

# CS310 Automata Theory – 2016-2017

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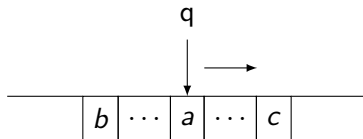


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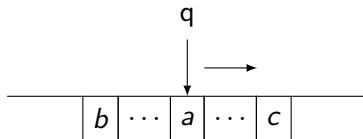
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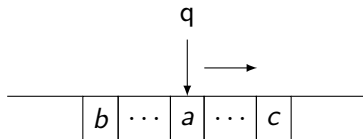
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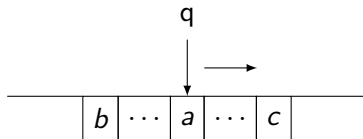


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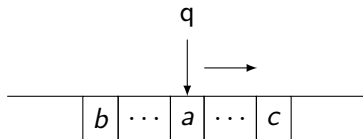
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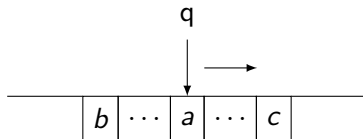
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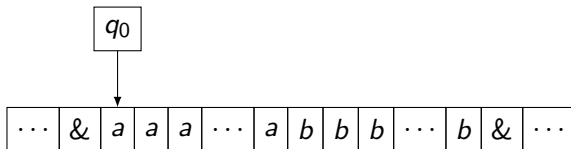
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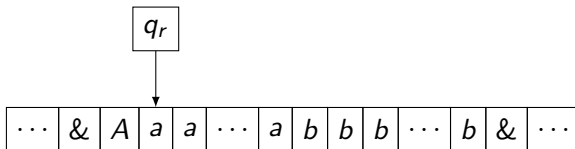
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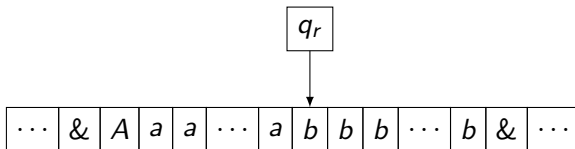
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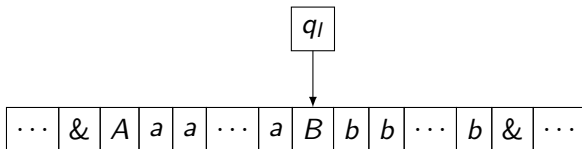
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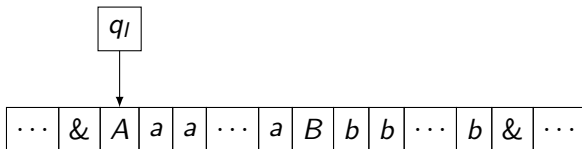
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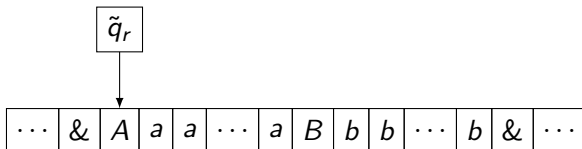
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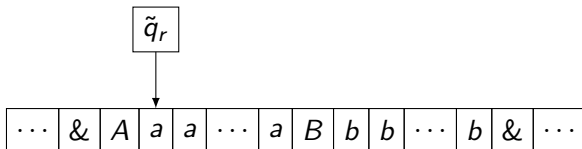
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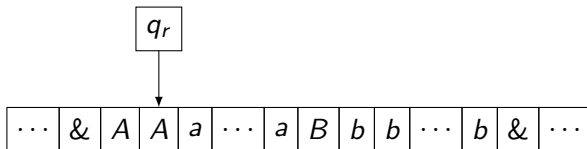
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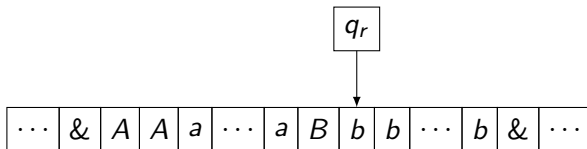
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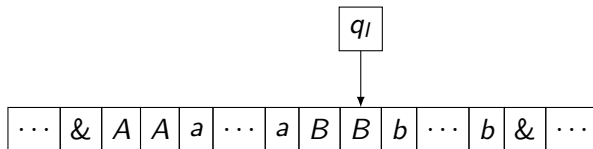
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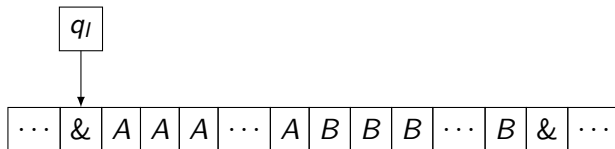
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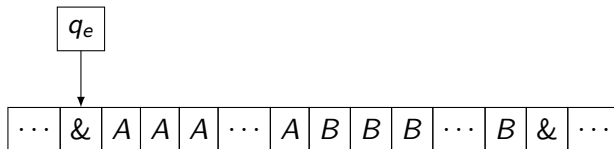
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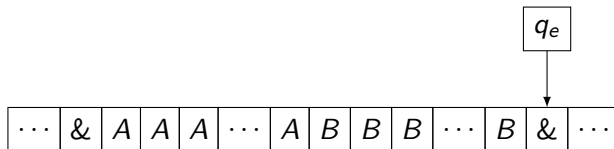
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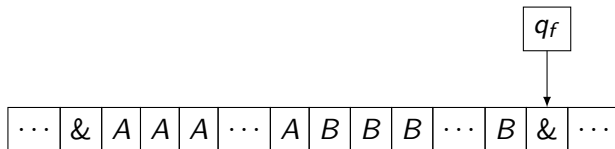
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Turing decidable languages form a subclass of Turing recognizable languages.



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