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HW 2 due this Saturday, Feb 7 (10:00pm)

HW 3 coming soon

Quiz 3 due next Monday, Feb 9

Class 7: DFA \Rightarrow Reg Exp

University of Virginia
CS3120: DMT2

<https://weikailin.github.io/cs3120-toc>

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Q2.3 What are you expecting from this class? (Check all that apply)

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To be confused

To be bored

To be frustrated

To get an "A"

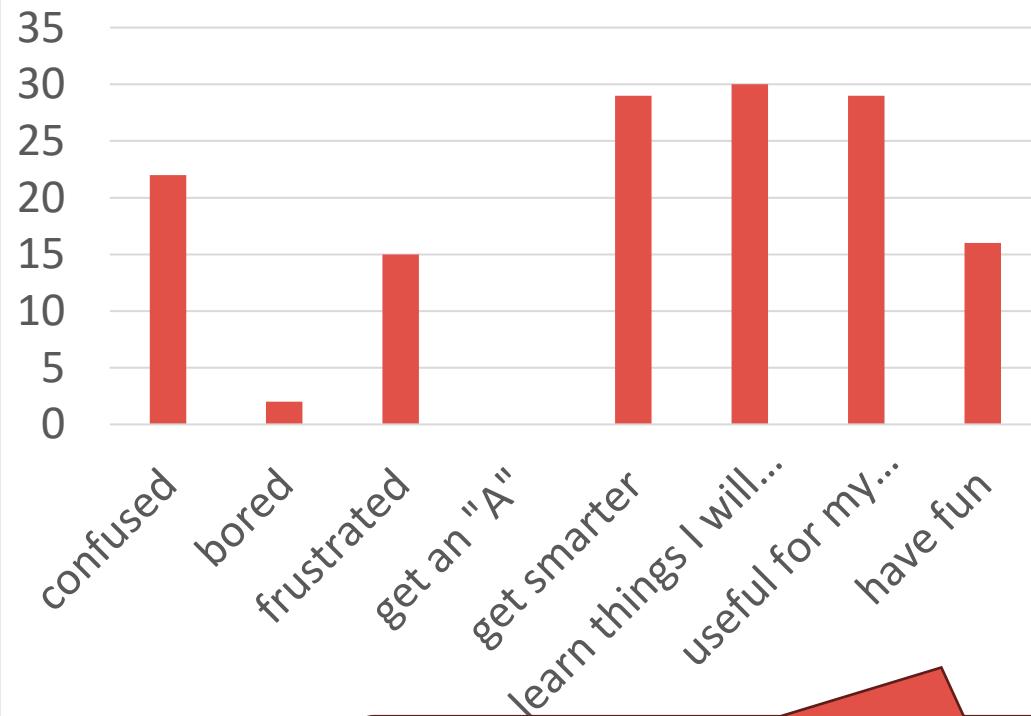
To get smarter

To learn things I will find interesting

To learn things that will be useful for my career goals

To have fun

Counts (out of 45)



I hope we still have fun

Survey Questions

- “How would it compare in difficulty to the other major requirements?”
“What are the ideas that everything else builds on?”

WK: each module consists of {a few definitions} and {a few theorems}, plus proofs and examples.
First-order logic is used everywhere.

- “LaTeX skill for assignments?”
WK: it makes graders’ lives easier.

Plan

Limitations

Pumping Lemma

★ **Reg-Fun \supseteq DFA-Comp**

Reg-Fun \subseteq DFA-Comp

Today: Chapter 6.4.2 in the TCS book

https://introtcs.org/public/lec_05_infinite.html#regdfaequivsec

Recap: Pumping Lemma

Theorem 6.21 (Pumping Lemma)

If e be a regular expression over some alphabet Σ . Then there is some number n_0 such that for every $w \in \Sigma^*$ with $|w| > n_0$ and $\Phi_e(w) = 1$, we can write $w = xyz$ for strings $x, y, z \in \Sigma^*$ satisfying the following conditions:

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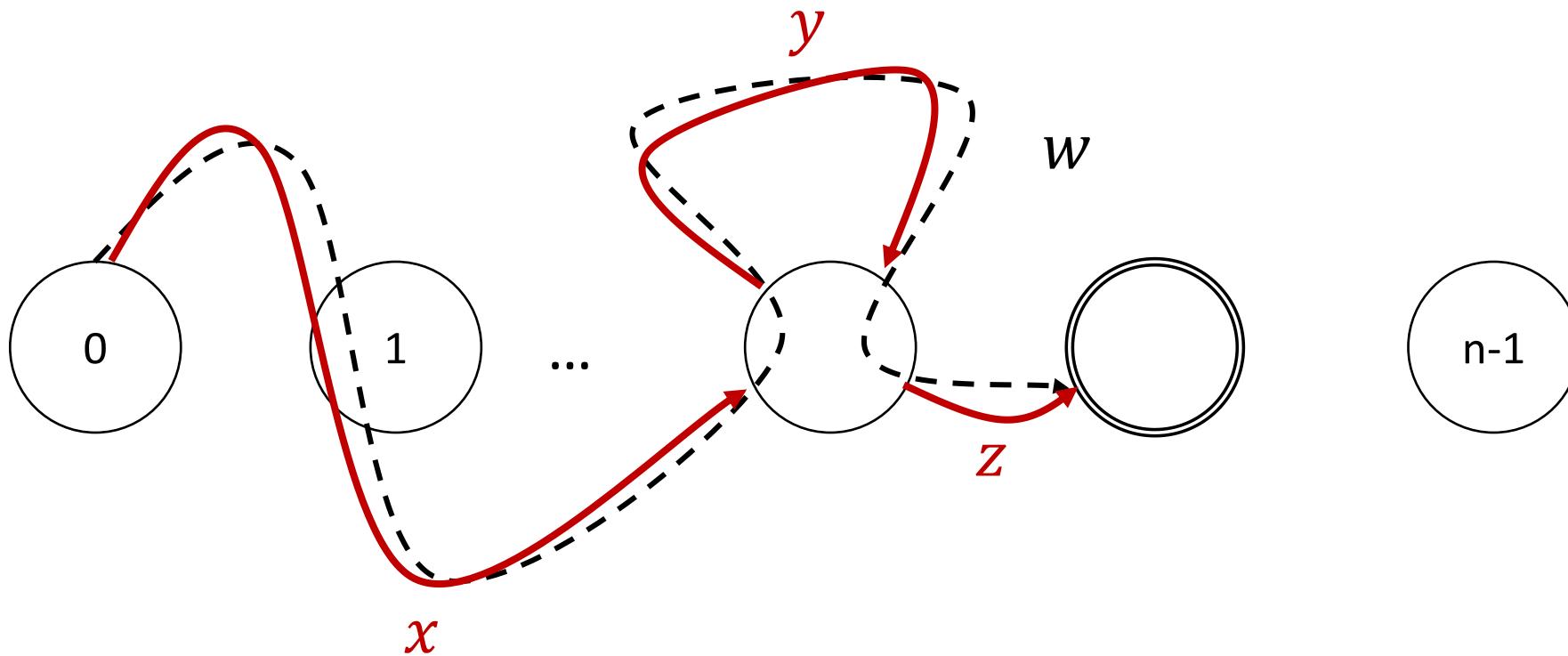
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1. $|y| \geq 1$.
2. $|xy| \leq n_0$.
3. $\Phi_e(xy^kz) = 1$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Pumping Lemma, Illustrated

If DFA accepts a sufficiently long w , then there exist $xyz = w$ such that y is a loop.



Use Pumping Lemma: Prove Impossibility

Recap: $A = \{ \underline{0^k 1^k} : k \in \mathbb{N} \}$ is not regular

Theorem: A is not regular

Proof:

Give it $00 \dots 0 \dots$ as inputs till a state q is repeated.

Let $x = 0^i, y = 0^j$ such that $j > 0$ and
both x and $x \parallel y$ on q .

Consider $0^i 1^i$ and $0^{i+j} 1^i$.

Either both will be accepted,

Or both will be rejected.

Ex: Palindroms is not regular

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A string x is palindrome iff x is identical to reverse(x).

Proof.

For any n_0 , let $w = 10^{n_0} 0^{n_0} 1$

Where $w = xyz$ for $x = 10^{\frac{n_0}{2}}$

$y = 0$
 0^{n_0-1}

$z = 00^{n_0}1$
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$k=0 : xy^0z$ is not Pal

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Where $w = xyz$ for $x = 0^{l_1}$, $y = 0^{l_2}$, $z = 0^{n_0-l_1-l_2} 1 0^{n_0}$

$l_1 + l_2 \leq n_0$ and $l_2 \geq 1$.

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Some , we need all xyz s.t.
3. But exists $\underline{k} = 0$ s.t. $xy^k z$ is not $(011)^*$

Must be wrong: $(011)^*$ is a regular expression!
Which line is the first wrong step?

Negation of Pumping Lemma

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3. $\Phi_e(xy^kz) \neq 1$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

If Not (

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Not Regular: $S = \{ x \in \{0,1\}^* : x = 1^{2^n}$
for some natural number $n\}$

1, 11, 1111, 111111, ...

Proof:

Given n_0

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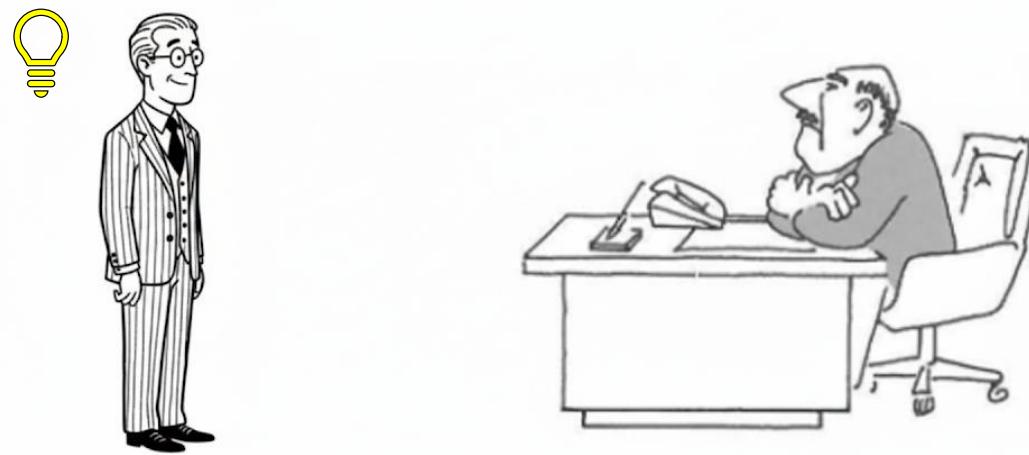
Why do we care regular or not?

So far

Reg-Fun = DFA-Comp:
a good way to construct DFA and reg exp

Pumping Lemma:
to prove a function is not computable by any DFA

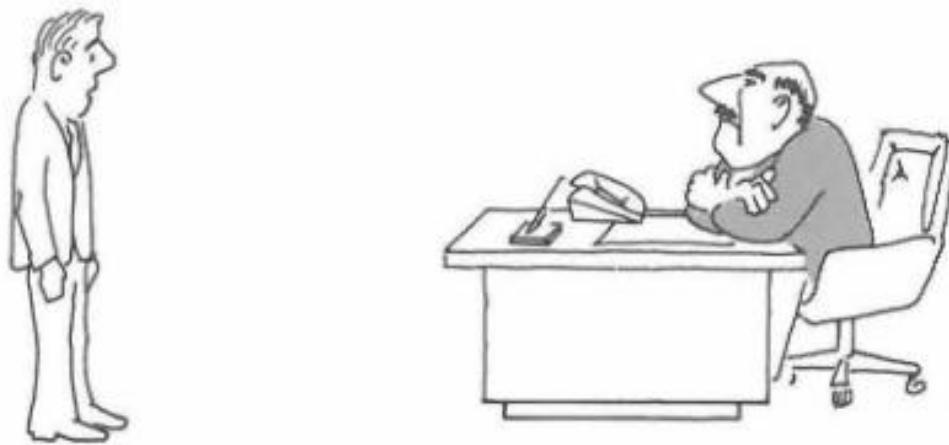
If there is a solution, we want it



Source: Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness
Gemini modified.

What if there is no solution?

“Is that just me who couldn’t solve it?”



“I can't find an efficient algorithm, I guess I'm just too dumb.”

Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness
Michael R. Garey, David S. Johnson (1979)

If we can prove there is no solution

Much better!



"I can't find an efficient algorithm, because no such algorithm is possible!"

Use another tool (stronger than regular expression)

**Proof of:
Reg-Fun = DFA-Comp**

Motivations of the Proof

- Practical needs:
Writing regular expressions or its interpreter
Writing DFAs (they are everywhere)
- Theoretical and Conceptual:
Cool ideas in DFAs
Manipulating CS abstractions (eg prog. languages)
- Learn “non-determinism” (stay tuned)

High Level Picture

Reg-Fun: the set of all regular functions.

DFA-Comp: the set $\{f \mid f \text{ is computed by some DFA } M\}$

Want:

1. DFA-Comp \subseteq Reg-Fun, and
2. Reg-Fun \subseteq DFA-Comp

Hence, we need:

1. For each DFA M , there exists regular expression e such that for all x , $\Phi_e(x) = M(x)$
2. (The other direction)

Reg-Fun \supseteq DFA-Comp

TCS, Section 6.4.2

**For each DFA M ,
there is an equivalent regular expression e**

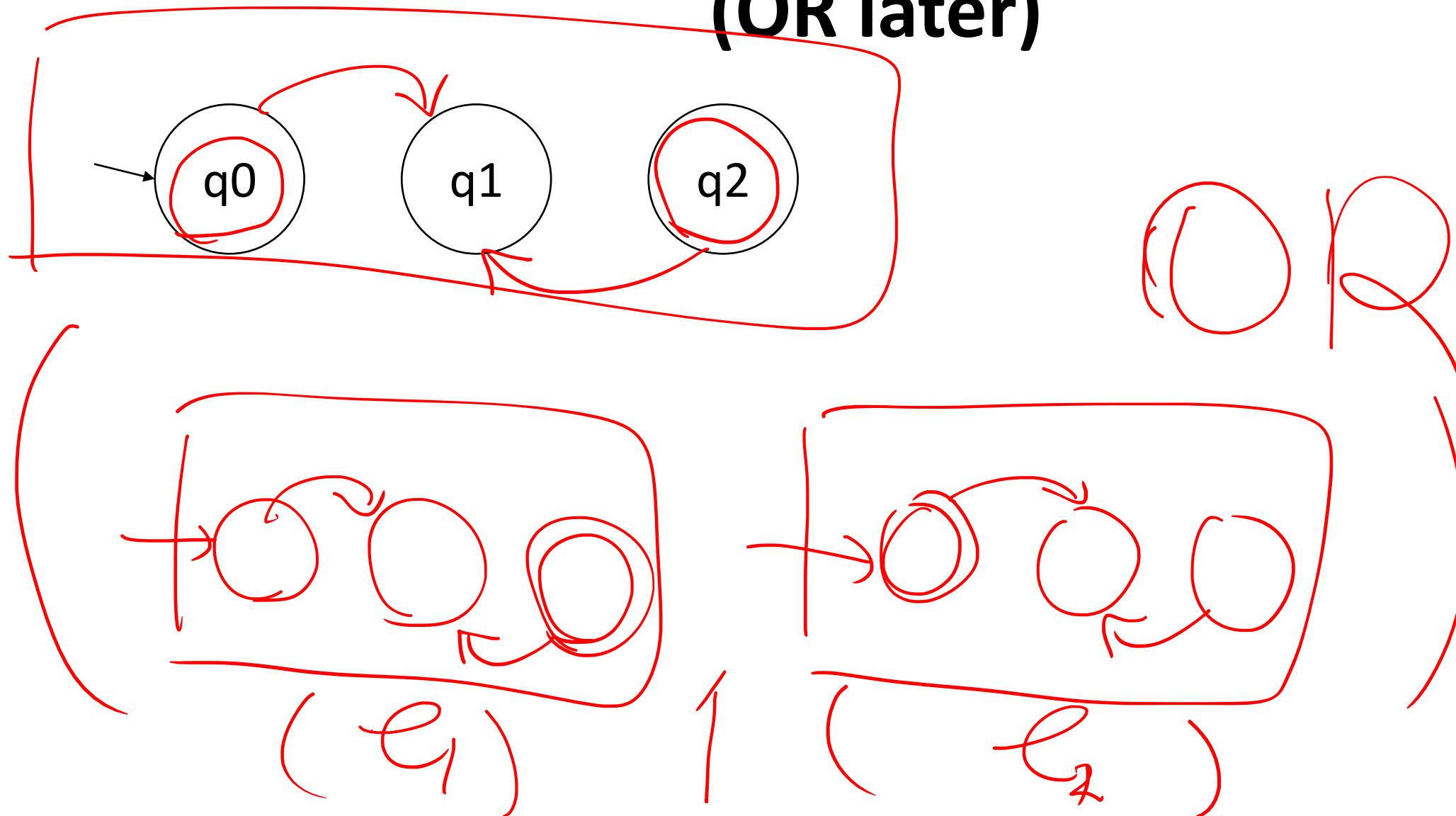
Proof? Generic way to construct such M for all e .

Algorithm: input e , output M

Proof idea 1: Consider only one Accept state (OR later)

Proof idea 2: Induction on subsets of states (see next

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Proof idea 2: Induction on subsets of states

For any M , let $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, C - 1\} = [C]$ be states in M ,
let 0 be the initial and $C - 1$ be the accept state.

Let t be natural num.

Consider the subset $[t] = \{0, 1, \dots, t - 1\}$.

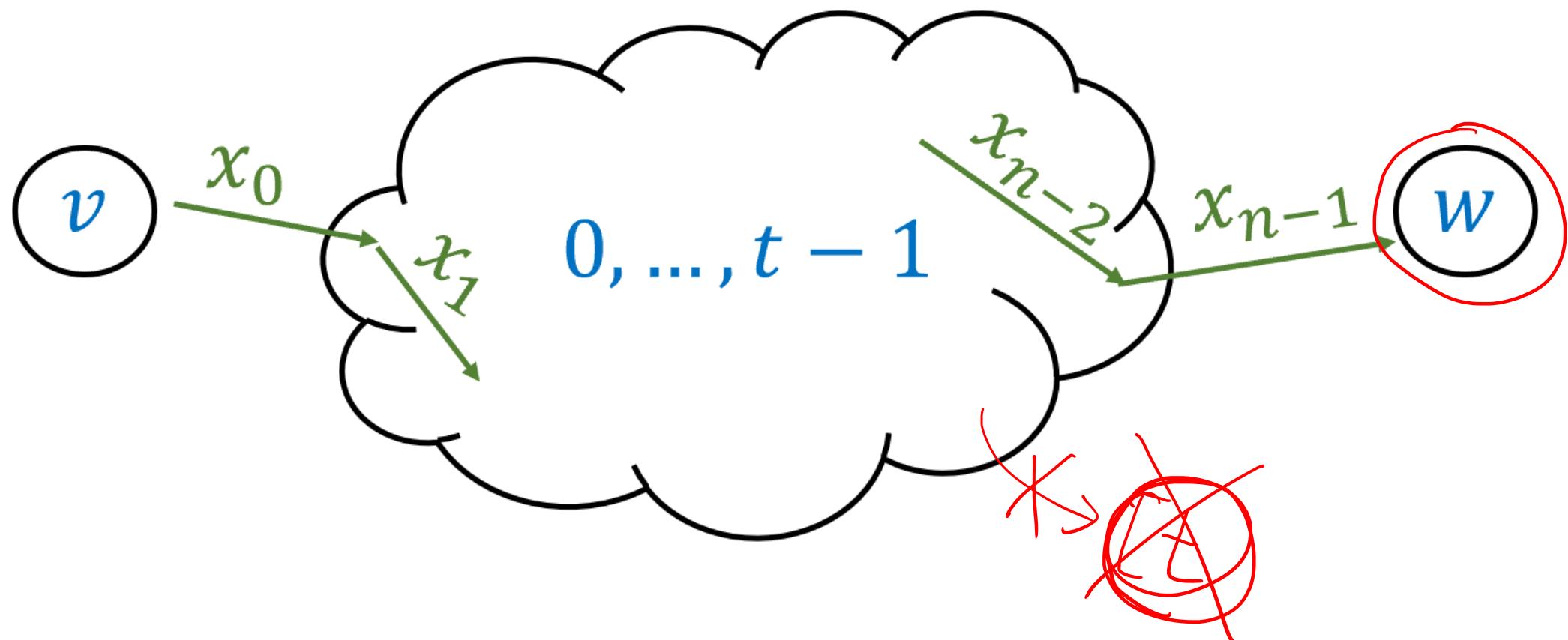
For any v, w ,
let $R_{v,w}^t$ be the strings go from v to w only through $[t]$.

Consider the subset $[t] = \{0, 1, \dots, t - 1\} \subseteq [C]$, $t \leq C$

Let $R_{v,w}^t$ be the strings go from v to w **only through nodes in $[t]$** .

$v, w \in [C]$

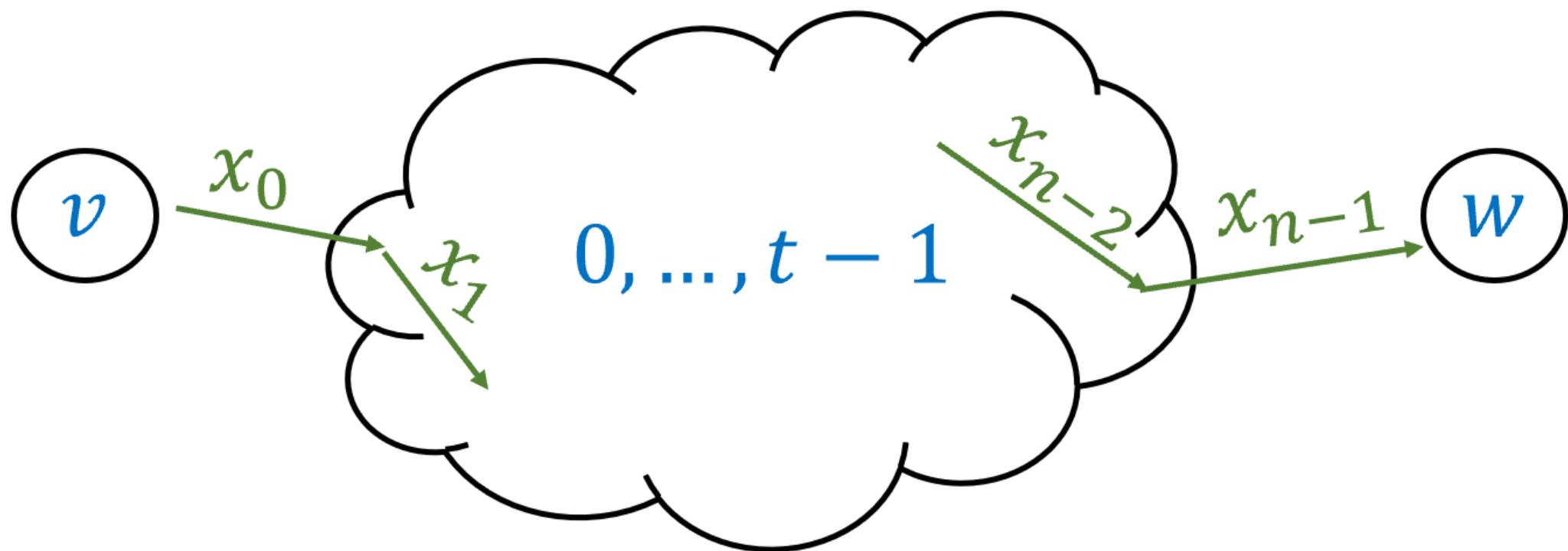
Not even v or w if not in $[t]$



Induction predicate, $P(t)$:

There exists a regular expression e_t matches $R_{v,w}^t$ for all v, w

$R_{v,w}^C$



Induction predicate, $P(t)$: $t=0$ $[t] = \emptyset$

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Base case, $P(0)$, $[t] = \underline{\text{emptyset}}$

If $v = w$:

- 0 edge

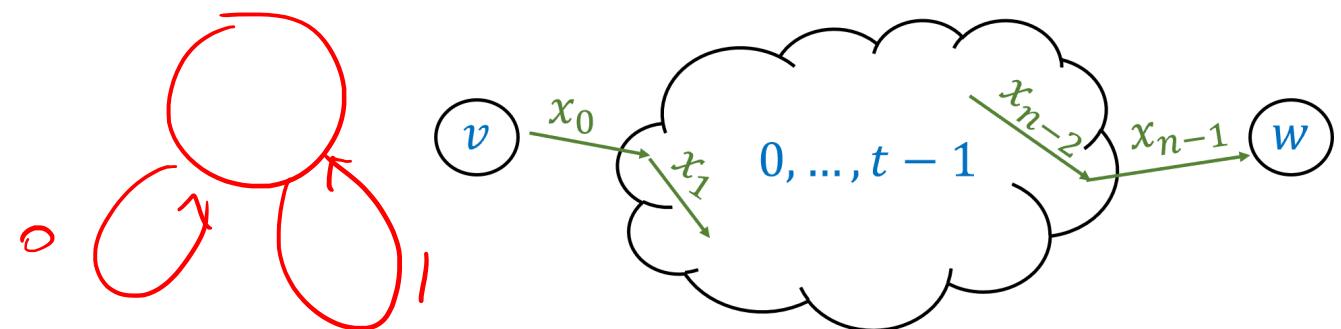
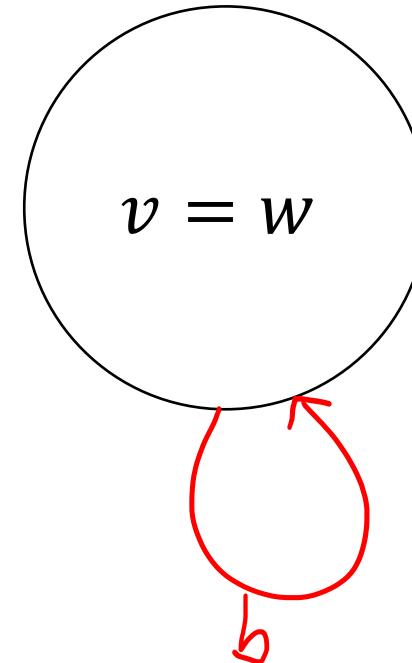
$$e_0 : \emptyset$$

- 1 edge

$$e_0 : b, \quad b \in \{0, 1\}$$

- 2 edges

$$e_0 : (0 \mid 1)$$



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If $v \neq w$:

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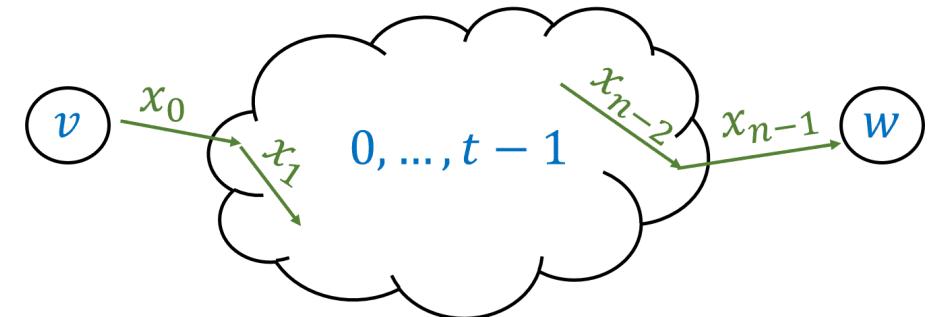
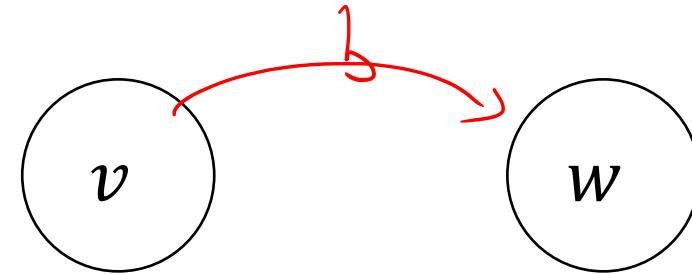
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Inductive case, $P(t)$ holds.

Want $P(t+1)$: $R_{v,w}^{t+1}$ has a

expression e_{t+1}

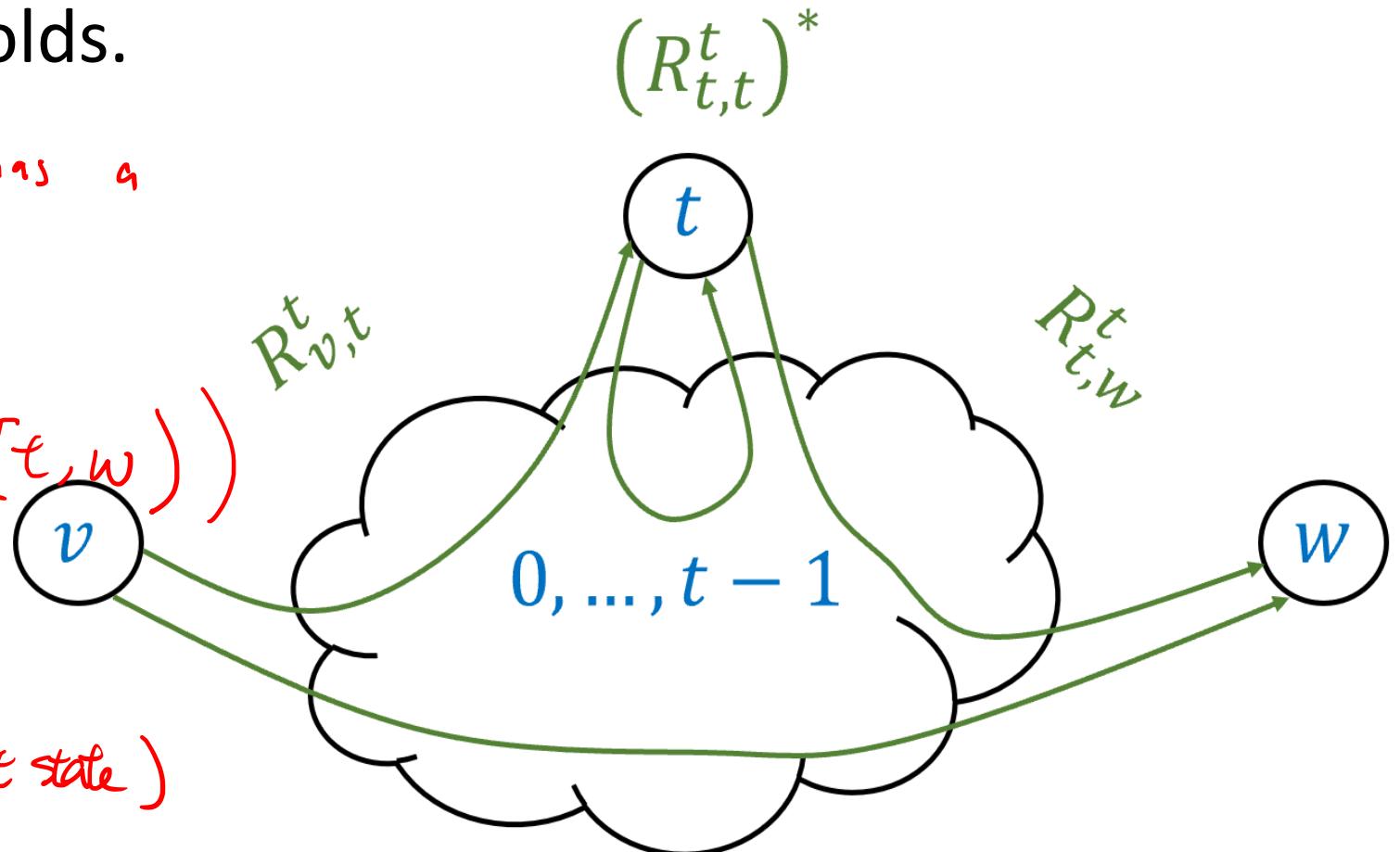
$e_{t+1} =$

$\overline{((e_t[v,t])(e_t[t,t])^*(e_t[t,w]))}$

$\overline{|(e_t)}$

Comp $(C, \text{ init state, accept state })$

Compile (t, v, w) :
recurse ... -



$$R_{v,w}^t = e_t$$

DFA \Rightarrow Regular Expression

Application?

Next: Regular Expression \Rightarrow DFA

Logistics

- We are planning a makeup Midterm, aiming at late Feb. Need time and room, might not work for you. (We drop the lowest Midterm anyway.)
- Get free food/drink next Monday 10:30am at Greenberry's in Wilsdorf
- Survey: which office hours work for you?

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/y5JuuYDbN9>



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