If not, it causes  $M$  to go to  $k+1$  one or more times, but  $M$  goes through nothing higher (i.e., no state  $k+2$  for example)



# Kleene's Theorem, Part 2 (cont'd.)



- Every string in  $L(p, q, k+1)$  can be described in one of those two ways and every string that has one of these two forms is in  $L(p, q, k+1)$ . This leads to the formula
  - $L(p, q, k+1) = L(p, q, k) \cup L(p, k+1, k) L(k+1, k+1, k)^* L(k+1, q, k)$
- This is the main point of a proof by induction on  $k$  and for an algorithm

**Algorithm: FA  $\rightarrow$  RE.** Let  $r(i, j, k)$  denote a RE for  $L(i, j, k)$ .  
Then  $L(M)$  is described by the RE

$$r(M) = r(1, 1, 3) + r(1, 2, 3)$$

we need accepting states only

The recursive formula with smaller  $k$  in the proof tells

$$r(1, 1, 3) = r(1, 1, 2) + r(1, 3, 2)r(3, 3, 2)^*r(3, 1, 2)$$

$$r(1, 2, 3) = r(1, 2, 2) + r(1, 3, 2)r(3, 3, 2)^*r(3, 2, 2)$$

Applying the formula to the expressions  $r(i, j, 2)$  we get

$$r(1, 1, 2) = r(1, 1, 1) + r(1, 2, 1)r(2, 2, 1)^*r(2, 1, 1)$$

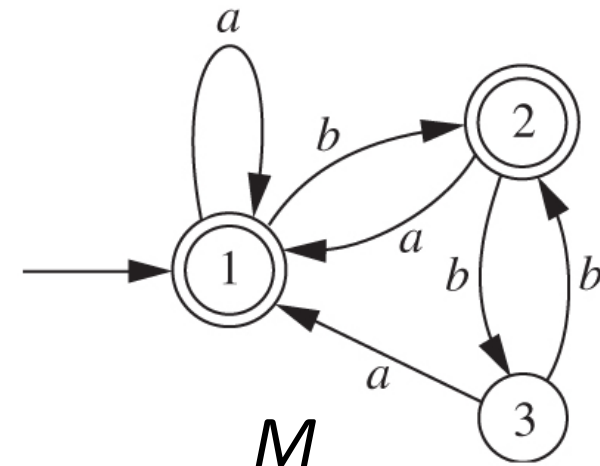
$$r(1, 3, 2) = r(1, 3, 1) + r(1, 2, 1)r(2, 2, 1)^*r(2, 3, 1)$$

$$r(3, 3, 2) = r(3, 3, 1) + r(3, 2, 1)r(2, 2, 1)^*r(2, 3, 1)$$

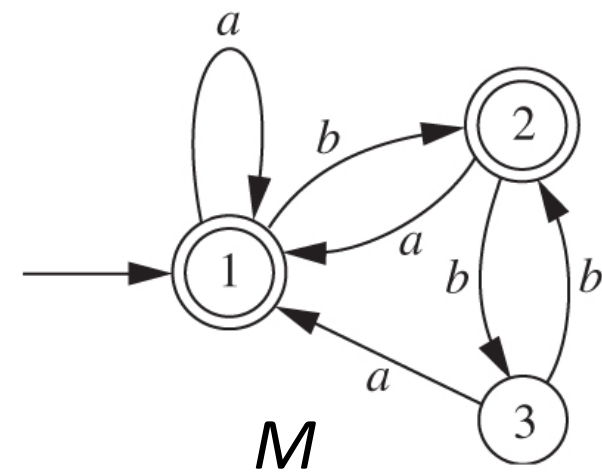
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$p$	$r(p, 1, 0)$	$r(p, 2, 0)$	$r(p, 3, 0)$
1	$a + \Lambda$	$b$	$\emptyset$
2	$a$	$\Lambda$	$b$
3	$a$	$b$	$\Lambda$



$p$	$r(p, 1, 1)$	$r(p, 2, 1)$	$r(p, 3, 1)$
1	$a^*$	$a^*b$	$\emptyset$
2	$aa^*$	$\Lambda + aa^*b$	$b$
3	$aa^*$	$a^*b$	$\Lambda$

$p$	$r(p, 1, 2)$	$r(p, 2, 2)$	$r(p, 3, 2)$
1	$a^*(baa^*)^*$	$a^*(baa^*)^*b$	$a^*(baa^*)^*bb$
2	$aa^*(baa^*)^*$	$(aa^*b)^*$	$(aa^*b)^*b$
3	$aa^* + a^*baa^*(baa^*)^*$	$a^*b(aa^*b)^*$	$\Lambda + a^*b(aa^*b)^*b$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(2, 2, 1) &= r(2, 2, 0) + r(2, 1, 0)r(1, 1, 0)^*r(1, 2, 0) \\
 &= \Lambda + (a)(a + \Lambda)^*(b) \\
 &= \Lambda + aa^*b
 \end{aligned}$$



**Regular languages**

**=**

**Languages of regular expressions**

**=**

**Languages accepted by FA**

**=**

**Languages accepted by NFA**

# Regular expressions and finite automata

- Tools such as grep, awk, and sed
- Email servers
- Pattern matching

*Some  
motivation*

## Finite automata

- Software testing/QC
- TCP/IP, HTTP, and other protocols
- Hardware

## Grammars, Automata, Regular Expressions

- GUI
- Lexical analysis in compilers of programming languages like C/C++, Java, and many more

## Future computers

- Biomolecular finite automata
- DNA/RNA Turing machines

# More questions

*Some  
motivation*

- Find duplicate occurrences of a phrase (Reg Exp).
- Does a program contain an assertion violation? Does a device driver respect certain protocols? (Properties of Lang)
- Can your software be stuck in an infinite loop? (Lang Incl)
- Does a distributed algorithm contain a livelock? (Lang Incl)
- Detect malicious Javascript entered into a web application. The set of malicious strings is a language. (Langs Inters)
- Run-time monitoring of reactive and mission-critical systems (nuclear reactors, chemical procs). (FA, Incl/Inters)
- Bioinformatics: pattern matching → build a language
- AI: FAs are used in simulation of character behavior