

# 41080 Theory of Computing Science

## Week 2 Tutorial Class

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- **Review:** languages and operations on them
- **Keynote:** DFAs and their relation with languages
- **Tutorial:** how to do the product construction of two DFAs

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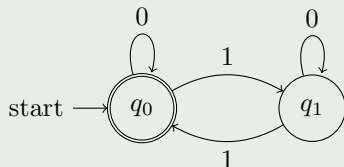
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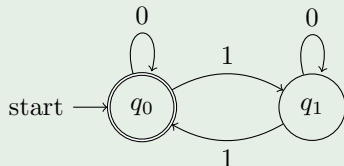
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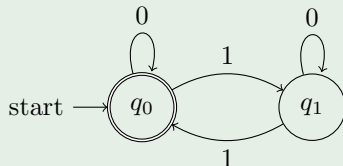
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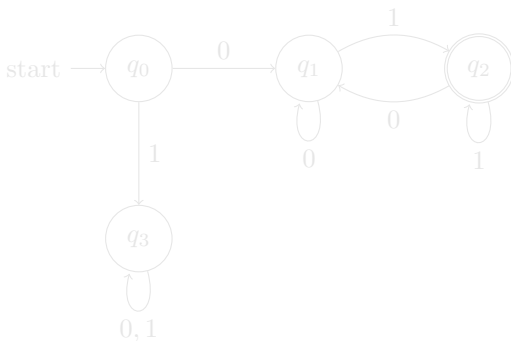
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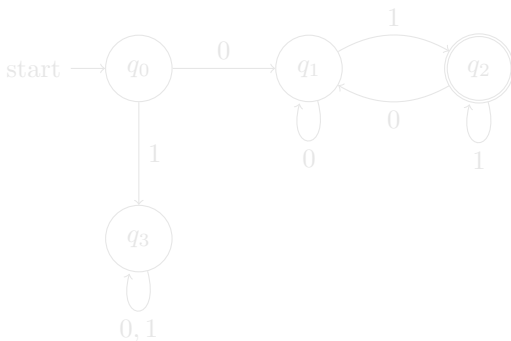
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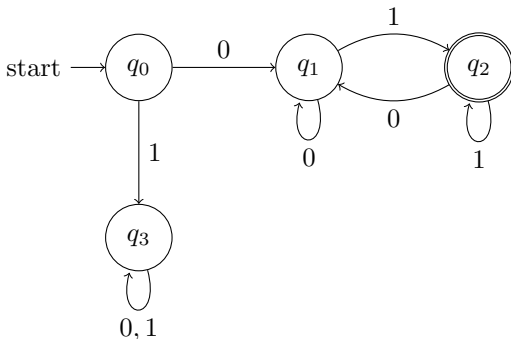
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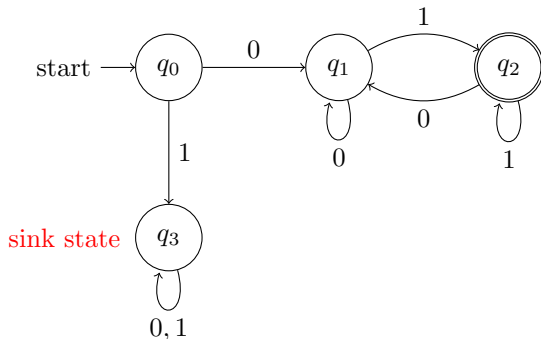
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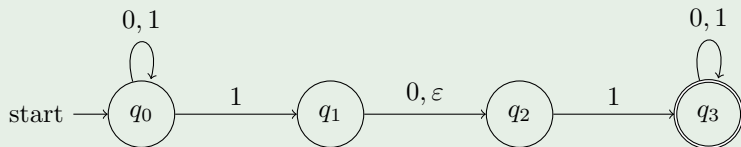
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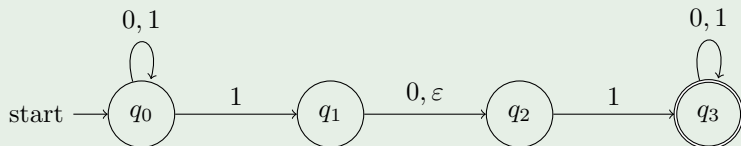
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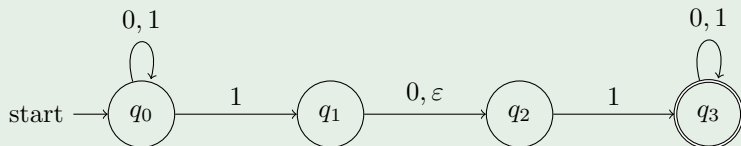
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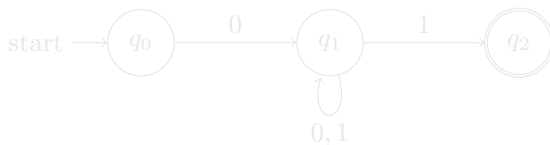
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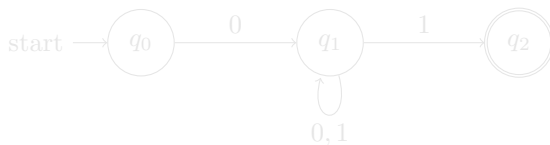
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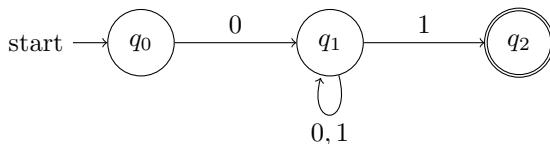
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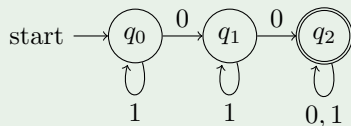
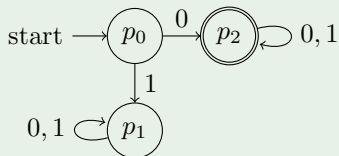
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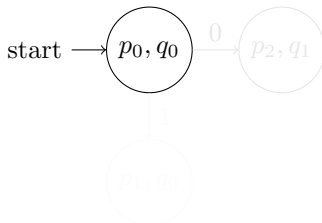
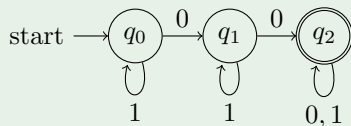
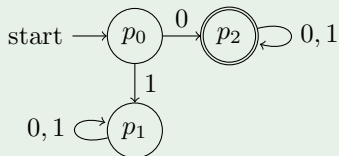
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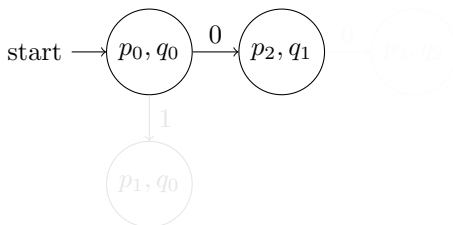
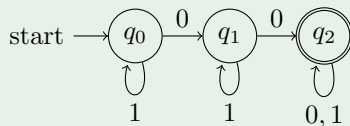
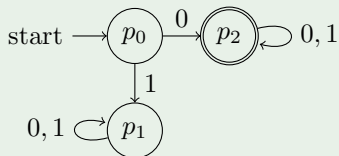
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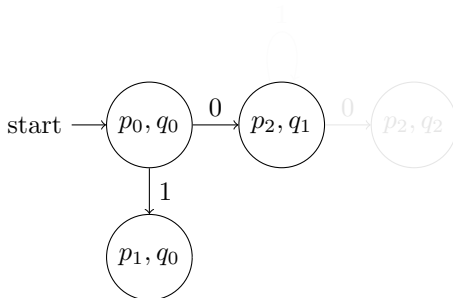
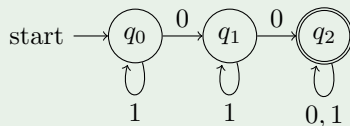
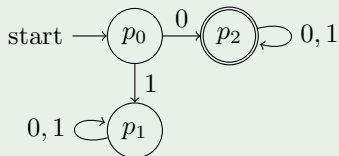
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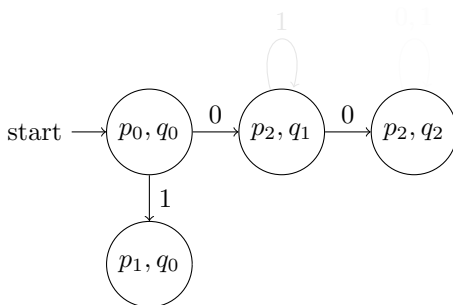
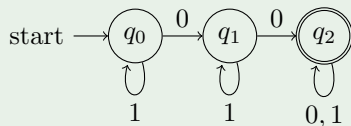
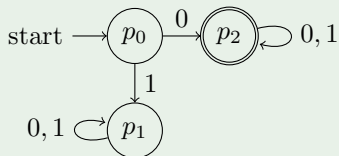
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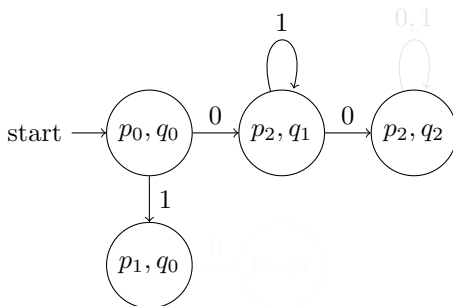
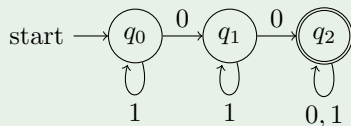
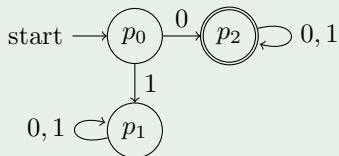
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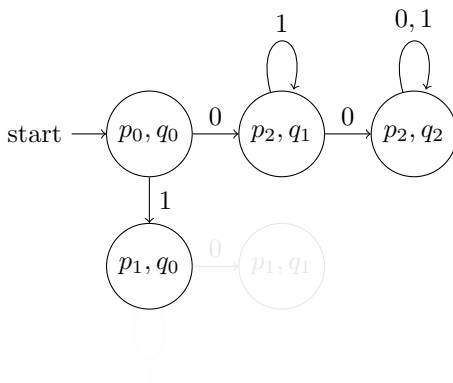
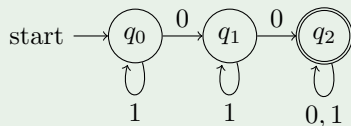
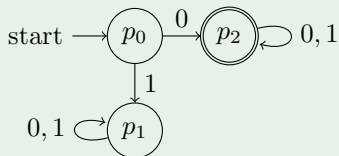
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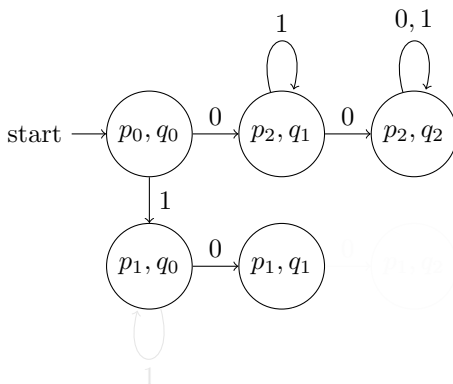
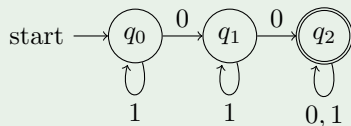
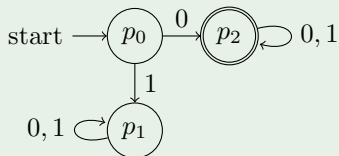
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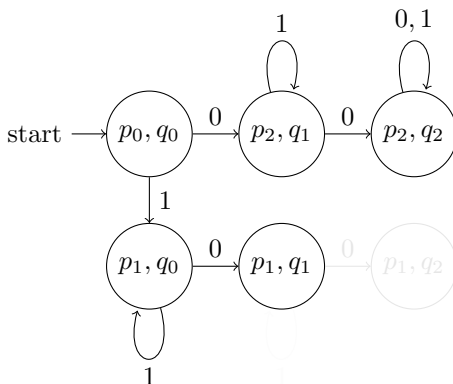
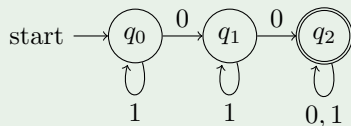
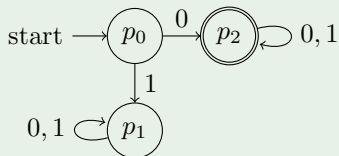
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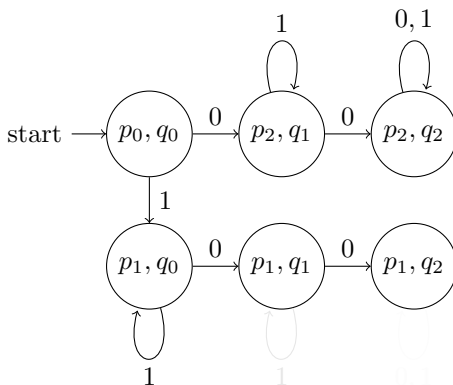
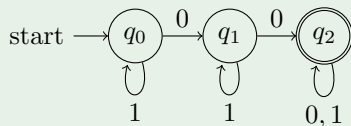
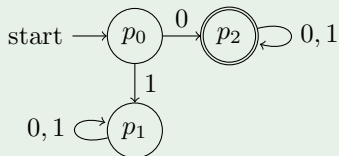
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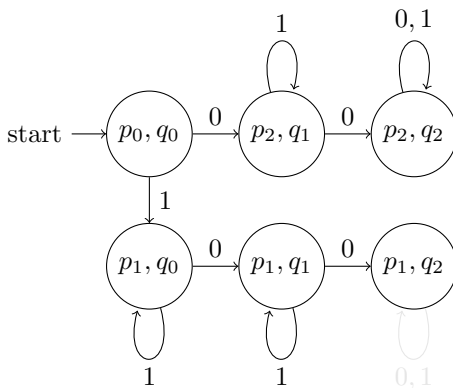
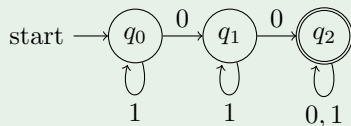
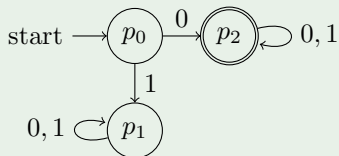
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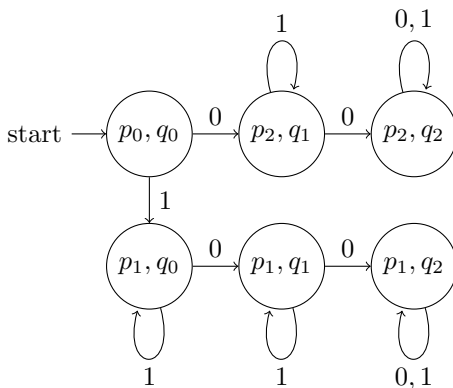
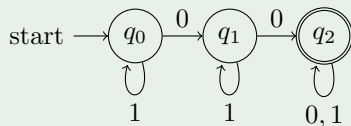
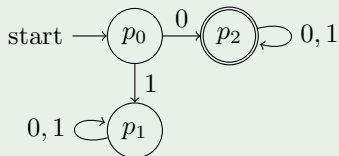
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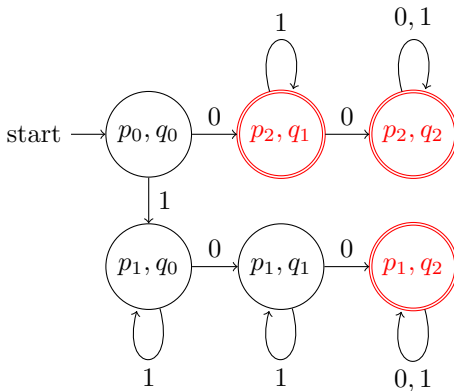
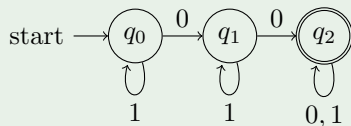
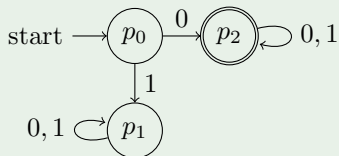
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