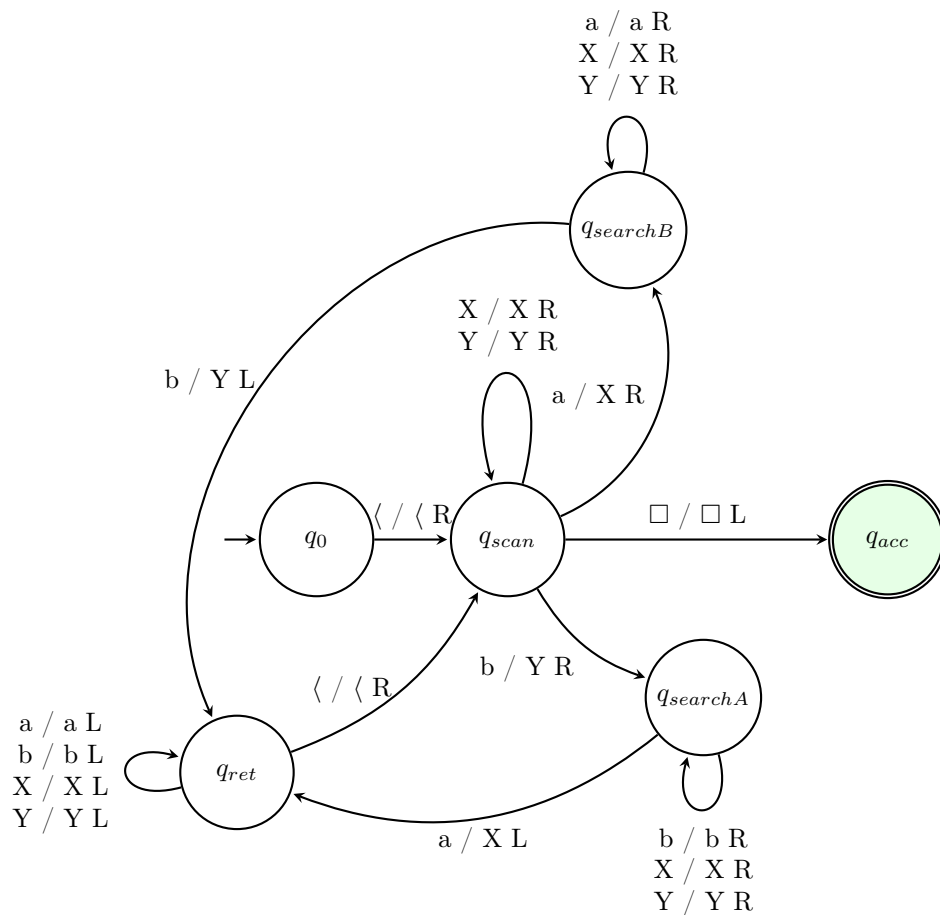


**Decider TM for  $L = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$**



**Machine Strategy**

1.  $q_{scan}$ : Read next unmarked symbol.
2. If 'a', search for 'b'. If 'b', search for 'a'.
3. Mark both and return ( $q_{ret}$ ).
4.  $q_{ret}$  goes back to  $\langle$  and restarts.
5. Accept if tape is empty ( $\square$ ).

Alphabet:  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  | Tape:  $\Gamma = \{a, b, X, Y, \square, \langle\}$