


# CS & IT Engineering



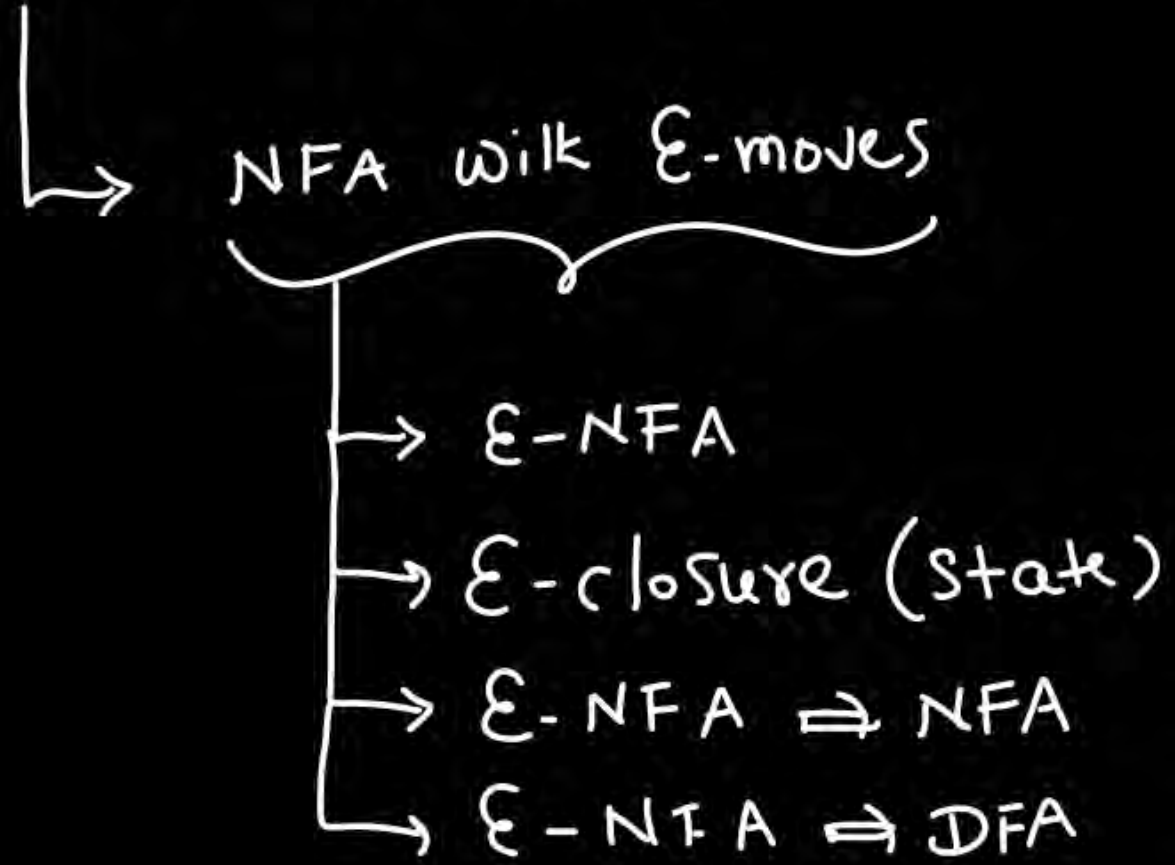
**Finite Automata:**  
Practice on FA &  
Doubt Clearing

Lecture:06



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# Previous Class Summary:



## Topics to be covered Today:

↳ practice

class: Understand



practice: Apply



practice/Revision: Quickly

Let  $L$  be the language represented by the regular expression  $\Sigma^*0011\Sigma^*$  where  $\Sigma=\{0,1\}$ . What is the minimum number of states in a DFA that recognizes  $\bar{L}$  (complement of  $L$ )?  
(GATE – 15 – SET3)

(a) 4

~~(b) 5~~

(c) 6

(d) 8

Shortcut:

$$L = \Sigma^*0011\Sigma^*$$

contains 0011

Min DFA  $\Rightarrow$  5 states

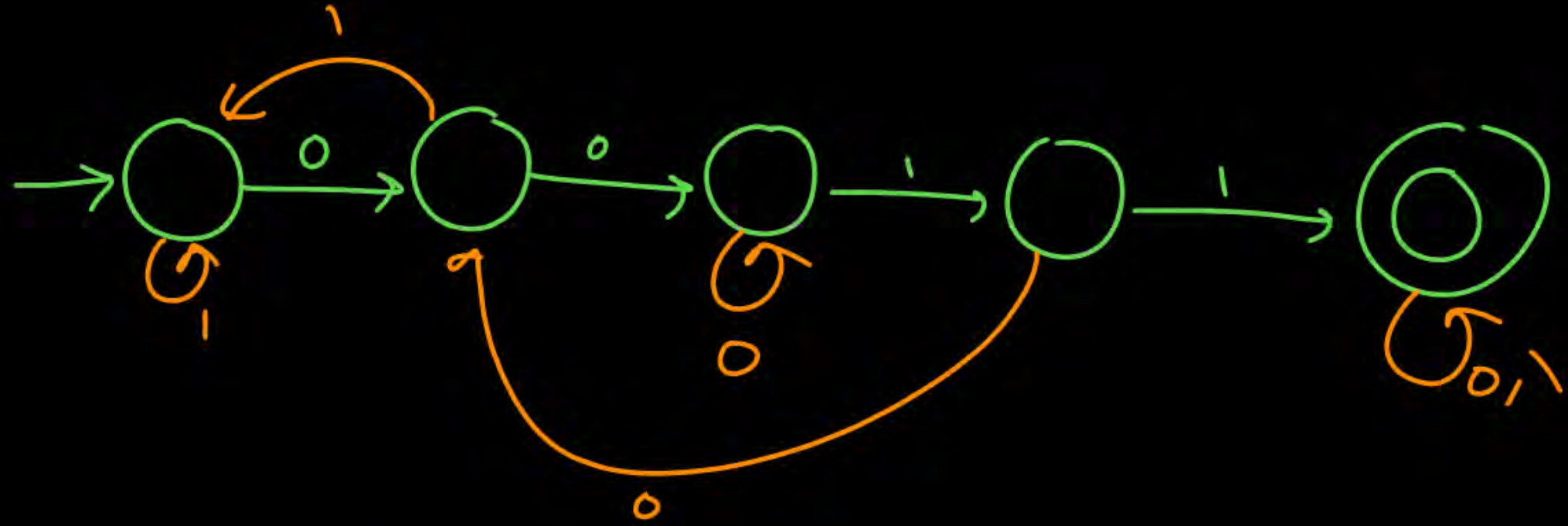
$\bar{L} \Rightarrow$  How many states in DFA?

5 states

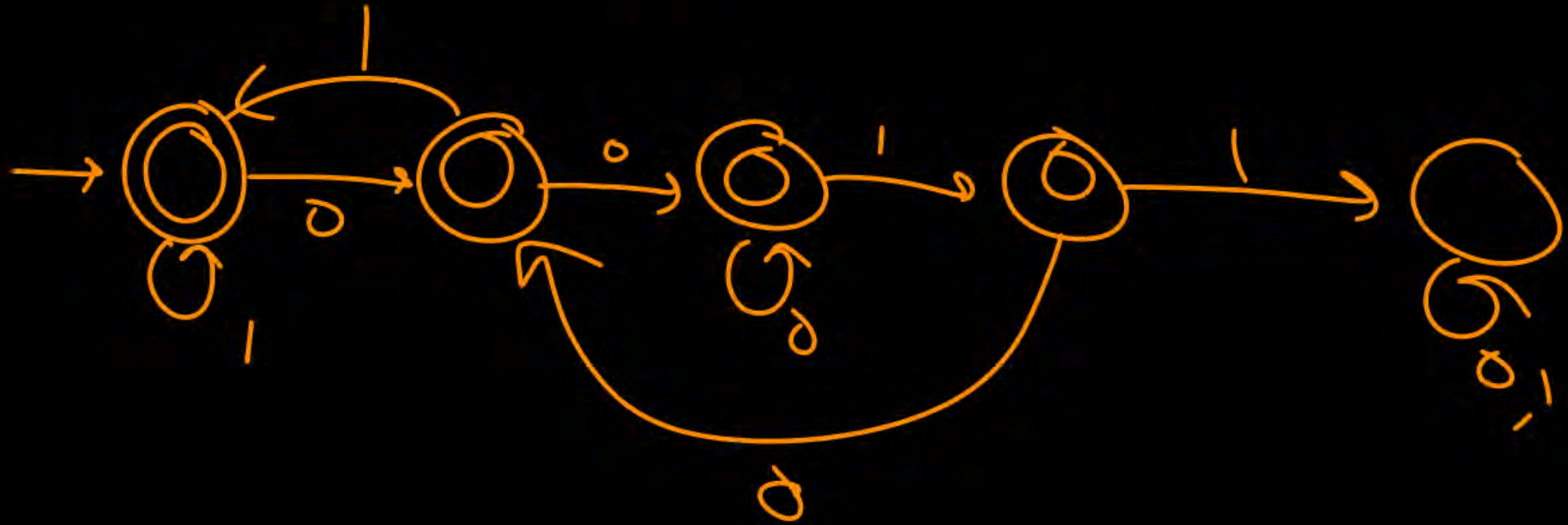


Lengthy:

L:



L:



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Which one of the following regular expressions represents the language: the set of all binary strings having two consecutive 0's and two consecutive 1's? (GATE – 16 – SET1)

~~(a)~~  $(0+1)^* \underline{00}11(0+1)^* + (0+1)^* \underline{11}00(0+1)^*$

~~(b)~~  $(0+1)^* (\underline{00}(0+1)^* \underline{11} + \underline{11}(0+1)^* \underline{00})(0+1)^*$

~~(c)~~  $(0+1)^* \underline{00}(0+1)^* + (0+1)^* \underline{11}(0+1)^*$

~~(d)~~  $\underline{00}(0+1)^* \underline{11} + \underline{11}(0+1)^* \underline{00}$

X 00 11 ←

both 00 and 11

00  
We don't need

min:  
0011  
1100

0011

X 00 X 11 X + X 11 X 00 X



Let  $r = 1(1+0)^*$ ,  $s = 11^*0$  and  $t = 1^*0$  be three regular expressions. Which one of the following is true? (GATE - 91)

- (a)  $L(s) \subseteq L(r)$  and  $L(s) \subseteq L(t)$
- (b)  $L(r) \subseteq L(s)$  and  $L(s) \subseteq L(t)$
- (c)  $L(s) \subseteq L(t)$  and  $L(s) \subseteq L(r)$
- (d)  $L(t) \subseteq L(s)$  and  $L(s) \subseteq L(r)$

same

$$r = 1X = \{1, \dots\}$$

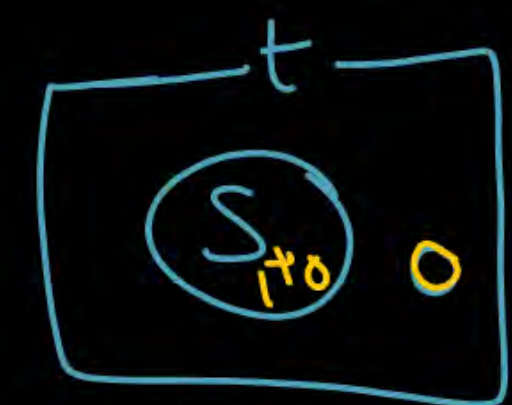
$$s = 1^+0 = \{10, \dots\}$$

$$t = 1^*0 = \{0, \dots\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} & 1^+0 \\ & \swarrow \searrow \\ 0 & & 1^+0 \end{matrix}$$



$$L(s) \subseteq L(r)$$



$$L(s) \subseteq L(t)$$

Which of the following regular expression identities are true?  
(GATE - 92)

~~(a)~~  $r(*) = r^*$

~~(b)~~  $(r^*s^*)^* = (r+s)^*$

~~(c)~~  $(r+s)^* = \underbrace{r^* + s^*}$

~~(d)~~  $r^*s^* = r^* + s^*$

wff

$(x)^*$

$x^*$

$x^+$

$(y)^+$

~~$(x)^*$   
not wff~~

~~$(x)^+$   
not wff~~

~~$a(+)b$   
not wff~~

wff

$a + b$

$(a) + b$

$a + (b)$

$(a) + (b)$

$(a + b)$



Consider the language  $L$  given by the regular expression  $(a+b)^*b(a+b)$  over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$ . The smallest number of states needed in a deterministic finite-state automaton (DFA) accepting  $L$  is \_\_\_\_\_. (GATE – 17 – SET1)

$= 4 //$

$2^{\text{nd}}$  symbol from end is 'b'  
( $n^{\text{th}}$ )



$$2^n = 2^2 = 4$$

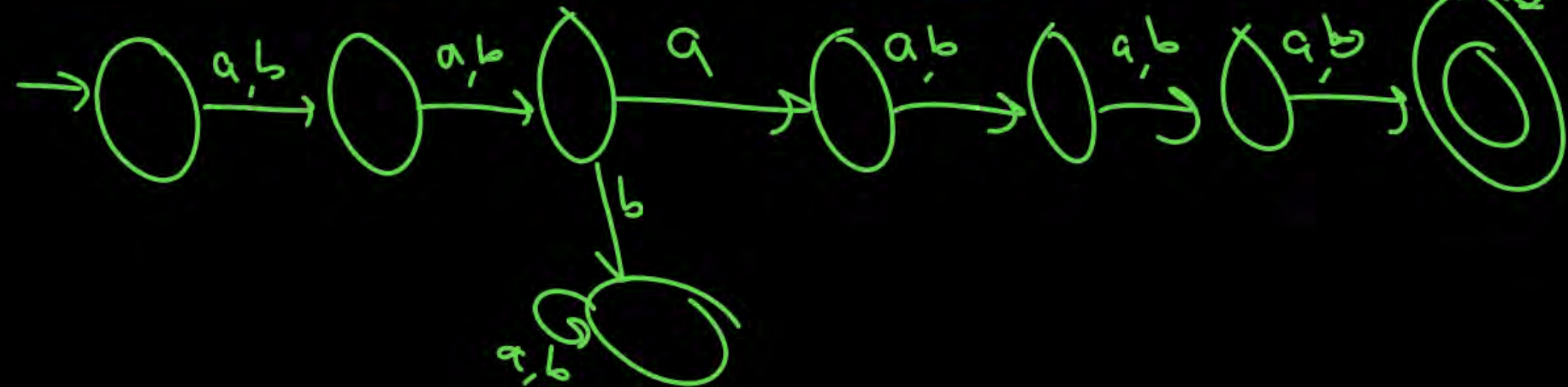
The minimum possible number of states of a deterministic finite automaton that accepts the regular language (GATE – 17 – SET2)

$L = \{w_1aw_2 \mid w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^*, |w_1| = 2, |w_2| \geq 3\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

8

$\underbrace{w_1}_{=2} a \underbrace{w_2}_{\geq 3}$

$$R = (a+b)^2 a (a+b)^3 (a+b)^*$$



H.W.:

Model-XII :

(85)  $\{w_1 a w_2 \mid w_1, w_2 \in \{a, b\}^*, |w_1| = 2, |w_2| = 3\}$

(86)  $\{ \text{"} \mid \text{"} \mid |w_1| = 2, |w_2| \geq 3 \}$

(87)  $\{ \text{"} \mid \text{"} \mid |w_1| = 2, |w_2| \leq 3 \}$

(88)  $\{ \text{"} \mid \text{"} \mid |w_1| \leq 2, |w_2| = 3 \}$

(89)  $\{ \text{"} \mid \text{"} \mid |w_1| \leq 2, |w_2| \leq 3 \}$

(90)  $\{ \text{"} \mid \text{"} \mid |w_1| \leq 2, |w_2| \geq 3 \}$

(91)	$ w_1  \geq 2,$ $ w_2  = 3$
(92)	$ w_1  \geq 2,$ $ w_2  \leq 3$
(93)	$ w_1  \geq 2,$ $ w_2  \geq 3$



Compiler

The lexical analysis for a modern computer language such as java needs the power of which one of the following machine models in a necessary and sufficient sense? **(GATE - 11)**

- ☒ (a) Finite state automata
- (b) Deterministic pushdown automata
- (c) Non –deterministic pushdown automata
- (d) Turing machine

The number of substrings (of all lengths inclusive) that can be formed from a character string of length  $n$  is (GATE – 89 & 94)

(a)  $n$

(b)  $n^2$

(c)  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

(d)  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$

no option

$\min_n \leftarrow \text{Discrete maths} : \Rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$   
 $\min_{n+1} \leftarrow \text{TOC} : \Rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1$   
 $\uparrow$   
 zero length

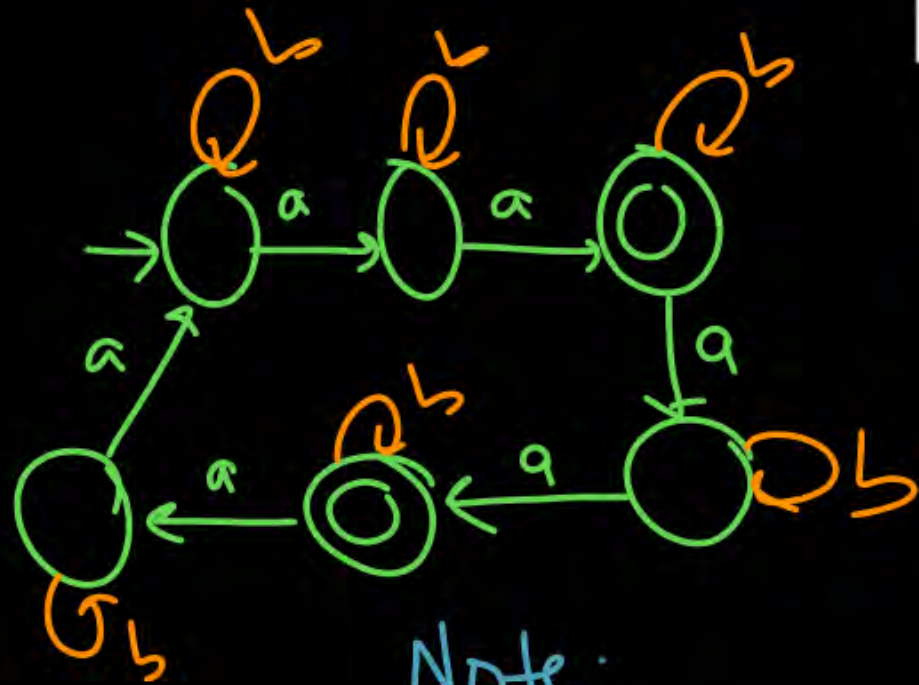
Only when all characters are distinct in the string

Consider the following language.

$L = \{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid \text{number of } a\text{'s in } x \text{ divisible by 2 but not divisible by 3}\}$

The minimum number of states in DFA that accepts  $L$  is \_\_\_\_\_

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$L = \{x \in \{a, b\}^* \mid \text{no. of } a\text{'s}(x) \text{ is div by 2 but not divisible by 3}\}$

Note:

$L = \{x \in a^* \mid n_a(x) \text{ is div by 2 but not div by 3}\}$   
 $= \{a^2, a^4, a^8, a^{10}, a^{14}, a^{16}\} \setminus \{a^0, a^2, a^4, a^6, a^8, a^{10}, a^{12}, a^{14}, a^{16}\}$   
 $= \{a^2, a^4, a^8, a^{10}, a^{14}, a^{16}\}$



No option is correct

Which one of the following regular expressions represents the set of all binary strings with an odd number of 1's?

10  
odd no. of 1's

01

Even no. of 1's

$0^* (0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*)^* 0^*$

odd no. of 1's

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$0^* (0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*)^* 0^* 1 0^*$   
 $0^* 1 0^* (0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*)^* 0^*$

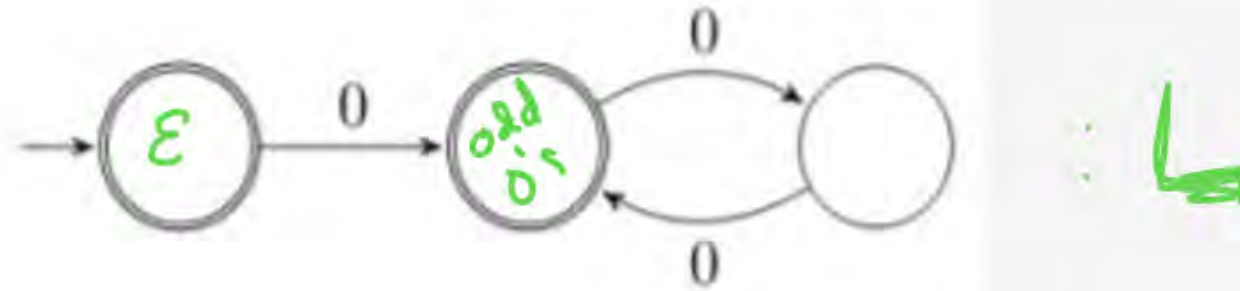
- ~~A.  $((0+1)^* 1 (0+1)^* 1)^* 10^*$~~  → even no. of 1's possible
- ~~B.  $(0^* 10^* 10^*)^* 0^* 1$~~  → not generating all strings having odd no. of 1's
- ~~C.  $10^* (0^* 10^* 10^*)^*$~~
- ~~D.  $(0^* 10^* 10^*)^* 10^*$~~  → 1, 01

Given a language  $L$ , define  $L^i$  as follows:

$$L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$L^i = L^{i-1} \cdot L \text{ for all } i > 0$$

The order of a language  $L$  is defined as the smallest  $k$  such that  $L^k = L^{k+1}$ . Consider the language  $L_1$  (over alphabet  $\{0\}$ ) accepted by the following automaton.



The order of  $L_1$  is

2

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$$L^0 = \{\epsilon\}$$

$$L^i = L^{i-1} \cdot L$$

$$L^k = L^{k+1} \text{ for smallest } k$$

$$O(L) = k = 2$$

$$L = \epsilon + 0(00)^*$$

$$L^0 = \epsilon$$

$$L^1 = L^0 \cdot L = L = \epsilon + 0(00)^*$$

$$L^2 = L^1 \cdot L = L \cdot L = (\epsilon + 0(00)^*) \cdot (\epsilon + 0(00)^*) = \epsilon + 0(00)^*$$

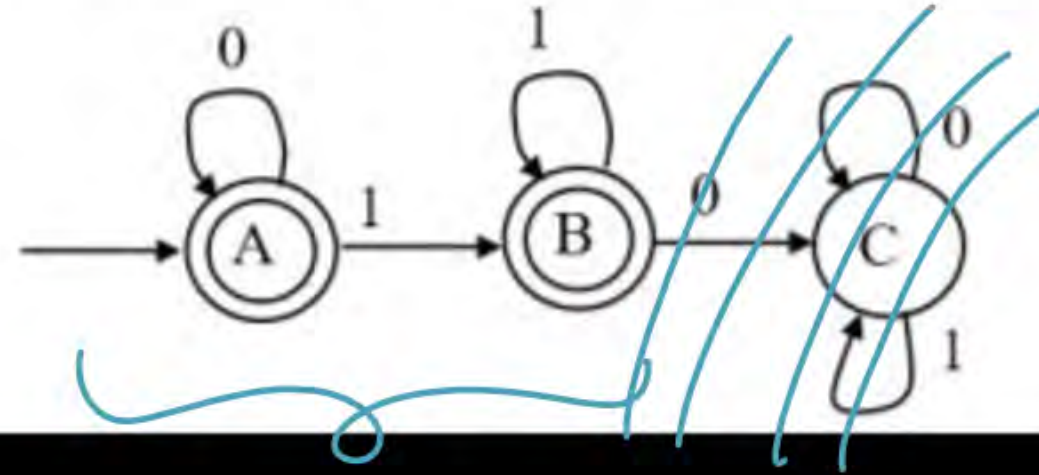
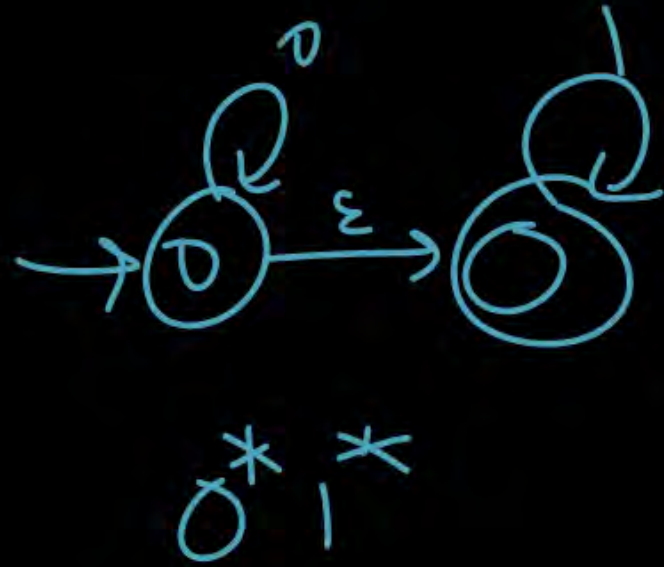
$$L^3 = L^2 \cdot L = 0^* \cdot L = 0^* \rightarrow L^2 = L^3$$

$$L^0 \neq L^1$$

$$L^1 \neq L^2$$



The regular expression for the language recognized by the finite state automation of the below figure is \_\_\_\_\_ (GATE - 94)



Union

$$A = 0^*$$

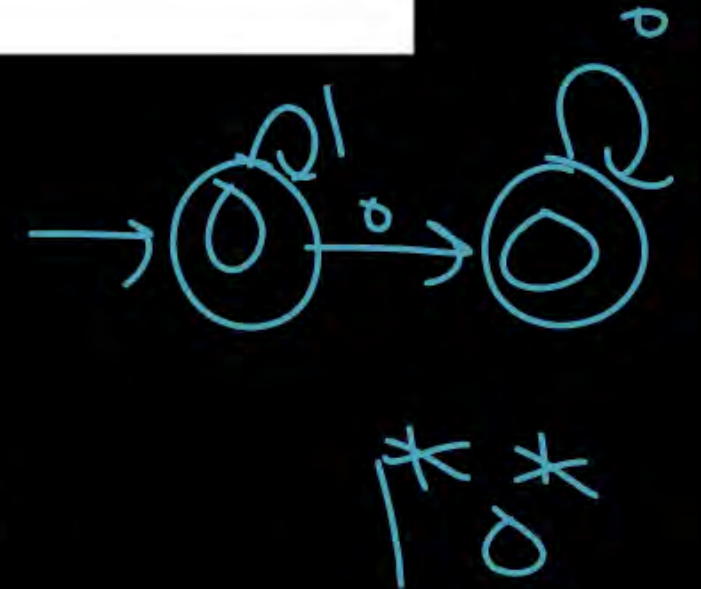
$$B = 0^*11^* = 0^*1^+$$


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$$A+B = 0^* + 0^*1^+$$

$$= 0^*(\epsilon + 1^+) = \underline{\underline{0^*1^*}}$$

- A.  $0^*1^*$
- B.  $0^+1^*$
- C.  $(0+1)^*$
- D.  $0^*1^+$
- E. None of these







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



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

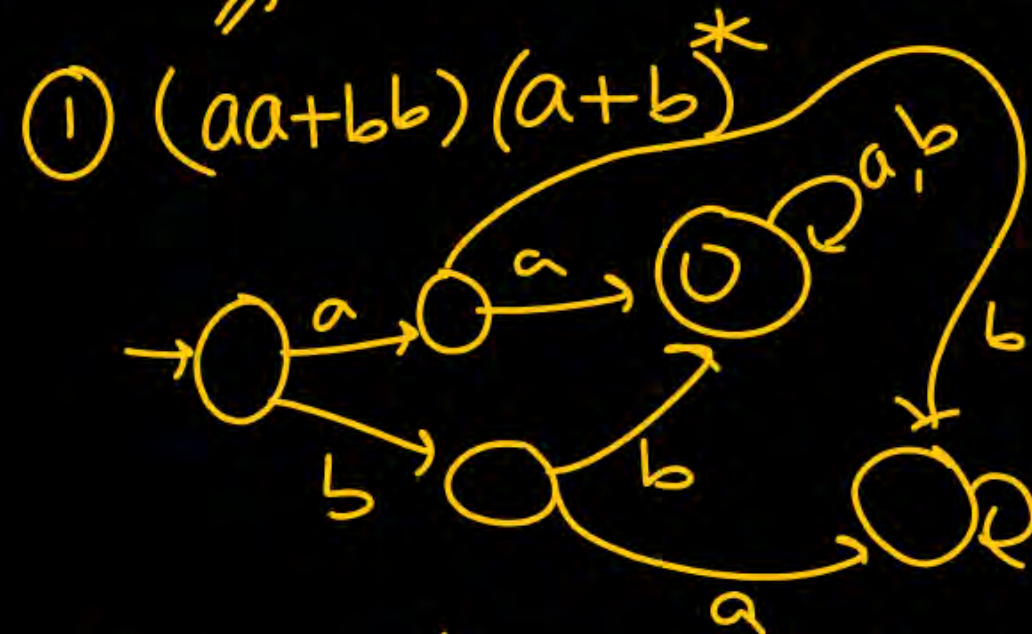




Let  $L$  be the set of all binary strings whose last two symbols are the same. The number of states in the minimum state deterministic finite-state automaton accepting  $L$  is

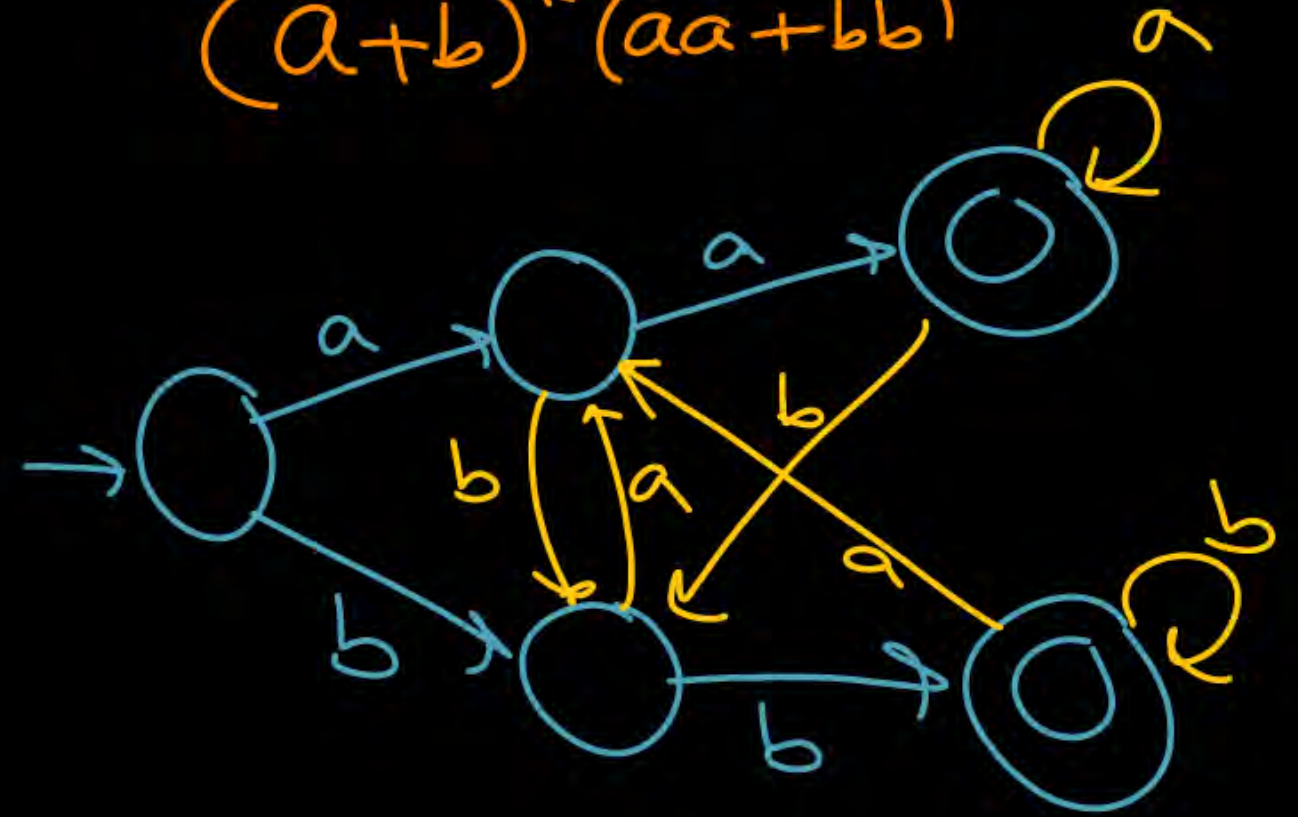
(GATE - 98)

$\Rightarrow \leq 5$  states

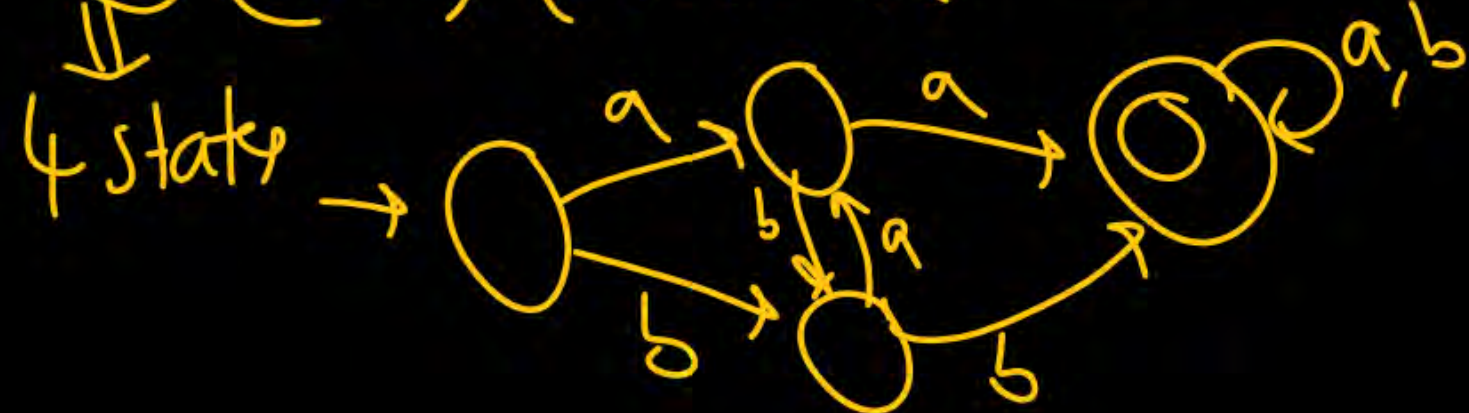


- A. 2
- ☒ B. 5
- C. 8
- D. 3
- E. None of these

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



②  $(a+b)^*(aa+bb)(a+b)^*$

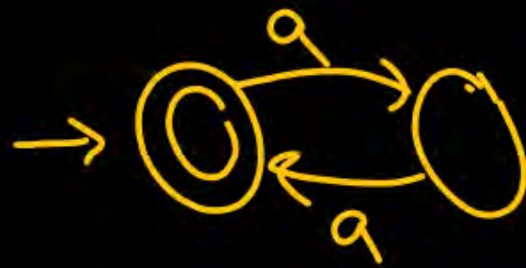




*no option*

What can be said about a regular language  $L$  over  $\{a\}$  whose minimal finite state automaton has two states? (GATE - 2000)

- ~~(a)  $L$  must be  $\{a^n \mid n \text{ is odd}\}$~~
- ~~(b)  $L$  must be  $\{a^n \mid n \text{ is even}\}$~~
- ~~(c)  $L$  must be  $\{a^n \mid n \geq 0\}$~~
- ~~(d) Either  $L$  must be  $\{a^n \mid n \text{ is odd}\}$  or  $L$  must be  $\{a^n \mid n \text{ is even}\}$~~

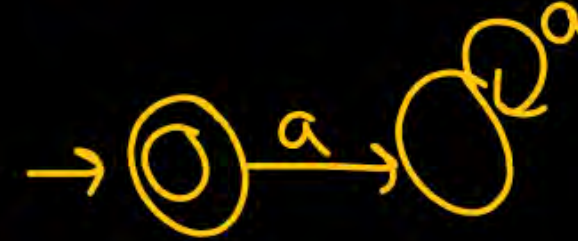


$$= (aa)^*$$



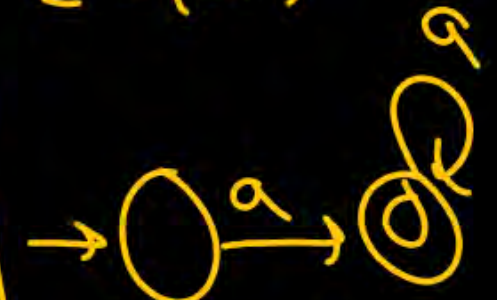
$$= a(aa)^*$$

2 states FA



$$= \epsilon$$

$\Sigma = \{a\}$



$$= a^+$$

Consider a DFA over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  accepting all strings which have number of a's divisible by 6 and number of b's divisible by 8. What is the minimum number of states that the DFA will have?

(GATE - 01)

- (a) 8 (b) 14  
(c) 15 (d) 48

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \times 8 \\ \hline = 48 \end{array}$$



Home Work

Consider the following languages:

$$L_1 = \{\underline{w} \underline{w} \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*\} \longrightarrow ?$$

$$L_2 = \{ww^R \mid w \in \{a, b\}^*, w^R \text{ is the reverse of } w\} \longrightarrow ?$$

$$L_3 = \{0^{2i} \mid i \text{ is an integer}\} = (00)^*$$

$$L_4 = \{0^{i^2} \mid i \text{ is an integer}\} \longrightarrow ?$$

regular

Which of the languages are regular?

(GATE - 01)

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Only $L_1$ and $L_2$ | (b) Only $L_2, L_3$ and $L_4$ |
| (c) Only $L_3$ and $L_4$ | (d) Only $L_3$                |

The smallest finite automation which accepts the language

$L = \{x \mid \text{length of } x \text{ is divisible by } 3\}$  has

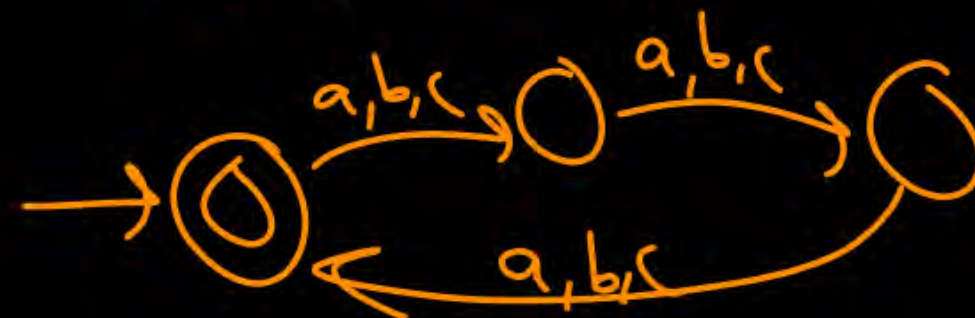
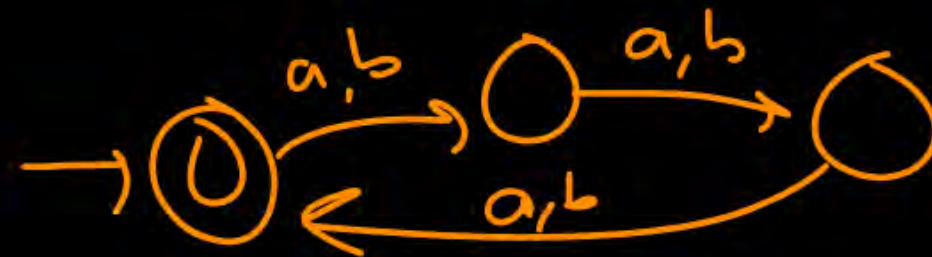
(GATE - 02)

(a) 2 states

☒ (b) 3 states

(c) 4 states

(d) 5 states



$x \in \Sigma^*$

$\Sigma = \{a\}$

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

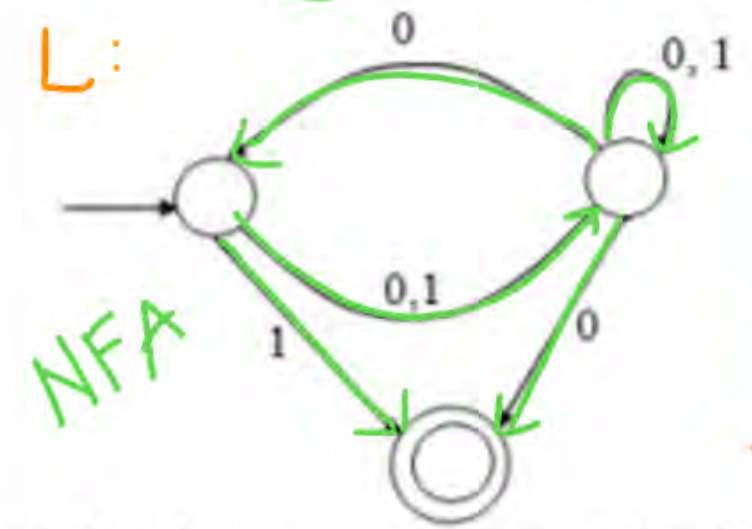
$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$



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$L_1 \supseteq L$

Consider the NFA M shown below.



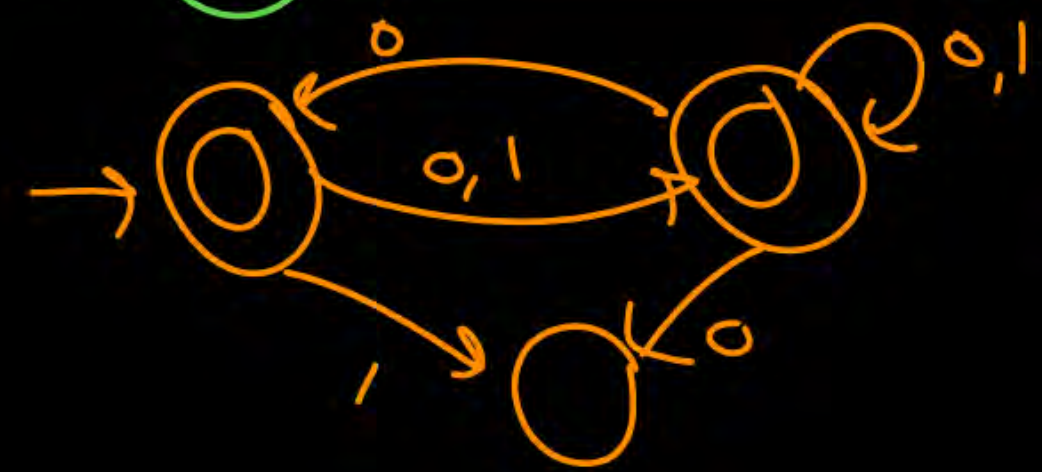
(a)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^* - L$

(b)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^*$

(c)  $L_1 \subseteq L$

(d)  $L_1 = L$

Let the language accepted by M be L. Let  $L_1$  be the language accepted by the NFA,  $M_1$  obtained by changing the accepting state of M to a non-accepting state and by changing the non-accepting state of M to accepting states. Which of the following statements is true?



$L_1 = (0+1)^*$

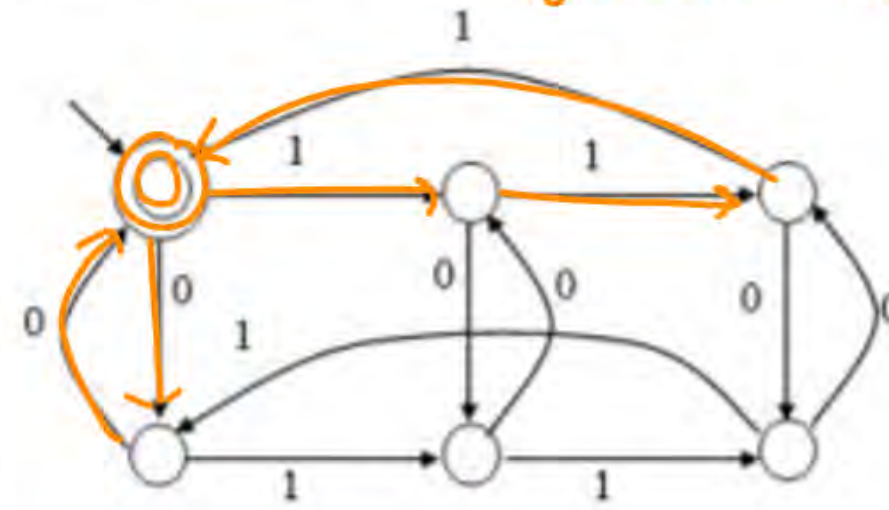
only in DFA  
 $\Downarrow$   
 Interchanging  
 finals & nonfinals  
 we will get  
 complement  
 of language

$\epsilon x$   
 $ox$

$\epsilon \checkmark$   
 $o \checkmark$   
 $x \checkmark$

The following finite state machine accepts all those binary strings in which the number of 1's and 0's are respectively

(GATE - 04)



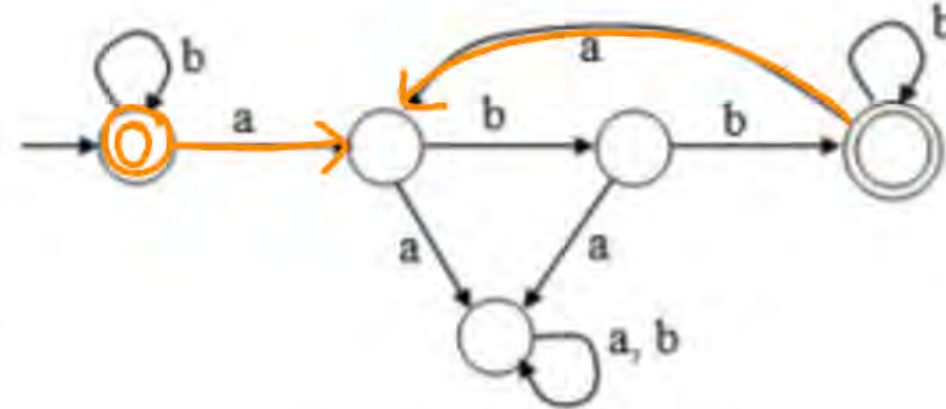
div by 3      div by 2

- (a) Divisible by 3 and 2
- ~~(b) Odd and even~~
- ~~(c) Even and odd~~
- ~~(d) Divisible by 2 and 3~~

3 ✓  
00 ✓  
11 ✓



Consider the machine M:



The language recognized by M is:

(GATE - 05)

- (a)  $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid \text{every } a \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by exactly two } b\text{'s}\}$
- (b)  $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid \text{every } a \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by at least two } b\text{'s}\}$
- (c)  $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid w \text{ contains the substring 'abb'}\}$
- (d)  $\{w \in \{a,b\}^* \mid w \text{ does not contain 'aa' as a substring}\}$

abbb ✓

abbb ←

abbba ←

→ ε should be accepted

ε ✓  
b ✓  
bb ✓  
...

Every student is clever

If object is student then object must  
be clever

$$\forall x (S(x) \Rightarrow C(x))$$



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Home work

If  $s$  is a string over  $(0+1)^*$  then let  $n_0(s)$  denote the number of 0's in  $s$  and  $n_1(s)$  the number of 1's in  $s$ . Which one of the following languages is not regular? (GATE - 06)

(a)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid n_0(s) \text{ is a 3-digit prime}\}$

\*\*\* (b)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid \text{for every prefix } s' \text{ of } s, |n_0(s') - n_1(s')| \leq 2\}$

(c)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid |n_0(s) - n_1(s)| \leq 4\}$

(d)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid n_0(s) \bmod 7 = n_1(s) \bmod 5 = 0\}$

Done in class

Consider the regular language

$L = (111+11111)^*$ . The minimum number of states in any DFA accepting this language is

(GATE - 06)

(a) 3

(b) 5

(c) 8

(d) 9



A minimum state deterministic finite automaton accepting the language

$L = \{w \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^*, \text{ number of 0's and 1's in } w \text{ are divisible by 3 and 5, respectively}\}$  has **(GATE - 07)**

~~(a) 15 states~~

(b) 11 states

(c) 10 states

(d) 9 states

H.W.

Which of the following languages is regular?

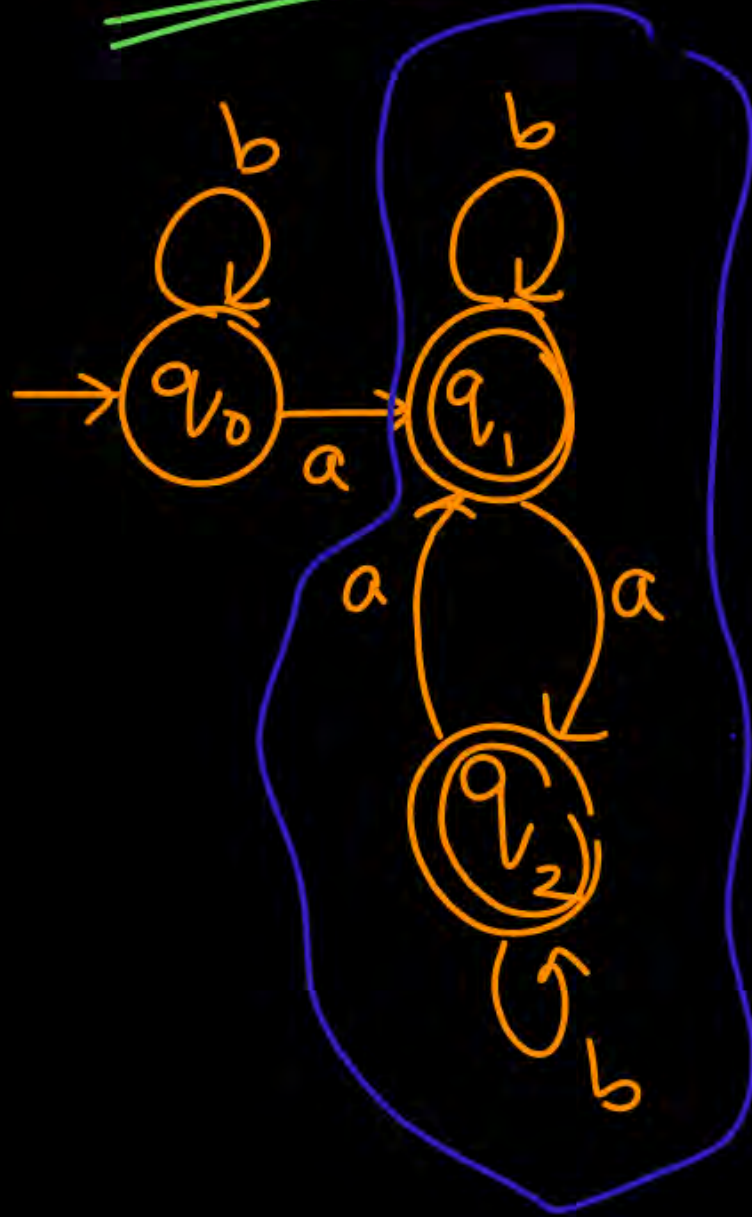
(GATE - 07)

- (a)  $\{ww^R \mid w \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$
- (b)  $\{ww^R x \mid x, w \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$
- (c)  $\{wxw^R \mid x, w \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$
- (d)  $\{xww^R \mid x, w \in \{0, 1\}^+\}$

We will cover in Identification of regulars

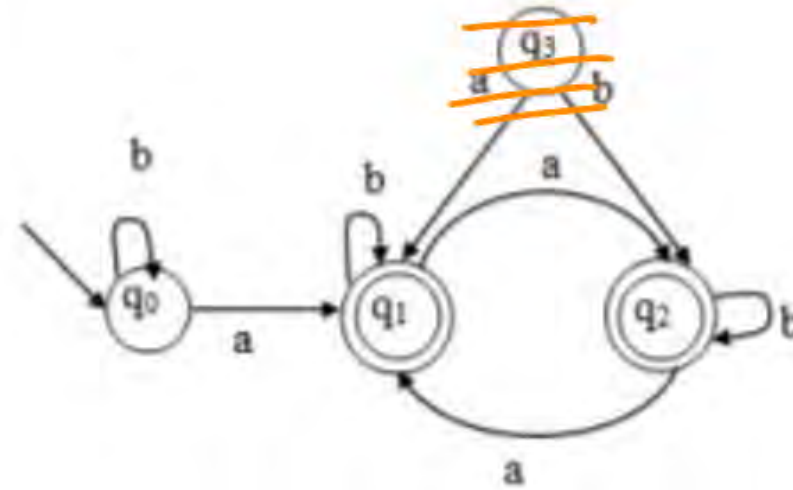


$b^* a (a+b)^*$



Consider the following finite state automaton

(GATE - 07)



The language accepted by this automaton is given by the regular expression

- (a)  $b^* ab^* ab^* ab^*$       ~~(b)  $(a+b)^*$~~   
 (c)  $b^* a(a+b)^*$       (d)  $b^* ab^* ab^*$

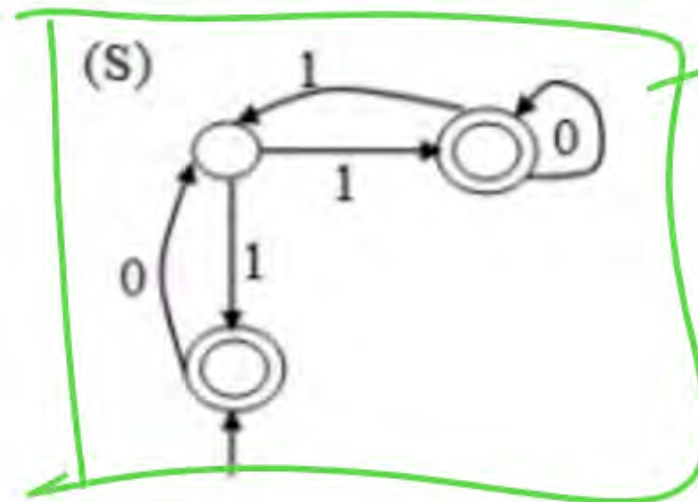
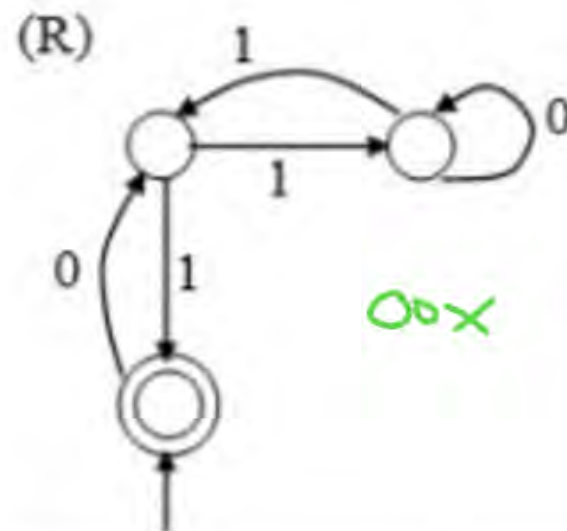
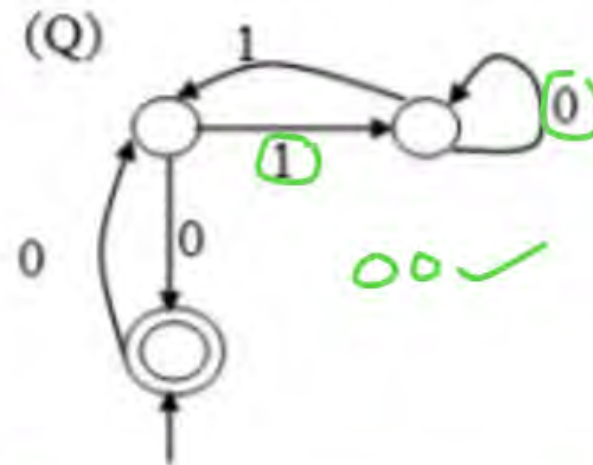
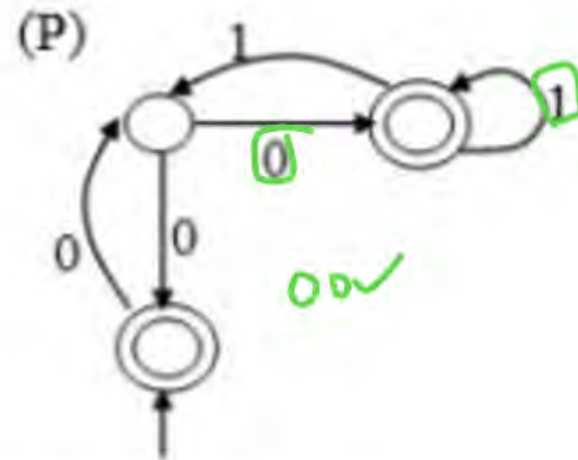
Contains 'a'

exactly 2 a's

exactly 3 a's

Match the following NFAs with the regular expressions they correspond to

(GATE - 08)



1.  $\epsilon + 0(01^*1 + 00)^* \underline{0}1^*$

2.  $\epsilon + 0(10^*1 + 00)^* \underline{0}$

3.  $\epsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^* 1$

4.  $\epsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^* 10^*$

(a) P-2, Q-1, R-3, S-4

(b) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4

(c) P-1, Q-2, R-3, S-4

(d) P-3, Q-2, R-1, S-4

$\frac{\epsilon}{0}$

$00$   
 $01$   
 $10$   
 $11$

\*\*\*



H.W.

Which of the following are regular sets?

I.  $\{a^n b^{2m} \mid n \geq 0, m \geq 0\}$

II.  $\{a^n b^m \mid n = 2m\}$

III.  $\{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\}$

IV.  $\{xcy \mid x, y \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  **(GATE - 08)**

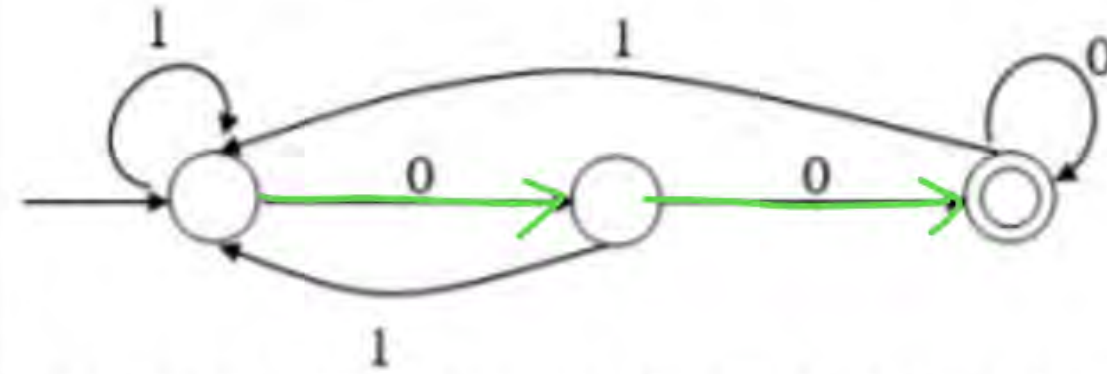
(a) I & IV only

(b) I & III only

(c) I Only

(d) IV only

Another topic



The above DFA accepts the set of all strings over  $\{0, 1\}$  that  
**(GATE - 09)**

- ☒ (a) Begins either with 0 or 1
- ☒ (b) End with 0
- ☒ (c) End with 00
- ☒ (d) Contains the substring 00.

Let  $L = \{w \in (0+1)^* \mid w \text{ has even number of 1's}\}$ , i.e  $L$  is the set of all bit strings with even number of 1's. Which one of the regular expressions below represents  $L$ ?

(GATE - 10)

~~(a)  $(0^*10^*1)^*$~~

~~(b)  $0^*(10^*10^*)^*$~~

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

~~(d)  $0^*1(10^*1)^*10^*$~~

$\epsilon$  ✓  
0 ✓  
00 ✓  
11 ✓

11011 ✓

$\rightarrow$  0 is missing

$\rightarrow \epsilon \times$

110111x

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

$\Rightarrow 0^*(10^*10^*)^*$

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



Let  $w$  be any string of length  $n$  in  $\{0, 1\}^*$ . Let  $L$  be the set of all substrings of  $w$ . What is the minimum number of states in a non-deterministic finite automation that accepts  $L$ ?

**(GATE-10)**

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|-------------|---------------|
| (a) $n - 1$ | (b) $n$       |
| (c) $n + 1$ | (d) $2^{n-1}$ |

H.W.



Definition of the language  $L$  with alphabet  $\{a\}$  is given as following.

$L = \{a^{nk} \mid k > 0, \text{ and } n \text{ is a positive integer constant}\}$

What is the minimum number of states needed in a DFA to recognize  $L$ ?

(GATE - 11)

(a)  $k + 1$

(b)  $n + 1$

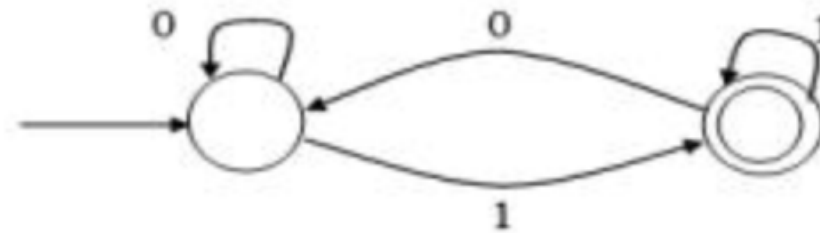
(c)  $2^{n+1}$

(d)  $2^{k+1}$

HW

Which of the regular expression given below represent the following DFA?

(GATE – 14-SET1)



I.  $0^*1(1+00^*1)^*$

II.  $0^*1^*1+11^*0^*1$

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

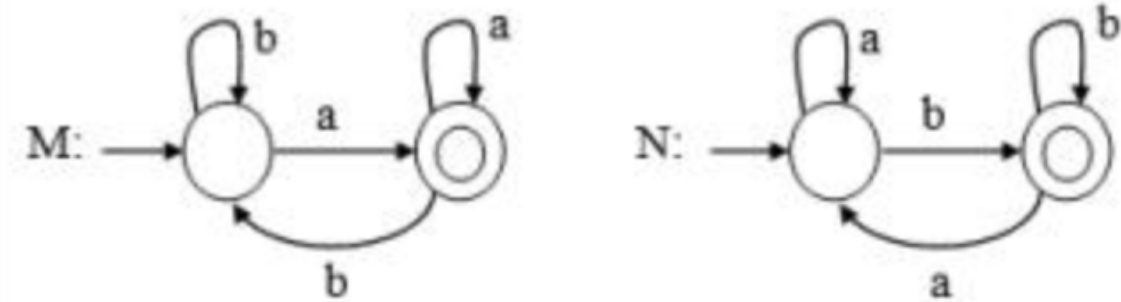
(a) I and II only

(b) I and III only

(c) II and III only

(d) I, II, and III





Consider the DFAs M and N given above. The number of states in a minimal DFA that accepts the languages  $L(M) \cap L(N)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**(GATE – 15 – SET1)**

The number of states in the minimal deterministic finite automaton corresponding to the regular expression  $(0 + 1)^* (10)$  is 3.

(GATE – 15- SET2)



Consider the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , the null/empty string  $\lambda$  and the set of strings  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$ , and  $X_2$  generated by the corresponding non-terminals of a regular grammar  $X_0$ ,  $X_1$ , and  $X_2$  are related as follows.

$$X_0 = 1 X_1$$

$$X_1 = 0 X_1 + 1 X_2$$

$$X_2 = 0 X_1 + \{\lambda\}$$

Which one of the following choices precisely represents the strings in  $X_0$ ?

**(GATE – 15- SET2)**

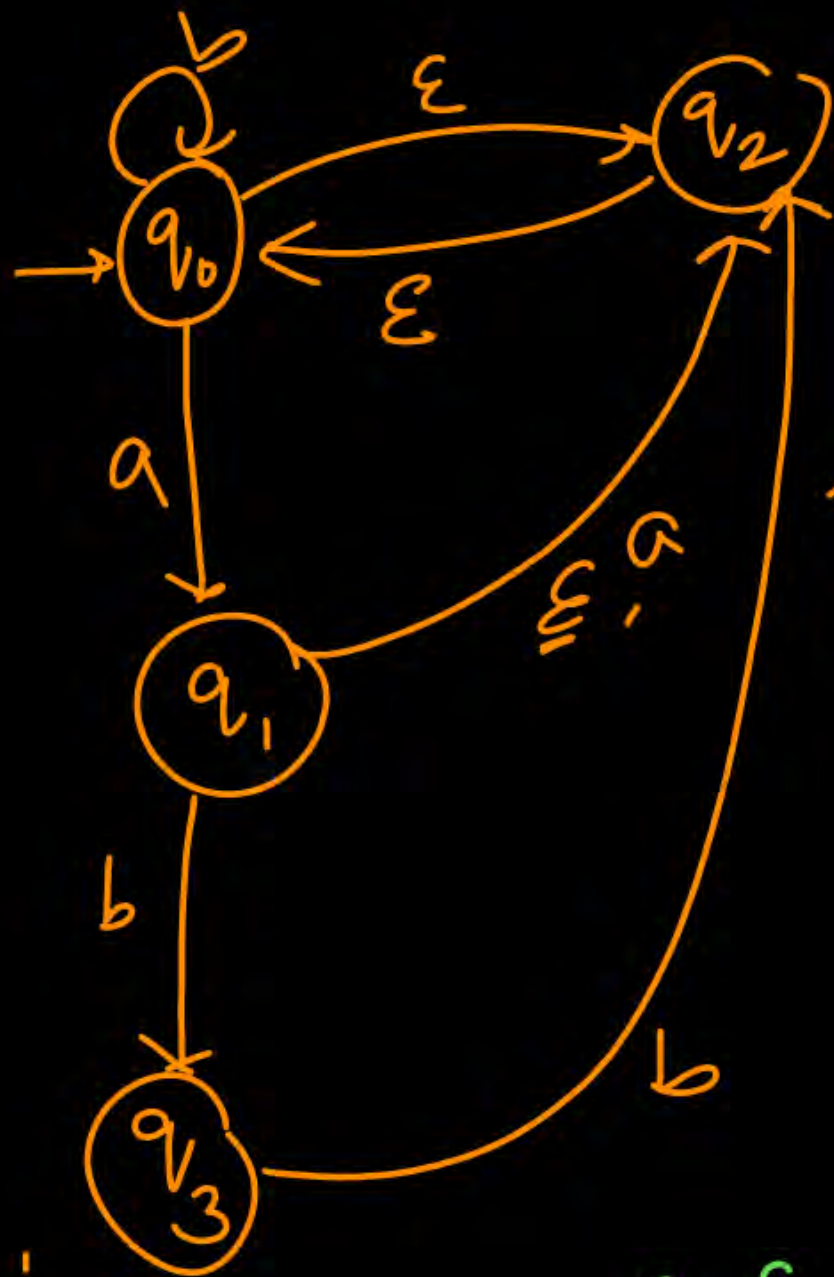
(a)  $10(0^*+(10)^*)1$

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

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

(d)  $10(0+10)^*1+110(0+10)^*1$





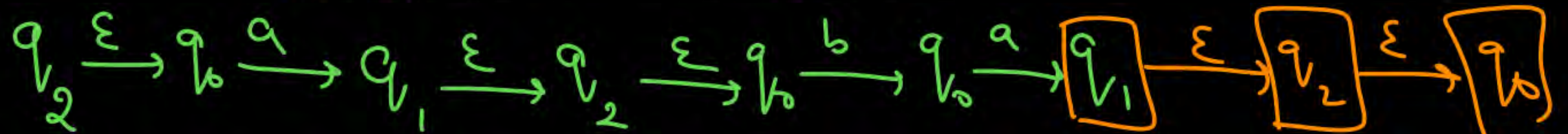
Design ε-NFA

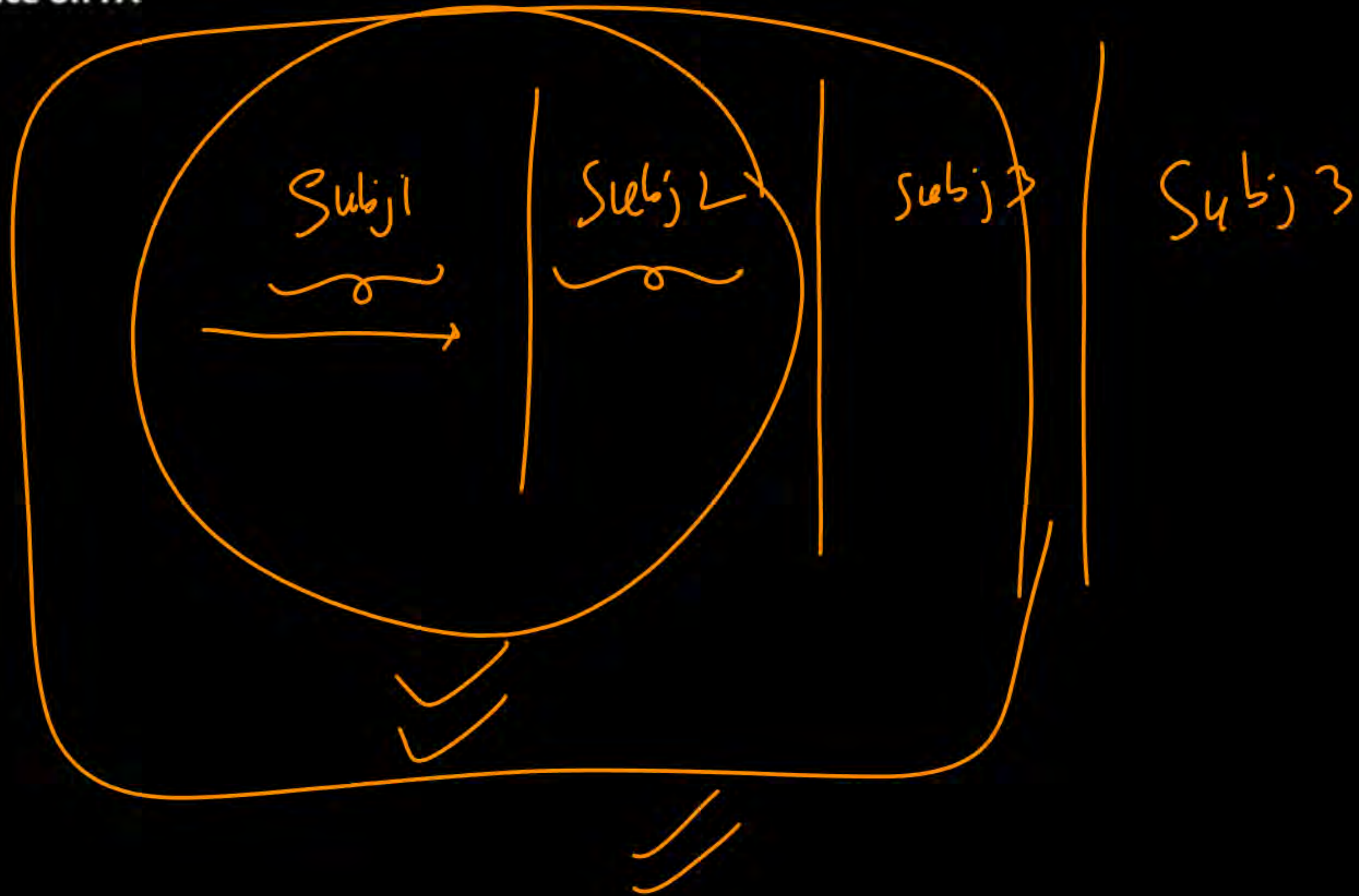
Let  $\delta$  denote the transition function and  $\hat{\delta}$  denote the extended transition function of the  $\epsilon$ -NFA whose transition table is give below:

$\delta$	$\epsilon$	a	b
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_1\}$	$\{q_0\}$
$q_1$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_2\}$	$\{q_3\}$
$q_2$	$\{q_0\}$	$\phi$	$\phi$
$q_3$	$\phi$	$\phi$	$\{q_2\}$

$\{q_1, q_2, q_0\}$

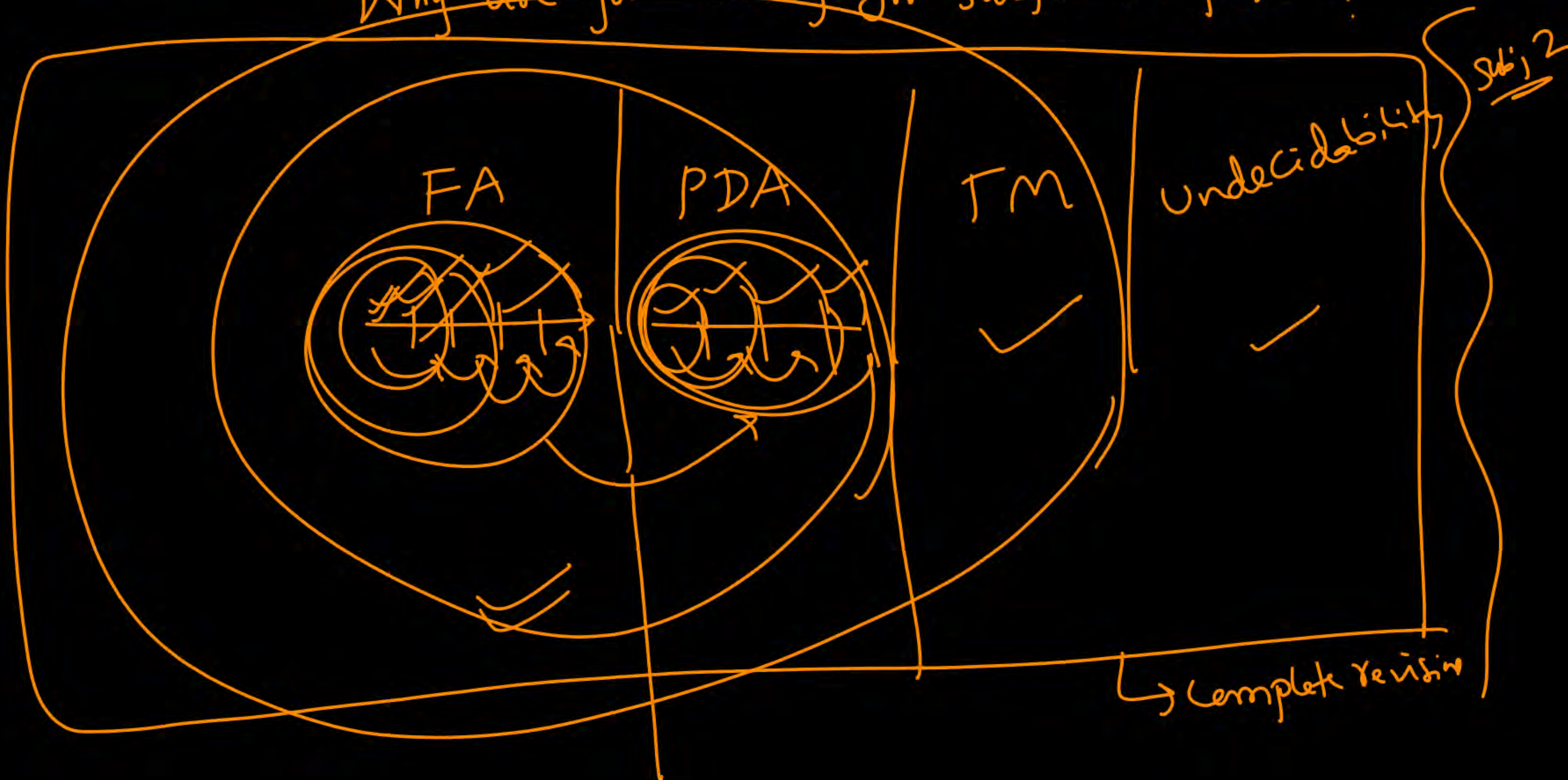
- Then  $\hat{\delta}(q_2, \underline{a}ba)$  is (GATE – 17 – SET2)
- (a)  $\phi$
- (b)  $\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$
- (c)  $\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$
- (d)  $\{q_0, q_2, q_3\}$







Why are you waiting for Subject Completion?





# Summary

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# Thank you

