

Theory of Computing:

3. Finite Automata : NFA



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Outline :

- **Revision : DFA**
- **Non-Determinism**
- **Constructing NFA**
- **Converting NFA to DFA**
- **Minimization Algorithms**
- **Software and Tools**



Finite Automata

- **Automaton :**

- A machine that can do things or actions on its own.
- Machine takes input, moves from one to another state and produces an output (Decision or computed)
- Machines can be abstract, mechanical or electrical or even quantum..
- Machines have different capabilities in terms of memory, processing speed....

Finite Automata

- **Automaton :**

- Mechanical Vending Machine : (No electronics, no raspberry PI or arduino or high-level programming language).
 - Assume a single product
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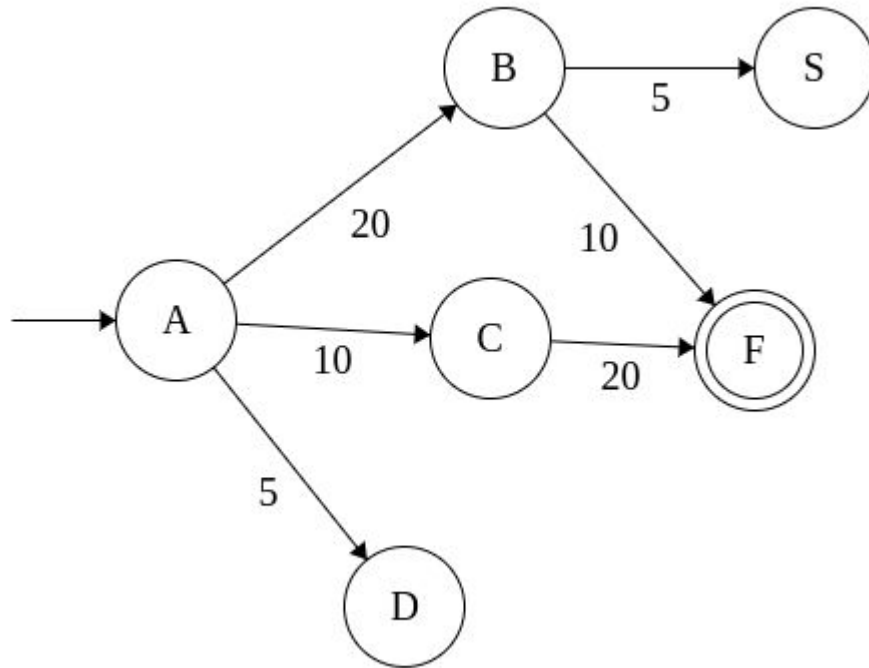
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Can we automate the process to return the change ?

We insert 40DA for a price of 30DA, it would give us back 10DA ?

Finite Automata

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Not yet, the machines being built at this stage are decider (Yes/No Problem Solver) not Transducers

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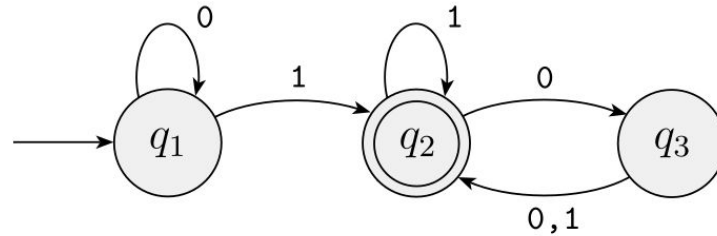
we automate the process to return the change ?

if we insert 30DA for a price of 25DA, it would give us back 5DA ?

Finite Automata

- **State Diagram :**

- is the visual representation of finite automata as shown below :



- **States :** Circles
- **Transitions :** Arcs/Arrows/Directed Edges

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- **States :**

- **Start State (q1):**

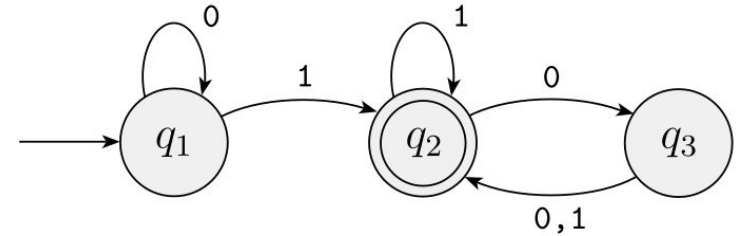
- There must **be one** start state with the inbound arrow

- **Accepting State (Final or Terminating state) (q2)**

- Drawn as double-line circle
- There can be multiple or even none,
- If the string/word ends at this state, the machine would decide an **accept** for the word.

- **Non-Accepting State (q3)**

- Drawn as single-line circle
- There can be many or none
- If the machine reaches the end of the word at this state, the word is **rejected**.





Finite Automata

- **Deterministic Finite Automaton :**

- Deterministic = Events can be determined precisely
- Finite = Finite and small amount of space used
- Automaton = Computing machine

- **Deterministic ?**

- From a given state there is only one transition for each symbol + Each transition must have non-empty string symbol.
- The q1 state : There are two transitions for the same symbol 1.
Therefore, this is not a deterministic finite automaton

Finite Automata

- **Formal Definition of Deterministic Finite Automaton :**

- Usually Automata are denoted by the letter ***M***
- It is a 5-tuple defined as $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

Such that :

1. Q is a finite set called the *states*,
2. Σ is a finite set called the *alphabet*,
3. $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \longrightarrow Q$ is the *transition function*,
4. $q_0 \in Q$ is the *start state*, and
5. $F \subseteq Q$ is the *set of accept states*.

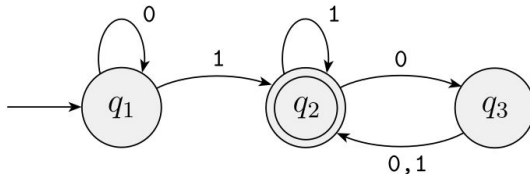
Finite Automata

- **Transition Table :**

- Finite Automata can be additionally represented by a Transition Table showing all possible transitions at different configuration:

- For automaton shown $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F)$ such that

- $Q = \{ q_1, q_2, q_3 \}$
- $F = \{ q_2 \}$
- $\Sigma = \{ 0, 1 \}$



Current Configuration

	0	1
q_1	q_1	q_2
q_2	q_3	q_2
q_3	q_2	q_2

Finite Automata

Four horizontal bars of different colors and patterns are located in the top right corner: a pink bar, a dark grey bar, a blue bar, and a yellow bar with a diagonal line pattern.

- **Representation of Automata Machines :**
 - State Diagram (Graphical)
 - Transition Table
 - ?

Finite Automata

- **Regular Language**

- Let **M** a finite Automata:
- We say that M recognizes language L if $L = \{ w \mid M \text{ accepts/recognizes } w \}$

*language is called a **regular language** if some finite automaton recognizes it*



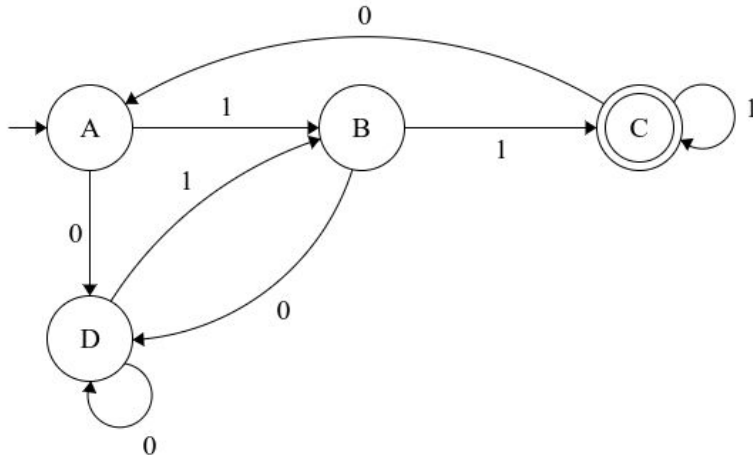
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- **Designing the Deterministic Finite Automata**

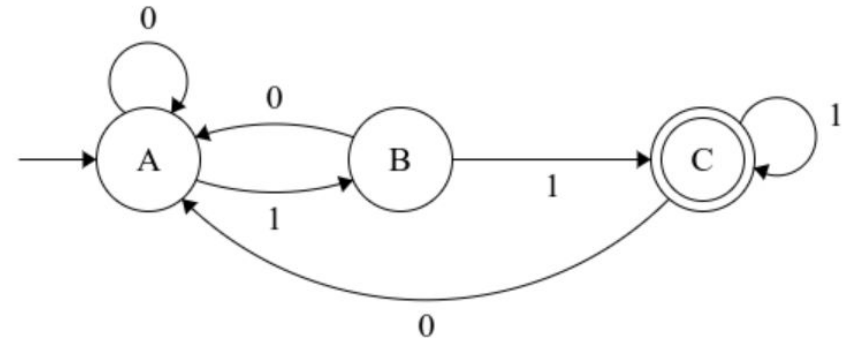
- Start always with **obvious case** and make sure it is accepted.
- Move on to bigger words and each time:
 - Test if the language words are accepted
 - Test also that non-language words are rejected.
- At each state, always say “what if” i have a symbol:
 - You can expect all alphabet symbols at each state
 - Create the Trap/Dead states **at the end**.

Finite Automata

- **Designing Deterministic Finite Automata :**
 - Alphabet $\Sigma = \{ 0, 1 \}$
 - Design M which recognizes $L = \{ w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid w \text{ ends with } 11 \}$



VS



Finite Automata

- Example for Minimizing DFA :

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- **Question from last lecture :**
 - How to decide if two DFAs represent the same language ?

Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- **Nondeterministic Finite Automata (NFA)**

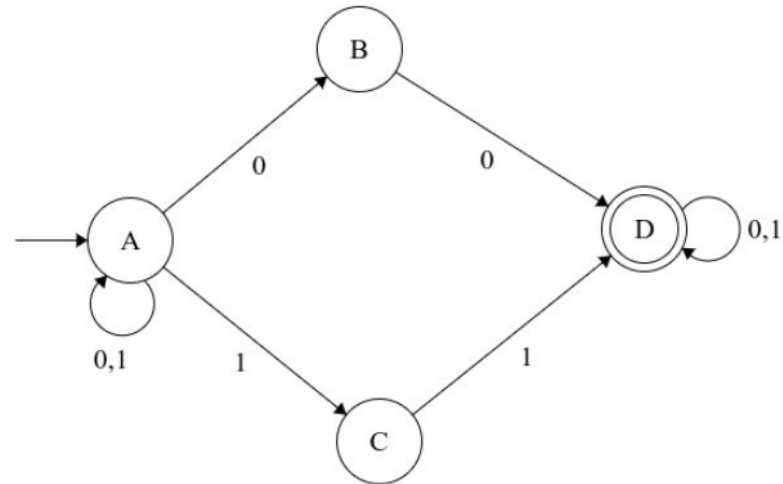
- For each state there can be zero, one, two, or more transitions corresponding to a particular symbol.
- Why :
 - *Because it is easier , compared to the conditions imposed by DFA*
 - *To construct*
 - *To understand*
 - *To simulate scenarios in real life (but computers are deterministic machines)*

Nondeterministic Finite Automata

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- Transition with the same label from a state
- *State A :*
 - *Two outgoing arrows with 1*
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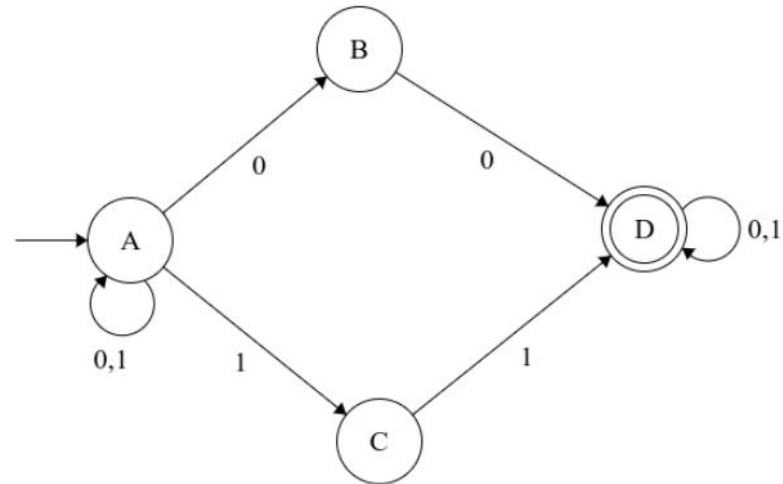
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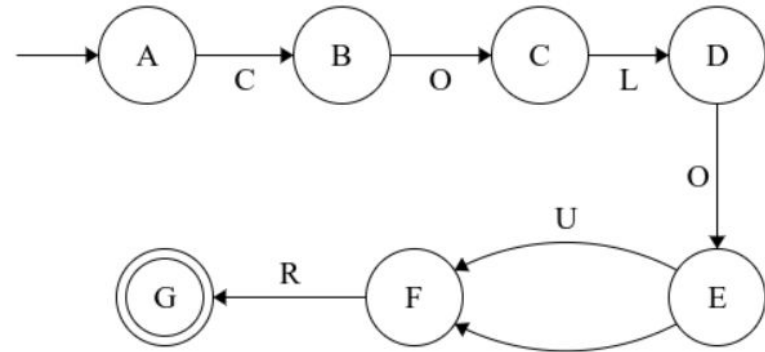
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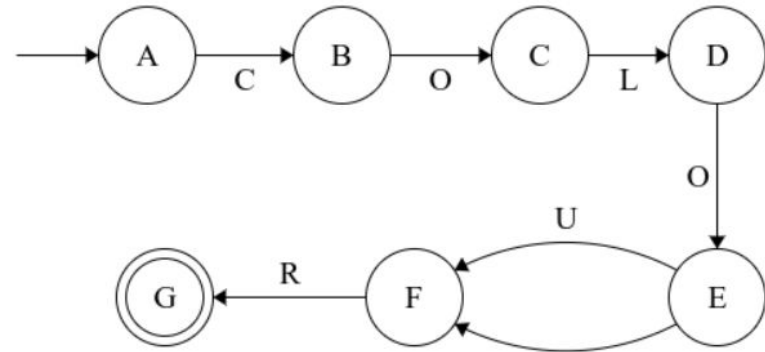
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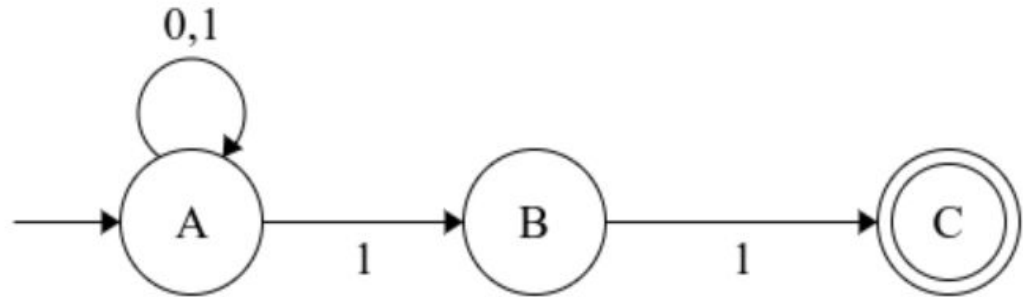


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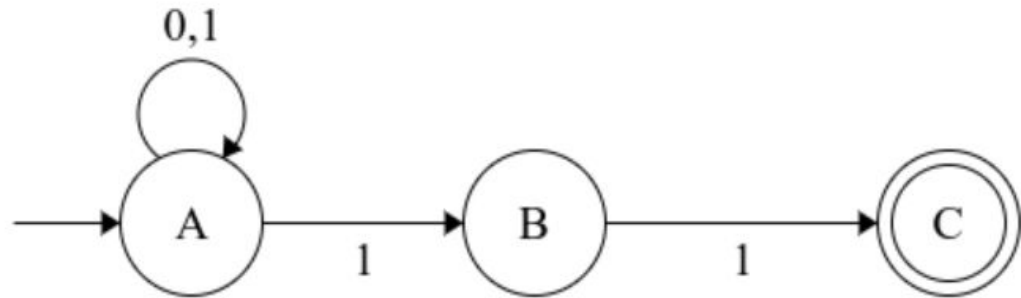
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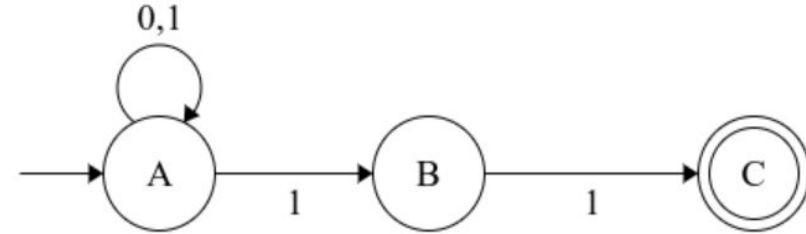
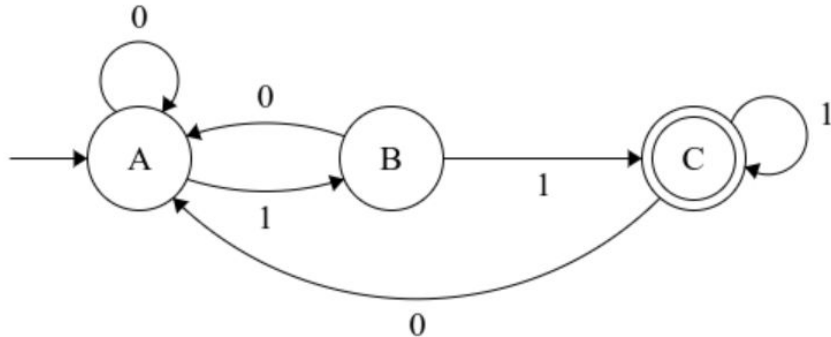
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$L = \{w \mid w \text{ ends with } \mathbf{11}\}$



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- **Difficulty to construct and interpret : DFA vs NFA :**
 - Language : $L = \{w \mid w \text{ ends with } 11\}$



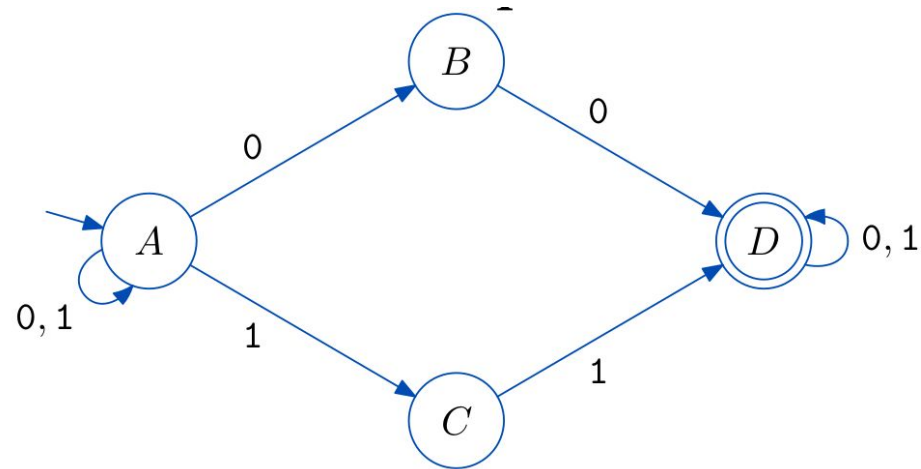
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- **DFA vs NFA :**

	DFA	NFA
Transition with the same label from a state	Strictly one	Multiple
Transition with the empty string	Does not exist	It exists
Trap State for missing transitions	Obligatory	Optional

Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- How to accept a word using NFA :
 - Are the following words accepted ?
 - **10**
 - **00011**
 - **10101**
 - **10011**



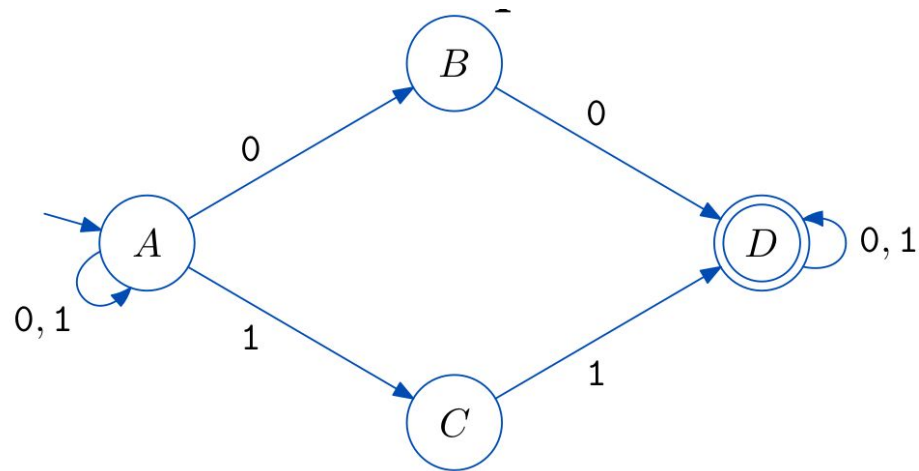
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- How to accept a word using NFA :

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- **10 not accepted**
- **00011 Accepted**
- **10101 not accepted**
- **10011 Accepted**

- The language containing
A substring of 00 or 11



Nondeterministic Finite Automata



- **How to accept a word using NFA :**
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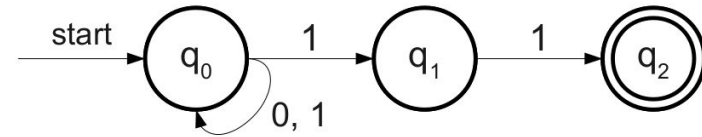
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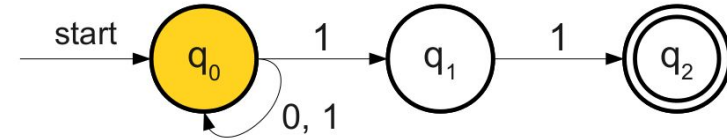
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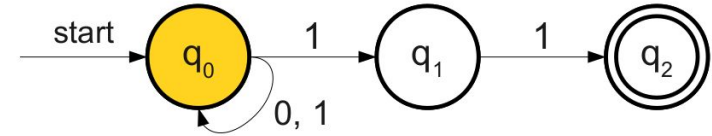


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 - **Reading the first symbol**
From the word
 - **Checking the relevant**
Transition
 - **→ would stay at q_0**

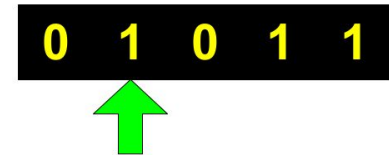
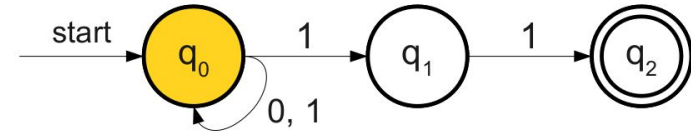


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- **Read Symbol 1**
- **Check the relevant transition**

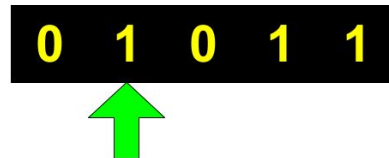
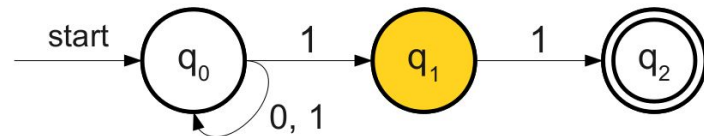


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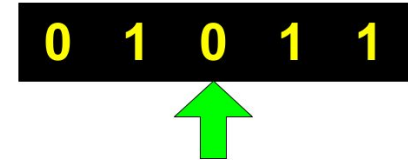
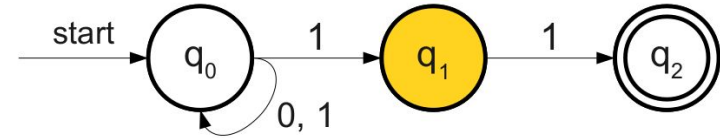
■ → **Move to state q1**



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 - **At state q_1**
 - **Read Symbol 0**
 - **Check Relevant Transition**



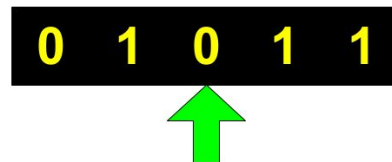
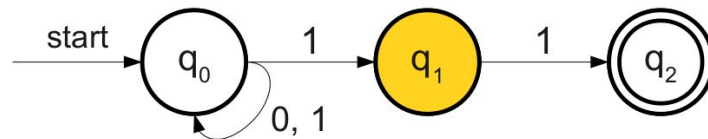
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- What we do ?



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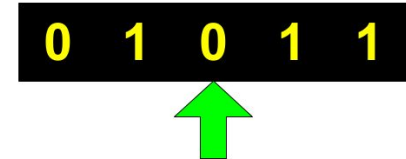
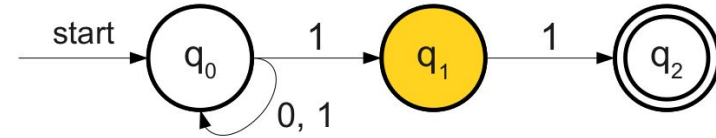
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- The taken path or branch dies
- Not necessary the word is rejected

- **What we do**

- **We seek a different branch/path**

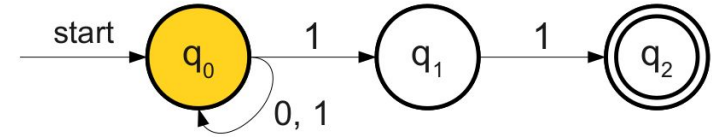


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- **We start again (At which level?)**
- ***Read first symbol 0 : move to q_0***
- ***Read second symbol 1 : move to q_0***
- ***Read third symbol 0 : move to q_0***



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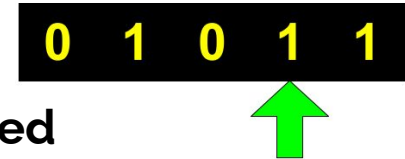
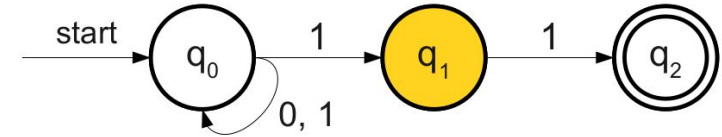
- **Read fourth symbol 1 : move to q1**

- **Read fourth symbol 1 : move to q2**

- **End of the word at q2:**

- **q2 is accept state → Word is accepted**

- **Shall we consider other branches ?**



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- **Simulating reading a word using NFA :**
 - NFA does the search for the relevant states and backtracks in case the selected path dies.
 - There are three strategies for the search for a given input :
 - Tree Computation
 - Parallel Computation
 - Guessing

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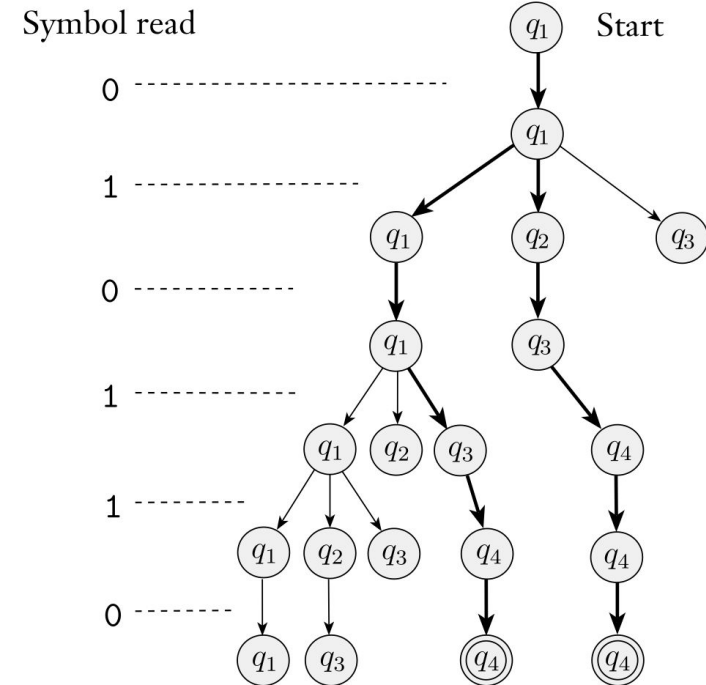
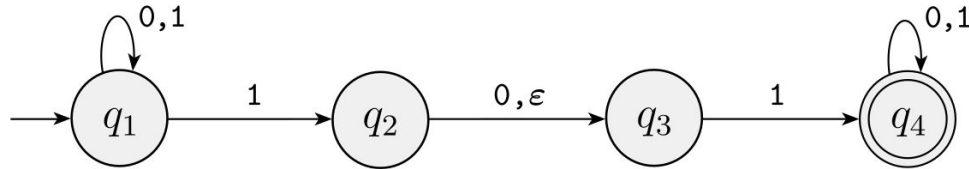
- **Branching : Computation of Trees**

- The tree is constructed with the start state as the root.
- A child is created
 - **for each transition** from the parent state
 - This includes self-transitions
- Tree does not allow linking back children to (super-)parents in case states go back to each other, instead, new tree nodes are created.

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- **Branching : Computation of Trees**

- For the word: **010110**
- From the tree, there are two possible paths



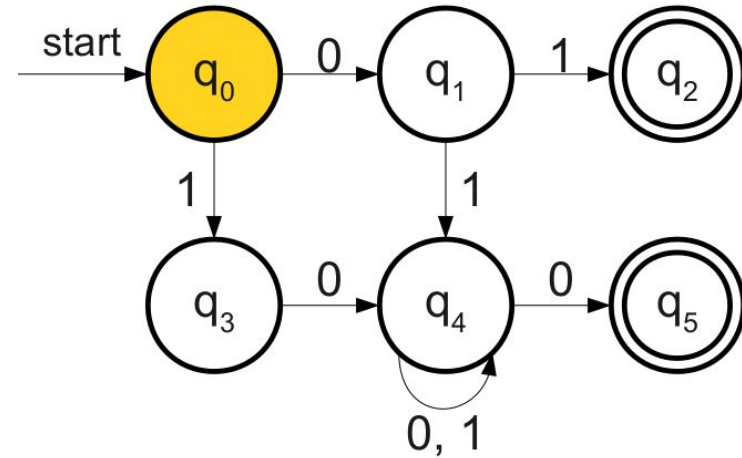
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- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - At each state with multiple choices for the same input:
 - We **fork** a new process or thread for each **choice**
 - Processes or threads run in parallel at the same time to search.
 - No backtracking is necessary

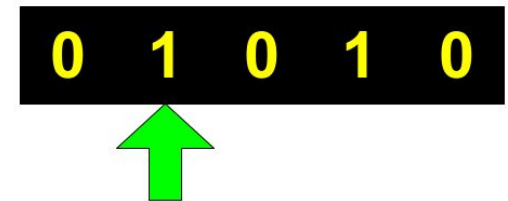
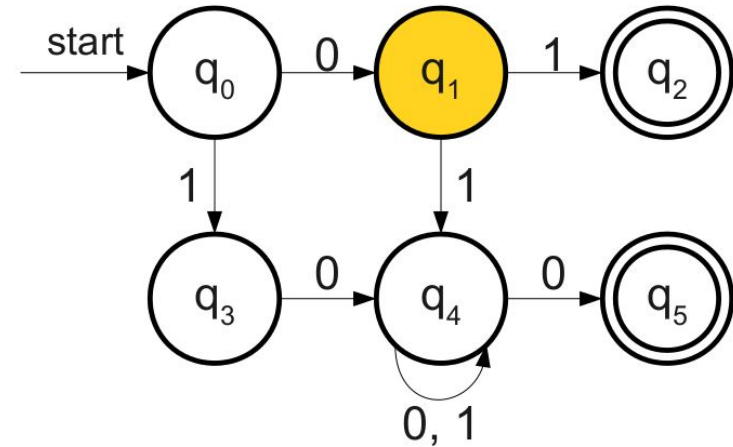
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- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - Setting initial states q_0
 - Reading Symbol 0



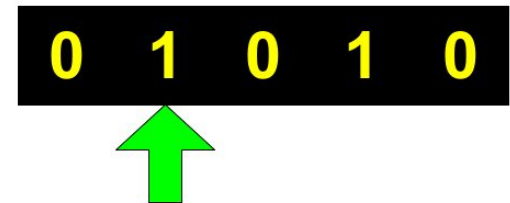
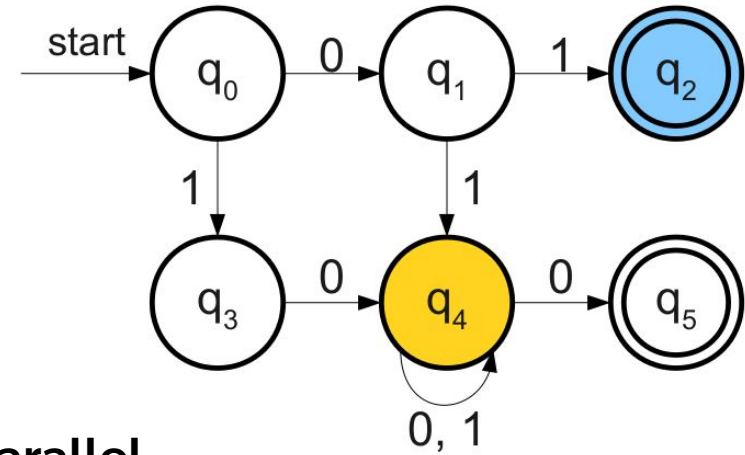
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- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - Moving to q_1 when reading 0
 - Reading Symbol 1
 - We have **two choices**
 - Move to q_2
 - Move to q_4



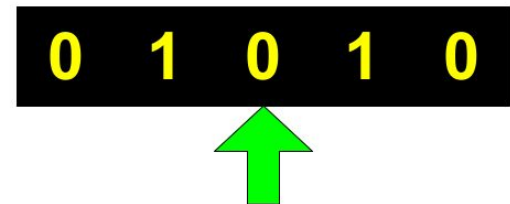
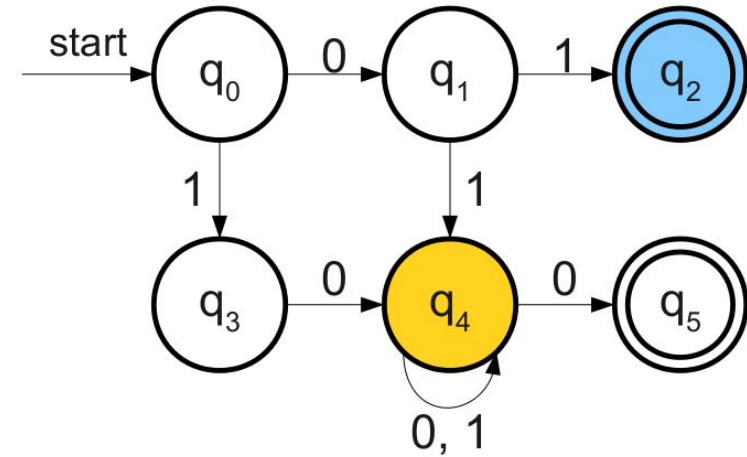
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- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - For the **two** choices
 - **Move to q2**
 - **Move to q4**
 - Two processes are created to run in **parallel**



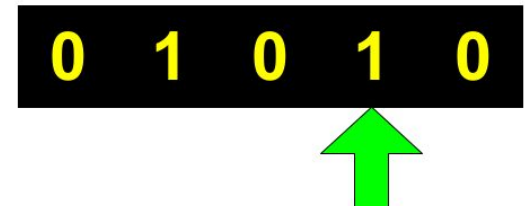
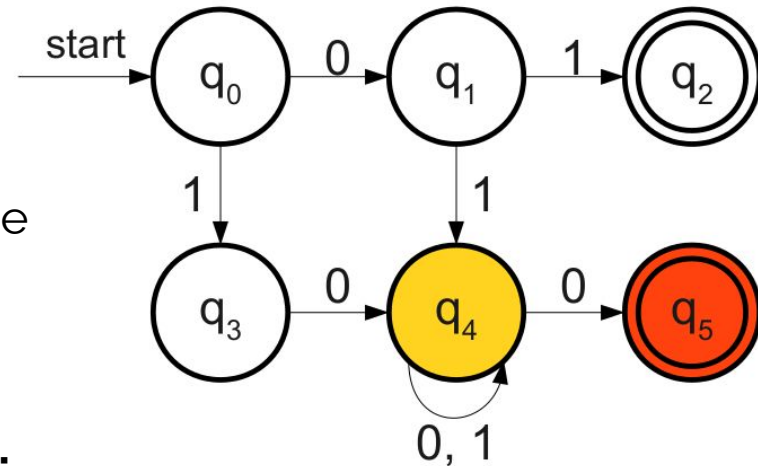
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- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - Reading Symbol 0
 - **Blue thread** dies
 - **Yellow thread** : Two choices
 - **Fork x 2 threads**
 - **Move to q5**
 - **Move to q4**



Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- **Branching : Execution in Parallel**
 - Two threads running at the same time
 - **Red and Yellow**
 - **When reading input 1 next**
 - **Red thread dies : no transition**
 - **Yellow thread: ?**



Nondeterministic Finite Automata



- **Branching : Guessing**

- This is not to mean Random guessing
- The machine or system has some “heuristics” or business logic for the machine to guess the correct choice/path to take.
- This depends on the context and rules being treated.
- Some literature may refer to the term supermagic guessing?

Nondeterministic Finite Automata

- **Formal Definition for NFA**

- A nondeterministic finite automaton is a 5-tuple $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ where:
 - Q is a finite set of states,
 - Σ is a finite alphabet,
 - $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \cup \epsilon \rightarrow 2^Q$ is the transition function
 - $q_0 \in Q$ is the start state
 - $F \subseteq Q$ is the set of accept states.

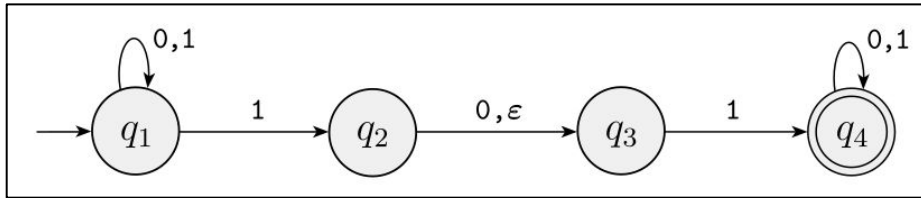
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- Transition Table for a formal definition

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2. $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$,

3. δ is given as



	0	1	ϵ
q_1	$\{q_1\}$	$\{q_1, q_2\}$	\emptyset
q_2	$\{q_3\}$	\emptyset	$\{q_3\}$
q_3	\emptyset	$\{q_4\}$	\emptyset
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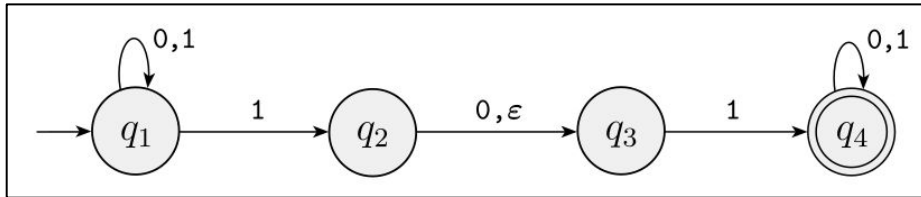
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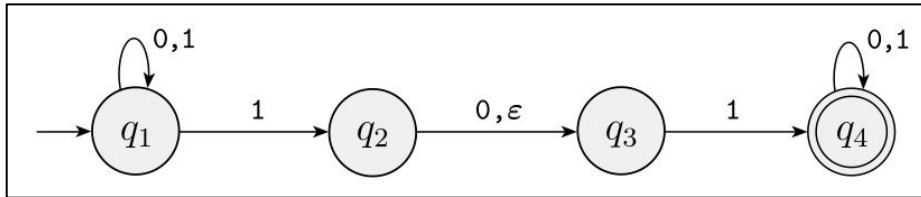
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For the missing transitions : no transition for 1

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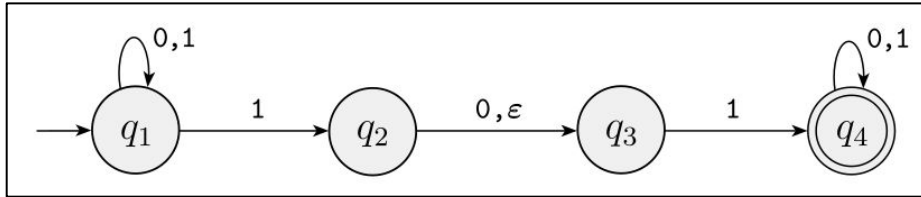
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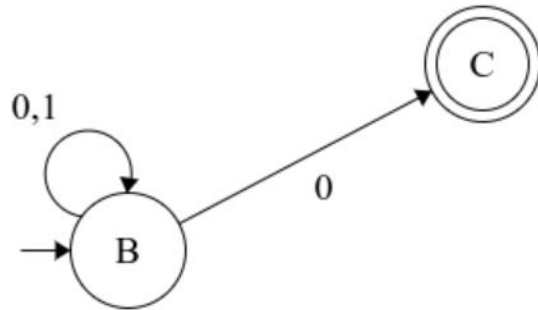
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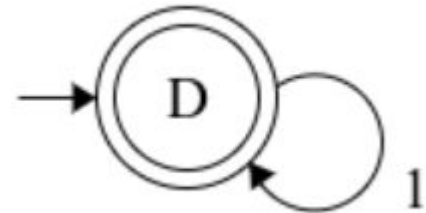
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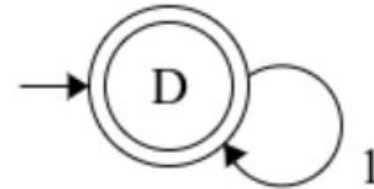
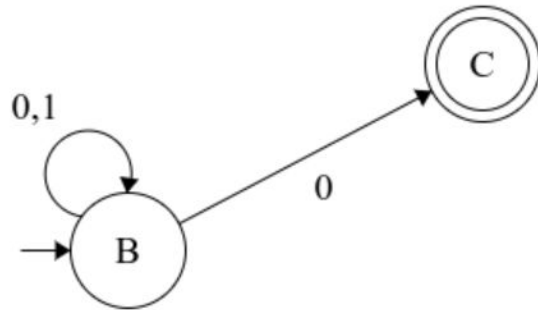
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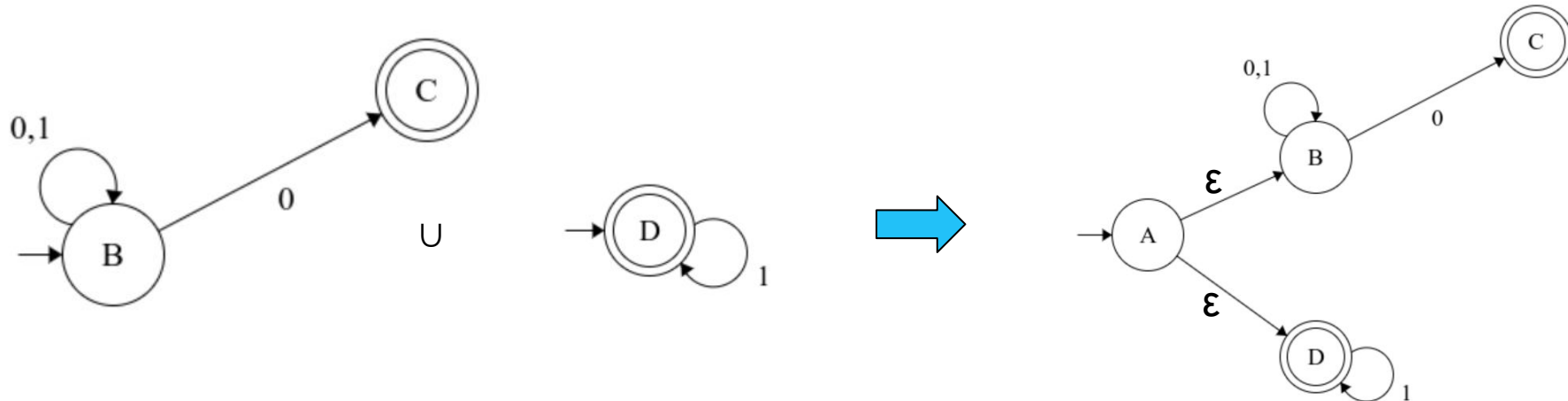
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Converting NFA to DFA

- **Equivalence Theories**

- Every DFA is NFA
 - Inversely :
 - Every NFA is not a DFA
 - But, there is an **equivalent** DFA for each NFA
- (See Sipser Book for the proof : Theorem : 1.39)

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- **Algorithm to convert NFA to DFA :**

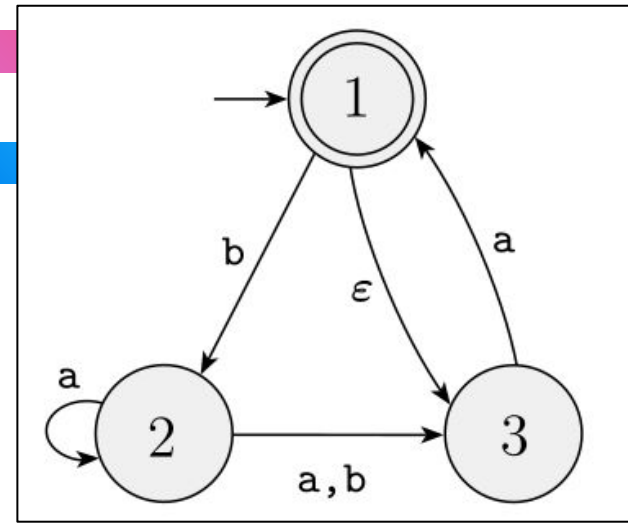
- It is called conversion by subset construction :
- States are represented as sets from the power set : 2^Q
 1. Determine the initial Start State
 - *It is the set containing the original start state union all other states reached from the original state by ϵ (directly or indirectly)*
 2. Determine the Accept States
 - *Any State set containing at least an original accept state*
 3. For each possible state created from 2^Q , find the possible transitions
 - *If there is missing transition, create a dead state*
 4. Draw the state diagram
 5. Remove any state without **incoming** transitions
- Another Strategy : **Use the Transition Tables to facilitate the conversion**

Converting NFA to DFA

- **Algorithm to convert NFA to DFA :**

- What's the start state for the following :

- *It is the set containing the original start state union all other states reached from the original state by ϵ (directly or indirectly)*
 - 1
 - 3
 - {1,3}

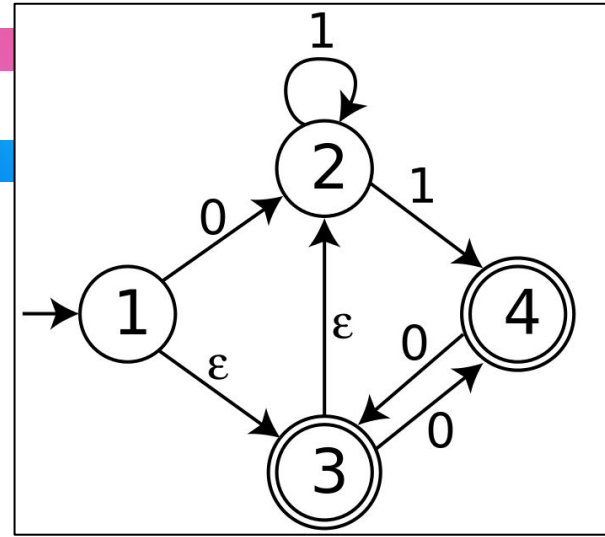


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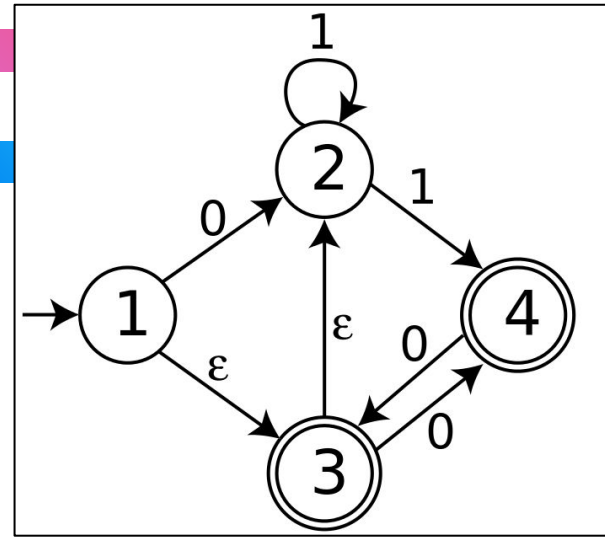
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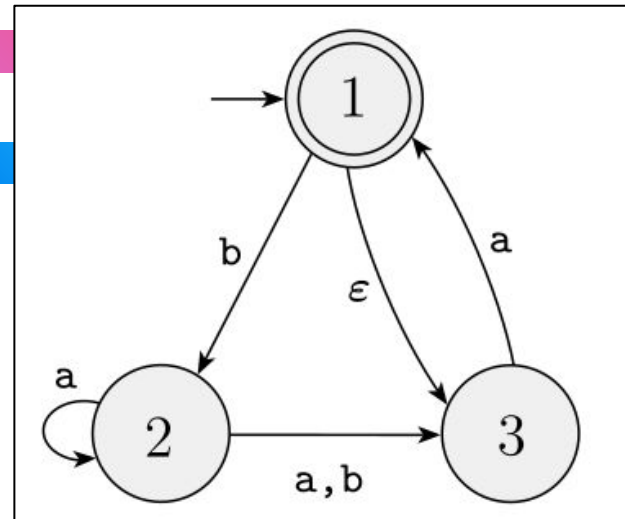
- 1
- 3
- 2

- {1,2,3}



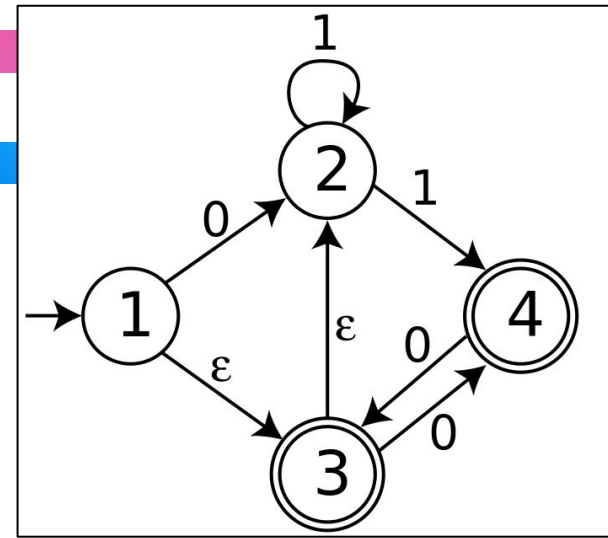
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Converting NFA to DFA

- **Algorithm to convert NFA to DFA :**
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 - 3 (original state)
 - 4 (original state)
 - {3}
 - {4}
 - {3,1}
 - {3,2}
 - {3,1,2}
 - {4,1}
 -



Converting NFA to DFA

- **Algorithm to convert NFA to DFA :**

- Compute the transitions for all possible powerset elements over the alphabet

- *{1} on reading*

- $a \rightarrow \{3,1\}$
- $b \rightarrow \{2\}$

- *{2} on reading:*

- $a \rightarrow \{2,3\}$
- $b \rightarrow \{3\}$

- *{1,3} on reading:*

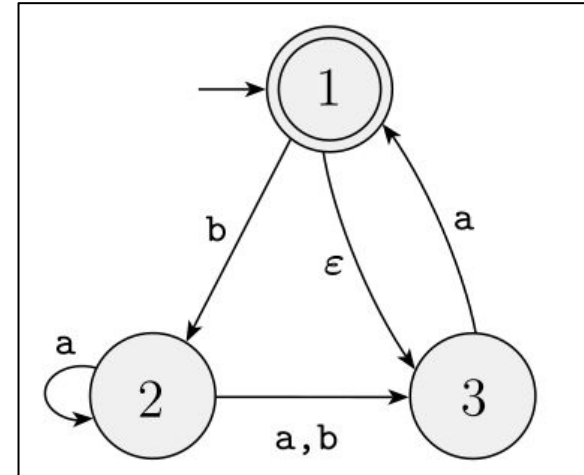
- $a \rightarrow \{1,3\}$
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- *{1,2} on reading:*

- $a \rightarrow \{2,3\}$
- $b \rightarrow \{2,3\}$

- *{2,3} on reading:*

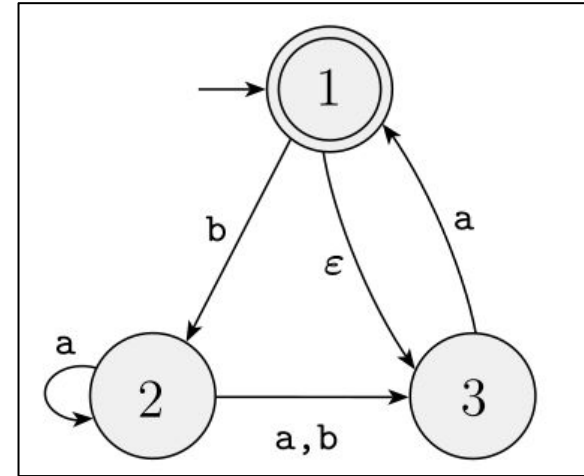
- $a \rightarrow \{1,2,3\}$
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 - *?*



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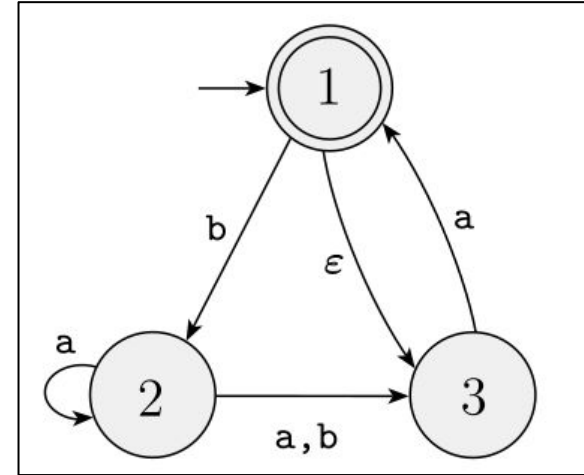
- $1 - \epsilon \rightarrow 3 - a \rightarrow 1$

- $1 - \epsilon \rightarrow 3 - a \rightarrow 1 - \epsilon \rightarrow 3$

- *The possible states that can be reached from 1 are $\{1, 3\}$*

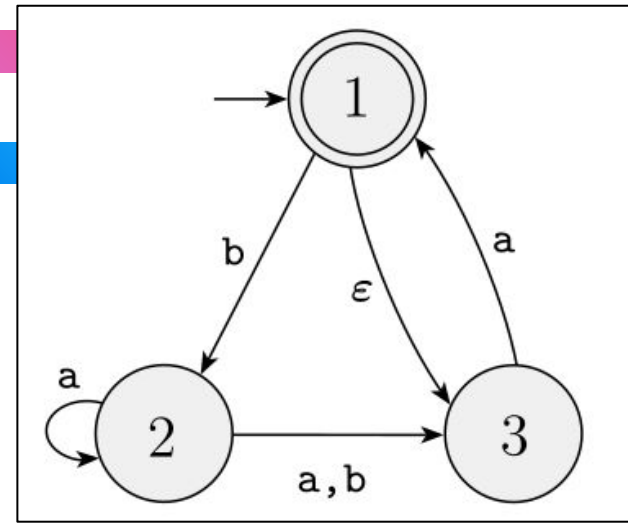
- *Remember to consider always :*

- ϵ^* **STATE** ϵ^*



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- **Algorithm to convert NFA to DFA : Example 1**
 - Using Transition Table

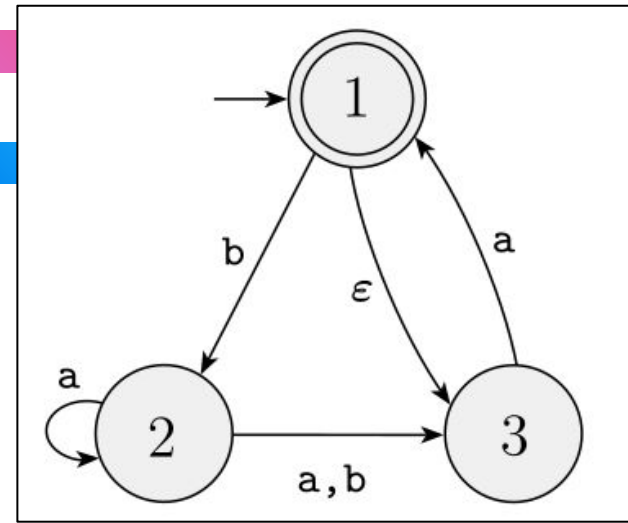


	a	b	ϵ
1	{1,3}	{2}	{3,1}
2	{2,3}	{3}	{2}
3	{1,3}	Φ	{3}

Every state, it has
implicit ϵ transition to
itself !

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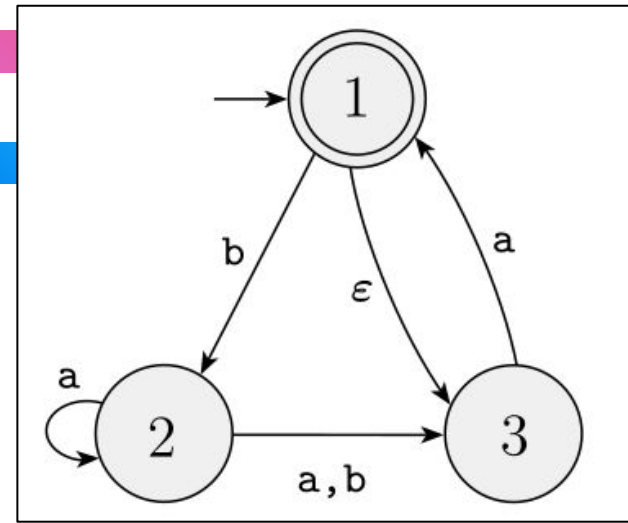


	a	b
{1,3}		
{1}	{1,3}	{2}
{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	Φ

This is our new **start state**

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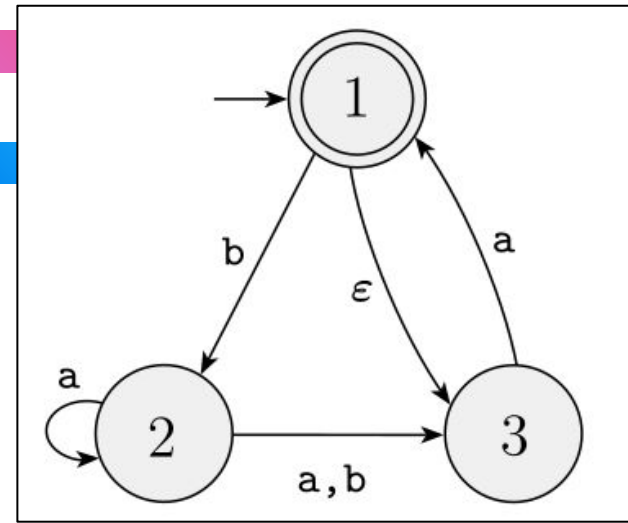
	a	b
{1,3}	{1,3}	{2}
{1}	{1,3}	{2}
{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	Φ

On reading input a →
What are **the set of** the
original states reached
from either : 1 **or** 3

Don't overlook the ϵ !

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1	{1,3}	{2}	{3,1}
2	{2,3}	{3}	{2}
3	{1,3}	Φ	{3}



	a	b
{1,3}	{1,3}	{2}
{1}	{1,3}	{2}
{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	Φ

A dead state is created for the empty set

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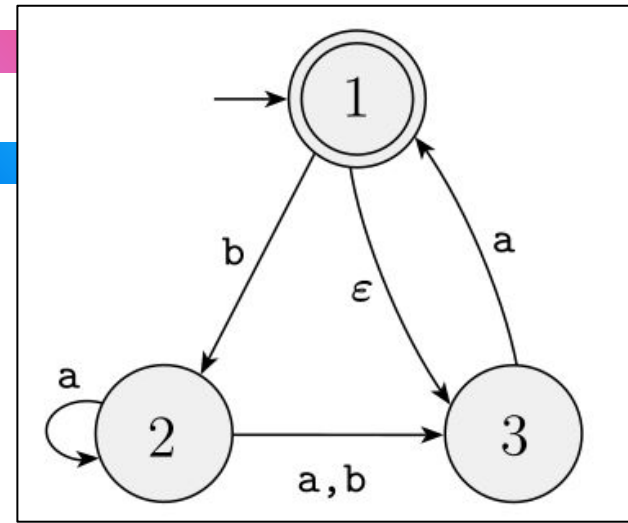
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	a	b
{1,3}	{1,3}	{2}
{1}	{1,3}	{2}
{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	D_1
{2,3}	{1,2,3}	{3}

We create a new row to represent this state



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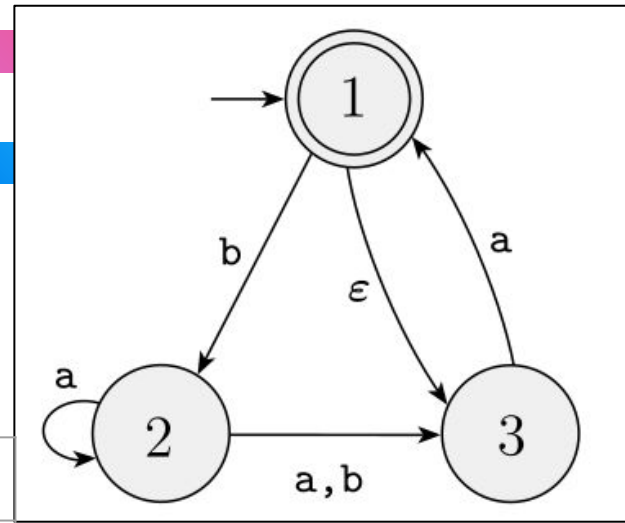
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1	Φ	{2}	{3,1}
2	{2,3}	{3}	{2}
3	{1,3}	Φ	{3}



	a	b
{1,3}	{1,3}	{2}
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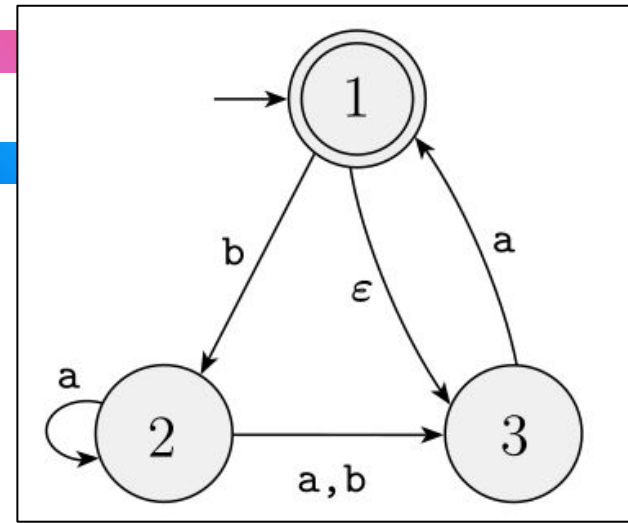
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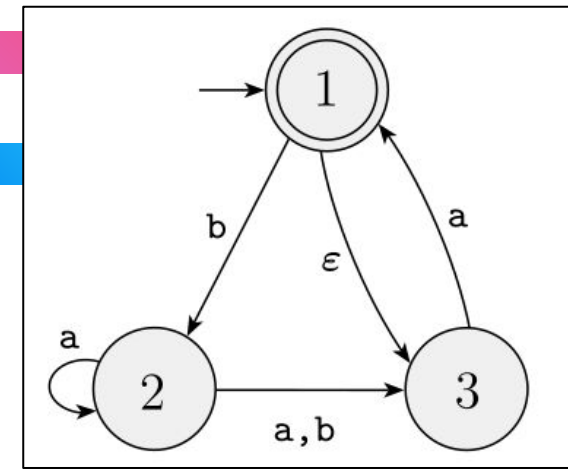
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{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	D_1
$\{2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{3\}$
$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{1,2,3\}$	$\{2,3\}$
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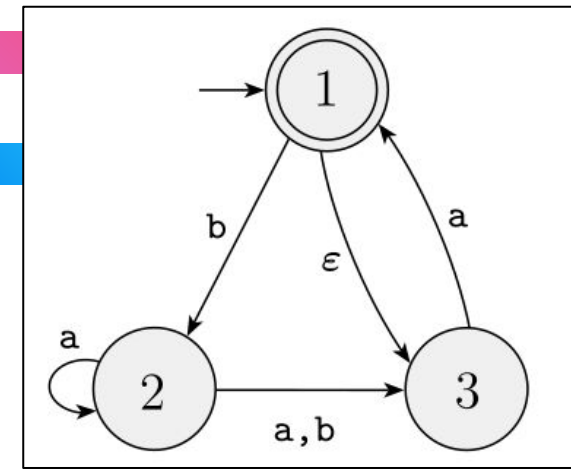


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{2}	{2,3}	{3}
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{2,3}	{1,2,3}	{3}
{1,2,3}	{1,2,3}	{2,3}

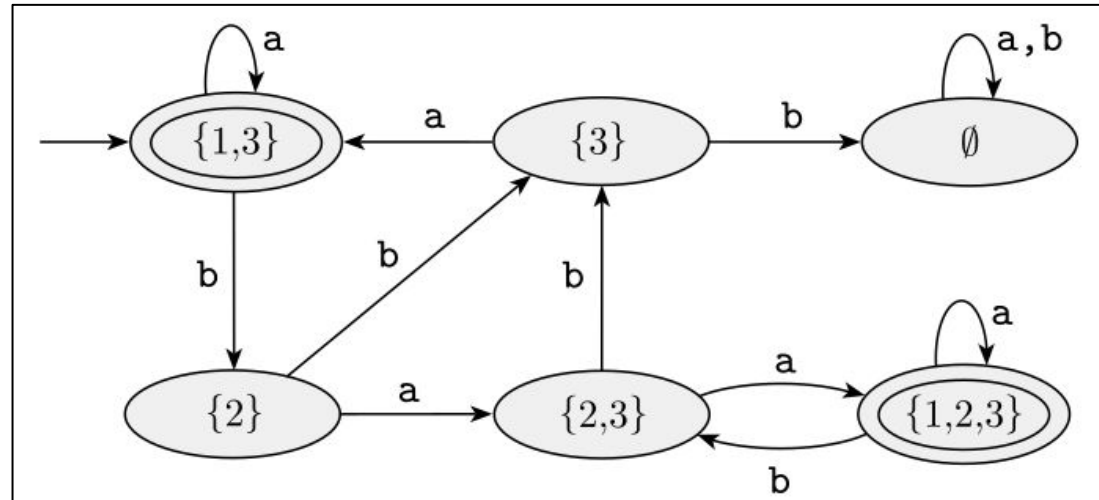
NO incoming transitions to {1} , no need for this state

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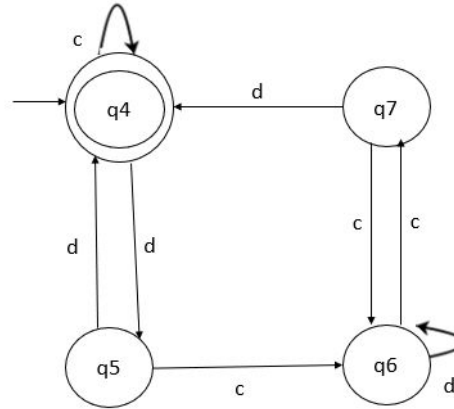
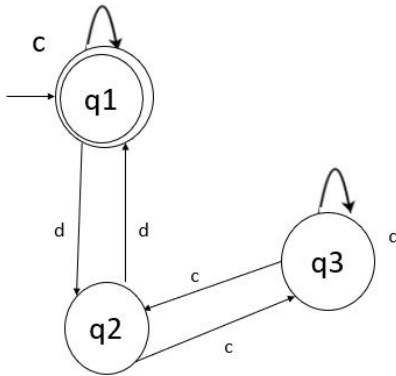


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{2}	{2,3}	{3}
{3}	{1,3}	\emptyset
{2,3}	{1,2,3}	{3}
{1,2,3}	{1,2,3}	{2,3}



Equivalence and Automata (DFA)

- How to determine that two deterministic finite automata are **equivalent**
 - **Represent the same language**



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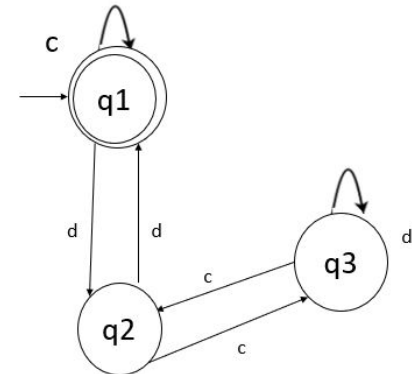
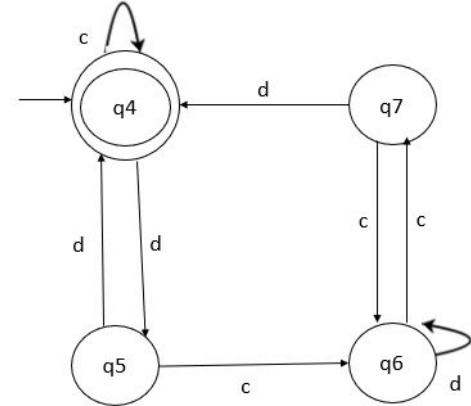
- From initial pair (q_o^a, q_o^b) of the start states of the automata M_a and M_b
 - Start the computing transitions for all symbols
 - **To be equivalent** : for a given symbol, **the resulting states must be an accepting for both or a non-accepting for both machines.**
 - **Otherwise, the two machines are not equivalent**
- Any new pair showing up, do the same recursively until no new pair shows up

Equivalence and Automata (DFA)

All possible inputs from the Alphabet

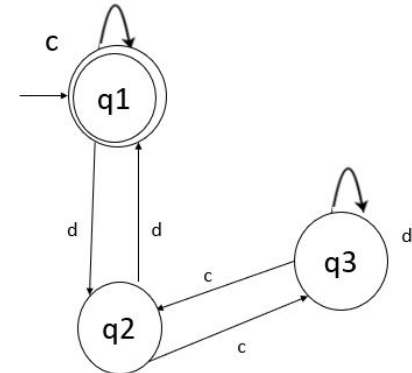
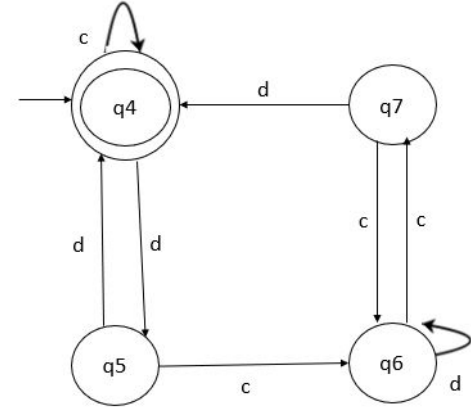
	c	d
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Pair of states from the two machines to compare



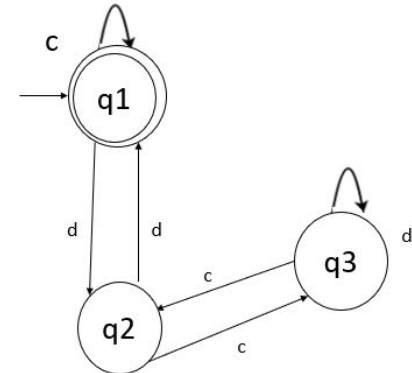
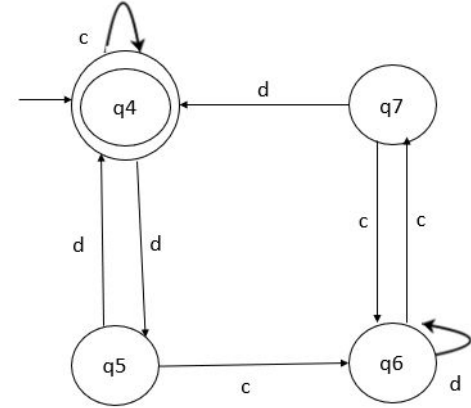
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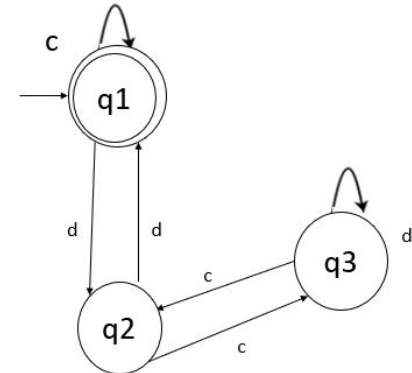
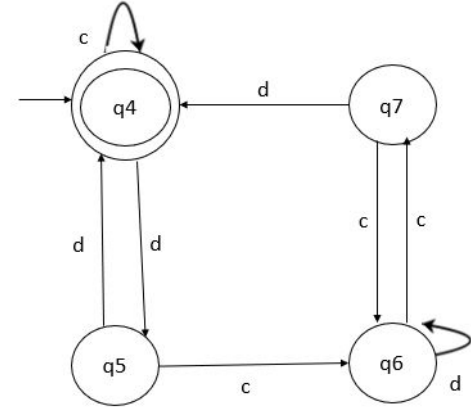
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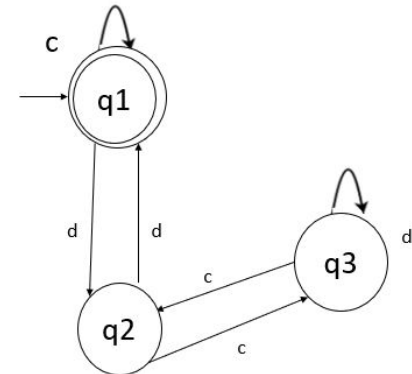
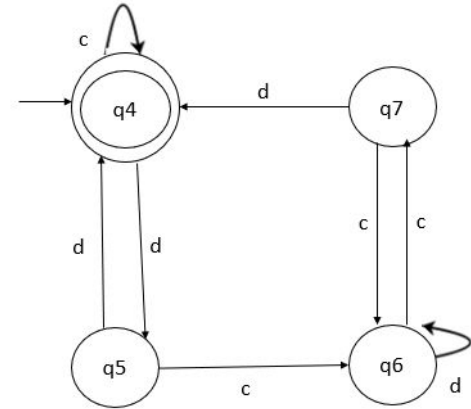
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The pair (q5,q2) needs to be assessed in the same way, (q4,q1) already done



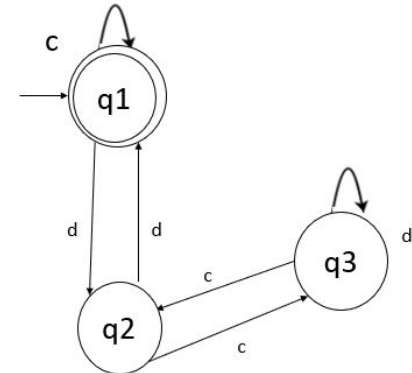
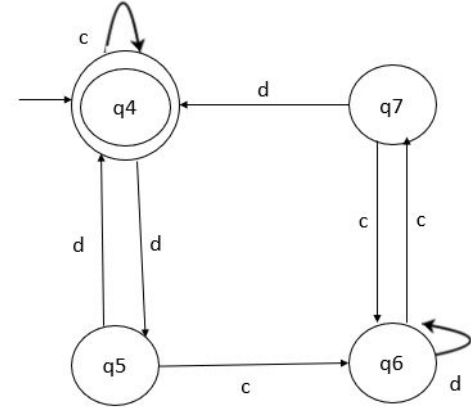
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(q5,q2)	(q6,q3) Both Non-accept	(q4,q1) Both Accept



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(q6,q3)



Questions

- DFA/NFA have finite number of states, can they be used to represent languages with infinite words ?
- Can we construct an NFA for the language of palindromes $L = \{w \mid w = w^R \text{ and } |w| < 5\}$, alphabet is $\{0,1\}$?
- Inferring the NFA for the complement of language ?

Notations

- Language notation
 - a^i : a is being repeated i times.
 - $n_a(x)$: number of occurrences of a in the word x

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