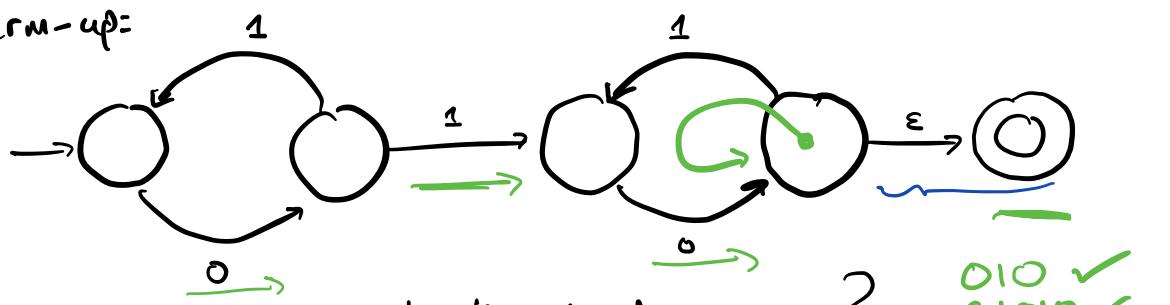


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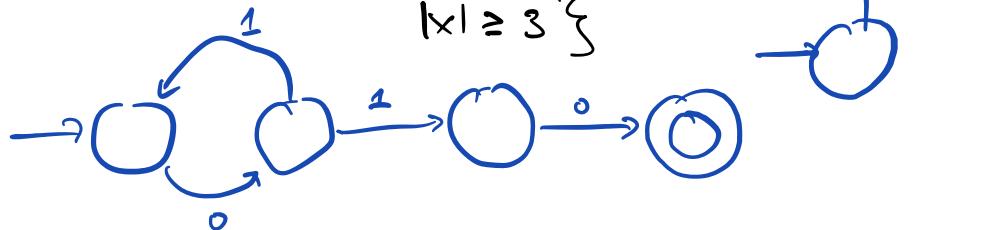


- what language does this NFA recognize?

010 ✓  
01010 ✓  
0101010 ✓

- can you build an equivalent NFA with  $\leq 4$  states?  
- and  $\leq 4$  transitions?

$\{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ starts, and ends with } 0, \text{ alternates } 0's \text{ and } 1's, |x| \geq 3\}$



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Last time:

- Regular languages closed under complement ( $\neg$ ),  
closed under union ( $\cup$ ), intersection ( $\cap$ ),

- New automaton - NFA

NFA-recognizable languages closed under ( $\cup$ )

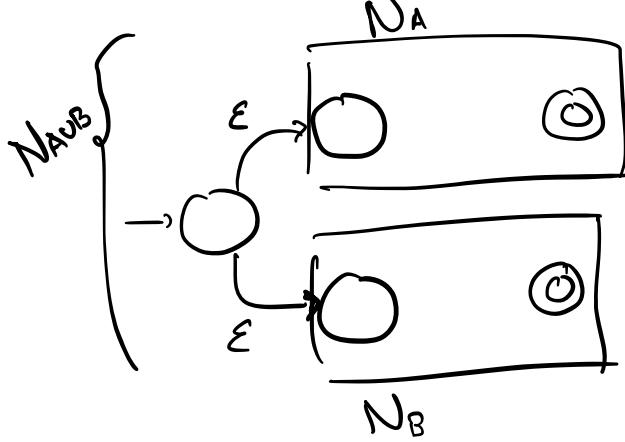
Today:

- NFA-recognizable languages closed under  $\cup$ ,  $\circ$ ,  $*$

- NFAs can be converted to equivalent DFAs!

- Regular Expressions: RegEx  $\rightarrow$  NFA,

DFA<sub>s</sub> → RegEx.



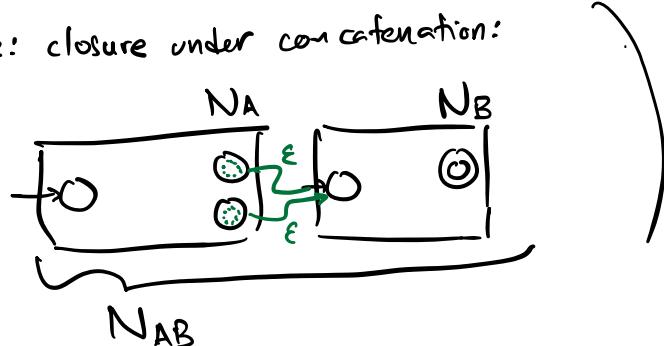
Claim: Regular Languages are closed under union ( $\cup$ ).

Proof: By NFA modification.

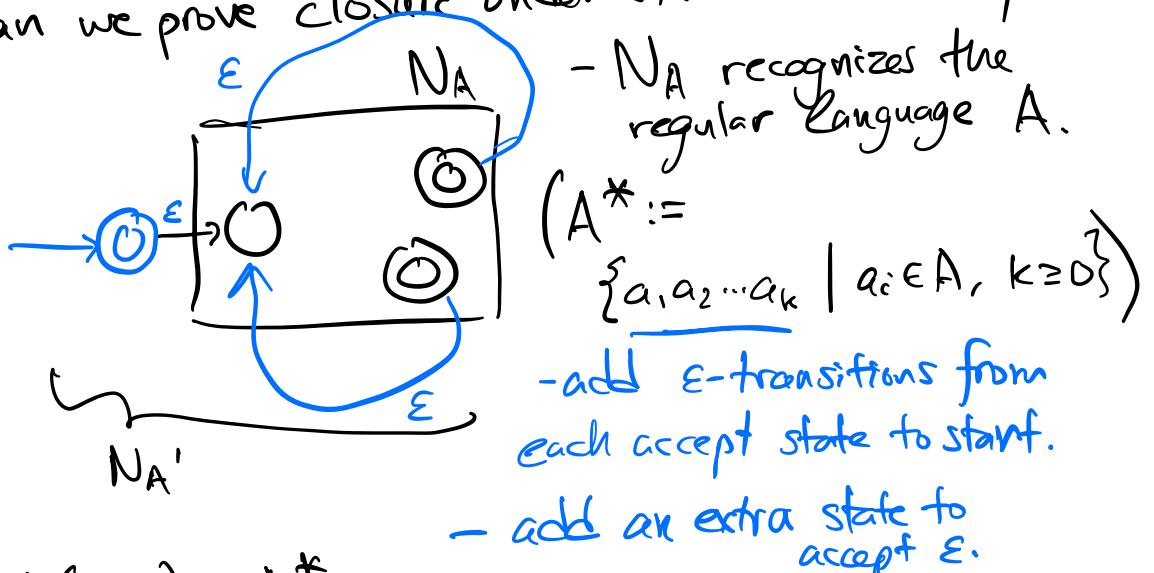
- A, B regular

- $N_A, N_B$  be NFAs that recognize A, B.

(Last time: closure under concatenation:



Q: Can we prove closure under star (\*) similarly?



Proof:  $L(N_{A'}) = A^*$ .

i) If  $w \in A^*$ , then  $N_{A'}$  accepts on w.

By definition,  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$  for  $w_1, w_2 \dots w_k \in A$ ,  $k \geq 0$ . Because  $L(N_A) = A$ , each string  $w_i$  corresponds

to a sequence of transitions from NA's start state to some accept state.

$\therefore w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$  corresponds to a path from the start state of  $NA'$  to an accept state that loops back to the start on our new  $\epsilon$ -transitions  $k-1$  times.

2) If  $NA'$  accepts  $w$ ,  $w \in A^*$ . To accept, there must exist a sequence of transitions from start to an accept state in  $NA'$ , on  $w$ .

This sequence must consist of one or more subsequences that travel from start to accept, divided by  $\epsilon$ -transitions back to the start.

Each subsequence corresponds to a string in  $A$ , so  $w$  can be written as the concatenation of 1 or more strings from  $A$ .

(side case:  $w = \epsilon$ .)

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Theorem: NFAs, DFAs recognize the same set of languages: the regular languages.

Proof (DFA  $\Rightarrow$  NFA). DFA state diagrams are NFA state diagrams

Proof (NFA  $\Rightarrow$  DFA).

Idea: Track every live branch of computation at once.

One DFA state will represent multiple NFA states.



Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be an NFA. We'll construct a DFA  $D = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0', F')$  that accepts if and only if  $N$  accepts.

$$Q' = \mathcal{P}(Q)$$

$\Sigma$  unchanged

$$q_0' = E(\{q_0\})$$

$// \mathcal{P}(Q) = \{\text{all subsets of } Q\}$



$E(A) = \text{"the states reachable from } A \text{ by } \epsilon\text{-transitions."}$

$$F' = \{R \mid R \subseteq Q, R \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$S' = \left( \begin{array}{l} (1) \text{ We occupy some DFA state} = \text{set of NFA states.} \\ (2) \text{ We read in } a \in \Sigma. \\ (3) \text{ We move to occupy all states reachable from our current position by } a\text{-transitions.} \\ (4) \text{ We occupy all states reachable by } \epsilon\text{-transition.} \end{array} \right)$$

For  $R \subseteq Q$ , and  $a \in \Sigma$ , define

$$\delta'(R, a) = \{q \in Q \mid q \in E(\delta(r, a)) \text{ for some } r \in R\}$$

$$\delta' : \mathcal{P}(Q) \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q).$$

Claim:  $N$  accepts string  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$ ,  $w_i \in \Sigma$ , if and only if  $D$  accepts  $w$ . Proof by induction.

- At "step" 0:  $N, D$  both occupy  $E(q_0)$ .

- Assume  $N, D$  both occupy  $R_i \subseteq Q$  at step  $i$ .

- At step  $i+1$ :  $N$  occupies  $\bigcup_{r_i \in R_i} E(\delta(r_i, w_{i+1}))$

$D$  occupies  $\delta'(R_i, w_{i+1}) =$

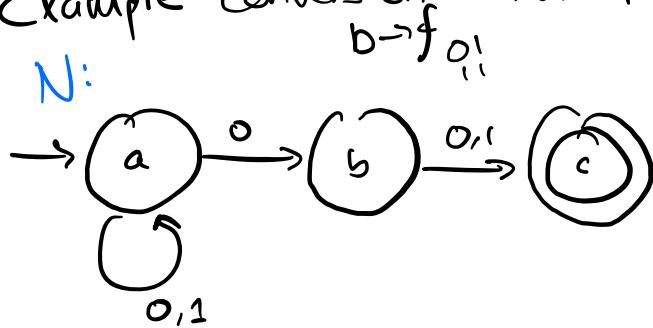
$$\{q \in Q \mid q \in \underline{E(\delta(r_i, w_{i+1}))} \text{ for } r_i \in R_i\}$$

$\therefore$  At step  $n$ ,  $N$  and  $D$  occupy the same state(s)  $R_n \subseteq Q$ . Both accept if and only if  $R_n \cap F \neq \emptyset$ ;

when  $R_k$  contains an accept state.  $\square$

Example conversion: NFA  $\rightarrow$  DFA.

N:



$L(N) = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 00 \text{ or } 01\}$ .

$N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ :

$Q = \{\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}\}$  ✓

$\Sigma = \{0,1\}$  ✓

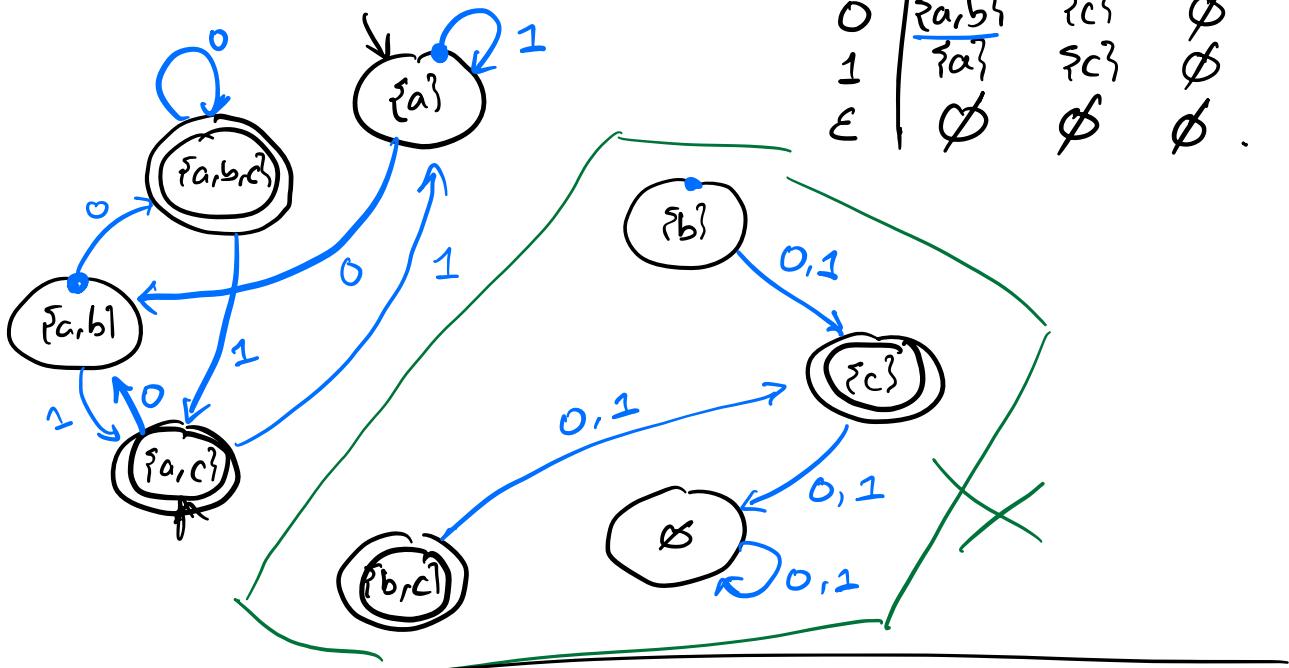
$q_0 = \bar{a}$

$E(\bar{a})$

$F = \{\bar{c}\}$

$\delta$ :

	a	b	c
0	<u><math>\{\bar{a}, \bar{b}\}</math></u>	$\{\bar{c}\}$	$\emptyset$
1	$\{\bar{a}\}$	$\{\bar{c}\}$	$\emptyset$
$\epsilon$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$



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Punchline:

$\text{NFA-recognizable} = \text{DFA-recognizable} = \text{Regular languages.}$

Regular languages are closed under  $\neg$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $\cap$ ,  $\circ$ ,  $*$

$A = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ consists of an odd number of } 0's,$   
followed by even num of 1's,  
 $0001111$  OR an even num of 0's,  
 $00111$  followed by an odd num of 1's}

$\hookrightarrow B = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ is an odd num of } 0's\}$   
 $C = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ is an even num of } 0's\}$   
 $D = \{ \text{--- " --- odd num of } 1's \}$   
 $E = \{ \text{--- " --- even num of } 1's \}$

Say  $B, C, D, E$  regular.

$(B \circ E) \cup (C \circ D) = A$  regular, by closure under  $\circ, \cup$ .

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## 2. Regular Expressions.

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Idea: regular operations combine simple languages to produce more complex ones.

Def. (Regular Expression). (Inductive defn). R is a regular expression if

(1) R is an "atom": $a \in \Sigma$ $\epsilon$ or $\emptyset$	$\{a\}$ $\{\epsilon\}$
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(2) R results from applying  $\cup$ ,  $\circ$ , or  $*$  to other regular expressions:  $R = R_1 \cup R_2$ ,  $R_1 \circ R_2 = R_1 R_2$ ,  $R_1^*$ , where  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions.

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—  $\Sigma$  denote  $\bigcup_{a \in \Sigma} \{a\}$  ( $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  
 $\approx$  "any character in  $\Sigma$ " in reg. ex.,  $\Sigma$  denotes  $(0 \cup 1)$ )

—  $R^+ = RR^*$   $\approx$  "at least one string from R, concatenated"

—  $R^k$ , for some  $k \geq 0$ : " $k$  concatenated strings from R".

$(R^4 = RRRR)$

Examples: •  $\Sigma \Sigma \Sigma \approx$  any 3 elements of  $\Sigma$ , concatenated.

If  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $000, 001, 010, 100, 011, 101, 110, 111$

•  $(0 \cup 1)^*$   $\approx$  "any binary string"

•  $(0 \cup 1)^* 1 \approx$  any binary string ending in 1.

•  $\underbrace{0^* 1 0^*}_{\leftarrow} =$  every binary string w/exactly one 1.

$\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\} \circ \{1\} \circ \{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\}$

$$\cdot (\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{ \epsilon, \infty, 01, 10, 11, 0000, \dots \}$$

$$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots 9\} \quad ("-", ".") \in \Sigma$$

$$\cdot (\epsilon \cup -) D^+, D^+$$

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$$R^+ = RR^*$$

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$$\{ r_1 r_2 \dots r_k \mid r_i \in R, k \geq 1 \}$$

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Puzzle:

Reg. ex's for the following: ( $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ )

1. Strings of even length ending in 1.

$$\frac{(\Sigma\Sigma)^*}{\Sigma^* 1}$$

$$| (\Sigma\Sigma)^* \Sigma 1$$

2. Strings with exactly two 1's.

$$0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*$$

3. Strings over  $\{a, b, c\}$  in which no a's follow b's,

$$\begin{matrix} ba \\ ca \\ cb \end{matrix} \quad a^* b^* c^* \quad \text{no a's or b's follow c's.}$$

4\*. Strings that don't contain "00."

$$I^* (\epsilon \cup 0) 1^*$$

$$\underbrace{1^* \quad 0}_{(0 \cup \epsilon)} \quad \underbrace{1^* 0 (1+0)^* 1^*}_{1^* 0 \underline{1+0} 1^*}$$

correct (?)

$$(0 \cup \epsilon) \quad 1^* 0 \underline{1+0} 1^*$$

$$1^* 0 1^+ 0 1^+ 0 1^*$$

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$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \\ (0 \cup \epsilon) (1+0)^* 1^* \end{array} \right. = \text{better} \quad (?)$$

Prop: Regular expressions have equivalent NFAs.

Proof: Let  $R$  be a regular expression. By definition,  $R$  matches one of 6 cases:

$$R = \begin{cases} a \in \Sigma & \rightarrow \textcircled{\text{O}} \xrightarrow{a} \textcircled{\text{O}} \quad \text{recognizes } \{a\} \\ \epsilon & \rightarrow \textcircled{\text{O}} \quad \{\epsilon\} \\ \emptyset & \rightarrow \textcircled{\text{O}} \quad \emptyset \end{cases}$$
  

$$R = \begin{cases} R_1 \cup R_2 & \rightarrow \textcircled{\text{O}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \boxed{N_{R_1}} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{recognizes} \\ R_1 \cup R_2, \text{ if} \\ \text{we have NFAs} \\ \text{for } R_1, R_2. \end{array} \right\} \\ R_1 R_2 & \rightarrow \boxed{N_{R_1}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \boxed{N_{R_2}} \\ R_1^* & \rightarrow \textcircled{\text{O}} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \boxed{N_{R_1}} \end{cases}$$

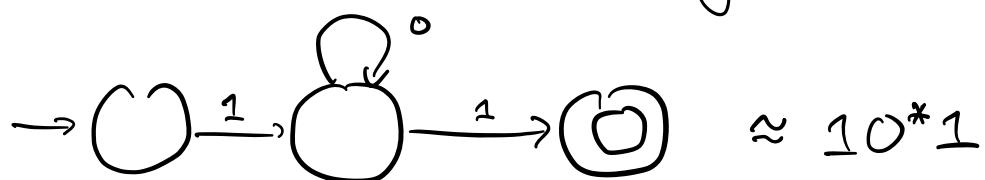
Ind. Hyp: We can build NFAs for all Reg Ex's that use at most  $k$  symbols

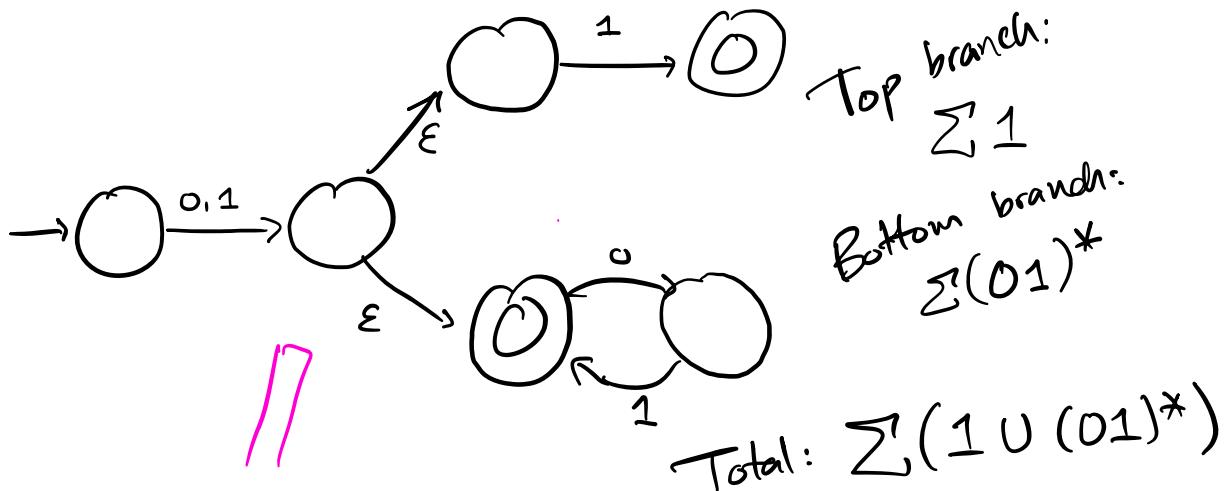
$\Rightarrow$  We can build NFAs for all Reg Ex's that use  $k+1$  symbols, by constructions above.  $\square$

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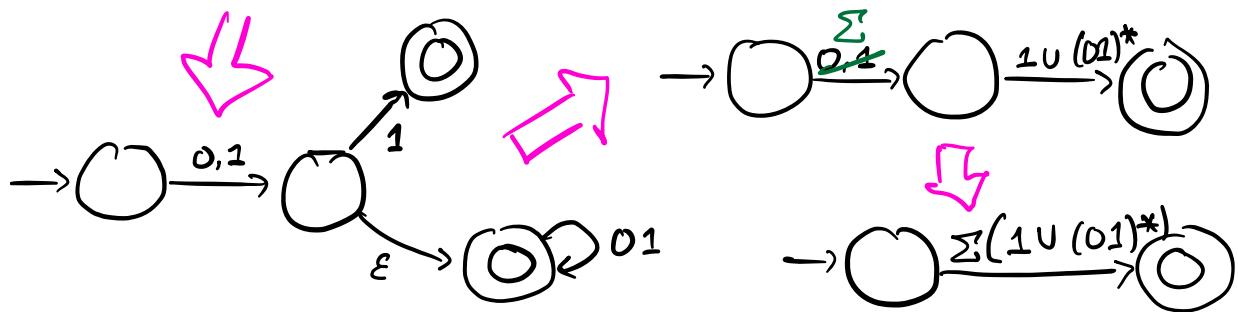
Showed: Reg. Ex  $\rightarrow$  NFA.

To do: DFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA  $\rightarrow$  Reg. Expr.





Main proof idea: progressively "reduce" automata by using more and more complex edge labels.



### Generalized NFAs (GNFAs):

New rules:

- can label edges with any regular expression (as before, we'll accept if and only if there is a path from start to accept state matching the input string.)
- allow exactly one start and one accept state.
- exactly one transition between every ordered pair of states (usually, labeled  $\emptyset$ )
  - except none into the start
  - or out of the accept state.

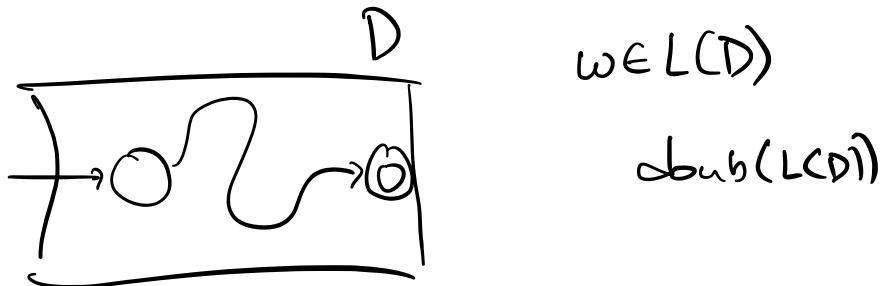


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My Zoom hours tonight 5:30  
and Sunday 5:30

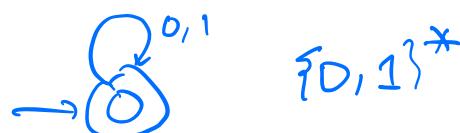
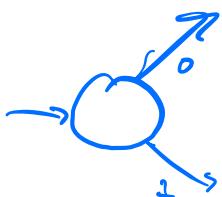
Next time: On beyond regular languages.

HW1, Q5:



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

$$\begin{matrix} \omega = \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \\ \downarrow \\ \omega_1 \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_2 \omega_3 \end{matrix}$$



$$\underline{\text{doub}(L(D))} =$$

$$\{ \epsilon, 00, 11, 0000, \\ 0011, \dots \}$$

$$\text{doub}(\{0, 10, 111\})$$

$$= \{00, 1100, 111111\}$$

