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**FINITE** is a Typst package to draw transition diagrams for finite automata (finite state machines) with the power of **CeTZ**.

The package provides commands to quickly draw automata from a transition table but also lets you manually create and customize transition diagrams on any **CeTZ** canvas.

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## Part I Usage

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### I.1 Importing the package

Import the package in your Typst file:

```
#import "@preview/finite:0.5.0": automaton
```

### I.2 Manual installation

The package can be downloaded and saved into the system dependent local package repository.

Either download the current release from [jneug/typst-finite](https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite)<sup>1</sup> and unpack the archive into your system dependent local repository folder<sup>2</sup> or clone it directly:

```
git clone https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite finite/0.5.0
```

In either case, make sure the files are placed in a subfolder with the correct version number: `finite/0.5.0`

After installing the package, just import it inside your typ file:

```
#import "@local/finite:0.5.0": automaton
```

### I.3 Dependencies

**FINITE** loads **CETZ**<sup>3</sup> and the utility package **T4T**<sup>4</sup> from the preview package repository. The dependencies will be downloaded by Typst automatically on first compilation.

Whenever a `coordinate` type is referenced, a **CETZ** coordinate can be used. Please refer to the **CETZ** manual for further information on coordinate systems.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://github.com/jneug/typst-finite>

<sup>2</sup> <https://github.com/typst/packages#local-packages>

<sup>3</sup> <https://github.com/johannes-wolf/typst-canvas>

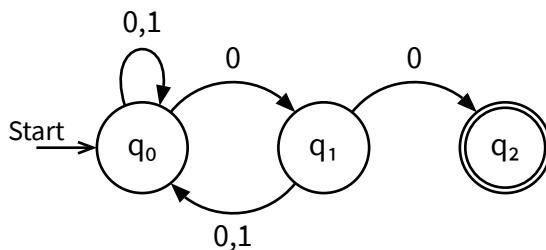
<sup>4</sup> <https://github.com/jneug/typst-tools4typst>

## Part II Drawing automata

**FINITE** helps you draw transition diagrams for finite automata in your Typst documents, using the power of **CeTZ**.

To draw an automaton, simply import `#automaton` from **FINITE** and use it like this:

```
#automaton((  
  q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),  
  q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),  
  q2: none,  
))
```



As you can see, an automaton is defined by a dictionary of dictionaries. The keys of the top-level dictionary are the names of states to draw. The second-level dictionaries use the names of connected states as keys and transition labels as values.

In the example above, the states `q0`, `q1` and `q2` are defined. `q0` is connected to `q1` and has a loop to itself. `q1` transitions to `q2` and back to `q0`. `#automaton` selected the first state in the dictionary (in this case `q0`) to be the initial state and the last (`q2`) to be a final state.

See [Section II.1](#) for more details on how to specify automata.

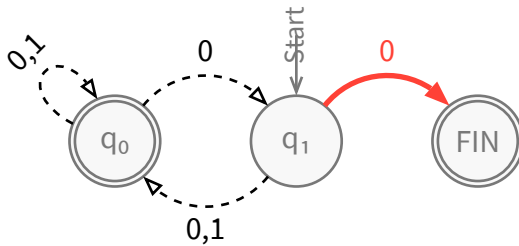
To modify the layout and style of the transition diagram, `#automaton` accepts a set of options:

```
#automaton(  
  (  
    q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),  
    q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),  
    q2: (),  
  ),  
  initial: "q1",  
  final: ("q0", "q2"),  
  labels: (  
    q2: "FIN"
```

```

),
style:(
  state: (fill: luma(248), stroke:luma(120)),
  transition: (stroke: (dash:"dashed")),
  q0-q0: (anchor:top+left),
  q1: (initial:top),
  q1-q2: (stroke: 2pt + red)
)
)

```

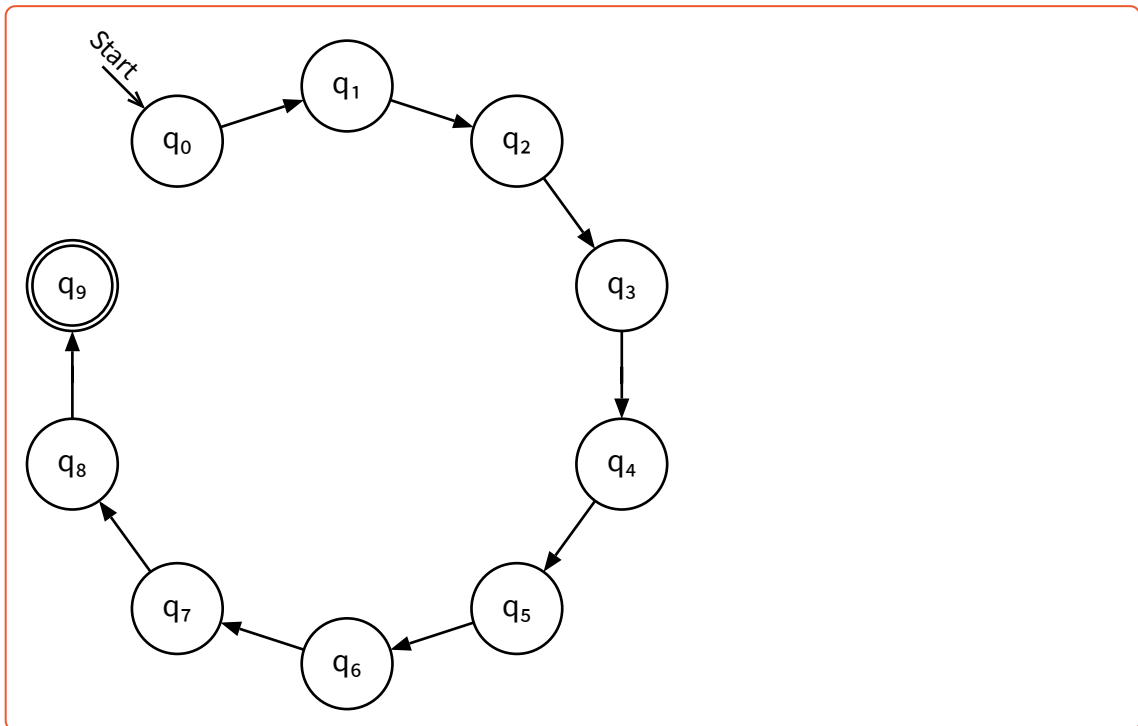


For larger automata, the states can be arranged in different ways:

```

#let aut = (:)
#for i in range(10) {
  let name = "q"+str(i)
  aut.insert(name, (:))
  if i < 9 {
    aut.at(name).insert("q" + str(i + 1), none)
  }
}
#automaton(
  aut,
  layout: finite.layout.circular.with(offset: 45deg),
  style: (
    transition: (curve: 0),
    q0: (initial: top+left)
  )
)

```



See [Section II.5](#) for more on layouts.

## II.1 Specifying finite automata

Most of **FINITEs** commands expect a finite automaton specification (“**spec**” in short) the first argument. These specifications are dictionaries defining the elements of the automaton.

If an automaton has only one final state, the spec can simply be a **transition-table**. In other cases, the specification can explicitly define the various elements.

A transition table is a **dictionary** with state names as keys and dictionaries as values. The nested dictionaries have state names as keys and the transition inputs / labels as values.

```
(
  q0: (q1: (0, 1), q2: (0, 1)),
  q1: (q1: (0, 1), q0: 0, q2: 1),
  q2: (q0: 0, q1: (1, 0)),
)
```

A specification (**spec**) is composed of these keys:

1 (

```

2  transitions: (...),
3  states: (...),
4  inputs: (...),
5  initial: "...",
6  final: (...)
7 )

```

- `transitions` is a dictionary of dictionaries in the format:

```

1 (
2   state1: (input1, input2, ...),
3   state2: (input1, input2, ...),
4   ...
5 )

```

- `states` is an optional array with the names of all states. The keys of `transitions` are used by default.
- `inputs` is an optional array with all input values. The inputs found in `transitions` are used by default.
- `initial` is an optional name of the initial state. The first value in `states` is used by default.
- `final` is an optional array of final states. The last value in `states` is used by default.

The utility function `#util.to-spec` can be used to create a full spec from a partial dictionary by filling in the missing values with the defaults.

## II.2 Command reference

```

#create-automaton(
  (spec),
  {states}: auto,
  {initial}: auto,
  {final}: auto,
  {inputs}: auto

```

) → **automaton**

Creates a full automaton specification (`spec`) for a finite automaton. The function accepts either a partial specification and adds the missing keys by parsing the available information or takes a `transition-table` and parses it into a full specification.

```
#finite.create-automaton((
  q0: (q1: 0, q0: (0,1)),
  q1: (q0: (0,1), q2: "0"),
  q2: none,
))

(
  transitions: (
    q0: (q1: ("0",), q0: ("0", "1")),
    q1: (q0: ("0", "1"), q2: ("0",)),
    q2: (:),
  ),
  states: ("q0", "q1", "q2"),
  initial: "q0",
  final: ("q2",),
  inputs: ("0", "1"),
  type: "NEA",
  finite-spec: true,
)
```

If any of the keyword arguments are set, they will overwrite the information in `<spec>`.

Argument

`<spec>`

`spec` | `transition-table`

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<states>`: `auto`

array

The list of state names in the automaton. `auto` uses the keys of `<spec>`.

Argument

`<initial>`: `auto`

str

The name of the initial state. `auto` uses the first key in `<spec>`.

Argument

`<final>`: `auto`

array

The list of final states. `auto` uses the last key in `<spec>`.

Argument

`<inputs>`: `auto`

The list of all inputs, the automaton uses. `auto` uses the inputs provided in `(spec)`.

```
#automaton(
  (spec),
  (initial): auto,
  (final): auto,
  (labels): (:),
  (style): (:),
  (state-format): label => {
    let m = label.match(regex(`^(\\D+)(\\d+)$`.text))
    if m != none {
      [#m.captures.at(0)#sub(m.captures.at(1))]
    } else {
      label
    }
  },
  (input-format): inputs => inputs.map(str).join(","),
  (layout): _layout.linear,
  ..(canvas-styles)
) → content
```

Draw an automaton from a specification.

`(spec)` is a dictionary with a specification for a finite automaton. See above for a description of the specification dictionaries.

The following example defines three states `q0`, `q1` and `q2`. For the input `0`, `q0` transitions to `q1` and for the inputs `0` and `1` to `q2`. `q1` transitions to `q0` for `0` and `1` and to `q2` for `0`. `q2` has no transitions.

```
#automaton((
  q0: (q1:0, q0:(0, 1)),
  q1: (q0:(0, 1), q2:0),
  q2: none
))
```

`(initial)` and `(final)` can be used to customize the initial and final states.

The `(initial)` and `(final)` will be removed in future versions in favor of automaton specs.



Argument

`<spec>`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<initial>: auto`

str | auto | none

The name of the initial state. For `auto`, the first state in `<spec>` is used.

Argument

`<final>: auto`

str | auto | none

A list of final state names. For `auto`, the last state in `<spec>` is used.

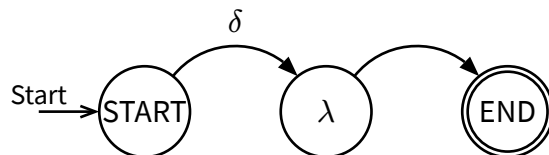
Argument

`<labels>: (:)`

dictionary

A dictionary with custom labels for states and transitions.

```
#finite.automaton(
  (q0: (q1:none), q1: (q2:none), q2: none),
  labels: (
    q0: [START], q1: $lambda$, q2: [END],
    q0-q1: $delta$
  )
)
```



Argument

`<style>: (:)`

dictionary

A dictionary with styles for states and transitions.

Argument

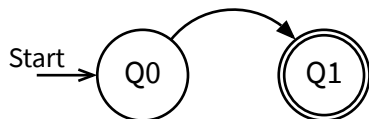
```
<state-format>: label => {
  let m = label.match(regex(`^(\D+)(\d+)$`.text))
  if m != none {
    [#m.captures.at(0)#sub(m.captures.at(1))]
  } else {
    label
  }
```

```
}
}
```

function

A function ( `str` ) → `content` to format state labels. The function will get the states name as a string and should return the final label as `content`.

```
#finite.automaton(
  (q0: (q1: none), q1: none),
  state-format: (label) => upper(label)
)
```



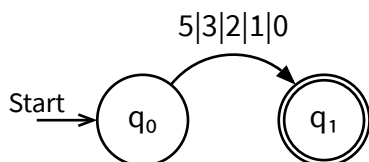
Argument

```
(<input-format>): inputs => inputs.map(str).join(",")
```

function

A function ( `array` ) → `content` to generate transition labels from input values. The functions will be called with the array of inputs and should return the final label for the transition. This is only necessary, if no label is specified.

```
#finite.automaton(
  (q0: (q1: (3,0,2,1,5)), q1: none),
  input-format: (inputs)
=> inputs.sorted().rev().map(str).join("|")
)
```



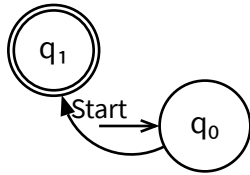
Argument

```
(<layout>): _layout.linear
```

dictionary | function

Either a dictionary with (state: coordinate) pairs, or a layout function. See below for more information on layouts.

```
#finite.automaton(
  (q0: (q1: none), q1: none),
  layout: (q0: (0,0), q1: (rel: (-2,1)))
)
```



Argument

```
..(canvas-styles)
```

any

Arguments for #cetz.canvas.

```
#transition-table(
  (spec),
  (initial): auto,
  (final): auto,
  (format): (col, row, v) => raw(str(v)),
  (format-list): states => states.join(", "),
  ..(table-style)
) → content
```

Displays a transition table for an automaton.

(spec) is a spec for a finite automaton.

The table will show states in rows and inputs in columns:

```
#finite.transition-table((
  q0: (q1: 0, q0: (1,0)),
  q1: (q0: 1, q2: (1,0)),
  q2: (q0: 1, q2: 0),
))
```

	0	1
q0	q1, q0	q0
q1	q2	q0, q2
q2	q2	q0

The `<inital>` and `<final>` arguments will be removed in future versions in favor of automaton specs.

Argument

`<spec>`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<initial>`: `auto`

str, auto, none

The name of the initial state. For `auto`, the first state in `<states>` is used.

Argument

`<final>`: `auto`

array, auto, none

A list of final state names. For `auto`, the last state in `<states>` is used.

Argument

`<format>`: `(col, row, v) => raw(str(v))`

function

A function to format the value in a table cell. The function takes a column and row index and the cell content as a `str` and generates content: `(int, int, str) -> content`.

```
#finite.transition-table((
  q0: (q1: 0, q0: (1,0)),
  q1: (q0: 1, q2: (1,0)),
  q2: (q0: 1, q2: 0),
),
format: (col, row, value) => if col == 0 and row == 0 {
  $delta$
} else if col == 1 {
  strong(value)
} else [#value]
)
```

$\delta$	0	1
q0	<b>q1, q0</b>	q0
q1	<b>q2</b>	q0, q2
q2	<b>q2</b>	q0

Argument

`(format-list): states => states.join(", ")`

function

Formats a list of states for display in a table cell. The function takes an array of state names and generates a string to be passed to `#transition-table.format: ( array )→ str`

```
#finite.transition-table((
  q0: (q1: 0, q0: (1,0)),
  q1: (q0: 1, q2: (1,0)),
  q2: (q0: 1, q2: 0),
), format-list: (states) => "[" + states.join(" | ") + "]")
```

	0	1
q0	[q1   q0]	[q0]
q1	[q2]	[q0   q2]
q2	[q2]	[q0]

Argument

`..(table-style)`

any

Arguments for `#table`.

`#powerset({spec}, {initial}: auto, {final}: auto, {state-format}: states  
=> "[" + states.sorted().join(",") + "]") → spec`

Creates a deterministic finite automaton from a nondeterministic one by using powerset construction.

See [the Wikipedia article on powerset construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powerset_construction)<sup>5</sup> for further details on the algorithm.

`(spec)` is an automaton `spec`.

Argument

`{spec}`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`{initial}: auto`

str | auto | none

The name of the initial state. For `auto`, the first state in `{states}` is used.

<sup>5</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powerset\\_construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powerset_construction)

Argument

`<final>: auto` `str` | `auto` | `none`A list of final state names. For `auto`, the last state in `<states>` is used.

Argument

`<state-format>: states => "{" + states.sorted().join(",") + "}"``function`A function to generate the new state names from a list of states. The function takes an array of strings and returns a string: ( `array` ) → `str`.#`add-trap(<spec>, <trap-name>: "TRAP")` → `spec`

Adds a trap state to a partial DFA and completes it.

Deterministic automata need to specify a transition for every possible input. If those inputs don't transition to another state, a trap-state is introduced that is not final and can't be left by any input. To simplify transition diagrams, these trap-states are usually not drawn. This function adds a trap-state to such a partial automaton and thus completes it.

```
#finite.transition-table(finite.add-trap((
  q0: (q1: 0),
  q1: (q0: 1)
)))
```

	0	1
q0	q1	TRAP
q1	TRAP	q0
TRAP	TRAP	TRAP

Argument

`<spec>` `spec`

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<trap-name>: "TRAP"` `str`

Name for the new trap-state.

```
#accepts(<spec>, <word>, <format>): (spec, states) => states
  .map((s, i)) => if i != none [
    #s #box[#sym.arrow.r#place(top + center, dy: -88%)[#text(.88em,
raw(i))]]
  ] else [#s])
  .join() → content
```

Tests if <word> is accepted by a given automaton.

The result is either **false** or an array of tuples with a state name and the input used to transition to the next state. The array is a possible path to an accepting final state. The last tuple always has **none** as an input.

```
#let aut = (
  q0: (q1: 0),
  q1: (q0: 1)
)
#finite.accepts(aut, "01010")

#finite.accepts(aut, "0101")
```

---

$q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_1 \xrightarrow{1} q_0 \xrightarrow{0} q_1$   
**false**

Argument

<spec>

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

<word>

str

A word to test.

Argument

<format>: (spec, states) => states

```
  .map((s, i)) => if i != none [
    #s #box[#sym.arrow.r#place(top + center, dy: -88%)[#text(.88em,
raw(i))]]
  ] else [#s])
  .join()
```

function

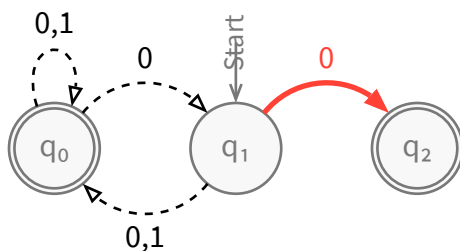
A function to format the result.

### II.3 Styling the output

As common in **CETZ**, you can pass general styles for states and transitions to the `#cetz.set-style` function within a call to `#cetz.canvas`. The elements functions `#state` and `#transition` (see below) can take their respective styling options as arguments to style individual elements.

`#automaton` takes a `(style)` argument that passes the given style to the above functions. The example below sets a background and stroke color for all states and draws transitions with a dashed style. Additionally, the state `q1` has the arrow indicating an initial state drawn from above instead from the left. The transition from `q1` to `q2` is highlighted in red.

```
#automaton(
  (
    q0: (q1:0, q0:"0,1"),
    q1: (q0:(0,1), q2:"0"),
    q2: (),
  ),
  initial: "q1",
  final: ("q0", "q2"),
  style:(
    state: (fill: luma(248), stroke:luma(120)),
    transition: (stroke: (dash:"dashed")),
    q1: (initial:top),
    q1-q2: (stroke: 2pt + red)
  )
)
```



Every state can be accessed by its name and every transition is named with its initial and end state joined with a dash (-), for example `q1-q2`.

The supported styling options (and their defaults) are as follows:

- states:
  - `{fill}`: **auto** Background fill for states.
  - `{stroke}`: **auto** Stroke for state borders.
  - `{radius}`: **0.6** Radius of the states circle.



- {extrude}: 0.88**
  - label:
    - {text}: auto** State label.
    - {size}: 1em** Initial text size for the labels (will be modified to fit the label into the states circle).
    - {fill}: none** Color of the label text.
    - {padding}: auto** Padding around the label.
  - initial:
    - {anchor}: auto** Anchorpoint to point the initial arrow to.
    - {label}: auto** Text above the arrow.
    - {stroke}: auto** Stroke for the arrow.
    - {scale}: auto** Scale of the arrow.
- transitions
  - {curve}: 1.0** “Curviness” of transitions. Set to **0** to get straight lines.
  - {stroke}: auto** Stroke for transition lines.
  - label:
    - {text}: ""** Transition label.
    - {size}: 1em** Size for label text.
    - {fill}: auto** Color for label text.
    - {pos}: 0.5** Position on the transition, between **0** and **1**. **0** sets the text at the start, **1** at the end of the transition.
    - {dist}: 0.33** Distance of the label from the transition.
    - {angle}: auto** Angle of the label text. **auto** will set the angle based on the transitions direction.

## II.4 Using #cetz.canvas

The above commands use custom **CETZ** elements to draw states and transitions. For complex automata, the functions in the **draw** module can be used inside a call to **#cetz.canvas**.

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import cetz.draw: set-style
  import finite.draw: state, transition

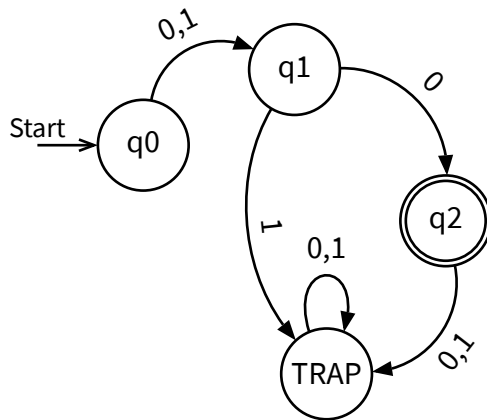
  state((0,0), "q0", initial:true)
  state((2,1), "q1")
  state((4,-1), "q2", final:true)
  state((rel:(0, -3), to:"q1.south"), "trap", label:"TRAP",
  anchor:"north-west")

  transition("q0", "q1", inputs:(0,1))
})
```

```

transition("q1", "q2", inputs:(0))
transition("q1", "trap", inputs:(1), curve:-1)
transition("q2", "trap", inputs:(0,1))
transition("trap", "trap", inputs:(0,1))
})

```



### II.4.1 Element functions

```

#state(
  {position},
  {name},
  {label}: auto,
  {initial}: false,
  {final}: false,
  {anchor}: none,
  ..{style}
)

```

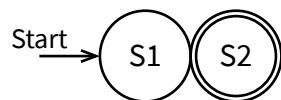
) → array

Draw a state at the given `{position}`.

```

#cetz.canvas({
  import finite.draw: state
  state((0,0), "q1", label:"S1", initial:true)
  state("q1.east", "q2", label:"S2", final:true, anchor:"west")
})

```



Argument

`{position}`

coordinate

Position of the states center.

Argument

`{name}`

`str`

Name for the state.

Argument

`{label}: auto`

`str` | `content` | `auto` | `none`

Label for the state. If set to `auto`, the `{name}` is used.

Argument

`{initial}: false`

`bool` | `alignment` | `dictionary`

Whether this is an initial state. This can be either

- `true`,
- an `alignment` to specify an anchor for the initial marking,
- a `str` to specify text for the initial marking,
- an `dictionary` with the keys `anchor` and `label` to specify both an anchor and a text label for the marking. Additionally, the keys `stroke` and `scale` can be used to style the marking.

Argument

`{final}: false`

`bool`

Whether this is a final state.

Argument

`{anchor}: none`

`str`

Anchor to use for drawing.

Argument

`..{style}`

`any`

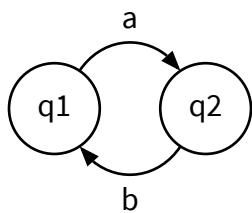
Styling options.

```
#transition(
  {from},
  {to},
  {inputs}: none,
  {label}: auto,
  {anchor}: top,
  ..{style}
) → array
```

Draw a transition between two states.

The two states `<from>` and `<to>` have to be existing names of states.

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import finite.draw: state, transition
  state((0,0), "q1")
  state((2,0), "q2")
  transition("q1", "q2", label:"a")
  transition("q2", "q1", label:"b")
})
```



Argument

`<from>`

str

Name of the starting state.

Argument

`<to>`

str

Name of the ending state.

Argument

`<inputs>`: none

str | array | none

A list of input symbols for the transition. If provided as a `str`, it is split at commas to get the list of input symbols.

Argument

`<label>`: auto

str | content | auto | dictionary

A label for the transition. For `auto` the `<input>` symbols are joined with commas (,). Can be a `dictionary` with a text key and additional styling keys.

Argument

`<anchor>`: top

alignment

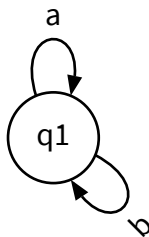
Anchor for loops. Has no effect on normal transitions.

Argument —  
`..{style}` any  
 Styling options.

```
#loop(  
  {state},  
  {inputs}: none,  
  {label}: auto,  
  {anchor}: top,  
  ..{style}  
)
```

Create a transition loop on a state.

```
#cetz.canvas({  
  import finite.draw: state, loop  
  state((0,0), "q1")  
  loop("q1", label:"a")  
  loop("q1", anchor: bottom+right, label:"b")  
})
```



This is a shortcut for `#transition` that takes only one state name instead of two.

Argument —  
`{state}` str  
 Name of the state to draw the loop on.

Argument —  
`{inputs}: none` str | array | none  
 A list of input symbols for the loop. If provided as a str, it is split at commas to get the list of input symbols.

Argument —  
`{label}: auto` str | content | auto | dictionary

A label for the loop. For `auto` the `<input>` symbols are joined with commas (,). Can be a `dictionary` with a text key and additional styling keys.

Argument

`<anchor>`: `top`

`alignment`

Anchor for the loop.

Argument

`..<style>`

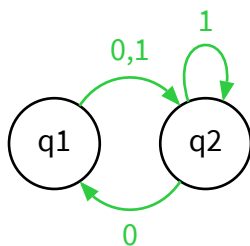
`any`

Styling options.

`#transitions(<states>, ..<style>)` → `content`

Draws multiple transitions from a transition table with a common style.

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import finite.draw: state, transitions
  state((0,0), "q1")
  state((2,0), "q2")
  transitions(
    (
      q1: (q2: (0, 1)),
      q2: (q1: 0, q2: 1)
    ),
    transition: (stroke: green)
  )
})
```



Argument

`<states>`

`transition-table`

A transition table given as a `dictionary` of dictionaries.

Argument

`..<style>`

`any`

Styling options.

### II.4.2 Anchors

States and transitions are created in a `#cetz.draw.group`. States are drawn with a circle named `state` that can be referenced in the group. Additionally they have a content element named `label` and optionally a line named `initial`. These elements can be referenced inside the group and used as anchors for other **CETZ** elements. The anchors of state are also copied to the state group and are directly accessible.

That means setting `(anchor): "west"` for a state will anchor the state at the west anchor of the states circle, not of the bounding box of the group.

Transitions have an arrow (`#cetz.draw.line`) and label (`#cetz.draw.content`) element. The anchors of arrow are copied to the group.

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import cetz.draw: circle, line, content
  import finite.draw: state, transition

  let magenta = rgb("#dc41f1")

  state((0, 0), "q0")
  state((4, 0), "q1", final: true, stroke: magenta)

  transition("q0", "q1", label: $epsilon$)

  circle("q0.north-west", radius: .4em, stroke: none, fill: black)

  let magenta-stroke = 2pt + magenta
  circle("q0-q1.label", radius: .5em, stroke: magenta-stroke)
  line(
    name: "q0-arrow",
    (rel: (.6, .6), to: "q1.state.north-east"),
    (rel: (.1, .1), to: "q1.state.north-east"),
    stroke: magenta-stroke,
    mark: (end: ">"),
  )
  content(
    (rel: (0, .25), to: "q0-arrow.start"),
    text(fill: magenta, [*very important state*]),
  )
})
```



## II.5 Layouts

Layouts changed in **FINITE** version 0.5 and are no longer compatible with **FINITE** 0.4 and before.

Layouts can be passed to `#automaton` to position states on the canvas without the need to give specific coordinates for each state. **FINITE** ships with a bunch of layouts, to accomodate different scenarios.

### II.5.1 Available layouts

`#create-layout`(`{positions}`: `(:)`, `{anchors}`: `(:)`) → `array`

Helper function to create a layout dictionary by providing `{positions}` and/or `{anchors}`.

`#custom`(`{spec}`, `{positions}`: `(:)`, `{position}`: `(0, 0)`, `{style}`: `(:)`) → `array`

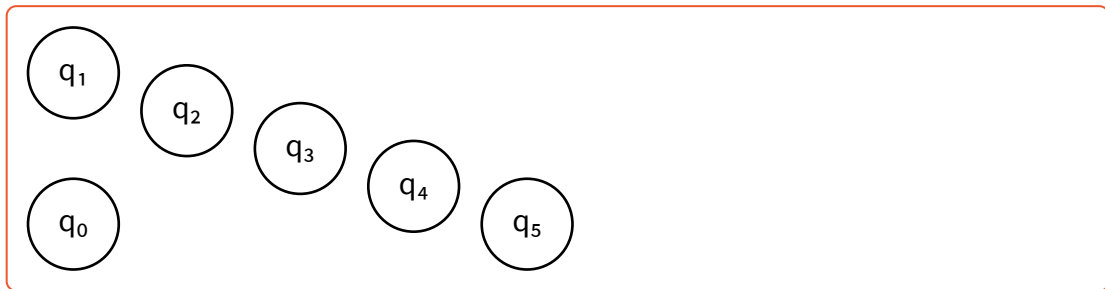
Create a custom layout from a `dictionary` with state `coordinate` `s`.

The result may specify a `rest` key that is used as a default coordinate. This is useful sense in combination with a relative coordinate like `(rel: (2, 0))`.

```

#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
#finite.automaton(
  aut,
  initial: none, final: none,
  layout:finite.layout.custom.with(positions: (
    q0: (0,0), q1: (0,2), rest:(rel: (1.5,-.5))
  ))
)
  
```





Argument

`<spec>`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<positions>: (:)`

dictionary

A dictionary with `coordinate`s for each state.

The dictionary contains each states name as a key and the new coordinate as a value.

Argument

`<position>: (0, 0)`

coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

Argument

`<style>: (:)`

dictionary

Styling options.

```

#linear(
  <spec>,
  <dir>: right,
  <spacing>: default-style.state.radius * 2,
  <position>: (0, 0),
  <style>: (:)
) → array

```

Arrange states in a line.

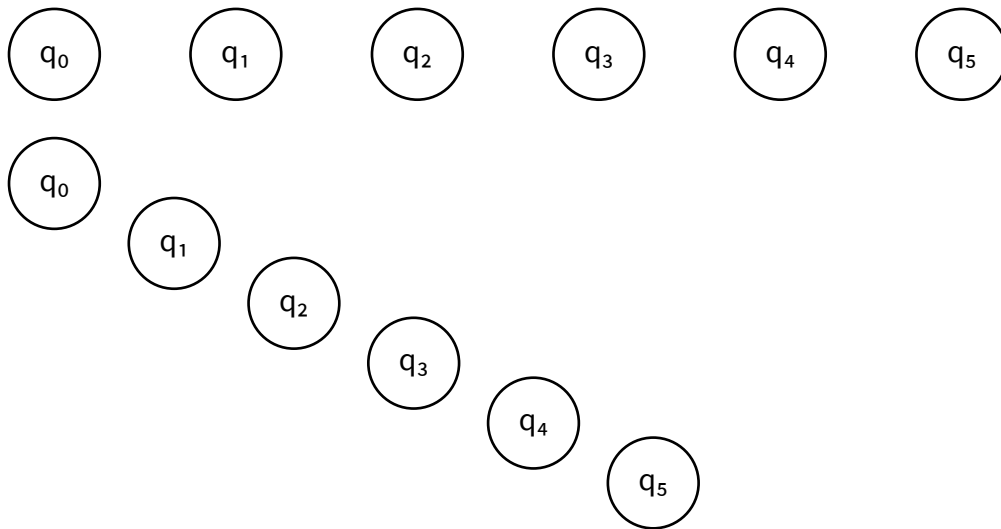
The direction of the line can be set via `<dir>` either to an `alignment` or a direction vector with a x and y shift. Note that the length of the vector is set to `<spacing>` and only the direction is used.

```

#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})

```

```
#finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.linear.with(dir: right)
)
#finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.linear.with(spacing: .5, dir:(2,-1))
)
```



Argument

`<spec>`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<dir>: right`

vector | alignment | 2d alignment

Direction of the line.

Argument

`<spacing>: default-style.state.radius * 2`

float

Spacing between states on the line.

Argument

`<position>: (0, 0)`

coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

Argument

`{style}: (:)`

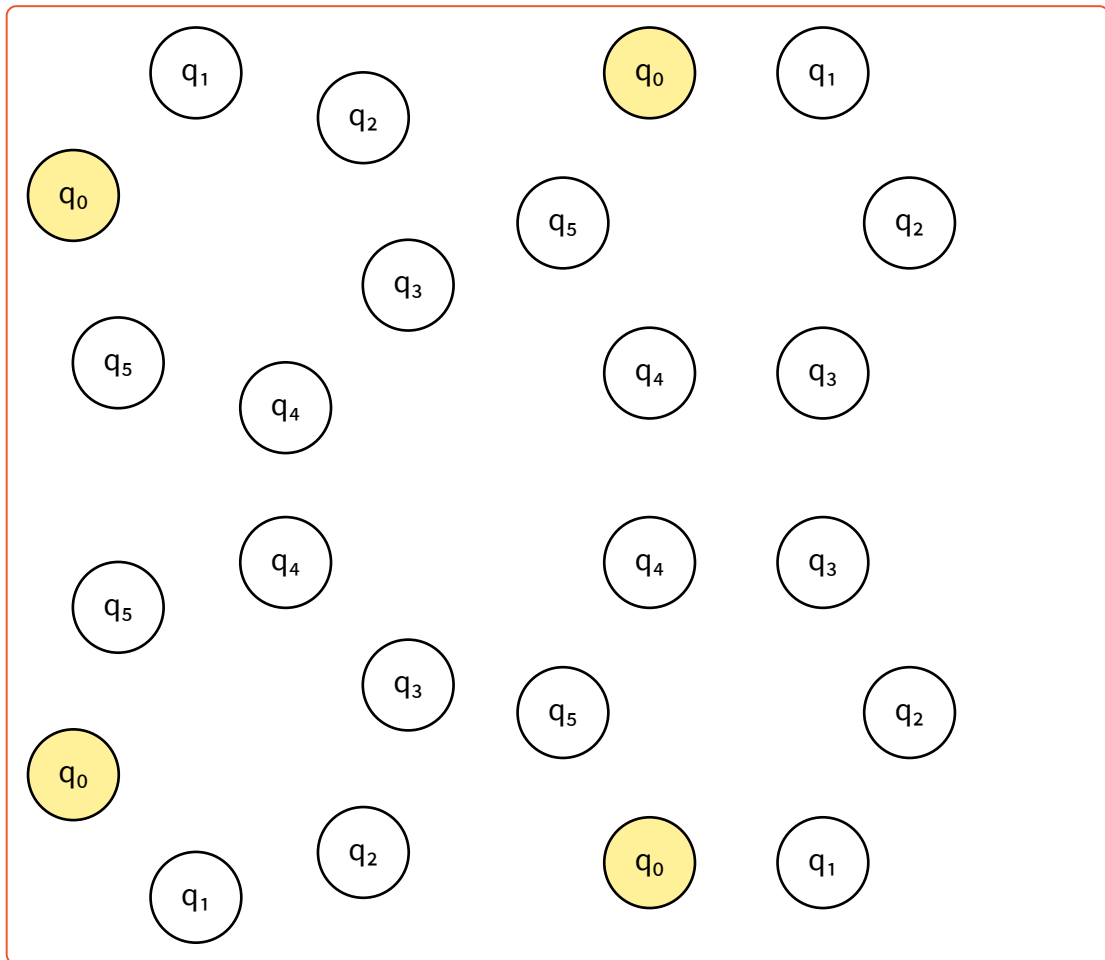
dictionary

Styling options.

```
#circular(
  {spec},
  {dir}: right,
  {spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2,
  {radius}: auto,
  {offset}: 0deg,
  {position}: (0, 0),
  {style}: (:)
)
```

Arrange states in a circle.

```
#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none);
d})
#grid(columns: 2, gutter: 2em,
  finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.circular,
    style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
  ),
  finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.circular.with(offset:45deg),
    style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
  ),
  finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.circular.with(dir:left),
    style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
  ),
  finite.automaton(
    aut,
    initial: none, final: none,
    layout:finite.layout.circular.with(dir:left, offset:45deg),
    style: (q0: (fill: yellow.lighten(60%)))
  )
)
```



Argument

`<spec>``spec`

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<dir>: right``alignment`Direction of the circle. Either `left` or `right`.

Argument

`<spacing>: default-style.state.radius * 2``float`

Spacing between states on the line.

Argument

`<radius>: auto``float | auto`Either a fixed radius or `auto` to calculate a suitable radius.

Argument

`<offset>: 0deg`

angle

An offset angle to place the first state at.

Argument

`<position>: (0, 0)`

coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

Argument

`<style>: (:)`

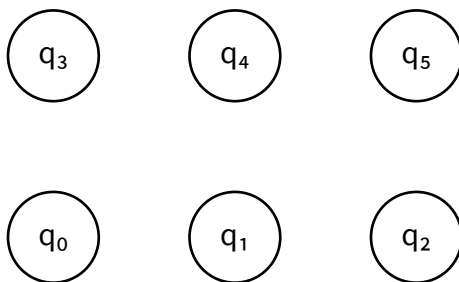
dictionary

Styling options.

```
#grid(
  {spec},
  {columns}: 4,
  {spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2,
  {position}: (0, 0),
  {style}: (:)
) → array
```

Arrange states in rows and columns.

```
#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none);
d})
#finite.automaton(
  aut,
  initial: none, final: none,
  layout: finite.layout.grid.with(columns:3)
)
```



Argument

`<spec>`

spec

Automaton specification.

Argument

`{columns}: 4`

int

Number of columns per row.

Argument

`{spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2`

float

Spacing between states on the grid.

Argument

`{position}: (0, 0)`

coordinate

Position of the anchor point.

Argument

`{style}: (:)`

dictionary

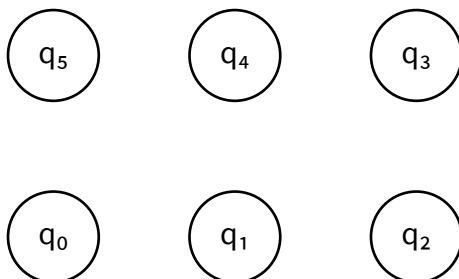
Styling options.

```
#snake(
  {spec},
  {columns}: 4,
  {spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2,
  {position}: (0, 0),
  {style}: (:)
```

) → array

Arrange states in a grid, but alternate the direction in every even and odd row.

```
#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none);
d})
#finite.automaton(
  aut,
  initial: none, final: none,
  layout: finite.layout.snake.with(columns:3)
)
```

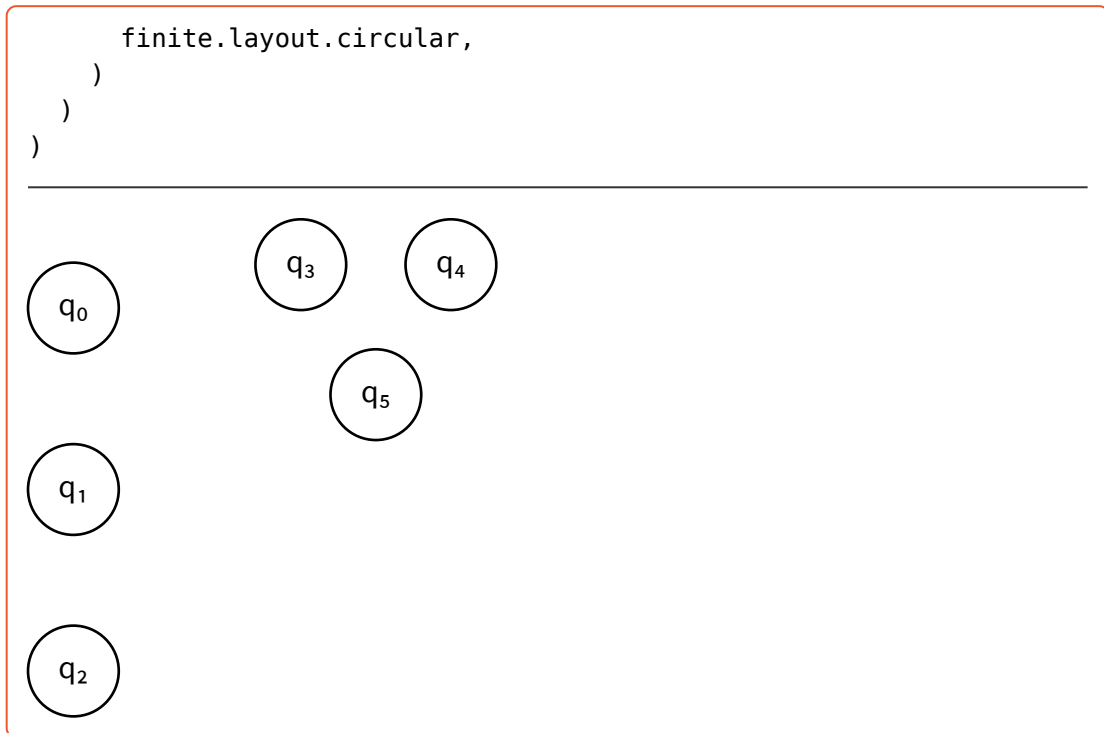


Argument	
<code>{spec}</code>	<code>spec</code>
Automaton specification.	
Argument	
<code>{columns}: 4</code>	<code>int</code>
Number of columns per row.	
Argument	
<code>{spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2</code>	<code>float</code>
Spacing between states on the line.	
Argument	
<code>{position}: (0, 0)</code>	<code>coordinate</code>
Position of the anchor point.	
Argument	
<code>{style}: (:)</code>	<code>dictionary</code>
Styling options.	

```
#group(
  {spec},
  {grouping}: auto,
  {spacing}: default-style.state.radius * 2,
  {layout}: linear.with(dir: bottom),
  {position}: (0, 0),
  {style}: (:)
) → array
```

Creates a group layout that collects states into groups that are positioned by specific sub-layouts.

```
#let aut = range(6).fold((:), (d, s) => {d.insert("q"+str(s), none); d})
#finite.automaton(
  aut,
  initial: none, final: none,
  layout: finite.layout.group.with(
    grouping: 3,
    spacing: 4,
    layout: (
      finite.layout.linear.with(dir: bottom),
```



See [Section VI](#) for a more comprehensive example.

Argument

`<spec>`

`spec`

Automaton specification.

Argument

`<grouping>: auto`

`int` | `array`

Either an integer to collect states into roughly equal sized groups or an array of arrays that specify which states (by name) are in each group.

Argument

`<spacing>: default-style.state.radius * 2`

`float`

Spacing between states on the line.

Argument

`<layout>: linear.with(dir: bottom)`

`array`

An array of layouts to use for each group. The first group of states will be passed to the first layout and so on.

Argument

`<position>: (0, 0)`

`coordinate`



Position of the anchor point.

Argument

`{style}: (:)`

dictionary

Styling options.

## II.6 Utility functions

<code>#align-to-anchor</code>	<code>#get-inputs</code>	<code>#transition-pts</code>
<code>#align-to-vec</code>	<code>#is-dea</code>	<code>#transpose-table</code>
<code>#call-or-get</code>	<code>#label-pt</code>	<code>#vector-normal</code>
<code>#cubic-normal</code>	<code>#loop-pts</code>	<code>#vector-rotate</code>
<code>#cubic-pts</code>	<code>#mark-dir</code>	<code>#vector-set-len</code>
<code>#fit-content</code>	<code>#mid-point</code>	

**`#align-to-anchor({align})`**

Return anchor name for an `alignment`.

**`#align-to-vec({a})`**

Returns a vector for an alignment.

**`#call-or-get({value}, ..{args})`**

Calls `{value}` with `..{args}`, if it is a `function` and returns the result or `{value}` otherwise.

**`#cubic-normal(`**

`{a},`

`{b},`

`{c},`

`{d},`

`{t}`

`)`

Compute a normal vector for a point on a cubic bezier curve.

**`#cubic-pts({a}, {b}, {curve}: 1)`**

Calculate the control point for a transition.

```
#fit-content(
  {ctx},
  {width},
  {height},
  {content},
  {size}: auto,
  {min-size}: 6pt
)
```

Fits (text) content inside the available space.

- ctx (dictionary): The canvas context.
- content (string, content): The content to fit.
- size (length,auto): The initial text size.
- min-size (length): The minimal text size to set.

```
#get-inputs({table}, {transpose}: true)
```

Gets a list of all inputs from a transition table.

Argument

{table}

transition-table

A transition table.

Argument

{transpose}: true

bool

If {table} needs to be transposed first. Set this to false if the table already is in the format (input: states).

```
#is-dea({table}) → bool
```

Checks if a given spec represents a deterministic automaton.

```
#util.is-dea((
  q0: (q1: 1, q2: 1),
))
#util.is-dea((
  q0: (q1: 1, q2: 0),
))
```

---

false true

Argument

{table}

transition-table

A transition table.

```
#label-pt(
```

```
  {a},
  {b},
  {c},
  {d},
  {style},
  {loop}: false
)
```

Calculate the location for a transitions label, based on its bezier points.

```
#loop-pts({start}, {start-radius}, {anchor}: top, {curve}: 1)
```

Calculate start, end and ctrl points for a transition loop.

- start (vector): Center of the state.
- start-radius (length): Radius of the state.
- curve (float): Curvature of the transition.
- anchor (alignment): Anchorpoint on the state

```
#mark-dir(
```

```
  {a},
  {b},
  {c},
  {d},
  {scale}: 1
)
```

Calculate the direction vector for a transition mark (arrowhead)

```
#mid-point({a}, {b}, {c}, {d})
```

Compute the mid point of a quadratic bezier curve.

```
#transition-pts(
```

```
  {start},
  {end},
  {start-radius},
  {end-radius},
  {curve}: 1,
  {anchor}: top
)
```

Calculate start, end and ctrl points for a transition.

- start (vector): Center of the start state.
- end (vector): Center of the end state.
- start-radius (length): Radius of the start state.
- end-radius (length): Radius of the end state.
- curve (float): Curvature of the transition.

#**transpose-table**(**{table}**) → **dictionary**

Changes a **transition-table** from the format (state: inputs) to (input: states) or vice versa.

Argument

**{table}**

**transition-table**

A transition table in any format.

#**vector-normal**(**{v}**)

Compute a normal for a 2d **cetz.vector**. The normal will be pointing to the right of the original **cetz.vector**.

#**vector-rotate**(**{vec}**, **{angle}**)

Rotates a vector by **{angle}** degree around the origin.

#**vector-set-len**(**{v}**, **{len}**)

Set the length of a **cetz.vector**.

## Part III    **Simulating input**

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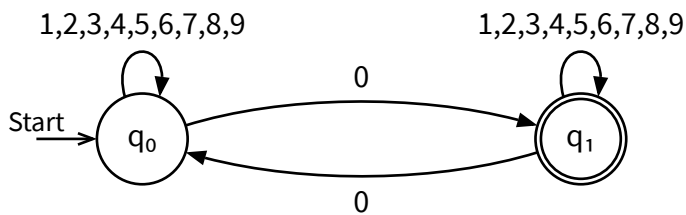
**FINITE** has a set of functions to simulate, test and view finite automata.

## Part IV FLACI support

**FINITE** was heavily inspired by the online app [FLACI](https://flaci.org)<sup>6</sup>. FLACI lets you build automata in a visual online app and export your creations as JSON files. **FINITE** can import these files and render the result in your document.

**FINITE** currently only supports DEA and NEA automata.

```
#finite.flaci.automaton(read("flaci-export.json"))
```



### Important

Read the FLACI json-file with the `#read` function, not the `#json` function. FLACI exports automata with a wrong encoding that prevents Typst from properly loading the file as JSON.

### IV.0.1 FLACI functions

`#flaci.load(<data>)` → `spec`

Loads `<data>` into an automaton `spec`. `<data>` needs to be a string and not a JSON dictionary.

Argument	
<code>&lt;data&gt;</code>	<code>str</code>
FLACI data read as a string via <code>#read</code> .	

```
#flaci.automaton(  
  <data>,  
  {layout}: auto,  
  {merge-layout}: true,  
  {style}: auto,  
  {merge-style}: true,  
  ..{args}  
) → content
```

<sup>6</sup><https://flaci.org>

Show a FLACI file as an `#automaton`.

Read the FLACI json-file with the `#read` function, not the `#json` function. FLACI exports automata with a wrong encoding that prevents Typst from properly loading the file as JSON.

Currently only DEA and NEA automata are supported.

Argument

`<data>`

str

FLACI data read as a string via `#read`.

Argument

`<layout>: auto`

function

Custom layout for the automaton. Will overwrite state positions from `<data>`.

Argument

`<merge-layout>: true`

dictionary

Custom state positions to merge with the ones found in `<data>`. This allows the placement of some states while the rest keeps their positions.

Argument

`<style>: auto`

dictionary

Custom styles to overwrite the defaults.

Argument

`<merge-style>: true`

Custom styles to merge with the styles from `<data>`.

Argument

`.. <args>`

any

Further arguments for `#automaton`.

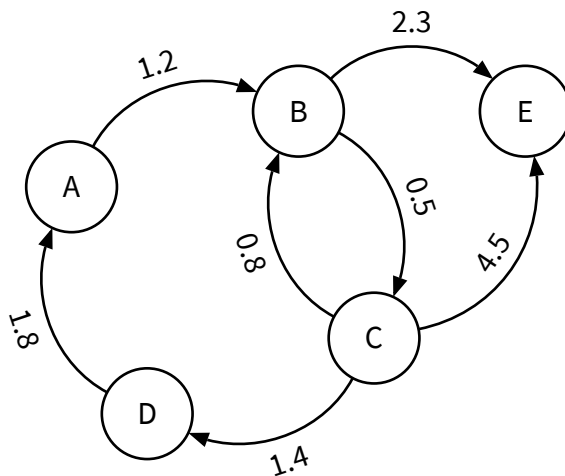
## Part V Doing other stuff with FINITE

Since transition diagrams are effectively graphs, **FINITE** could also be used to draw graph structures:

```
#cetz.canvas({
  import cetz.draw: set-style
  import finite.draw: state, transitions

  state((0,0), "A")
  state((3,1), "B")
  state((4,-2), "C")
  state((1,-3), "D")
  state((6,1), "E")

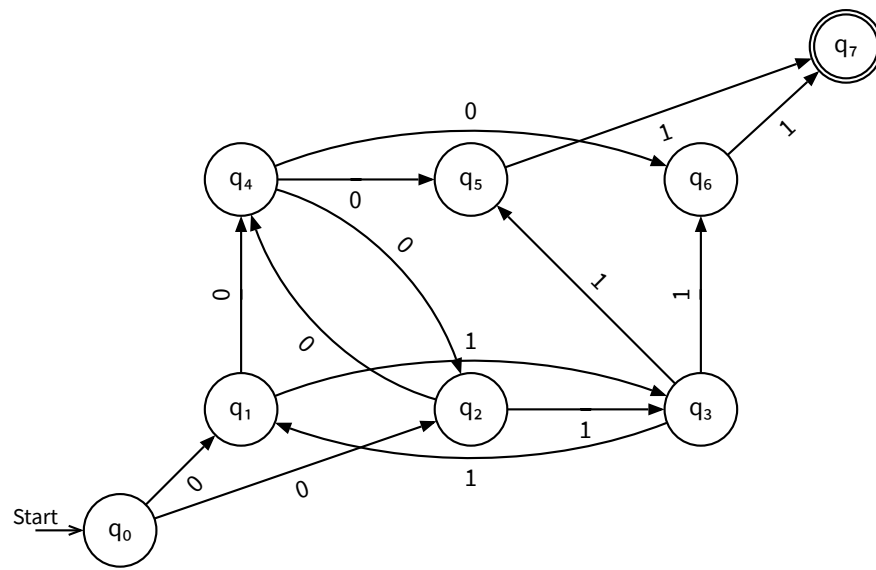
  transitions((
    A: (B: 1.2),
    B: (C: .5, E: 2.3),
    C: (B: .8, D: 1.4, E: 4.5),
    D: (A: 1.8),
    E: (:),
  ),
  C-E: (curve: -1.2))
})
```





## Part VI Showcase

```
#scale(80%, automaton((
  q0: (q1: 0, q2: 0),
  q2: (q3: 1, q4: 0),
  q4: (q2: 0, q5: 0, q6: 0),
  q6: (q7: 1),
  q1: (q3: 1, q4: 0),
  q3: (q1: 1, q5: 1, q6: 1),
  q5: (q7: 1),
  q7: ()
),
layout: finite.layout.group.with(grouping: (
  ("q0",),
  ("q1", "q2", "q3", "q4", "q5", "q6"),
  ("q7",)
),
spacing: 2,
layout: (
  finite.layout.custom.with(positions: (q0: (0, -2))),
  finite.layout.grid.with(columns:3, spacing:2.6, position: (2, 1)),
  finite.layout.custom.with(positions: (q7: (8, 6)))
)
),
style: (
  transition: (curve: 0),
  q1-q3: (curve:1),
  q3-q1: (curve:1),
  q2-q4: (curve:1),
  q4-q2: (curve:1),
  q1-q4: (label: (pos:.75)),
  q2-q3: (label: (pos:.75, dist:-.33)),
  q3-q6: (label: (pos:.75)),
  q4-q5: (label: (pos:.75, dist:-.33)),
  q4-q6: (curve: 1)
)
))
```



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