DFA Description File Format

A .dfa file represents a DFA by describing, in order, the alphabet, the states, the initial state, the final states, and the transitions. The format for each is as follows:

- *Alphabet:* A line containing *n*, the number of symbols in the alphabet, followed by *n* lines, each containing an alphabet symbol. Each alphabet symbol must be a string of printable characters, not including whitespace.
- *States:* A line containing *m*, the number of states, followed by *m* lines, each containing the name of a state. Each state name must be a string of letters and/or digits, but no spaces or other characters.
- *Initial state:* A line containing the name of the initial state for the DFA. The initial state must be one of the states listed in *States* above.
- *Final states:* A line containing q, the number of final states, followed by q lines, each containing the name of a final state. Each final state must be one of the states listed in *States* above.
- *Transitions:* A line containing r, the number of (non-error) transitions in the transition function T, followed by r lines, each containing three strings st1, sym, st2 separated by spaces. Each such line indicates a transition from state st1 on symbol sym to state st2; that is, T(st1,sym)=st2. st1 and st2 must be listed in States and sym must be listed in Alphabet, above.

The file <u>mod.dfa</u> contains a description of the following DFA, which recognizes binary integers that have no leading zeroes and are divisible by 3:

