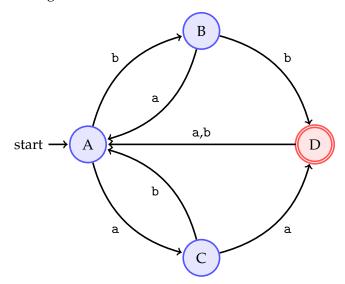
- (1) Follow the JFLAP tutorial at http://www.jflap.org/tutorial/fa/createfa/fa. html. Then use JFLAP to draw and simulate some of the DFAs/NFAs discussed in the lecture.
- (2) Consider the following DFA:



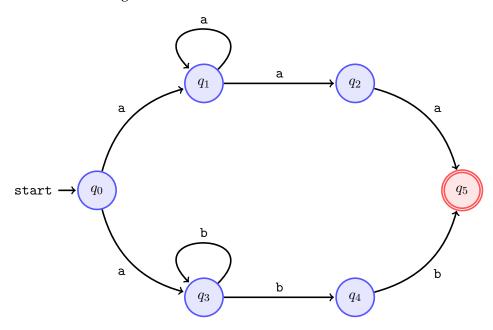
Practice simulating the behaviour of the above DFA using the following strings

abba babb aaa bbabba

For each string, list the sequence of states visited by the DFA (e.g.  $q_0, q_2, q_0, q_1, q_3, \ldots$ ).

Produce the formal definition of the above DFA. This should consist of: the alphabet  $\Sigma$ , the set of states Q, the transition function  $\delta$ , in table form, the start state, and the set of final states F.

(3) Consider the following NFA:



Practice *simulating* the behaviour of the NFA using the following strings.

abbaa babb aaaba abbbbbbbaab

For each string, list the <u>sets of states</u> visited by the NFA (e.g.  $\{q_0\}, \{q_1, q_2\}, \{q_2, q_3\}, \ldots$ ).

Produce the formal definition  $(\Sigma, Q, \delta, q_{\text{start}}, F)$  of the above NFA.

(4) The formal description  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_{\text{start}}, F)$  of a DFA is given by

$$(\{q_1,q_2,q_3,q_4,q_5\},\{\mathtt{u},\mathtt{d}\},\delta,q_1,\{q_3\}),$$

where  $\delta$  is given by the following table

	u	d
$\rightarrow q_1$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$q_1$	$q_3$
$*q_3$	$q_2$	$q_4$
$q_4$	$q_3$	$q_5$
$q_5$	$q_4$	$q_5$

Give the state diagram of this machine.

- (5) Use JFLAP to design simple DFAs which recognize the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$ 
  - a) The language of strings which begin with a.
  - b) The language of strings which end with b.
  - c) The language of strings which either begin **or** end with *b*.
  - d) The language of strings which begin with *a* and end with *b*.
  - e) The language of strings which contain the substring ba.
  - f) The language of strings with all the a's on the left and b's on the right
  - g) The language strings consisting of alternating a's and b's.
- (6) Use JFLAP to produce NFAs to recognize the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ 
  - a) The language of strings which begin and end with 01.
  - b) The language of strings which do not end with 01.
  - c) The language of strings which begin and end with different symbols.
  - d) The language of strings of odd length.
  - e) The language of strings which contain an even number of 0's.
  - f) The language of binary numbers which are divisible by 4.
- (7) If a is a *symbol* from an alphabet  $\Sigma$  then a<sup>n</sup> denotes the string which consists of n successive copies of a.

Similarly, if x is a *string* of symbols then  $x^n$  denotes the string which consists of n successive copies of x. For example,  $a^2 = aa$  and  $(ab)^2 = abab$ .

Let  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ . Write  $0^4, 1^4, (10)^3, 10^3$  explicitly as strings in the usual form.

- (8) If  $\Sigma$  is an alphabet then  $\Sigma^n$  denotes the set of all strings over  $\Sigma$  which have length exactly n symbols.
  - a) Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ . Find  $\Sigma^2$ .
  - b) Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ . Find  $\Sigma^3$ .
- (9) If  $\Sigma$  is an alphabet then the set of all finite-length strings over it is denoted by  $\Sigma^*$ .

Let  $\Sigma_1 = \{a\}$  and  $\Sigma_2 = \{a, b\}$ . List the strings of length 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 over these two alphabets. Write these in the form  $\Sigma_1^* = \{...\}$  and  $\Sigma_2^* = \{...\}$ .

Note that

$$\Sigma^* = \Sigma^0 \cup \Sigma^1 \cup \Sigma^2 \cup \Sigma^3 \cup \Sigma^4 \cup \cdots$$