

# CS & IT Engineering



Finite Automata:  
NFA with epsilon moves

Lecture no-05



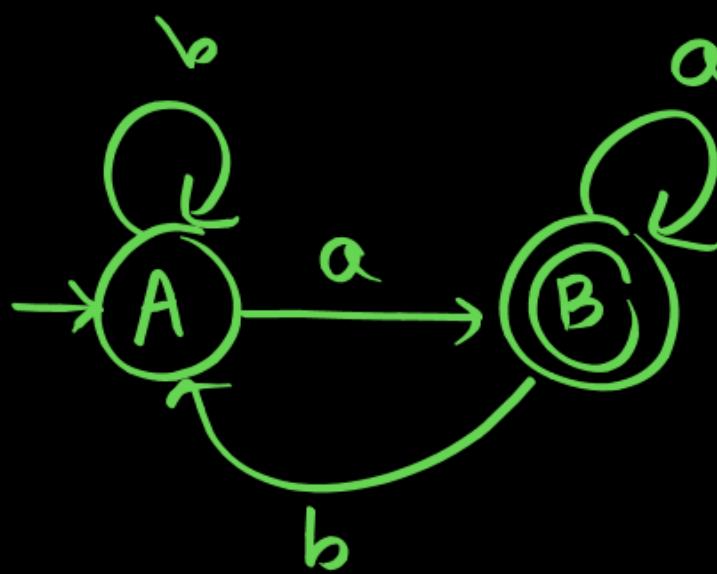
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# Topics:

→ NFA with  $\epsilon$ -moves

What is a regular language ?

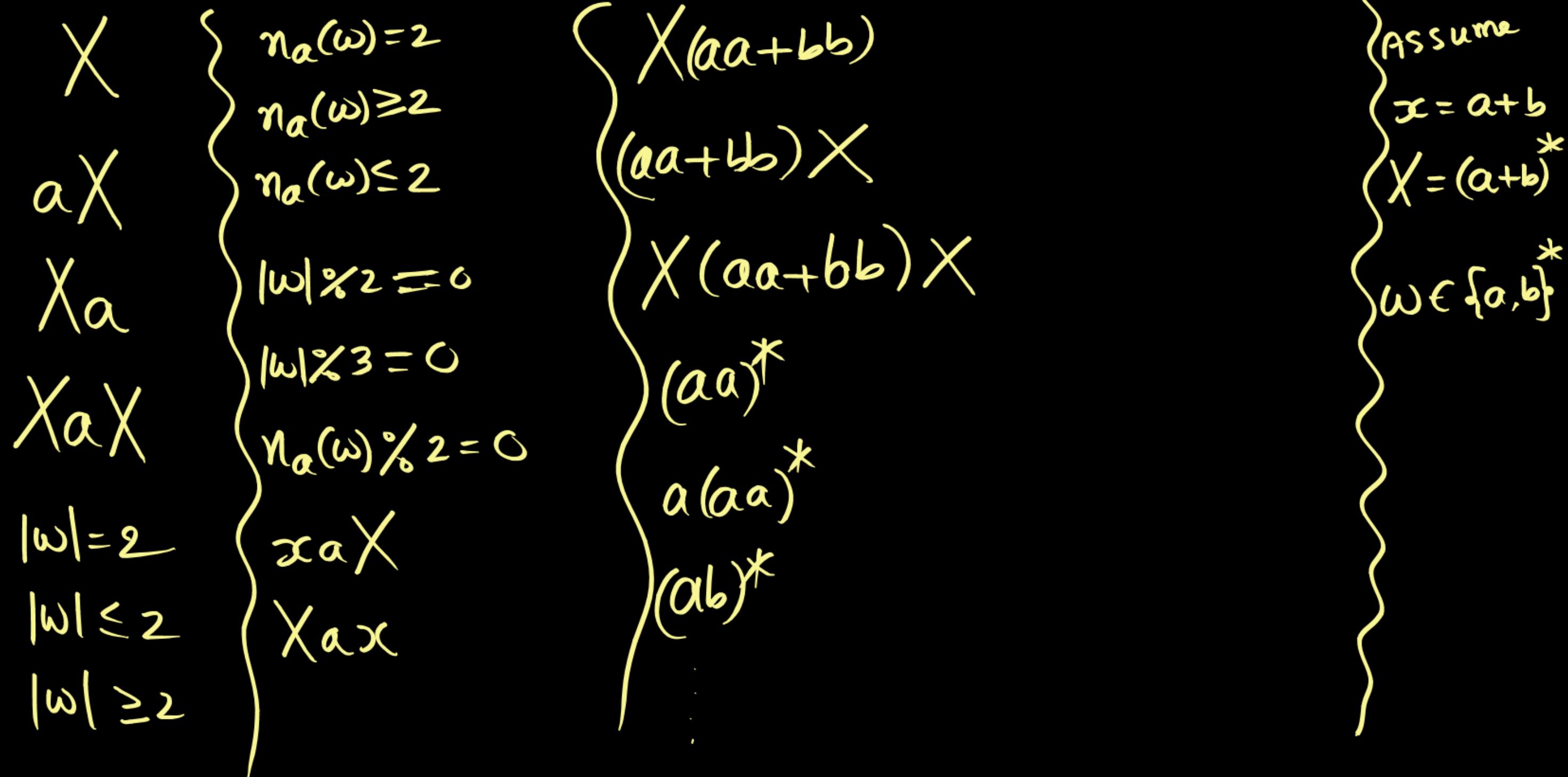
- It is a set represented by
  - ✓ Reg Exp / DFA / NFA
  - ✓ Reg grammar
- It is simple,  
takes constant space



Ends with 'a'

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char ch;  
main()  
{  
    ch = getchar();  
    if (ch == 'a')    B();  
    else if (ch == 'b') main();  
    else if (ch == ' ')  
        printf(" Invalid");  
}  
B()  
{  
    ch = getchar();  
    if (ch == 'a')    B();  
    else if (ch == 'b' main());  
}
```

## Examples of Regular Sets:



Examples of non-regular sets:  
we do not have DFA, reg exp, NFA, reg gram

$a^n b^n$

$a^n b^{2n}$

$a^{2n} b^n$   
non regular

$a^* b^*$  is regular

$\underbrace{a^n b^n}_{\text{non regular}}$  is non regular  
 $\epsilon, ab, a^2b, \dots$

NFA will  $\epsilon$ -moves:

move = transition



DFA

NFA without  
 $\epsilon$  transitions

NFA with  
 $\epsilon$  transitions

$$\begin{array}{c} X \text{ iff } Y \\ X \leftrightarrow Y \\ X \cong Y \end{array}$$

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$$

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- 1)  $X \Rightarrow Y$  and
- 2)  $Y \Rightarrow X$

$\xrightarrow{a,b}$   
DFA

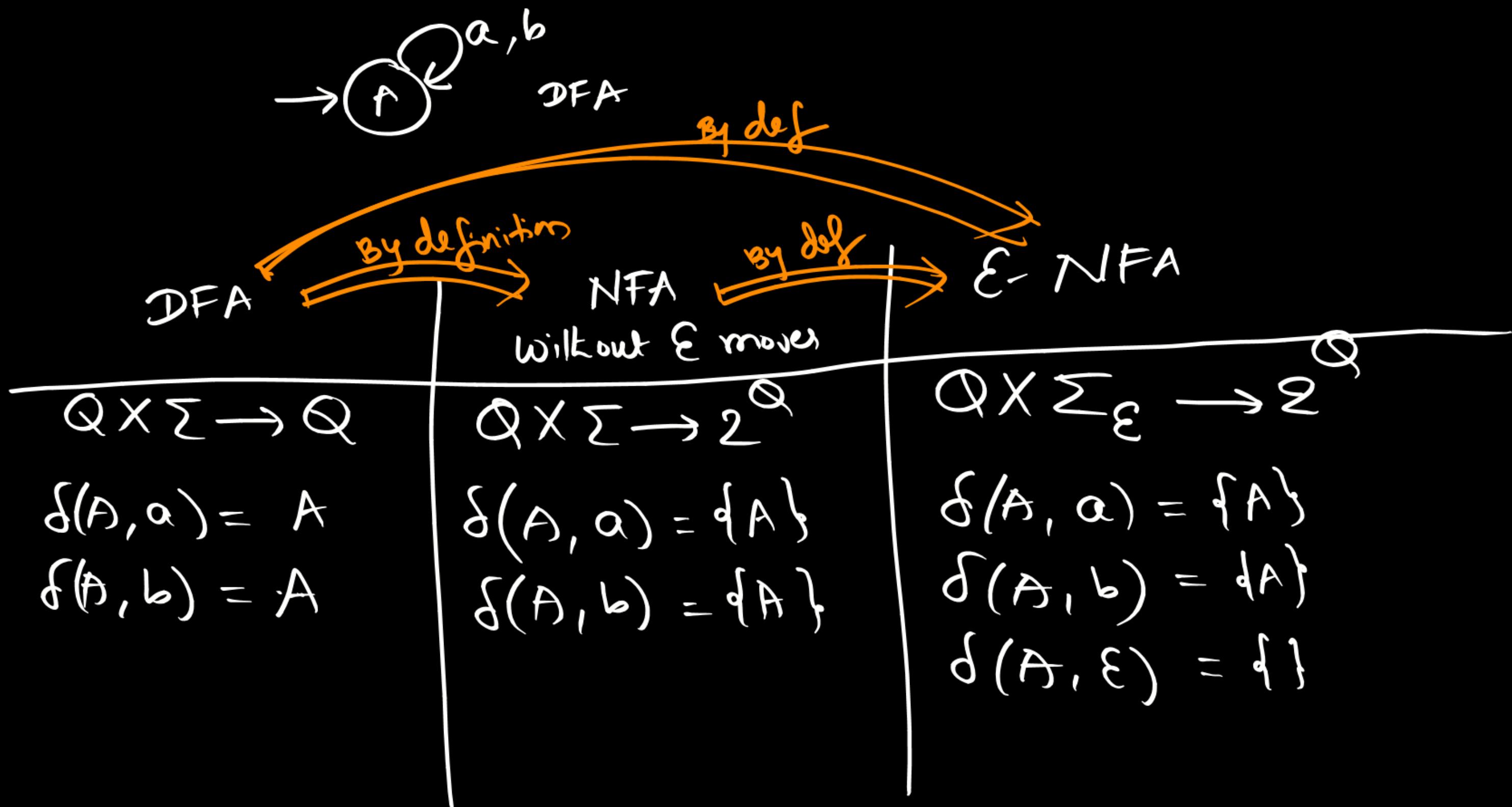
$\xrightarrow{Q^{a,b}}$   
Every DFA is NFA

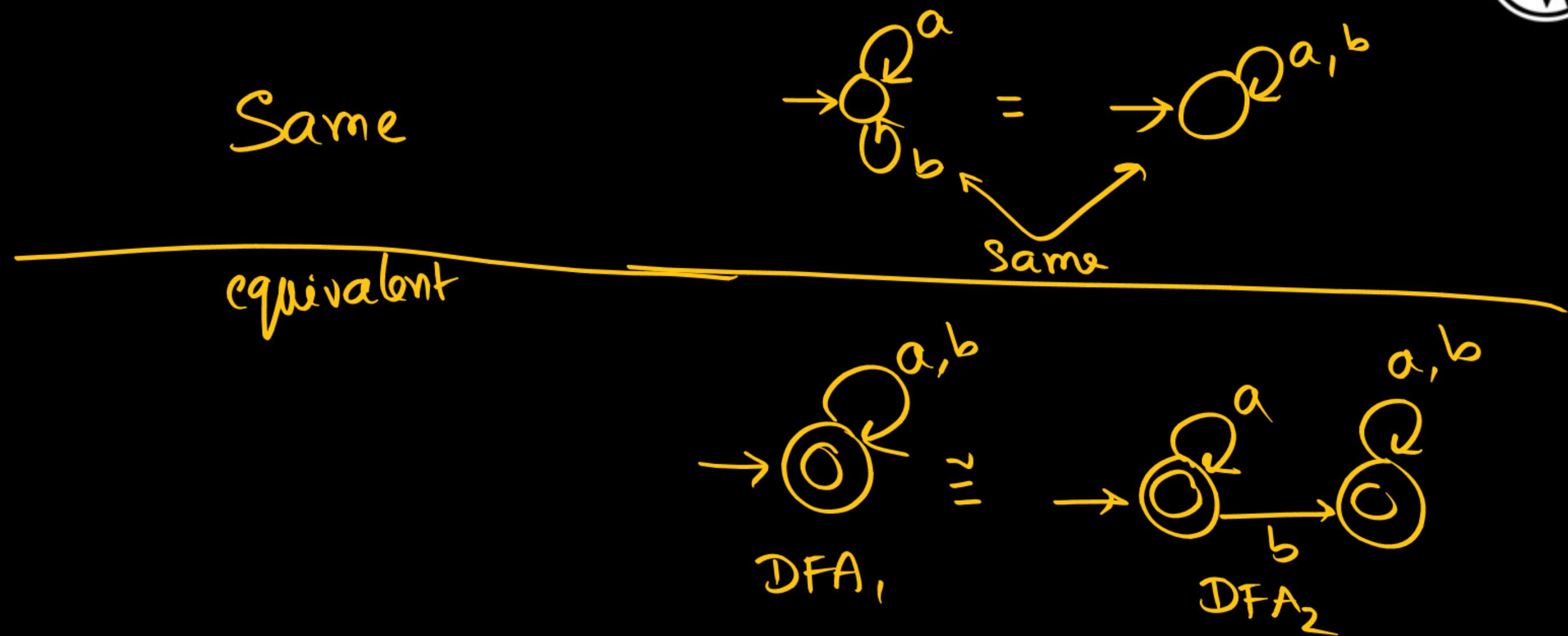
$\xrightarrow{Q^{a,b}}$   
Every DFA is  
 $\epsilon$ -NFA

$\xrightarrow{Q_a \xrightarrow{a} Q_b}$   
Not DFA

$\xrightarrow{Q_a \xrightarrow{a} Q_b}$   
NFA ✓

$\xrightarrow{Q_a \xrightarrow{a} Q_b}$   
 $\epsilon$ -NFA ✓

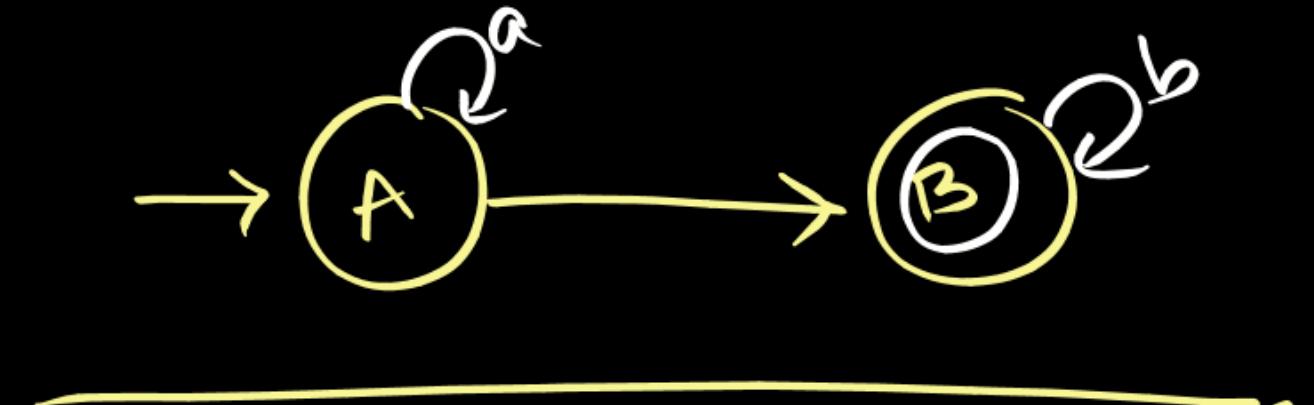




$$\text{DFA}_1 \equiv \text{DFA}_2$$

$$L(\text{DFA}_1) = L(\text{DFA}_2)$$

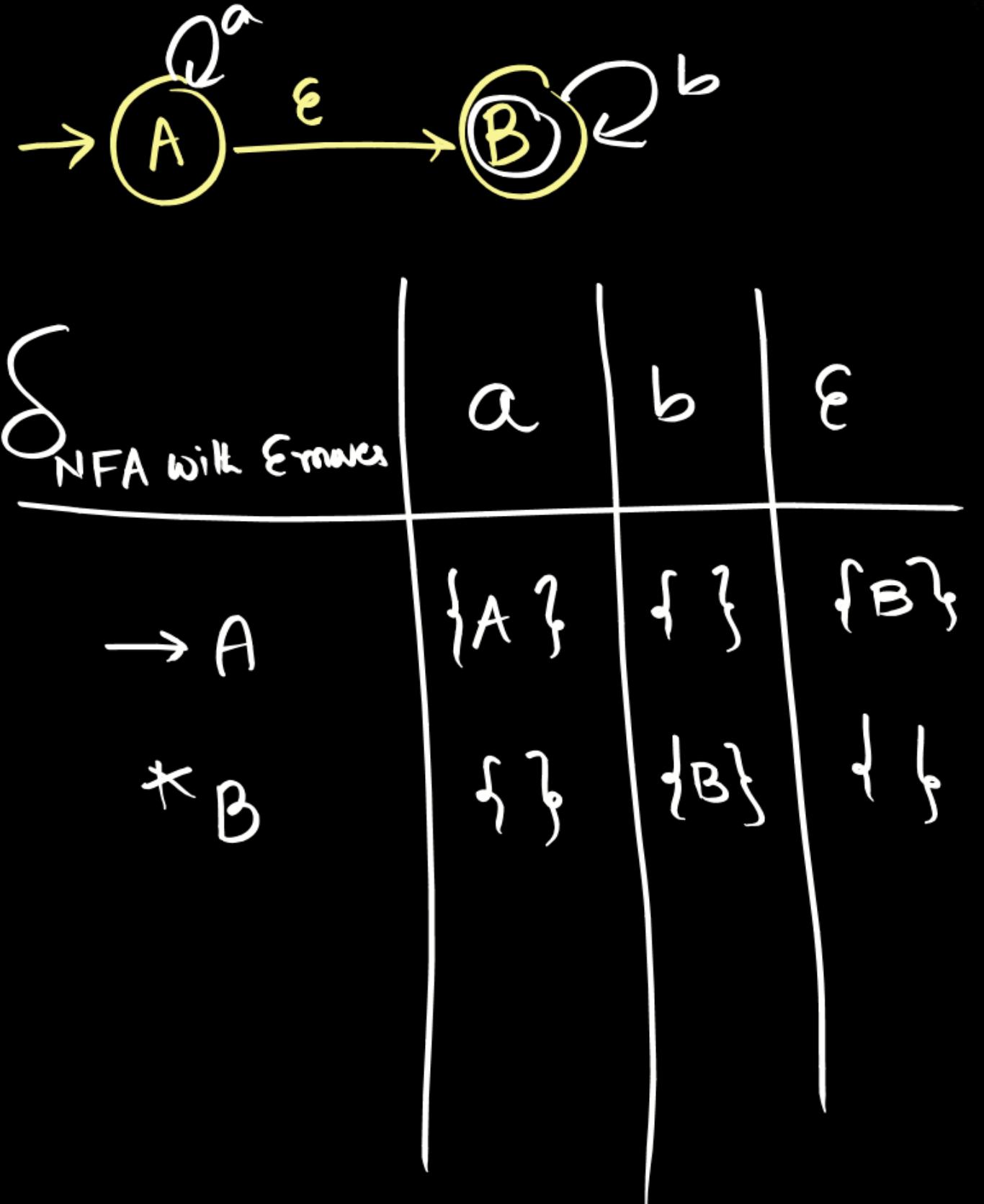
NFA



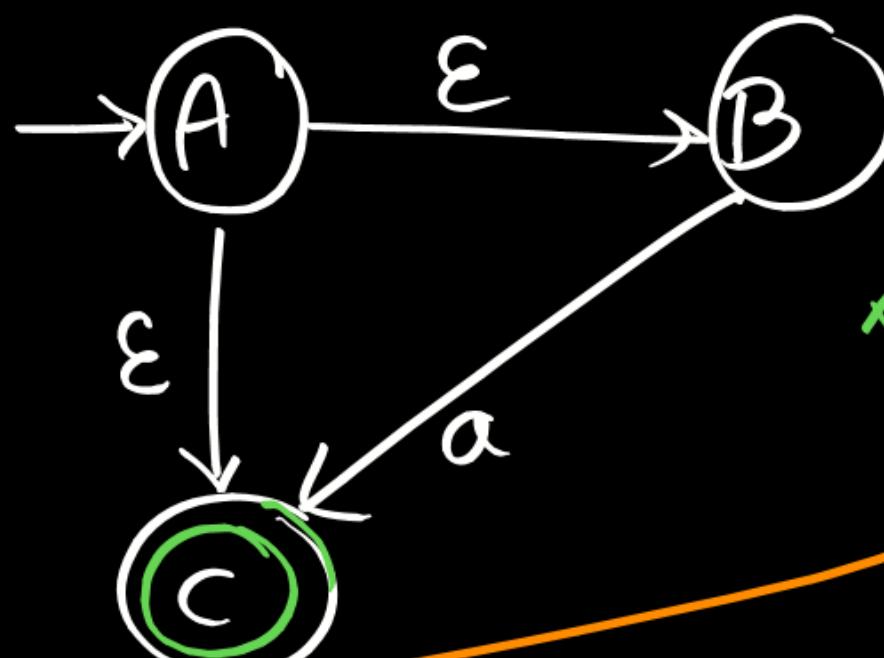
DFA X

NFA without  $\epsilon$  moves X

NFA with  $\epsilon$  moves



M:



$$L(M) = \{\epsilon, a\}$$

①  $\delta(A, \epsilon) = \{B, C\}$

$$\begin{array}{l} A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B \\ A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} C \end{array}$$

②  $\delta(A, a) = \emptyset = \{\}$

$\epsilon \checkmark$   
 $a \checkmark$   
 $aax$   
 $aaax$   
 $\vdots$

$A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} ?$   
 $A \xrightarrow{a} ?$

③  $\hat{\delta}(A, \epsilon) = \{A, B, C\}$

$$\begin{array}{l} A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A \\ A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B \\ A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} C \end{array}$$

④  $\hat{\delta}(A, a) = \{C\}$

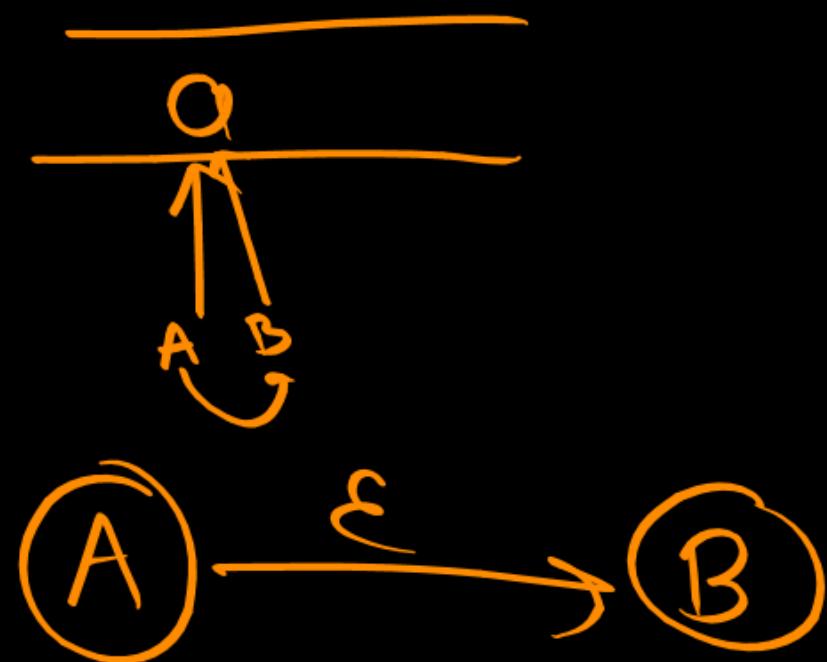
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B \xrightarrow{a} C \\ \epsilon a = a \end{array} \right.$$

Transitions

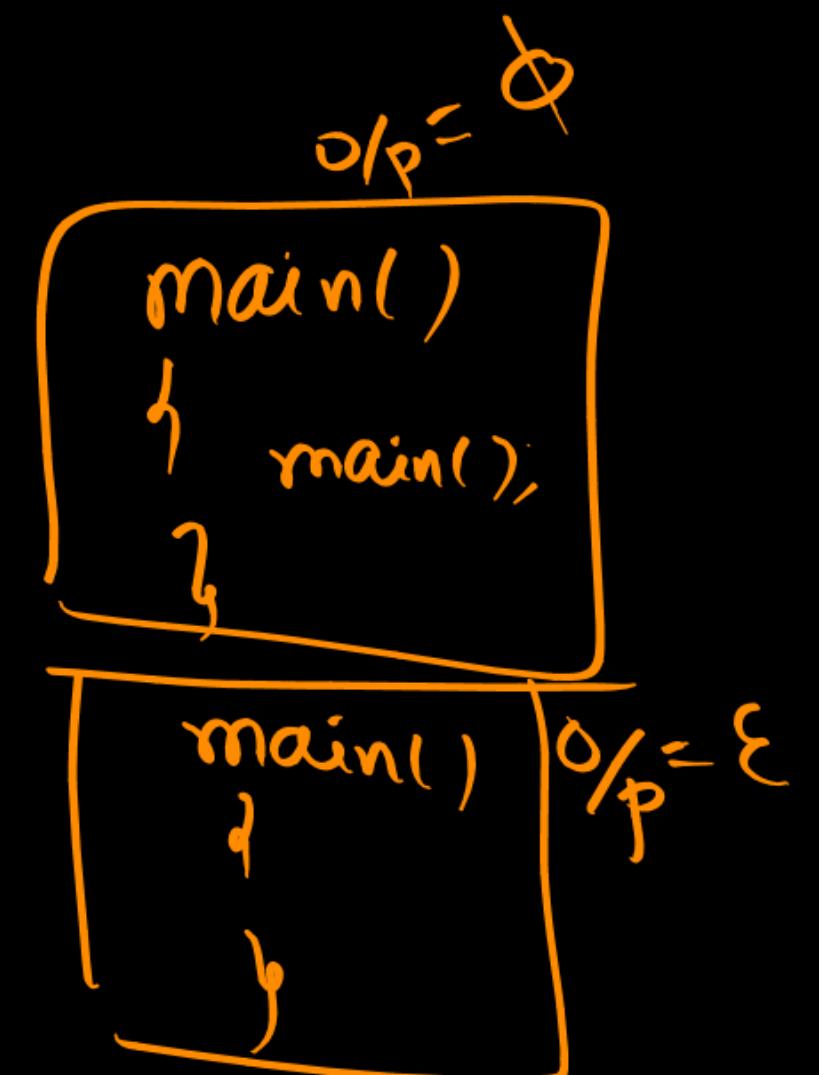
Paths

Extended transition

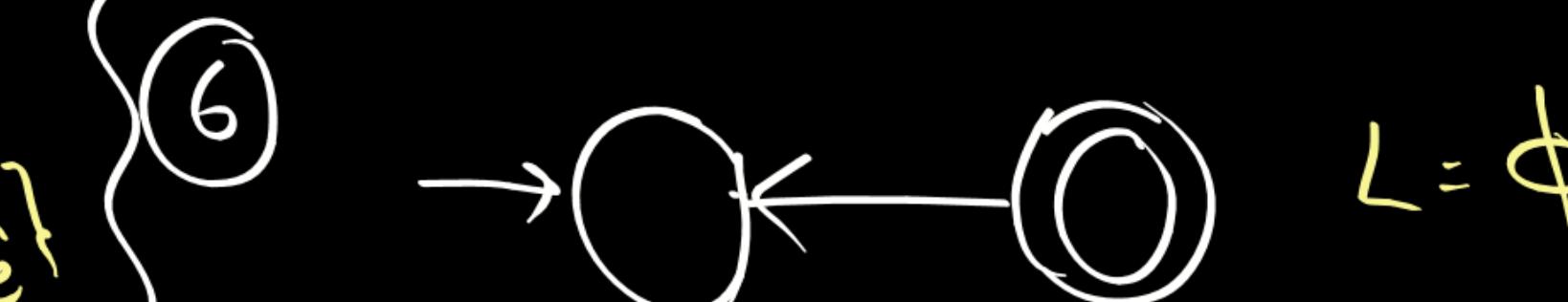
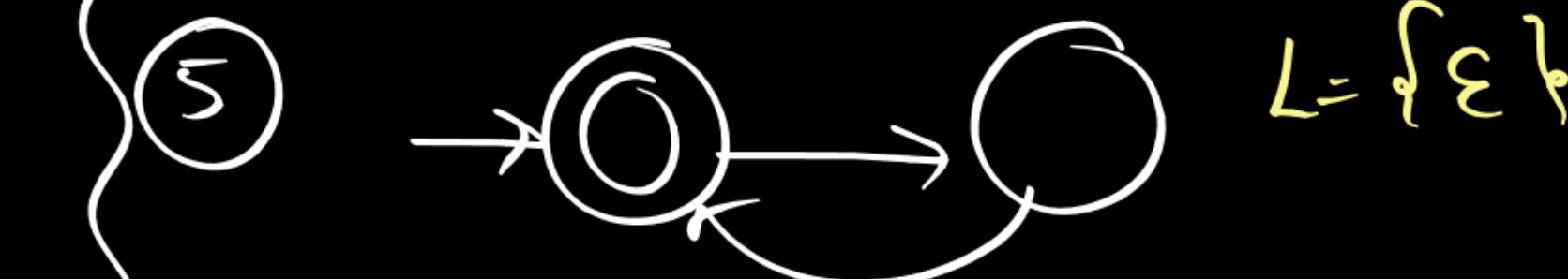
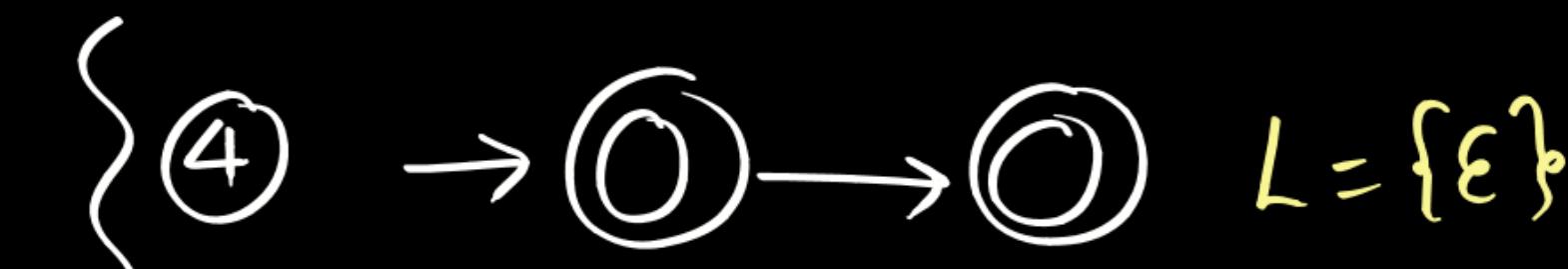
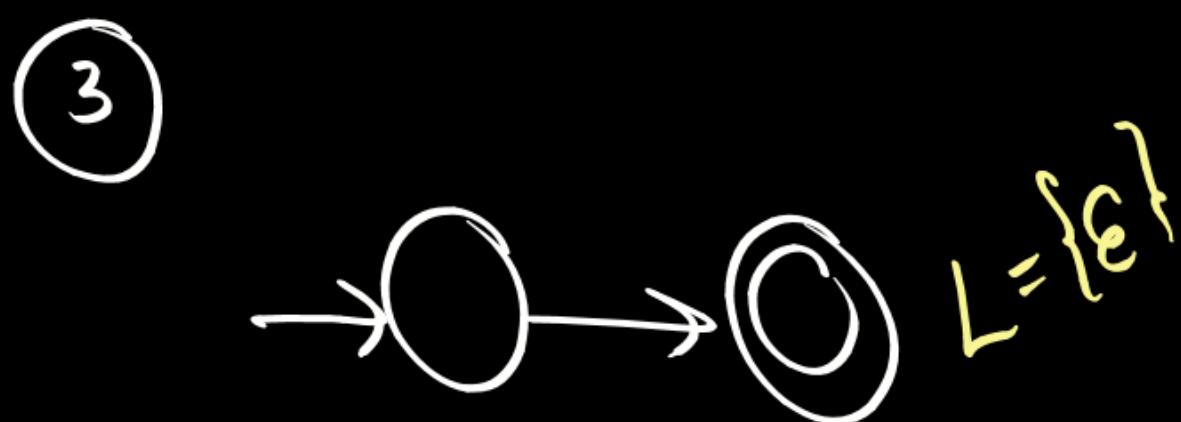
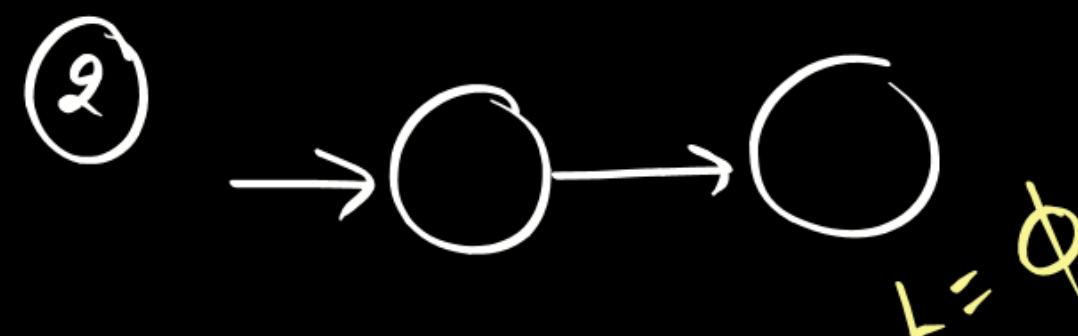
Read  $\epsilon$



Read nothing



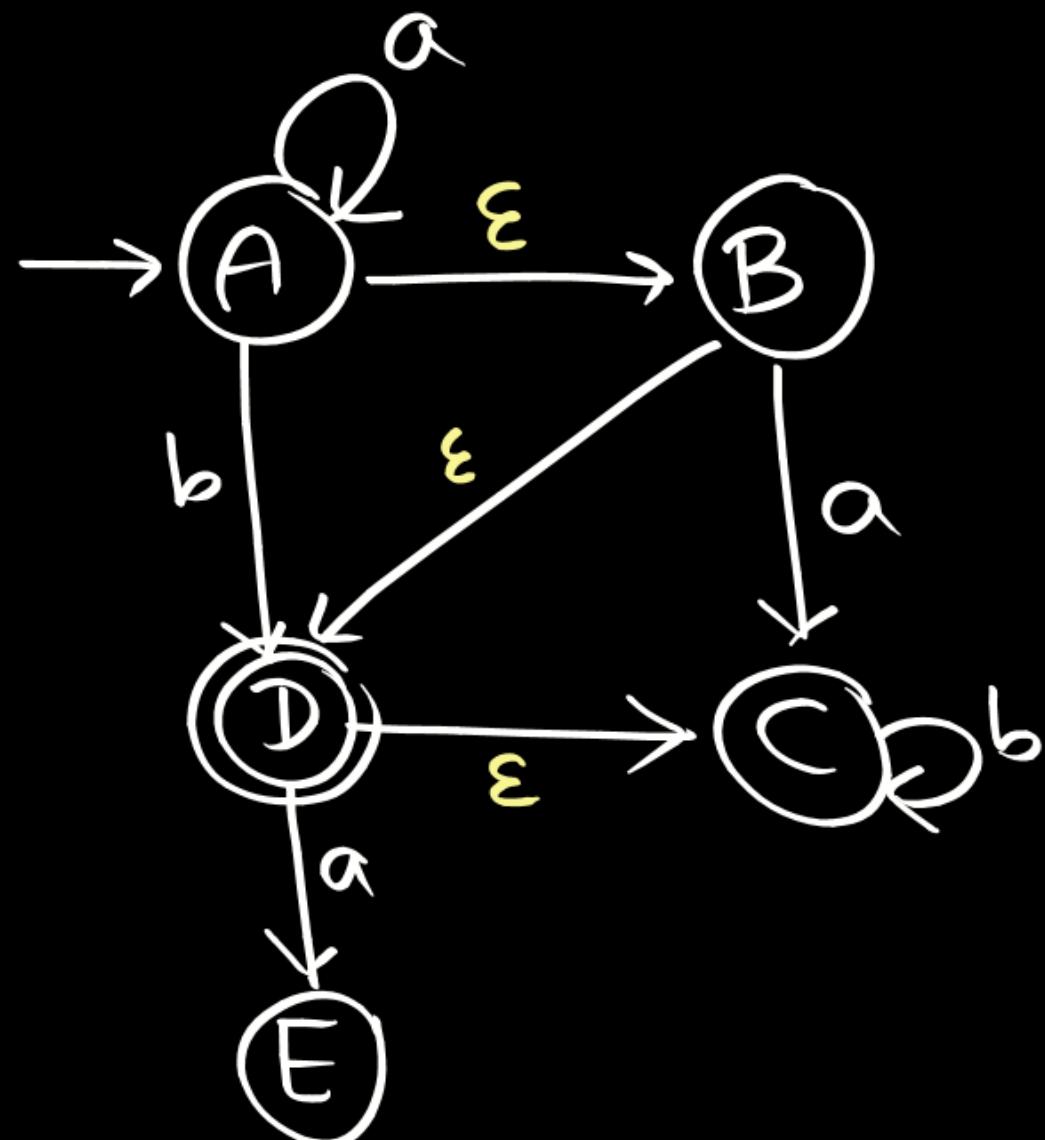
Identify language:



Note: Even though initial state is not final,  
 $\epsilon$ -NFA can accept "empty string".  
 $(\epsilon)$

$\epsilon$ -closure of a state:

$$\epsilon = \epsilon\epsilon = \epsilon\epsilon\epsilon$$

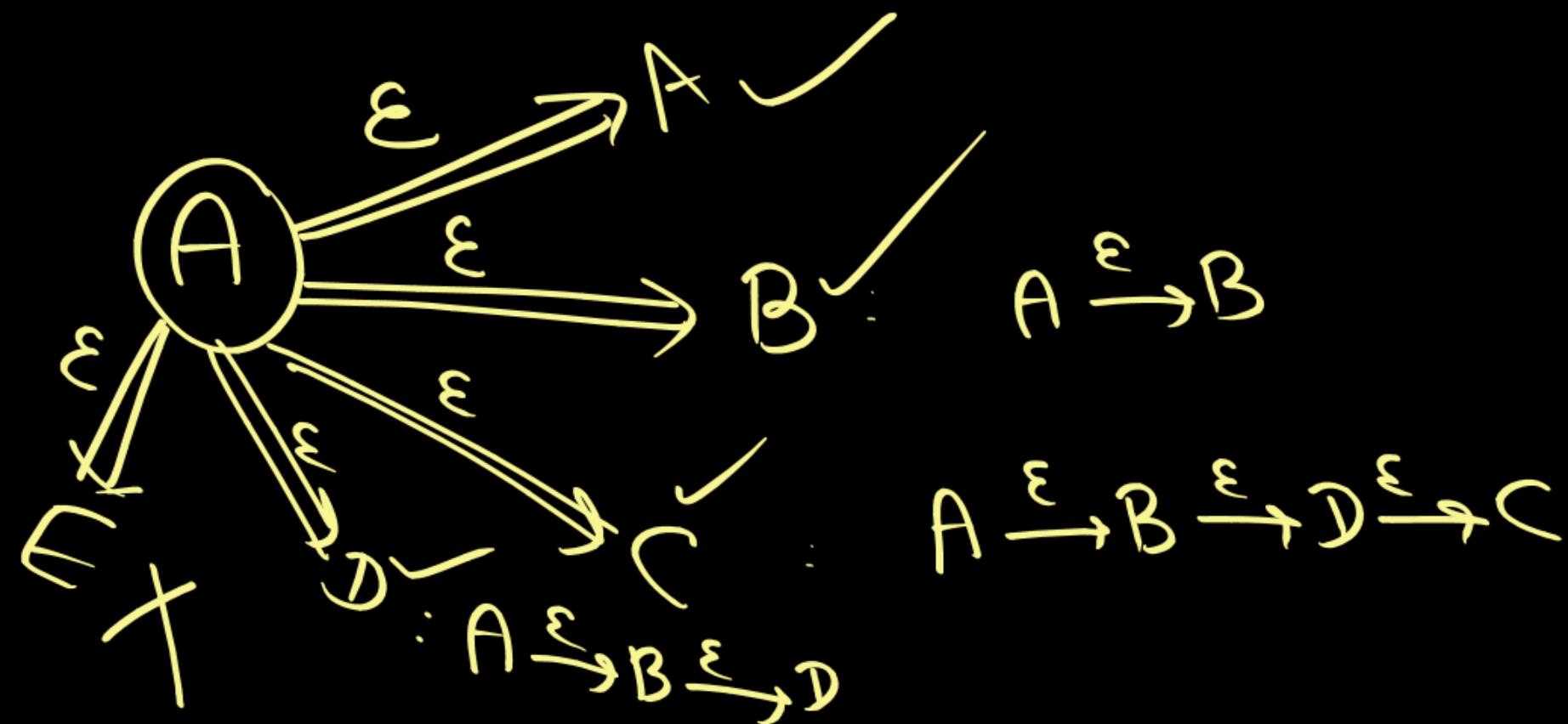


$$|\epsilon\text{-closure}(A)| = 4$$

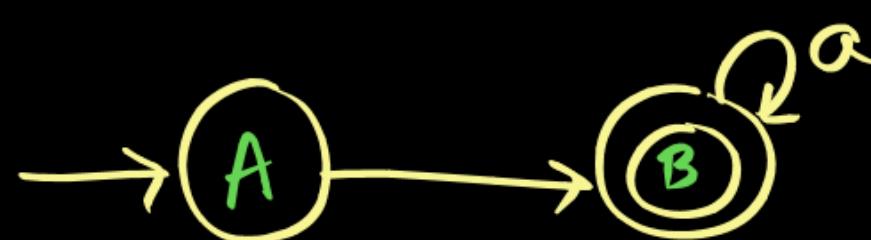
- ①  $\epsilon\text{-closure}(A) = \{A, B, C, D\}$
- ②  $\epsilon\text{-closure}(B) = \{B, C, D\}$
- ③  $\epsilon\text{-closure}(C) = \{C\}$
- ④  $\epsilon\text{-closure}(D) = \{D, C\}$
- ⑤  $\epsilon\text{-closure}(E) = \{E\}$

$\delta(A, \epsilon) = \underbrace{\epsilon\text{-closure}(A)}$  = set of states reachable from A without reading any symbol.

$\epsilon$ -closure(A) : From state A by reading nothing,  
 $(\epsilon)$   
find all states that are reachable.



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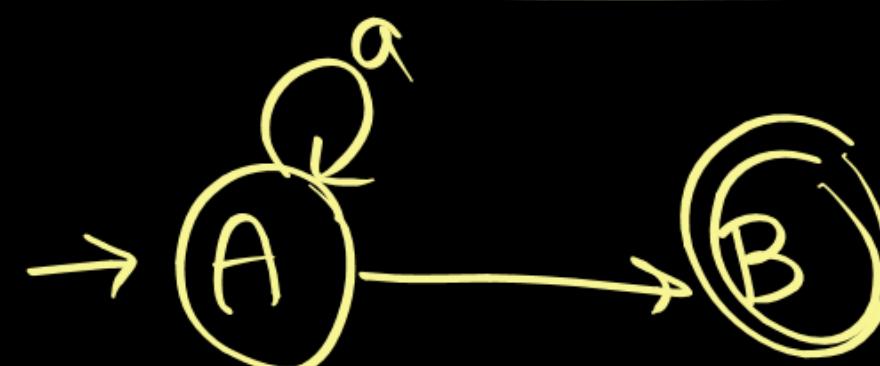
 $\epsilon \checkmark$  $a \checkmark$  $L = a^*$  $aa \checkmark$  $aaa \checkmark$ 

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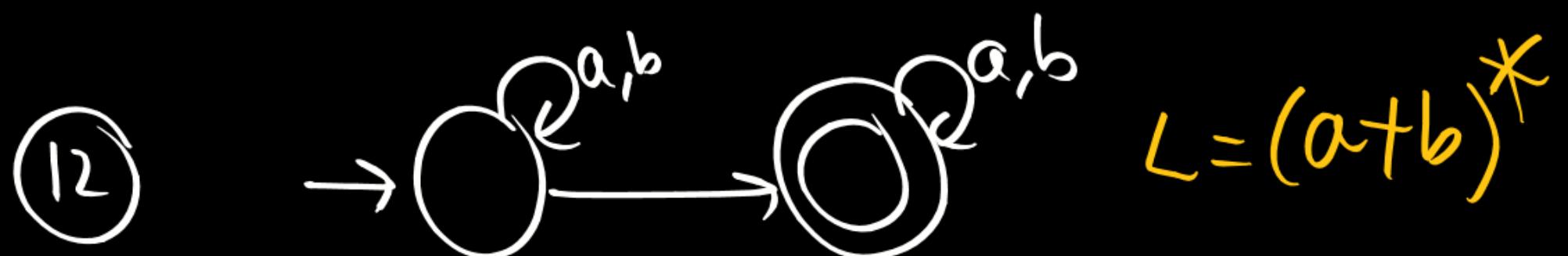
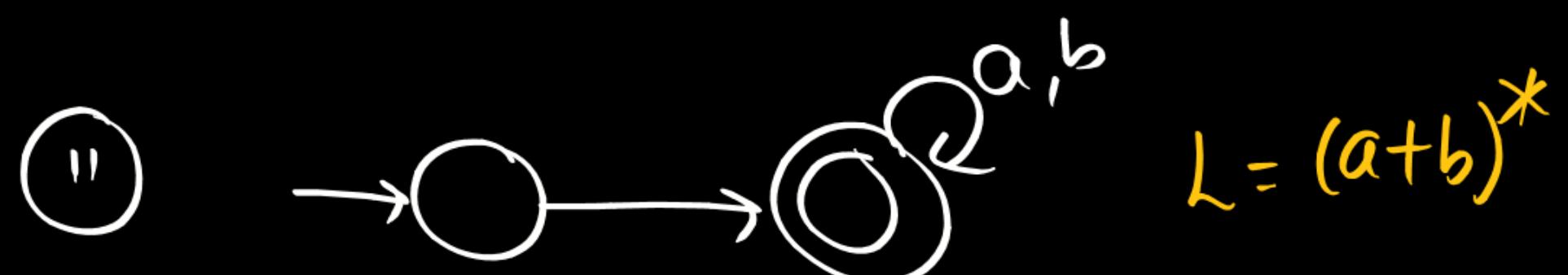
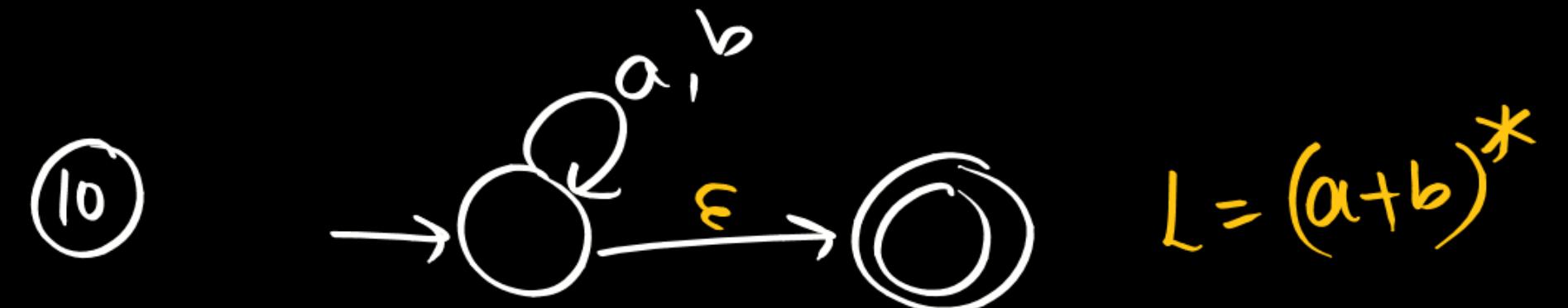
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 $L = a^*$  $\epsilon \checkmark$  $a \checkmark$  $aa \checkmark$ 

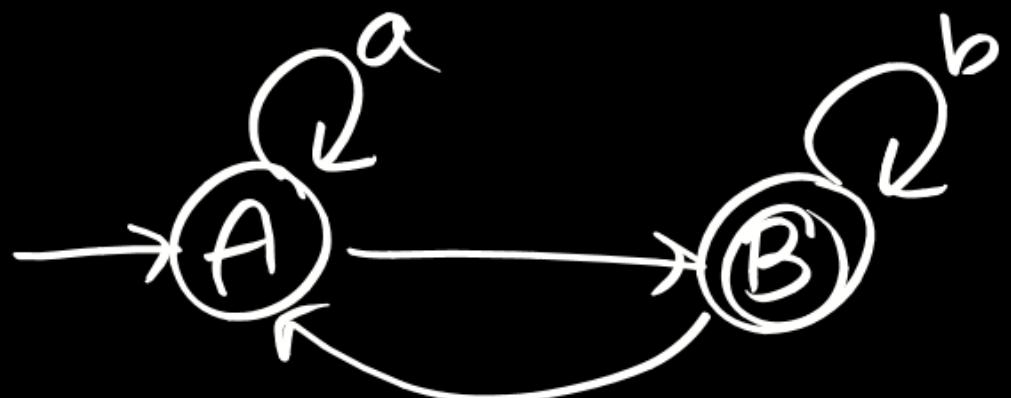
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$$= (a+b)^*$$

Start from initial state  
 ↓ after reading complete string  
 Can I halt at final state

- ✓  $\epsilon : A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B$
- ✓  $a : A \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B$
- ✓  $b : A \xrightarrow{b} B \xrightarrow{b} B$
- ✓  $aa : A \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} B$
- ✓  $ab : A \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{b} B \xrightarrow{b} B$
- ✓  $ba : A \xrightarrow{b} B \xrightarrow{b} B \xrightarrow{a} A \xrightarrow{a} B$

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$\epsilon \checkmark$   
 $a, aa, \dots$   
 $b, bb, \dots$

$$L = \underbrace{a^* b^*}_{\hookrightarrow \epsilon \checkmark}$$

$a^+ \checkmark$   
 $b^+ \checkmark$   
 $a^+ b^+ \checkmark$

NFA

⑯

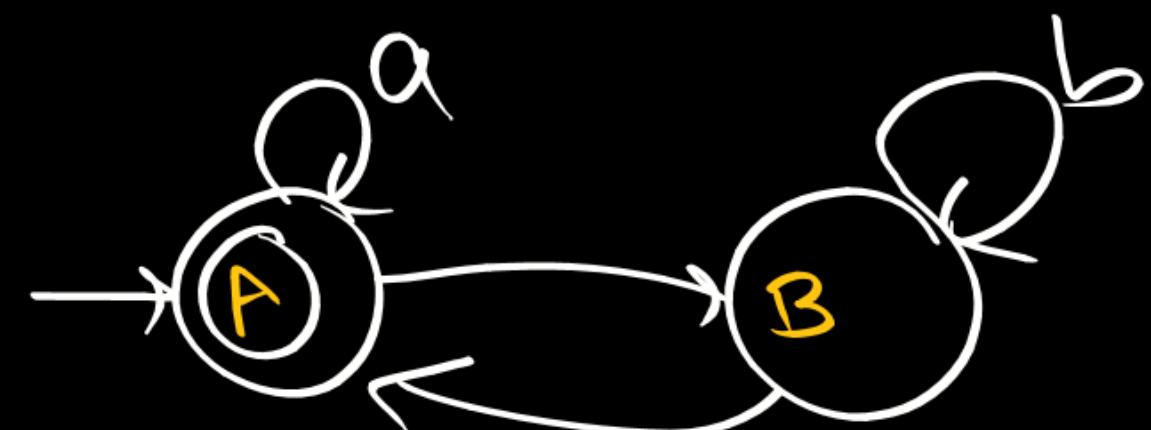


$$L = \bar{a}^*$$

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| $\epsilon$ | ✓ |
| a          | ✗ |
| aa         | ✓ |
| ⋮          | ⋮ |

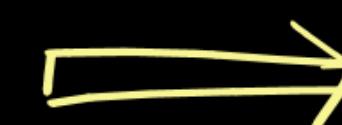
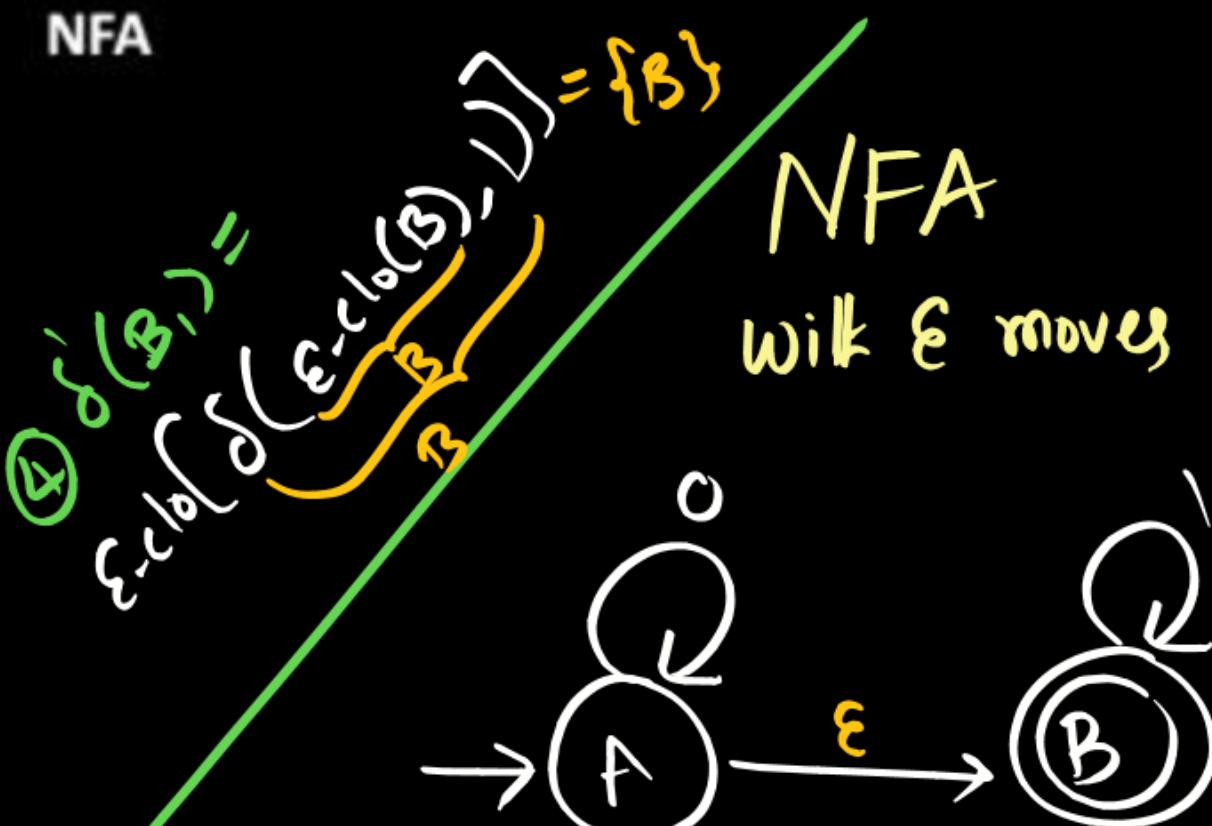
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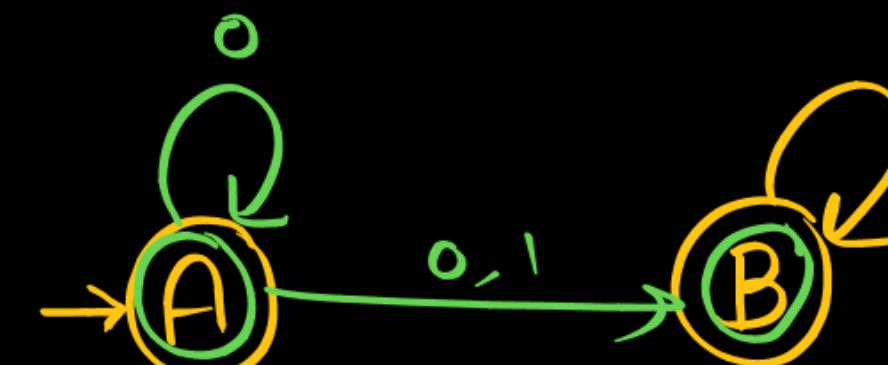
$$L = (a+b)^*$$

NFA



NFA

without  $\epsilon$  moves



| $\delta$        | 0           | 1           | $\epsilon$  |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $\rightarrow A$ | {A}         | $\emptyset$ | {B}         |
| * B             | $\emptyset$ | {B}         | $\emptyset$ |

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon\text{-closure}(A) &= \{A, B\} \\ \epsilon\text{-closure}(B) &= \{B\}\end{aligned}$$

NFA

without  $\epsilon$  moves

$$\delta(\{A, B\}, 0) = \delta(A, 0) \cup \delta(B, 0)$$

Final state in NFA  
without  $\epsilon$ -moves:

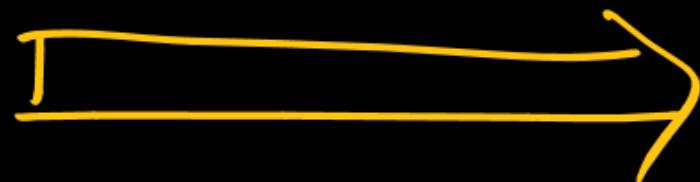
If final of  $\epsilon$ -NFA  
present in any  $\epsilon$ -clo  
set X then make  
X as final

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \delta'(A, 0) = \epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(A), 0\right)\right) = \{A, B\}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \delta'(A, 1) = \epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(A), 1\right)\right) = \{B\}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \delta'(B, 0) = \epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(B), 0\right)\right) = \emptyset$$

NFA  
with  $\epsilon$  moves



NFA  
without  $\epsilon$  moves

$\delta$

$\delta'$

given

$q \in Q$   
 $x_i \in \Sigma$

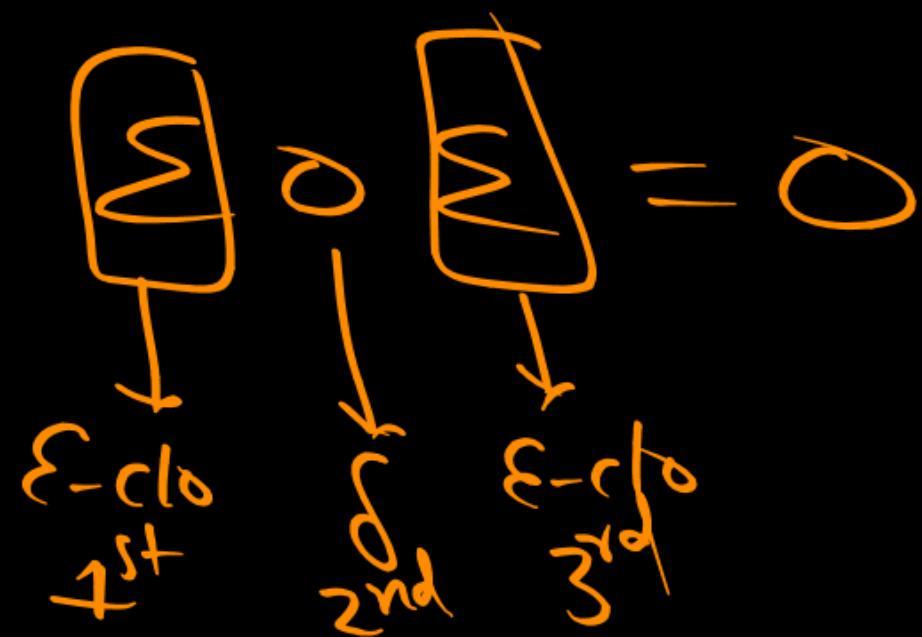
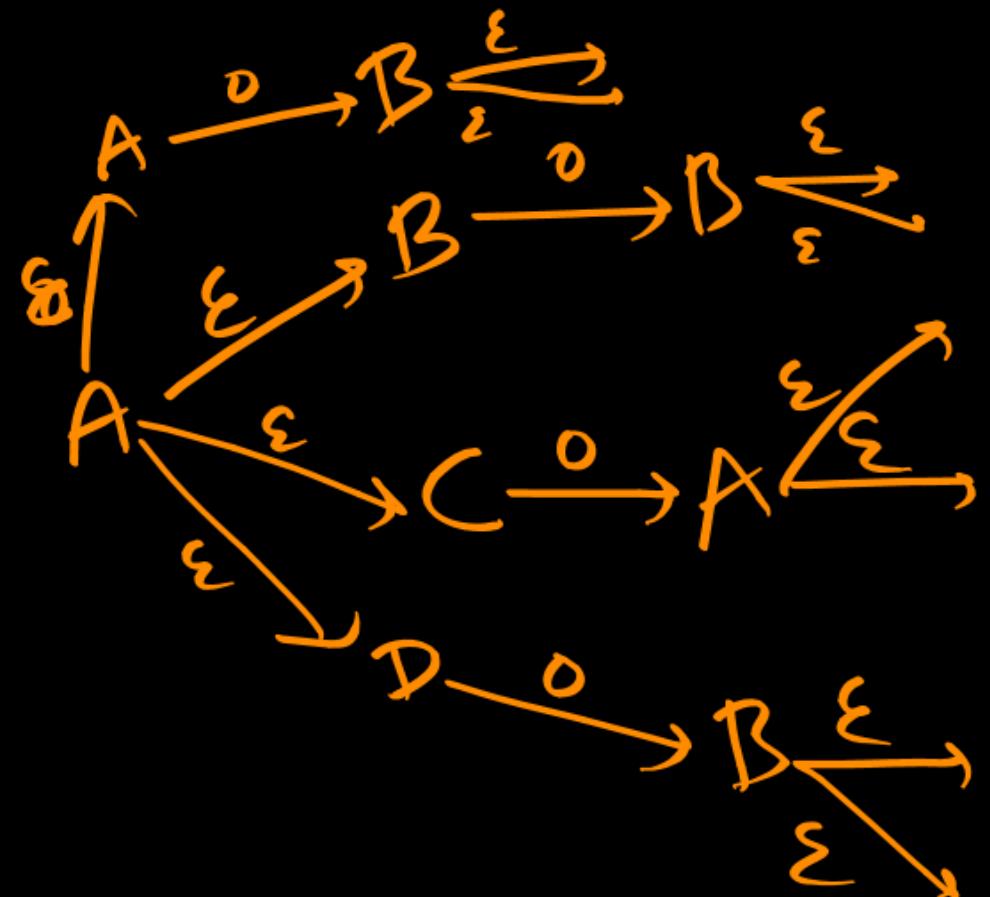
$\delta'(q, i)$  = state  
to symbol

$\epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\underbrace{\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(q), i\right)}_{1^{\text{st}}}, i\right)$

$\epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\underbrace{\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\underbrace{\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(q), i\right)}_{2^{\text{nd}}}, i\right), i\right)}_{3^{\text{rd}}}, i\right)$

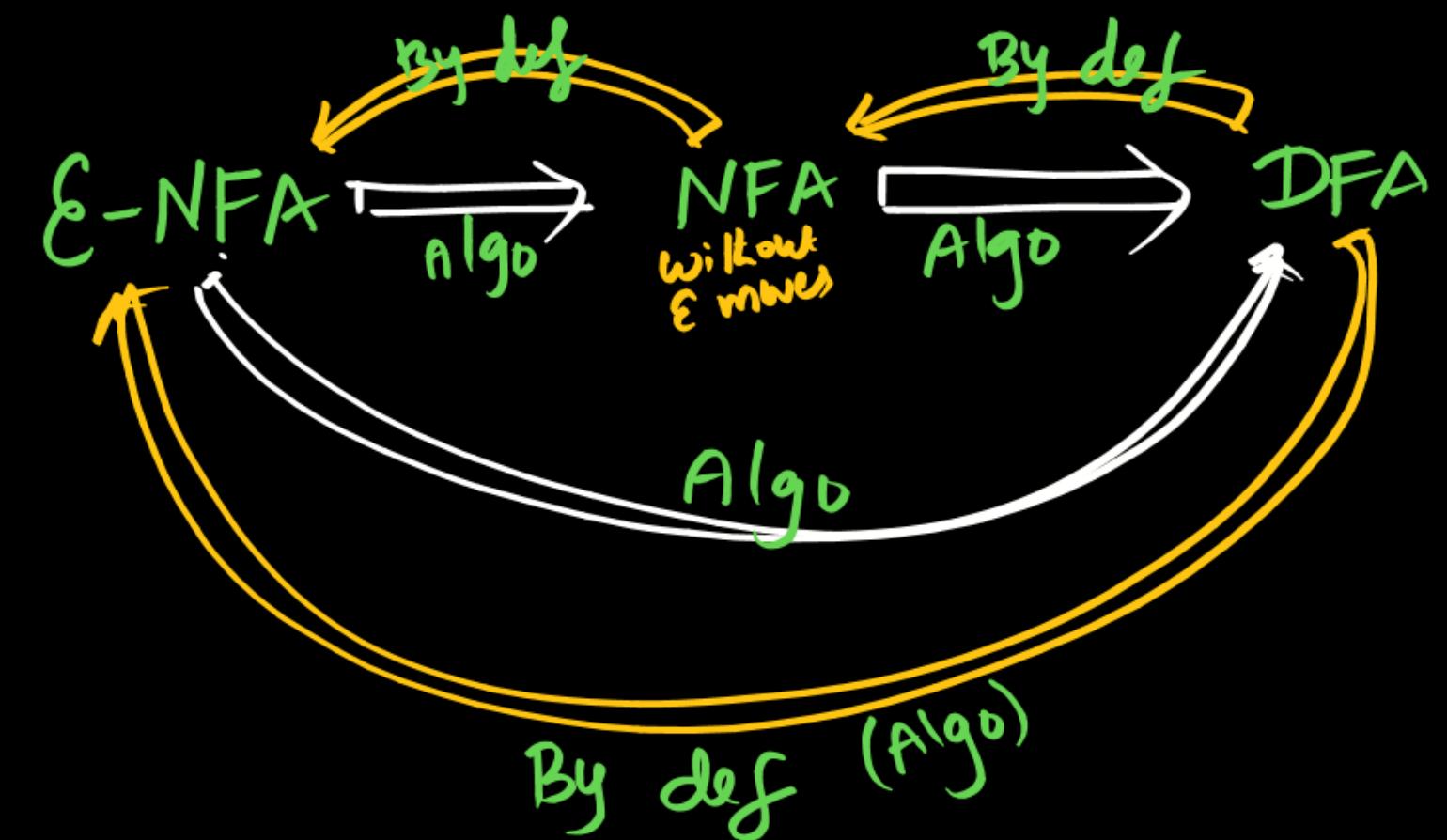
$$\delta' : A \xrightarrow{o} ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\delta\left(\epsilon\text{-clo}(A), o\right)\right) \\ & \epsilon\text{-clo}\left(\delta\left(\{A, B, C, D\}, o\right)\right) \\ & \epsilon\text{-clo}(\{A, B\}) \end{aligned}$$



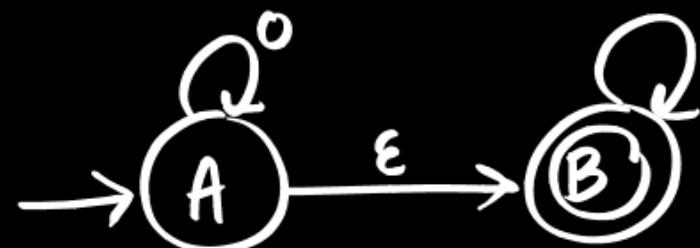
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$$\boxed{\text{NFA} \underset{\text{algo}}{\sim} \text{DFA}}$$

NFA



$$\begin{aligned}
 - \quad \delta(A, 0) &= \{A\} \\
 - \quad \delta(A, 1) &= \{\} \\
 - \quad \delta(B, 0) &= \{\} \\
 - \quad \underline{\delta(B, 1) = \{B\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

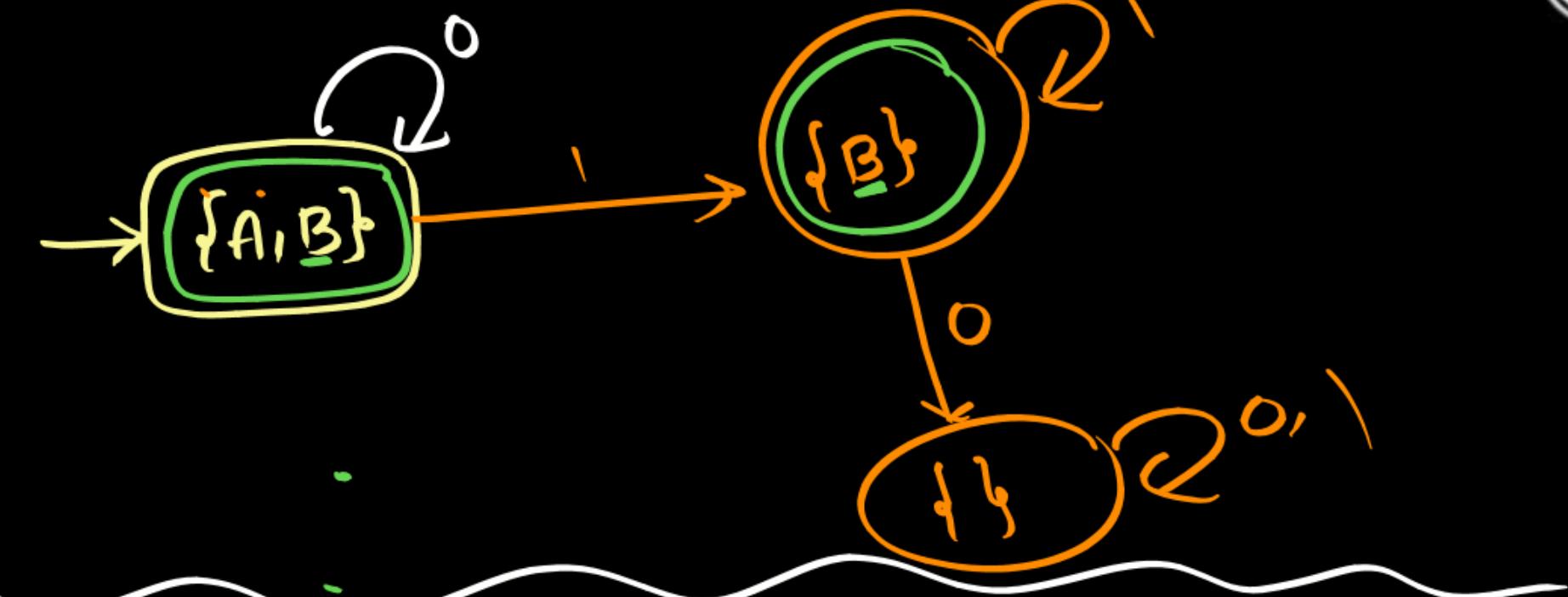

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \epsilon\text{-clo}(A) &= \{A, B\} \\
 \epsilon\text{-clo}(B) &= \{B\}
 \end{aligned}$$


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$$\delta'(\{B\}, 0) = \{\}$$

$$\delta'(\{B\}, 1) = \{B\}$$



$$\delta'(\{A, B\}, 0) = \epsilon\text{-clo}(\delta(\{A, B\}, 0)) = \{A, B\}$$

$$\delta'(\{A, B\}, 1) = \{B\}$$


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I) Initial state of DFA =  $\epsilon\text{-clo}(\text{Initial of } \epsilon\text{-NFA})$   
 $= \epsilon\text{-clo}(A) = \{A, B\}$

II)  $\delta'(\{A, B\}, i) = \epsilon\text{-clo}[\delta(\{A, B\}, i)]$

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# Summary

$\epsilon$ -NFA ✓

$\epsilon$ -NFA  $\Rightarrow$  NFA

$\epsilon$ -NFA  $\Rightarrow$  DFA ✓

Don't apply in GATE  
qai.

# Thank you

