

Today:

0. Review

1. Regular Ops on Languages

1.1 Regular languages closed under  $\cup, \cap, -$

2. Nondeterministic FA's

2.1 NFAs reduce to DFAs

2.2 Reg Langs closed under  $\circ, ^*$

3. Regular Expressions

Review

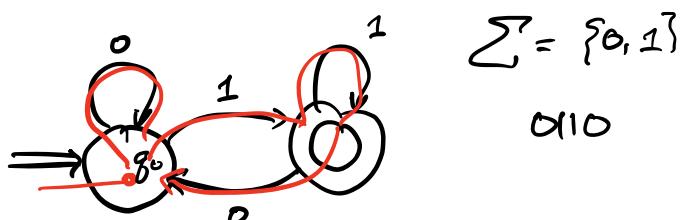
Languages (like  $\{0, 11, 010\}$ )

$\{0, 1^3\}^*$ ) are sets of strings.

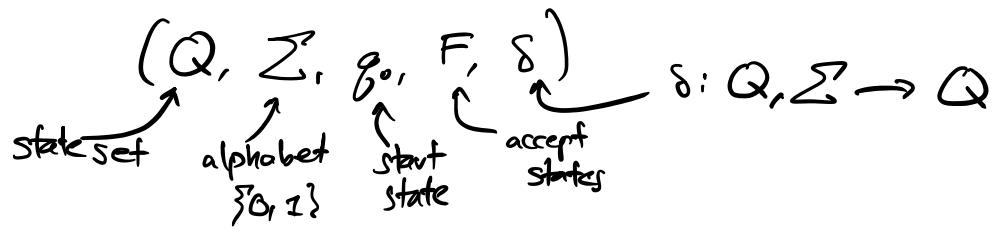
DFAs are math machines that read in strings  
(left to right, character by character) and say YES/NO.

$L(D)$ , the language of a DFA  $D$ , is the set  
of strings  $D$  accepts.

(Regular languages are those recognized by DFAs.)



Formally, a DFA can be summarized by a 5-tuple



Ex. Formal  $\rightarrow$  state diagram for DFA

Let  $D = (Q, \Sigma, q_0, F, \delta)$  be a DFA.

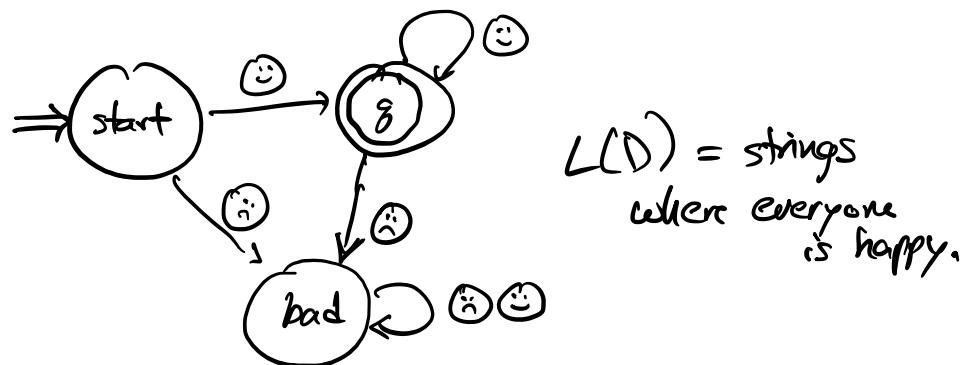
$$Q = \{\text{start}, g, \text{bad}\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{\smiley, \frowny\}$$

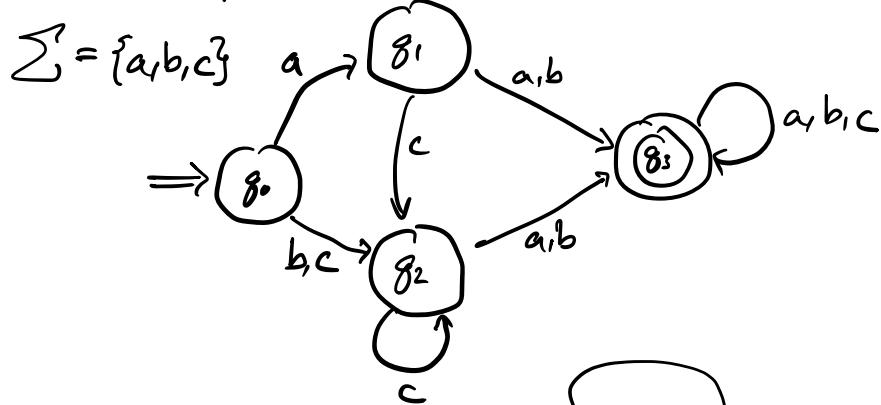
$q_0 = \text{start}$

$$F = \{g\}$$

$\delta$	$\smiley$	$\frowny$
start	bad	$g$
$g$	bad	$g$
bad	bad	bad



DFA  $\rightarrow$  formal def.



$$D = (Q, \Sigma, q_0, F, \delta)$$

$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$        $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$        $F = \{q_3\}$

$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$$

$\delta:$

	a	b	c
$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$	$q_2$
$q_1$	$q_3$	$q_3$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$q_3$	$q_3$	$q_2$
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### 1. Regular Operations.

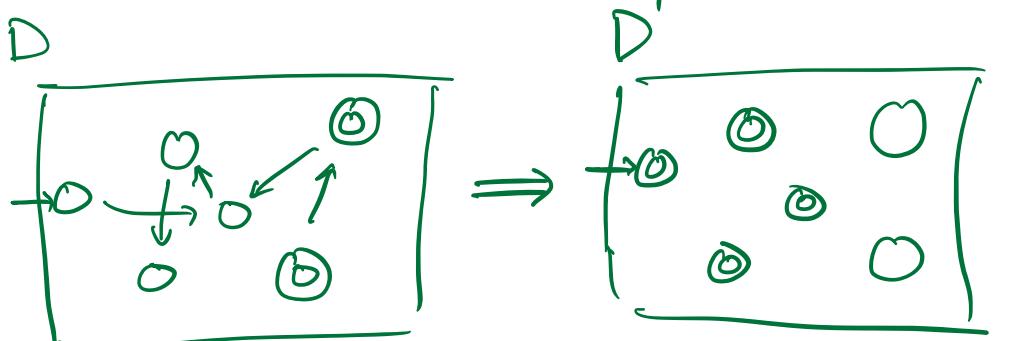
$L_1$  is regular  $\iff$  some DFA  $D$  recognizes it.

Can we define 'macros' that make it easier to prove languages are regular?

Q: If  $L_1$  is regular, is  $\overline{L_1}$  also regular?

every string over the same alphabet  
that's not in  $L_1$ .

Some DFA  $D$   
 $L(D) = L_1$



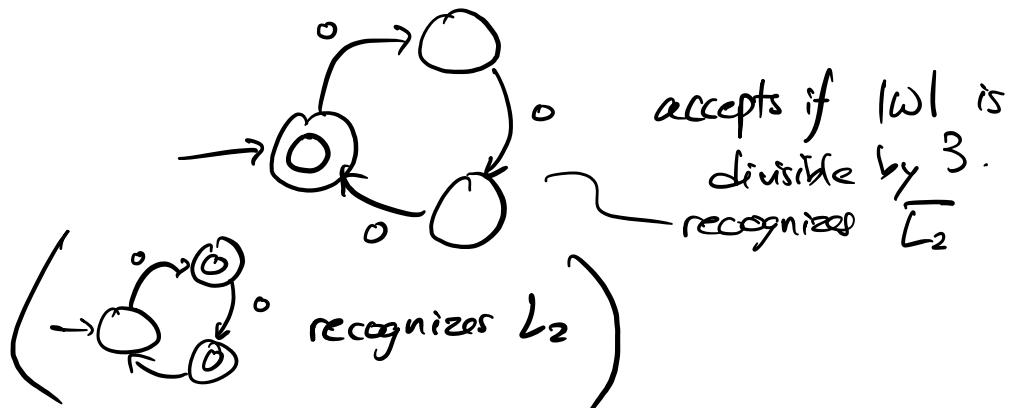
- In  $D$ , a string  $w$  ends at an  $\textcircled{0}$  if and only if  $w \in L_1$ .
- $\therefore$  In  $D'$ , we accept  $w$  if and only if  $w \notin L_1$ .

(relation of  $D$  and  $D'$ ? maybe "complement"?)

"Is  $L_2$  regular?"    " $\overline{L_2}$  is regular, so yes!"

$L_2 = \{x \mid x \text{ is a string of } 0\text{'s with length } \underline{\text{not}} \text{ divisible by } 3\}$

$$\Sigma = \{0\}$$



Def. When a regular operation is applied to regular languages, the result is regular.

List of regular operations:

$$A, B \text{ regular} \rightarrow A \cup B \text{ regular}$$

$$A \circ B \text{ regular} \nrightarrow A, B \text{ regular}$$

✓ - Complement.  $\overline{A} := \{x \mid x \notin A\}$   
 (If  $A$  regular,  $\overline{A}$  is regular)

- Union.  $A \cup B := \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$  

- Intersection  $A \cap B := \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$  

- Concatenation  $A \circ B := \{wx \mid w \in A, x \in B\} \neq B \circ A$  

to do

- (Kleene) Star:  $A^* := A \circ A \circ A \circ \dots \circ A$   
 $= \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \mid x_i \in A, k \geq 0\}$

$$\{0, 1\}^* = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, \\ 000, 001, \dots\}$$

Puzzle:  $A$  such that  $A^*$  is finite?

$$A = \{\} = \emptyset, \quad A^* = \emptyset^* = \{\epsilon\}$$

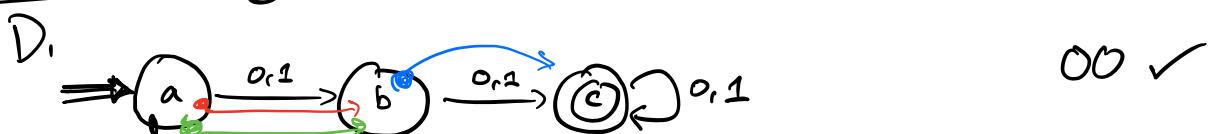
⊕  $A = \{\epsilon\}$  → (not quite defined.)

$$A^* = \{\epsilon\}^* = \{\epsilon, \epsilon\epsilon, \epsilon\epsilon\epsilon, \dots\} = \{\epsilon\}$$

$\{x \mid x \in \{0, 1\}^*, x = 0^k 1^k \text{ for } k \geq 0\}$  - nonregular

If we can prove regularity, we can use the operation  
<sup>operation</sup> to show languages are regular!

### 1.1 Simulating two DFAs at once.



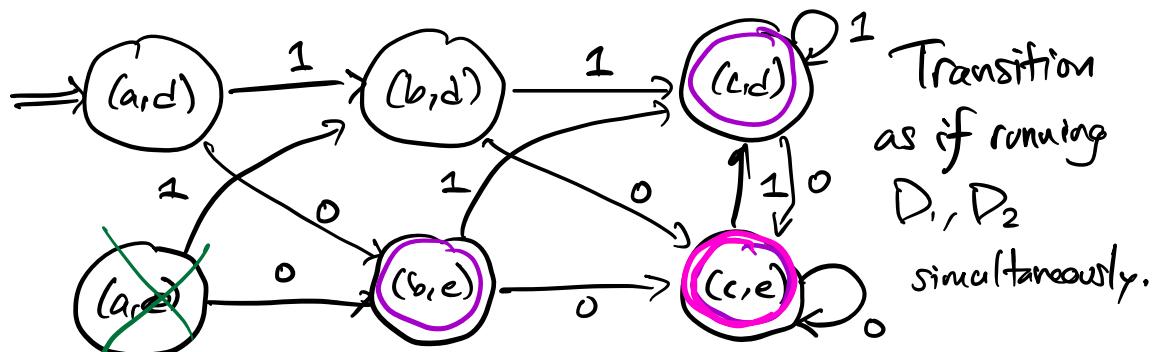
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$L(D_1) = x \in \{0, 1\}^* \text{ with } \geq 2 \text{ characters.}$

$L(D_2) = \text{strings that end in } 0$   
 $(\text{again over } \{0, 1\}).$

What about  $L(D_1) \cup L(D_2)$ ? (strings w/ length  $\geq 2$  OR strings that end in 0)  
 $L(D_1) \cap L(D_2)$ ? (length  $\geq 2$  AND end in 0).

Create a DFA with a state for every pair of states in  $D_1, D_2$ :



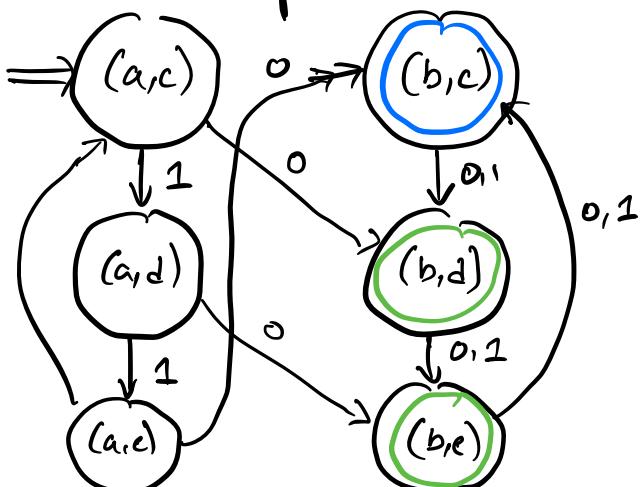
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Challenge ex -

Build a DFA  
for  $L(D_1) \cap L(D_2)$ ,  $D_2$

(\*) DFA for  $L(D_1) \cap L(D_2)$

(\*\*) Can you do this with < 6 states?  
not yet 0 | seen 0



Theorem. Regular languages are closed under union ( $\cup$ ).

(If A regular, B regular, then  $A \cup B$  regular)

( $\cup$  is a regular operation.)

Idea: Simulate two DFAs for A, B, and accept if either accepts.

Proof. Let A, B be regular languages.

Let  $D_A, D_B$  be DFAs that recognize A and B.

Let  $D_A = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, s_1, F_1)$ .

$D_B = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, s_2, F_2)$ .

Build  $D_{A \cup B}$  as follows:

Let  $D_{A \cup B} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, g_0, F)$ .

$$Q = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in Q_1, r_2 \in Q_2\}$$

$$\Sigma = \text{same.} \quad \sqsubset = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$g_0 = (s_1, s_2)$$

$$F = \{(r_1, r_2) \mid \underbrace{r_1 \in F_1 \text{ OR } r_2 \in F_2}_{\text{union}}\}$$

$\delta$ : on every pair  $(r_1, r_2) \in Q$ ,  $a \in \Sigma$ ,

$$\delta((r_1, r_2), a) = (s_1(r_1, a), s_2(r_2, a))$$

Claim: end state of  $D_{A \cup B}$  on any input  $w$

= (end state of  $D_A$ , end state of  $D_B$ ) on  $w$ .

By defn of  $F$ , if  $D_{A \cup B}$  accepts  $w$ , either  $D_A \cup D_B$  accepts  $w$ .  $\square$

(To modify for  $\cap$ :  $F: \{(r_1, r_2) \mid r_1 \in F_1 \text{ AND } r_2 \in F_2\}$ ).

How prove?  
A, B regular  $\rightarrow$  A•B regular

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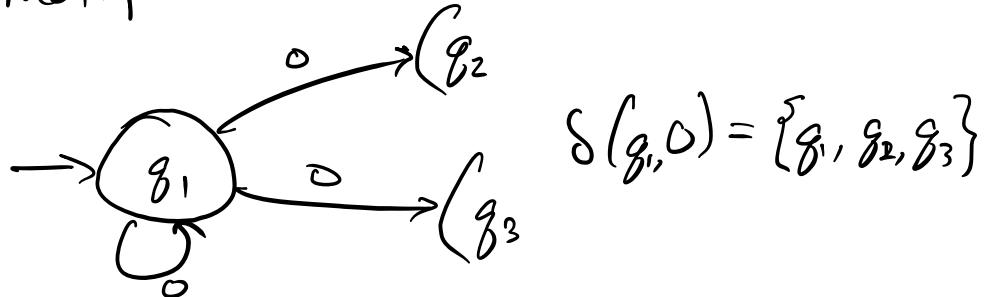
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(Deterministic) Finite Automaton

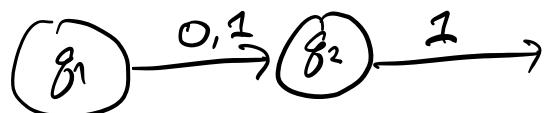
$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$$

- Break the rule of going to exactly one state.

1. Multiple transitions on one char

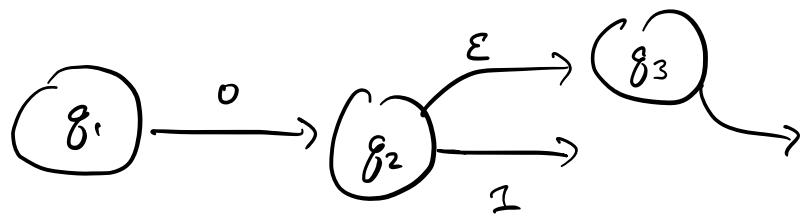


2. 0 transitions on a char: branch of computation "dies"



$$\delta(g_2, 0) = \emptyset$$

3.  $\epsilon$ -transition is "free branch"

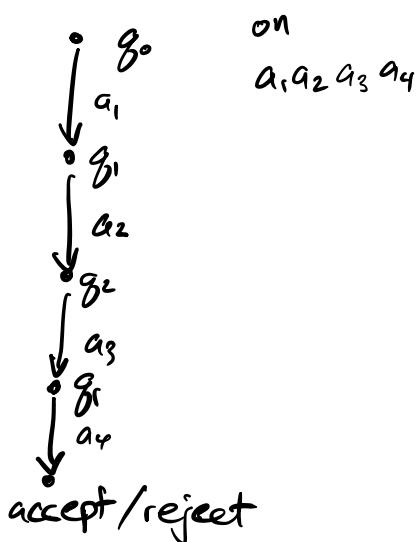


$$\delta(q_2, \epsilon) = \{q_3\}$$

on a state with an  $\epsilon$ -transition,  
we split into two computational branches:  
One takes the  $\epsilon$ -edge and one stays put.

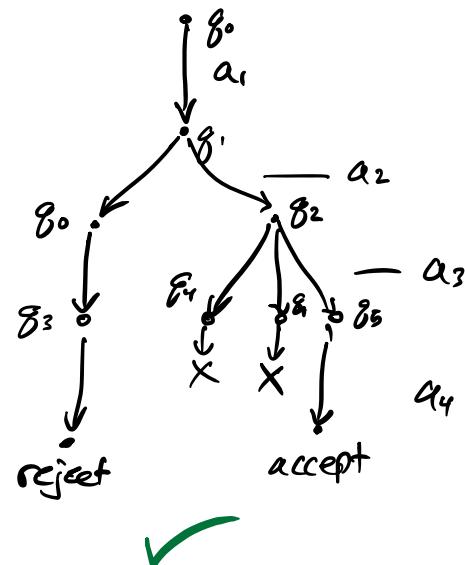
4. Resolving many branches? Accept if any branch of computation is in an accept state at the end of the input string.

Deterministic comp.  
(DFA)

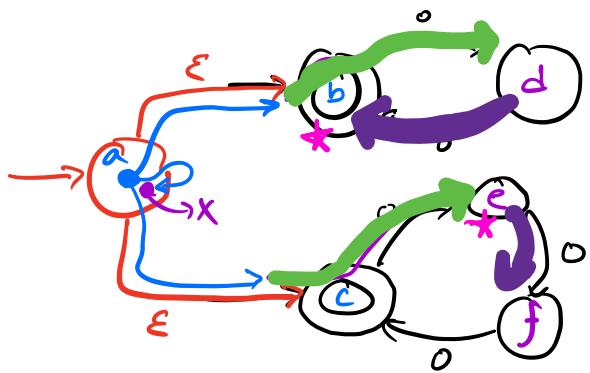


on  
 $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$

NFA



Example NFA state diagram.  $\Sigma = \{0\}$   
 $L = \{w \mid |w| \text{ is divisible by } 2 \text{ or } 3\}$ .



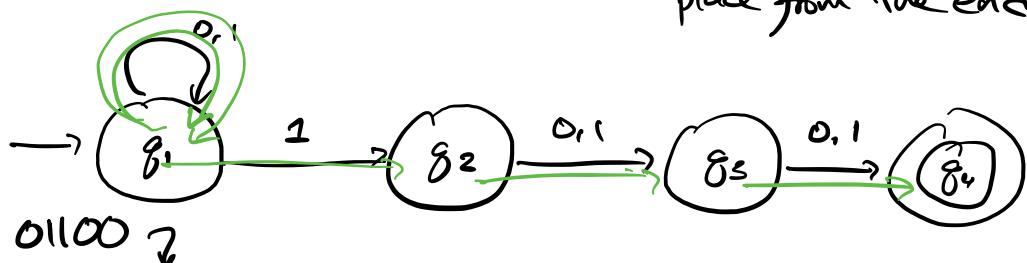
example:  
 $(\epsilon)0000$

read in	states occupied
$\epsilon$	{a}
0	{a, b, c}
0	{d, e}
0	{b, f}
0	{d, c}
0	{b, e}

end of evaluation: in  $\{b, e\}$   
at least 1 accept state  $\Rightarrow$  accept.

Example 2.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

$L : \{w \mid w \text{ has a } 1 \text{ in the third place from the end.}\}$



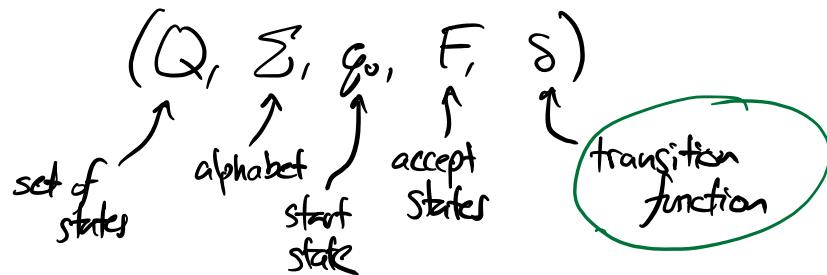
read in	live states
	{g1}
0	{g1}
1	{g1, g2}
1	{g1, g2, g3}
0	{g1, g3, g4}
0	{g1, g4} X



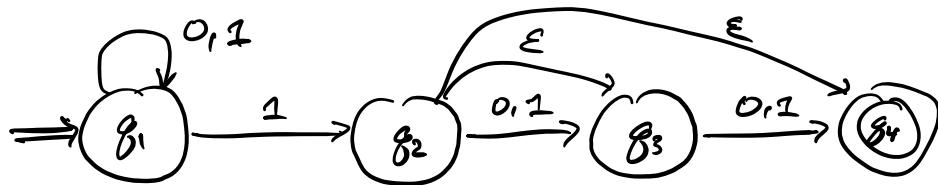
Def. The Power Set  $P(S)$  is the set of all subsets of  $S$ .

$$\{a, b, c\}. P(\{a, b, c\}) = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\}\}$$

Def.: An NFA is a 5-tuple



$$\delta: \overbrace{Q}^{\text{a state}} \times \overbrace{(\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\})}^{\text{character (or } \epsilon \text{)}} \rightarrow \overbrace{\mathcal{P}(Q)}^{\text{a subset of states.}}$$



$$N = (Q, \Sigma, g_0, F, \delta)$$

{ $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4$ }      { $0, 1$ }      { $\epsilon$ }      { $g_1$ }      { $g_4$ }

	0	1	$\epsilon$
$g_1$	{ $g_1$ }	{ $g_1, g_2$ }	$\emptyset$
$g_2$	{ $g_1$ }	{ $g_3$ }	{ $g_2, g_3, g_4$ }
$g_3$	{ $g_4$ }	{ $g_4$ }	$\emptyset$
$g_4$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

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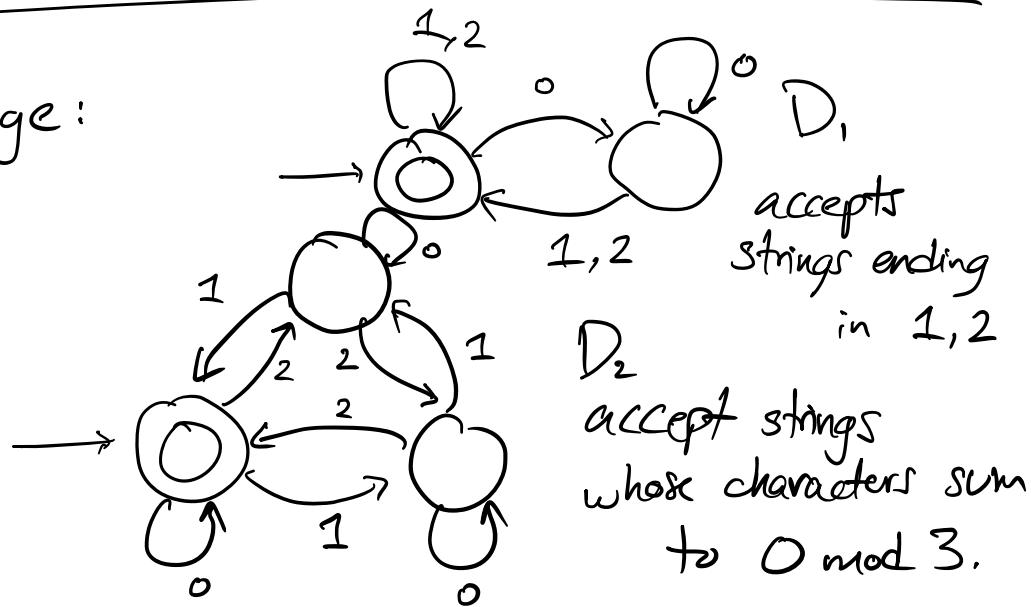
[take as true, will prove next time.]

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True statements:

- NFAs, DFAs both recognize reg. languages.
- Regular languages are closed under the operations  $\bar{ } , U, \cap, \circ, *$ .

challenge:



1: Use NFA edges to build  $L(D_1) \cup L(D_2)$

(\*\*) Build an NFA for  $L(D_1) \circ L(D_2)$

(\*\*\*) Build an NFA for  $L(D)^*$ .

$$A \circ B = \{wx \mid w \in A, x \in B\}$$

$$A^* = \{w_1 w_2 \dots w_k \mid \text{all } w_i \text{ in } A, k \geq 0\}.$$

