

Minimization of DFA examples using Partition Method or Equivalence Theorem:

Minimization of DFA means reduction of states. If X & Y are two states in a DFA, we can combine these two states into single state $\{X, Y\}$ if they are not distinguishable i.e. equivalent or indistinguishable. Two states are said to be indistinguishable or equivalent state if $\delta(X, w)$ and $\delta(Y, w)$ are going to accepting /final states or going to non-accepting /non-final states. It is also called as State minimization.

Symbolically this can be represented as

1. $\delta(X, w) \in F$ and $\delta(Y, w) \in F$
- OR
2. $\delta(X, w) \notin F$ and $\delta(Y, w) \notin F$

Minimization of DFA steps/rules of minimization of DFA in automata:

Minimization of DFA questions or problems using partition method can be solved by following steps (How to do minimization of DFA):

Step1: Try to delete all the states to which we cannot reach from initial state (unreachable state)

Step2: Draw state transition table

Step3: Find out equivalent set

Step4: Draw / Construct minimized DFA

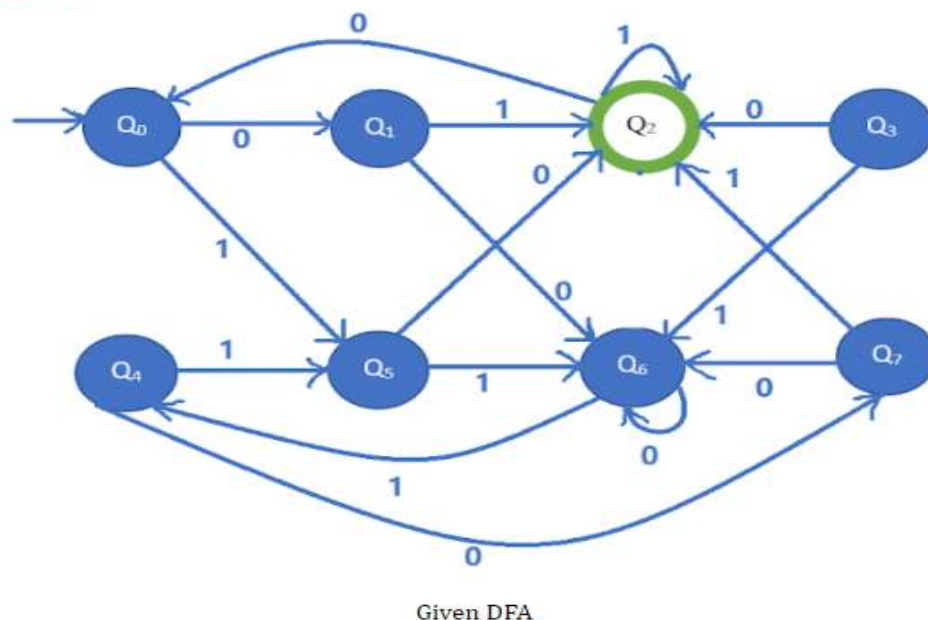
Note:

0-Equivalent Set: Try to separate non-final states from final states.

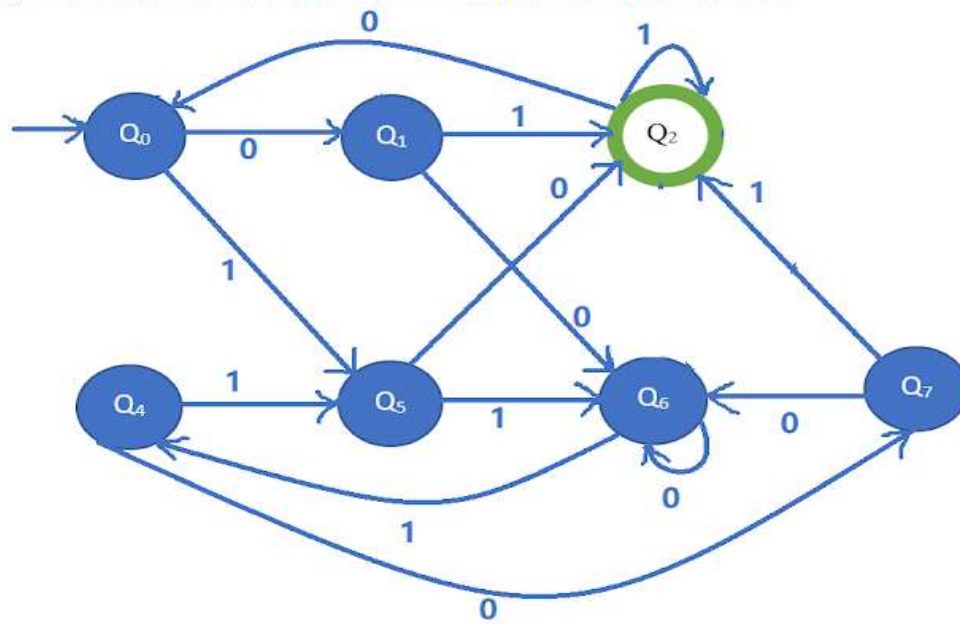
n-Equivalent Set: We take information only from previous equivalent set i.e. (n-1)-Equivalent

Minimization of DFA Examples:

Example-2: Minimize the given DFA using partition method or construct minimized DFA using Equivalence method



Step-1: Try to delete all the states to which we cannot reach from initial state



DFA without unreachable state

Step-2: Draw state transition table of DFA:

Present State	Next State	
	Input a	Input b
→ Q ₀	Q ₁	Q ₅
Q ₁	Q ₆	*Q ₂
*Q ₂	Q ₀	*Q ₂
Q ₄	Q ₇	Q ₅
Q ₅	*Q ₂	Q ₆
Q ₆	Q ₆	Q ₄
Q ₇	Q ₆	*Q ₂

Step-3: Find out equivalent sets:

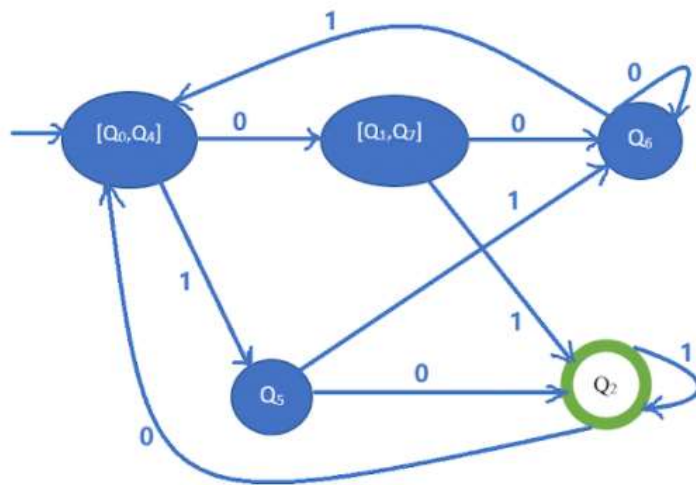
0-Equivalent Set: [Q₀, Q₁, Q₄, Q₅, Q₆, Q₇] [Q₂]

1-Equivalent Set: [Q₀, Q₄, Q₆] [Q₁, Q₇] [Q₅] [Q₂]

2-Equivalent Set: [Q₀, Q₄] [Q₆] [Q₁, Q₇] [Q₅] [Q₂]

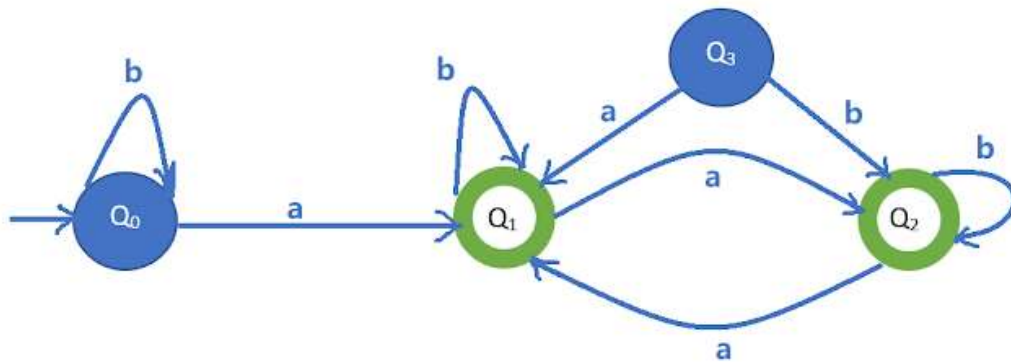
3-Equivalent Set: [Q₀, Q₄] [Q₆] [Q₁, Q₇] [Q₅] [Q₂]

Step-4: Draw minimized DFA:



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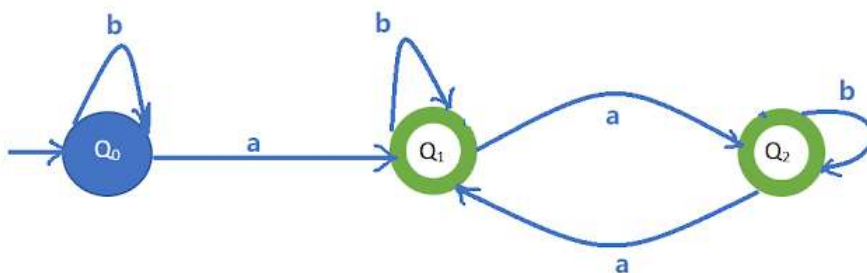
Example-3: Minimize the given DFA using partition method or construct minimized DFA using Equivalence method



Given DFA

Solution:

Step-1: Try to delete all the states to which we cannot reach from initial state



Step-2: Draw state transition table of DFA:

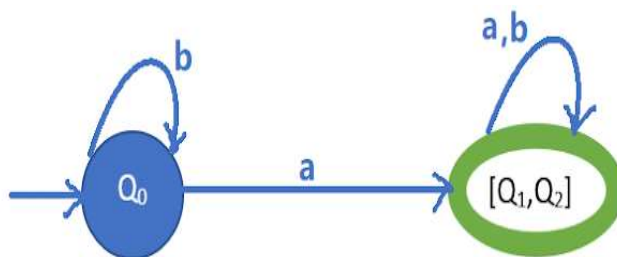
Present State	Next State	
	Input a	Input b
$\rightarrow Q_0$	$*Q_1$	Q_0
$*Q_1$	$*Q_2$	$*Q_1$
$*Q_2$	$*Q_1$	$*Q_2$

Step-3: Find out equivalent sets:

0-Equivalent Set: $[Q_0]$ $[Q_1, Q_2]$

1-Equivalent Set: $[Q_0]$ $[Q_1, Q_2]$

Step-4: Draw minimized DFA:



Example 1: Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ of length 2 i.e. $|w|=2$

Example 2: Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ of length at least 2 i.e. $|w| \geq 2$

Example 3: Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ of length at most 2 i.e. $|w| \leq 2$

Example 4: Construct a DFA, that accepts string 'ab' over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$

Example 5: Construct a DFA, accepting all strings ending with 'ab' over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$

Example 6: Design DFA which checks whether a given binary number is divisible by 3

Example 7: Design DFA to accept L, where L is set of strings in which 'a' always appears trippled over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$

Example 8: Construct minimal DFA over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ which checks whether given

- a) Binary number is even
- b) Binary number is odd

Example 9: Construct minimal DFA which accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ in which every 'a' should never be followed by 'bb'.

Example 10: Construct minimal DFA over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ which accepts $L=\{a^n b^m \mid n, m \geq 1\}$

Example 11: Construct minimal DFA over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ which accepts $L=\{a^n b^m \mid n, m \geq 0\}$

Example 12: Construct a transition system which can accept strings over the alphabet a,b,\dots,z containing either cat or rat.

Example 13: Design DFA for the following languages shown below over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$

- a) $L=\{w \mid w \text{ does not contains substring } ab\}$
- b) $L=\{w \mid w \text{ contains neither substring } ab \text{ or } ba\}$
- c) $L=\{w \mid w \text{ is any string that does not contain exactly two a's}\}$
- d) $L=\{w \mid w \text{ is any string except a \& b}\}$

Example 14: Consider below transition and verify whether the following strings will be accepted or not.

Explain

- a. 010101
- b. 0011
- c. 111100

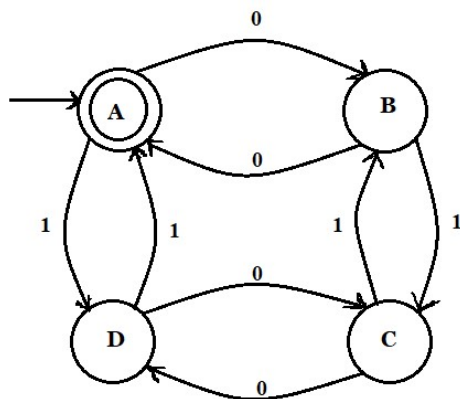


Fig: Transition diagram

Example 1: Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ of length 2 i.e. $|w|=2$

SOLUTION:

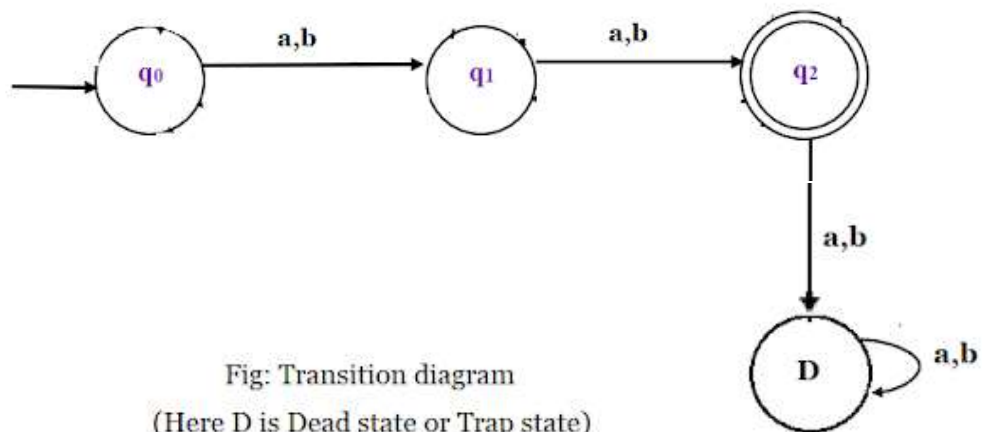
$\Sigma=\{a,b\}$

$L = \{ \text{All the strings of length 2} \}$

$L = \{ aa, ab, ba, bb \}$

➤ So DFA can be $Q=\{ q_0, q_1, q_2 \}, \Sigma=\{a,b\}, q_0=\{ q_0 \}, F=\{ q_2 \}$ and δ is given by the table

1) **Transition diagram:**



2) **Transition Table:**

Present State	Next State	
	Input a	Input b
→ q ₀	q ₁	q ₁
q ₁	q ₂	q ₂
* q ₂	D	D
D	D	D

3) Transition function:

$$\delta(q_0, a) = q_1, \delta(q_0, b) = q_1$$

$$\delta(q_1, a) = q_2, \delta(q_1, b) = q_2$$

$$\delta(q_2, a) = D, \delta(q_2, b) = D$$

$$\delta(D, a) = D, \delta(D, b) = D$$

Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ of length at least 2 i.e. $|w| \geq 2$

SOLUTION:

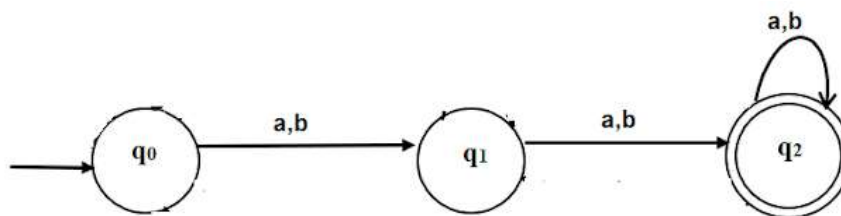
$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$L = \{\text{All the strings of length at least 2}\}$$

$$L = \{aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, \dots, bbb, \dots\}$$

➤ So DFA can be $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \Sigma = \{a, b\}, q_0 = \{q_0\}, F = \{q_2\}$ and δ is given by the table

1) Transition diagram:



2) Transition Table:

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q ₁	q ₂	q ₂
* q ₂	q ₂	q ₂

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Construct a DFA, that accepts set of all strings over $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$ of length at most 2 i.e. $|w|\leq 2$

SOLUTION:

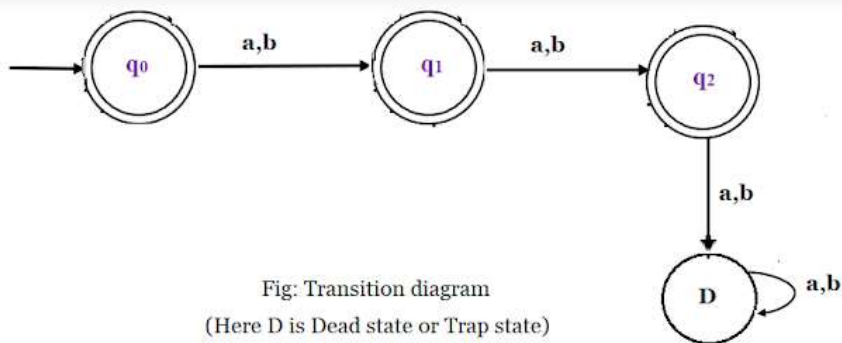
$$\Sigma=\{a,b\}$$

$L = \{\text{All the strings of length at most 2}\}$

$$L = \{\epsilon, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb\}$$

➤ So DFA can be $Q=\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$, $\Sigma=\{a,b\}$, $q_0=\{q_0\}$, $F=\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$ and δ is given by the table

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2) Transition Table:

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	Input a	Input b
$\rightarrow *q_0$	q_1	q_1
$*q_1$	q_2	q_2
$*q_2$	D	D
D	D	D

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