

# Language and computation notes

## Lecture 3 - Non-deterministic Finite Automata

Example: Construct DFA over  $\Sigma = 0, 1$  accepting all words where penultimate symbol is 1

Maybe: - q0 initial state - q1 initial Last symbol is 1 - q2 penultimate seen symbol is 1

We define

$\rightarrow (0,1) \rightarrow q0 (1) \rightarrow q1 (0,1) \rightarrow q2$

Step	Input	State 1	State 2	State 3
0	0	x		
1	1	x	x	
2	1	x	x	x
3	0	x		x
4	0	x		

## Defining the machine

A NFA  $N = \{Q, \Sigma, \delta, S, F\}$  where

- $Q$ : Finite set of states
- $\Sigma$ : Alphabet
- $\delta$ : Transitional function  $\delta \in Q, \Sigma \rightarrow P(a)$