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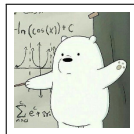
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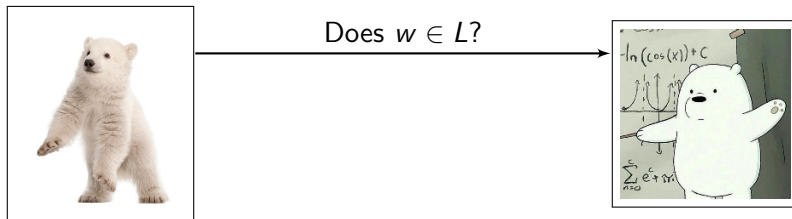
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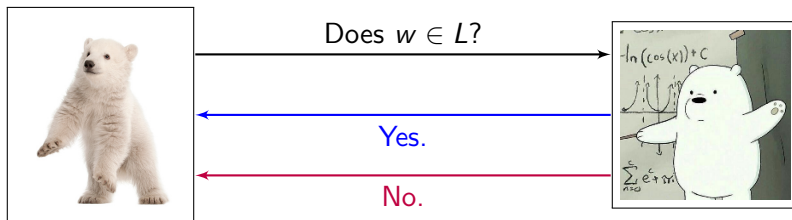
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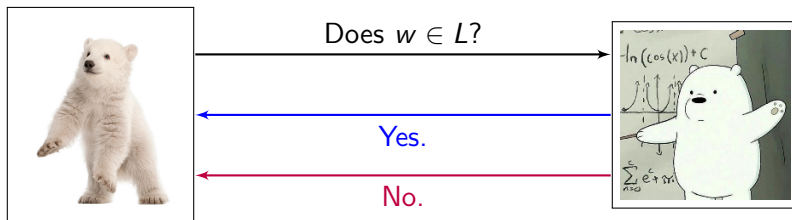
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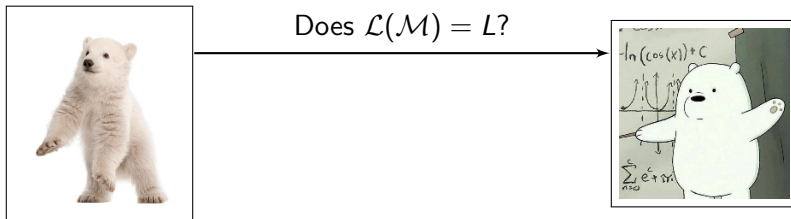
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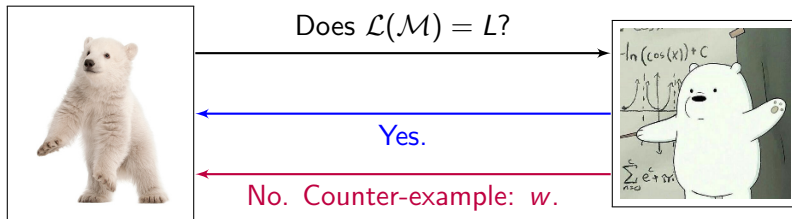
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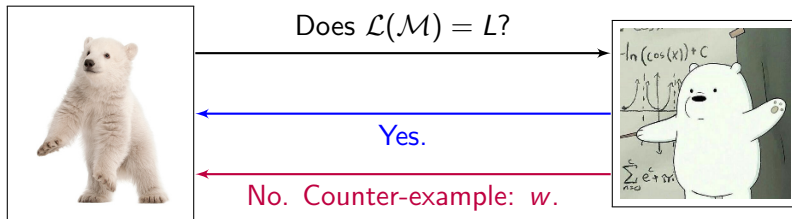
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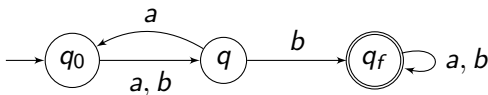
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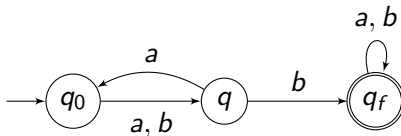


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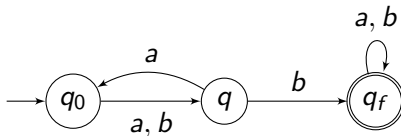
- Σ is the alphabet,
- Q a finite set of states,
- $q_0 \in Q$ a subset of initial states,
- $F \subseteq Q$ a set of accepting states,
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \mapsto Q$ the transition relation.

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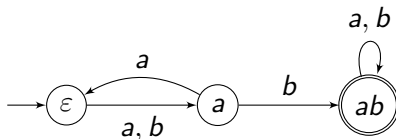
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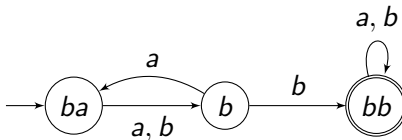
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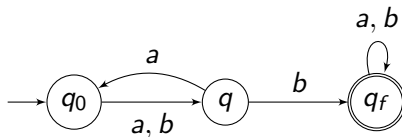
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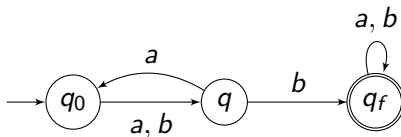
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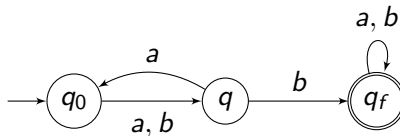
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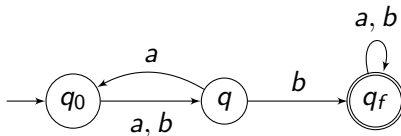
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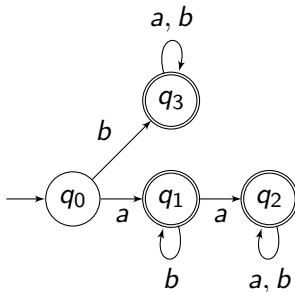
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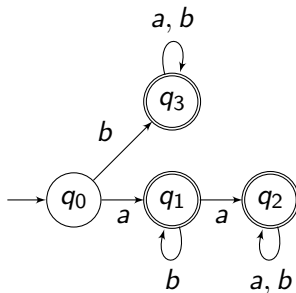


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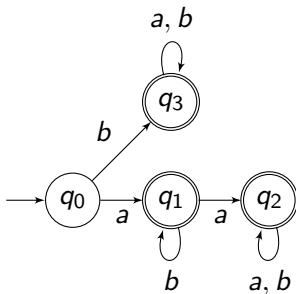
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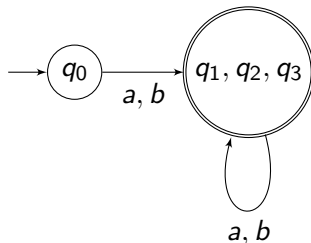
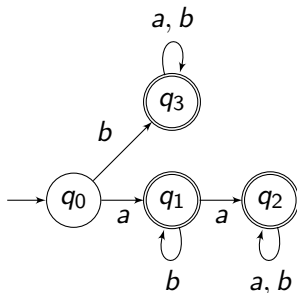


Here, $q_1 \equiv_{\mathcal{A}} q_2$
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By **merging** indistinguishable states, we obtain an **equivalent, minimal DFA** (remember Moore's algorithm).

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As a well-known consequence (already discussed in THLR):

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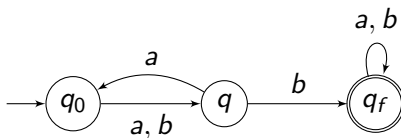
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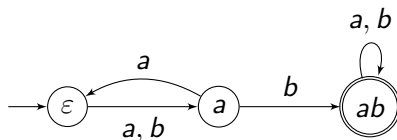
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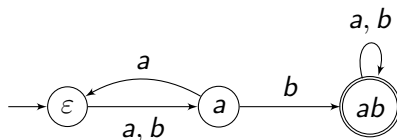
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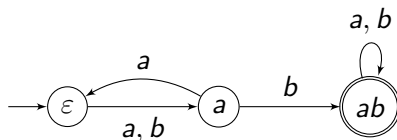
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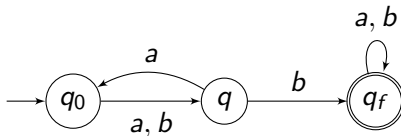
- We noted that we can **finitely partition** Σ^* according to \equiv_L : we regroup indistinguishable worlds in classes.
- Moreover, two words belonging to different classes are always distinguishable, hence admit a **distinguishing word**.
- We therefore expressed **syntactic** properties (tied to a given DFA representation) in a more generic manner that only depends on the language itself.

The L^* Algorithm

Our Current Goal

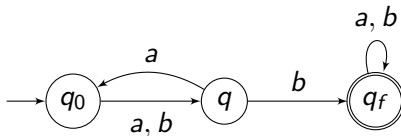
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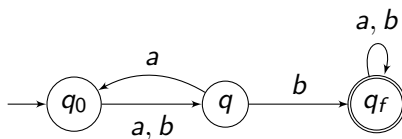
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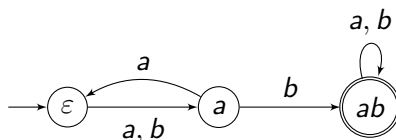
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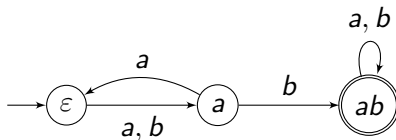


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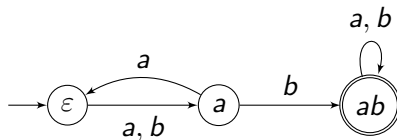
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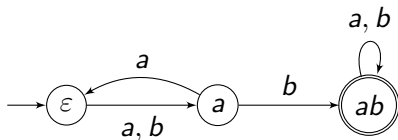


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- Note that \equiv_L^S **under-approximates** \equiv_L on P :

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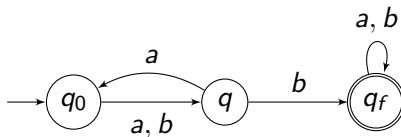
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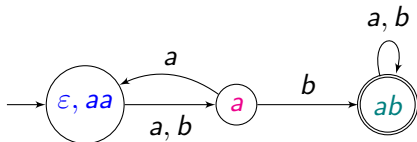
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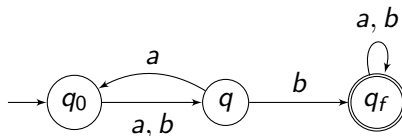
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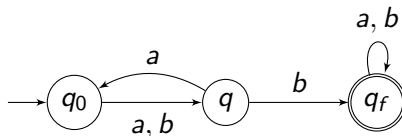
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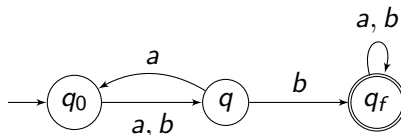
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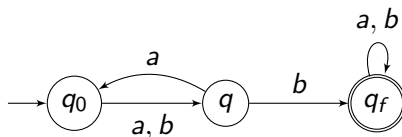
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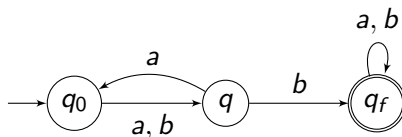
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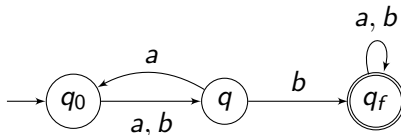
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Submitting Our Results to the Teacher

- If the table is closed and consistent, then we can build an automaton \mathcal{M} associated with the table and (P, S) .
- If $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) \neq L$, then the teacher will at least provide a **counter-example** w .
- Adding w to P will ensure that our next attempt will not contradict it.
- More generally, we should add w **and all its prefixes** to P , to ensure every state visited by w in the canonical DFA of M is also covered by P .

The L* Algorithm At Last I

Data: two sets $P, S \subseteq \Sigma^*$, a teacher \mathcal{T} .

Result: a table T .

$T \leftarrow \text{EmptyTable};$

while T is not closed or not consistent **do**

$T \leftarrow \text{AskTable}(P, S, \mathcal{T});$ /* Use membership queries */

if $\exists u \in P, \exists a \in \Sigma$ such that $\forall v \in P, (T[v] \neq T[u \cdot a])$ **then**

$P \leftarrow P \cup \{u \cdot a\};$ /* Closure issue */

end

if $\exists u, v \in P, \exists a \in \Sigma, \exists s \in S$ such that $(T[u] = T[v])$ but

$(T[u \cdot a][s] \neq T[v \cdot a][s])$ **then**

$S \leftarrow S \cup \{a \cdot s\};$ /* Consistency issue */

end

end

Algorithm 1: BuildTable(P, S, \mathcal{T})

The L^* Algorithm At Last II

Data: a teacher \mathcal{T} knowing a rational language L .

Result: a minimal DFA \mathcal{M} such that $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) = L$.

$P \leftarrow \{\varepsilon\};$

$S \leftarrow \{\varepsilon\};$

$T \leftarrow \text{BuildTable}(P, S, \mathcal{T});$

$\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \text{BuildModel}(T);$

while !EquivalenceQuery(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T}) **do**

$c \leftarrow \text{CounterExample}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{T});$

$P \leftarrow P \cup \text{Pref}(c);$ /* Extending the prefixes */

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end

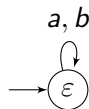
Algorithm 2: $L^*(\mathcal{T})$

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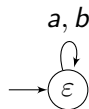
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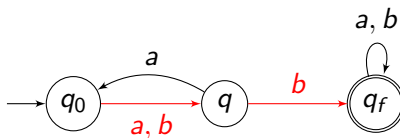


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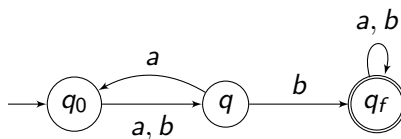


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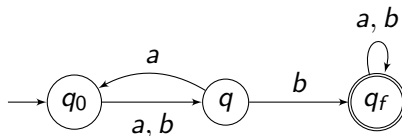
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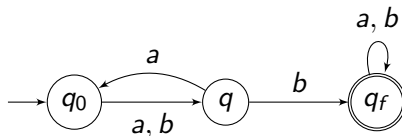


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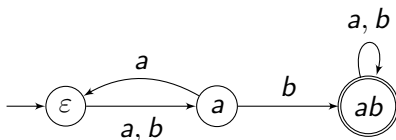
Thus we add **b** to **S** .

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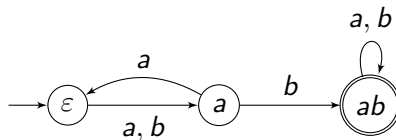
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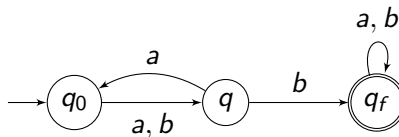


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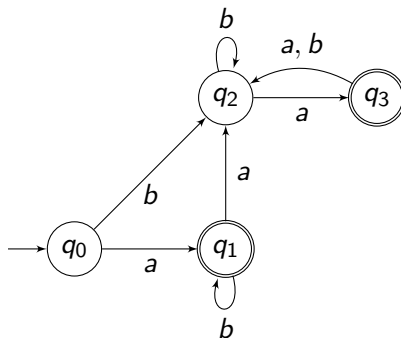
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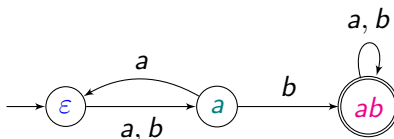
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Further Optimizations

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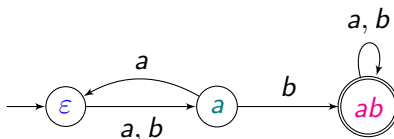
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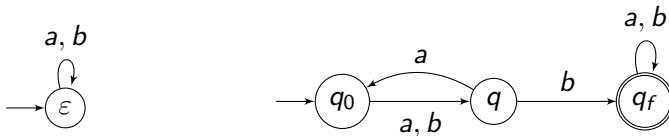
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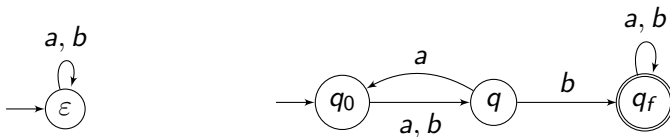
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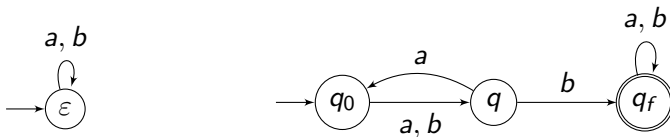
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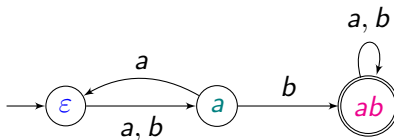
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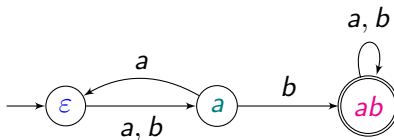
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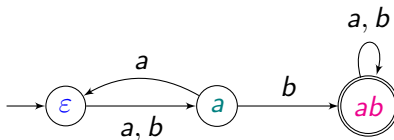
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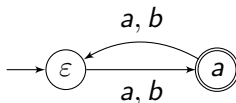
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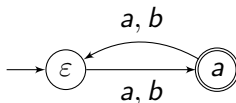
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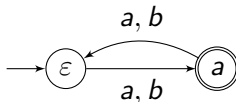
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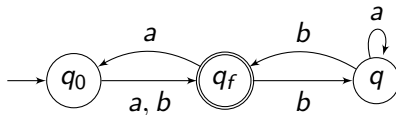
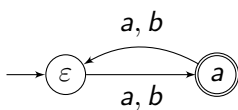
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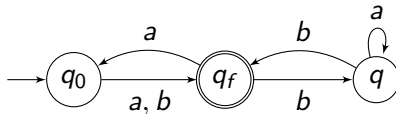
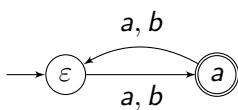
Naturally, if $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) \neq L$, then counter-examples will violate this property.

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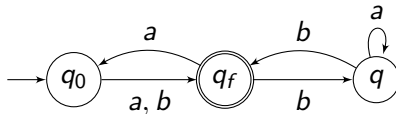
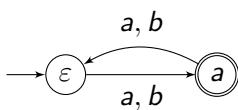
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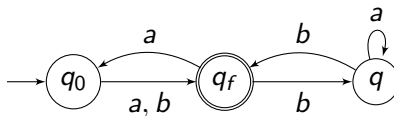
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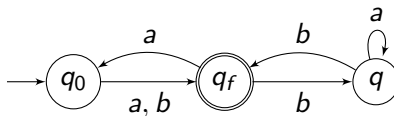
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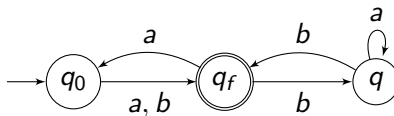
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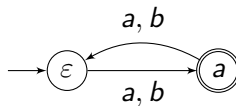
Thus we add **a** to P .

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ε	0
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$a \cdot b$	0

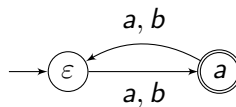
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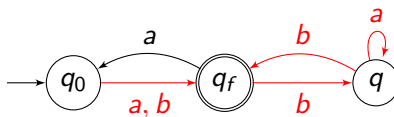


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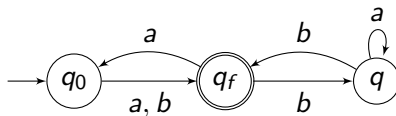
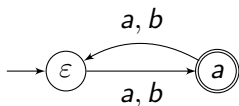
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Not equivalent, counter-example $abab$:

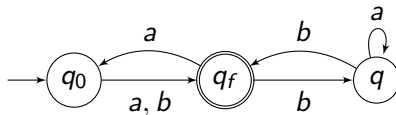
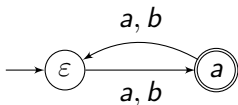


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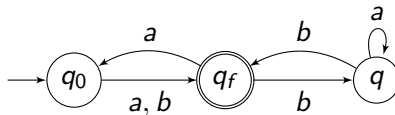
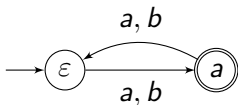
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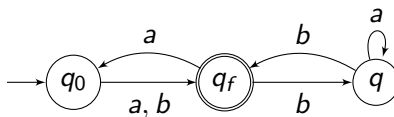


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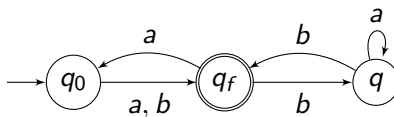
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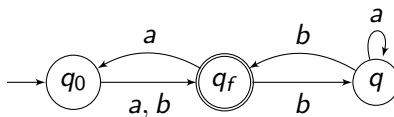
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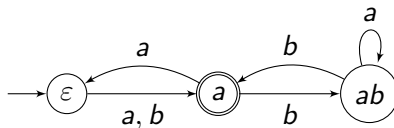
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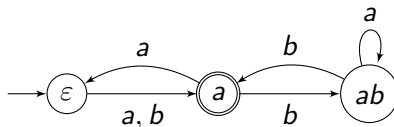
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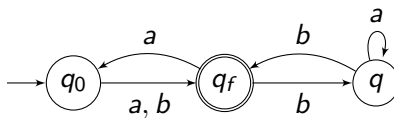


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That's all Folks!