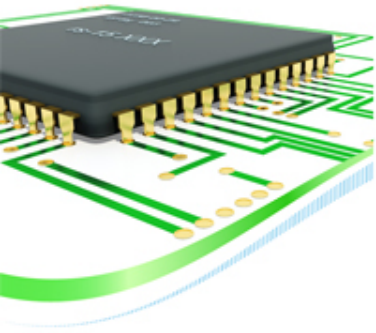


Lexical Analysis



Definition



Lexical analysis is the process of identifying the tokens which are basic building blocks of a given language.



Usual Scheme

- **No Context**
- **One Pass Analysis**
- **Buffer Management**
- **Buffer Size I/O Trade Off**
- **Unusual Schemes?**

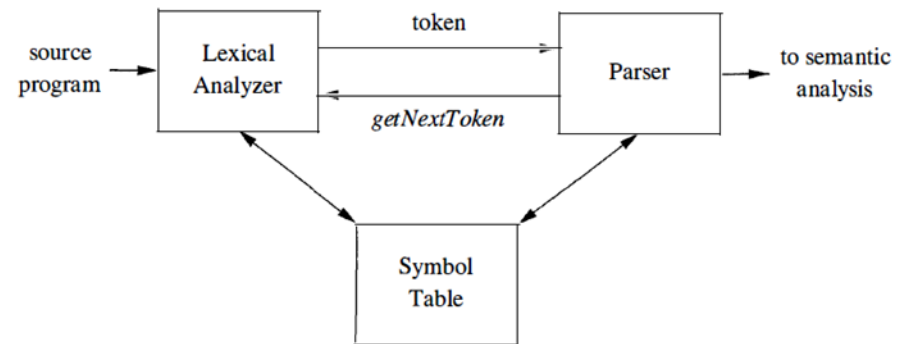
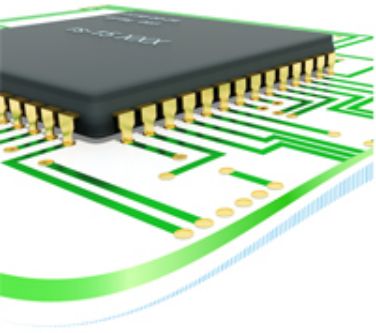


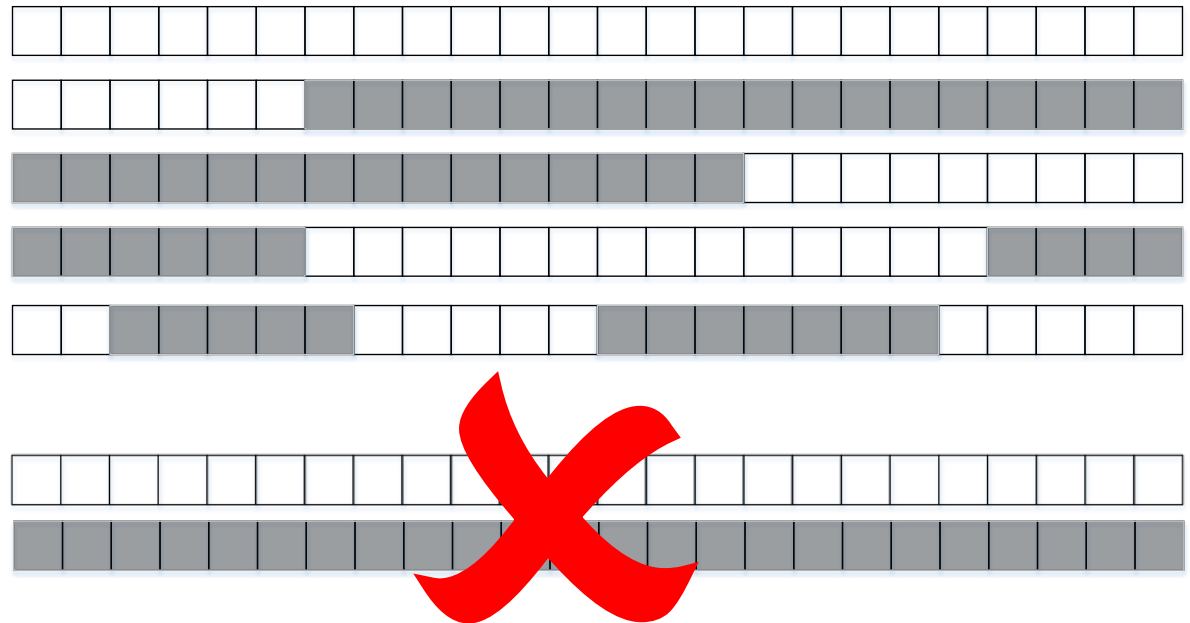
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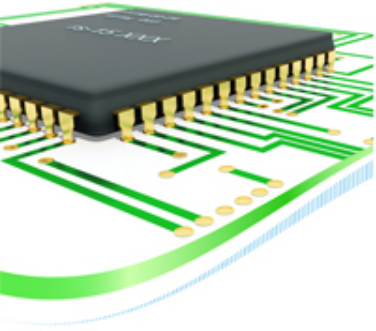


Scanning

Strings

- **String**
- **Prefix**
- **Suffix**
- **Substring**
- **Subsequence**
- **Proper Versions**





Scanning

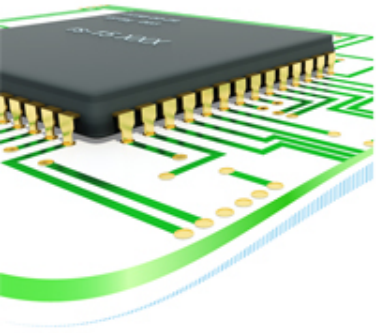
Patterns, Lexemes, Tokens

Sample Patterns Informally Described

- An id is a string of characters starting with starters character may continue with string of id-continuation characters. Valid starter character must be in set a..z, A..Z, or underscore. Id-continuation character must be in set a..z, A..Z, 0..9 or underscore.
- A simple number starts with nonzero decimal digit which may be followed by zero or more decimal digits.

Sample Patterns Formally Described

- Id: `[A-Za-z_][A-Za-z_0-9]*`
- SimpleNumber: `[1-9][0-9]*`



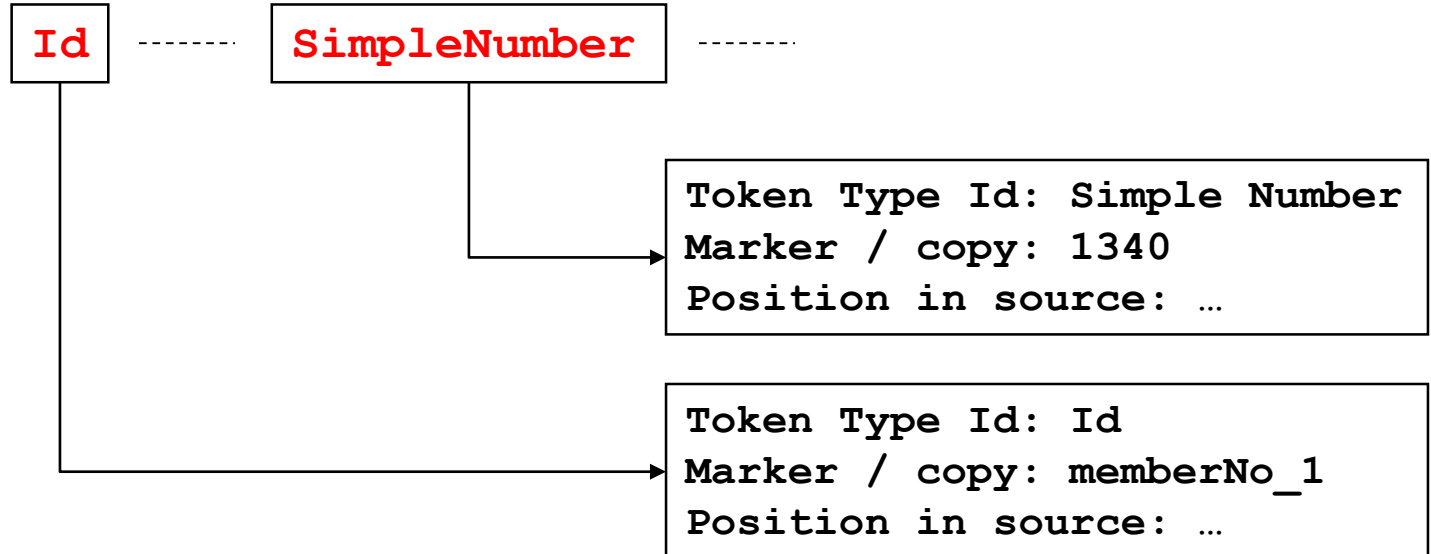
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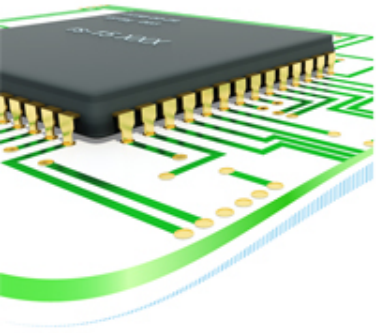
Patterns, Lexemes, Tokens

Sample Input and Lexemes Identified

`memberNo_1 = 1340 ;`

Sample Tokens Allocated and Streamed

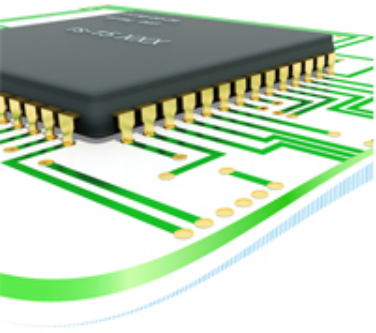




Scanning

Related Side Processing

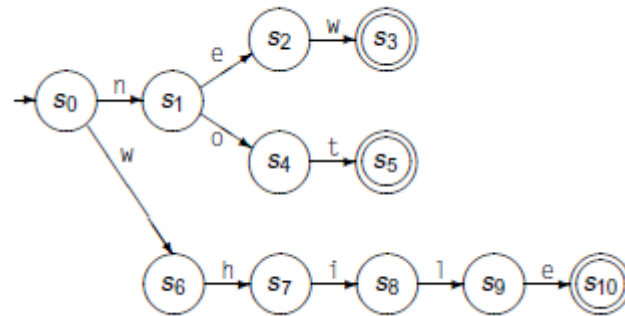
- **Comment Processing**
 - **With Lexical Analyzer**
 - **With Preprocessor**
 - **Other**
- **Preprocessors**
 - **As First Instance Scanners**
 - **Preprocessor / Lexer Source Flow**
- **Documentation Processors**
 - **Comments as Language Containers**



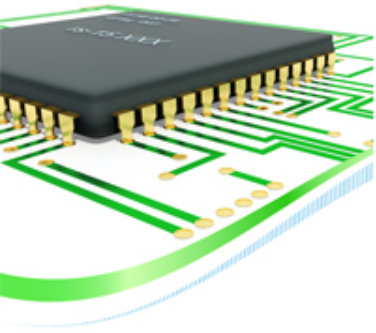
Regular Expressions

Definition, Applicability

- **Regular Languages, Finite State Automata.**



- **Ease of Specification and Maintenance.**
kw: "while" | "n" ("ew" | "ot")
- **Ad-hoc Recognition or Automatic Generation of Efficient Recognizers.**



Regular Expressions

Rule Based Definition

- **Epsilon**

$R: \epsilon$

- **Symbol / Set**

$R: \alpha, \alpha \in A$

$R: \{\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$

- **Concatenation**

$R: R_1 R_2$

- **Alternation**

$R: R_1 \mid R_2$

- **Kleene Closure**

$R: R_1^*$

- **Precedence control**

$R: (R_1)$

- **Practical notations**

$R: R_1^+$

$R: R_1^?$

- **Operations out of notations**

Intersection

Negation



- **Tools (Lex, Flex, Antlr, ...)**
- **Code Generation**
- **Conventions and Toolchains**

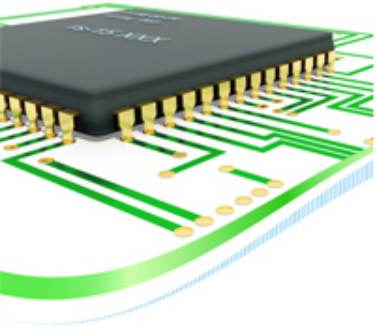
Regular Expressions

6 Patterns

The patterns in the input (see Section 5.2 [Rules Section], page 7) are written using an extended set of regular expressions. These are:

'x'	match the character 'x'
'.'	any character (byte) except newline
'[xyz]'	a <i>character class</i> ; in this case, the pattern matches either an 'x', a 'y', or a 'z'
'[abj-oZ]'	a "character class" with a range in it; matches an 'a', a 'b', any letter from 'j' through 'o', or a 'Z'
'[^A-Z]'	a "negated character class", i.e., any character but those in the class. In this case, any character EXCEPT an uppercase letter.
'[^A-Z\n]'	any character EXCEPT an uppercase letter or a newline
'[a-z]{-}[aeiou]'	the lowercase consonants
'r*'	zero or more r's, where r is any regular expression
'r+'	one or more r's
'r?'	zero or one r's (that is, "an optional r")
'r{2,5}'	anywhere from two to five r's
'r{2,}'	two or more r's
'r{4}'	exactly 4 r's

Excerpt from flex manual. <https://epaperpress.com/lexandyacc/download/flex.pdf>



Look Ahead!

- C++ template syntax:

```
Foo<Bar>
```

- C++ stream syntax:

```
cin >> var;
```

- But there is a conflict with nested templates:

```
Foo<Bar<Bazz>>>
```

Closing templates, not stream

Excerpt from <https://web.stanford.edu/class/cs143/lectures/lecture03.pdf>



Look Ahead!

- **IO / Buffering Techniques**

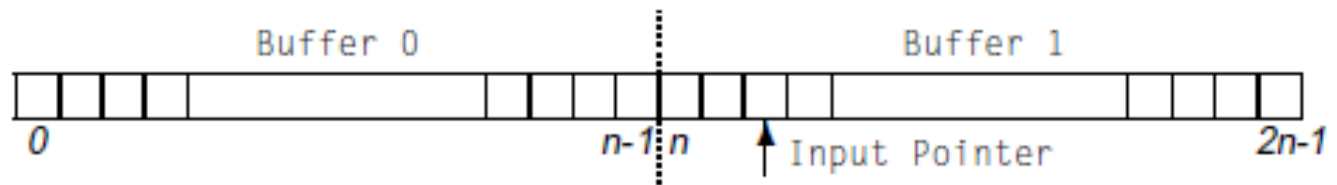
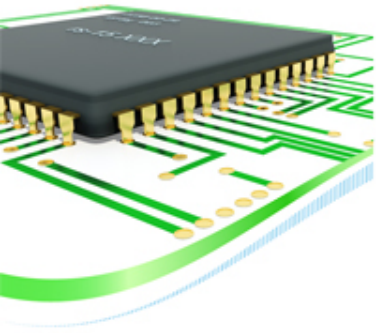


Diagram from "Cooper, K.D., Torczon, L.; Engineering A Compiler"



FSA Based Recognition

A Reminder on Finite State Automata

$(S, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, S_A)$

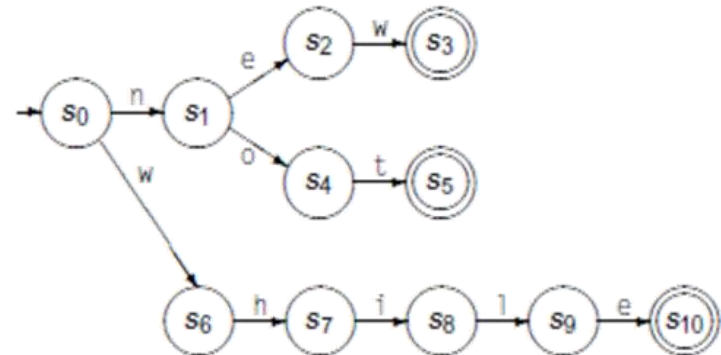
S: Set of States

Σ : Alphabet

δ : Transition Function

s_0 : Start State

S_A : Set of Accepting States



$\delta: S \times \Sigma \rightarrow S$



FSA Based Recognition

Nondeterministic Finite Automata - NFA

$(S, \Sigma, \delta, s_0, S_A)$

S: Set of States

Σ : Alphabet

δ : Transition Function

s_0 : Start State

S_A : Set of Accepting States

$\delta: S \times (\Sigma \cup \epsilon) \rightarrow P(S)$

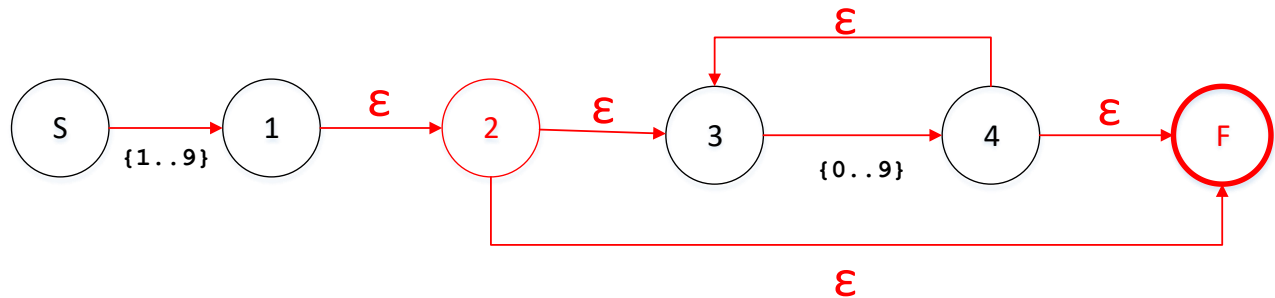
or

$\delta: S \times (\Sigma \cup \epsilon) \rightarrow 2^S$



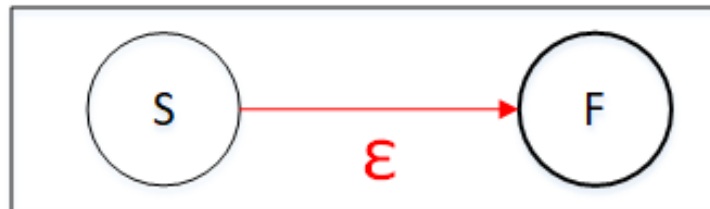
Thompson's Construction

SimpleNumber: $[1-9][0-9]^*$



Epsilon

R: ϵ



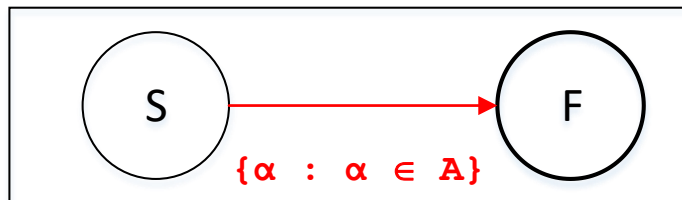
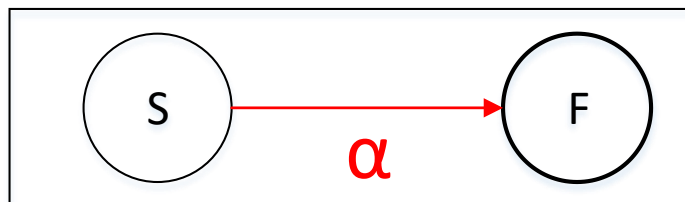


Thompson's Construction

Symbol / Set

R: $\alpha, \alpha \in A$

R: $\{\alpha : \alpha \in A\}$

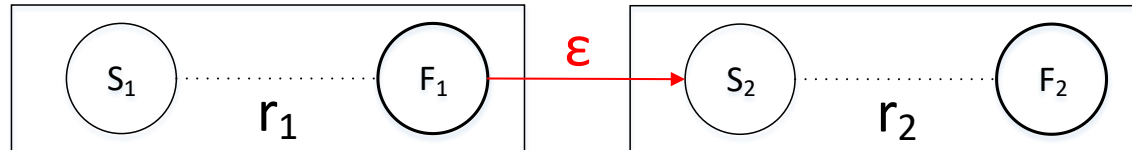




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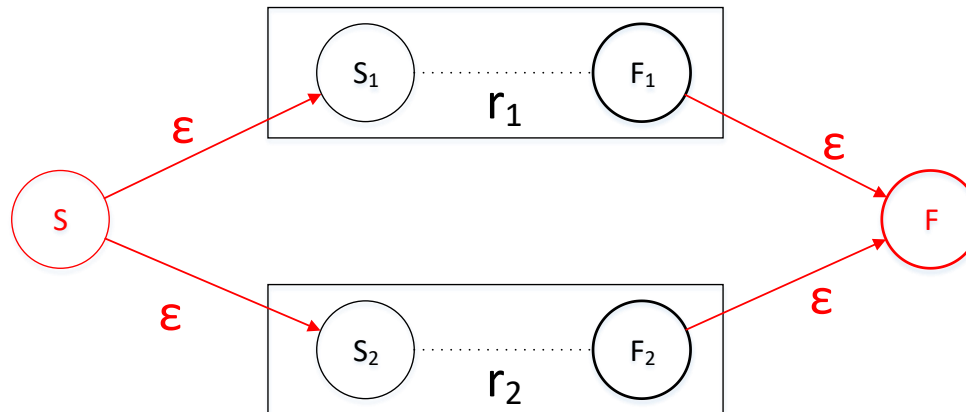
Concatenation

$$R: R_1 R_2$$



Alternation

$$R: R_1 \mid R_2$$

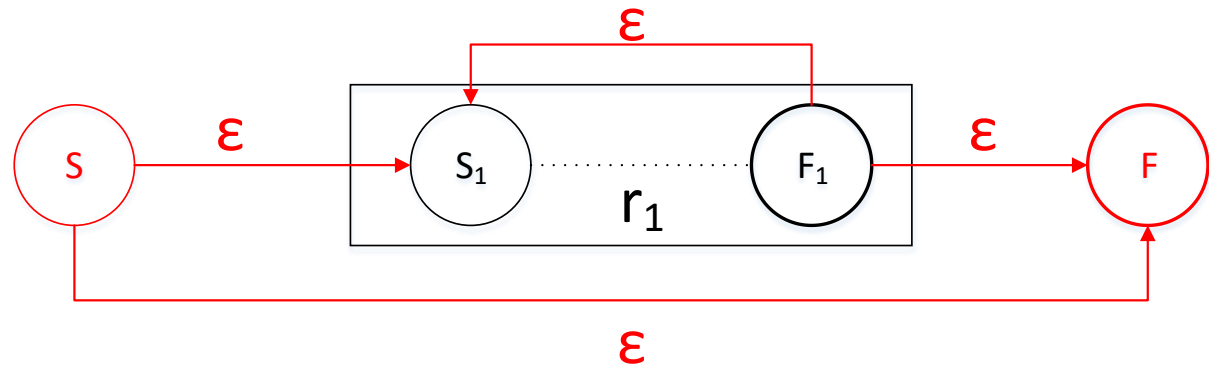




Thompson's Construction

Kleene Closure

$R: R^*$

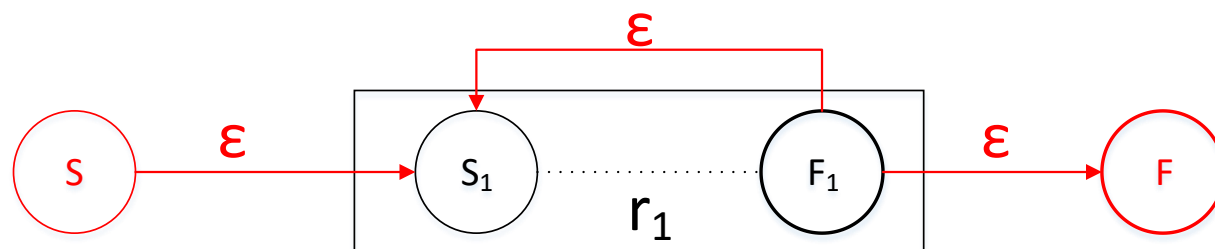




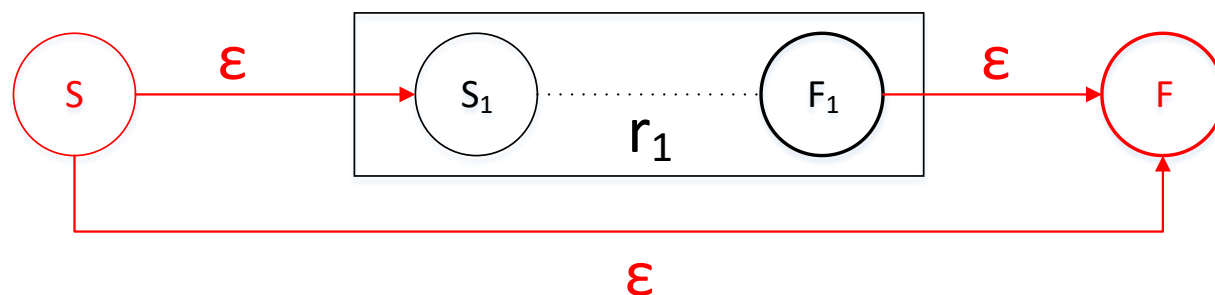
Thompson's Construction

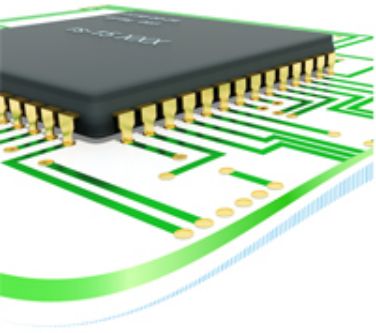
- Practical notations

$R: R_1^+$



$R: R_1^?$



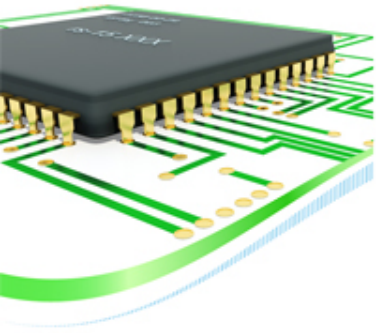


NFA

As a recognizer

- Describe S and F ?
- What is ϵ -closure?
- What is equivalent of *move* in formal definition?
- What is the significance of final check?

```
1)  $S = \epsilon\text{-closure}(s_0);$   
2)  $c = \text{nextChar}();$   
3) while (  $c \neq \text{eof}$  ) {  
4)      $S = \epsilon\text{-closure}(\text{move}(S, c));$   
5)      $c = \text{nextChar}();$   
6) }  
7) if (  $S \cap F \neq \emptyset$  ) return "yes";  
8) else return "no";
```



DFA

From NFA – Subset Construction

```
initially,  $\epsilon$ -closure( $s_0$ ) is the only state in  $Dstates$ , and it is unmarked;  
while ( there is an unmarked state  $T$  in  $Dstates$  ) {  
    mark  $T$ ;  
    for ( each input symbol  $a$  ) {  
         $U = \epsilon$ -closure(move( $T, a$ ));  
        if (  $U$  is not in  $Dstates$  )  
            add  $U$  as an unmarked state to  $Dstates$ ;  
         $Dtran[T, a] = U$ ;  
    }  
}
```

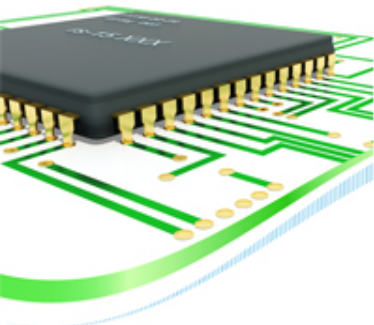
```
 $q_0 \leftarrow \epsilon$ -closure( $\{n_0\}$ );  
 $Q \leftarrow q_0$ ;  
 $WorkList \leftarrow \{q_0\}$ ;
```

```
while ( $WorkList \neq \emptyset$ ) do  
    remove  $q$  from  $WorkList$ ;  
    for each character  $c \in \Sigma$  do  
         $t \leftarrow \epsilon$ -closure( $\Delta(q, c)$ );  
         $T[q, c] \leftarrow t$ ;  
        if  $t \notin Q$  then  
            add  $t$  to  $Q$  and to  $WorkList$ ;  
    end;  
end;
```

Your thoughts on complexity of construction and complexity?

What should a DFA based recognizer look like?

Algorithms from
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“Aho, A.V, Ullman J.D, Sethi R., Lam M.S; Dragon Book” on the right



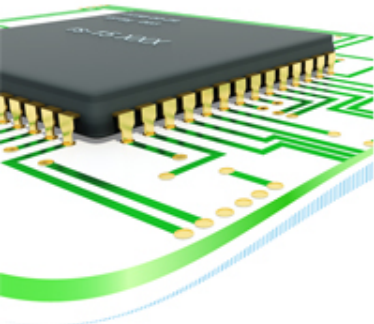
DFA

Construction Without NFA

```
initialize  $Dstates$  to contain only the unmarked state  $firstpos(n_0)$ ,  
    where  $n_0$  is the root of syntax tree  $T$  for  $(r)\#$ ;  
while ( there is an unmarked state  $S$  in  $Dstates$  ) {  
    mark  $S$ ;  
    for ( each input symbol  $a$  ) {  
        let  $U$  be the union of  $followpos(p)$  for all  $p$   
            in  $S$  that correspond to  $a$ ;  
        if (  $U$  is not in  $Dstates$  )  
            add  $U$  as an unmarked state to  $Dstates$ ;  
         $Dtran[S, a] = U$ ;  
    }  
}
```

Algorithm from
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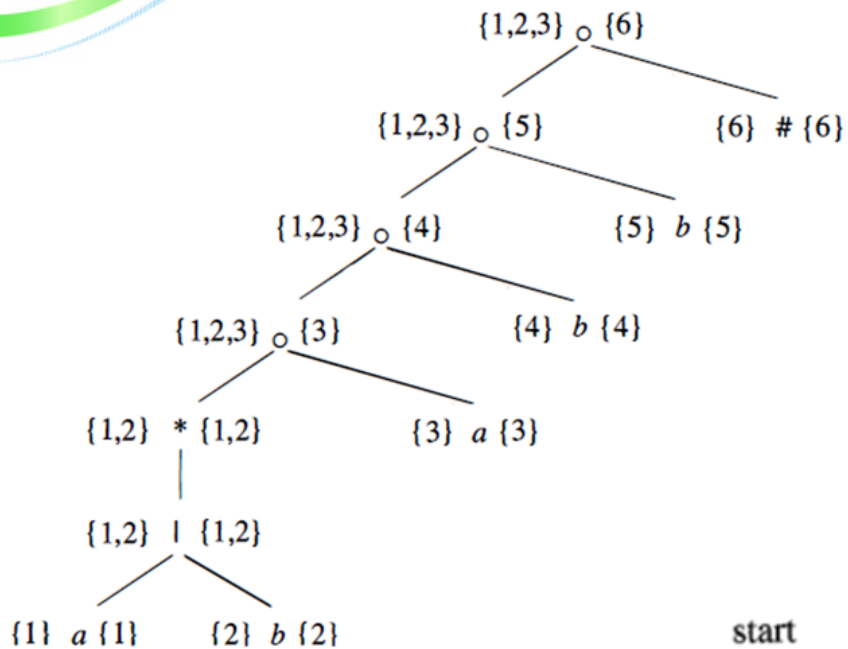
NODE n	$nullable(n)$	$firstpos(n)$
A leaf labeled ϵ	true	\emptyset
A leaf with position i	false	$\{i\}$
An or-node $n = c_1 c_2$	$nullable(c_1)$ or $nullable(c_2)$	$firstpos(c_1) \cup firstpos(c_2)$
A cat-node $n = c_1 c_2$	$nullable(c_1)$ and $nullable(c_2)$	if ($nullable(c_1)$) $firstpos(c_1) \cup firstpos(c_2)$ else $firstpos(c_1)$
A star-node $n = c_1^*$	true	$firstpos(c_1)$



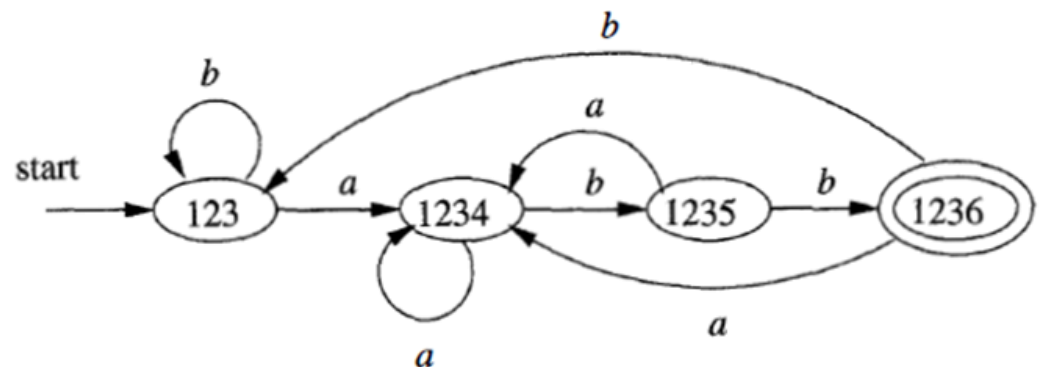
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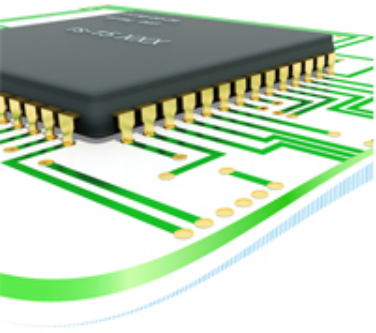
Construction Without NFA

$(a|b)^*abb\#$



NODE	n	$followpos(n)$
1		{1, 2, 3}
2		{1, 2, 3}
3		{4}
4		{5}
5		{6}
6		\emptyset





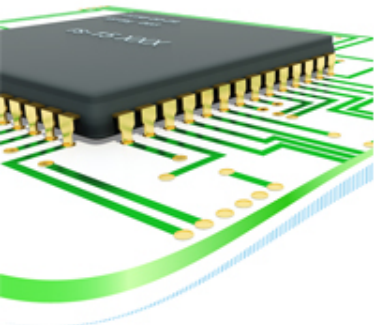
DFA

Minimization

Hopcroft's Algorithm

```
 $T \leftarrow \{D_A, \{D - D_A\}\};$   
 $P \leftarrow \emptyset$   
while ( $P \neq T$ ) do  
     $P \leftarrow T;$   
     $T \leftarrow \emptyset;$   
    for each set  $p \in P$  do  
         $T \leftarrow T \cup \text{Split}(p);$   
    end;  
end;  
  
Split( $S$ ) {  
    for each  $c \in \Sigma$  do  
        if  $c$  splits  $S$  into  $s_1$  and  $s_2$   
        then return  $\{s_1, s_2\};$   
    end;  
    return  $S;$   
}
```

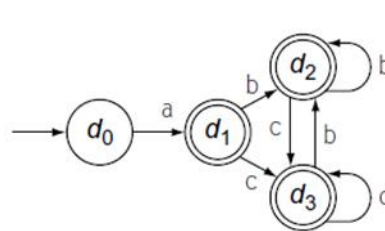
What makes two DFA state equivalent?
Is there another dimension for minimization?



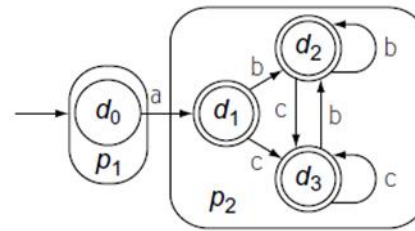
DFA

Minimization

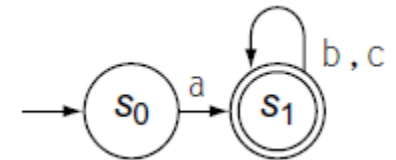
$a(b|c)^*$



(a) Original DFA



(b) Initial Partition



Accept	State	a	b	c
	d_0	1	-	-
*	d_1	-	2	3
*	d_2	-	2	3
*	d_3	-	2	3

Applying Hopcroft's algorithm

$g_0 = \{d_0\}, g_1 = \{d_1, d_2, d_3\}$

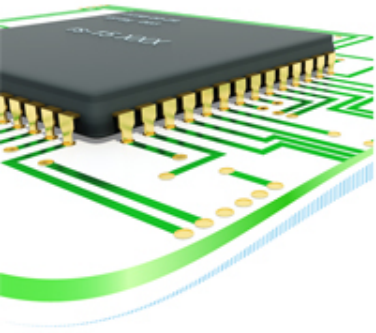
Group	Accept	State	a	b	c
0		g_0	1	-	-
1	*	g_1	-	1	1

Group	Accept	State	a	b	c
0		d_0	1	-	-
1	*	d_1	-	2	3
1	*	d_2	-	2	3
1	*	d_3	-	2	3

Applying Symbol Minimization

$m_0 = \{a\}, m_1 = \{b, c\}$

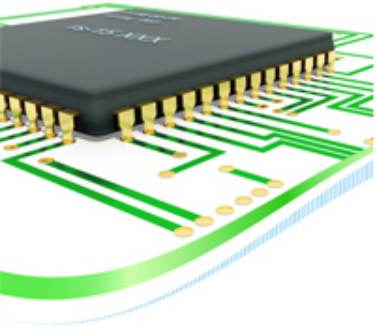
Group	Accept	State	m_0	m_1
0		g_0	1	-
1	*	g_1	-	1



Complexities

Build and Recognition

AUTOMATON	INITIAL	PER STRING
NFA	$O(r)$	$O(r \times x)$
DFA typical case	$O(r ^3)$	$O(x)$
DFA worst case	$O(r ^2 2^{ r })$	$O(x)$



DSA

Elementary structures and Algorithms

- **Set**
Symbols, States
- **Stack / Queue / List / Array ...**
States
- **Graph, Matrix**
Transition Functions, Symbols, Sets
- **What about symbols?**
ANSI Characters
Unicode
Case Sensitivity!