

# Parsing

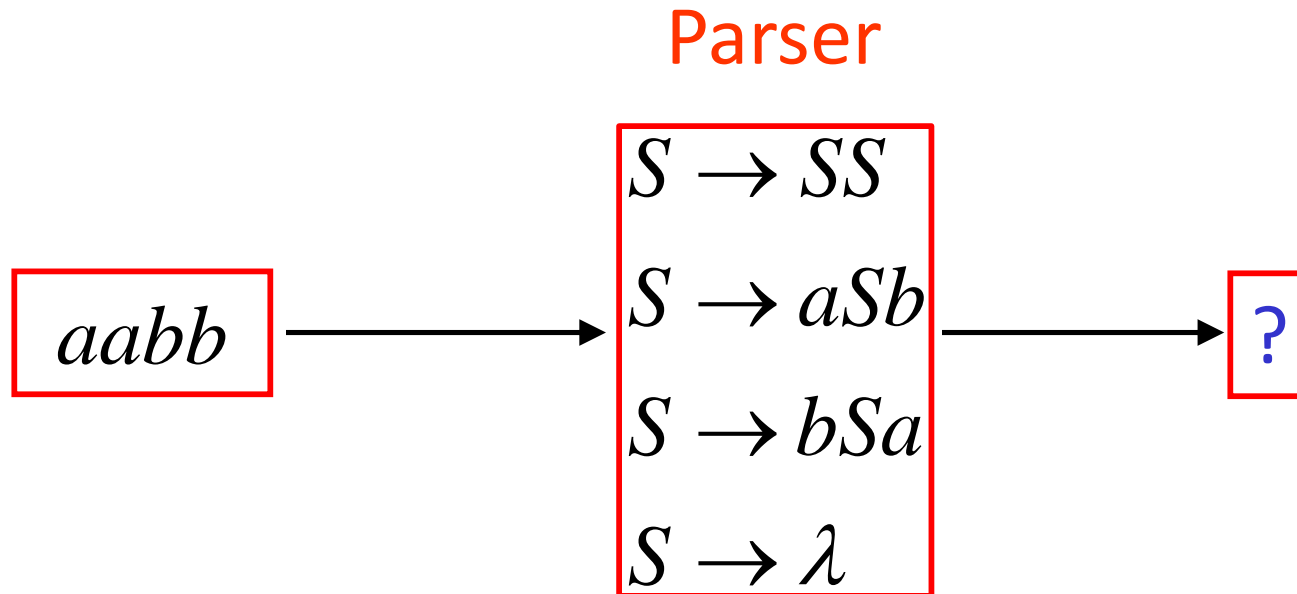
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- Example



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- Phase 3:

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aabb$$

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aSSb$$

$$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb$$



# Exhaustive Search

$$S \rightarrow SS \mid aSb \mid bSa \mid \lambda$$

Parser

input

$aabb$

$S \rightarrow SS$

$S \rightarrow aSb$

$S \rightarrow bSa$

$S \rightarrow \lambda$

derivation

$S \Rightarrow aSb \Rightarrow aaSbb \Rightarrow aabb$

# Time Complexity of Exhaustive Search

- Suppose there are no productions of the form

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

- Number of phases for string  $w$  :  $2^{|w|}$

# Time Complexity of Exhaustive Search

- For grammar with  $k$  rules
- Time for phase 1:  $k$

$k$  possible derivations

# Time Complexity of Exhaustive Search

- For grammar with  $k$  rules
- Time for phase 2:  $k^2$

$k^2$  possible derivations

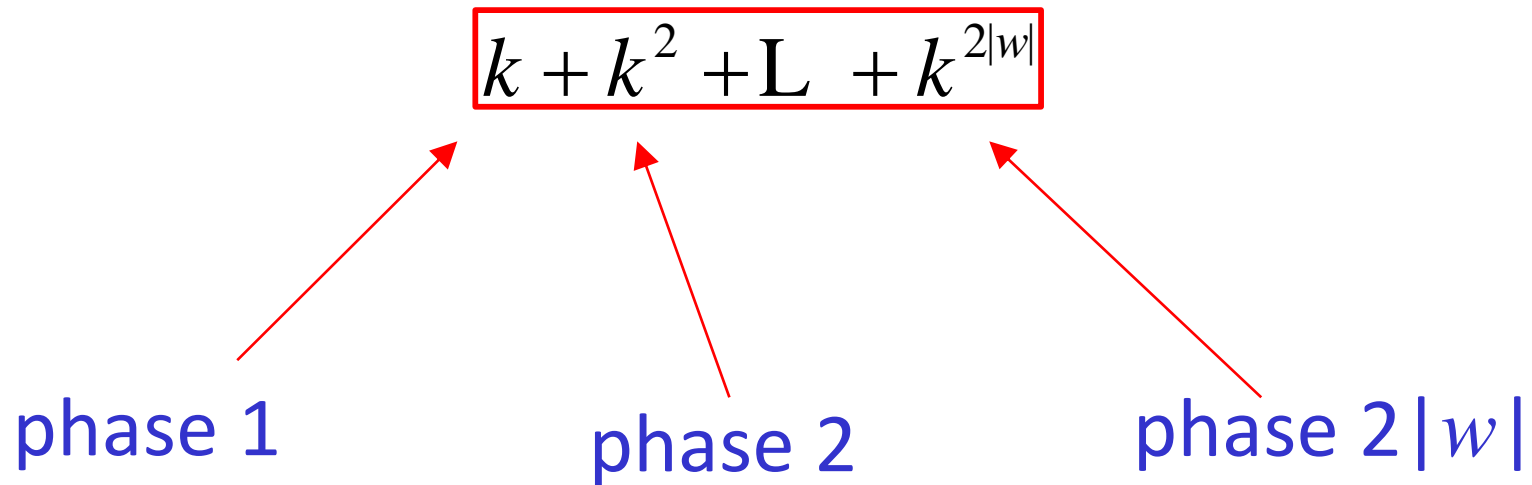
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- Time for phase 2  $|w|$ :  $k^{2|w|}$

$k^{2|w|}$  possible derivations

# Time Complexity of Exhaustive Search

- Total time needed for string  $w$ :



Extremely bad!!!

# Another Algorithm

- There exist faster algorithms for specialized grammars

s-grammar:

$$A \rightarrow ax$$

symbol

string of  
variables

Pair  $(A, a)$  appears once

# Another Algorithm

- s-grammar example:

$$S \rightarrow aS$$

$$S \rightarrow bSS$$

$$S \rightarrow c$$

- Each string has a unique derivation

$$S \Rightarrow aS \Rightarrow abSS \Rightarrow abcS \Rightarrow abcc$$



# Another Algorithm

- For s-grammars: in the exhaustive search parsing there is only **one choice** in each phase
- Time for each phase: **1**
- Total time for the parsing string  $w$ :  **$|w|$**

# Another Algorithm

- For general context-free grammars:

There exists a parsing algorithm  
that parses a string  $w$   
in time  $|w|^3$ .

# **Normal Forms for Context-free Grammars**

\* اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ لِسَانًا رَطْبًا بِذِكْرِكَ  
وَقَلْبًا مَفْعُمًا بِشُكْرِكَ وَبَدَنًا هَيِّنًا لِيَّنَا  
بِطَاعَتِكَ اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ اِيْمَانًا كَامِلًا

وَنَسْأَلُكَ قَلْبًا خَاشِعًا وَنَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا  
وَنَسْأَلُكَ يَقِيْنًا صَادِقًا وَنَسْأَلُكَ دِيْنًا قِيْمًا  
وَنَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ بَلِيَّةٍ وَنَسْأَلُكَ  
تَمَامَ الْغِنَى عَنِ النَّاسِ وَهَبْ لَنَا حَقِيْقَةَ  
الْاِيْمَانِ بِكَ حَتَّى لَا نَخَافَ وَلَا تَرْجُوْ  
غَيْرَكَ وَلَا نَعْبُدَ شَيْئًا سِوَاكَ وَاجْعَلْ يَدَكَ  
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وَمَنْ مَعَنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَلَا تَكِلْنَا اِلَى  
اَنْفُسِنَا طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ وَلَا اَقْلَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ يَا  
نِعْمَ الْمُجِيْبُ.

# Context-free Grammars

- A context-free grammar:

$$G = (V, T, S, P)$$

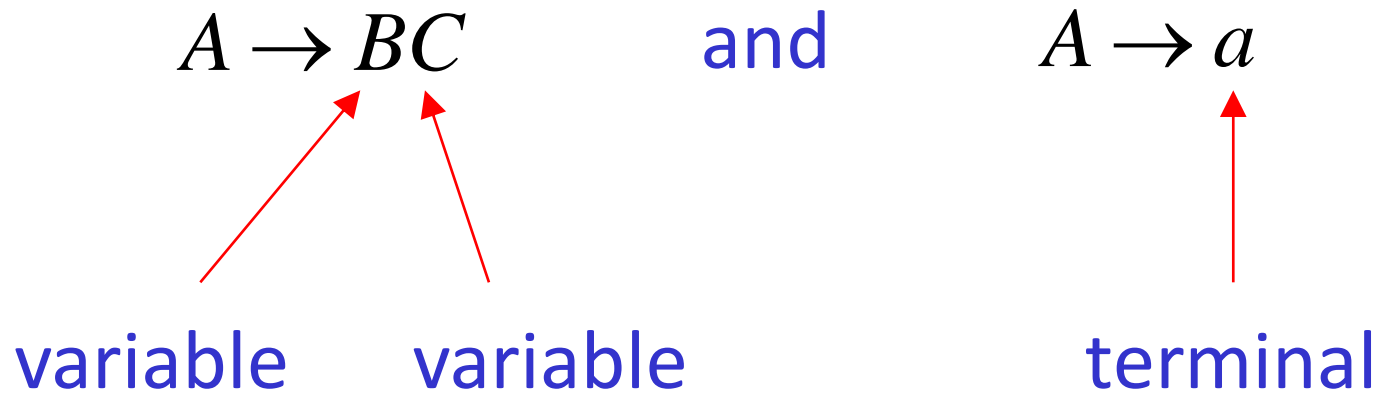
- $V$ : a set of variables (nonterminals)
- $T$ : a set of terminals
- $S$ : the start symbol (the axiom)
- $P$ : a set of production rules of the form

$$A \rightarrow x$$

- $x$  is a string of variables and terminals

# Chomsky Normal Form

- All productions have form:



# Examples

$$S \rightarrow AS$$

$$S \rightarrow a$$

$$A \rightarrow SA$$

$$A \rightarrow b$$

Chomsky  
Normal Form

$$S \rightarrow AS$$

$$S \rightarrow AAS$$

$$A \rightarrow SA$$

$$A \rightarrow aa$$

Not Chomsky  
Normal Form

# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- **Example:**  
 $S \rightarrow ABa$   
 $A \rightarrow aab$   
 $B \rightarrow Ac$

Not Chomsky  
Normal Form



# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- Introduce variables for terminals:  $T_a, T_b, T_c$

$$S \rightarrow ABa$$

$$A \rightarrow aab$$

$$B \rightarrow Ac$$



$$S \rightarrow ABT_a$$

$$A \rightarrow T_a T_a T_b$$

$$B \rightarrow AT_c$$

$$T_a \rightarrow a$$

$$T_b \rightarrow b$$

$$T_c \rightarrow c$$

# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- Introduce intermediate variable:  $V_1$

$$S \rightarrow ABT_a$$

$$A \rightarrow T_a T_a T_b$$

$$B \rightarrow AT_c$$

$$T_a \rightarrow a$$

$$T_b \rightarrow b$$

$$T_c \rightarrow c$$



$$S \rightarrow AV_1$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow BT_a$$

$$A \rightarrow T_a T_a T_b$$

$$B \rightarrow AT_c$$

$$T_a \rightarrow a$$

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# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- Introduce intermediate variable:  $V_2$

$$S \rightarrow AV_1$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow BT_a$$

$$A \rightarrow T_a T_a T_b$$

$$B \rightarrow AT_c$$

$$T_a \rightarrow a$$

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$$V_1 \rightarrow BT_a$$

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$$V_2 \rightarrow T_a T_b$$

$$B \rightarrow AT_c$$

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# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- Final grammar in Chomsky Normal Form:

Initial grammar

$$S \rightarrow ABa$$

$$A \rightarrow aab$$

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# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- In general:
- From any context-free grammar not in Chomsky Normal Form
- We can obtain an equivalent grammar in Chomsky Normal Form

# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- The procedure:
- First remove:

Nullable variables

Unit productions

# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- For every terminal symbol  $a$

Add production  $T_a \rightarrow a$

In productions: replace  $a$  with  $T_a$

New variable:  $T_a$

# Conversion to Chomsky Normal Form

- Replace production  $A \rightarrow C_1 C_2 L C_n$

with

$$A \rightarrow C_1 V_1$$

$$V_1 \rightarrow C_2 V_2$$

$L$

$$V_{n-2} \rightarrow C_{n-1} C_n$$

New intermediate variables:  $V_1, V_2, K, V_{n-2}$



# Chomsky Normal Form

- **Theorem**

For any context-free grammar  
there is an equivalent grammar  
in Chomsky Normal Form

# Chomsky Normal Form

- Observations

Chomsky normal forms are good for parsing and proving theorems

It is very easy to find the Chomsky normal form of any context-free grammar

# **An Application of Chomsky Normal Forms**

# The CYK Membership Algorithm

- Input:

Grammar  $G$  in Chomsky Normal Form

String  $w$

- Output:

Find if  $w \in L(G)$

# Cocke–Younger–Kasami

the **Cocke–Younger–Kasami**

**algorithm** (alternatively called **CYK**, or **CKY**)

is a parsing algorithm for context-free grammars published by Itiroo Sakai in

1961.<sup>[1]</sup> The algorithm is named after some of

its rediscoverers: John Cocke, Daniel Younger, Tadao Kasami, and Jacob T.

Schwartz. It employs bottom-up parsing and dynamic programming.

# The Algorithm

- Input example:

Grammar  $G$

$$S \rightarrow AB$$

$$A \rightarrow BB$$

$$A \rightarrow a$$

$$B \rightarrow AB$$

$$B \rightarrow b$$

String  $w$ :  $aabbb$

# The Algorithm

$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow BB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow AB, B \rightarrow b$

$a$	$a$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$aa$	$ab$	$bb$	$bb$	
$aab$	$abb$	$bbb$		
$aabb$	$abbb$			
$aabbb$				

# The Algorithm

$S \rightarrow AB, A \rightarrow BB, A \rightarrow a, B \rightarrow AB, B \rightarrow b$

<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>B</i>
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<i>aa</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>bb</i>	<i>bb</i>	
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$A$	$A$	$B$	$B$	$B$
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	$S, B$	$A$	$A$	
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# The Algorithm

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# The Algorithm

- Therefore:

$$aabb \in L(G)$$

- Time Complexity:

$$|w|^3$$

- Observation:

The CYK algorithm can be easily converted to a parser

# Exercises

1. Eliminate all  $\lambda$ -productions from

$$S \rightarrow AaB|aaB$$

$$A \rightarrow \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bbA|\lambda$$

2. Remove all unit-productions, all useless productions, and all  $\lambda$ -productions from the grammar

$$S \rightarrow aA|aBB$$

$$A \rightarrow aaA|\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bB|bbC$$

$$C \rightarrow B$$

# Exercises

3. Transform the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S \rightarrow abAB$$

$$A \rightarrow bAB|\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow BAa|A|\lambda$$

4. Convert the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S \rightarrow aSb|ab$$

5. Convert the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S \rightarrow aSA|A$$

$$A \rightarrow abA|b$$

# Exercises

6. Transform the grammar into Chomsky Normal Form:

$$S \rightarrow AB|aB$$

$$A \rightarrow aab|\lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow bbA$$

7. Transform the grammars into CNF:

a)  $S \rightarrow aSb|bSa|a|b$

b)  $S \rightarrow aSb|ab$

c)  $S \rightarrow ab|aS|aaS$

d)  $S \rightarrow ABb|a, A \rightarrow aaA|B, B \rightarrow bAb$



# Exercises

8. Use the CYK algorithm to determine whether the strings *aabb*, *aabba*, and *abbbb* are in the language generated by the grammar

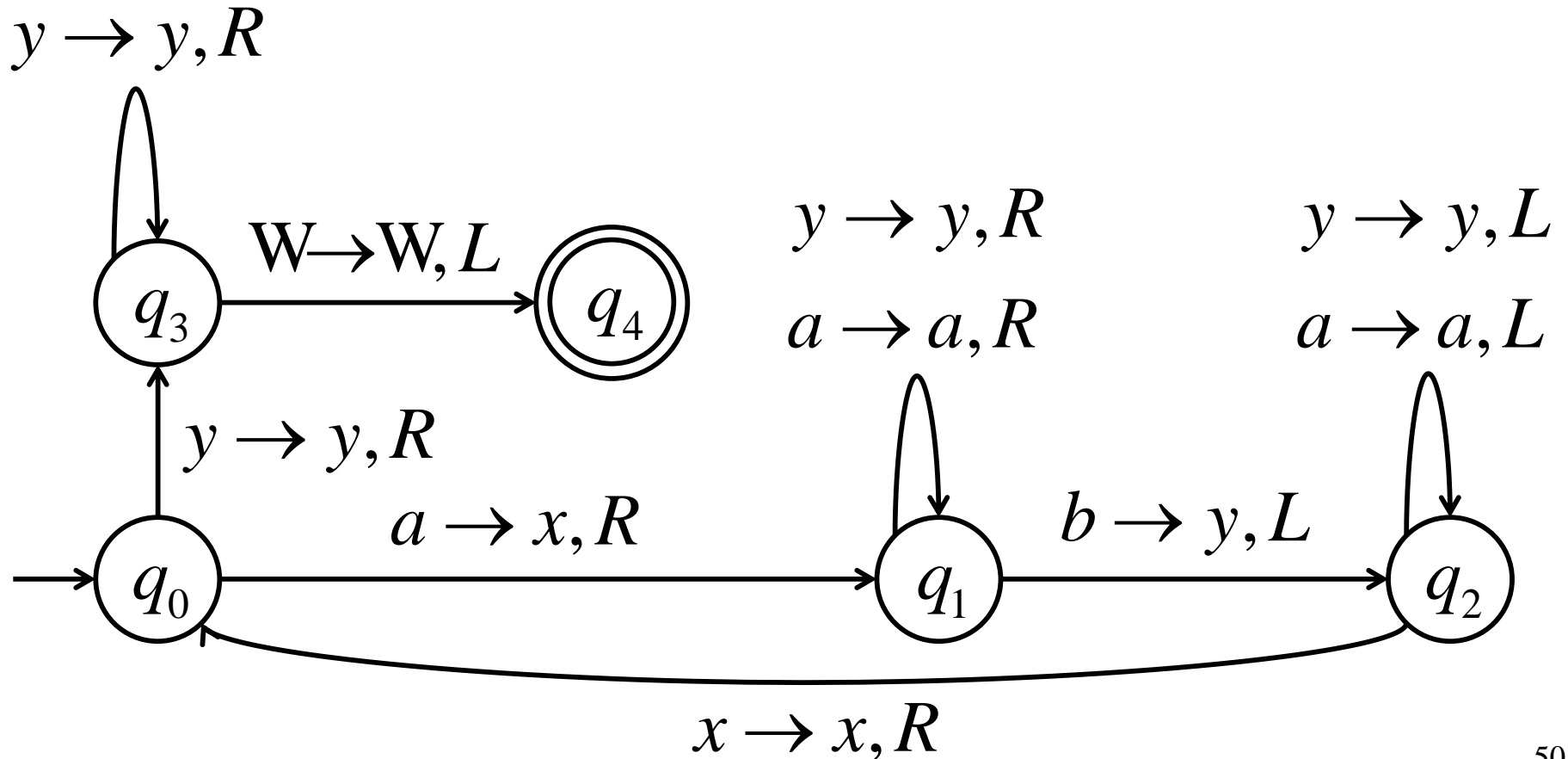
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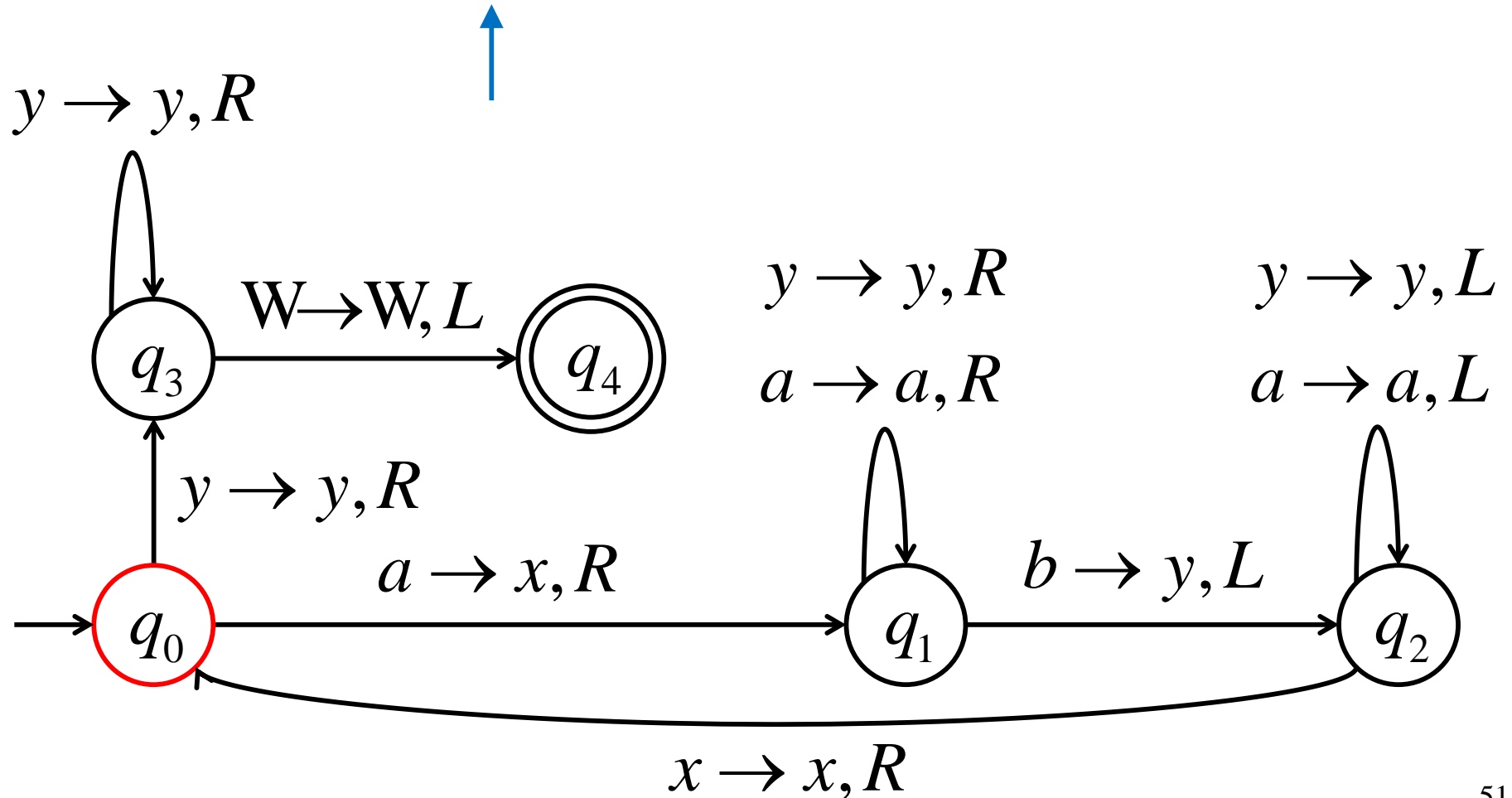
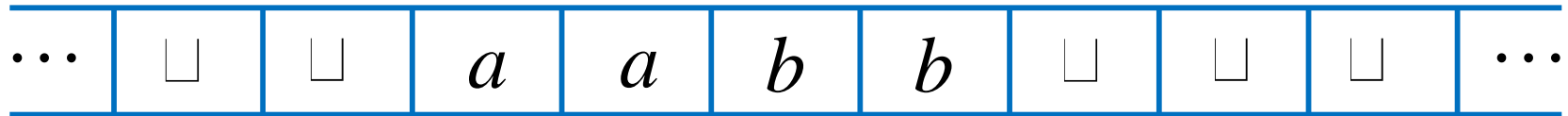
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Turing machine for the language  $\{a^n b^n\}$



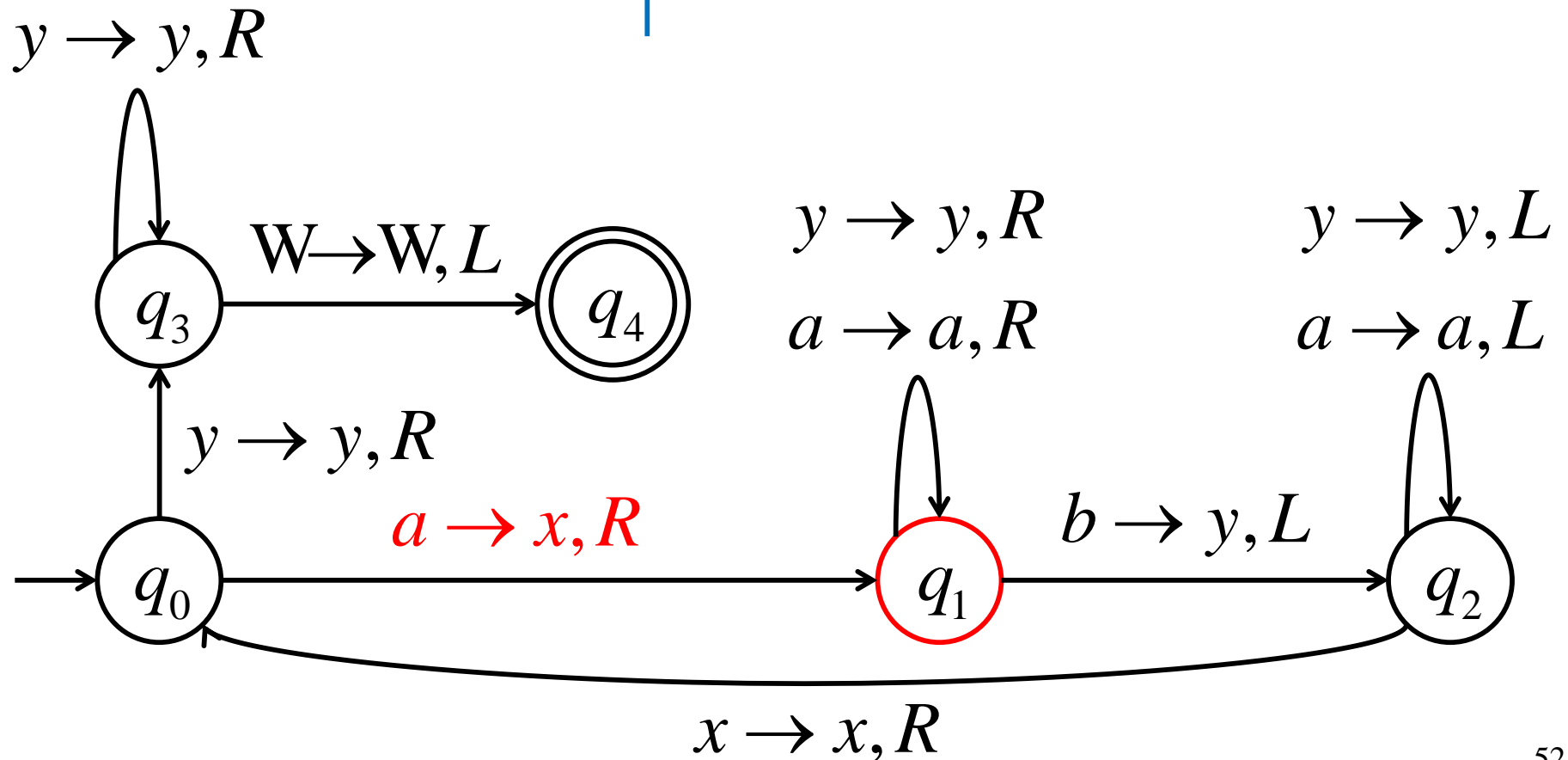
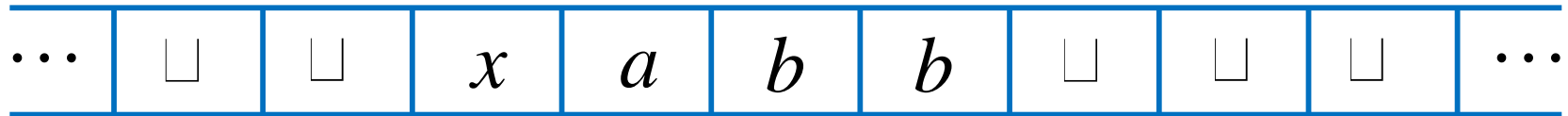
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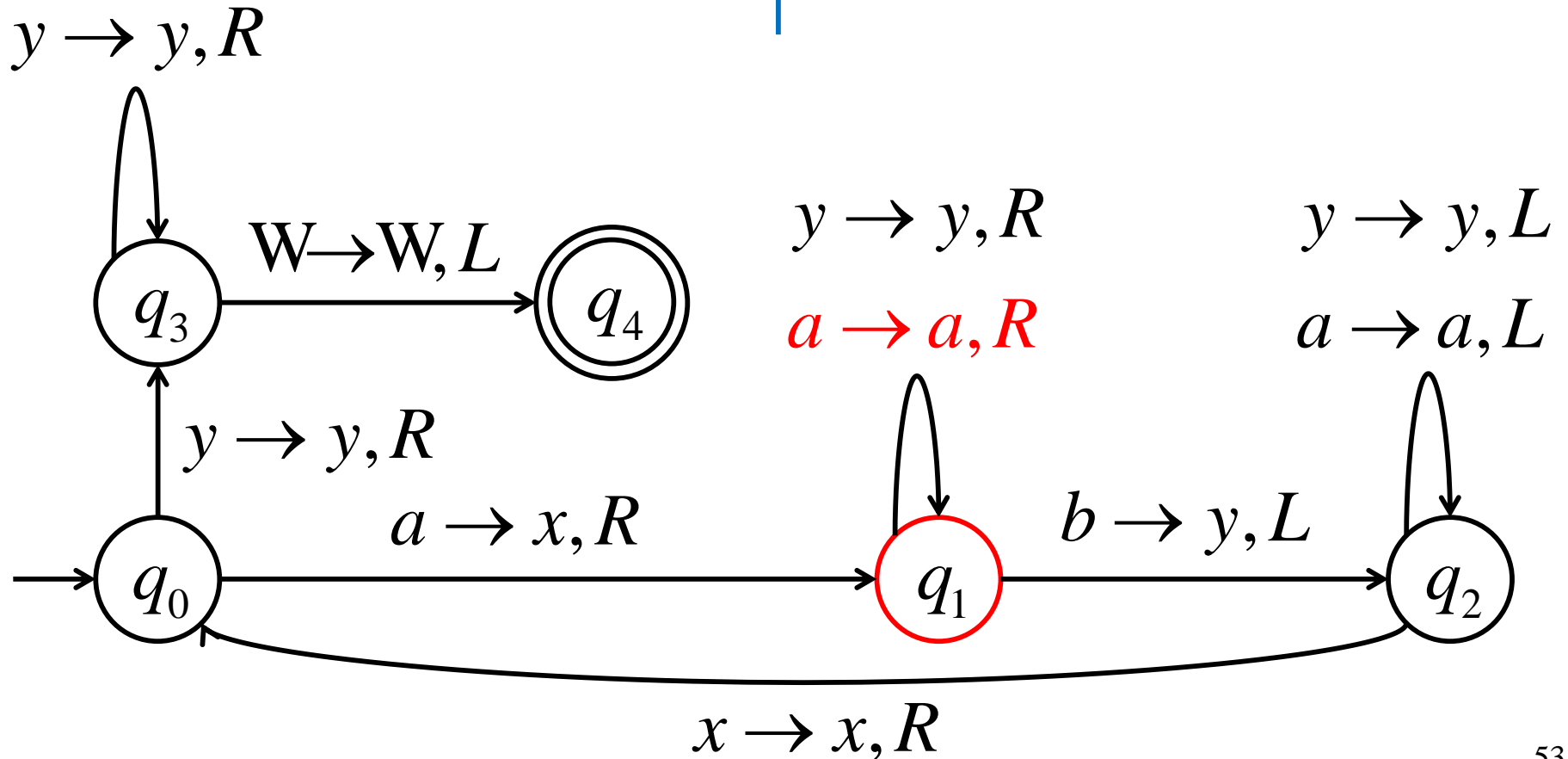
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Time 1



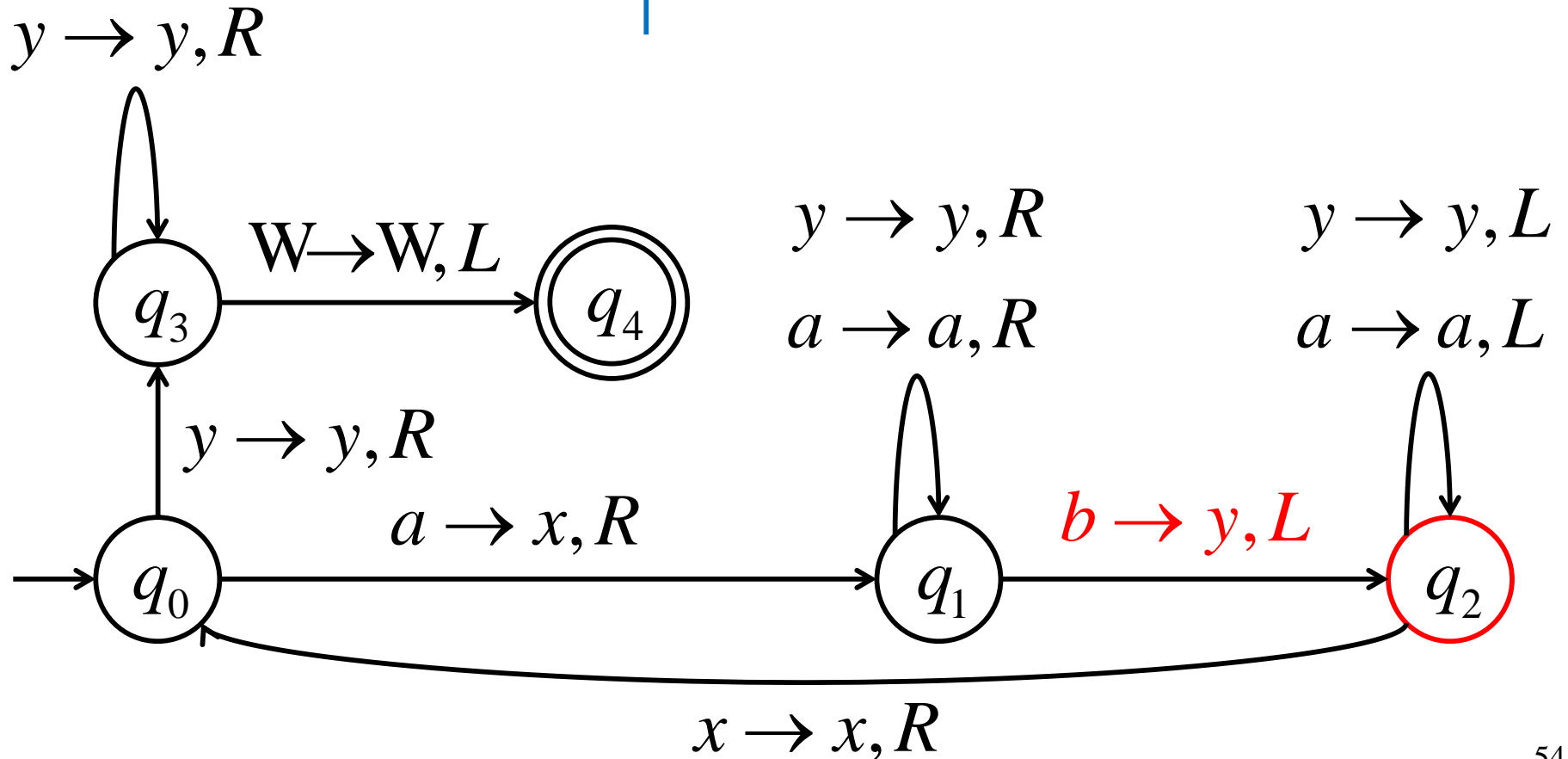
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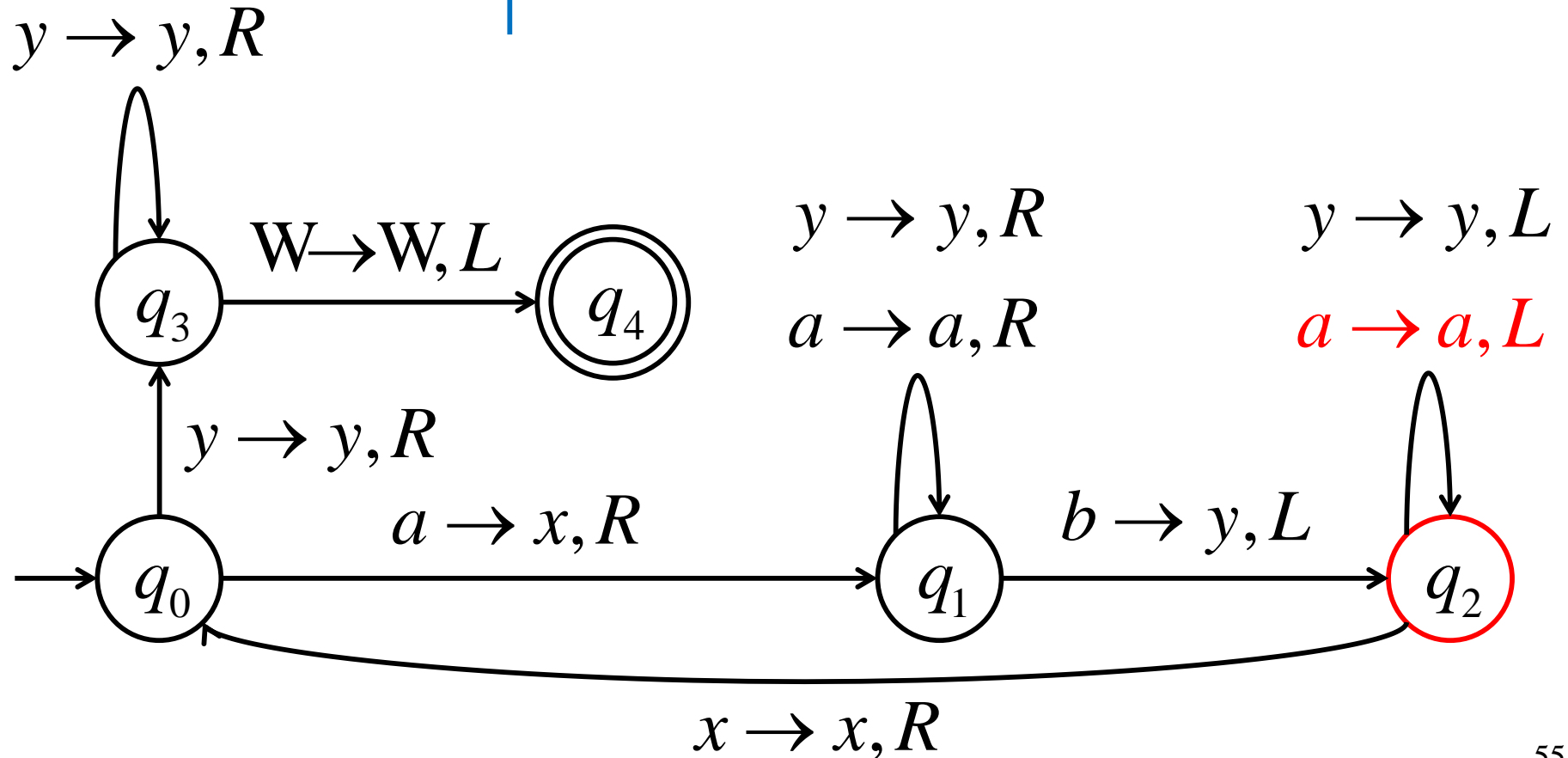
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Time 3



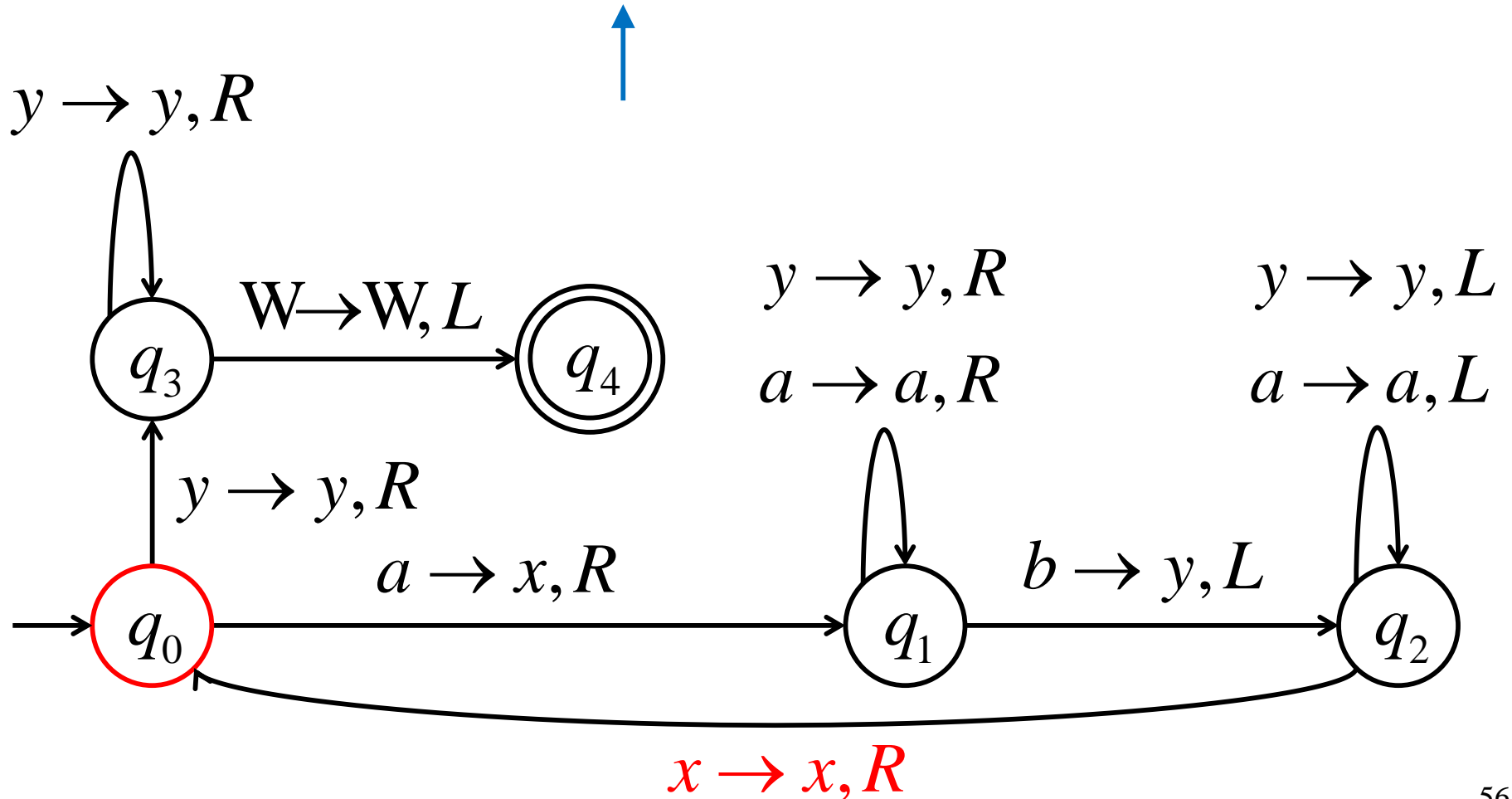
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Time 4



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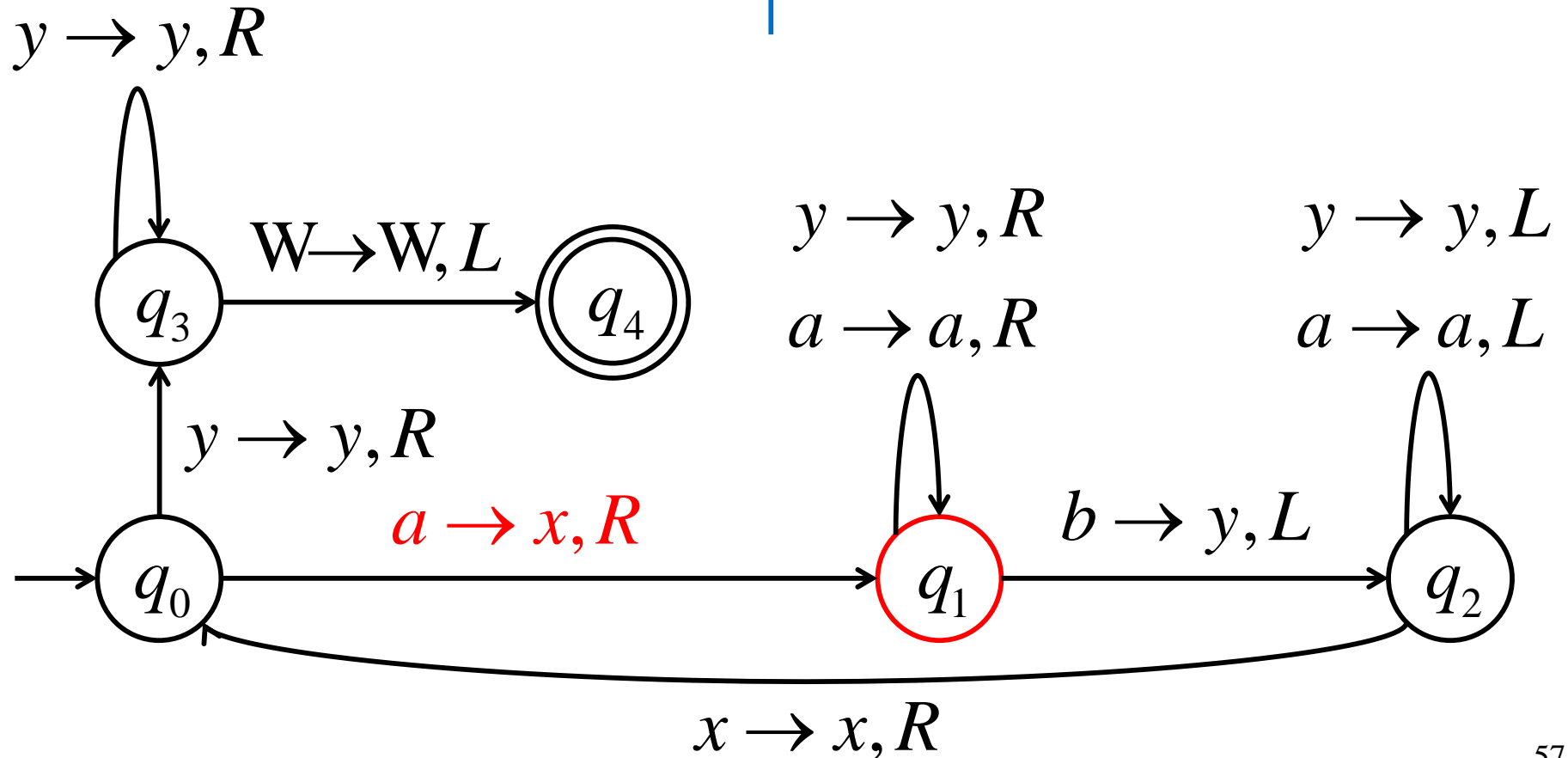
Time 5





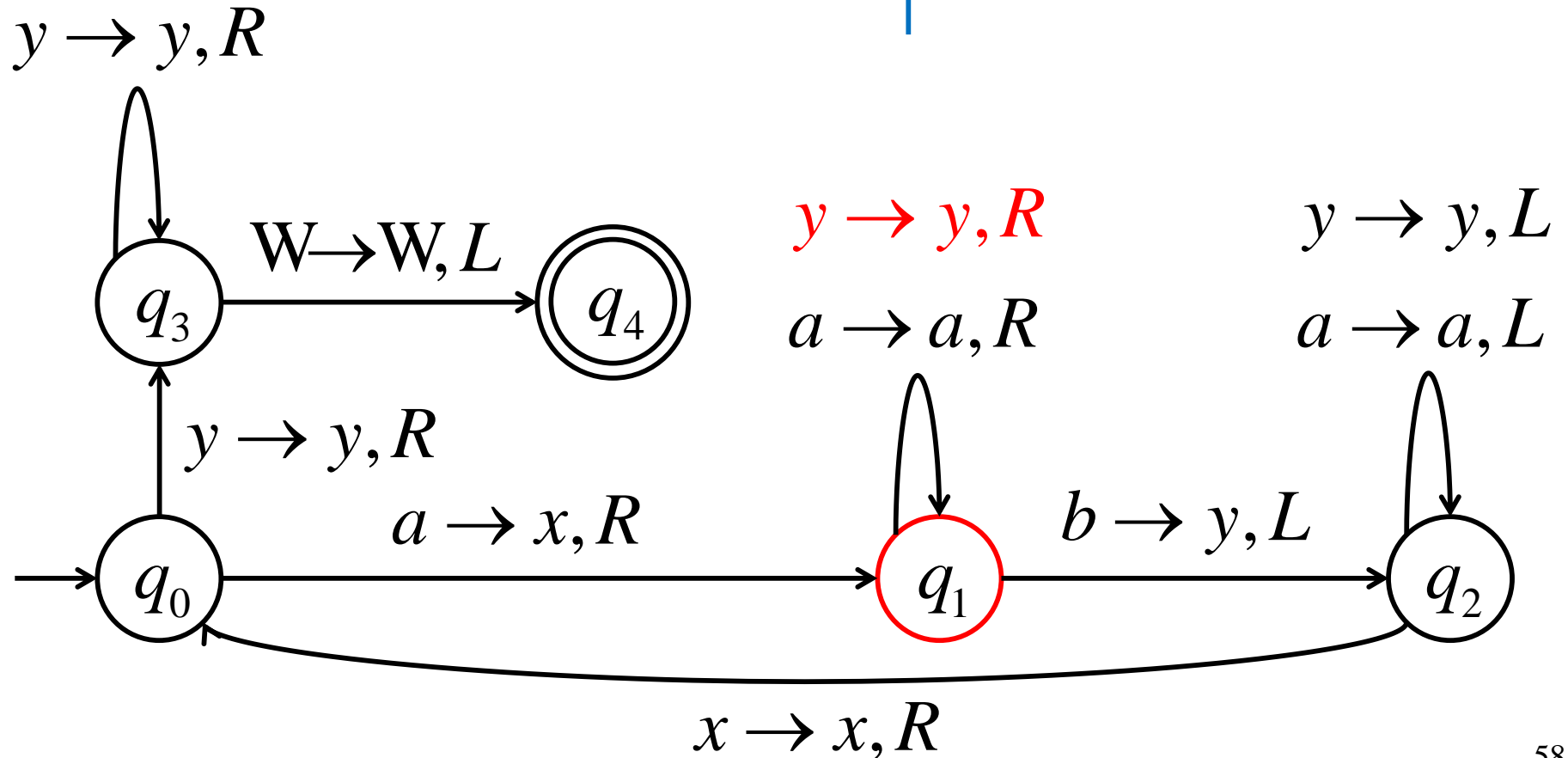
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Time 6



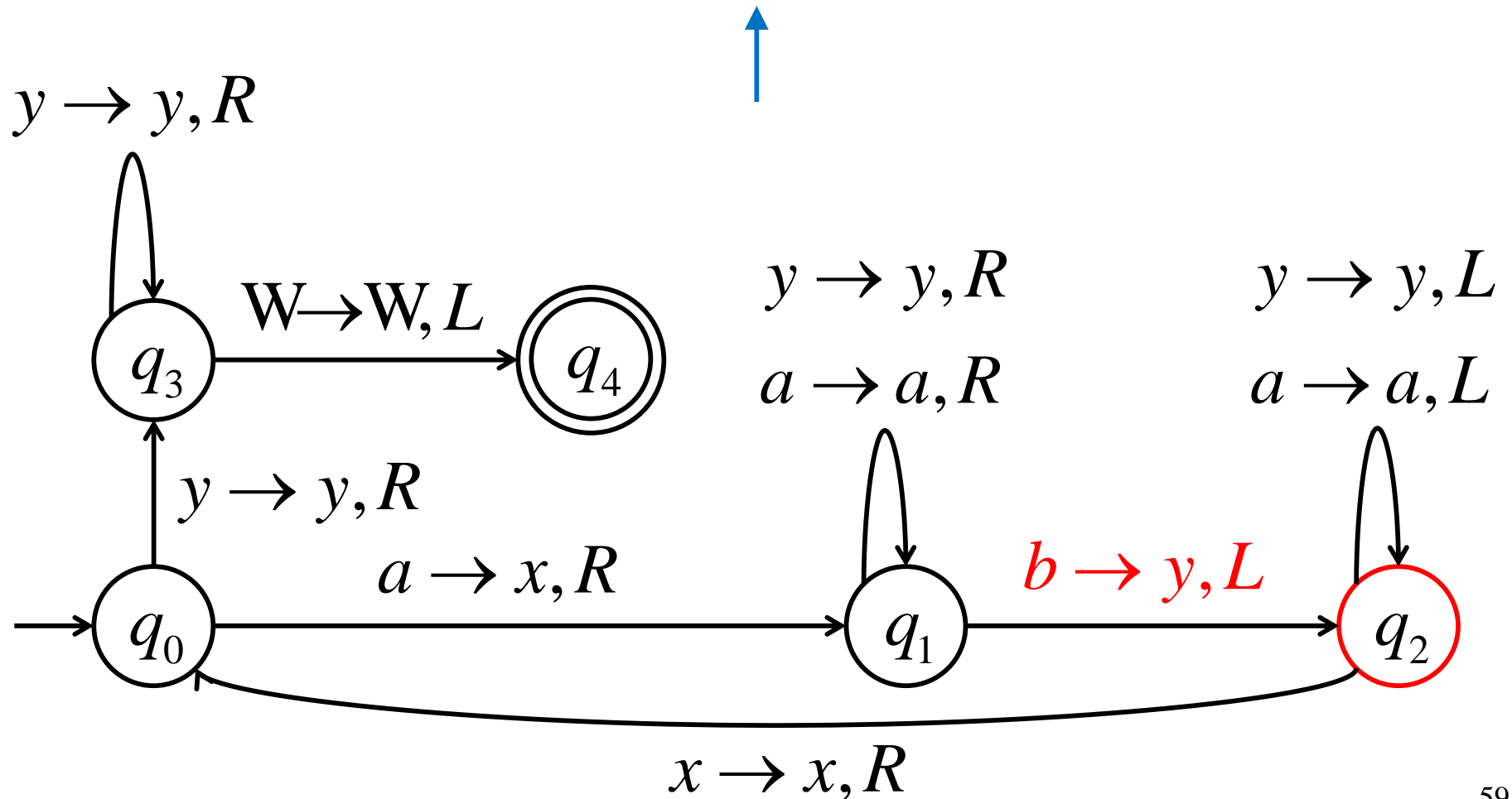
# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 7



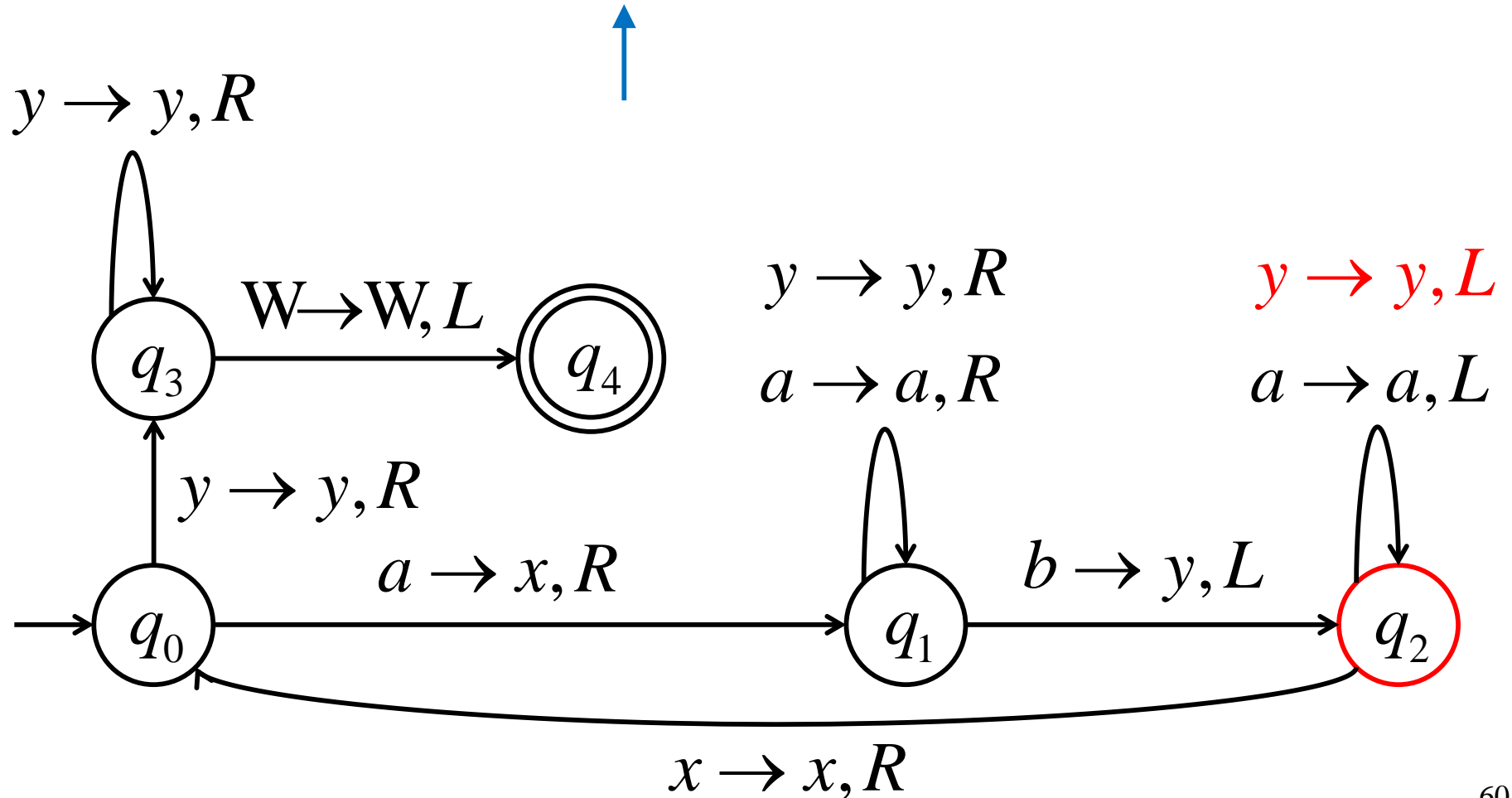
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Time 8



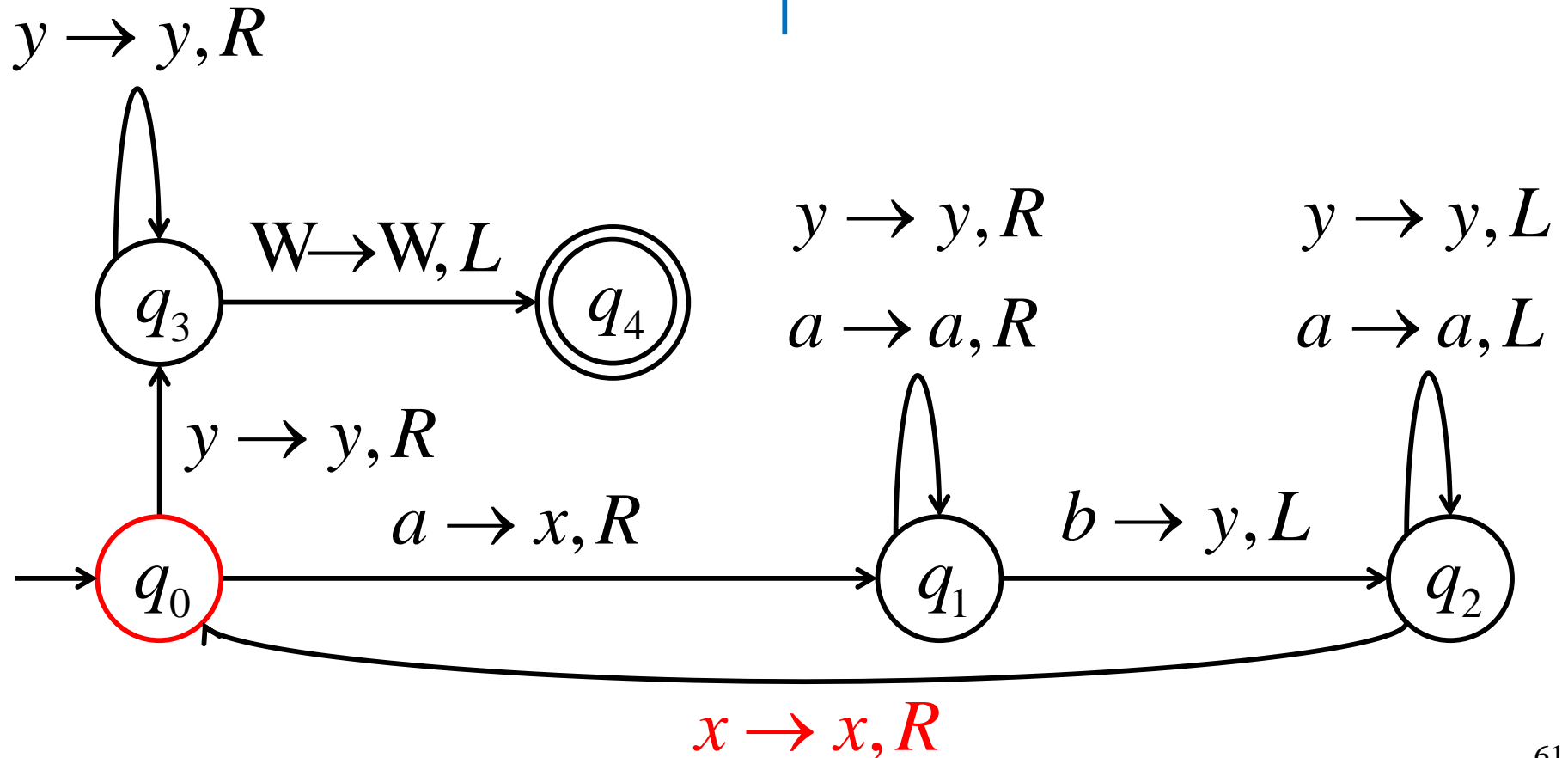
# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 9



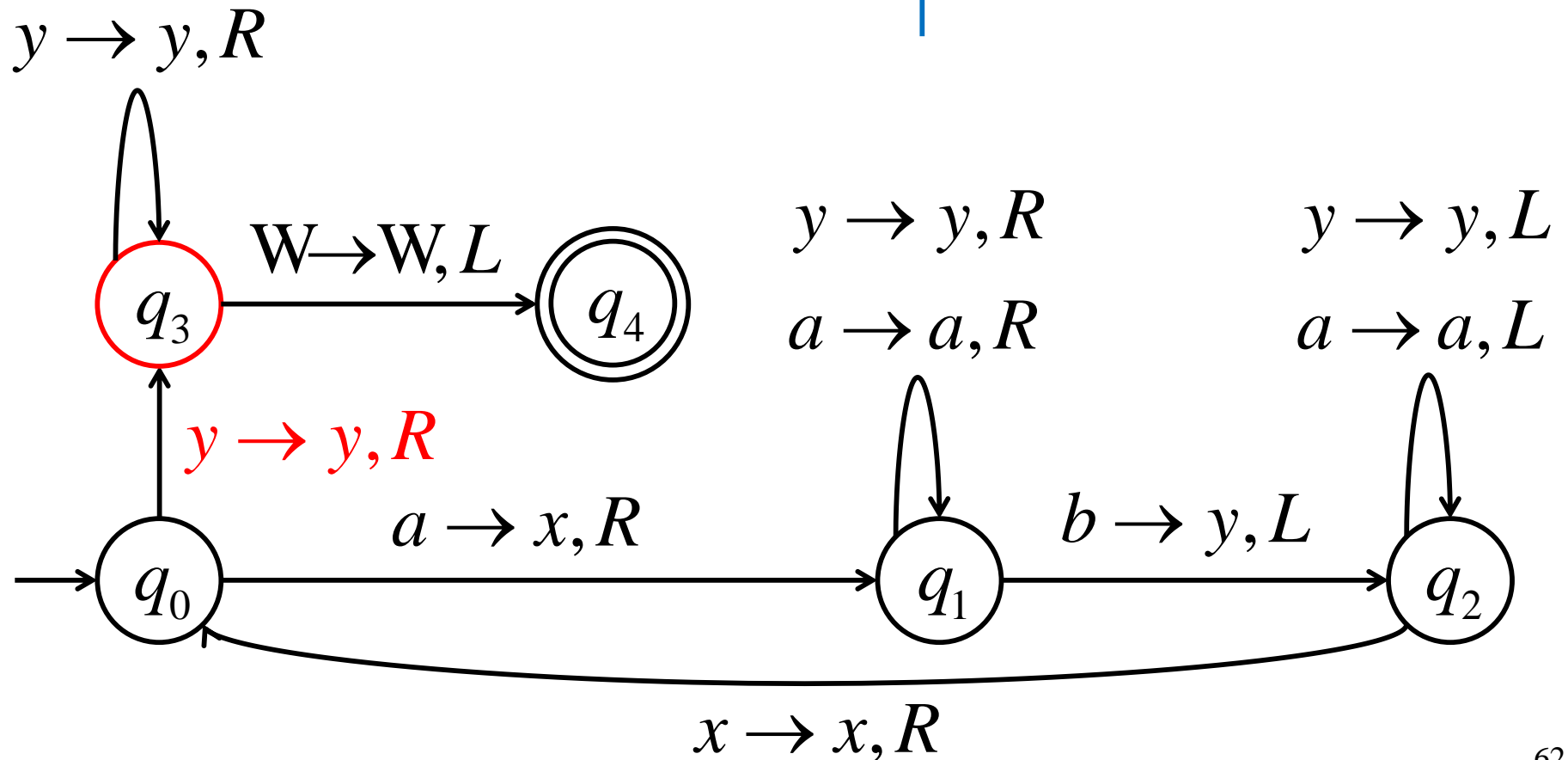
# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 10



# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 11

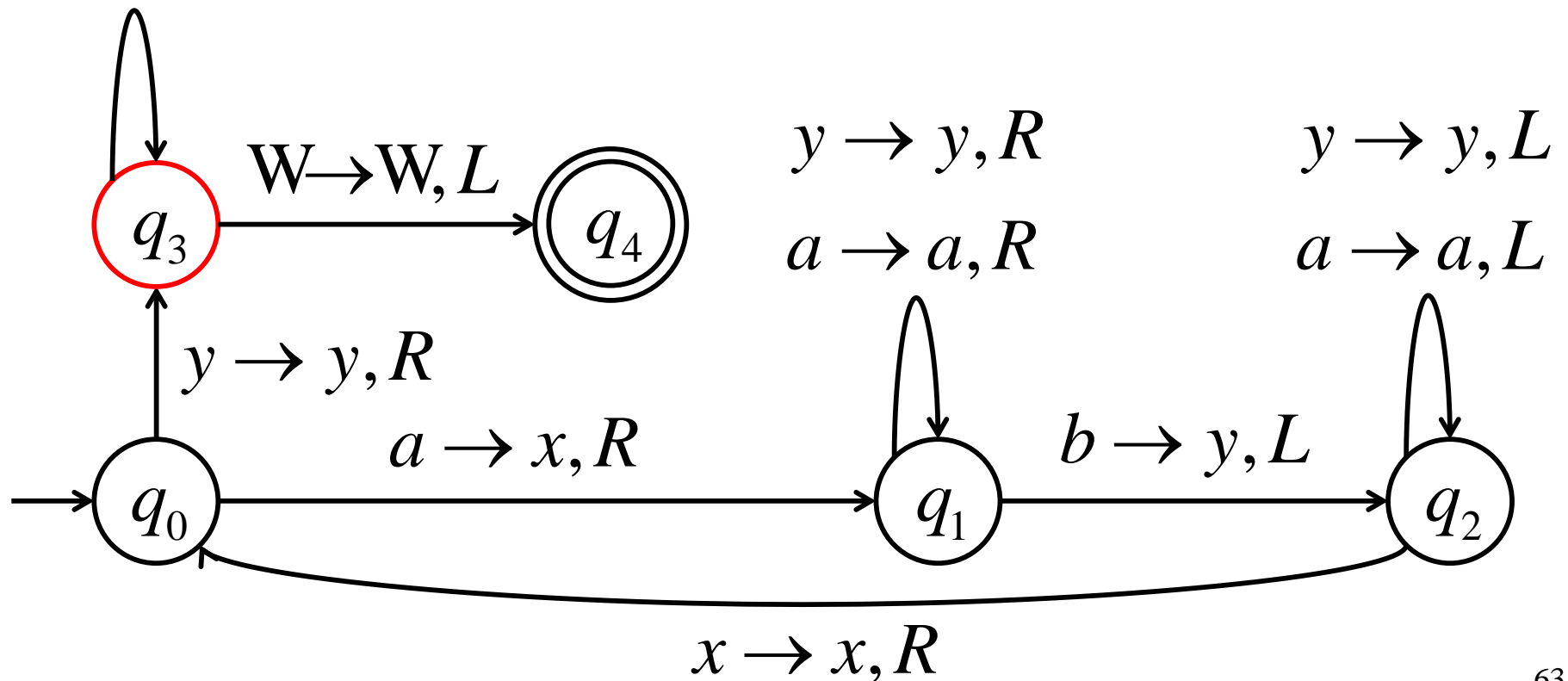


# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 12

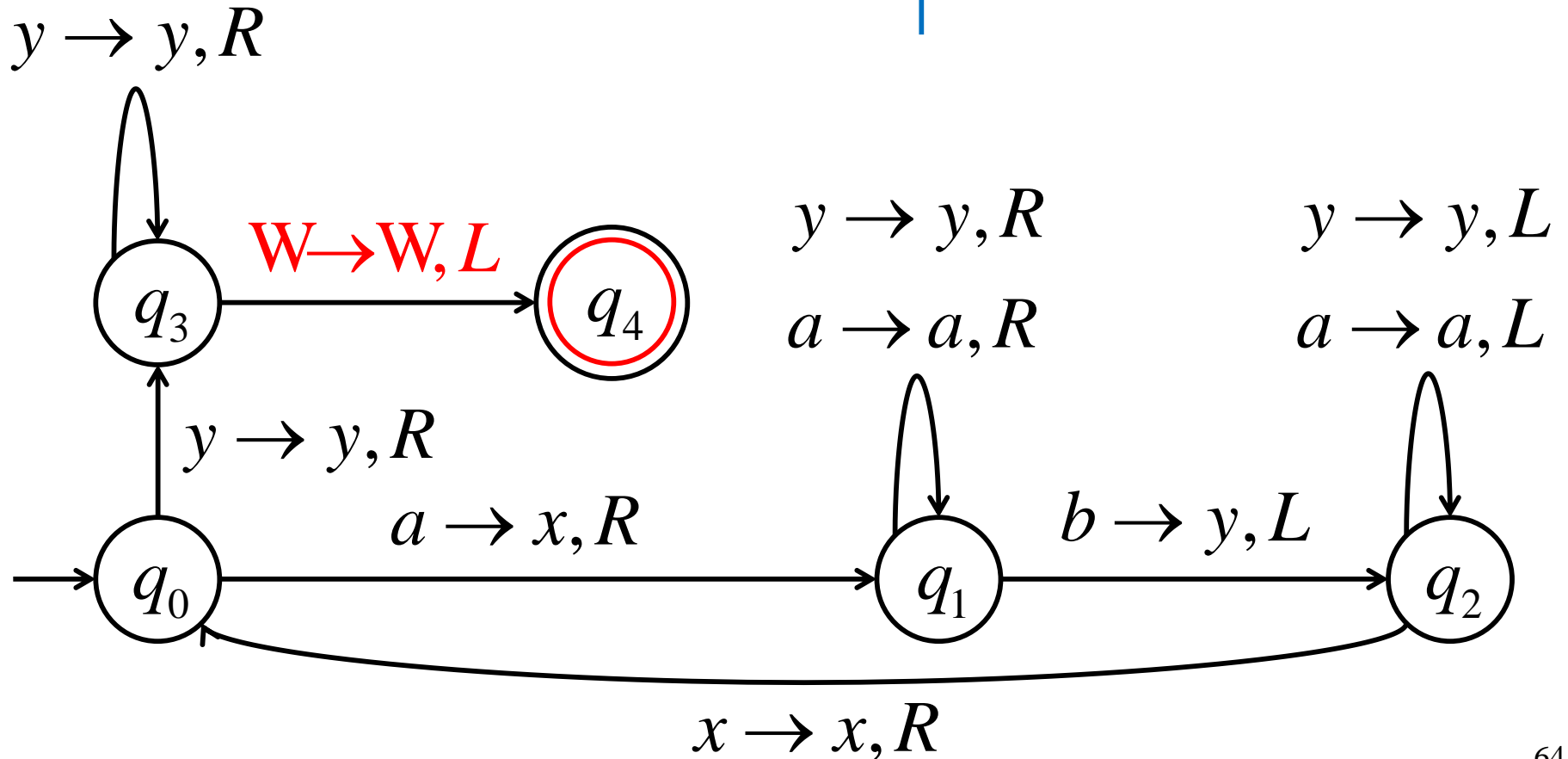


$y \rightarrow y, R$



# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 13





# Another Example: Turing Machine

Time 14



**Halt & Accept**

