


CS & IT ENGINEERING

Theory of Computation

Regular Languages

Lecture No.- 15

A man with a beard and mustache, wearing a black polo shirt, stands with his arms crossed in front of a bookshelf. He is wearing a black watch on his left wrist.

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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

What is FA?

Topic

FA representations: Graph, Table, and Set

↳ Q : Set of states
 Σ : " " symbols
 δ : Transition function
 q_0 : Initial state
 F : Set of final states



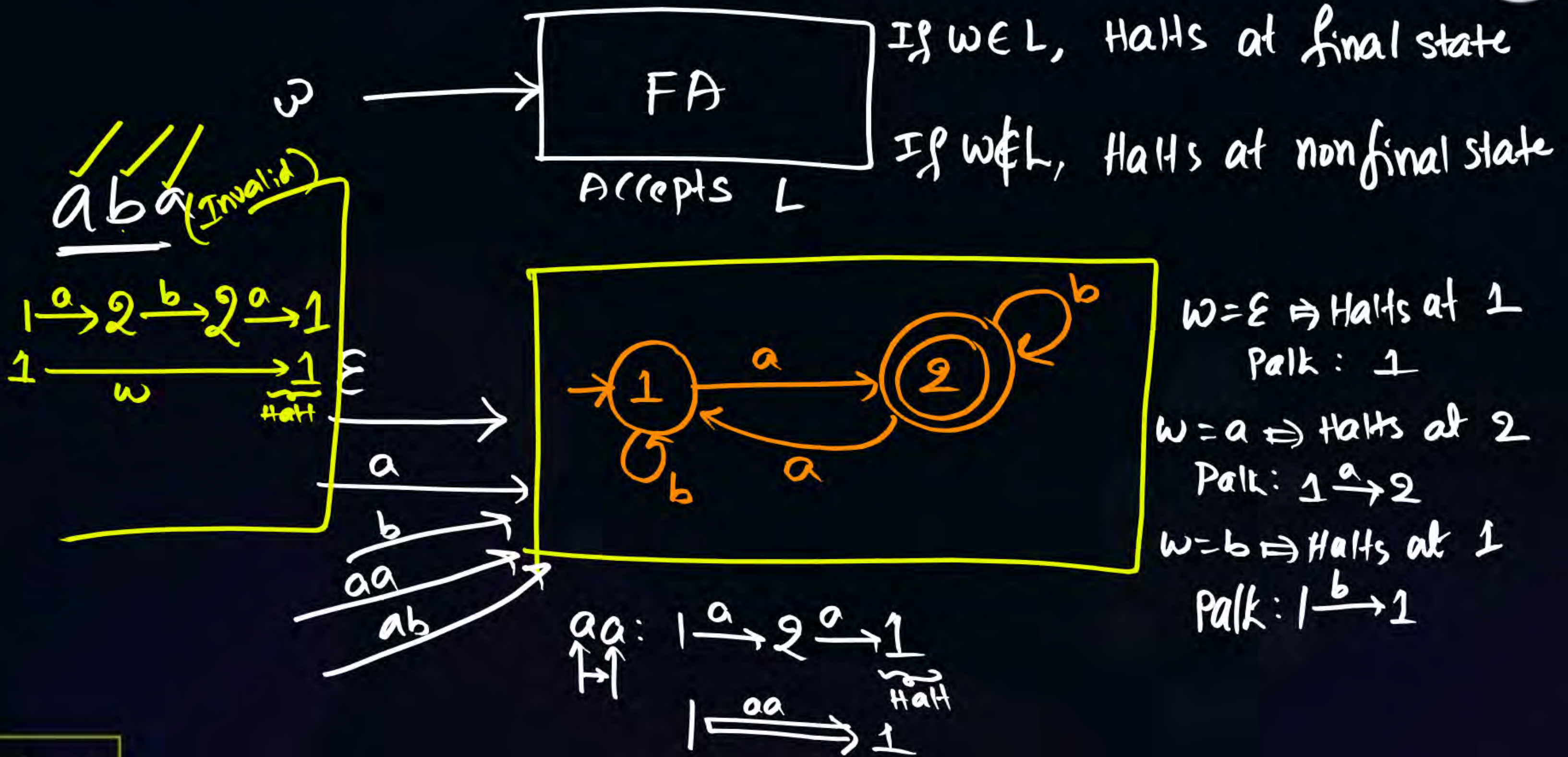
Topics to be Covered



Topic

What is DFA, and NFA?





$w \in L$: Halts at final state

$w \notin L$: " " non-final state

$$\Sigma^* = (a+b)^* = \left\{ \overset{\times}{\varepsilon}, \overset{\checkmark}{a}, \overset{\times}{b}, \overset{\times}{aa}, \overset{\checkmark}{ab}, \overset{\checkmark}{ba}, \overset{\times}{bb}, \dots \right\}$$

\downarrow
 Halts
at nonfinal

\downarrow
 Halts at
final

$$L = \{ \overset{\checkmark}{a}, ab, ba, \dots \}$$

Accepted : Halts at final after reading
whole input string

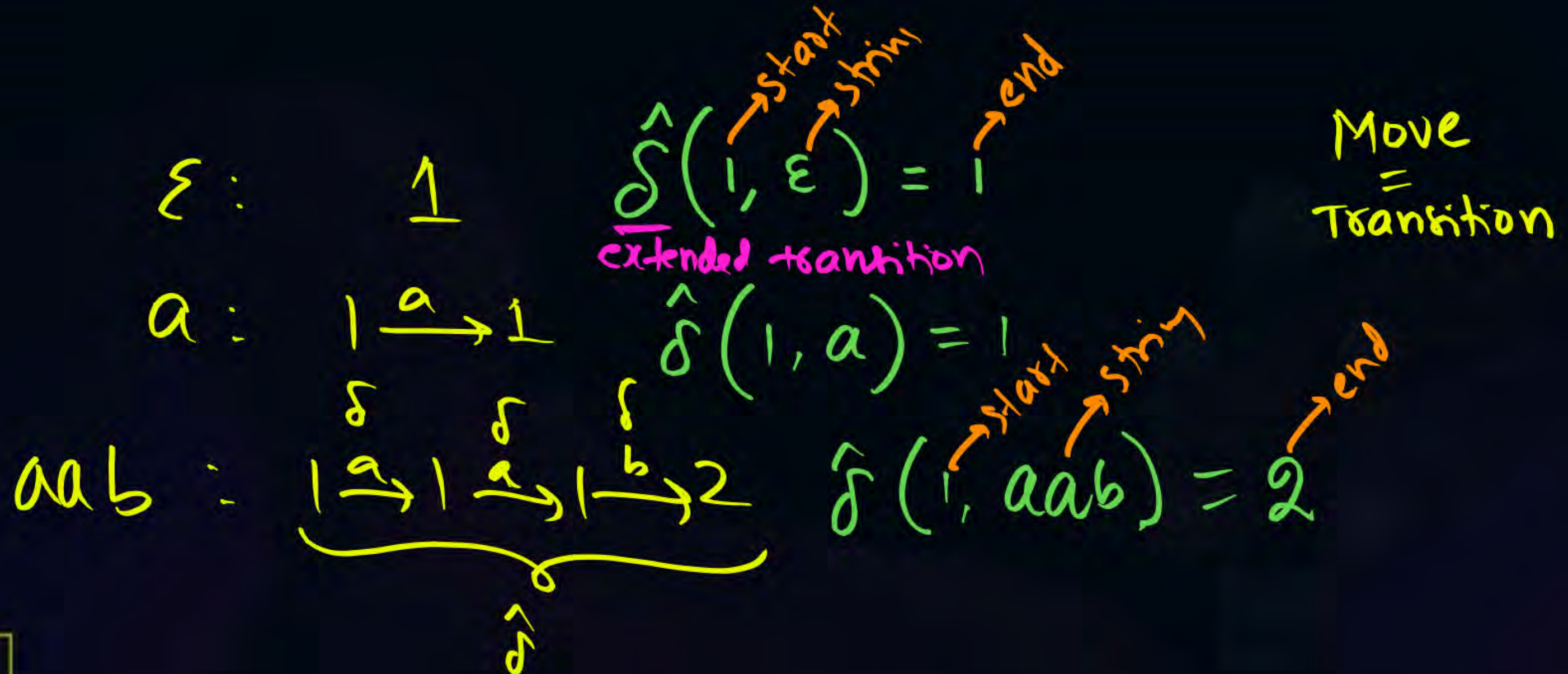
Not Accepted : Halts at nonfinal

ϵ : Empty String : Zero symbols

ϵ
→

no i/p symbol
→

Path: Sequence of moves
(Zero or more no. of moves)



aab :

$$\hat{\delta}(1, aab) = 2$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b} 2$$

$$\hat{\delta}(1, aab) \Downarrow \text{Path}$$

$\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$

$$= \delta \left(\underbrace{\delta \left(\underbrace{\delta(1, a)}_{\substack{\Downarrow \\ \text{Transition} \\ 1}}, a \right)}_1, b \right)$$

$\delta(\text{state, symbol})$
transition



$\hat{\delta}(\text{state, String})$
path



$1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \xrightarrow{b} 2$ path
 $1 \xrightarrow{aab} 2$ path

FA

DFA

(Deterministic FA)

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

NFA

(Non-deterministic FA)
one word

NFA
without
 ϵ moves

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$$

NFA with ϵ moves

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\} \rightarrow 2^Q$$

$Q = \{1, 2, 3\}$ = set of states

$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

$Q \times \Sigma = \{ \overset{(1,a)}{\cancel{(1,a)}}, (1,b), (2,a), (2,b), (3,a), (3,b) \}$

From every state, for every i/p symbol

$P(Q) = 2^Q$ = set of all subsets of Q

Power set of Q

$= \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\}, Q \}$

$$Q = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

Subsets of Q :

$$2^Q = P(Q)$$

$$= \{ \{ \}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\} \}$$

$$\{ \}$$

$$\{1\}$$

$$\{2\}$$

$$\{3\}$$

$$\{1, 2\}$$

$$\{1, 3\}$$

$$\{2, 3\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\}$$

8 subsets

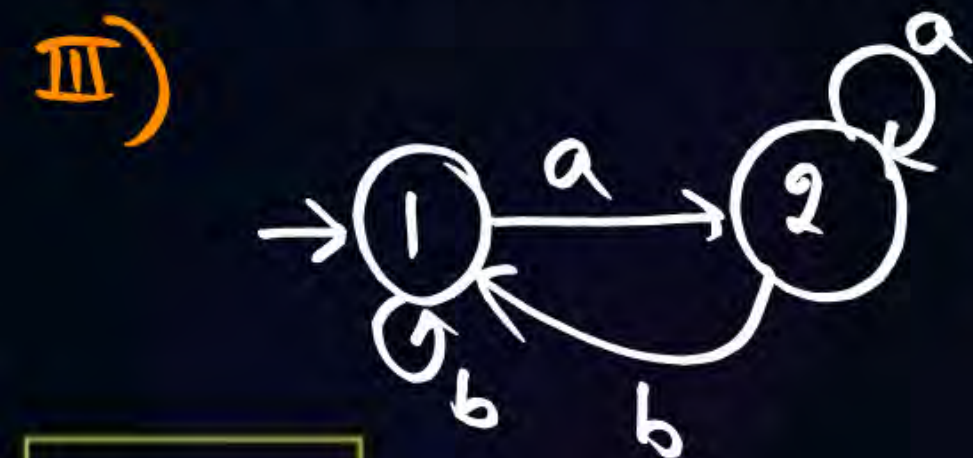
DFA

NFA without ϵ moves

NFA with ϵ moves

I) $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

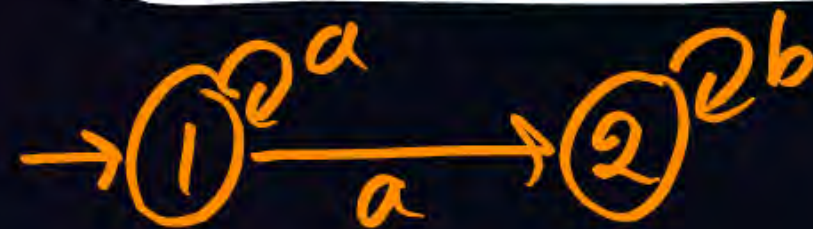
II) From every state, for every i/p symbol, exactly one transition present to the next state



I) $\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$

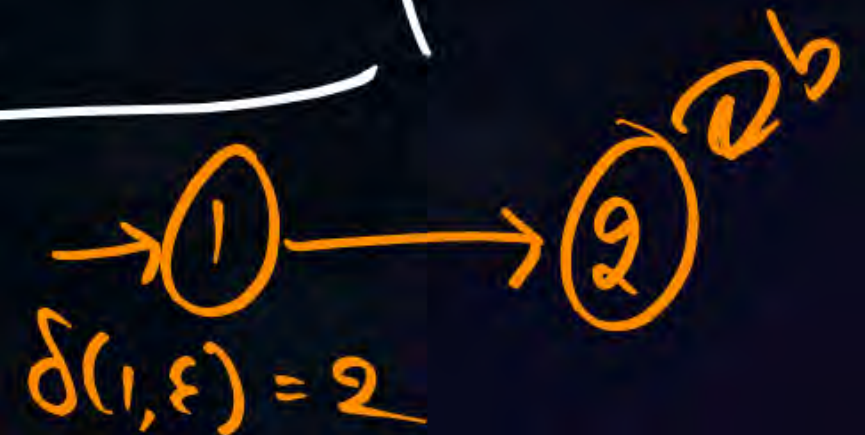
II) From every state, for every i/p symbol, any no. of transitions possible

III) EVERY DFA is NFA
BUT NFA need not be DFA



I) $\delta: Q \times \Sigma_{\epsilon} \rightarrow 2^Q$

II) From every state, for every i/p symbol or no i/p symbol, any no. of transitions possible

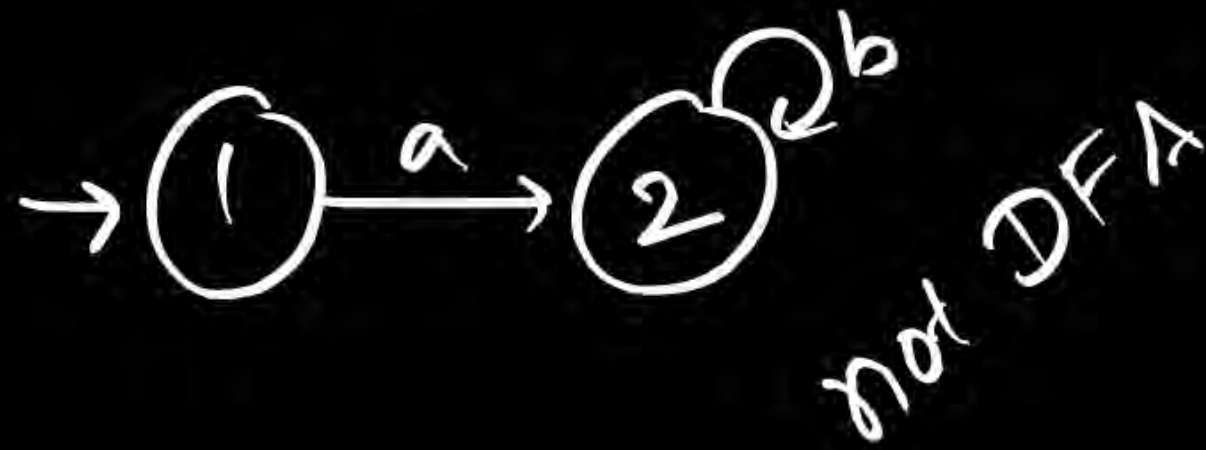


$$Q \times \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}$$

$$Q = \{1, 2\}$$

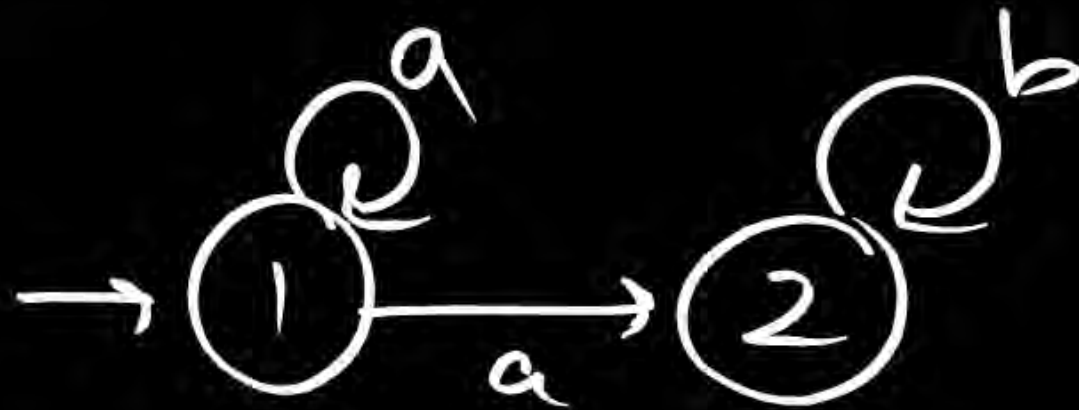
$$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$$

$$Q \times \underbrace{\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}}_{\{1, 2\} \times \{a, b, \epsilon\}} = \{(1, a), (1, b), (1, \epsilon), (2, a), (2, b), (2, \epsilon)\}$$



$$\delta(1, b) = X$$

$$\delta(2, a) = X$$



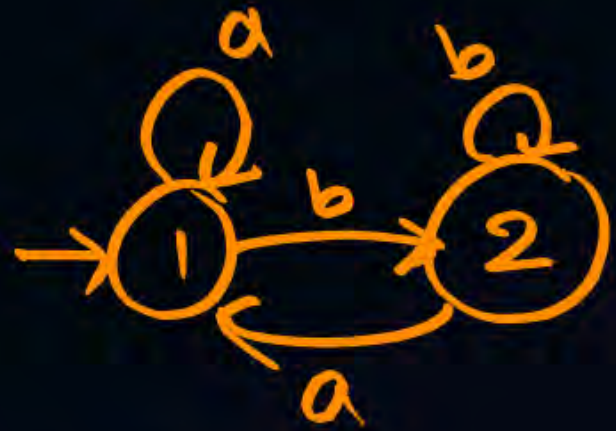
$$\delta(1, a) = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$= \{1, 2\}$$

two transitions

EVERY DFA IS NFA

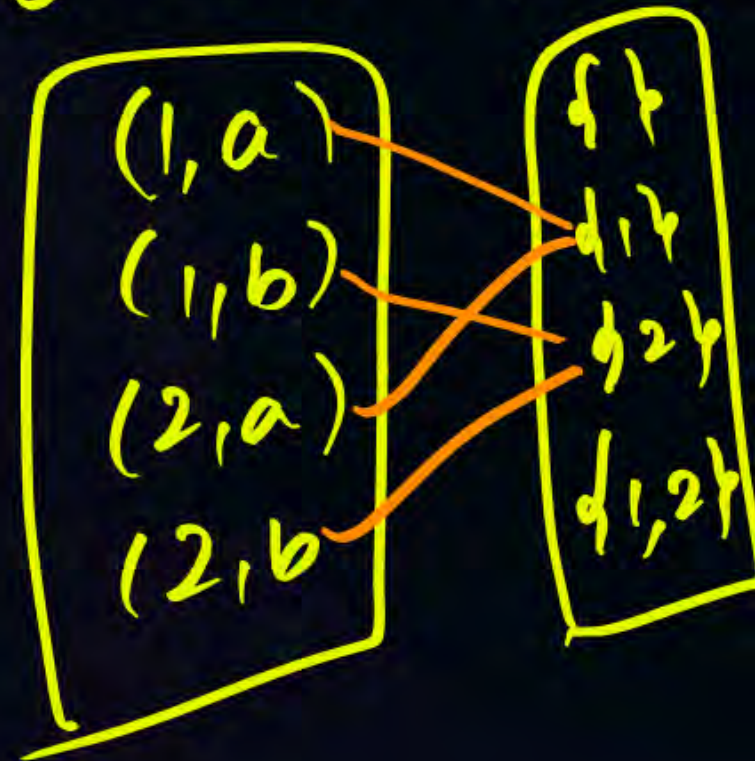
Every DFA is NFA
without
 ϵ moves



DFA

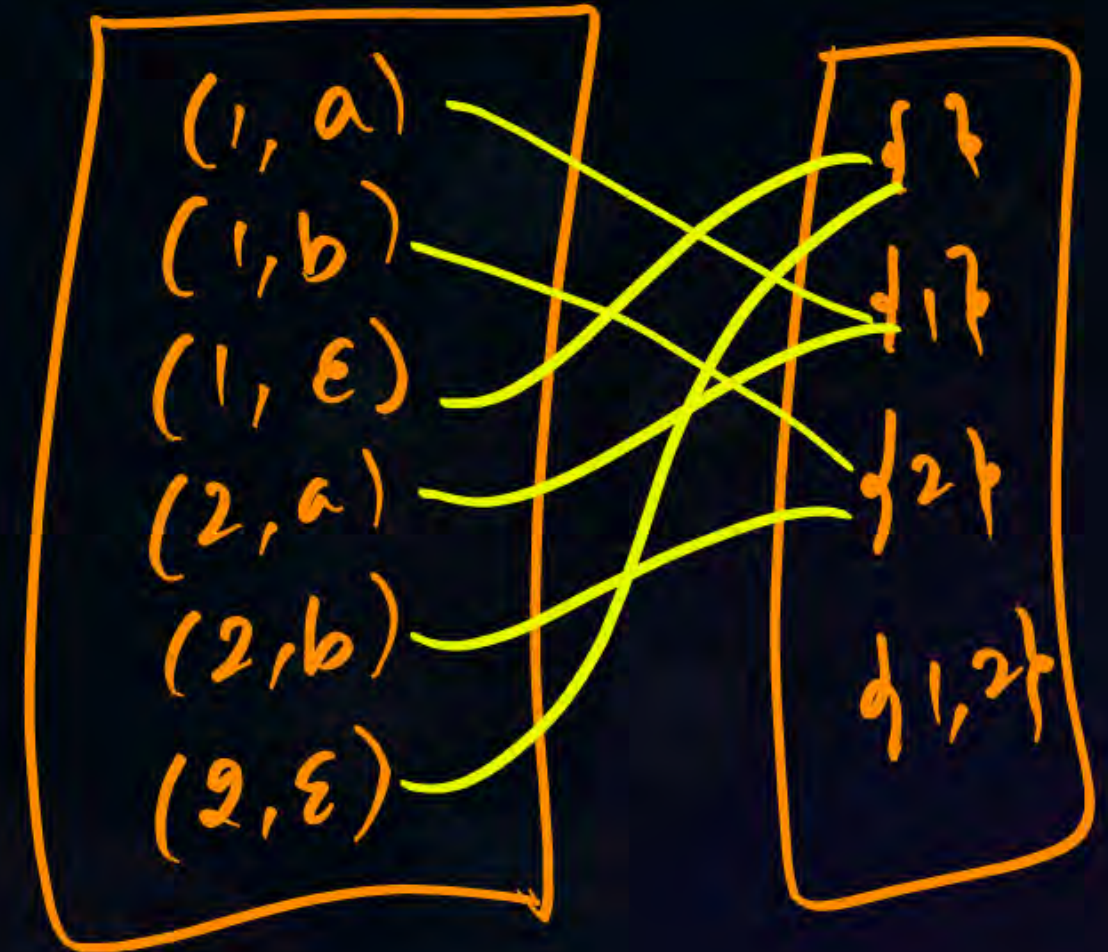


$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow 2^Q$$



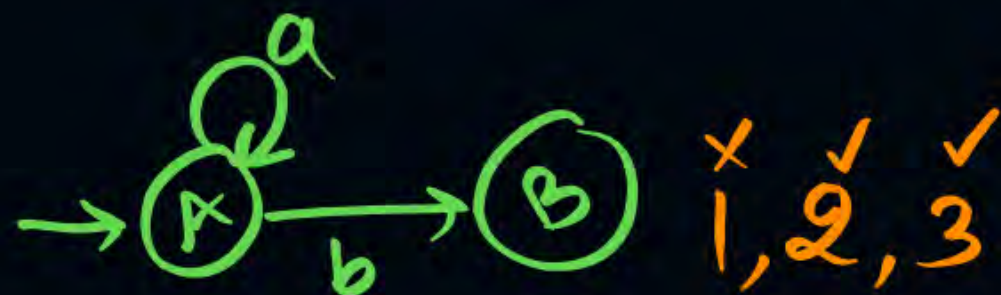
Every DFA is NFA with ϵ -moves

$$\delta: Q \times \Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\} \rightarrow 2^Q$$



- I) Every DFA is NFA
(with/without ϵ moves)
- II) Every NFA without ϵ moves is also NFA
with ϵ -moves
- III) Every NFA need not be DFA

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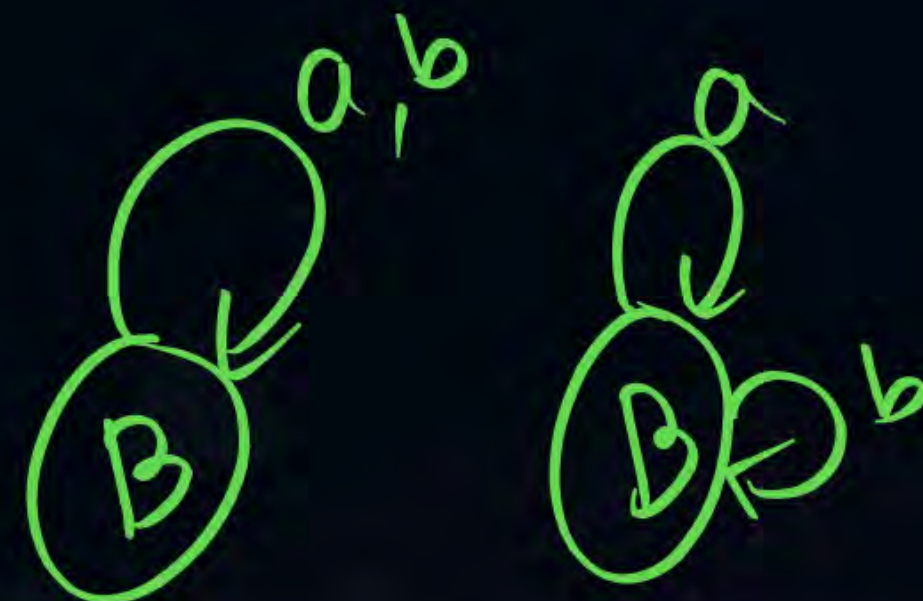
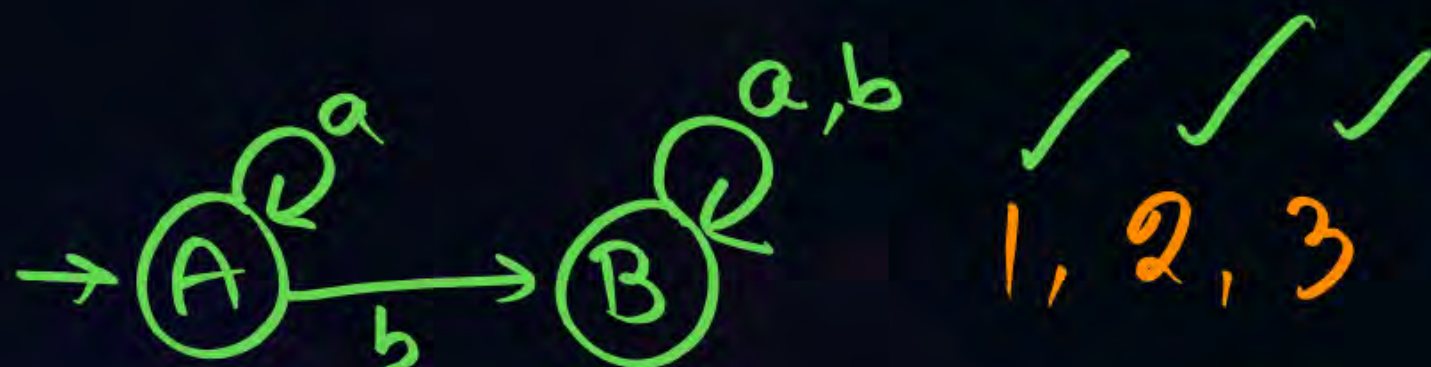


$\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

II



III





2 mins Summary



Topic

DFA

Topic

NFA without epsilon moves

Topic

NFA with epsilon moves

Next: DFA construction ✓

THANK - YOU