

# DFAs & NFAs

**Exercise 1:** Let  $M = (\Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0, F)$  a DFA with

- $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ .
- $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_4\}$ .
- $F = \{q_0\}$ .
- $\delta$  is defined with the table

$q \in Q$	$c \in \Sigma$	$\delta(q, c)$
$q_0$	$b, c$	$q_4$
$q_0$	$a$	$q_1$
$q_1$	$a, c$	$q_4$
$q_1$	$b$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$a, b$	$q_4$
$q_2$	$c$	$q_0$
$q_4$	$a, b, c$	$q_4$

1. Draw the diagram of the DFA  $M$ .
2. Check which of the following strings are in the language of  $M$ :
  - $aaa$ .
  - $ababc$ .
  - $abcabc$ .
3. Deduce  $\mathcal{L}(M)$ .

**Exercise 2:**

1. Prove that for  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x = \overline{b_n b_{n-1} \dots b_0}^2$ , 2 divides  $x$  if and only if  $b_0 = 0$ .
2. Make a DFA taking the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , and accepts the string  $S = s_1 \dots s_n$  if and only if the number  $\overline{s_1 \dots s_n}^2$  is divisible by 2.

**Exercise 3:** Consider the two deterministic automata

$$M_1 = (\Sigma, Q_1, \delta_1, q_0^1, F_1).$$

$$M_2 = (\Sigma, Q_2, \delta_2, q_0^2, F_2).$$

and define the automaton

$$M = M_1 \times M_2 = (\Sigma, Q, \delta, q_0, F).$$

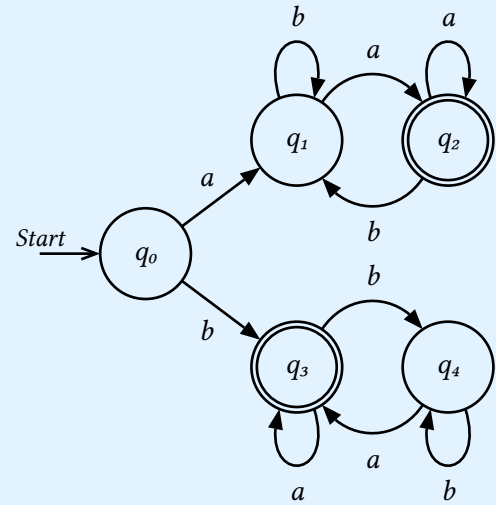
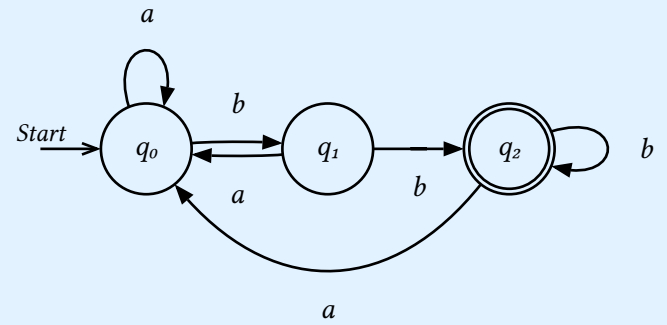
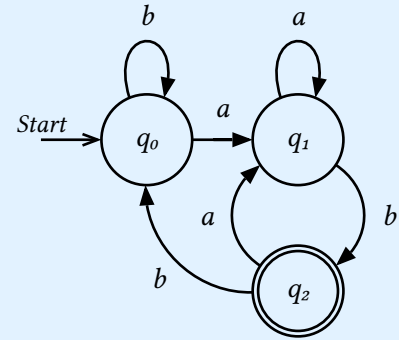
with the components

- $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$ .
- $\delta((q_1, q_2), c) = (\delta(q_1, c), \delta(q_2, c))$ .
- $q_0 = (q_0^1, q_0^2)$ .
- $F = F_1 \times F_2$ .

1. Prove that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = \mathcal{L}(M_1) \cap \mathcal{L}(M_2)$ .
2. By changing  $F$ , find a way to obtain a machine  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = \mathcal{L}(M_1) \cup \mathcal{L}(M_2)$ .
3. Try to find a way to also define a machine  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(M) = \Sigma^* \setminus \mathcal{L}(M_1)$ .

4. Deduce that the set of regular languages is an algebra of sets.

**Exercise 4:** Find the languages of the following automata



**Exercise 5:** Construct an NFA for each of the following languages

1.  $\mathcal{L} = \{a^n b^m \mid n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{L} = \{aSa \mid S \in \Sigma^*\}$ .
3. for  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_{x,y} = \{a^{xn+y} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

**Exercise 6 (Pumping Lemma):** Let  $M$  be a DFA with  $p$  states and let  $S = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n \in \Sigma^*$  a string.

1. Suppose that  $S \in \mathcal{L}(M)$  and  $n > p$ , conclude that there exists at least one loop inside of the DFA, such that  $S$  can be divided into 3 sub-words,  $x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$  such that  $S = xyz$  and  $y$  is detected by the loop.

2. Deduce that if  $S = xyz$  like the previous question then  $S = xyz \in \mathcal{L}(M) \Rightarrow \forall i \in \mathbb{N}, xy^iz \in \mathcal{L}(M)$ , we call that pumping, that is, we can pump a string and keep it inside of the language which is a property of the regular languages.
3. Deduce that if a language does not accept pumping then it is not regular and thus there is no DFA that has that language.

**Lemma:** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a language. If for all  $p \geq 1$  there exists a string  $S \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $|S| \geq p$  and for any  $x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $|xy| \leq p$ ,  $|y| > 0$   $S = xyz$  and there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $xy^iz \notin \mathcal{L}$  then  $\mathcal{L}$  is not a regular language thus there is no DFA that has language  $\mathcal{L}$ .

4. Apply the lemma on  $\mathcal{L} = \{a^n b^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and deduce that  $\mathcal{L}$  is not regular.