

DFA's and TMs

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Recall definition of DFA, TM.

Alphabet : finite set of symbols Σ

string : sequence of letters from Σ
(with repetition)

Σ^* : set of all strings over Σ .

Language : collection of strings.
 $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$.

e.g. $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Σ^* = all finite binary strings

e.g. $L = \{ \text{strings from } \Sigma^* \text{ with an even } \# \text{ 1's} \}$.

Regular language : a language accepted by
some DFA.

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before that, lets understand the power of DFAs better.

DFA A_1 accepts L_1

— A_2 accepts L_2

Q. Is there a DFA that accepts $L_1 \cup L_2$?

Q_1 δ_1

Q_2 δ_2

$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$S = \{ \text{transition in } D \times \text{transition in } D_2 \}$

$$\delta((q_1, q_2), a) = (\delta_1(a, a), \delta_2(q_2, a))$$

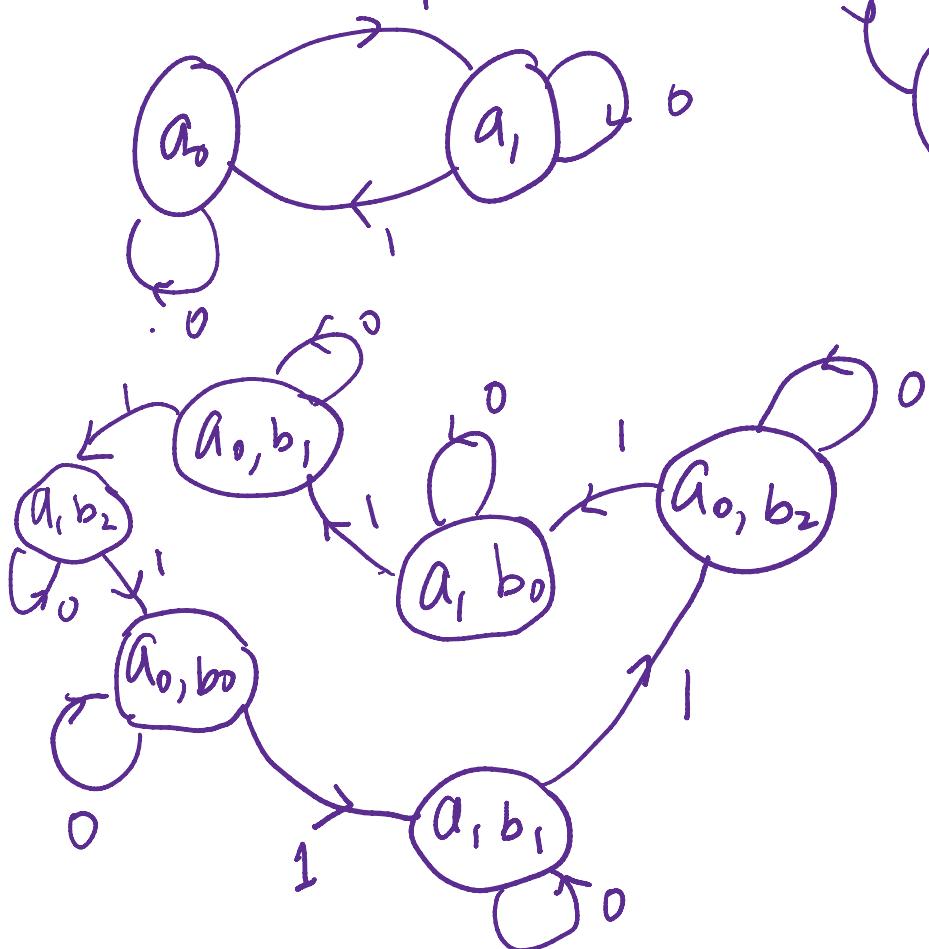
$$q_0 = q_{10} \times q_{20}$$

$$F = \{ (q_1, q_2) : q_1 \in F \text{ or } q_2 \in F \}$$

e.g. accept binary string if #1's is even
or divisible by 3.



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$$F = \{(a_0, b_0), (a_0, b_1)\} \\ (a_0, b_2), (a_1, b_0)$$

#1's even and divisible by 3

$$F = \{(a_0, b_0)\}$$

$L = \{ \text{binary strings : } \#1's = \#0's \}$ DFA?

Let's try a TM first!

10110101110001010011

{ erase first letter
go right till first opposite letter, erase ; if none "NO".
Repeat till no more letters
"YES".

What about a DFA ?

Hmm....

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

$$L = \{ x \in \Sigma^* : x = \text{rev}(x) \} \quad \text{"Palindromes".}$$

TM for L ?

$$L = \{ x \in \mathbb{N} : x \text{ is a prime} \}$$

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| ... + L. DFA .

languages accepted by DFAs

$\subseteq L \text{ accepted by TMs} \subseteq \text{all } L.$

proper?

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