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Lecture 8b: Finite automata<sup>1</sup>

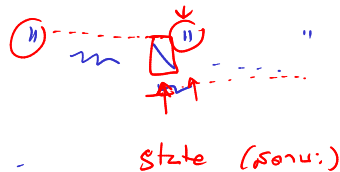
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<sup>1</sup>Based on lecture notes of *Models of Computation* course by Jeff Erikson. 

## Example: syntax highlighting

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cin >> x;  
cout << x << "hello" << ...  
for ( i = 0; i < n; i++ ) {  
    ...  
}
```



# HTML tokenizer

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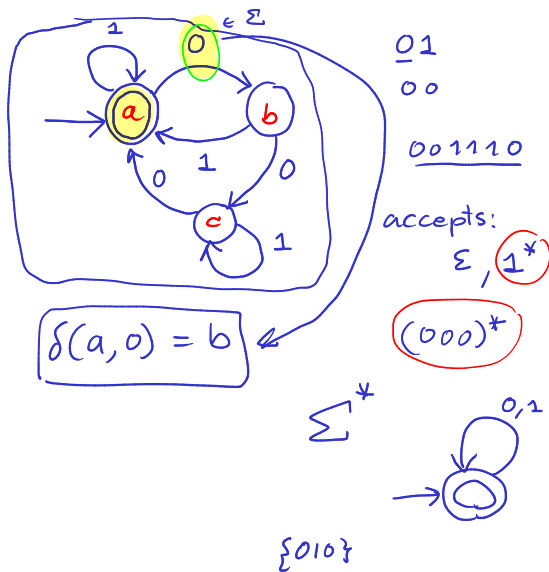




More examples over  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

All strings, except 010.

Strings containing the subsequence 010.



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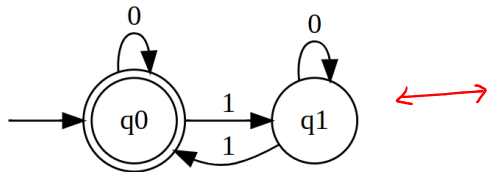
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- ▶ a start state  $s \in Q$ , and
- ▶ a subset  $A \subseteq Q$  of accepting states.

## Example 1

$$\{ \omega \in \{0,1\}^* \mid \omega \text{ ၁ ဖြစ်သည့်အရေအတွက်က ၁ ဖြစ်သည်} \}$$

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$\delta$ :

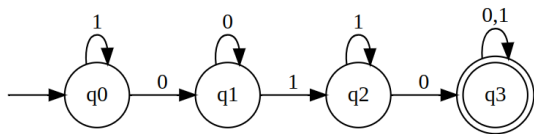
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## Example 2

010 is substring



input 0110

For  $s = q_0 \rightarrow \delta(s, 0)$   
101

$\downarrow$   
 $\delta(q_1, 1) \rightarrow \delta(q_2, 1) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow q_3 \in A$   
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The signature of  $\delta^*$  is  $\underline{Q} \times \underline{\Sigma^*} \longrightarrow \underline{Q}$ .

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The diagram consists of two red arrows. One arrow points downwards from the word "input" to the variable  $w$  in the expression  $\delta^*(s, w)$ . The other arrow points upwards from the handwritten string "102" to the variable  $s$  in the same expression.

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

01101011

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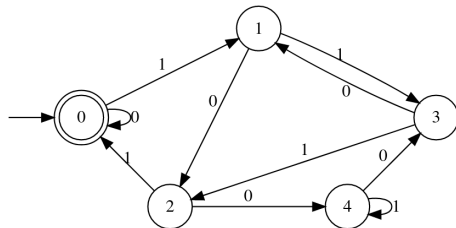
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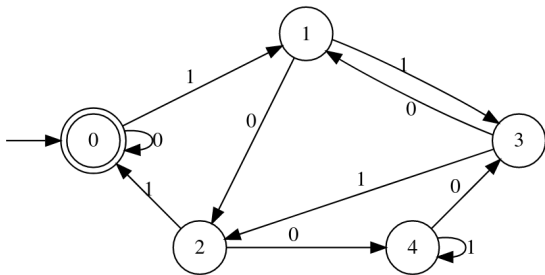
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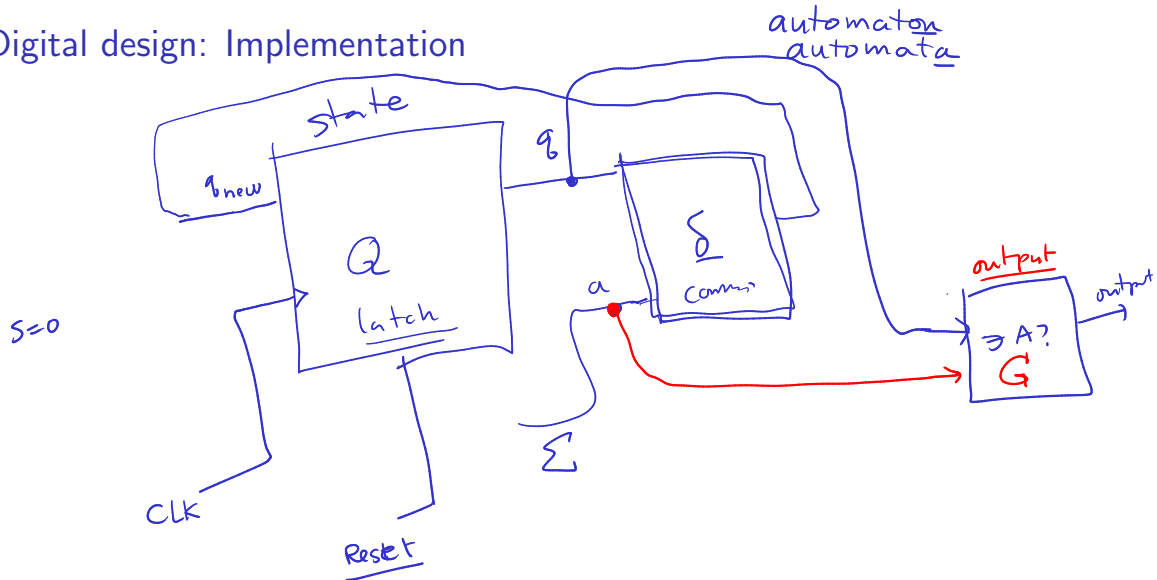
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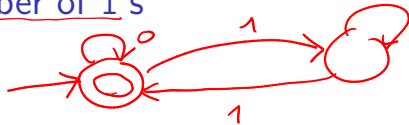
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Formally, they differ in output function.

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

Example: even number of 1's



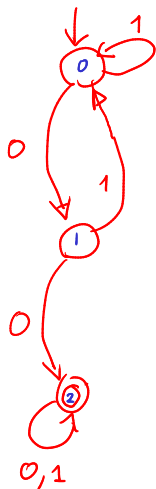
Example: strings containing 00 as a substring



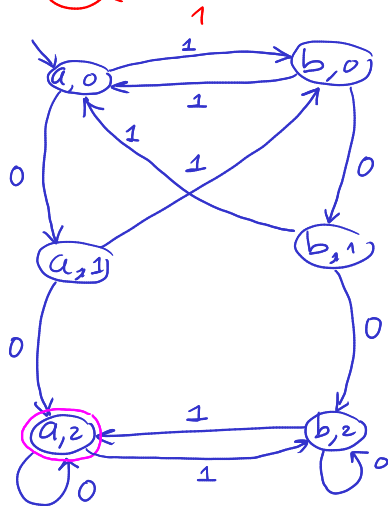
## Combining DFAs

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

## Product construction



product set A



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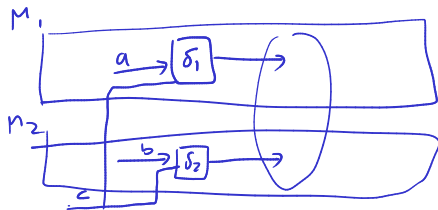
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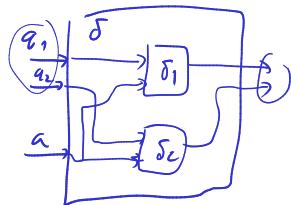


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$$\begin{array}{l} L_1 \cup L_2 \\ A = \{ (\underline{q_1}, \underline{q_2}) \mid \underline{q_1} \in A_1 \text{ or } \underline{q_2} \in A_2 \} \\ L_1 \cap L_2 \\ A = \{ (q_1, q_2) \mid q_1 \in A_1, q_2 \in A_2 \} \end{array}$$

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Lemma 1

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$\delta^*((\underline{q_1}, \underline{q_2}), \underline{w}) = (\underbrace{\delta_1^*(q_1, w)}_{\text{green}}, \underbrace{\delta_2^*(q_2, w)}_{\text{yellow}})$  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 2:  $w = ax$

Case 1:  $w = \varepsilon$

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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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