

# FORMAL Definition of a FINITE AUTOMATA

S-Tuple

$(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

$Q \rightarrow$  FINITE SET  
of STATES

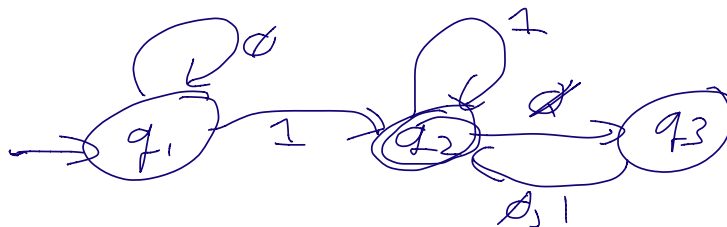
$\Sigma \rightarrow$  finite set  
 $\rightarrow$  Alphabet

$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \rightarrow$  Transition  
function

$q_0 \in Q$  START  
STATE

$F \subseteq Q$  THE SET  
OF ACCEPT STATES

FIGURE 1.6



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

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

$$\delta \begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & 1 \\ \hline q_1 & q_1 & q_2 \\ q_2 & q_3 & q_2 \\ q_3 & q_2 & q_2 \end{array}$$

$$q_0 = q_1$$

$$F = \{q_2\}$$

$$\text{Let } M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

Let  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$  is a string  $w \in \Sigma$

$M$  ACCEPTS  $w$  if a SEQUENCE of STATES  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n \in Q$   $\exists$  WITH 3 CONDITIONS:

- 1).  $v_0 = q_0$
- 2).  $\delta(v_i, w_{i+1}) = v_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$
- 3).  $v_n \in F$

$M$  ACCEPTS language  $A$  IS

$$A = \{w \mid M \text{ ACCEPTS } w\}$$

A LANGUAGE IS a regular language IF SOME FINITE AUTOMATA RECOGNIZES IT

## REGULAR OPERATIONS

- 1). UNION:  $A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ OR } x \in B\}$
- 2). CONCATENATION:  $A \circ B = \{xy \mid x \in A \text{ AND } y \in B\}$
- 3). STAR:  $A^* = \{x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \mid k \geq 0 \text{ AND EACH } x_i \in A\}$

# NON-DETERMINISM

DFA - ONE OR ZERO transitions from any state  
- All transitions are from the alphabet

NFA - NON-DETERMINISTIC FA

- 1 OR MORE exit from a state on a sym.
- All transitions are from either the alphabet OR the symbol  $\epsilon$



Tree of Possibilities

