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# **CS 228 : Logic in Computer Science**

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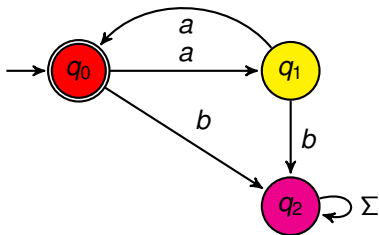
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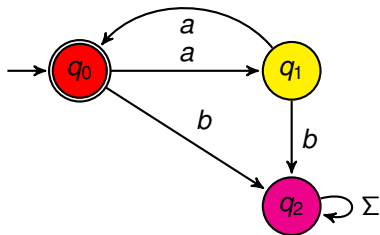
►  $w \in L(A)$  iff  $w \models \varphi$

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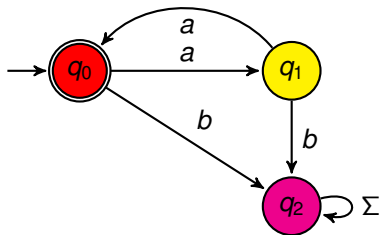
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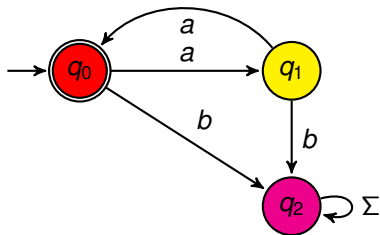
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# MSO to Regular Languages

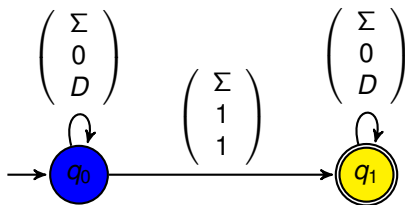
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- ▶ Every MSO sentence  $\varphi$  over words can be converted into a DFA  $A_\varphi$  such that  $L(\varphi) = L(A_\varphi)$ .
- ▶ Start with atomic formulae, construct DFA for each of them.
- ▶ We already know how to handle  $Q_a(x)$ ,  $x < y$ ,  $S(x, y)$ ,  $x = y$
- ▶ Only  $X(x)$  remains

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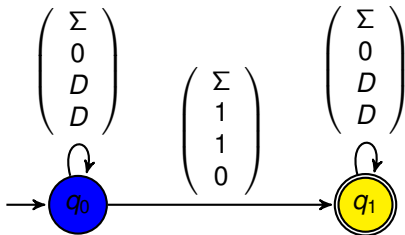
►  $X(x)$



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- ▶  $X(x) \wedge \neg Y(x)$
- ▶  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \times \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1\}$



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- ▶ Given  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, X_1, \dots, X_m)$ , an MSO formula over  $\Sigma$ , consider the extended alphabet

$$\Sigma' = \Sigma \times \{0, 1\}^{m+n}$$

- ▶ Assign values to  $x_i, X_j$  at every position as seen in the cases of atomic formulae
- ▶ Keep in mind that every  $x_i$  can be assigned 1 at a unique position

# Handling Quantifiers

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$\exists X \exists Y \forall x [X(x) \rightarrow Y(x)]$  On the board

# Points to Remember

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- ▶ Given  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, X_1, \dots, X_m)$ , construct automaton for atomic MSO formulae over the extended alphabet  $\Sigma \times \{0, 1\}^{m+n}$
- ▶ Intersect with the regular language where every  $x_i$  is assigned 1 exactly at one position
- ▶ Given a sentence  $Q_{x_1} \dots Q_{x_n} Q_{X_1} \dots Q_{X_m} \varphi$ , first construct the automaton for the formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, X_1, \dots, X_m)$
- ▶ Replace  $\forall$  in terms of  $\exists$



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- ▶ This may result in an NFA
- ▶ Determinize it and complement it to get a DFA for  $\neg \exists X_i \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, X_1, \dots, X_n)$
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# The Automaton-Logic Connection

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## Büchi-Elgot-Trakhtenbrot Theorem (1960-1962)

Given any MSO sentence  $\varphi$ , one can construct a DFA  $A_\varphi$  such that  $L(\varphi) = L(A_\varphi)$ . If a language  $L$  is regular, one can construct an MSO sentence  $\varphi$  such that  $L = L(\varphi)$ .