

# NFA EQUIVALENCE

COMP 4200 – Formal Language



	$\epsilon^*$	a	$\epsilon^*$
$\epsilon^*$	1	$\emptyset$	$\{1, 3\}$
1	3	1	$\{1, 3\}$
2	2	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\{2, 3\}$
3	3	1	$\{1, 3\}$

	$\epsilon^*$	b	$\epsilon^*$
$\epsilon^*$	1	$\emptyset$	2
1	3	$\emptyset$	2
2	2	3	3
3	3	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

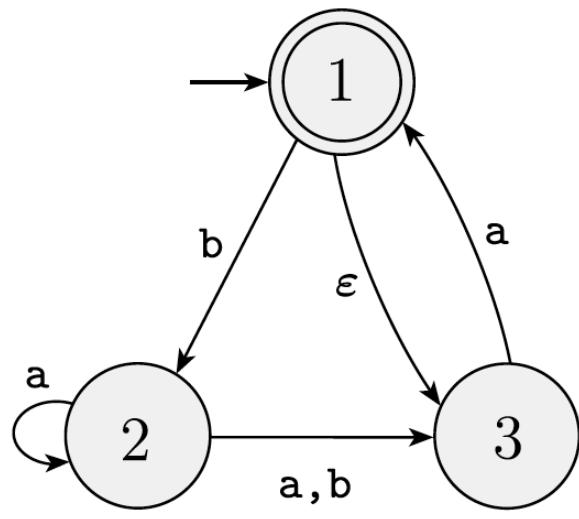
# TRY YOURSELF!

closure

1:  $\{1, 3\}$

2:  $\{2\}$

3:  $\{3\}$

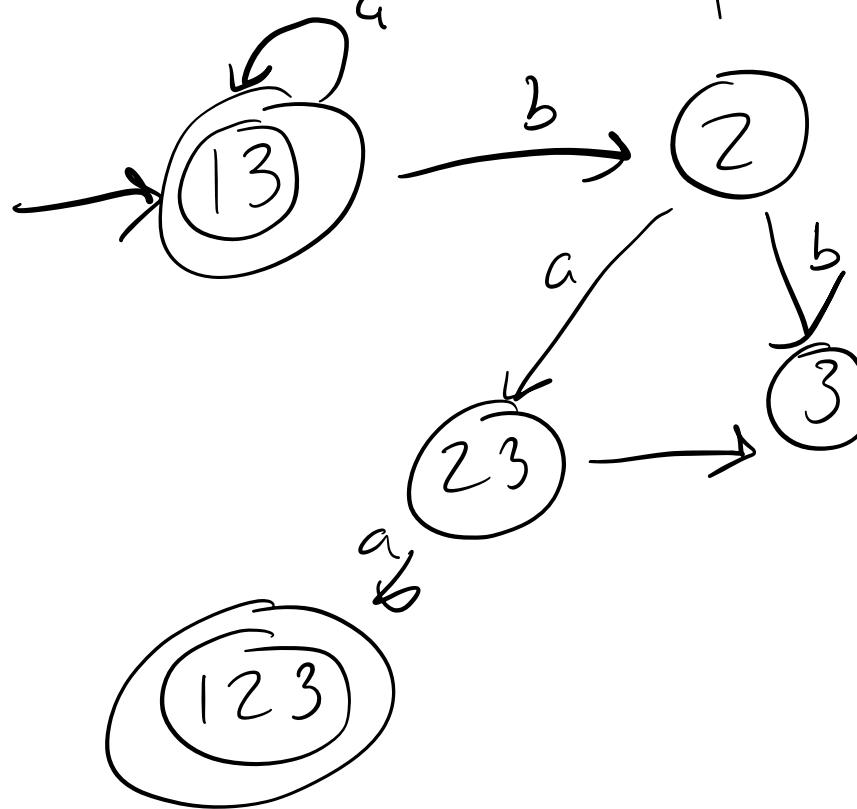


NFA

	a	b
1	$\{1, 3\}$	2
2	$\{2, 3\}$	3
3	$\{1, 3\}$	$\emptyset$



	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
1	13	2
13	13	2
2	23	3
23	123	3
123	123	23
3	13	∅
∅	∅	∅



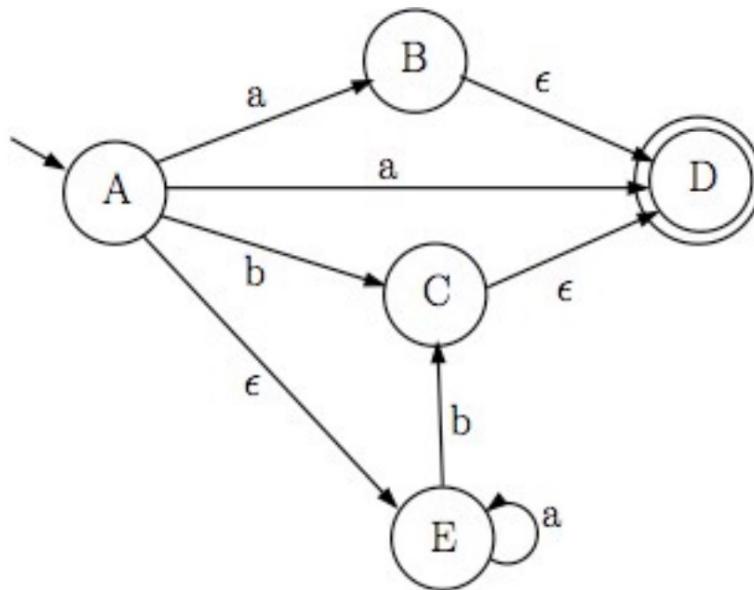


	$\epsilon^*$	$a$	$\epsilon^*$
$A$	$A$	$B$	$\Sigma D, B?$
$E$	$E$	$E$	$E$
$B$	$B$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$D$	$D$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$C$	$C$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$D$	$D$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$E$	$E$	$E$	$E$

# EXAMPLE

closure

$A : \{A, E\}$   
 $B : \{B, D\}$   
 $C : \{C, D\}$   
 $D : \{D\}$   
 $E : \{E\}$



	$\epsilon^*$	b	$\epsilon^*$
A	A E	C	$\{C, D\}$
B	B D	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
C	C D	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
D	D $\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
E	E	C	$\emptyset$

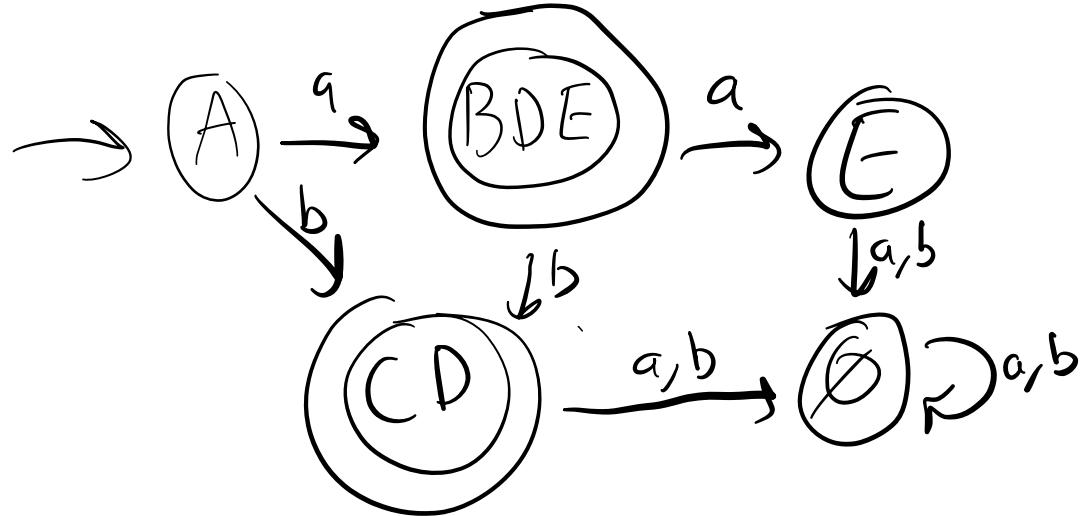
NFA

	a	b
$\rightarrow A$	$\{B, D, E\}$	$\{C, D\}$
B	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
C	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
* D	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
E	E	$\{C, D\}$

DFA

	a	b
$\rightarrow A$	BDE	CP
* BDE	E	CD
* CD	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
E	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$





	$\epsilon^*$	a	$\epsilon^*$
1	1	3	$\{\epsilon, 3\}$
2	2	4	4
3	3	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
4	4	5	5
5	5	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

	$\epsilon^*$	b	$\epsilon^*$
1	2	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
2	2	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
3	3	4	4
4	4	5	5
5	5	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

# EXAMPLE

closure

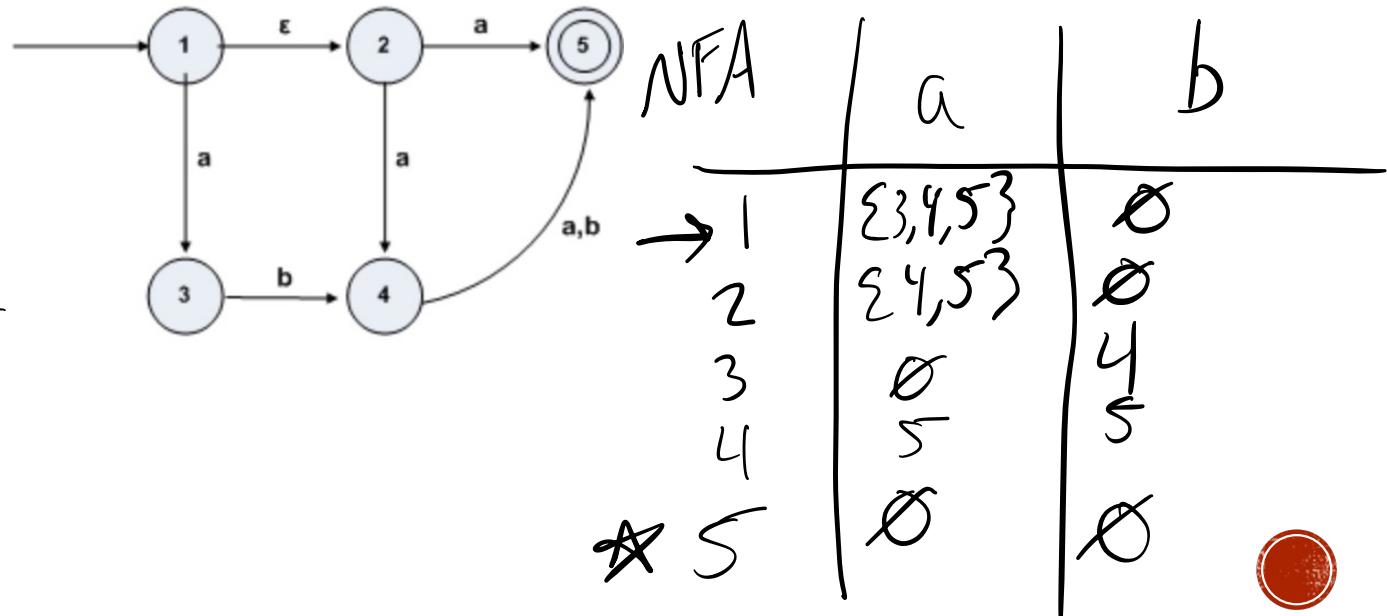
1:  $\{\epsilon, 2\}$

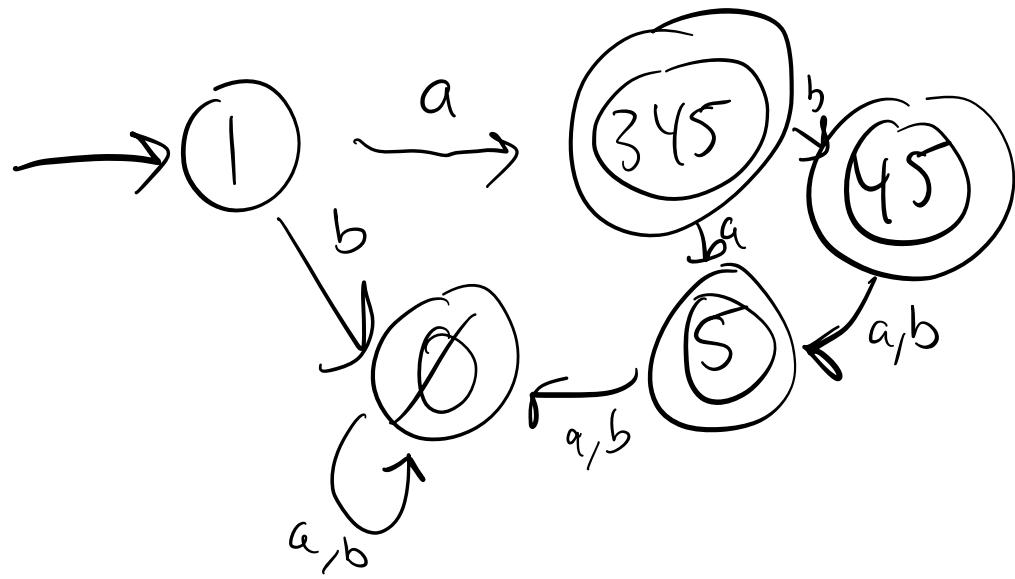
2:  $\{2\}$

3:  $\{3\}$

4:  $\{4\}$

5:  $\{5\}$

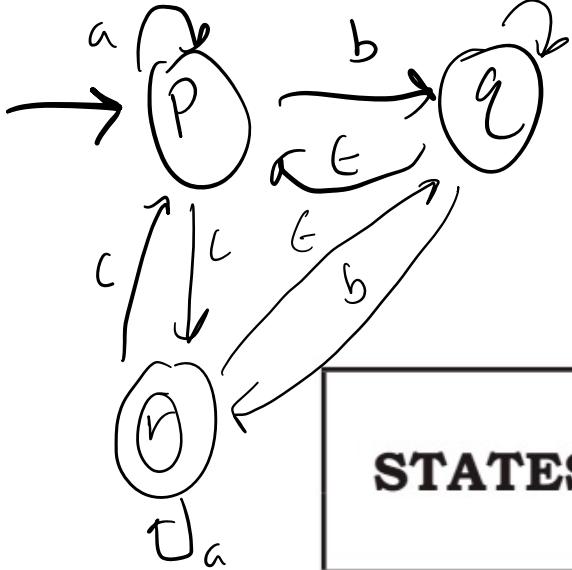




DFA

	a	b
1	345	Ø
345	5	45
45	5	5
Ø	Ø	Ø
2	45	Ø
3	Ø	4
4	5	5
5	Ø	Ø





# EXAMPLE

closure

$$p : \{\epsilon, p\}$$

$$q : \{\epsilon, a, p\}$$

$$r : \{r, q, p\}$$

STATES	INPUTS			
	$\epsilon$	a	b	c
$=>p$	$\Phi$	{p}	{q}	{r}
q	{p}	{q}	{r}	$\Phi$
$*r$	{q}	{r}	$\Phi$	{p}

$\epsilon^*$	a	b	c
p	p	p	p
q	q	q	$\{a, p\}$
r	r	r	$\{r, q, p\}$
			$\{r, q, p\}$
			$\{a, p\}$
			p



	$\epsilon^*$	b	$\epsilon^*$
p	p	q	$\{q, p\}$
q	a p	r q	$\{r, q, p\}$ $\{a, p\}$
r	q p	$\emptyset$ q	$\emptyset$ $\{q, p\}$

	$\epsilon^*$	c	$\epsilon^*$
p	p	r	$\{r, q, p\}$
q	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
r	r q p	$\emptyset$ p r	$\{r, q, p\}$ p $\emptyset$

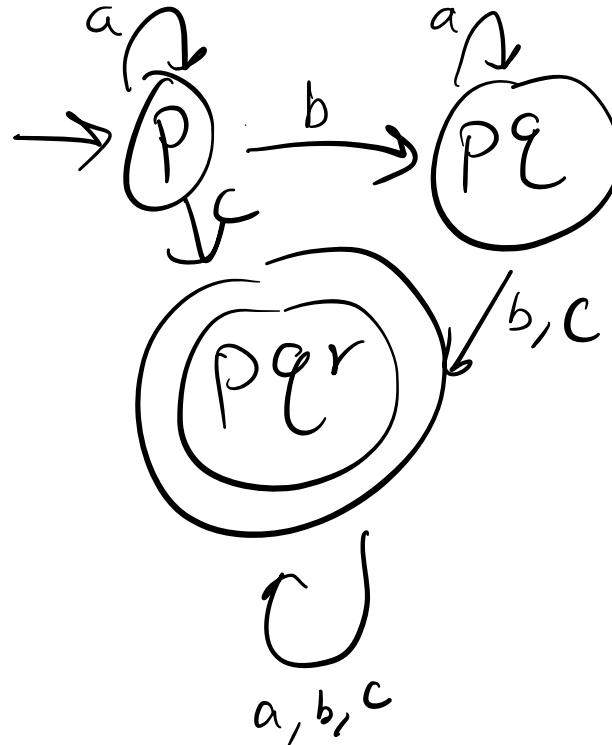
NFA

	a	b	c
p	p	$\{p, q\}$	$\{p, a, r\}$
q	$\{p, q\}$	$\{p, q, r\}$	$\{p, q, r\}$
r	$\{p, q, r\}$	$\{p, q, r\}$	$\{p, q, r\}$



DFA

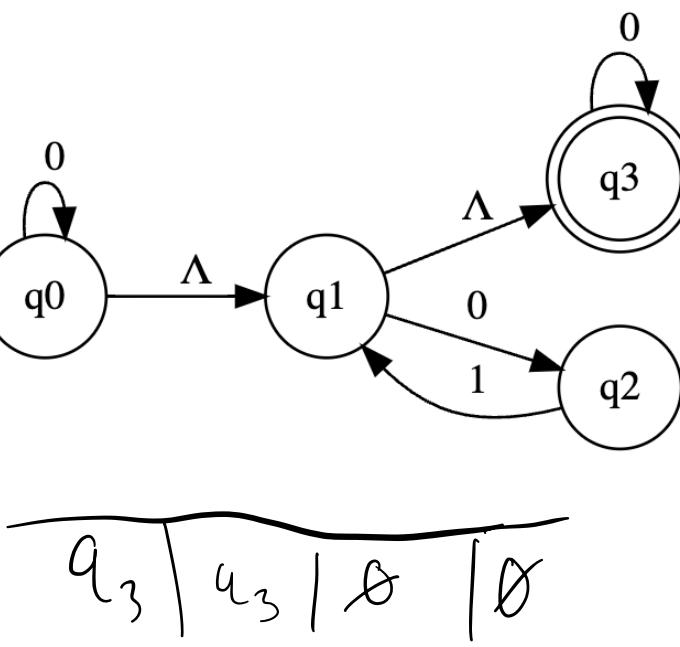
	a	b	c
$\rightarrow P$	P	$PQ$	$PQR$
$PQ$	$PQ$	$PQR$	$PQR$
$\cancel{PQR}$	$PQR$	$PQR$	$PQR$
$\cancel{q}$	$Pq$	$Pqr$	$Pqr$
$r$	$Pqr$	$Pqr$	$Pqr$



$\lambda^*$	0	$\lambda^*$	
$q_6$	$a_6$ $a_1$ $a_3$	$a_6$ $a_2$ $a_3$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$ $q_2$ $a_3$
$q_1$	$a_1$ $a_3$	$a_2$ $a_3$	$a_2$ $a_3$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$a_3$	$a_3$	$q_3$	$q_3$

$\lambda^*$	*	*	
$q_0$	$a_0$ $a_1$ $a_3$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$
$a_1$	$a_1$ $a_3$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

# EXAMPLE



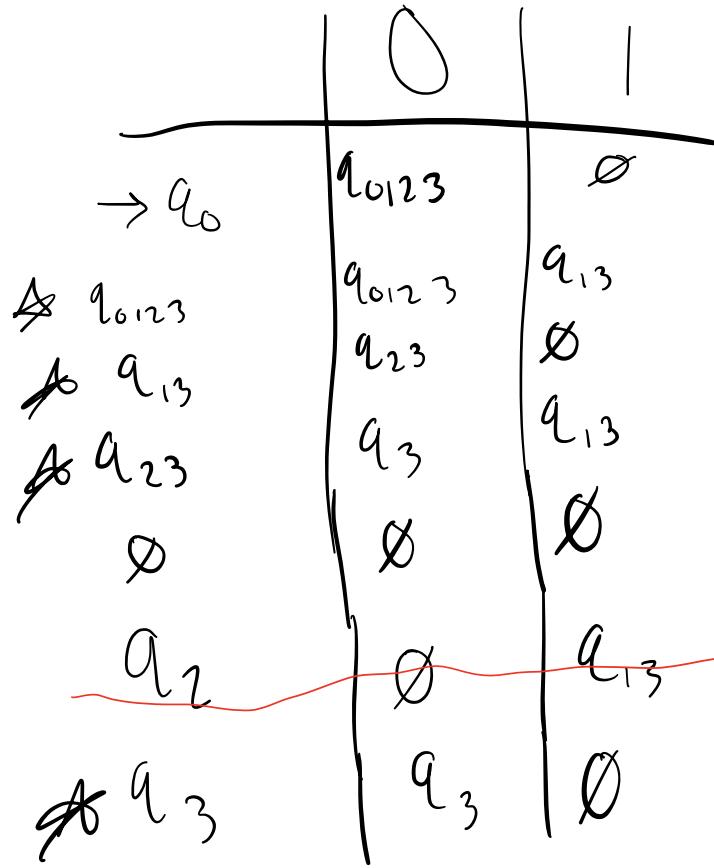
CLOSURE  
 $q_0 : \{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$   
 $q_1 : \{q_1, q_3\}$   
 $q_2 : \{q_2\}$   
 $q_3 : \{q_3\}$



NFA

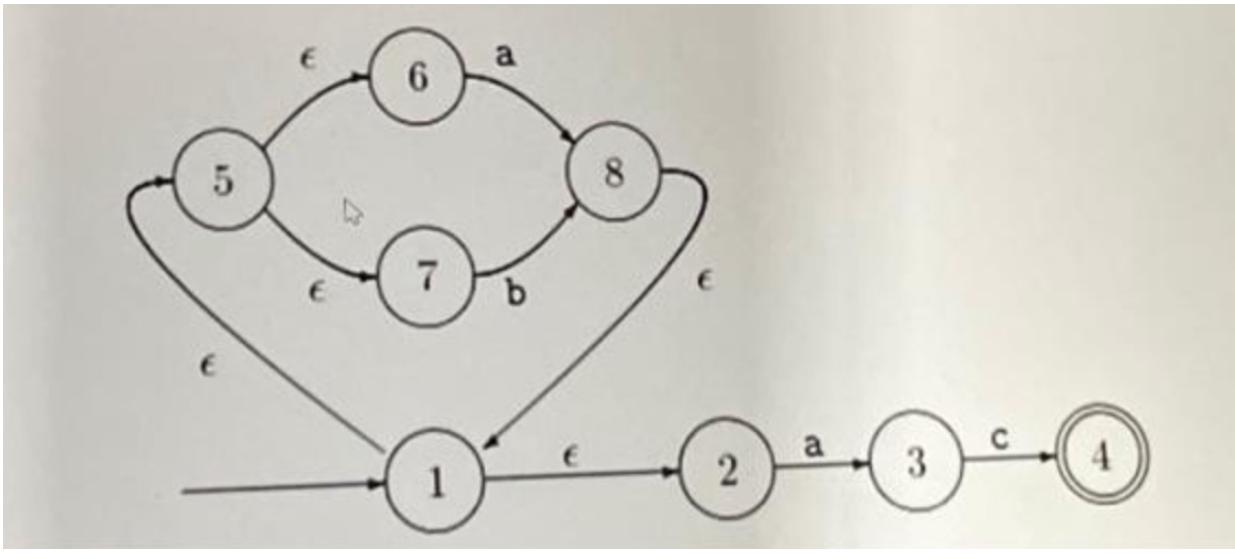
	0	1
$\rightarrow q_0$	$\{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3\}$	$\emptyset$
$q_1$	$\{q_2, q_3\}$	$\emptyset$
$q_2$	$\emptyset$	$\{q_1, q_3\}$
$\star q_3$	$q_3$	$\emptyset$

DFA





# EXAMPLE



Closure

1: {1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8}

2: {2, 3}

3: {3, 3}

4: {4, 3}

5: {5, 6, 7, 8}

6: {6, 3}

7: {7, 7}

8: {8, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8}





# **REGULAR OPERATION FOR NFA**

# CLOSURE UNDER REGULAR OPERATION

Let  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  recognize  $A_1$ , and

$N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  recognize  $A_2$ .

Construct  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  to recognize  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .

1.  $Q = \{q_0\} \cup Q_1 \cup Q_2$ .

The states of  $N$  are all the states of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ , with the addition of a start state  $q_0$ .

2. The state  $q_0$  is the start state of  $N$ .

3. The set of accept states  $F = F_1 \cup F_2$ .

The accept states of  $N$  are all the accept states of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . That way accepts if either  $N_1$  accepts or  $N_2$  accepts.

4. Define  $\delta$  so that for any  $q \in Q$  and any  $a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$ ,

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2 \\ \{q_1, q_2\} & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon. \end{cases}$$

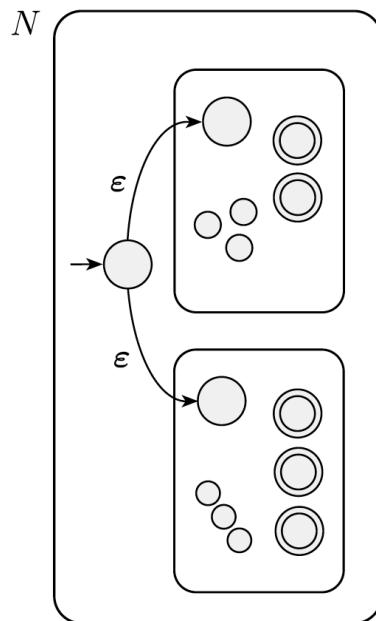
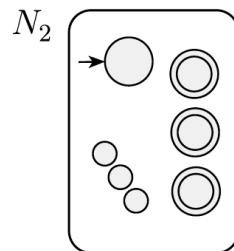
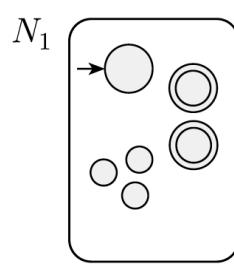
- The class of regular languages is closed under the union operation.
- Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be regular languages. We want to show  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is a regular language.
- Since  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are regular languages there exists an NFA  $N_1$  and there exists an NFA  $N_2$  such that  $N_1$  recognizes  $A_1$  and  $N_2$  recognizes  $A_2$ .



# CONSTRUCTION OF NFA N TO RECOGNIZE

$A_1 \cup A_2$

new start states, no touchy states



# REGULAR LANGUAGES ARE CLOSED UNDER CONCATENATION

Let  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  recognize  $A_1$ , and  
 $N_2 = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$  recognize  $A_2$ .

Construct  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F_2)$  to recognize  $A_1 \circ A_2$ .

1.  $Q = Q_1 \cup Q_2$ .

The states of  $N$  are all the states of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ .

2. The state  $q_1$  is the same as the start state of  $N_1$ .

3. The accept states  $F_2$  are the same as the accept states of  $N_2$ .

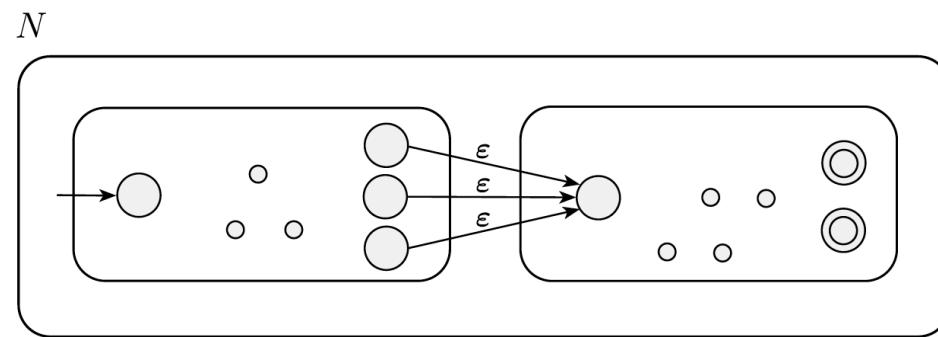
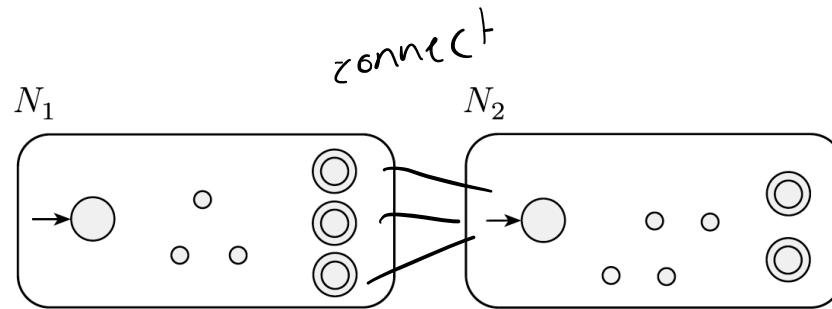
4. Define  $\delta$  so that for any  $q \in Q$  and any  $a \in \Sigma_\varepsilon$ ,

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_1(q, a) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \neq \varepsilon \\ \delta_1(q, a) \cup \{q_2\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \varepsilon \\ \delta_2(q, a) & q \in Q_2. \end{cases}$$



# CONSTRUCTION OF $N$ TO RECOGNIZE $A_1 \circ A_2$

Hello  $\leftarrow$  World



# REGULAR LANGUAGES ARE CLOSED UNDER THE STAR OPERATION

**PROOF** Let  $N_1 = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$  recognize  $A_1$ .

Construct  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  to recognize  $A_1^*$ .

1.  $Q = \{q_0\} \cup Q_1$ .

The states of  $N$  are the states of  $N_1$  plus a new start state.

2. The state  $q_0$  is the new start state.

3.  $F = \{q_0\} \cup F_1$ .

The accept states are the old accept states plus the new start state.

4. Define  $\delta$  so that for any  $q \in Q$  and any  $a \in \Sigma_\epsilon$ ,

$$\delta(q, a) = \begin{cases} \delta_1(q, a) & q \in Q_1 \text{ and } q \notin F_1 \\ \delta_1(q, a) & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon \\ \delta_1(q, a) \cup \{q_1\} & q \in F_1 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \{q_1\} & q = q_0 \text{ and } a = \epsilon \\ \emptyset & q = q_0 \text{ and } a \neq \epsilon. \end{cases}$$

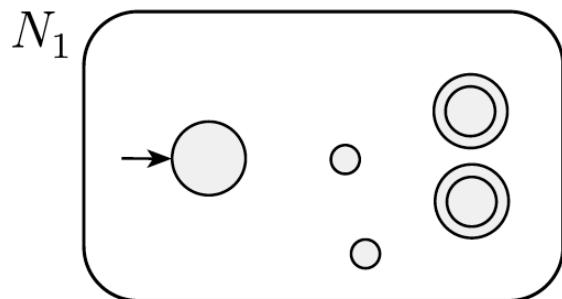


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# CONSTRUCTION OF N TO RECOGNIZE A\*

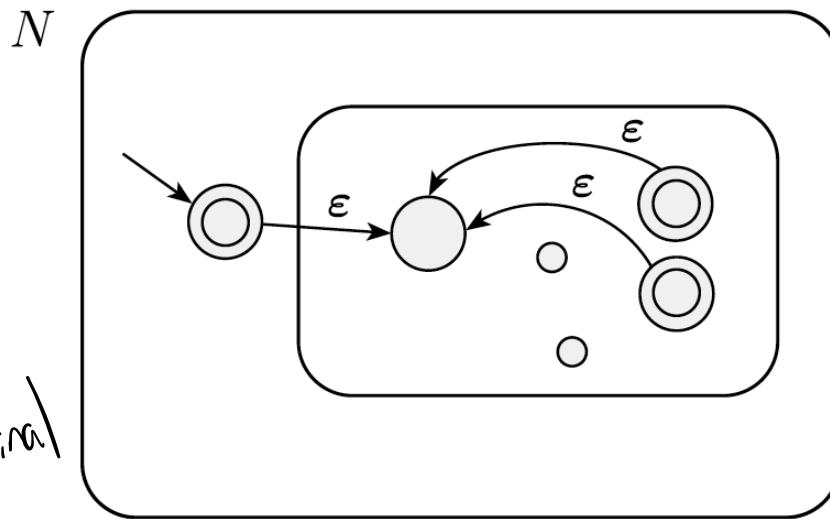
Keep looping

repetition



new start state & make it final

(ε)



# MINIMIZATION OF DFA

- Requirement → a minimal version of any DFA, which consist of minimum number of states possible.
- Lesser the number of states, higher the efficiency.
- But how?
  - Combine two states and make it as one state
  - How?
    - Condition: Two states can be combined only if two states are equivalent.
- Equivalent:
  - Two states are said to be equivalent if
    - $\delta(A, X) \rightarrow F$  and  $\delta(B, X) \rightarrow F$  or  $\delta(A, X) \not\Rightarrow F$  and  $\delta(B, X) \not\Rightarrow F$
    - X is the input string.
    - F is the final state.

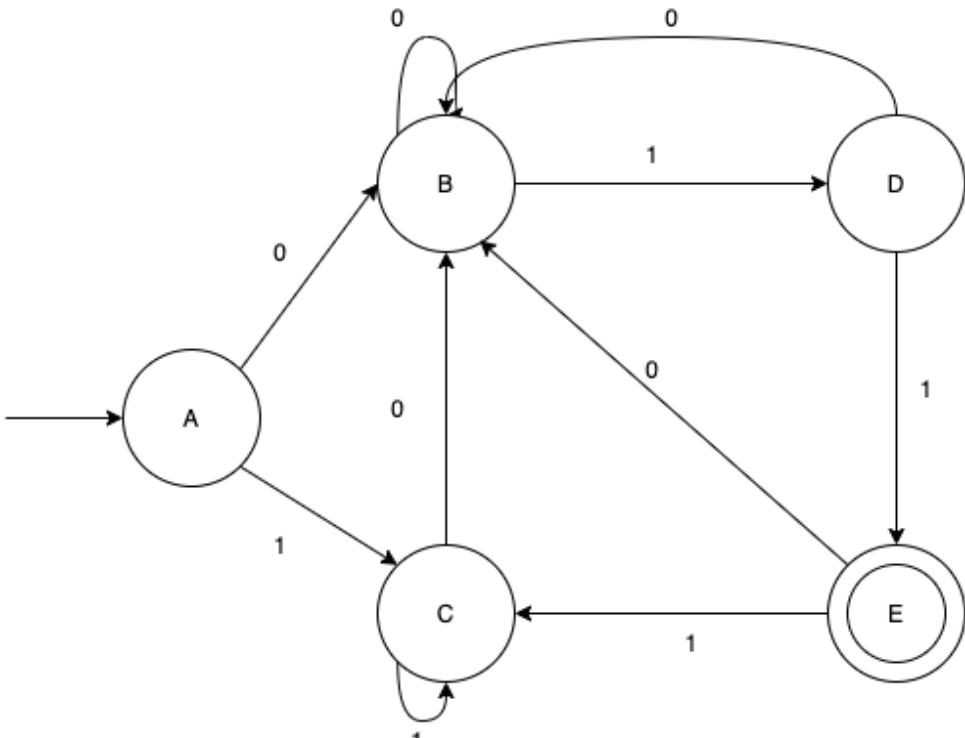


- Equivalence types:
  - If  $|X| = 0$ , then A and B are said to be 0 equivalent.  $\rightarrow$  length of the input string is 0
  - If  $|X| = 1$ , then A and B are said to be 1 equivalent.
  - If  $|X| = 2$ , then A and B are said to be 2 equivalent.
  - .....
  - If  $|X| = n$ , then A and B are said to be n equivalent.



$$\delta(A, 0) = B$$

$$\delta(B, 1) = E$$



$$\delta(A, 0) = B \quad \delta(A, 1) = C$$

$$\begin{cases} \delta(B, 0) = B \\ \delta(C, 0) = B \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \delta(B, 1) = \emptyset \\ \delta(C, 1) = C \end{cases}$$

Transition table



	0	1
A	B	C
B	B	D
C	B	C
D	B	E
E	B	C



0 equiv.  $\{A, B, C, D\}$   $\{E\}$   
final  
non-final

1 equiv.  $\{A, B, C\}$   $\{D\}$   $\{E\}$

2 equiv.  $\{A, C\}$   $\{B\}$   $\{D\}$   $\{E\}$

3 equiv.  $\{A, C\}$   $\{B\}$   $\{D\}$   $\{E\}$   
can stop here



Equivalence → Non final states together and rest as a separate set.

- ‘0’ Equivalence → {A,B,C,D} {E}
- ‘1’ Equivalence → {A,B,C} {E} {D}

(A,B):  $\delta(A, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(A, 1) = C$ ,  $\delta(B, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(B, 1) = D \rightarrow$  They fall in the same set

(A,C):  $\delta(A, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(A, 1) = C$ ,  $\delta(C, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(C, 1) = C \rightarrow$  They fall in the same set

(A,D):  $\delta(A, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(A, 1) = C$ ,  $\delta(D, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(D, 1) = E \rightarrow$  They fall in different set

- ‘2’ Equivalence → {A,C} {B} {D} {E}

(A,B):  $\delta(A, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(A, 1) = C$ ,  $\delta(B, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(B, 1) = D \rightarrow$  They fall in different set

(A,C):  $\delta(A, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(A, 1) = C$ ,  $\delta(C, 0) = B$ ,  $\delta(C, 1) = C \rightarrow$  They fall in the same set

- ‘3’ Equivalence → {A,C} {B} {D} {E}

	0	1
A	B	C
B	B	D
C	B	C
D	B	E
E	B	C



- Minimal version → {A,C} {B} {D} {E}

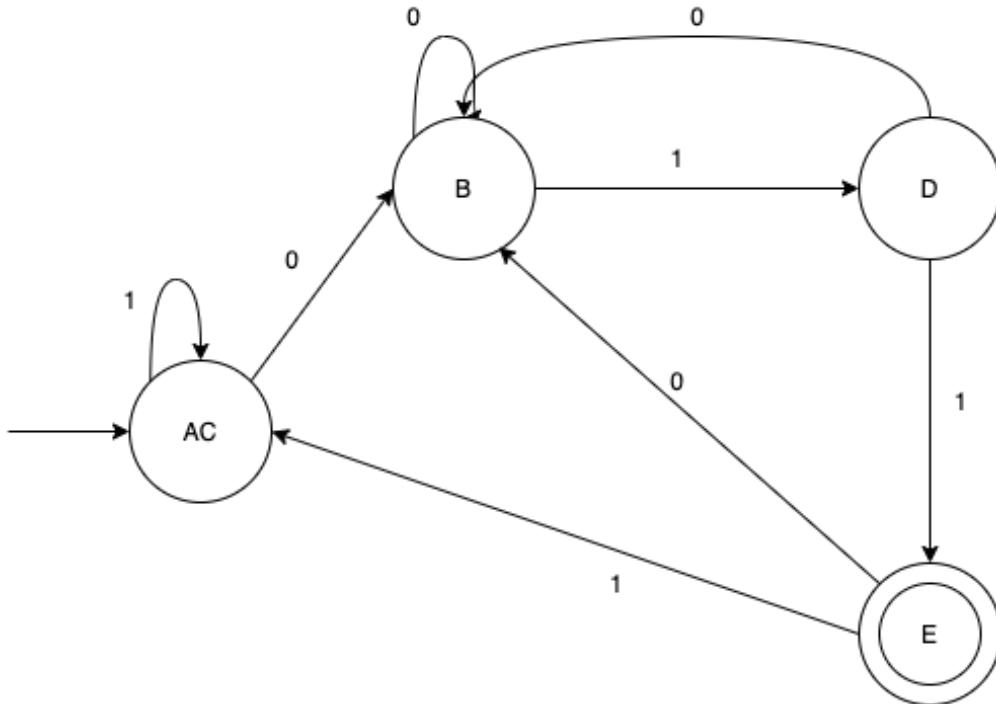
Transition table

	0	1
A	B	C
B	B	D
C	B	C
D	B	E
E	B	C



- Minimal version  $\rightarrow \{A,C\} \{B\} \{D\} \{E\}$

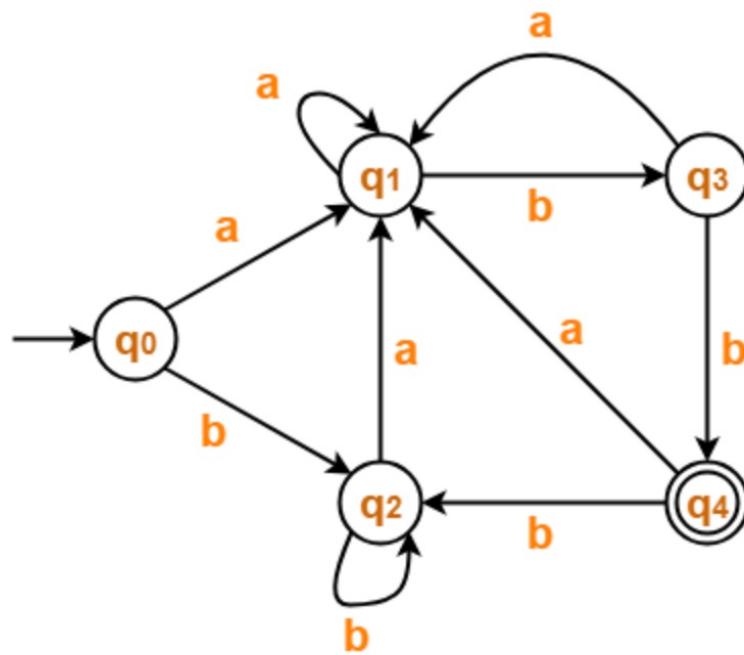
Transition table



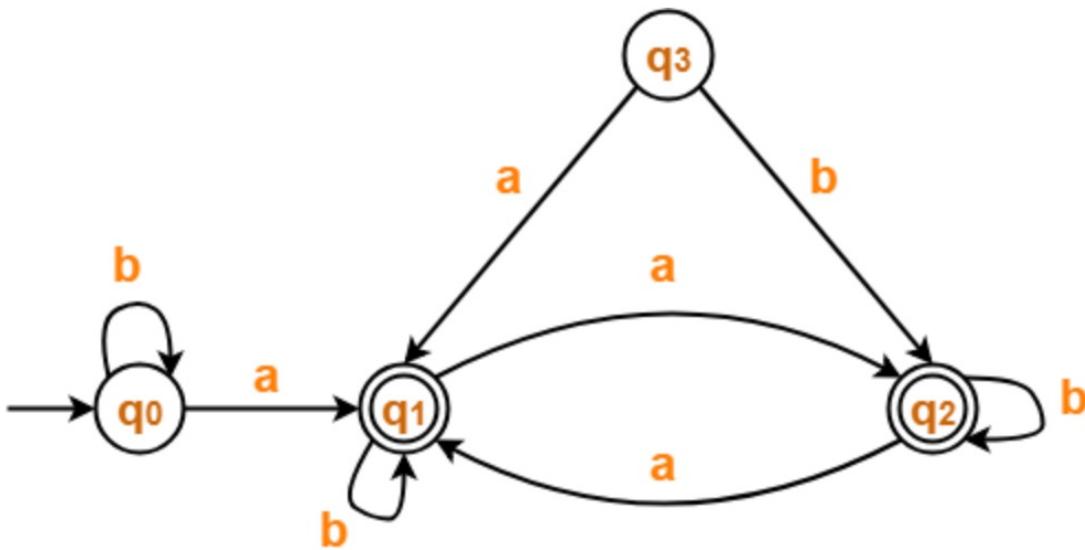
	0	1
0	B	C
B	B	D
C	B	C
D	B	E
E	B	C



# EXAMPLE



# EXAMPLE



# EXAMPLE

	0	1
→ A	B	F
B	G	C
(C)	A	C
D	C	G
E	H	F
F	C	G
G	G	E
H	G	C



# EXAMPLE

<i>State</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
$\rightarrow q_0$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_1$	$q_4$	$q_3$
$q_2$	$q_4$	$q_3$
$q_3$	$q_5$	$q_6$
$q_4$	$q_7$	$q_6$
$q_5$	$q_3$	$q_6$
$q_6$	$q_6$	$q_6$
$q_7$	$q_4$	$q_6$

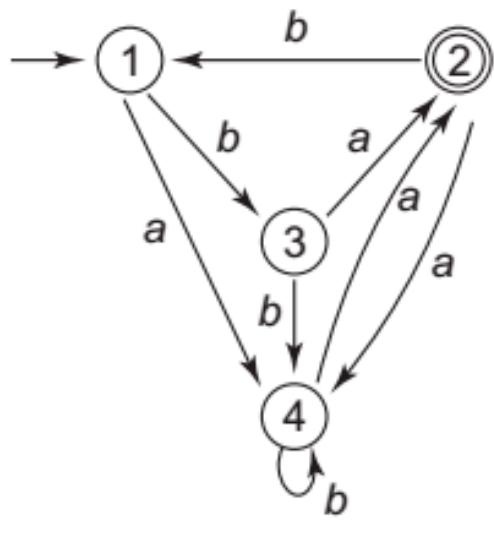


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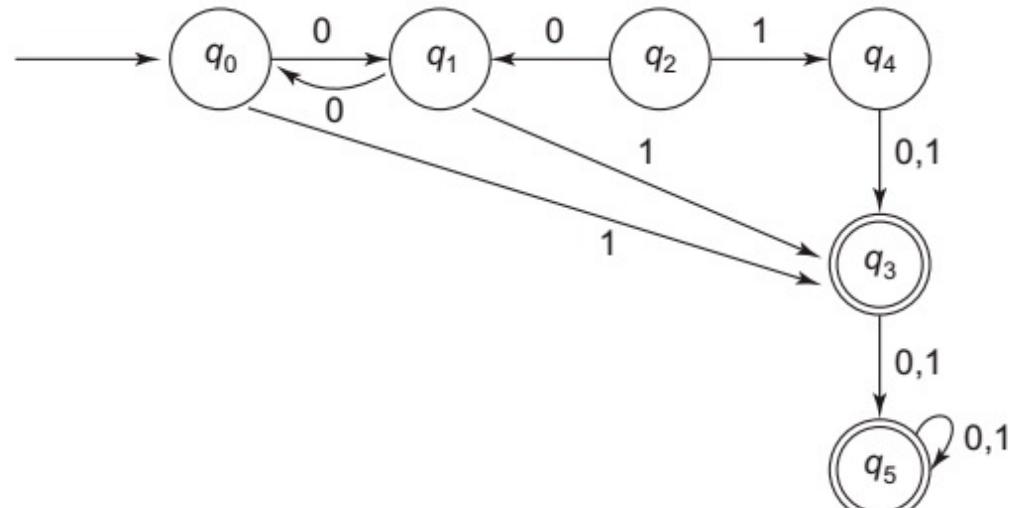
Input symbols and states	Next state	
	a	b
→ * 1	3	2
2	4	1
3	5	4
4	4	4
5	3	2



# EXAMPLES TO TRY!



(1)



(2)

