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# Properties of Regular Languages

## 1. Pumping lemma

Every regular language satisfies the pumping lemma. If somebody presents you with fake regular language, use the pumping lemma to show a contradiction.

## 2. Closure properties

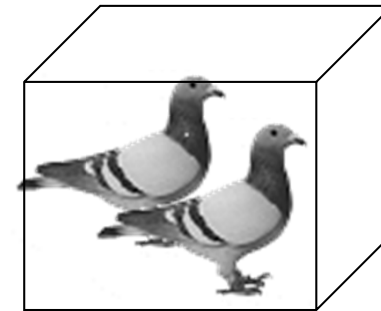
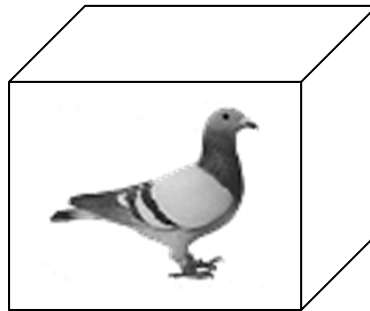
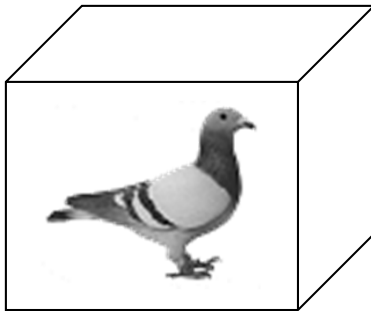
Building automata from components through operations.

# The Pigeonhole Principle

4 pigeons

3 pigeonholes

A pigeonhole must  
contains at least two pigeons



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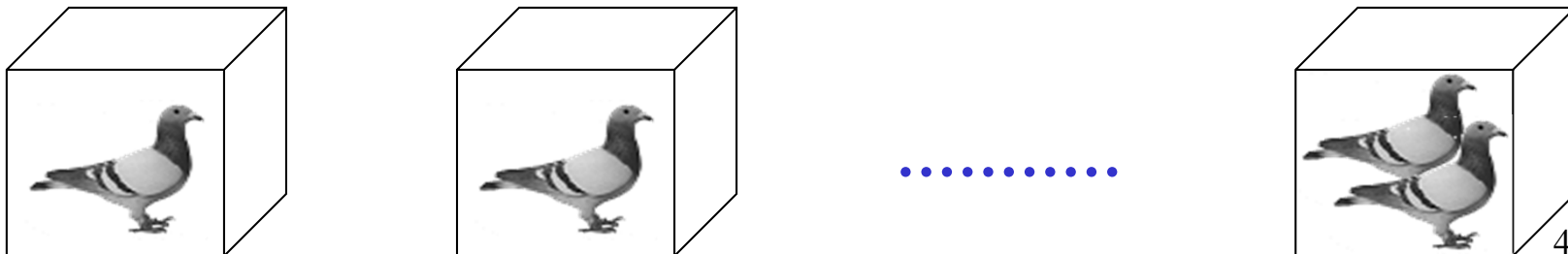
$m$  pigeons



$n$  pigeonholes

$$m > n$$

There is a pigeonhole  
with at least 2 pigeons



# The DFA Principle

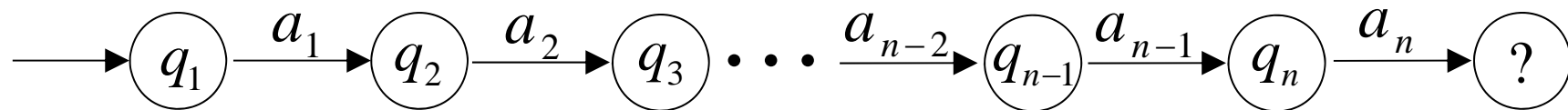
m symbols

$$w = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m$$

n states

$$a_n \cdots a_m ?$$

$$m \geq n$$



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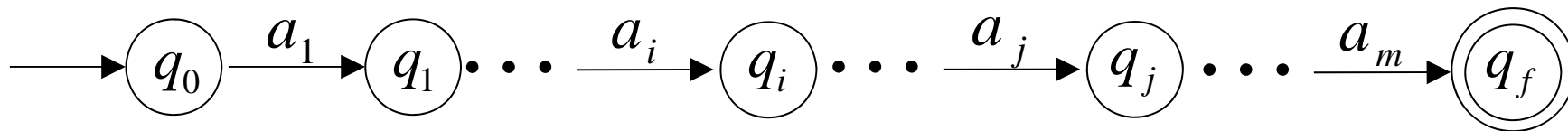
$L$  is a regular language  $\Rightarrow \exists \text{DFA } A : L(A) = L$

Let  $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , and  $n = |Q|$

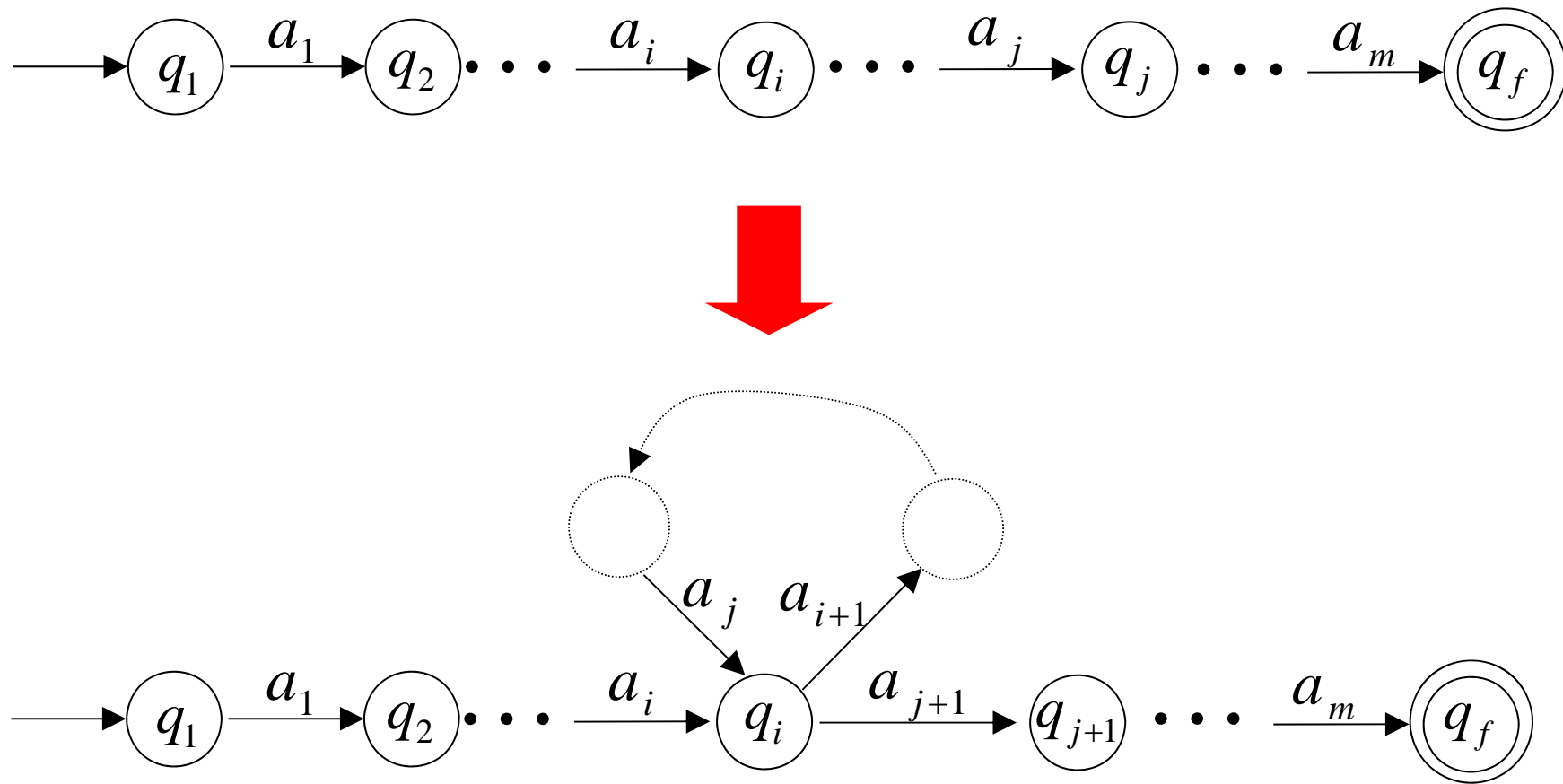
Get  $w \in L$ , and suppose  $w = a_1 a_2 \cdots a_m, m \geq n$

Let  $q_i = \bar{\delta}(q_0, a_1 a_2 \cdots a_i)$

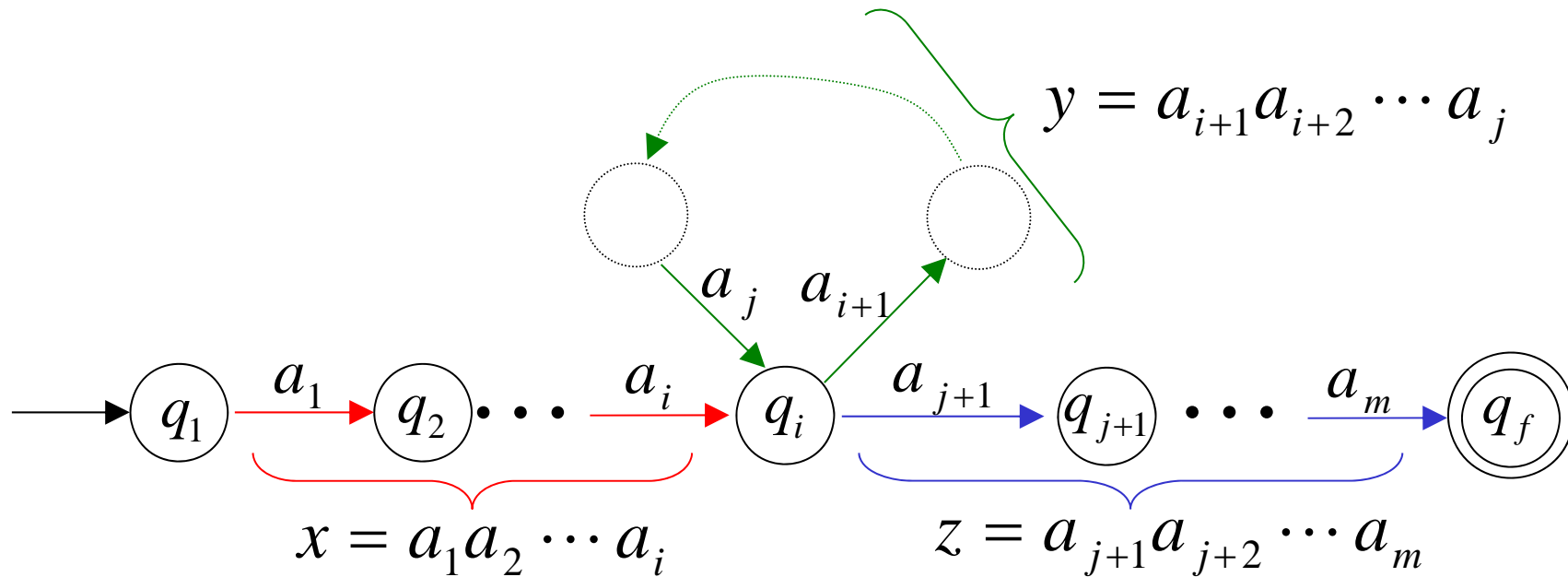
$\Rightarrow \exists 0 < i < j \leq n : q_i = q_j$



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$$\Rightarrow w = x y z \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |x y| \leq n \\ |y| \geq 1 \text{ or } y \neq \varepsilon \\ x y^k z \in L, \text{ for any } k \geq 0 \end{array} \right.$$



# Pumping Lemma

Pumping lemma for regular languages.

Let  $L$  be regular. Then

$\exists n, \forall w \in L : |w| \geq n \Rightarrow w = xyz$  such that

- $y \neq \varepsilon$
- $|xy| \leq n$
- $\forall k \geq 0, xy^kz \in L$

**Example 6.1** Let  $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0 \}$ , is it regular?

Suppose  $L$  is regular. Get  $w = 0^n 1^n \in L$ .

By pumping lemma  $w = xyz$ ,  $|xy| \leq n$ ,  $y \neq \varepsilon$ , and  $xy^k z \in L$ .

Let  $k=0$ , then  $xz \in L$ .

But  $xz$  has fewer 0's than 1's, that  $xz \notin L$ .

It derived a contradiction.

So  $L$  is not regular.

**Example 6.2** Prove  $L = \{vv^R \mid v \in (a,b)^*\}$  is not regular.

Suppose  $L$  is regular.

Get  $w = a^n b^n b^n a^n \in L$ .

for  $k=0$ ,  $xz = a^{n-|y|} b^n b^n a^n \in L$ .

**Example 6.3** Prove  $L = \{a^n b^l c^{n+l} \mid n, l \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

Suppose  $L$  is regular.

Get  $w = a^n b^n c^{2n} \in L$ .

for  $k=0$ ,  $xz = a^{n-|y|} b^n c^{2n} \in L$ .

# Closure properties of regular languages

Let  $L$  and  $M$  be regular.

Then the following languages are all regular :

- Union :  $L \cup M$
- Concatenation :  $LM$
- Closure :  $L^*$
- Difference :  $L - M$

➤ Union :  $L \cup M$

Suppose  $L(A)=L, L(B)=M$

Let  $A = (Q_1, \Sigma_1, \delta_1, q_1, F_1), B = (Q_2, \Sigma_2, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$

$C = (Q_1 \cup Q_2 \cup \{q_0\}, \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2, \delta, q_0, F_1 \cup F_2)$

$\delta: \delta(q_0, \varepsilon) = \{q_1, q_2\}$

$\delta(q, a) = \delta_1(q, a), \forall (q, a) \in Q_1 \times \Sigma_1$

$\delta(q, a) = \delta_2(q, a), \forall (q, a) \in Q_2 \times \Sigma_2$

Then  $L(C) = L \cup M$

# Closure properties of regular languages

➤ Reversal  $L^R = \{w^R \mid w \in L\}$

Convert  $A(L)$  into  $A(L^R)$  by :

- Reverse all the arcs of  $A(L)$
- Convert start state of  $A(L)$  to accepting state of  $A(L^R)$
- Create a new state as start state of  $A(L^R)$  with  $\varepsilon$ -transitions to all the accepting states of  $A(L)$

# Closure properties of regular languages

## ➤ Complement

$$\bar{L} = \{w \mid w \in \Sigma^* \text{ and } w \notin L\}$$

Let DFA  $A=(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  , and  $L(A)=L$

Let DFA  $B=(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, S)$  , and  $S=Q-F$

Then  $L(B)= \bar{L}$

# Closure properties of regular languages

➤ Intersection :  $L \cap M$

Suppose  $L(A)=L$ ,  $L(B)=M$

Let  $A = (Q_1, \Sigma, \delta_1, q_1, F_1)$ ,  $B = (Q_2, \Sigma, \delta_2, q_2, F_2)$

$$C = (Q_1 \times Q_2, \Sigma, \delta, (q_1, q_2), F_1 \times F_2)$$

$$\delta : (Q_1 \times Q_2) \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$\delta((p, q), a) = (\delta_1(p, a), \delta_2(q, a))$$

Then  $L(C) = L \cap M$



# Homomorphism

$$h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$$

Let  $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \in \Sigma^*$ , then

$$h(w) = h(a_1) h(a_2) \dots h(a_n)$$

Let  $\Sigma = \{ 0, 1 \}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{ a, b \}$ ,  $h(0) = ab$ ,  $h(1) = \varepsilon$

$$h(0110) = h(0)h(1)h(1)h(0) = ab\varepsilon\varepsilon ab = abab$$

$$h(L) = \{ h(w) \mid w \text{ is in } L \}$$

## ➤ Homomorphism

Regular language is closed under homomorphism.

Assume  $r$  is a regular expression.

For any symbol  $a$  of  $r$ ,  $h(a)$  is a regular expression

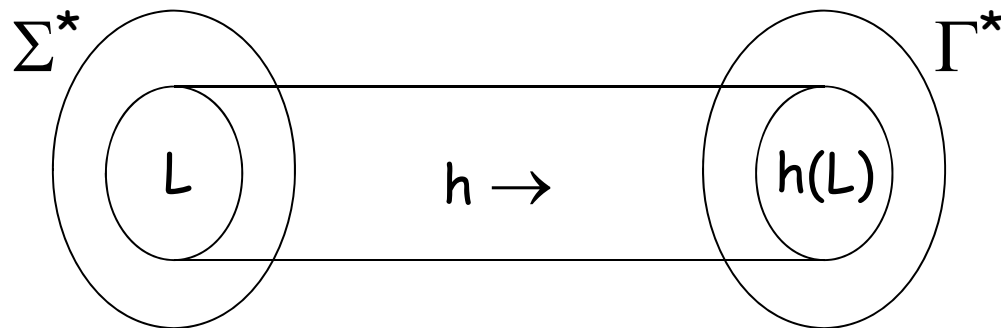
So is  $h(r)$ .

It says that  $L(h(r))$  is regular.

## ➤ Inverse Homomorphism

$$h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Gamma^*$$

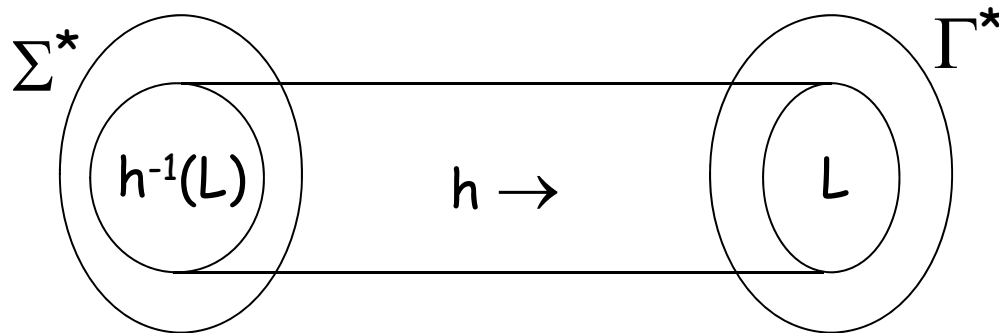
$$h^{-1}(L) = \{ w \mid h(w) \text{ is in } L \}$$



$$\forall w \in L \Rightarrow h(w) \in h(L)$$

$$\forall v \in h(L)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists w \in L : h(w) = v$$



$$\forall w \in h^{-1}(L) \Rightarrow h(w) \in L$$

$$\forall v \in L \Rightarrow$$

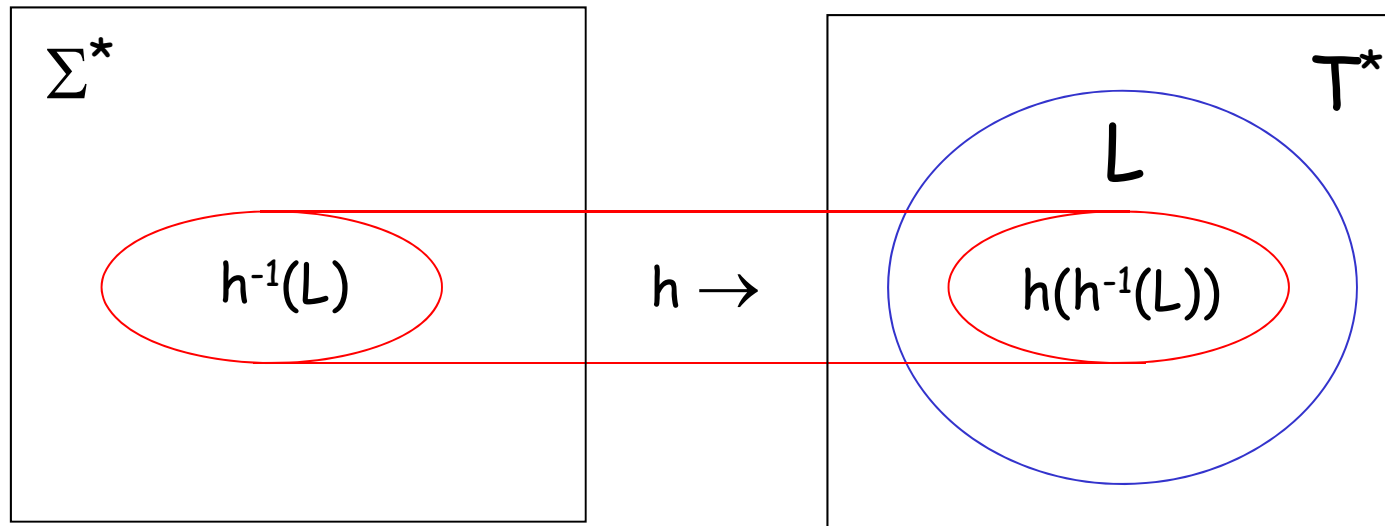
$$\exists w \in h^{-1}(L) : h(w) = v \text{ ?}$$

## Example 6.4

Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $h(a) = 01$ ,  $h(b) = 10$

Let  $L = L((00+1)^*)$  then

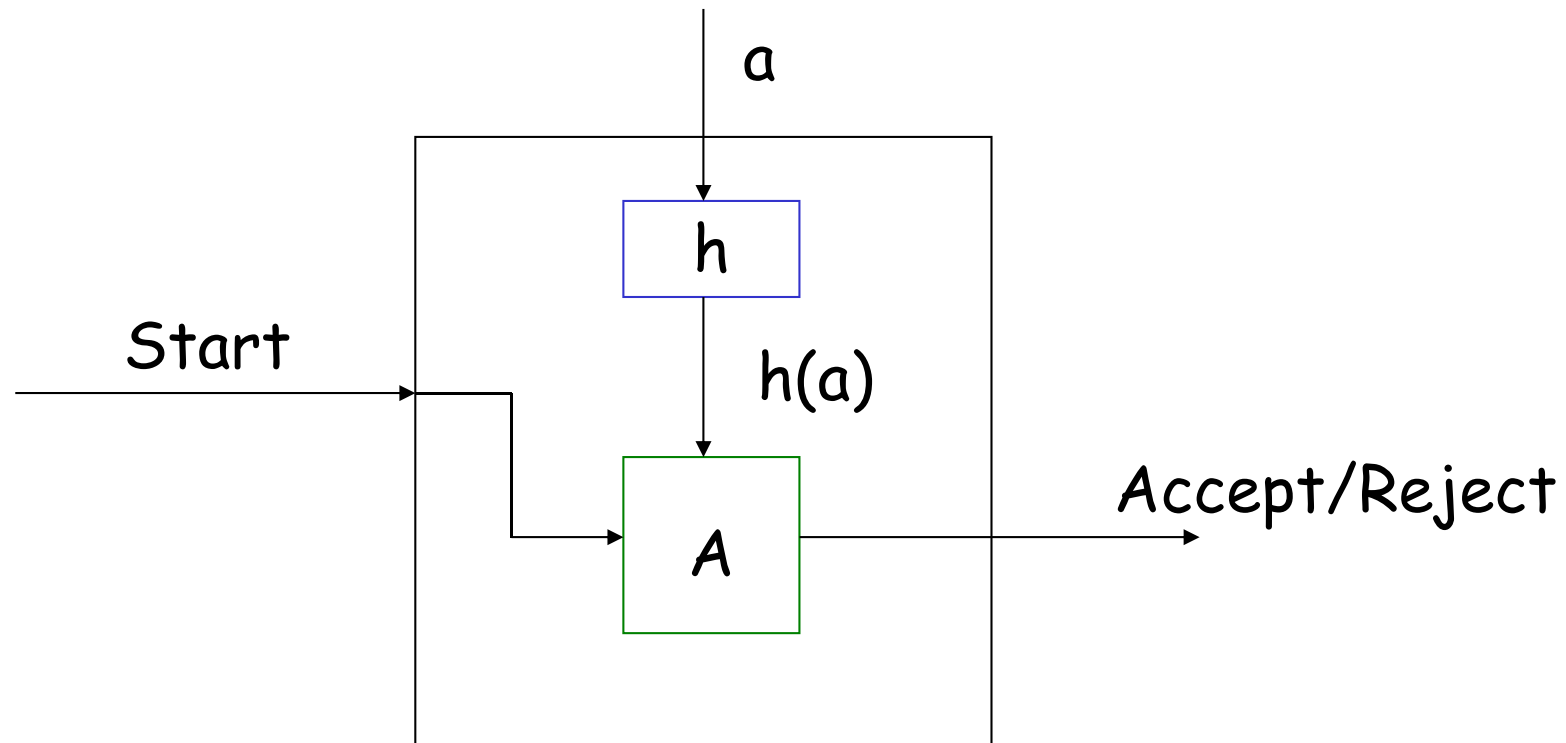
$$h^{-1}(L) = L((ba)^*)$$



$$h^{-1}(L) = \{ba\}^*, \quad h(h^{-1}(L)) = \{1001\}^* \subset L = \{00, 1\}^*$$

## ➤ Inverse Homomorphism

RL is closed under inverse homomorphism.



$$A = (Q, T, \delta, q_0, F), \quad B = (Q, \Sigma, \gamma, q_0, F)$$

$$\text{where} \quad \gamma(q, a) = \hat{\delta}(q, h(a))$$

Good good study  
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