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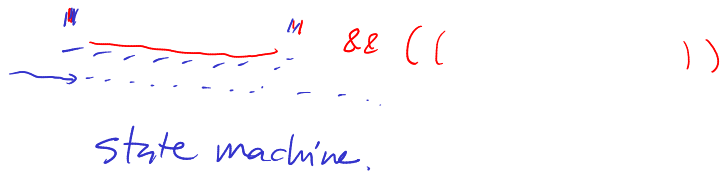
Lecture 9a: Finite automata¹

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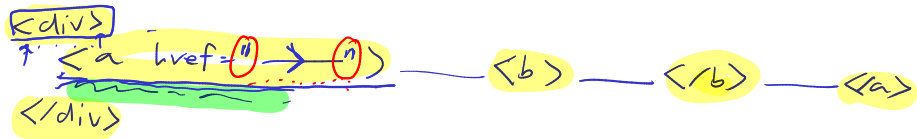
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Example: syntax highlighting



HTML tokenizer



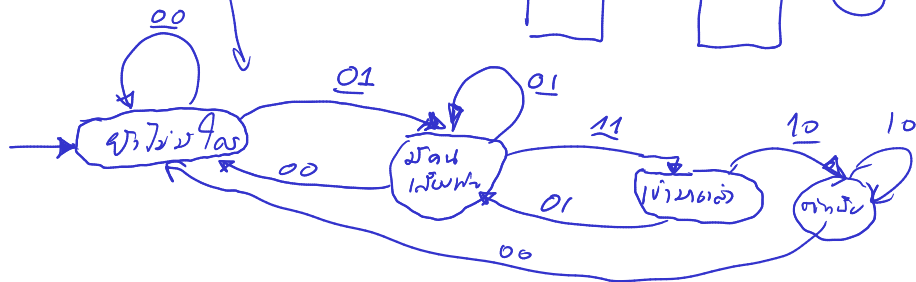
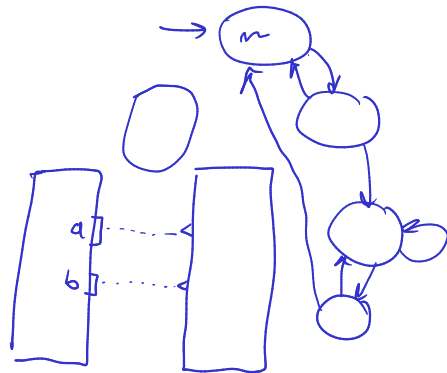
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while (true) {  
    if (eof == -1) {  
        // read next character  
        // from input stream  
        // and store it in  
        // pc  
    }  
}
```

state machine

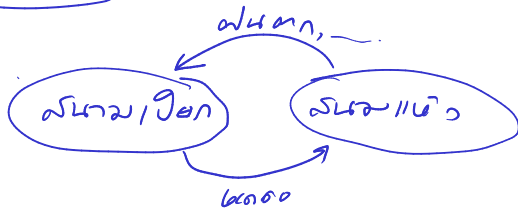
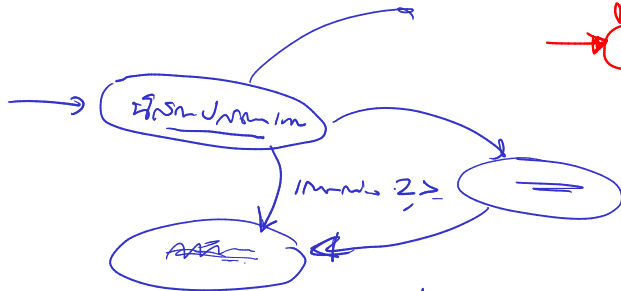
Game programming



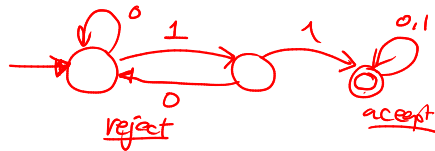
a
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State-transition graphs



Input string over $\{0,1\}$

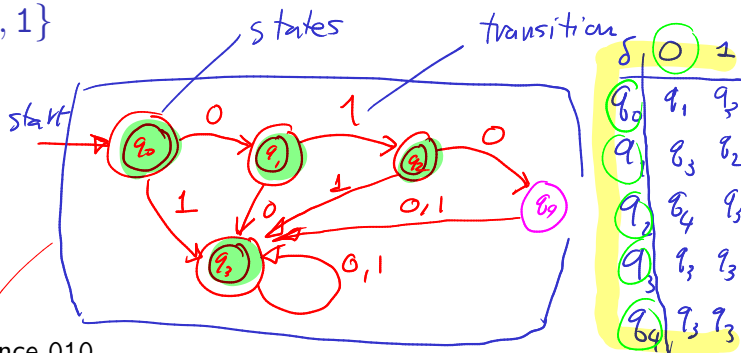


001010110101
→
"yes"

More examples over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

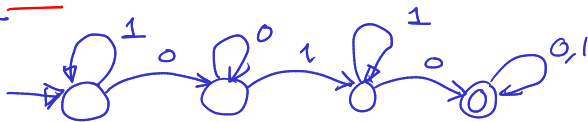
All strings, except 010.

✓ 0100



→ Strings containing the subsequence 010.

001110



$$Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4\}$$

$$Q \times \Sigma = \{(q_0, 0), (q_0, 1), (q_1, 0), \dots\}$$

Formal definitions

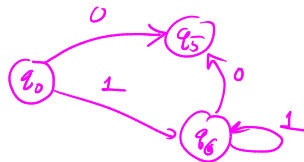
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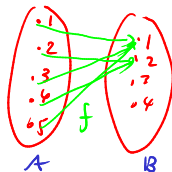
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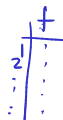
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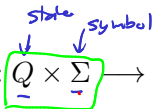


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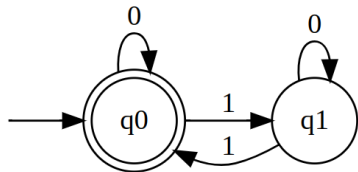


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- ▶ a start state $\underline{s} \in Q$, and
- ▶ a subset $\underline{A} \subseteq Q$ of accepting states.

Example 1



$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

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

δ :

	0	1
q_0	q_0	q_1
q_1	q_1	q_0

Start state $s = q_0$

Accepting states $A = \{q_0\}$

$(\{0, 1\}, \{ _ \}, \delta, s, A)$

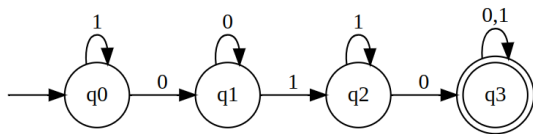
Example 2

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$$

$$Q = \{ \text{---} \}$$

start state q_0

accepting state $\{q_3\}$



Moves

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Case: $w = \varepsilon$, $\delta^*(q, w) = q$

Case: $w = a \cdot x$ where $a \in \Sigma$, x is a string

$$\delta^*(q, a \cdot x) = \delta^*(\delta(q, a), x)$$



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The signature of δ^* is $\underline{Q} \times \underline{\Sigma^*} \longrightarrow \underline{Q}$.

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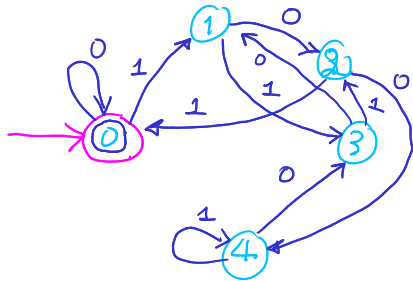
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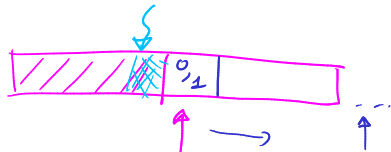
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x
 $\downarrow 1$
 $2x+1$

x
 $\downarrow 0$
 $2x$



$$\delta(q, a)$$



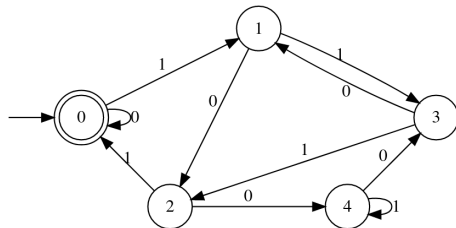
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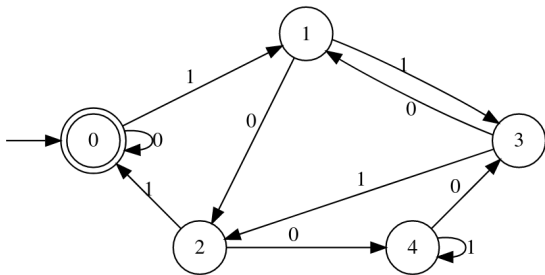
[0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0]

```
def multiple_of_5(w):  
    r = 0  
    for i in w:  
        → r = (2*r + w) % 5 //  $r = \delta(r, w)$   
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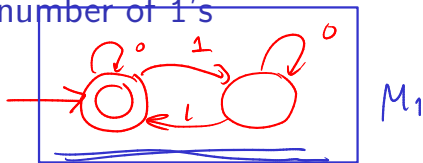
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Formally, they differ in output function.

- ▶ Moore machine: $G : Q \longrightarrow [0, 1]$
- ▶ Mealy machine: $G : Q \times \Sigma \longrightarrow [0, 1]$

Example: even number of 1's

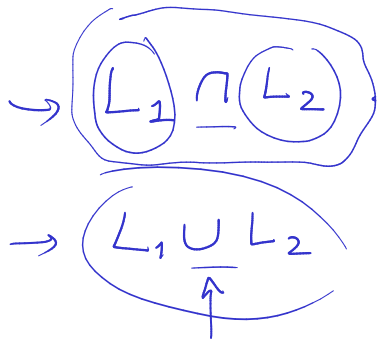


$$(0^*10^*10^*)^*$$

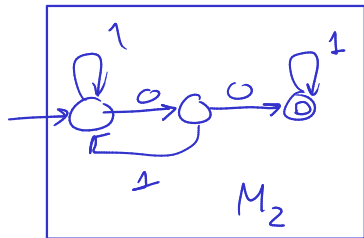
$$L_1 = \{ w \mid w \text{ has an even number of 1's} \}$$

Example: strings containing 00 as a substring

$$L_2 = \{w \mid w \text{ contains } 00 \text{ as a substring}\}$$



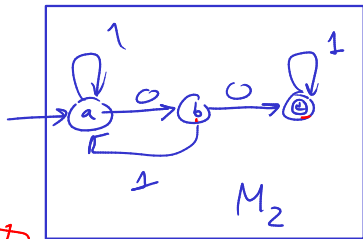
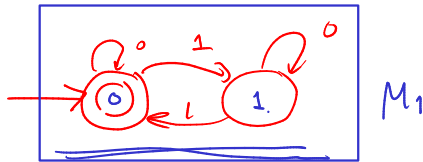
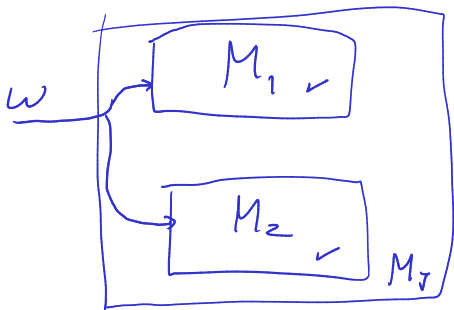
$$(0+1)^*00(0+1)^*$$



Combining DFAs

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What if we want to build a DFA that accepts strings with an even number of 1's and containing 00 as a substring?



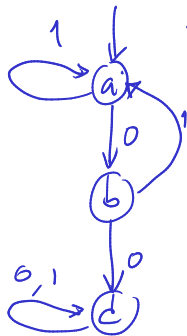
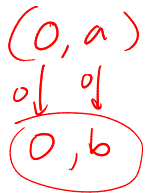
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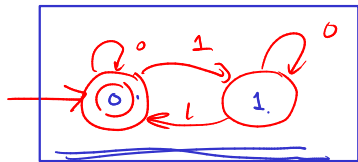
(q, r)

→ Product construction

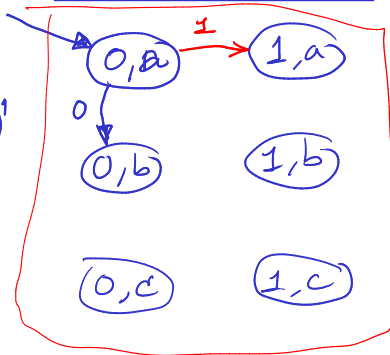
$Q \times \Sigma$



M_2



M_1



Product construction (formally)

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- ▶ Let $Q = \underline{Q_1 \times Q_2}$,

$$\delta: \underline{Q} \times \underline{\Sigma} \rightarrow \underline{Q}$$

$$\delta: (q_i, r_j) \times a \rightarrow (\delta_1(q_i, a), \delta_2(r_j, a))$$

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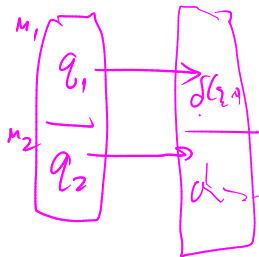
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δ — one step
 δ^*

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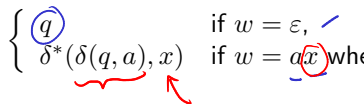
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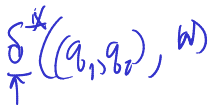
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state q_0 M_1

start M_2

Lemma 1

$$\delta^*((q_1, q_2), w) = (\delta_1^*(q_1, w), \delta_2^*(q_2, w)) \text{ for any string } w.$$

Proof.

We prove by induction. I.H.: Assume that $\delta^*((q_1, q_2), x) = (\delta_1^*(q_1, x), \delta_2^*(q_2, x))$, for any string x such that $|x| < |w|$.

Case: $w = \varepsilon$, $\delta^*((q_1, q_2), \varepsilon) = (q_1, q_2) = (\delta_1^*(q_1, \varepsilon), \delta_2^*(q_2, \varepsilon))$ matches

Case: $w = ax$ where x is shorter

$$\delta^*((q_1, q_2), ax) = \delta^*(\delta((q_1, q_2), a), x) = \delta^*(\delta_1(q_1, a), \delta_2(q_2, a), x)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{I.H.}}{=} (\delta_1^*(\delta_1(q_1, a), x), \delta_2^*(\delta_2(q_2, a), x)) = (\delta_1^*(q_1, ax), \delta_2^*(q_2, ax)) = (\delta_1^*(q_1, w), \delta_2^*(q_2, w))$$

Correctness \leftarrow M accepts w M accepts string w iff M_1 & M_2 accept w
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Thus, for an input w , M would reach the state $(\delta_1^*(s_1, w), \delta_2^*(s_2, w))$; it accepts w when

$$(\delta_1^*(s_1, w), \delta_2^*(s_2, w)) \in \boxed{A_1 \times A_2}.$$

This implies that M accepts w when $\delta_1^*(s_1, w) \in A_1$ and $\delta_2^*(s_2, w) \in A_2$, i.e., M accepts w iff M_1 and M_2 accept w .

Finally, we conclude that M accepts strings from language $L_1 \cap L_2$.

Language of a DFA

$L(M)$

For a DFA M , let $L(M)$ be the set of all strings that M accepts. More formally, for $M = (\Sigma, Q, \delta, s, A)$,

$$L(M) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \in A\}.$$

We refer to $L(M)$ as the language of M .

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$$A = \{(q_1, q_2) \mid$$

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The set of automatic languages is closed under these boolean operations.

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