# Big picture

- All languages
- Decidable

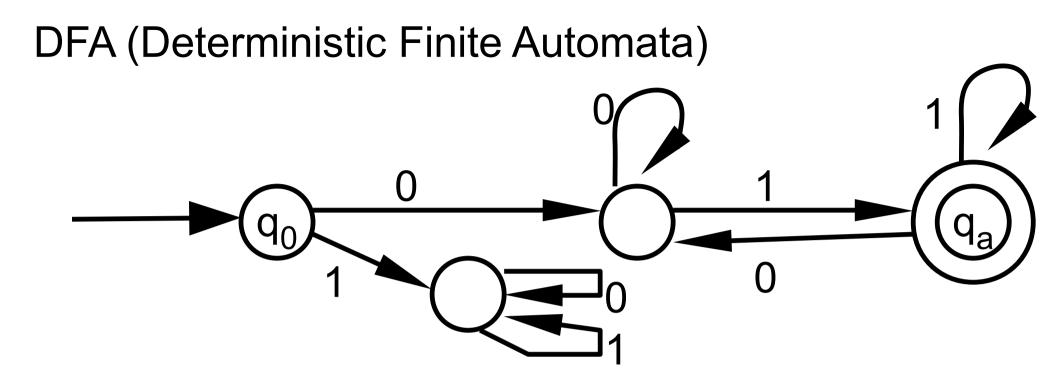
**Turing machines** 

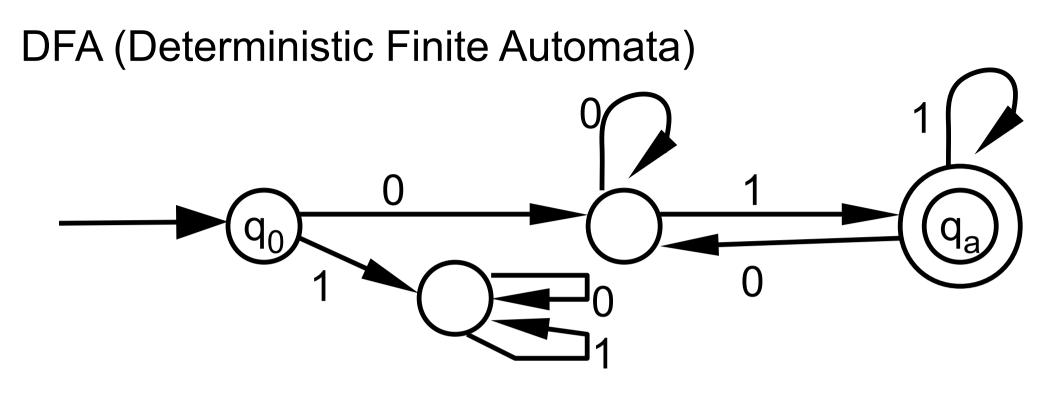
- NP
- P
- Context-free

Context-free grammars, push-down automata

Regular

Automata, non-deterministic automata, regular expressions





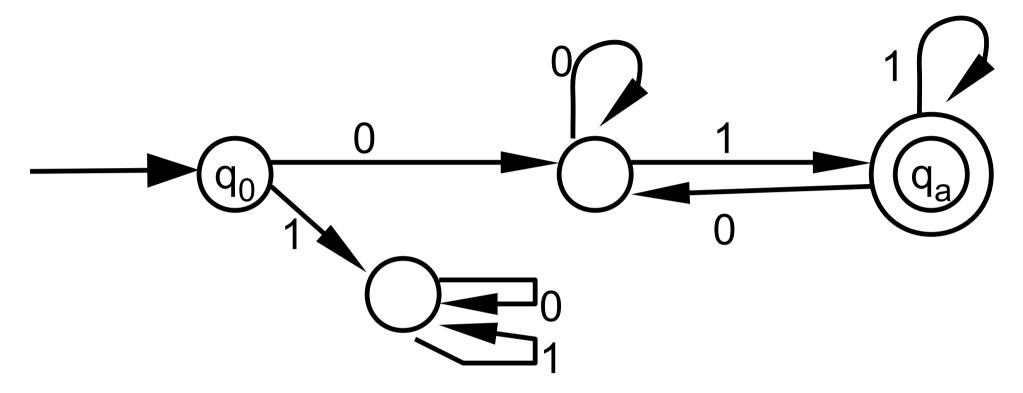
- Transitions \_\_\_\_\_

labelled with elements of the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ 

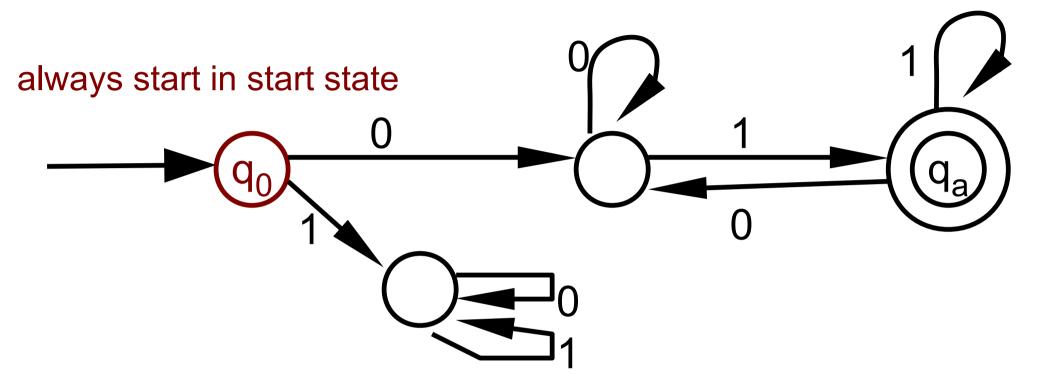
Computation on input w:

- Begin in start state
- Read input string in a one-way fashion
- Follow the arrows matching input symbols
- When input ends: ACCEPT if in accept state (

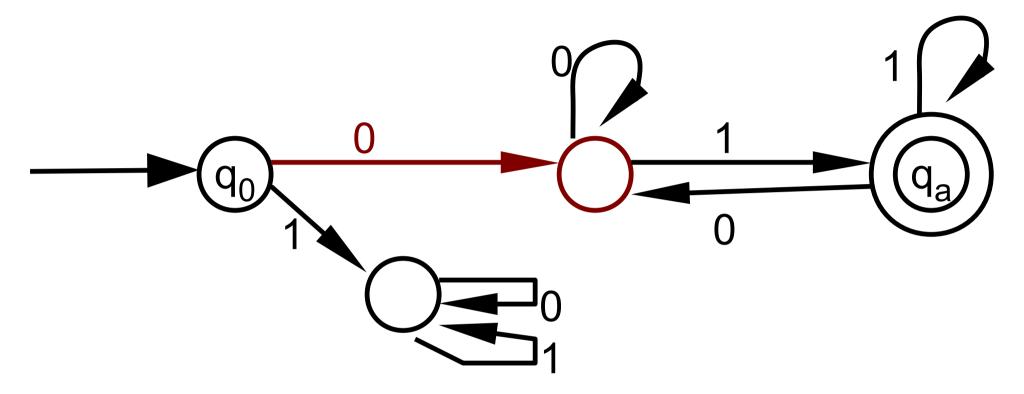
**REJECT** if not



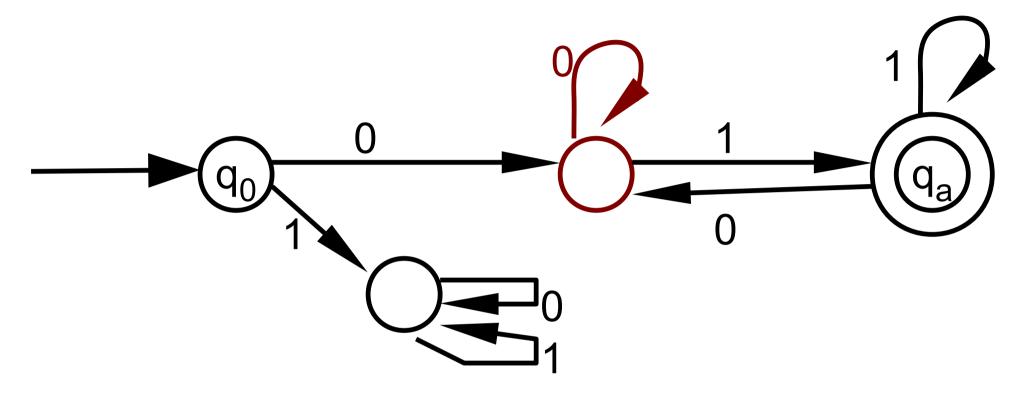
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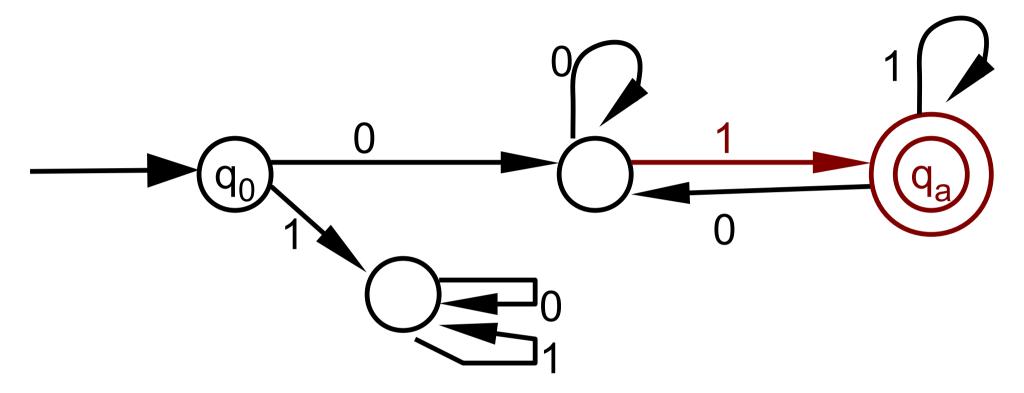
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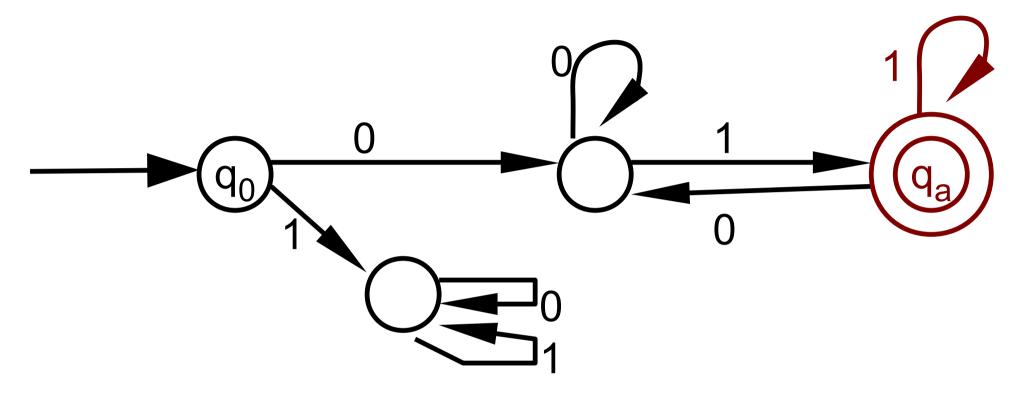
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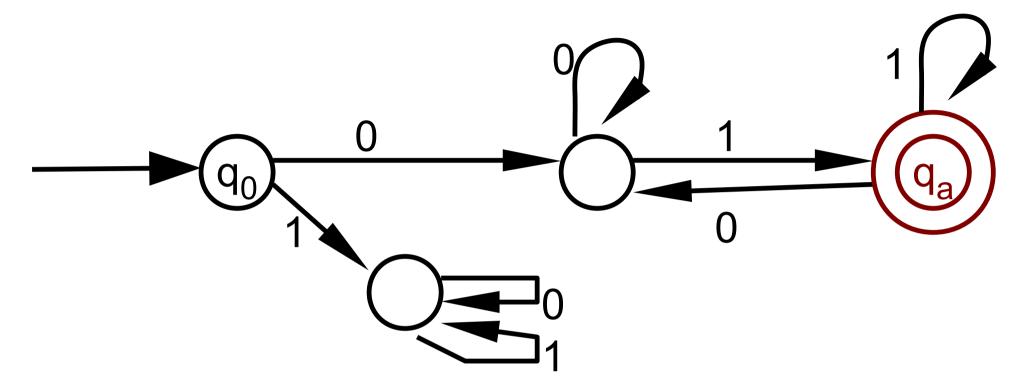
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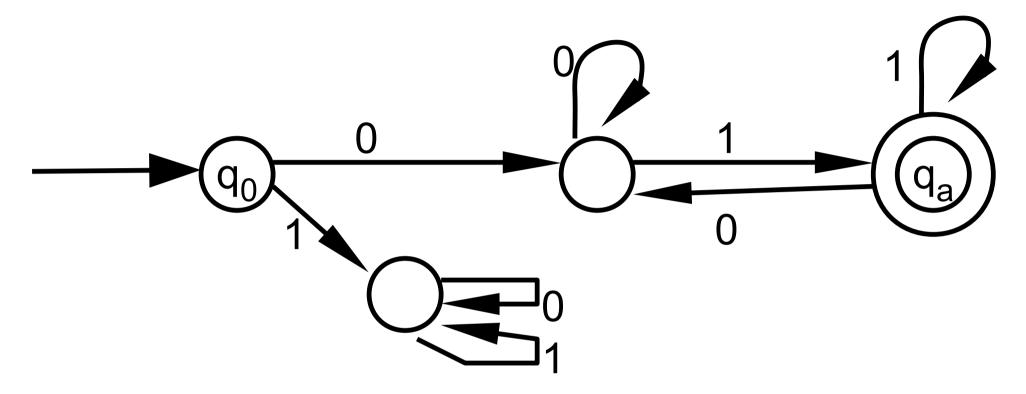
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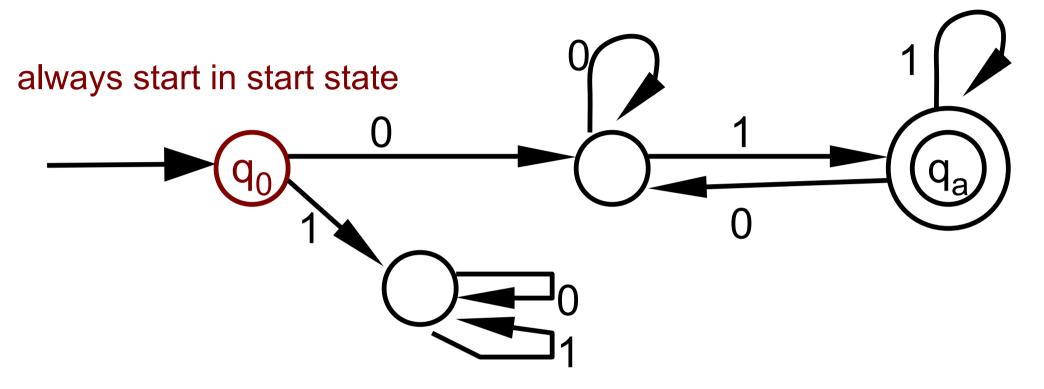
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w = 0011 ACCEPT because end in

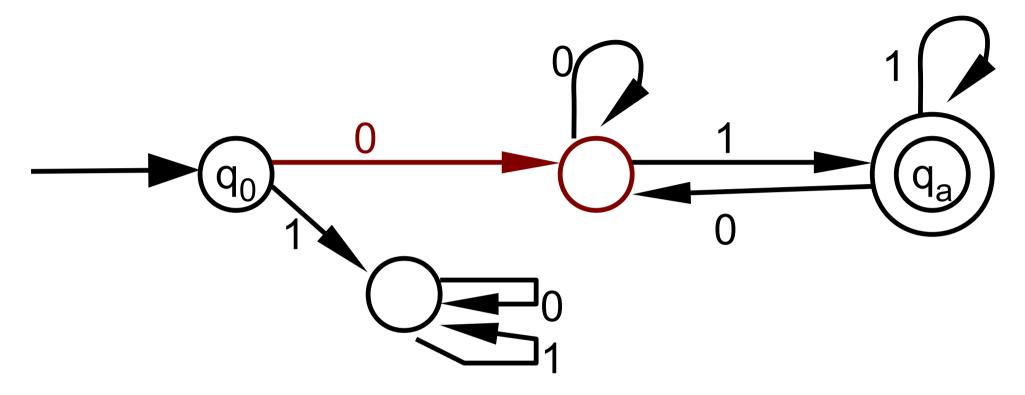
accept state



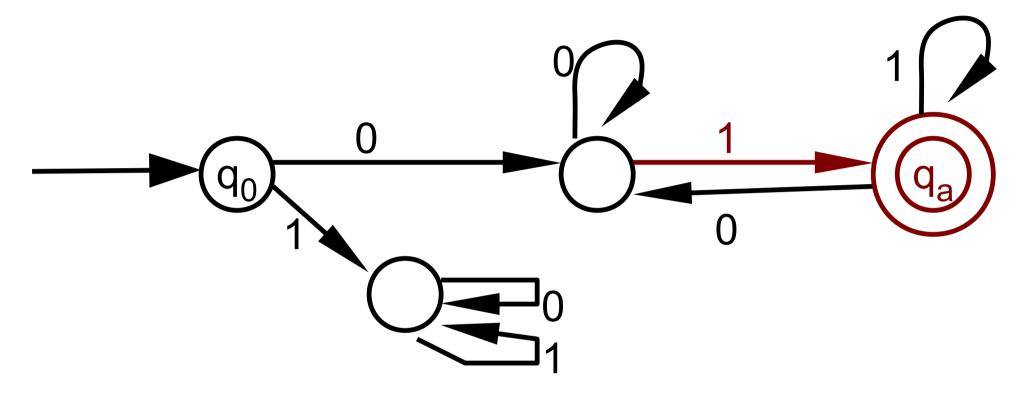
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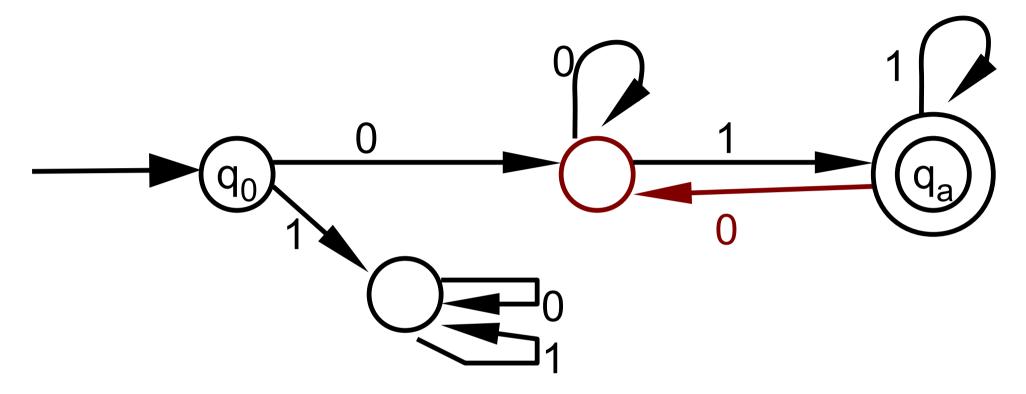
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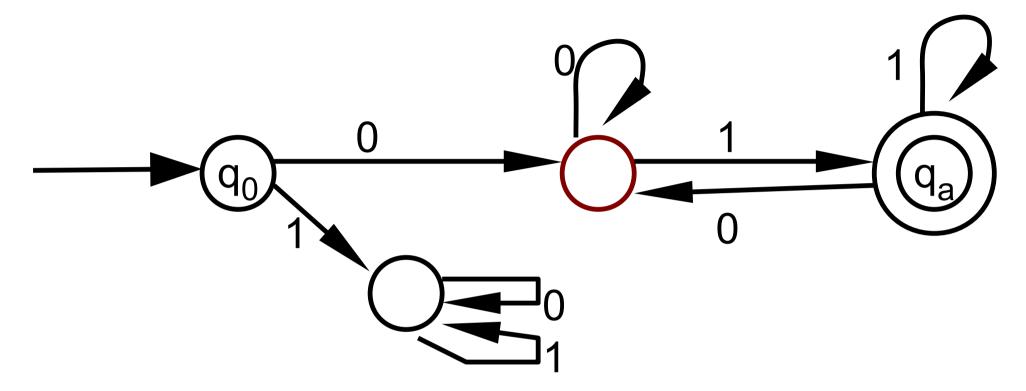
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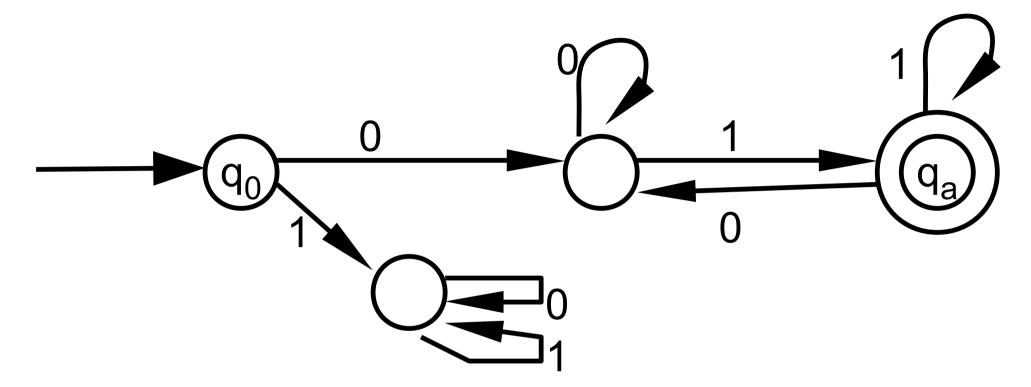


Example: Input string

**w** = 010 **REJECT** 

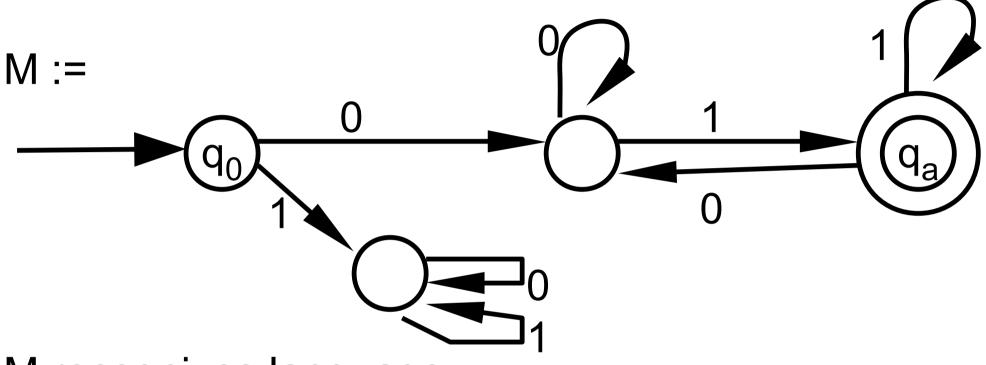
because does not

end in accept state



Example: Input string w = 01 ACCEPT

- w = 010 REJECT
- w = 0011 ACCEPT
- w = 00110 REJECT

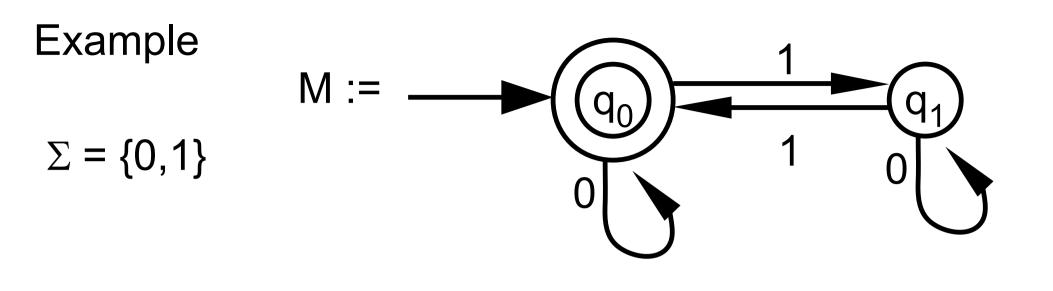


M recognizes language

L(M) = { w : w starts with 0 and ends with 1 }

L(M) is the language of strings causing M to accept

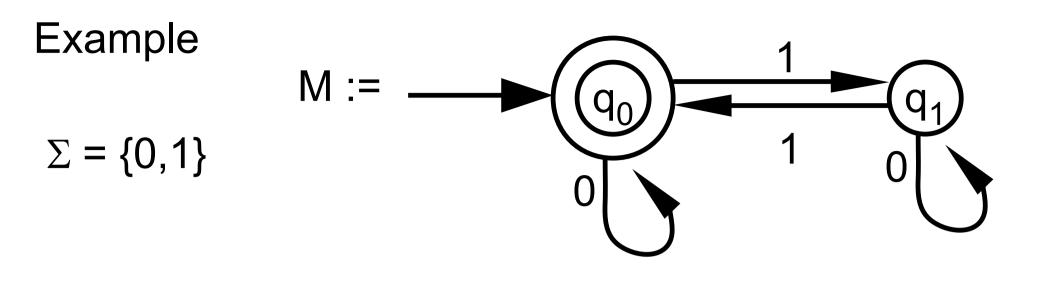
Example: 0101 is an element of L(M), 0101  $\in L(M)$ 



- 00 causes M to accept, so 00 is in  $L(M) = 00 \in L(M)$
- 01 does not cause M to accept, so 01 not in L(M),

01 ∉ L(M)

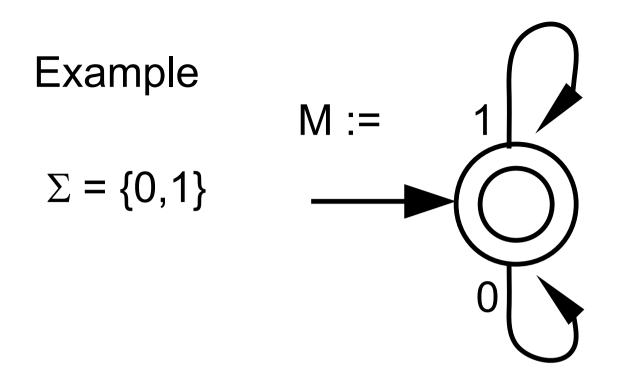
- 0101 ∈ L(M)
- 01101100  $\in L(M)$
- 011010 ∉ L(M)

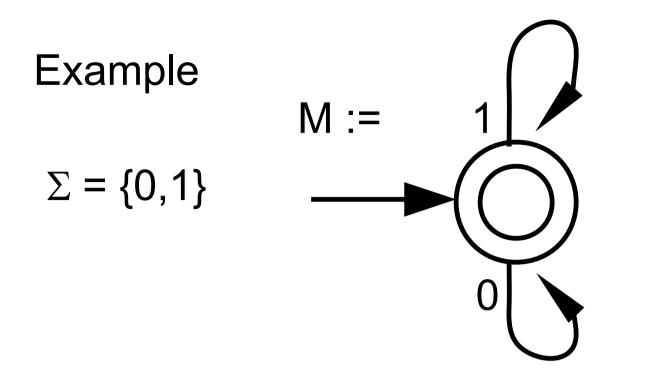


# L(M) = {w : w has an even number of 1 }

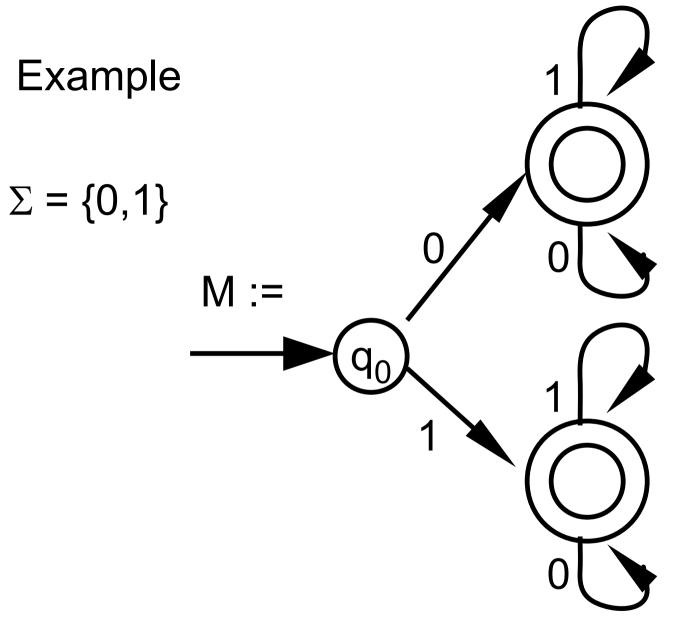
Note: If there is no 1, then there are zero 1, zero is an even number, so M should accept.

Indeed 0000000  $\in L(M)$ 

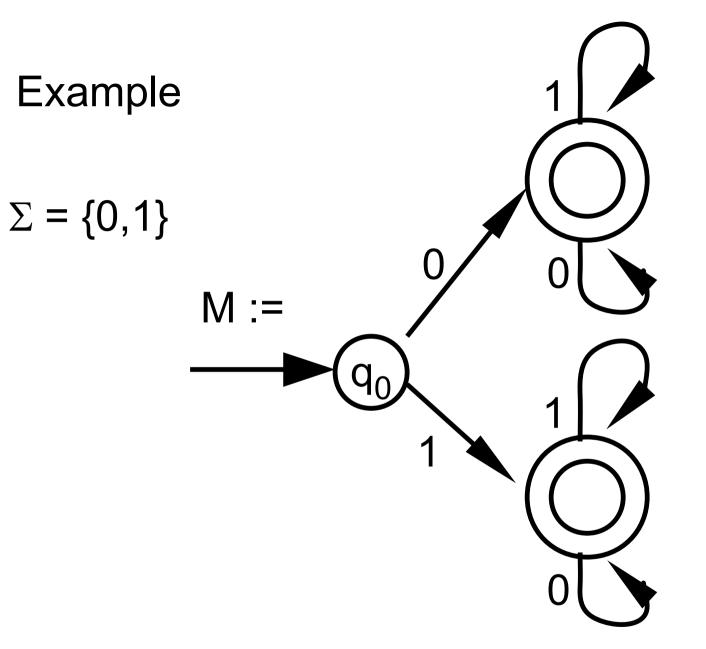




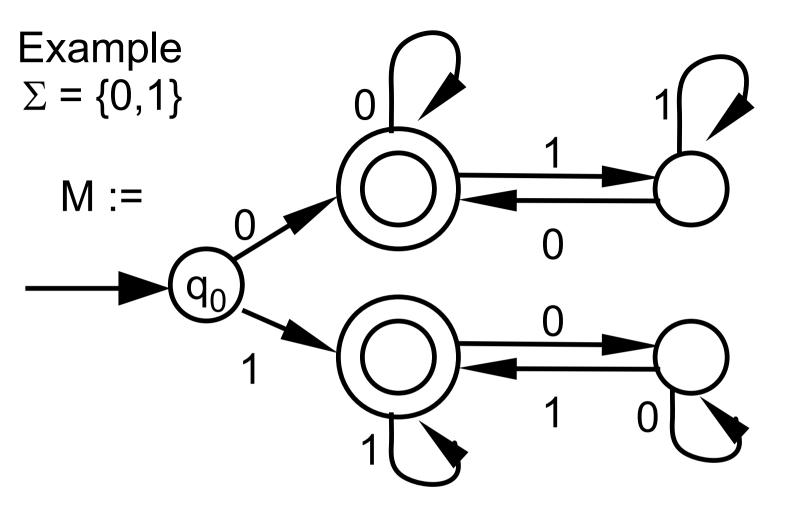
• L(M) = every possible string over {0,1}



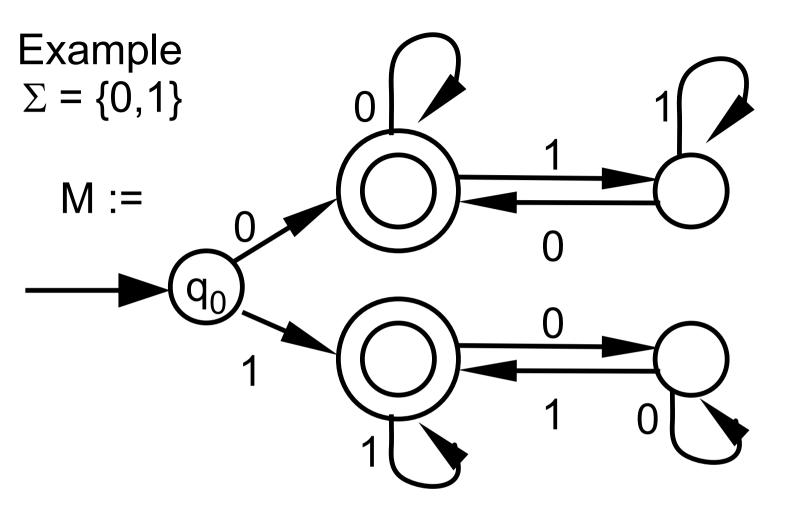
• L(M) = ?



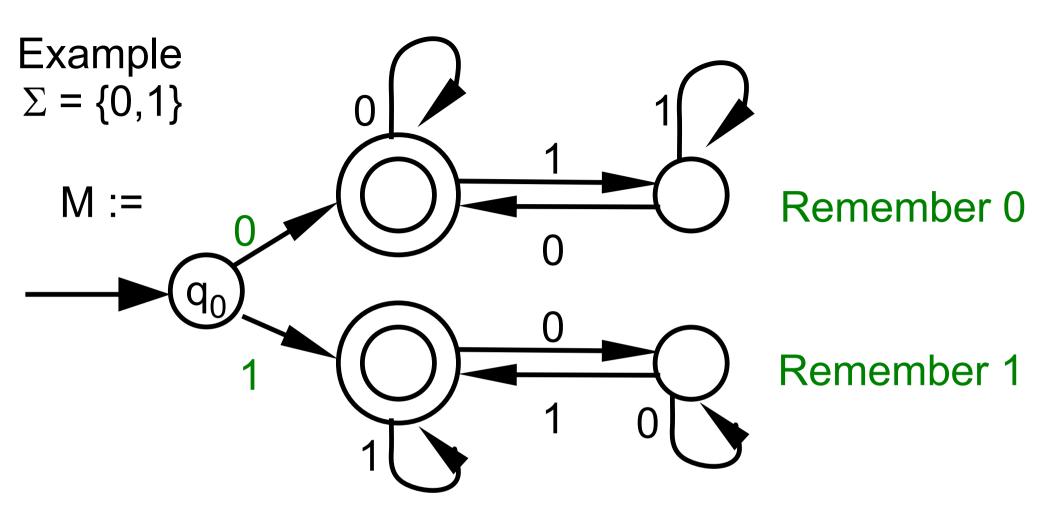
L(M) = all strings over {0,1} except empty string ε
 = {0,1}\* - { ε }



• L(M) = ?

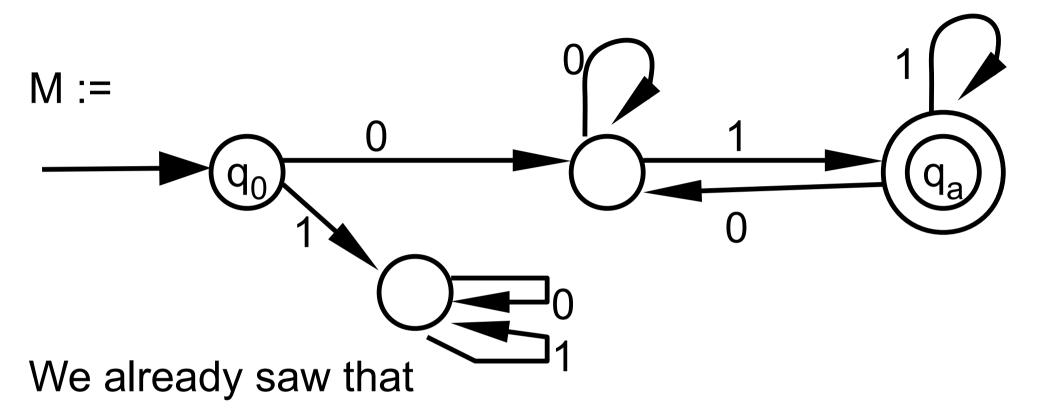


- L(M) = { w : w starts and ends with same symbol }
- Memory is encoded in ... what ?

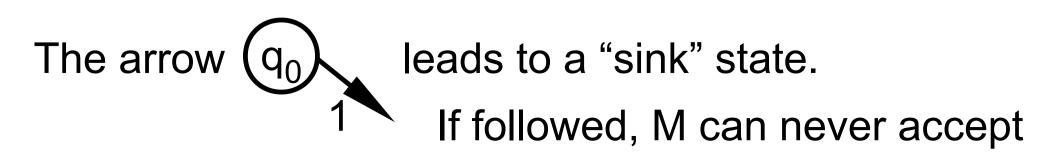


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- Memory is encoded in states.
   DFA have finite states, so finite memory

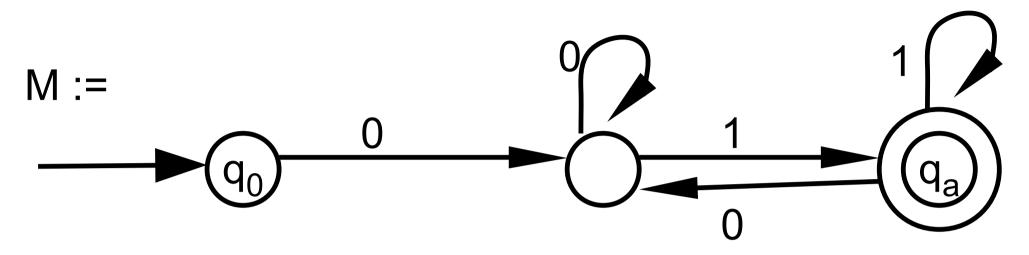
# Convention:



L(M) = { w : w starts with 0 and ends with 1 }



# **Convention:**



Don't need to write such arrows:

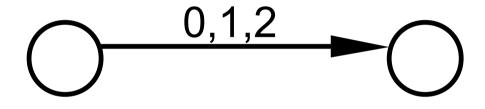
If, from some state, read symbol with no

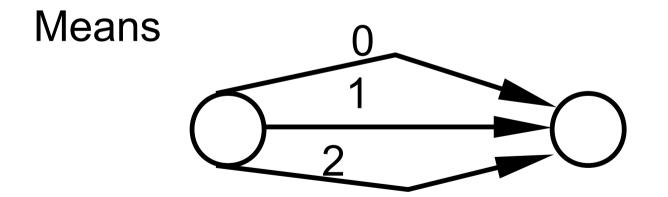
corresponding arrow, imagine M goes into "sink state" that is not shown, and REJECT.

This makes pictures more compact.

#### Another convention:

List multiple transition on same arrow:

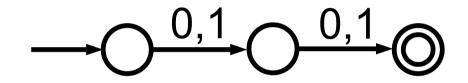




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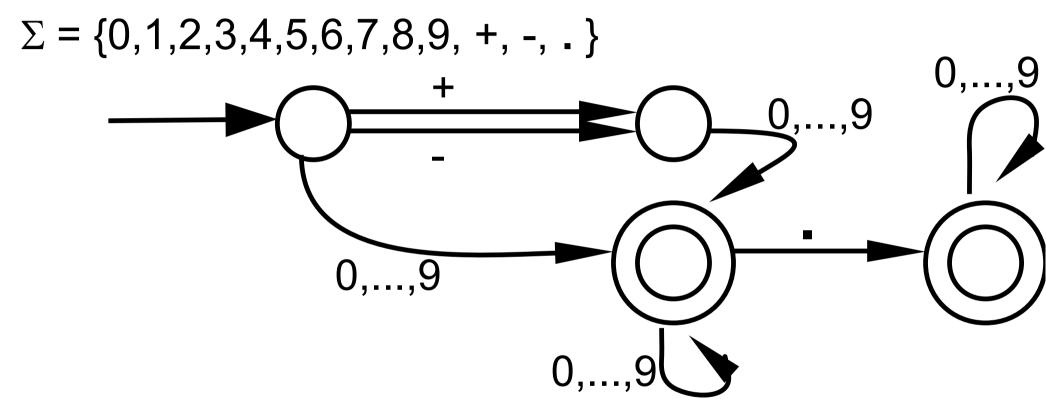
$$M =$$

$$\rightarrow O \xrightarrow{0,1} O \xrightarrow{0,1} O$$

$$L(M) = \sum^{2} = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$$

Example from programming languages:

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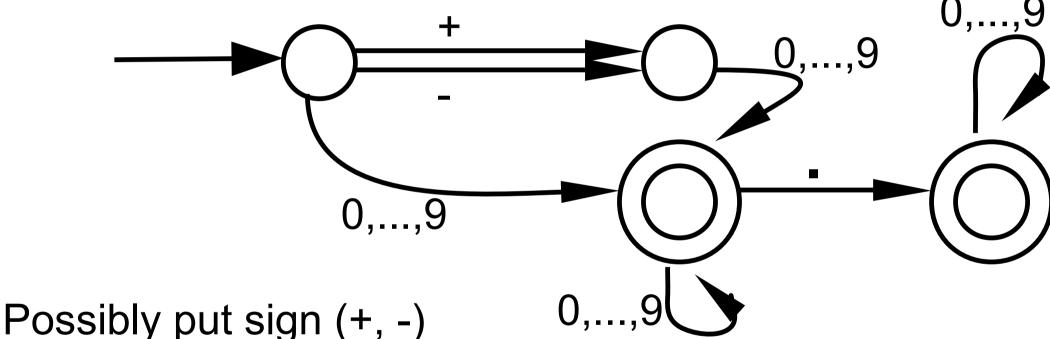


Note: 0,...,9 means 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9: 10 transitions

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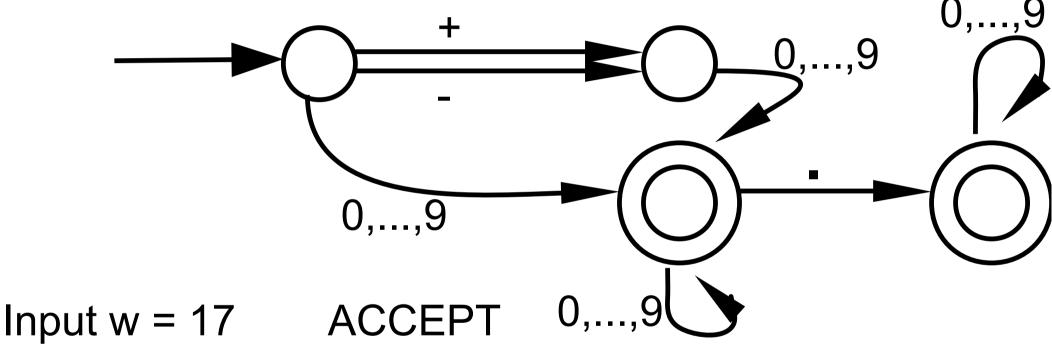


- Follow with arbitrarily many digits, but at least one
- Possibly put decimal point
- Follow with arbitrarily many digits, possibly none

Example from programming languages:

Recognize strings representing numbers:





- Input w = + REJECT
- Input w = -3.25 ACCEPT
- Input w = +2.35-. REJECT

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

What about { w : w has same number of 0 and 1 }

• Can you design a DFA that recognizes that?

• It seems you need infinite memory

• We will prove later that there is no DFA that recognizes that language !

## Next: formal definition of DFA

Useful to prove various properties of DFA

Especially important to prove that things CANNOT be

recognized by DFA.

Useful to practice mathematical notation

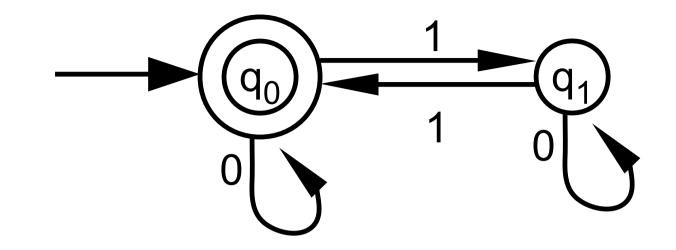
State diagram of a DFA:

- One or more states
- Some number of accept states O
- Labelled transitions exiting each state, \_\_\_\_\_ for every symbol in  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

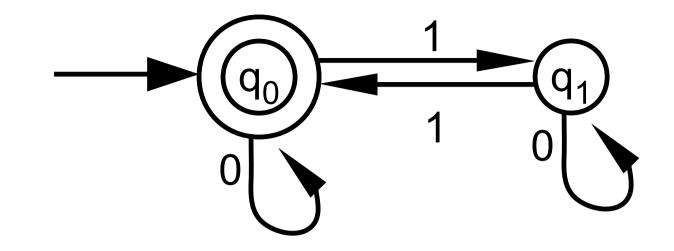
Definition: A finite automaton (DFA) is a 5-tuple (Q, Σ, δ, q<sub>0</sub>, F) where

- Q is a finite set of states
- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is the input alphabet
- $\delta$  : Q X  $\Sigma \rightarrow$  Q is the transition function
- $\bullet q_0$  in Q is the start state
- $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states

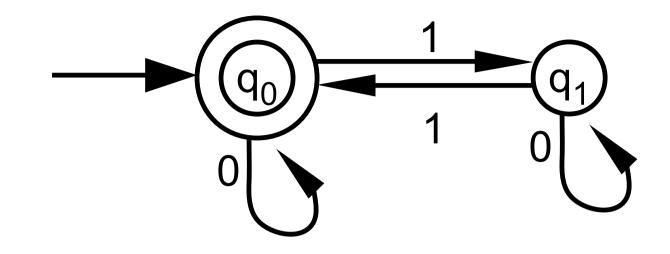
Q X  $\Sigma$  is the set of ordered pairs (a,b) : a  $\in$  Q, b  $\in$   $\Sigma$ Example {q,r,s}X{0,1}={(q,0),(q,1),(r,0),(r,1),(s,0),(s,1)}



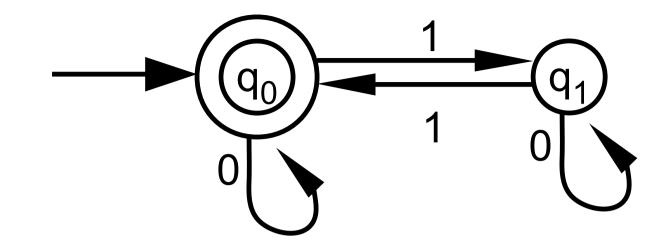
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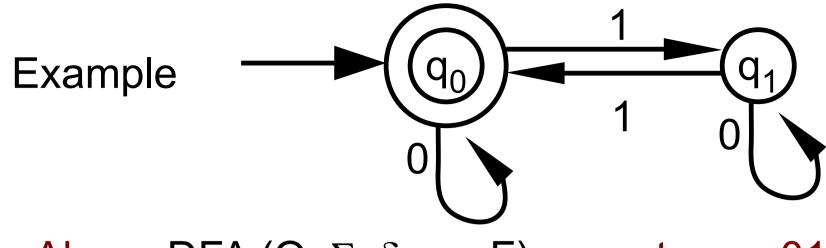
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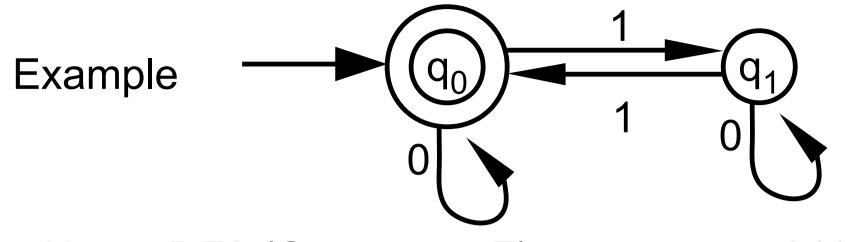
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• Definition: A DFA (Q,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $q_0$ , F) accepts a string w if • w = w<sub>1</sub> w<sub>2</sub> ... w<sub>k</sub> where,  $\forall 1 \le i \le k$ , w<sub>i</sub> is in  $\Sigma$ (the k symbols of w)

- The sequence of k+1 states  $r_0$ ,  $r_1$ , ...,  $r_k$  where  $r_i = is$  state DFA is in after reading i-th symbol in w: (1)  $r_0 = q_0$ , and (2)  $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}) \forall 0 \le i < k$ has  $r_k$  in F
- We call this sequence the trace of the DFA on w

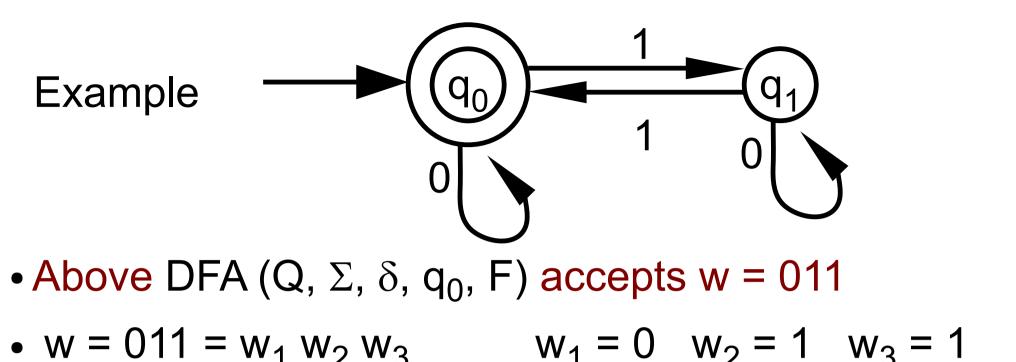


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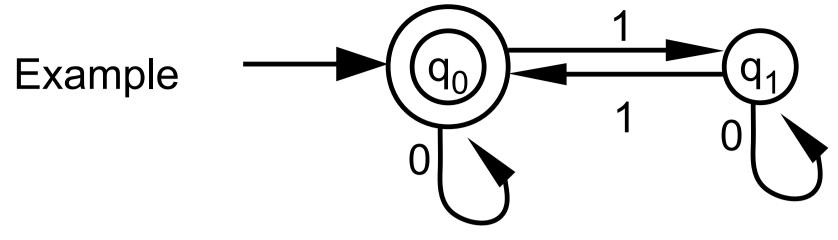
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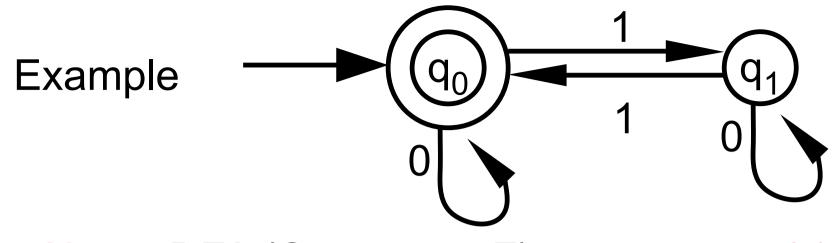
We must show trace of DFA on w ends in F, that is:

• The sequence of 3+1=4 states  $r_0$ ,  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$ ,  $r_3$  such that: (1)  $r_0 = q_0$ (2)  $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}) \forall 0 \le i < 3$ has  $r_3$  in F



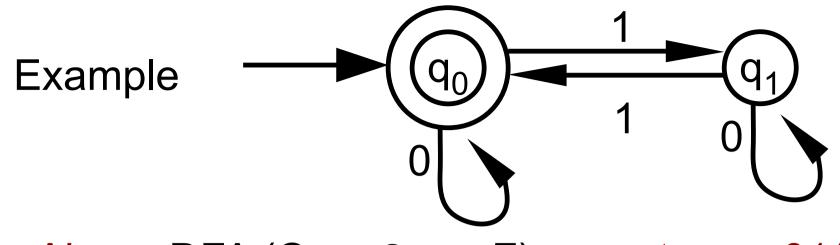
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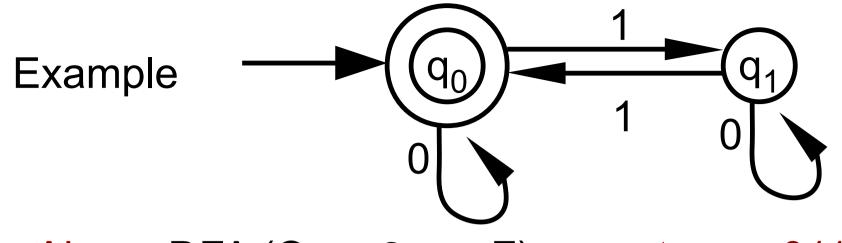
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- $r_3 = q_0$  in F

 Definition: For a DFA M, we denote by L(M) the set of strings accepted by M:

L(M) := { w : M accepts w}

We say M accepts or recognizes the language L(M)

Definition: A language L is regular
 if ∃ DFA M : L(M) = L

In the next lectures we want to:

• Understand power of regular languages

Develop alternate, compact notation to specify regular languages

Example: Unix command *grep '*\<*c.\*h*\>' file selects all words starting with c and ending with h in *file* 

• Understand power of regular languages:

- Suppose A, B are regular languages, what about
- not A := { w : w is not in A }
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 Terminology: Are regular languages closed under not, U, o, \* ?

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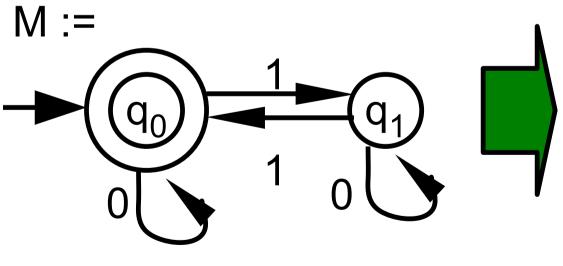
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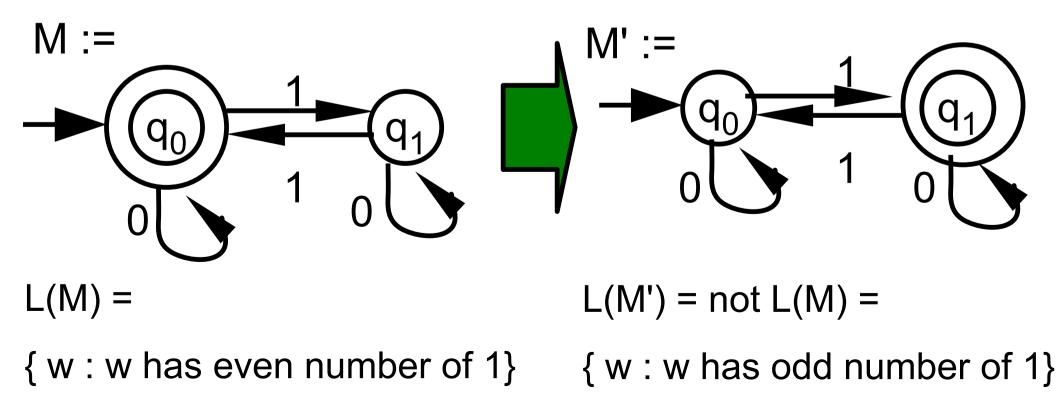


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This definition is the creative step of this proof, the rest is (perhaps complicated but) mechanical "unwrapping definitions"

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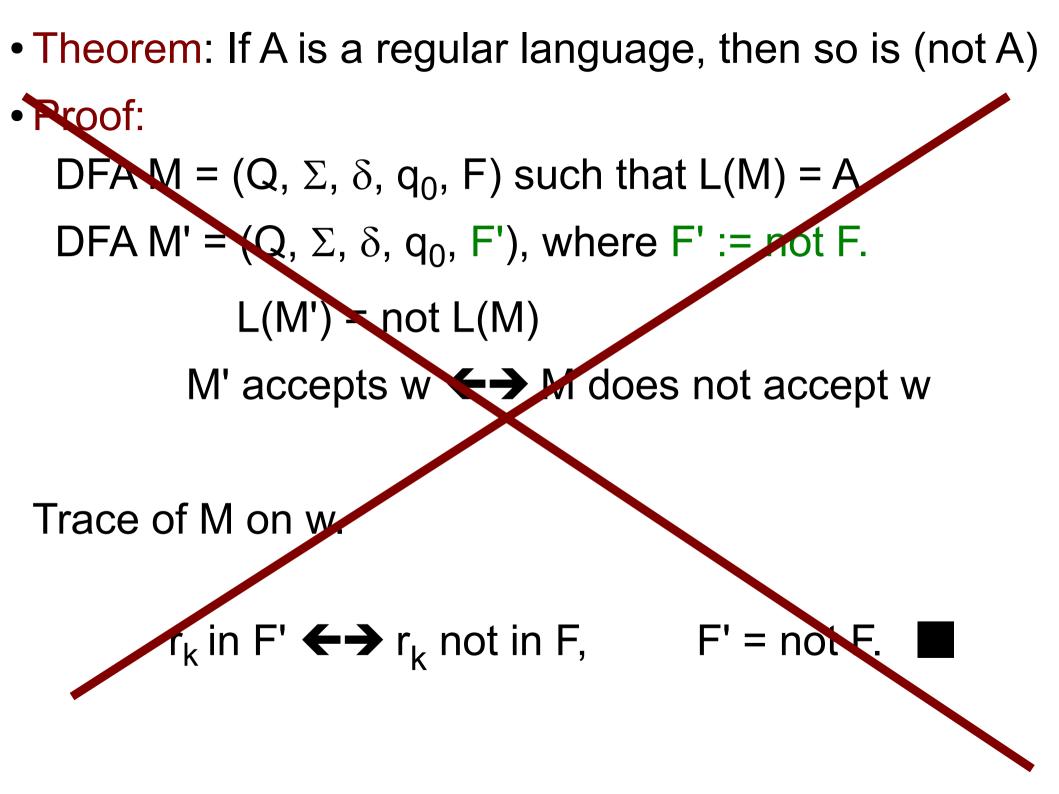
- Note that the traces of M and M' on w are equal
- $\bullet$  Let  $r_k$  be the last state in this trace
- Note that  $r_k$  in F'  $\leftarrow \rightarrow r_k$  not in F, since F' = not F.

What is a proof?

 A proof is an explanation, written in English, of why something is true.

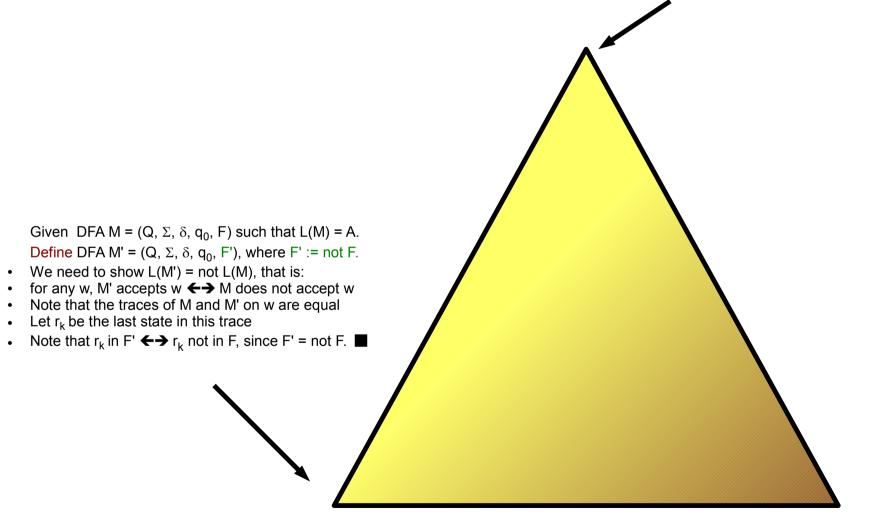
• Every sentence must be logically connected to the previous ones, often by "so", "hence", "since", etc.

• Your audience is a human being, NOT a machine.



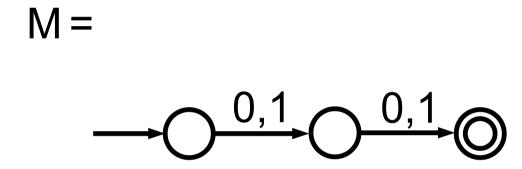
## What is a proof?





To know a proof means to know all the pyramid





$$L(M) = \sum^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$$

What is a DFA M' : L(M') = not  $\sum^2$  = all strings except those of length 2 ? Example  $\sum = \{0,1\}$ 

$$\longrightarrow \bigcirc 0,1 \bigcirc$$

$$L(M') = not \sum^2 = \{0,1\}^* - \{00,01,10,11\}$$

## Do not forget the convention about the sink state!

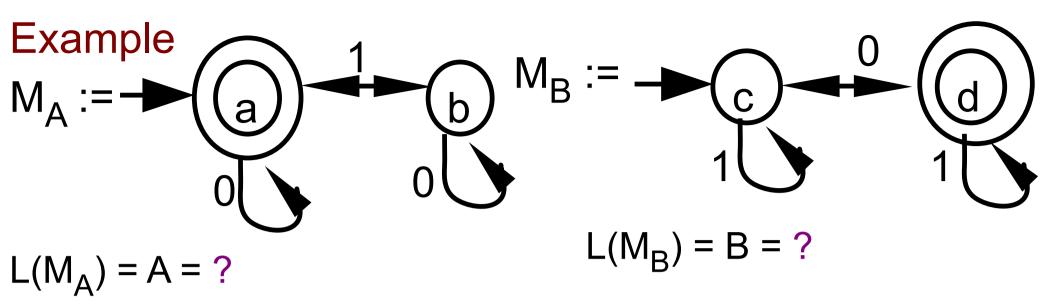
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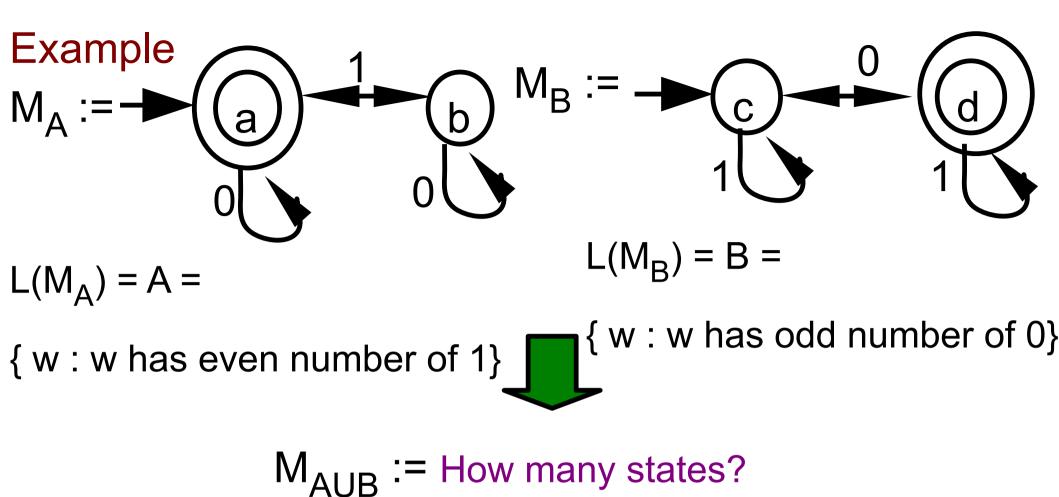
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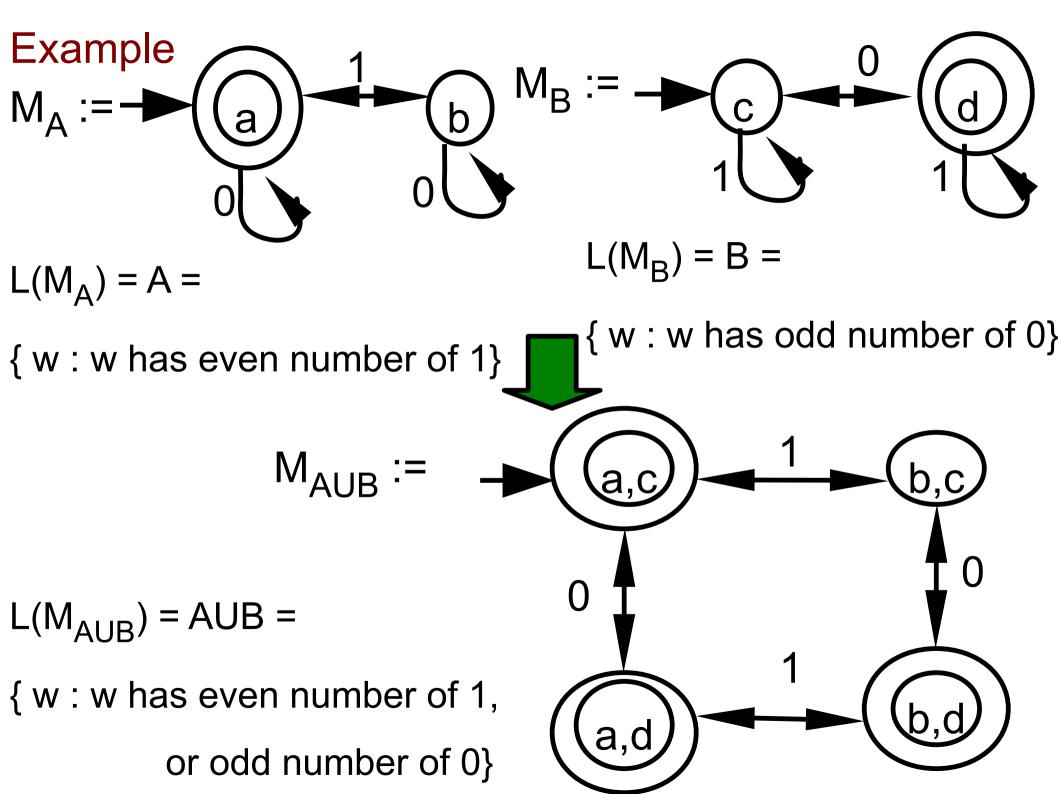
Proof idea: Take Cartesian product of states

In a pair (q,q'), q tracks DFA for A, q' tracks DFA for B.

Next we see an example.
 In it we abbreviate
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- $\delta$ ( (q,q'), ν) := ( $\delta_A$  (q,ν),  $\delta_B$  (q',ν) )
- We need to show L(M) = A U B that is, for any w:
   M accepts w ←→ M<sub>A</sub> accepts w or M<sub>B</sub> accepts w

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- Suppose A, B are regular languages, what about
- not A := { w : w is not in A } REGULAR
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• Other two are more complicated!

 Plan: we introduce NFA prove that NFA are equivalent to DFA reprove A U B, prove A o B, A\* regular, using NFA

## Big picture

- All languages
- Decidable

**Turing machines** 

- NP
- P
- Context-free

Context-free grammars, push-down automata

Regular

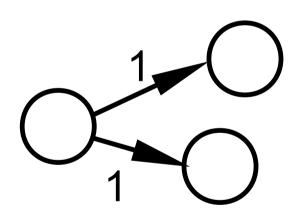
Automata, non-deterministic automata, regular expressions

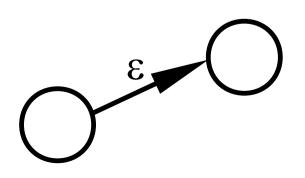
Non deterministic finite automata (NFA)

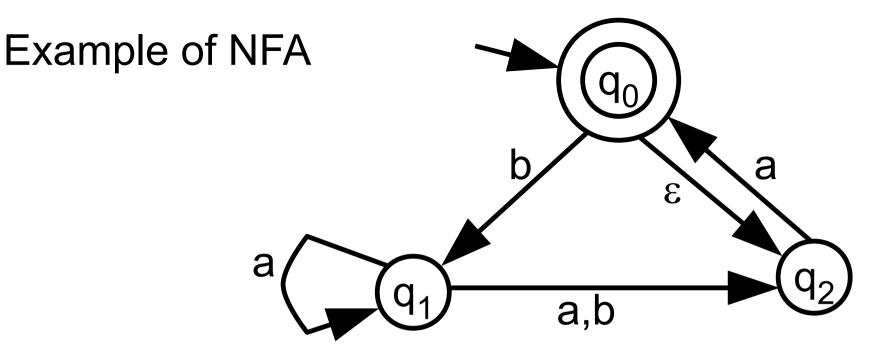
 DFA: given state and input symbol, unique choice for next state, deterministic:

 Next we allow multiple choices, non-deterministic

We also allow ε-transitions:
 can follow without reading anything

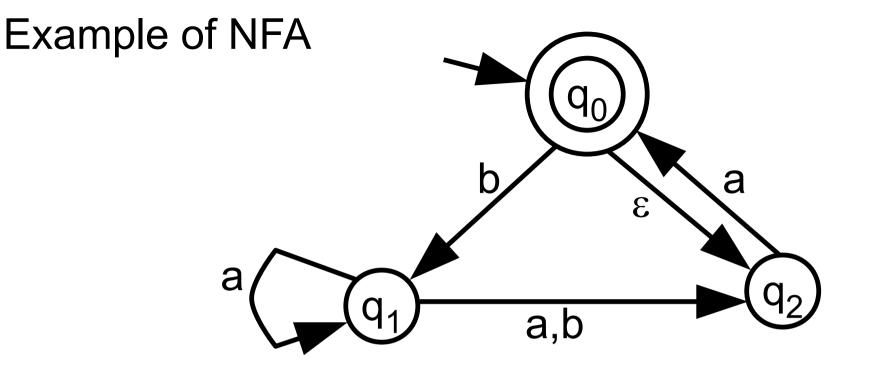






Intuition of how it computes:

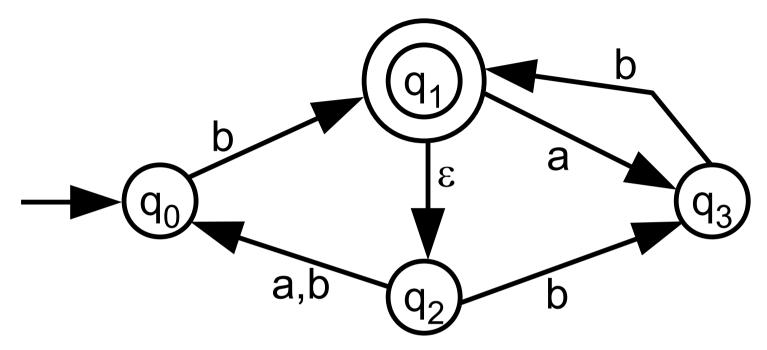
- Accept string w if there is a way to follow transitions that ends in accept state
- Transitions labelled with symbol in  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ must be matched with input
- $\epsilon$  transitions can be followed without matching



## Example:

- Accept a (first follow  $\varepsilon$ -transition )
- Accept baaa

## **ANOTHER Example of NFA**



Example:

Accept bab (two accepting paths, one

uses the  $\varepsilon$ -transition)

 Reject ba (two possible paths, but neither has final state = q<sub>1</sub>) • Definition: A non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA) is a 5-tuple (Q,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\delta$ , q<sub>0</sub>, F) where

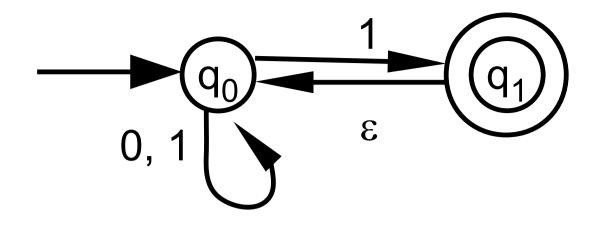
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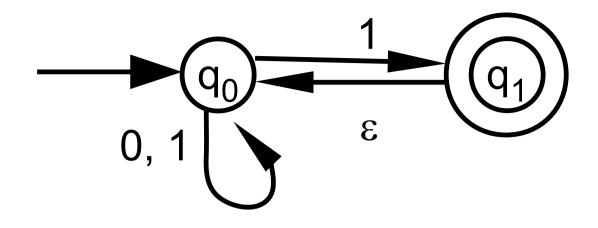
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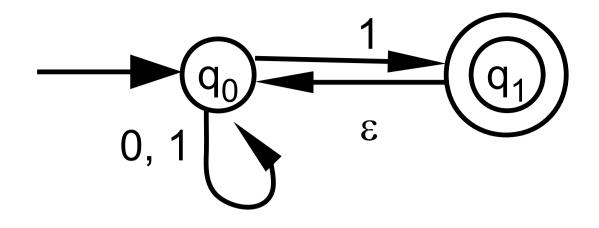
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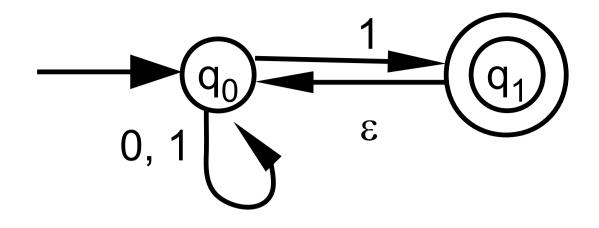
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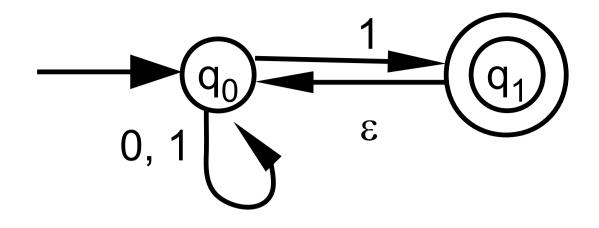
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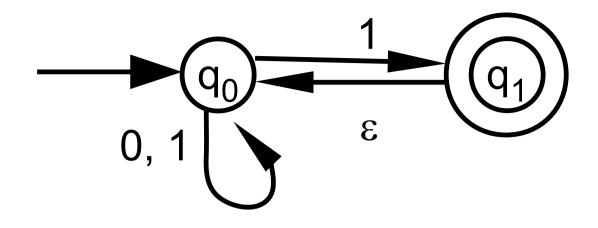
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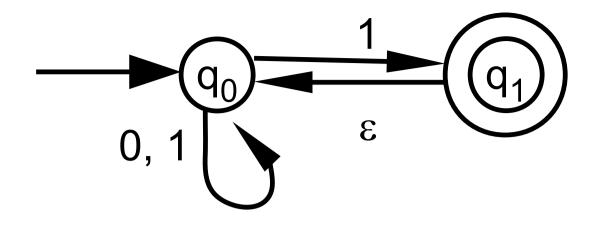
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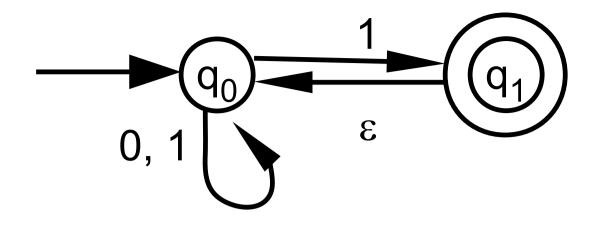
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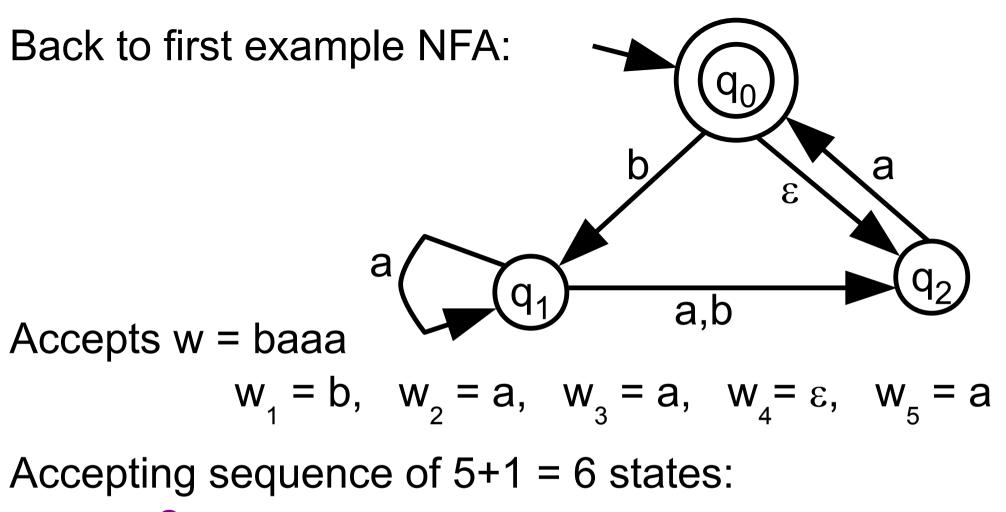


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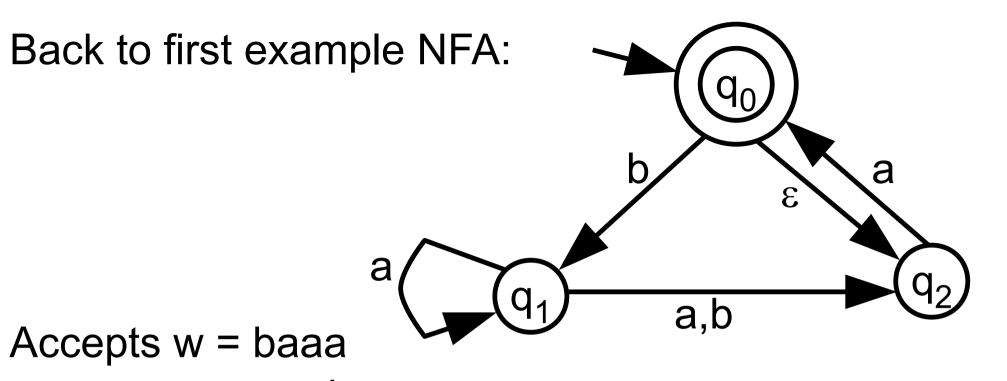
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w = w<sub>1</sub> w<sub>2</sub> ... w<sub>k</sub> where ∀ 1 ≤ i ≤ k, w<sub>i</sub> ∈ Σ U {ε} (the symbols of w, or ε)

- $\exists$  sequence of k+1 states  $r_0, r_1, ..., r_k$  in Q such that:
- $r_0 = q_0$
- $r_{i+1} \in \delta(r_i, w_{i+1}) \forall 0 \le i < k$
- r<sub>k</sub> is in F

• Differences with DFA are in green

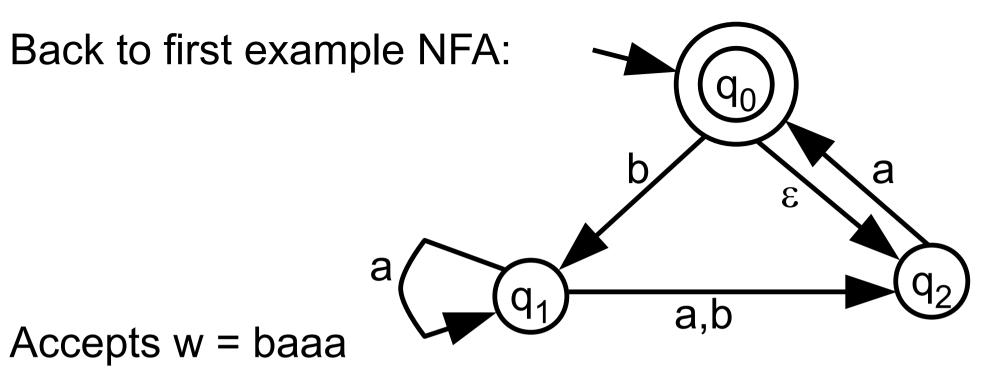


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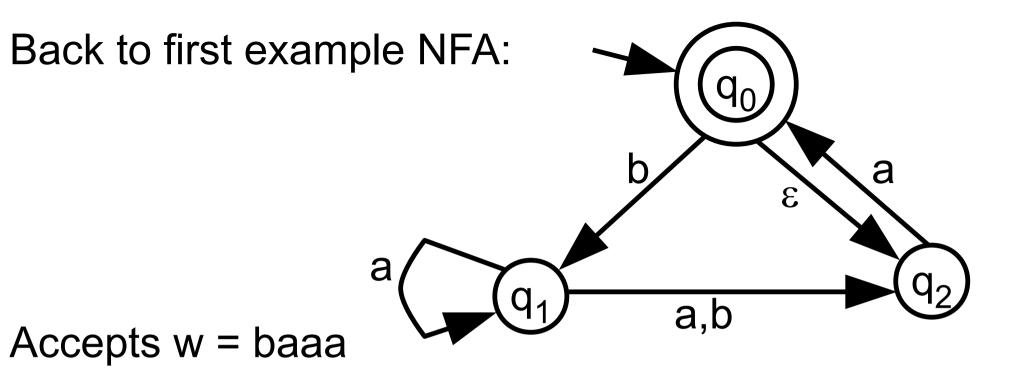
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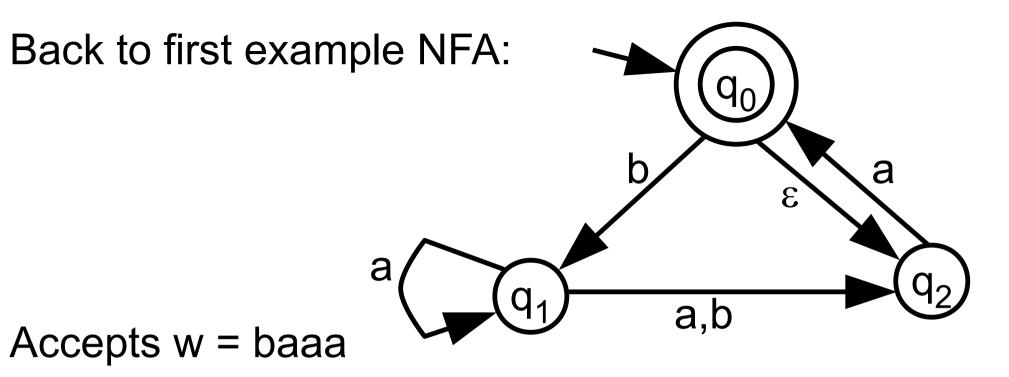
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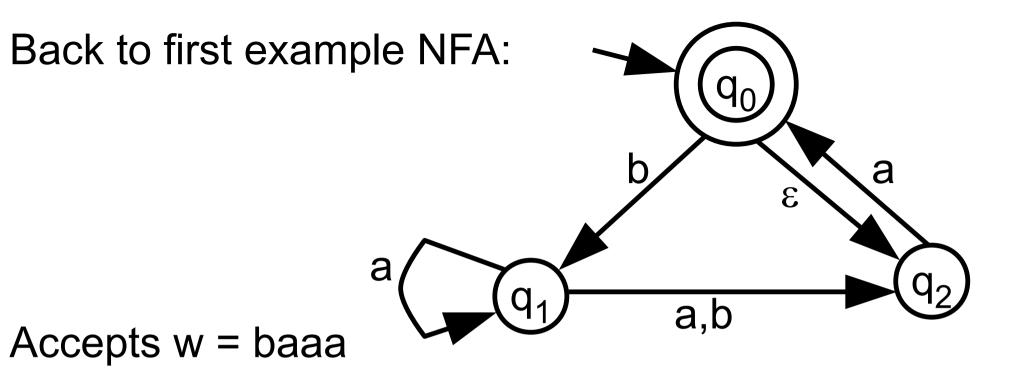
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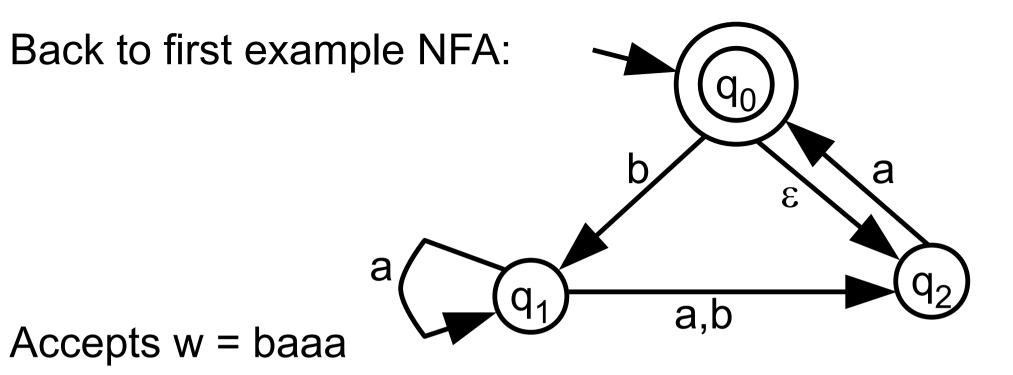
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Accepting sequence of 5+1 = 6 states:

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 NFA are at least as powerful as DFA, because DFA are a special case of NFA

• Are NFA more powerful than DFA?

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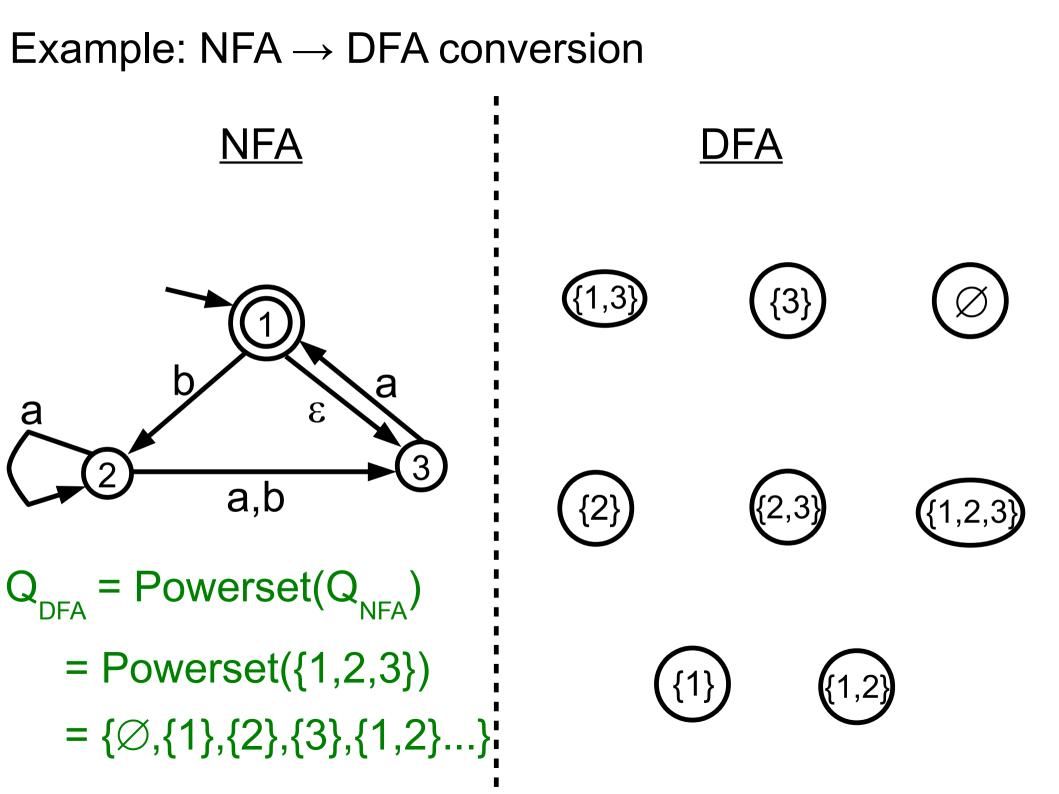
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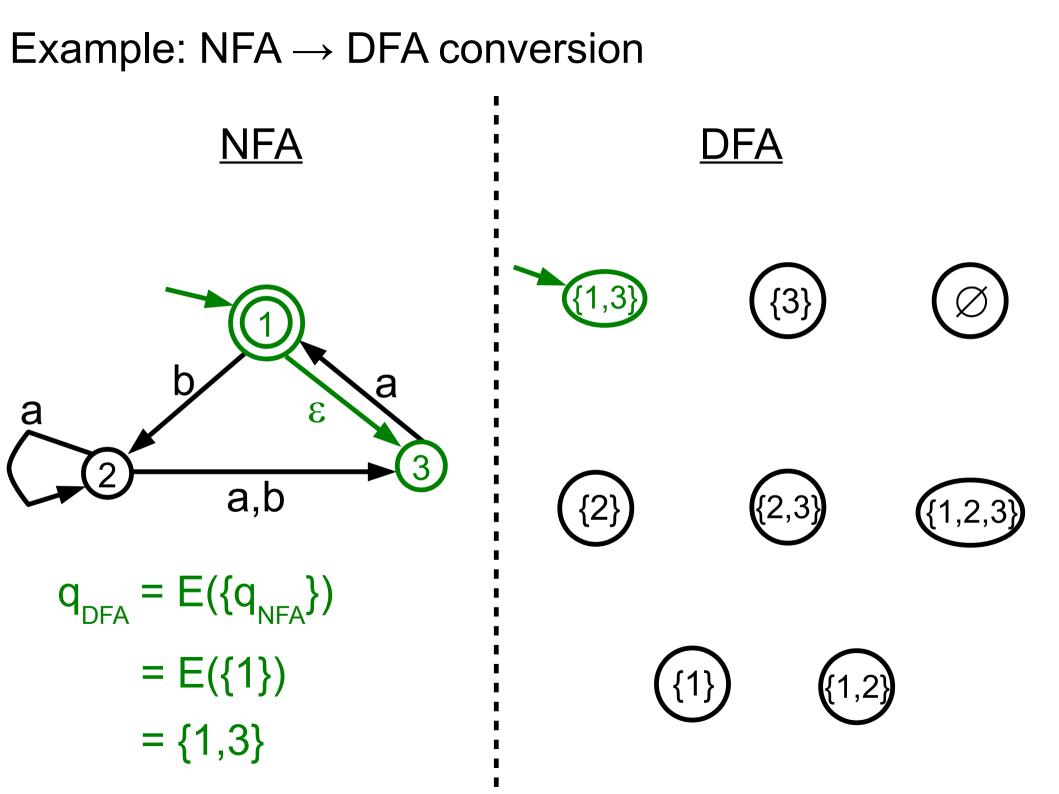
 Definition: Let S be a set of states.
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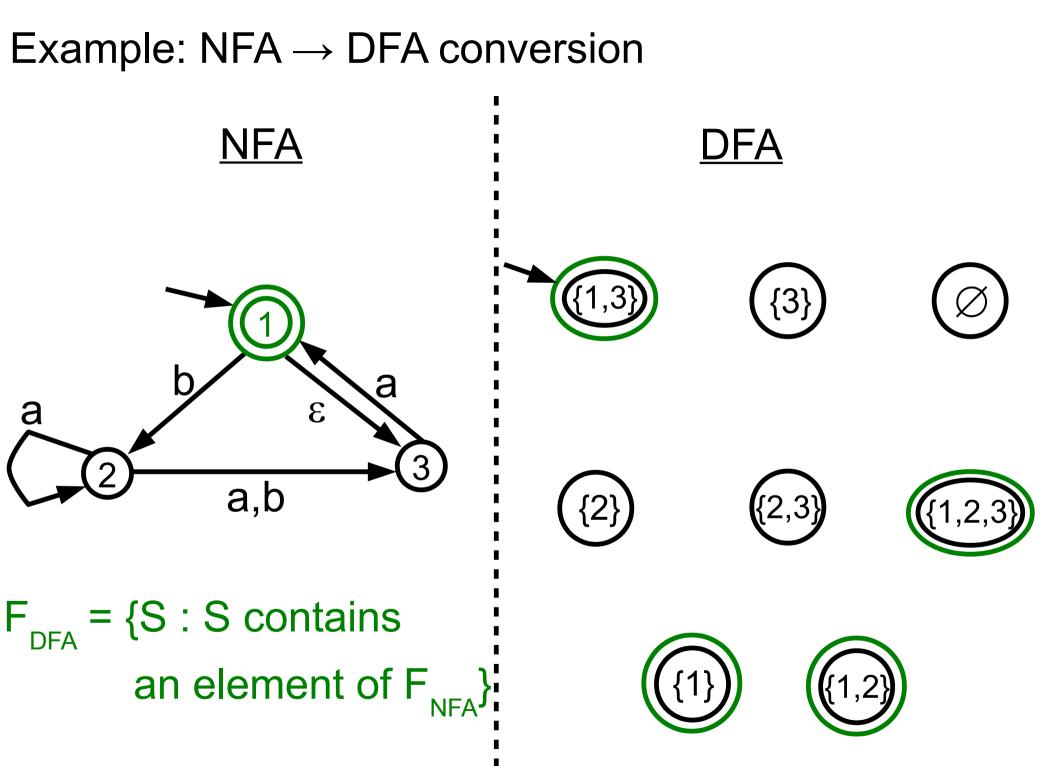
• We think of following  $\epsilon$  transitions at beginning, or right after reading an input symbol in  $\Sigma$ 

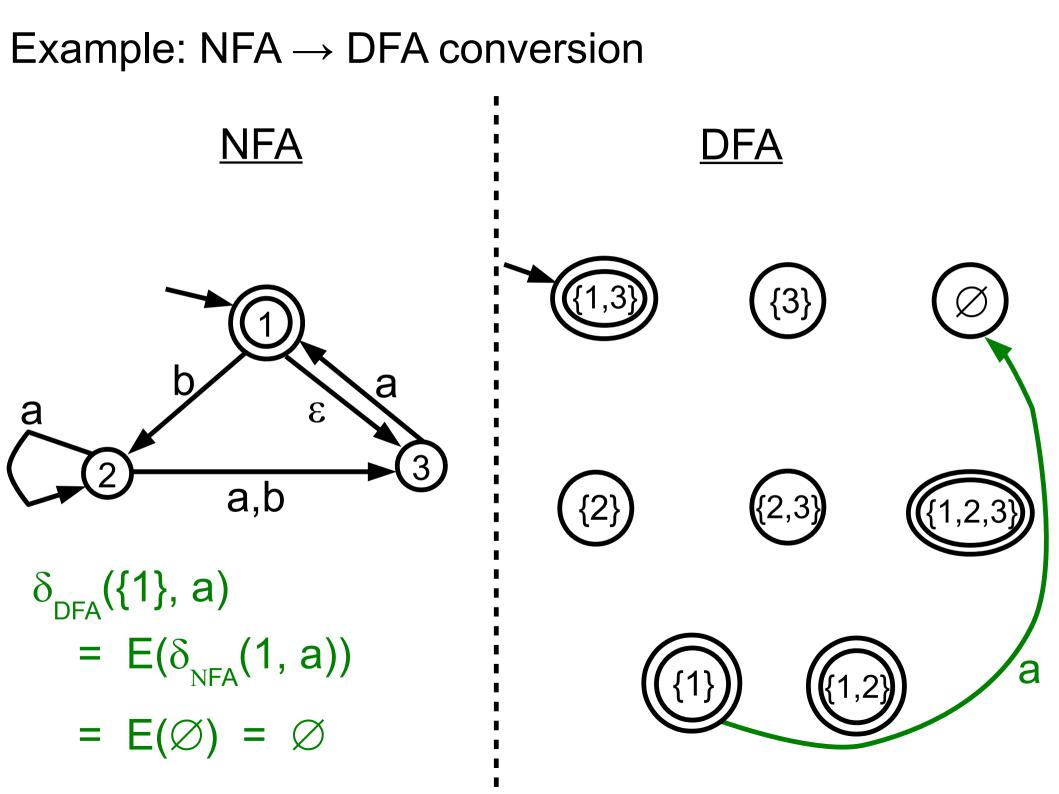
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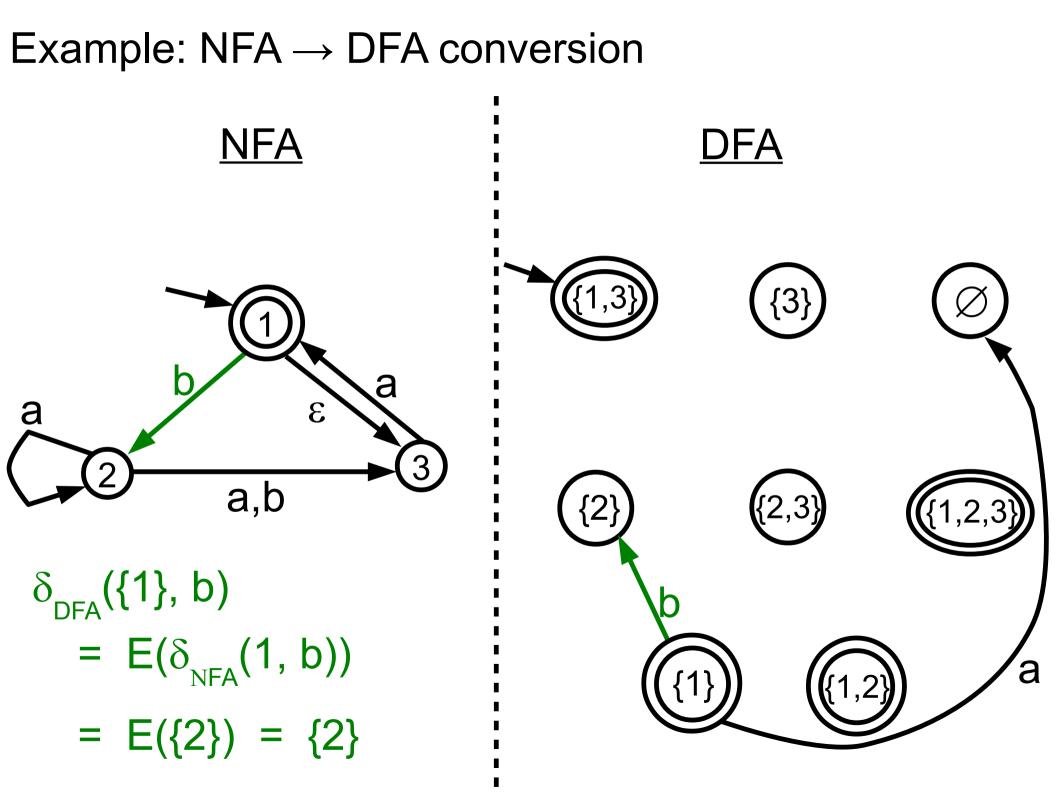
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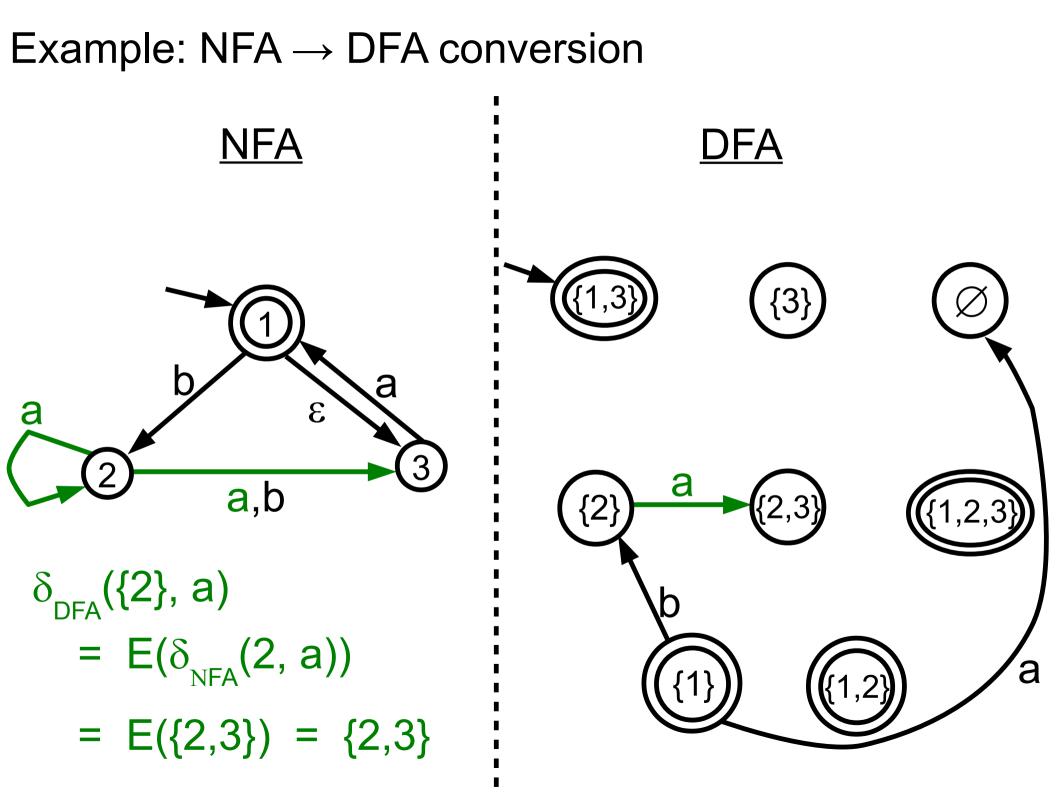


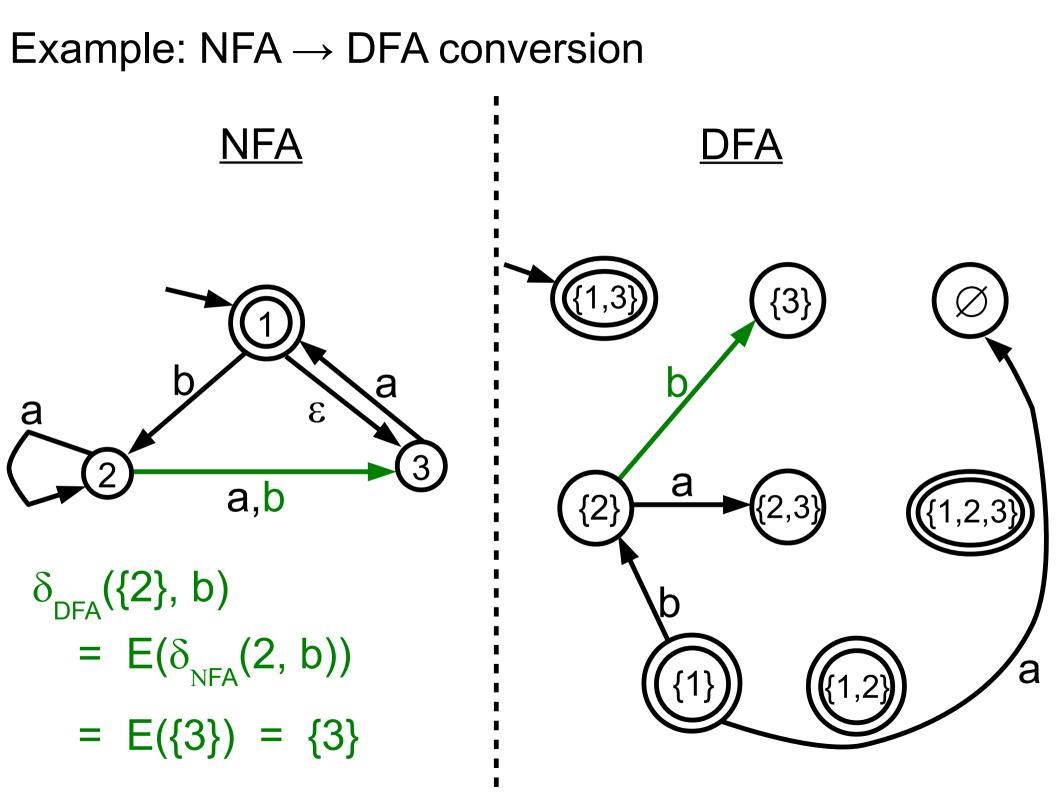


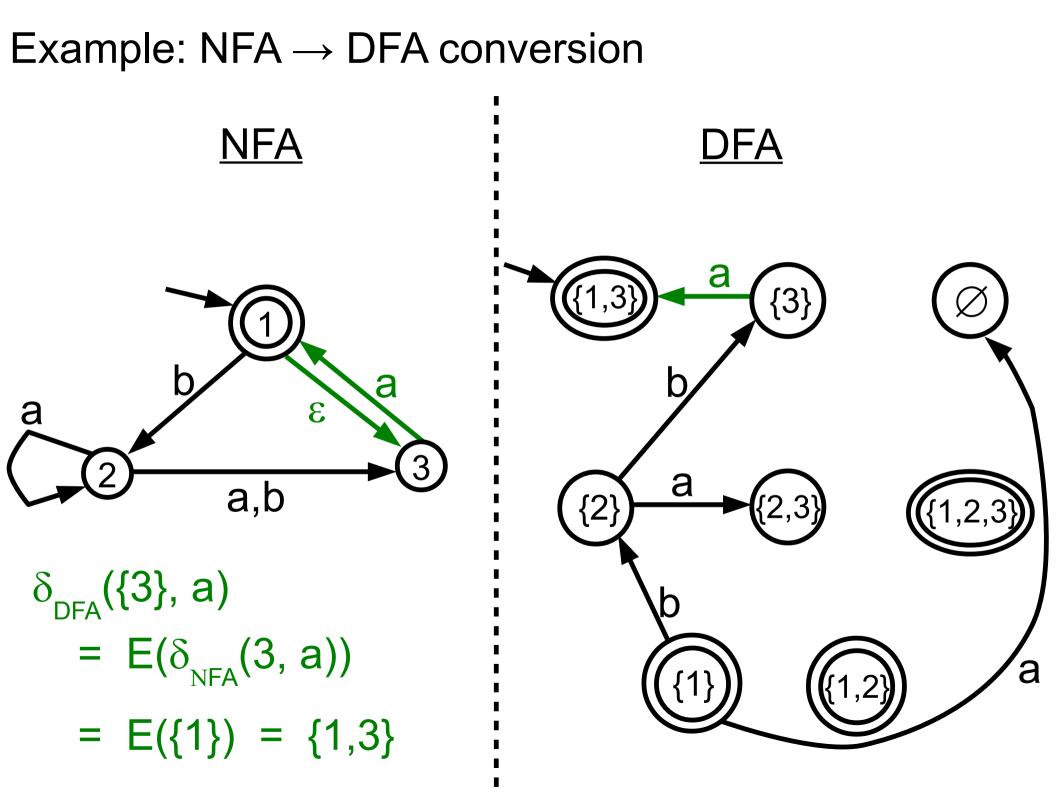


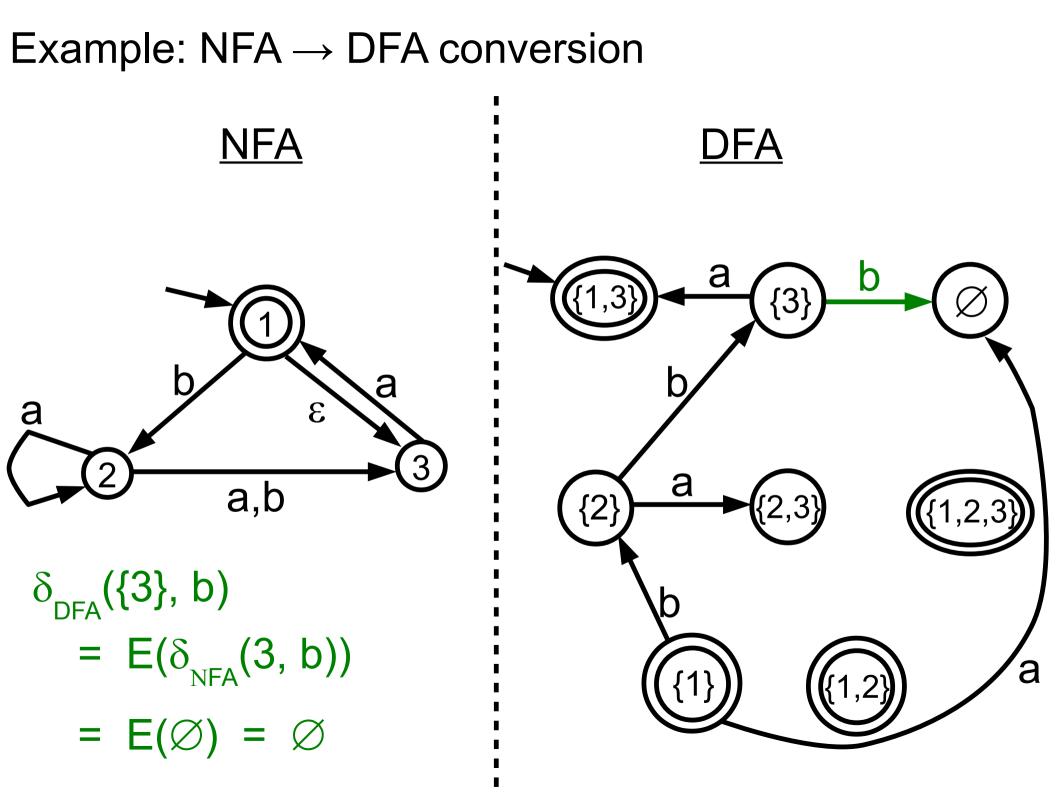


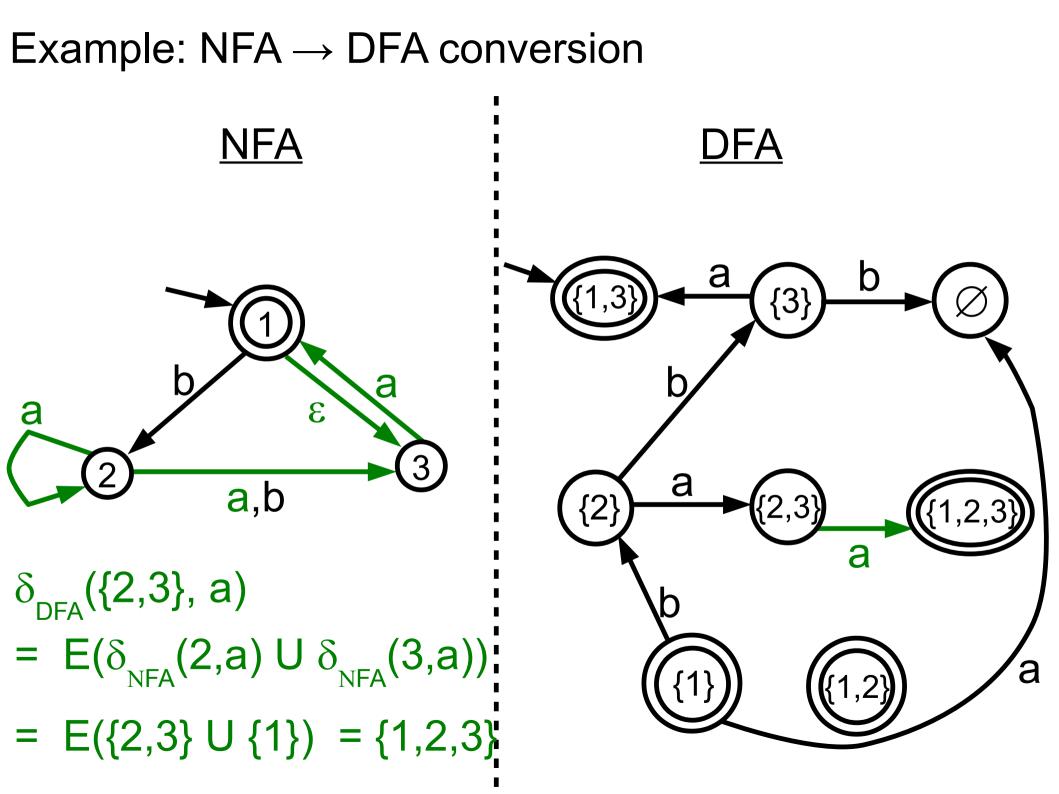




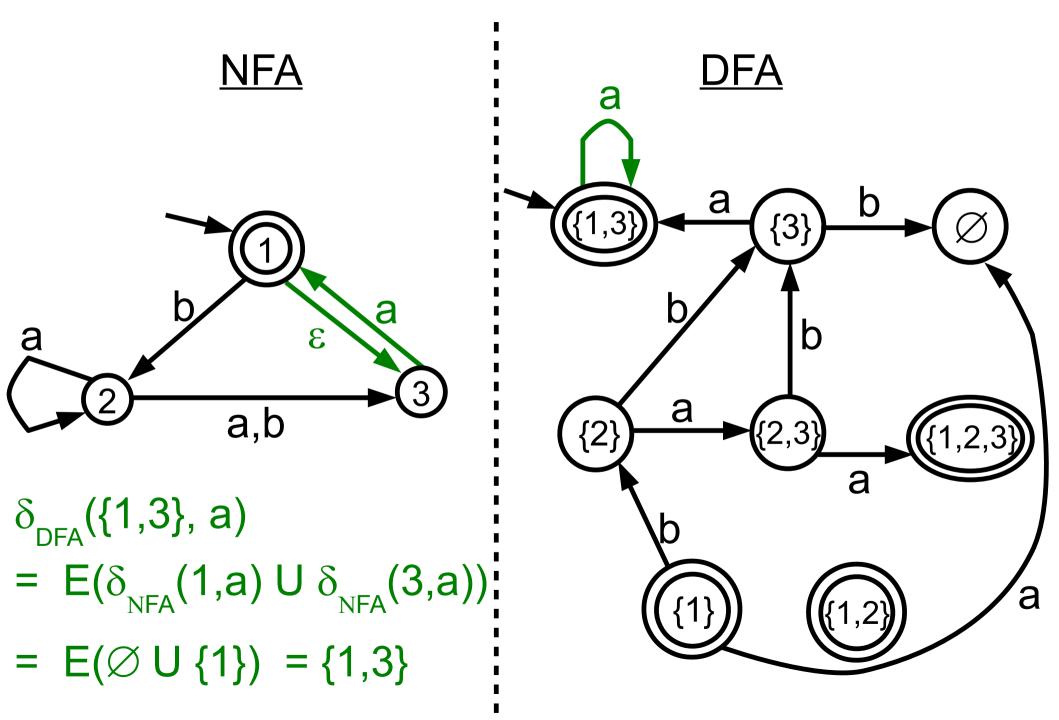


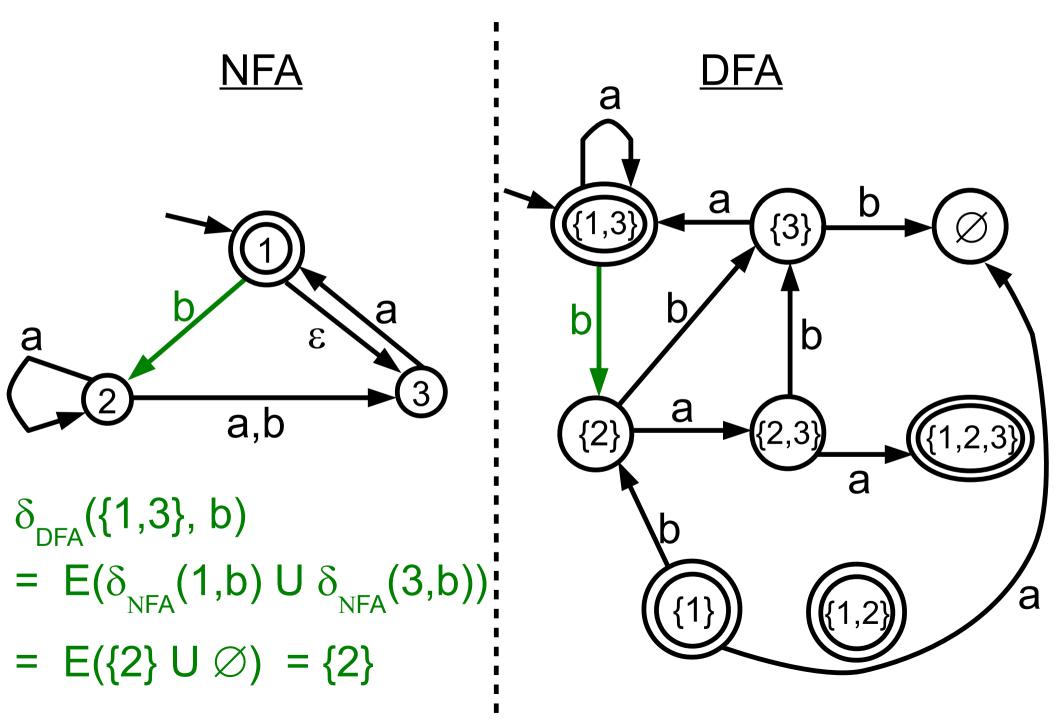


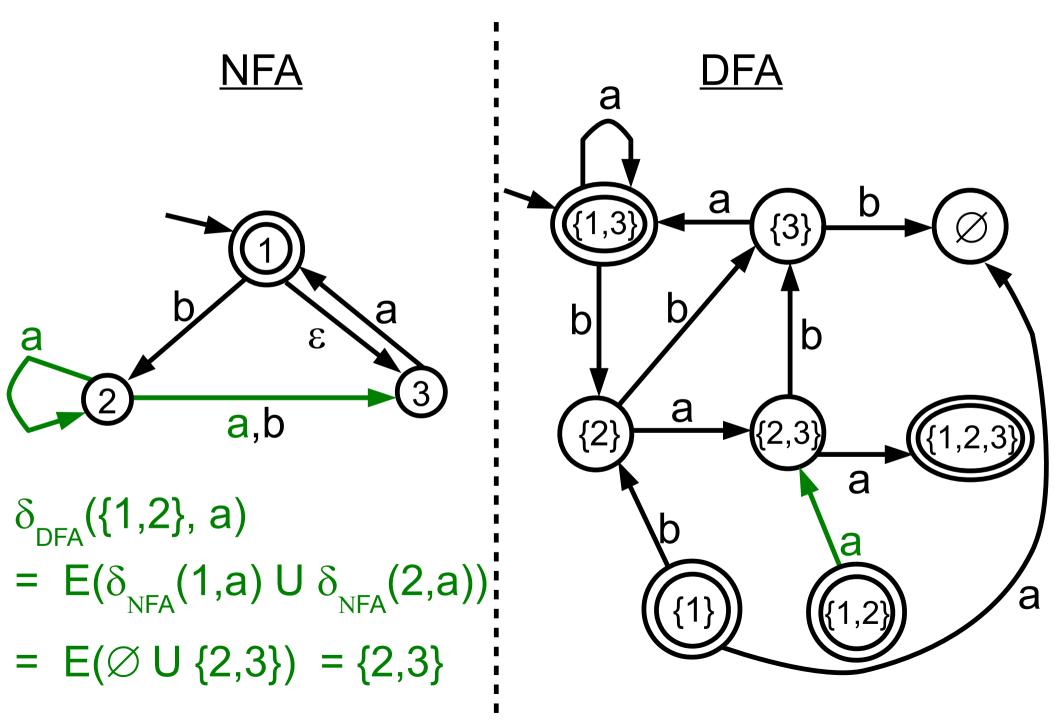


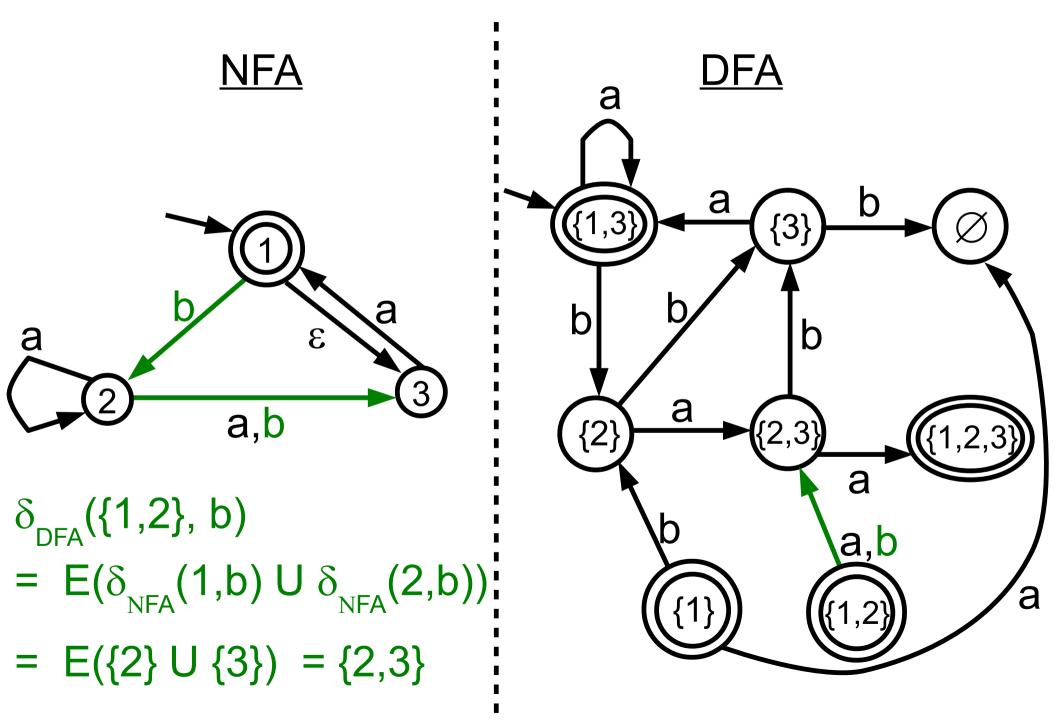


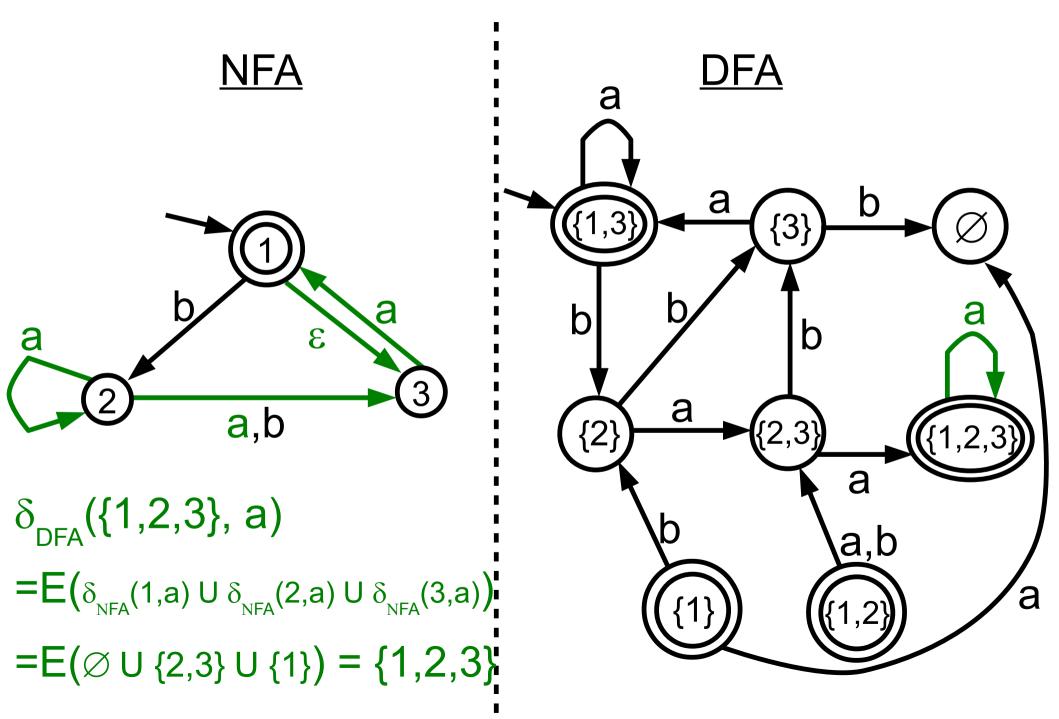
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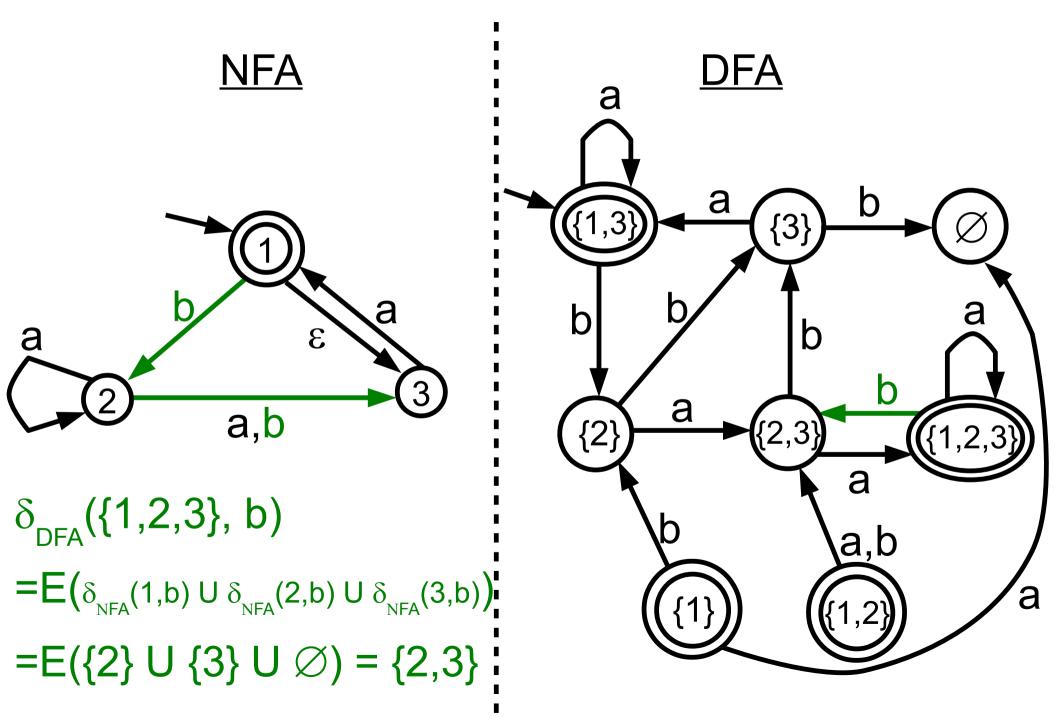


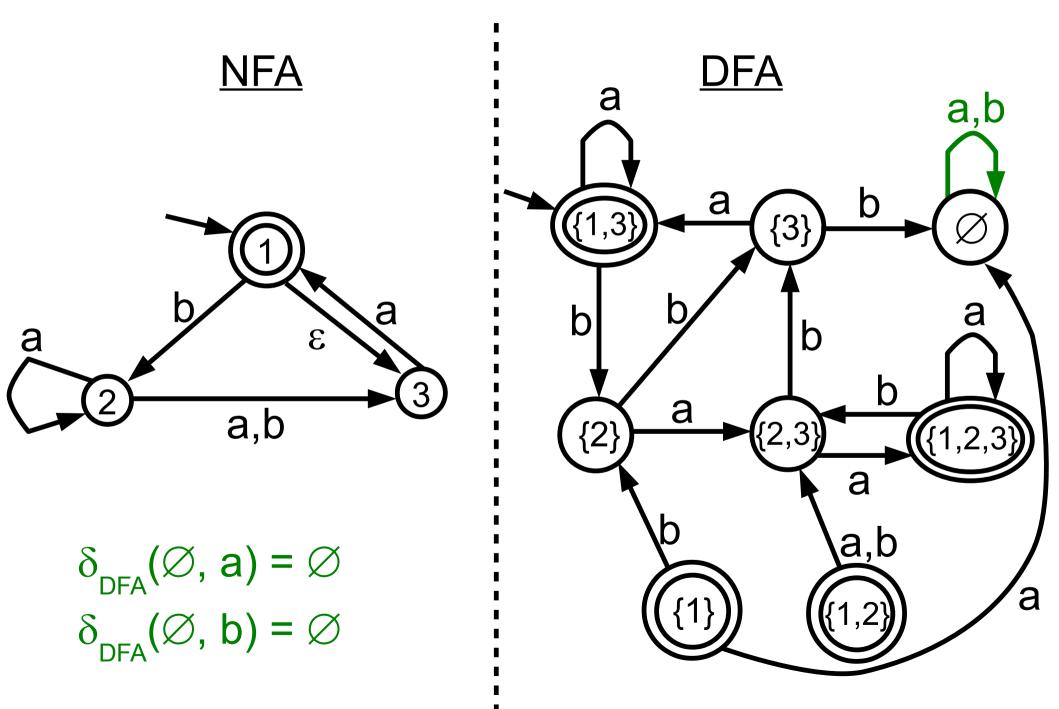


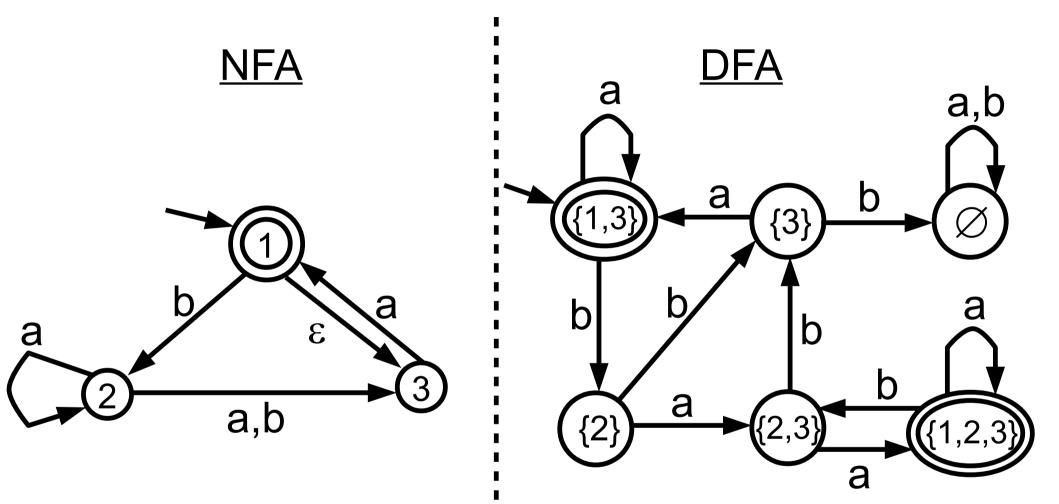




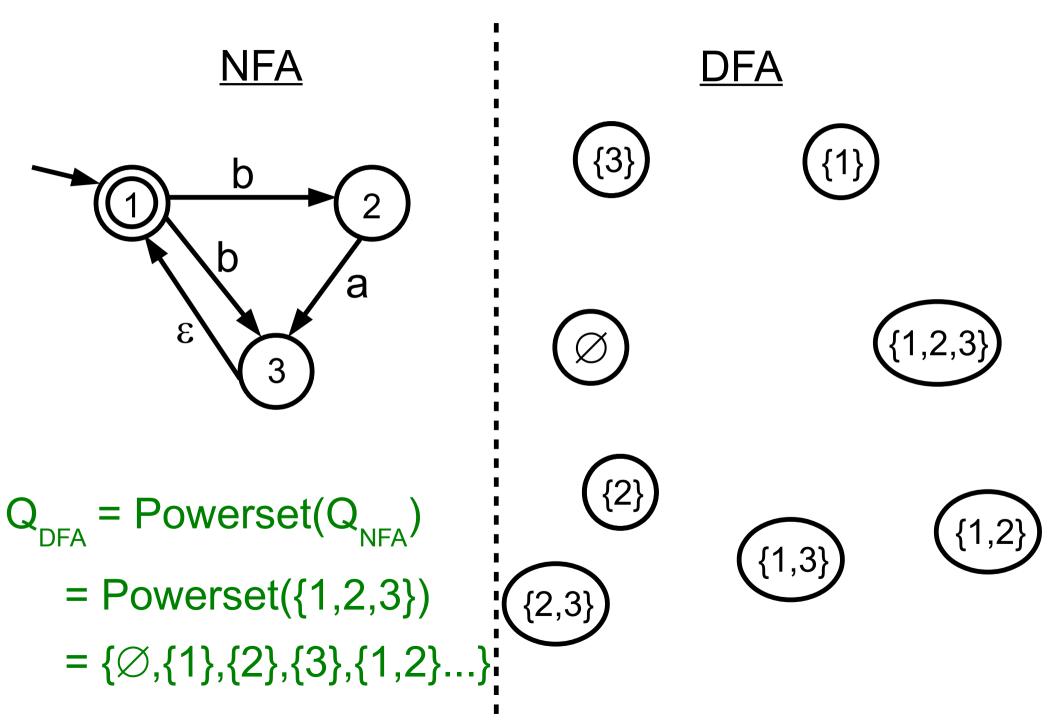


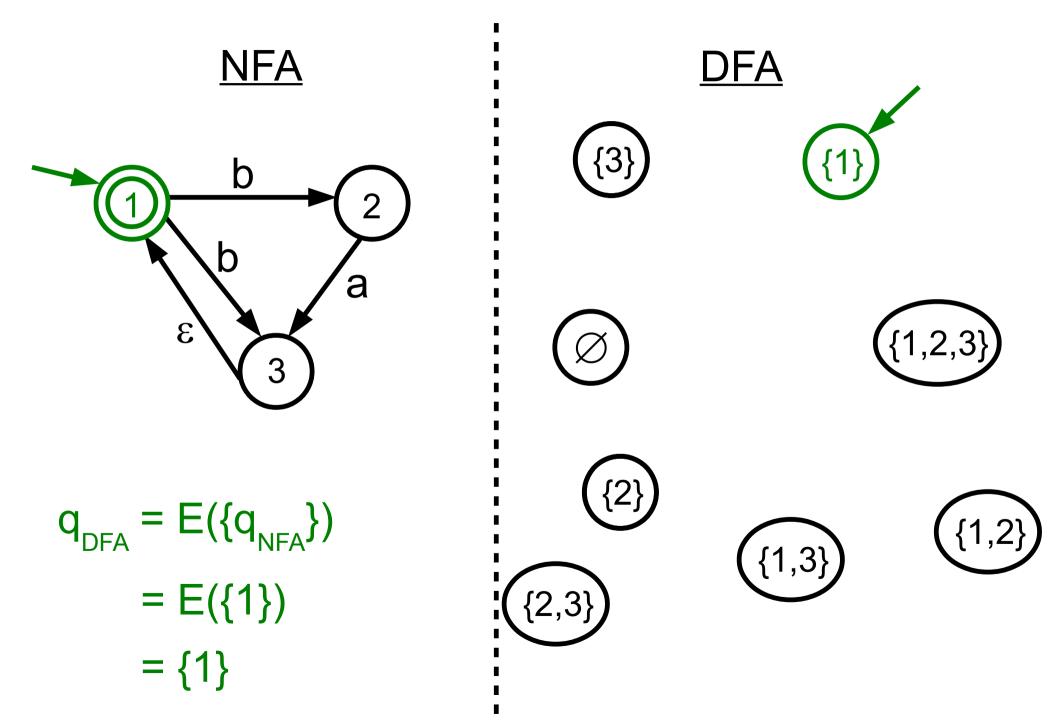


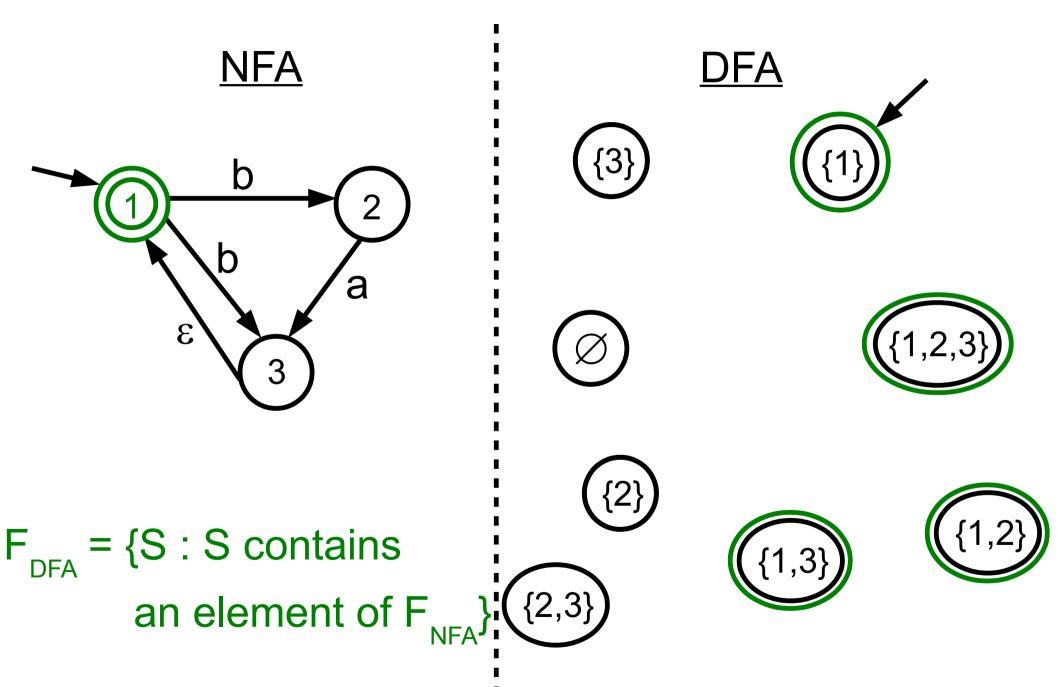


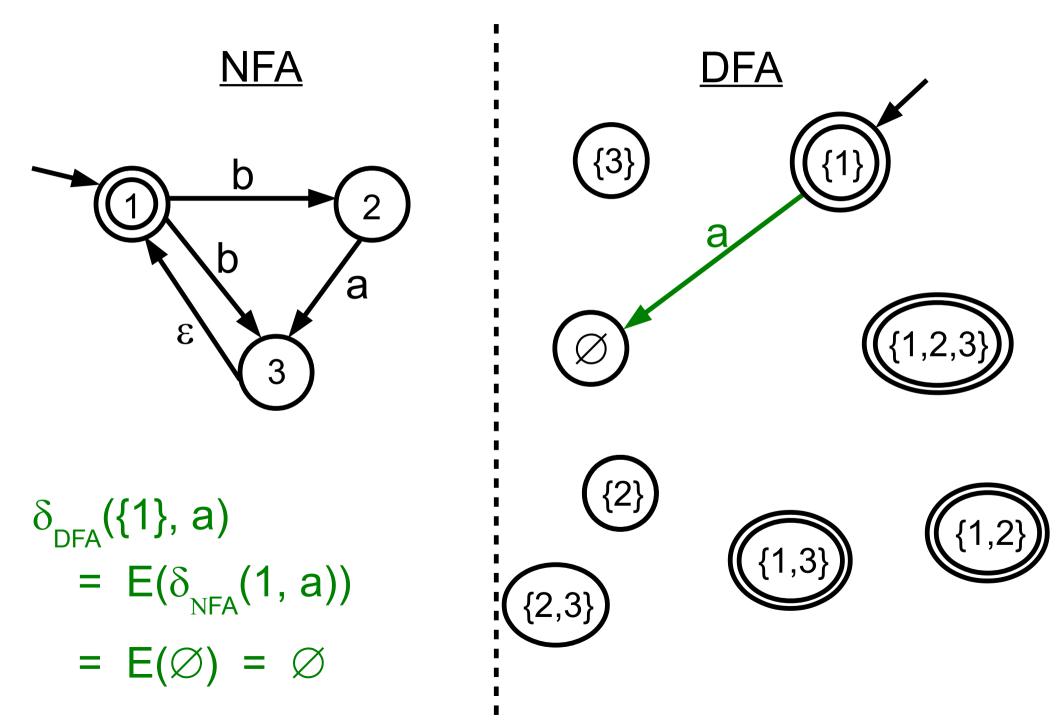


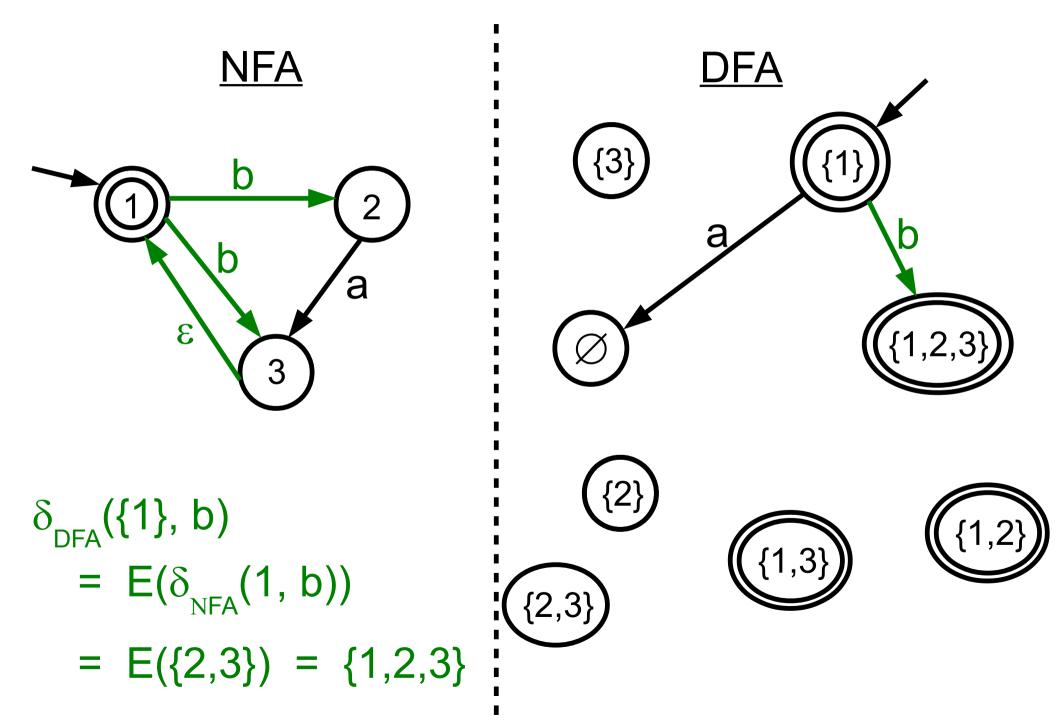
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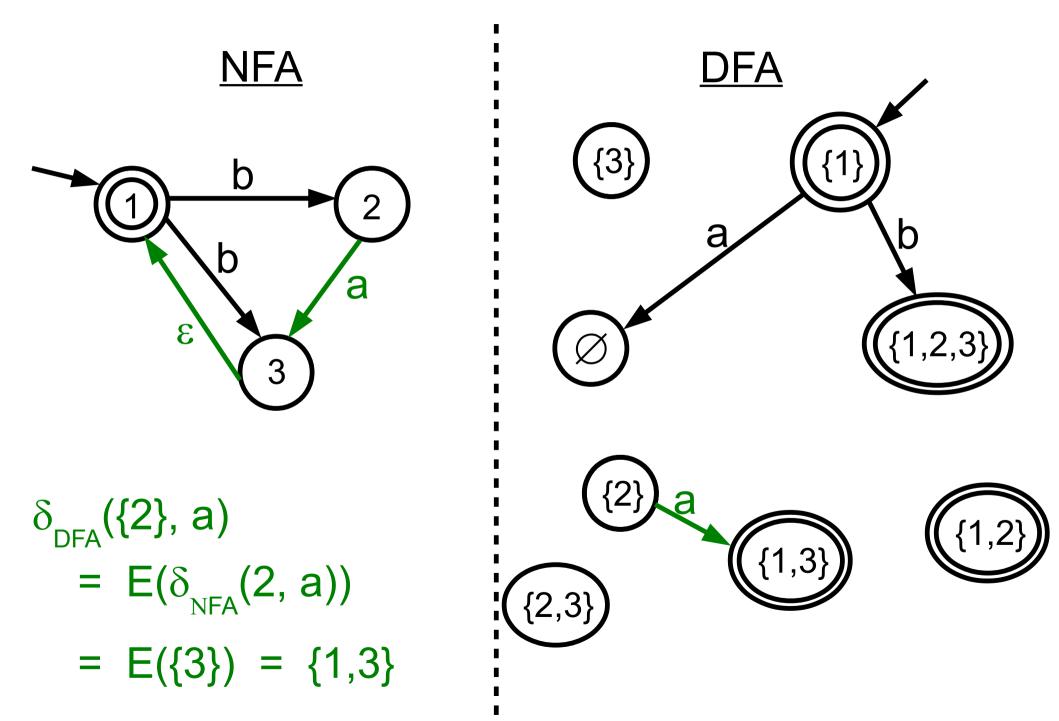


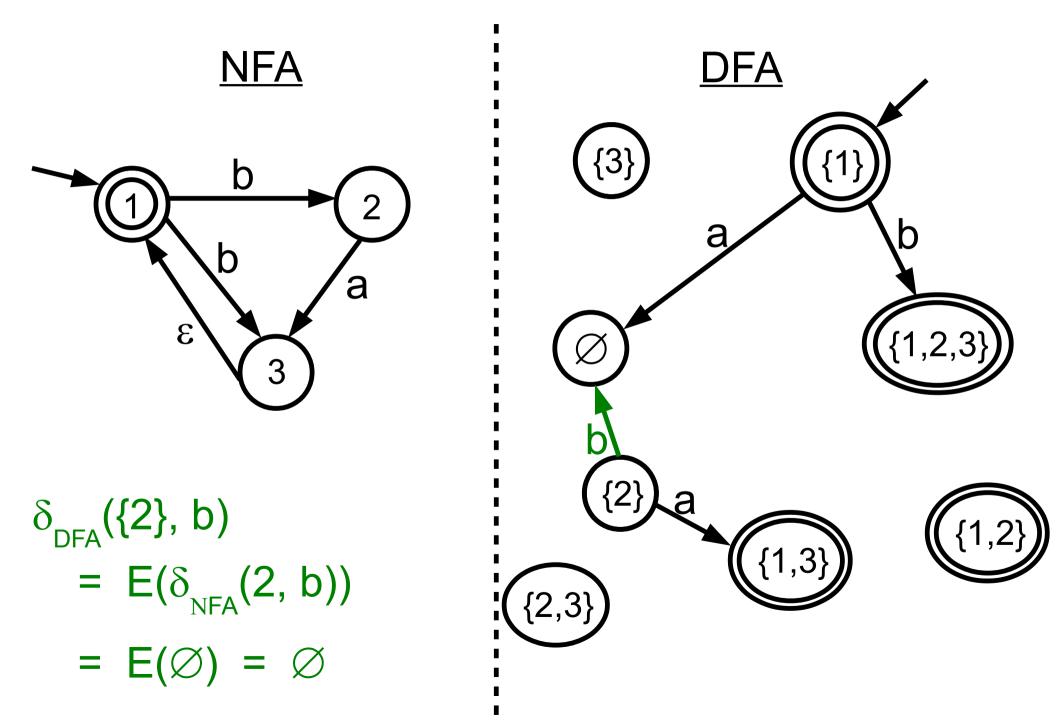


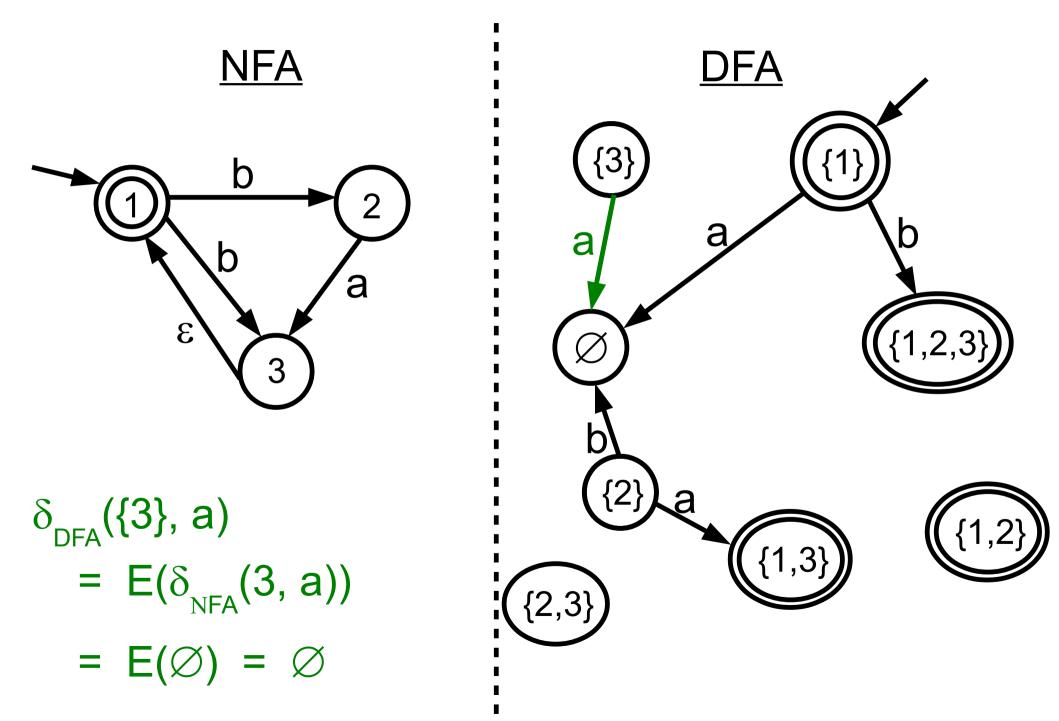


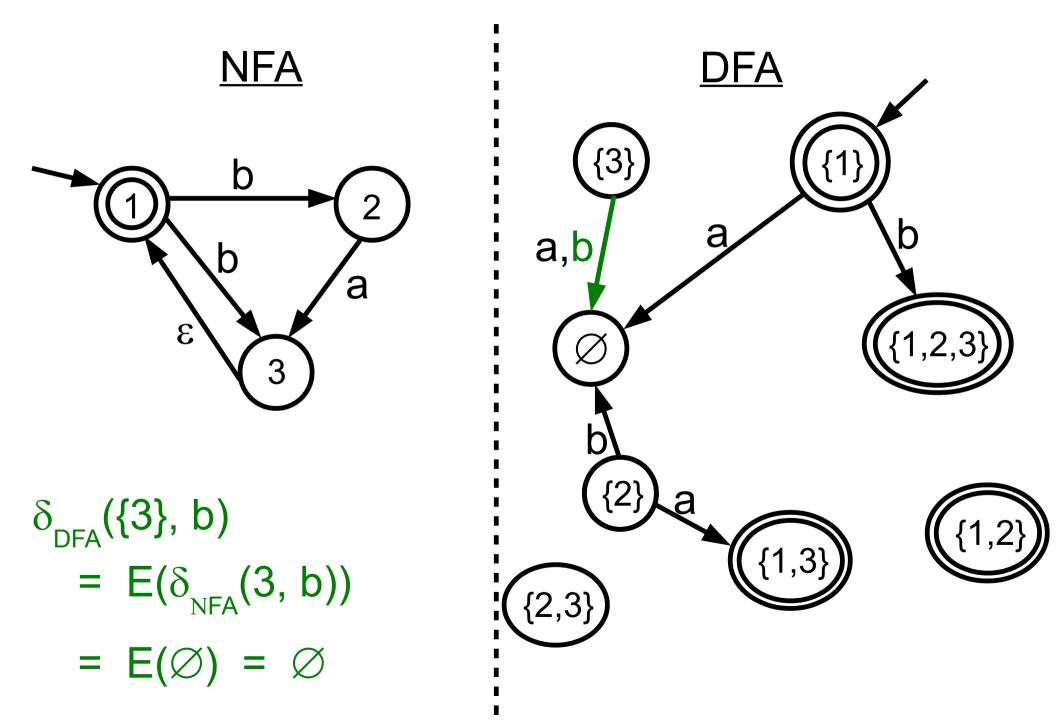


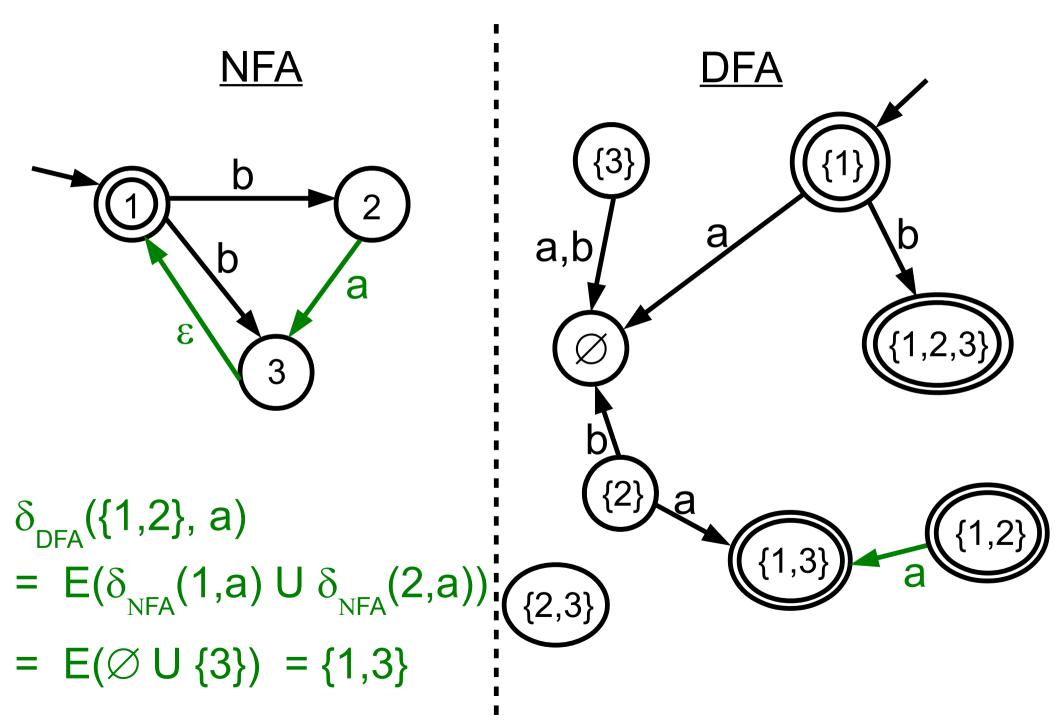


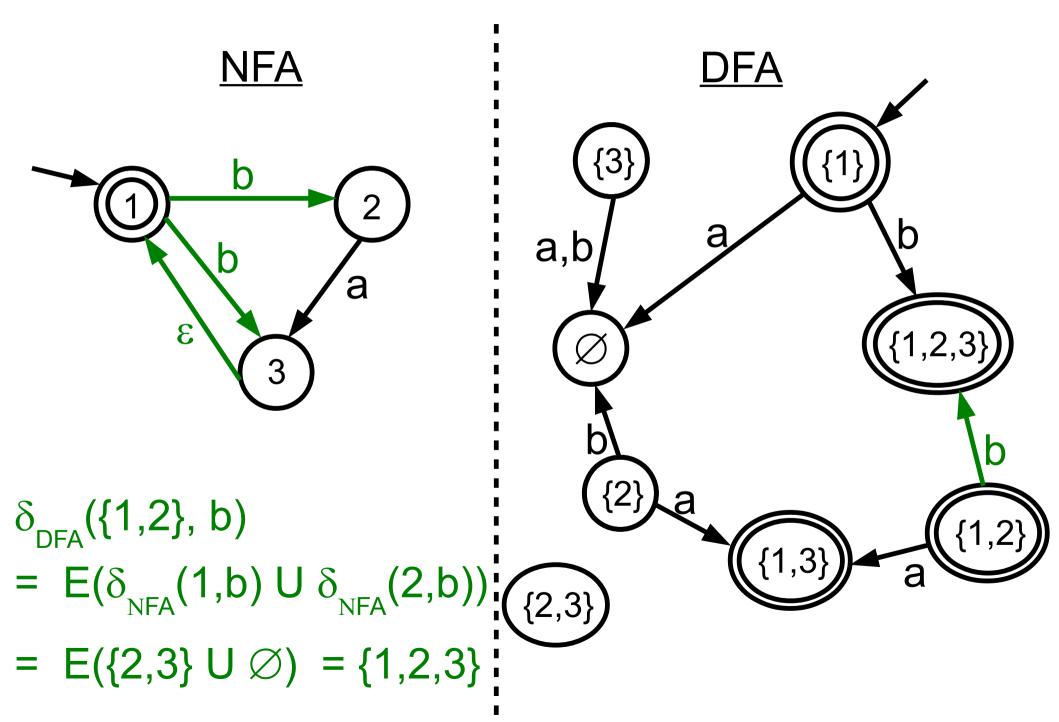


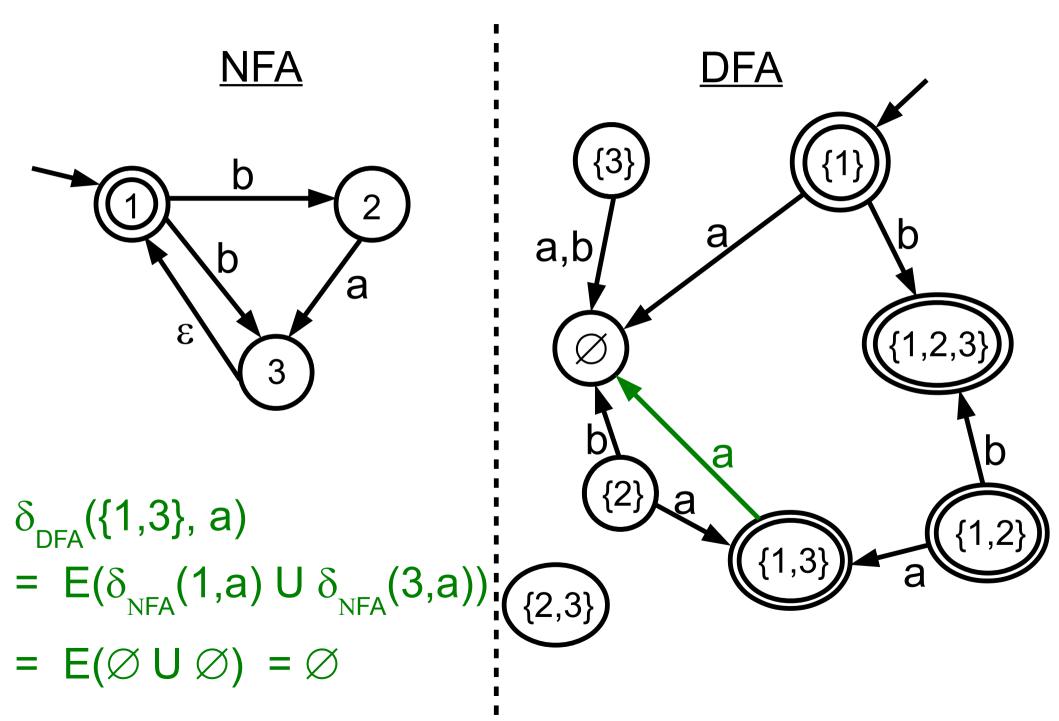


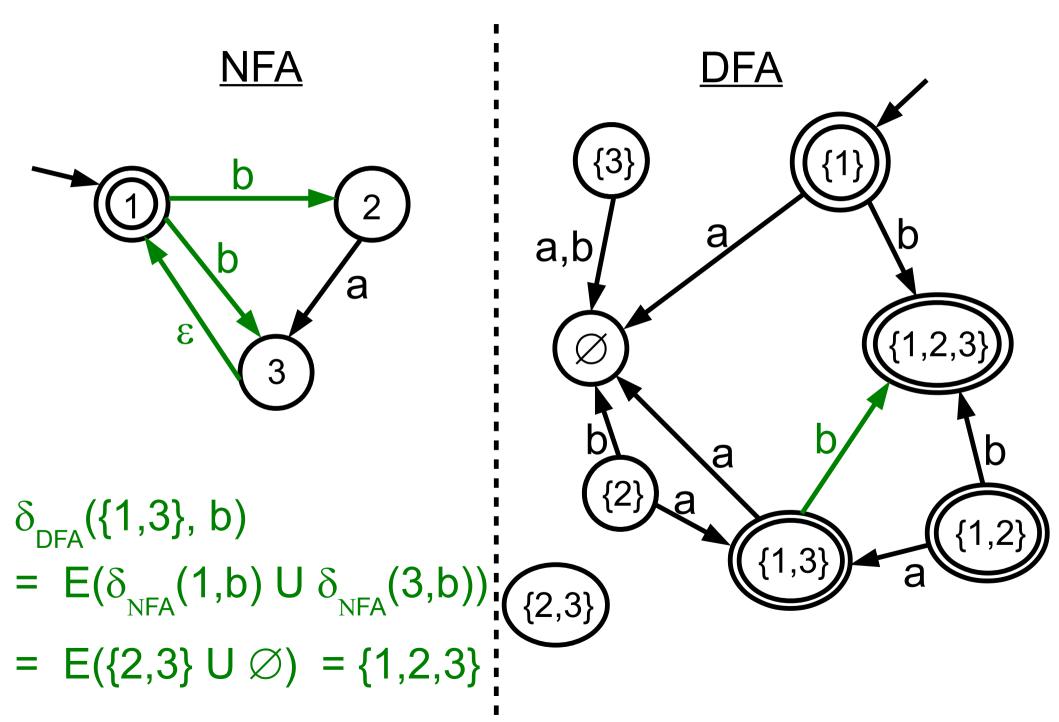


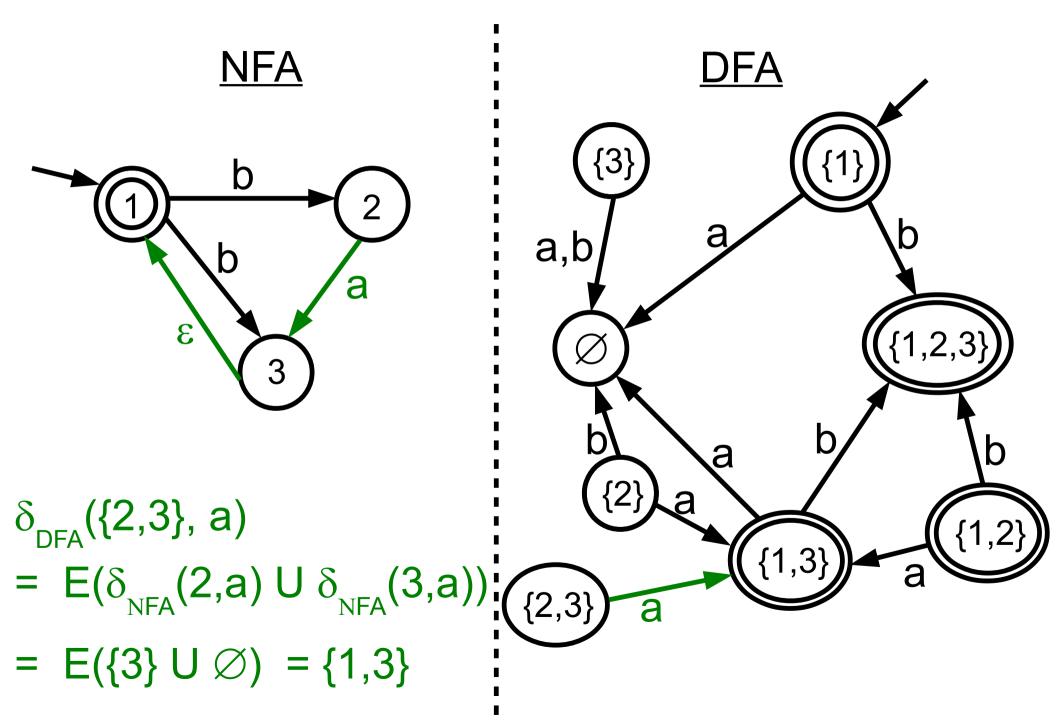


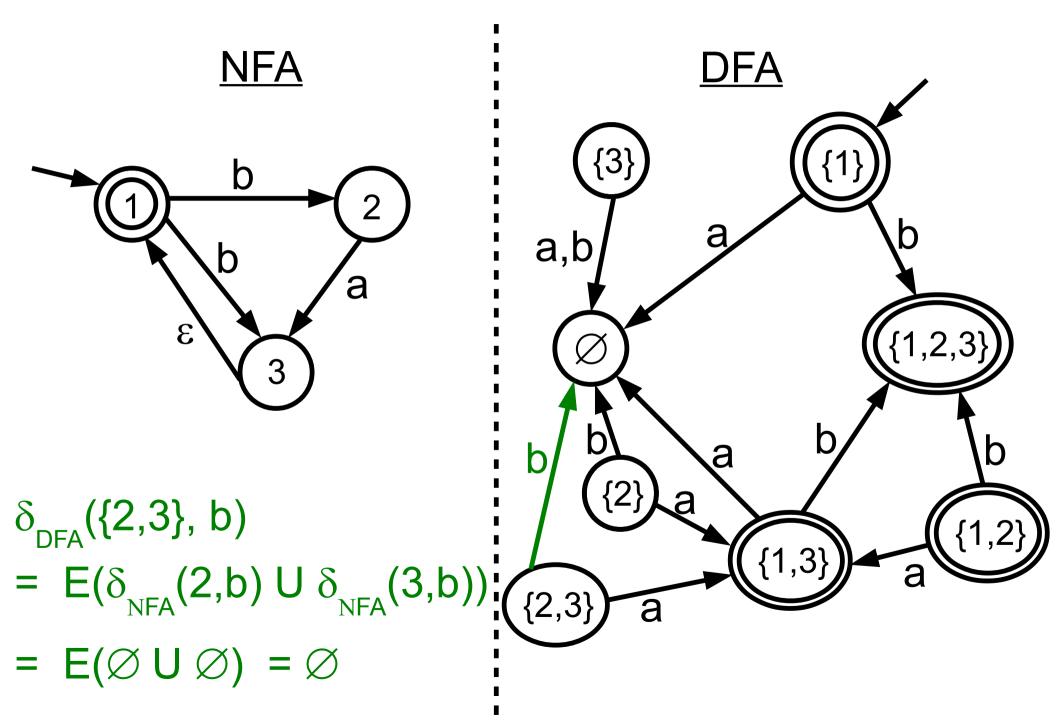


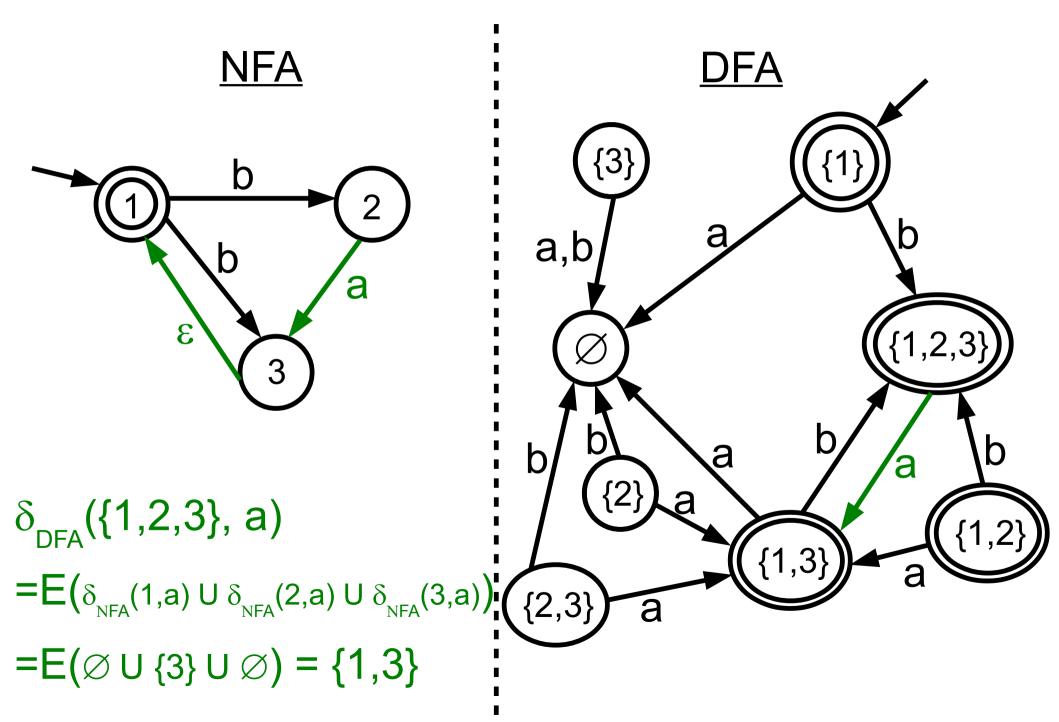


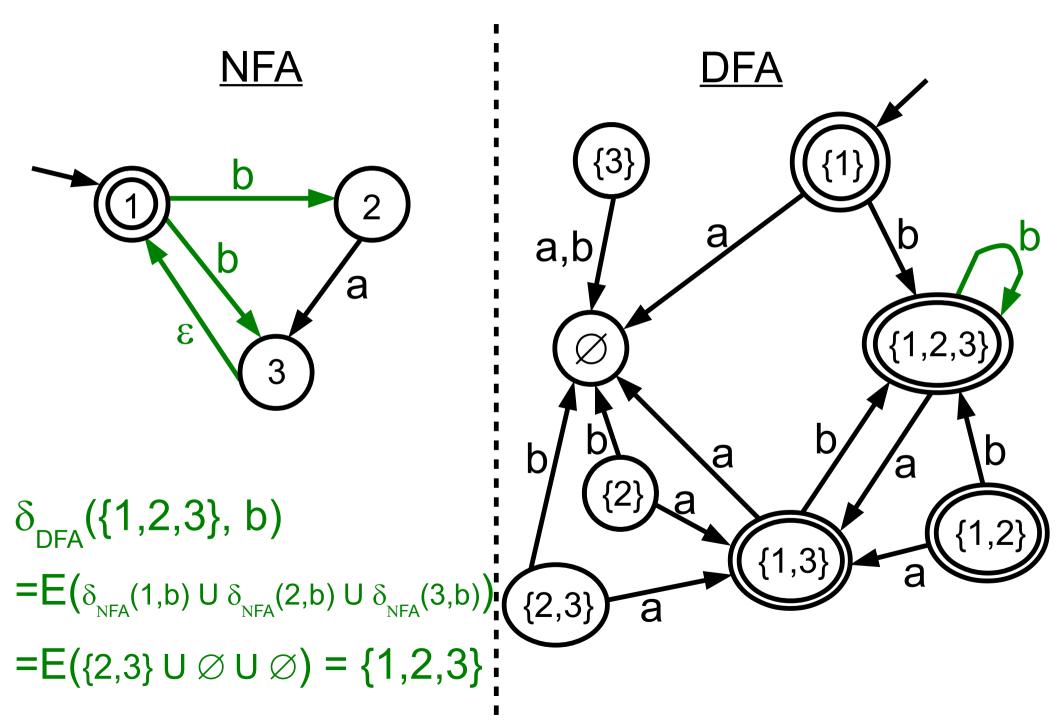


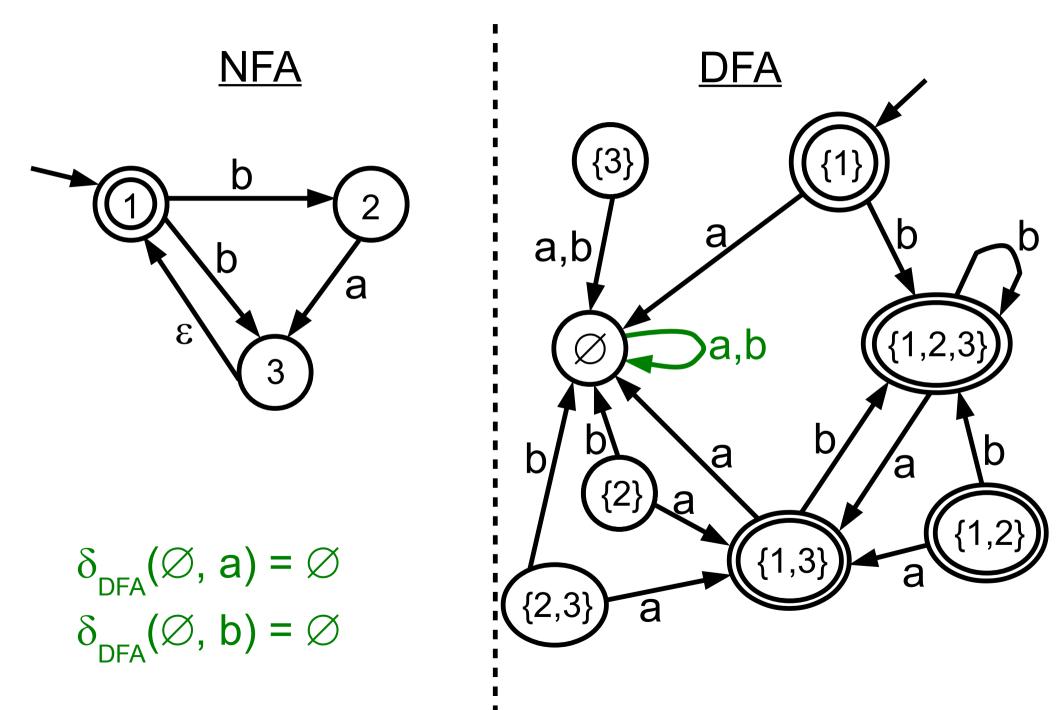


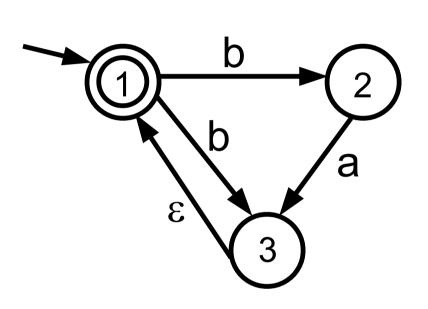






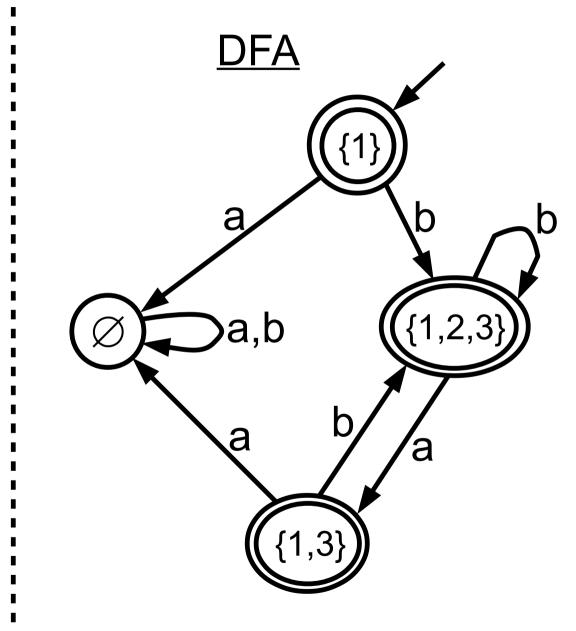






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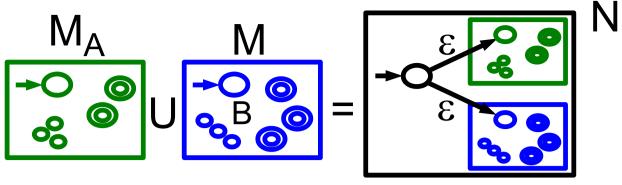
# Summary: NFA and DFA recognize the same languages

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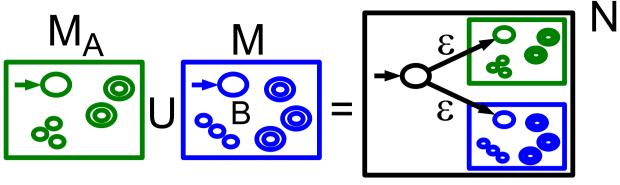
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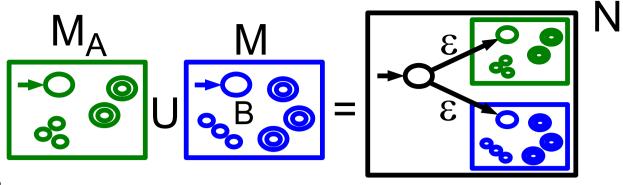
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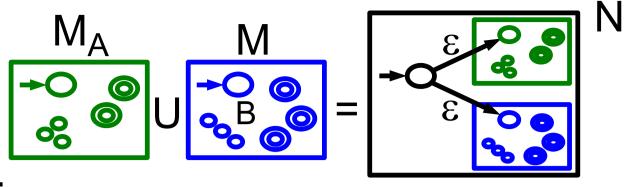
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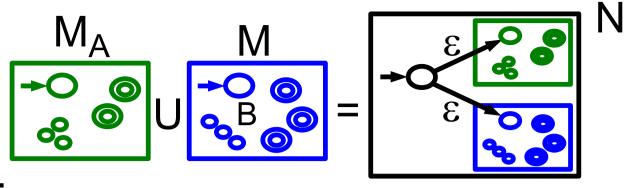
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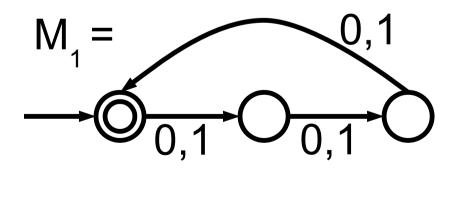
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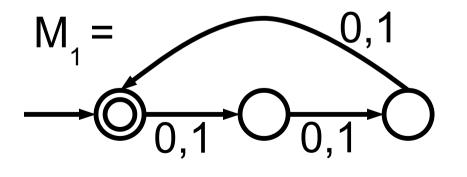
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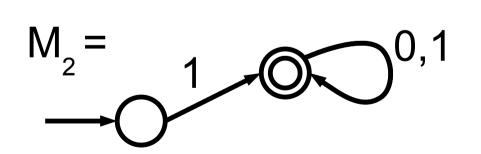
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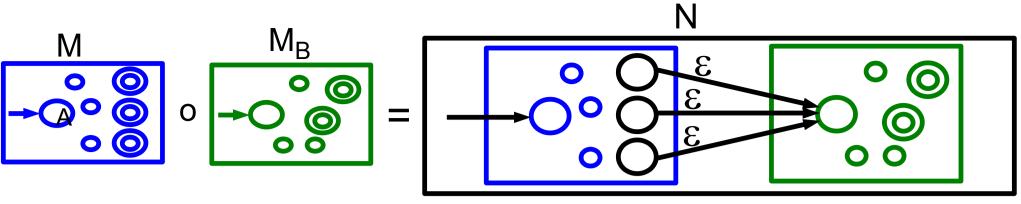
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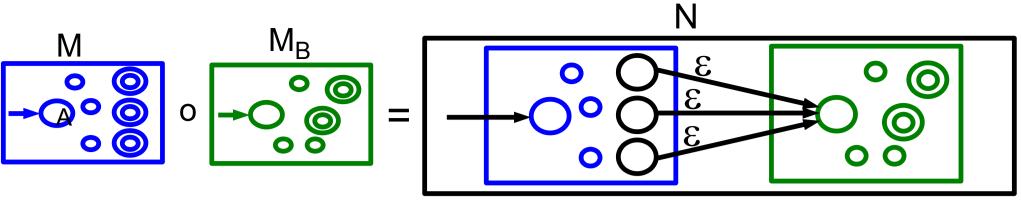
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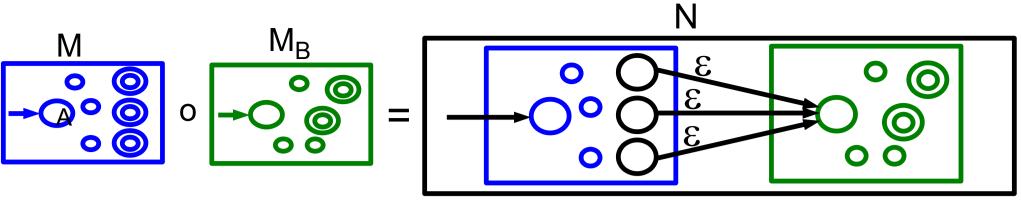
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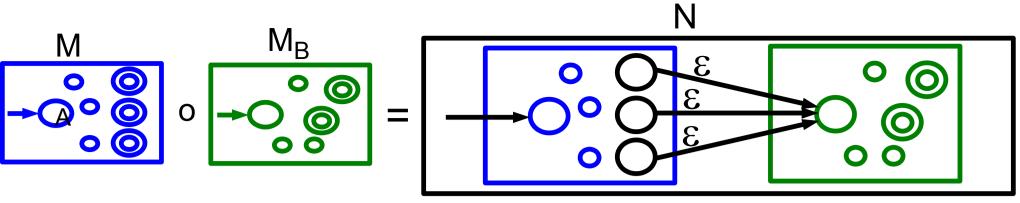
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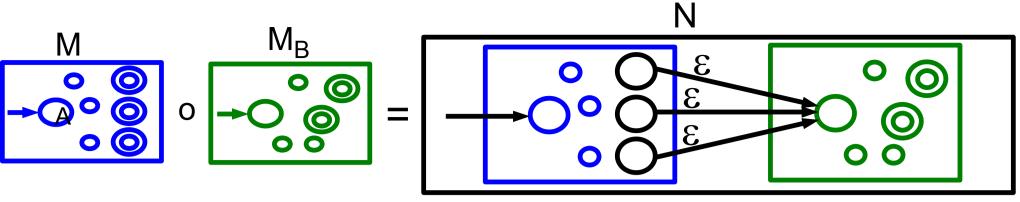
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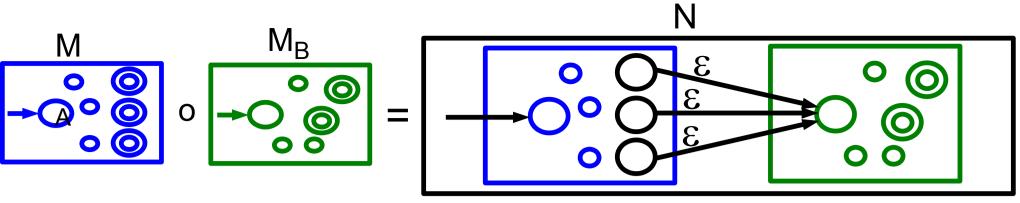
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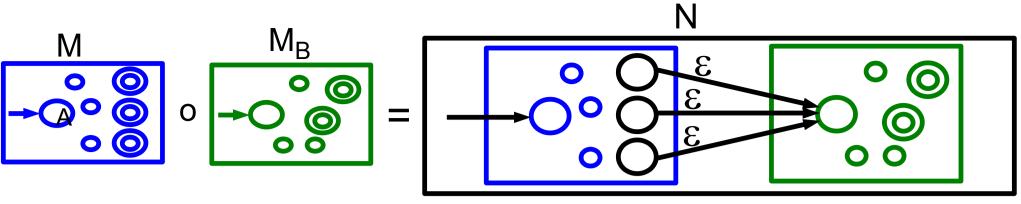
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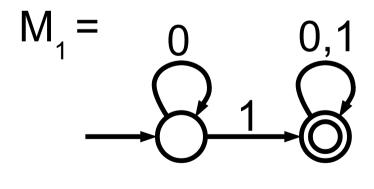
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 $\Rightarrow$  L is regular.

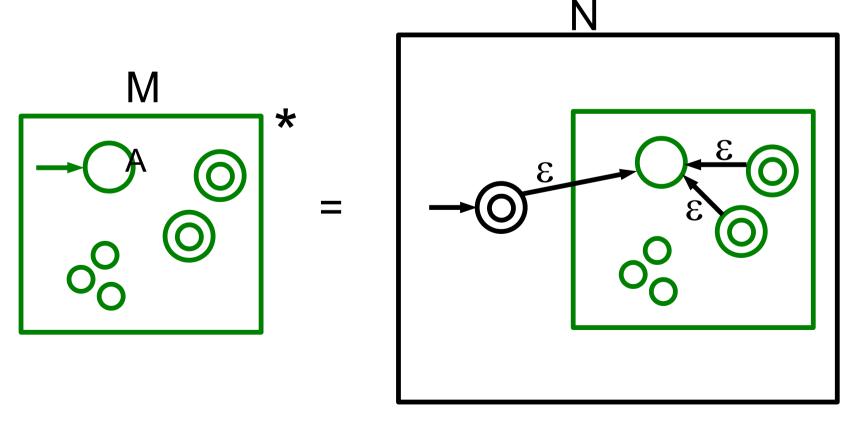
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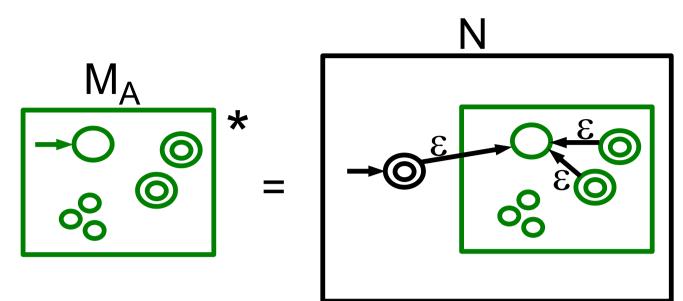
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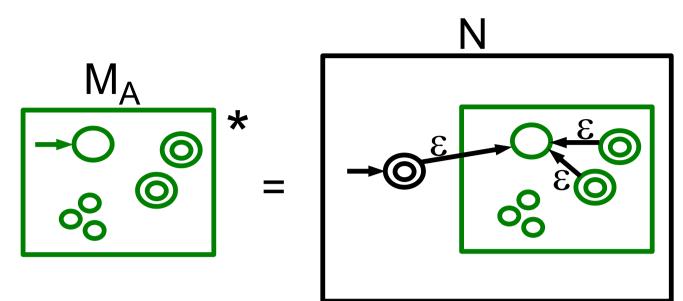
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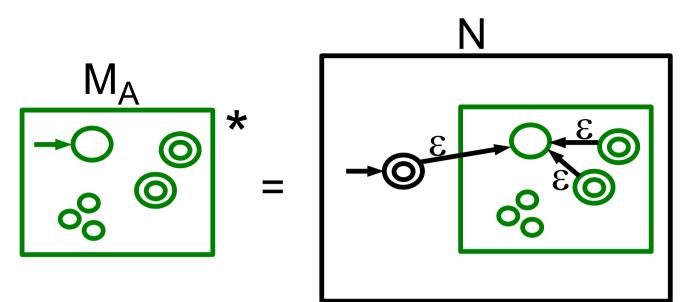




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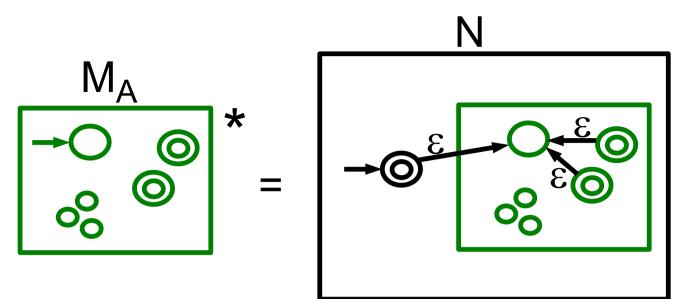
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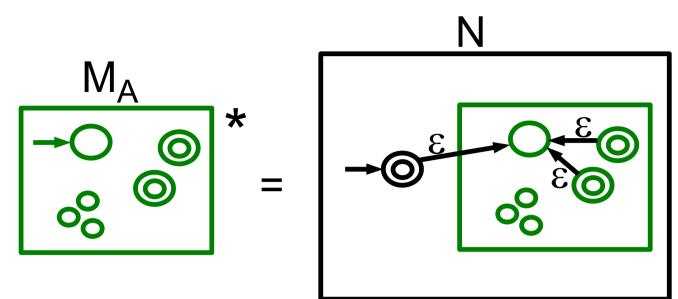
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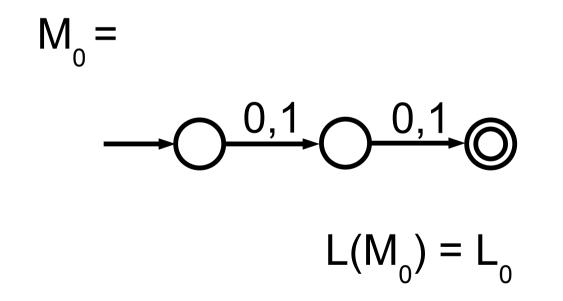
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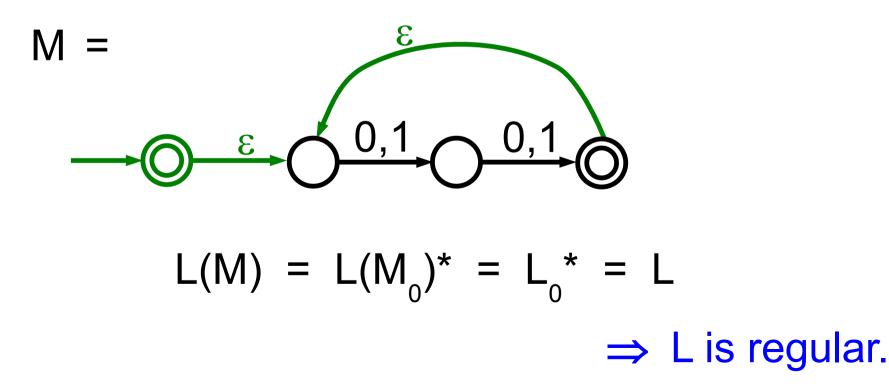
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De Morgan's laws:  $A \cap B = not ((not A) U(not B))$ By above, (not A) is regular, (not B) is regular, (not A) U (not B) is regular, not ((not A) U(not B)) =  $A \cap B$  regular

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### Big picture

- All languages
- Decidable

**Turing machines** 

- NP
- P
- Context-free

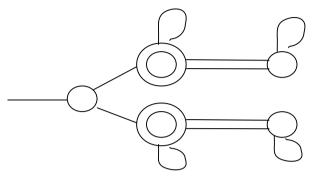
Context-free grammars, push-down automata

Regular

Automata, non-deterministic automata, regular expressions

How to specify a regular language?

Write a picture  $\rightarrow$  complicated



Write down formal definition  $\rightarrow$  complicated  $\delta(q_0, 0) = q_{0, \dots}$ 

Use symbols from  $\Sigma$  and operations \*, o, U  $\rightarrow$  good

({0} \* U {1}) o {001}

Regular expressions: anything you can write with  $\varnothing$  ,  $\epsilon$  , symbols from  $\Sigma$ , and operations \*, o, U

Conventions:

- Write a instead of {a}
- Write AB for A o B
- Write  $\sum$  for  $\ U_{a\in \sum} a$  . So if  $\sum$  = {a,b} then  $\sum$  = a U b
- Operation \* has precedence over o, and o over U so 1 U 01\* means 1U(0(1)\*)

Example: 110, 0\*, Σ\*, Σ\*001Σ\*, (ΣΣ)\*, 01 U 10

**Definition** Regular expressions RE over  $\Sigma$  are: Ø 3 if a in  $\Sigma$ a RR' if R, R' are RE RUR' if R, R' are RE **R**\* if R is RE

**Definition** The language described by RE:  $L(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ 

L(a) = {a} if a in ∑ L(R R') = L(R) o L(R') L(R U R') = L(R) U L(R') L(R\*) = L(R)\*

 $L(\epsilon) = \{\epsilon\}$ 

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#### **Theorem**: For every RE R there is NFA M: L(M) = L(R)

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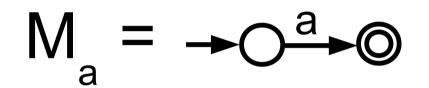
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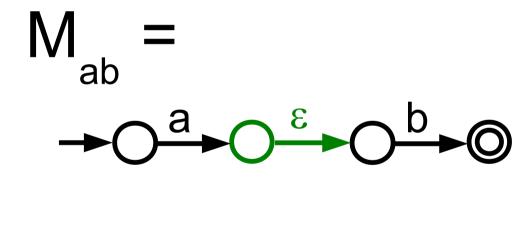
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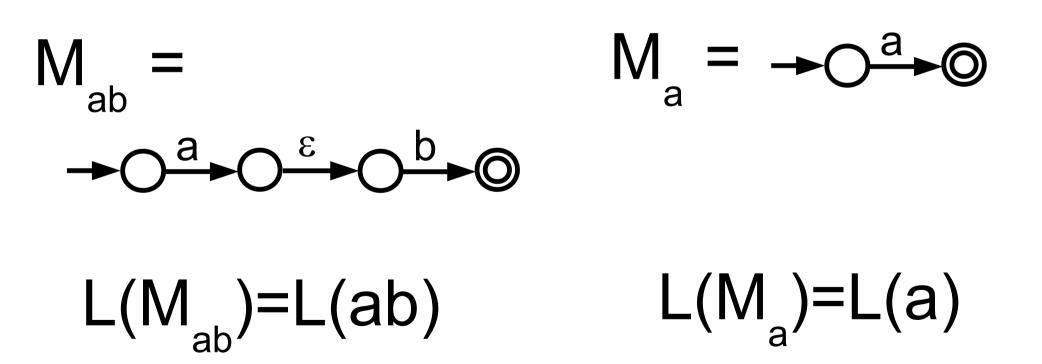
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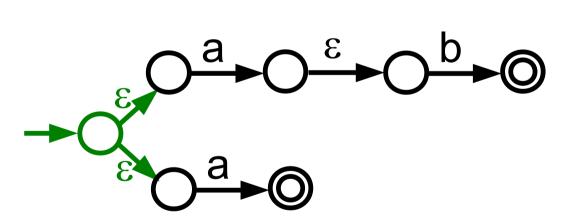


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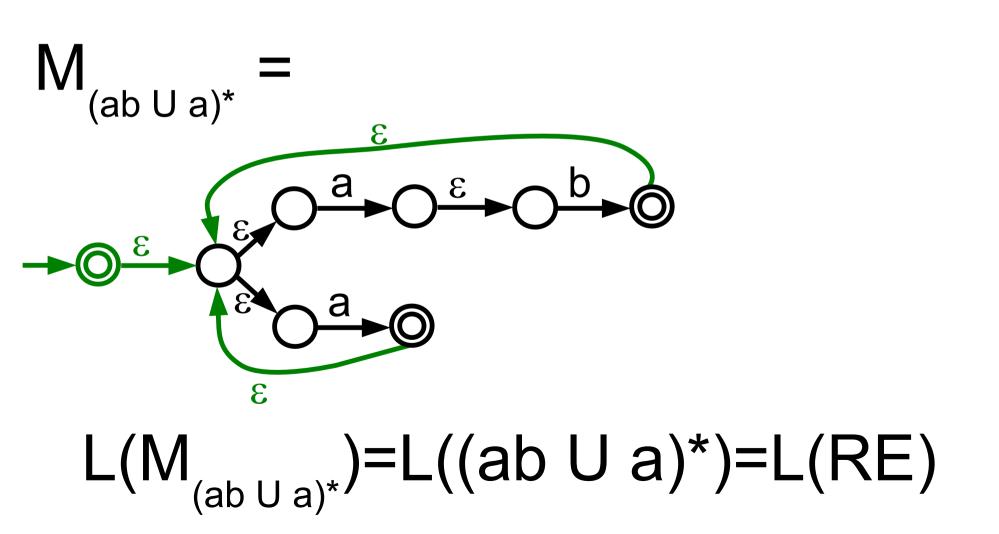
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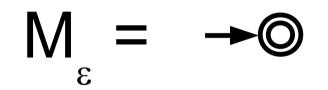




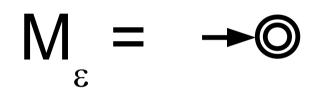
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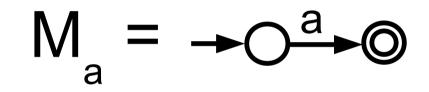
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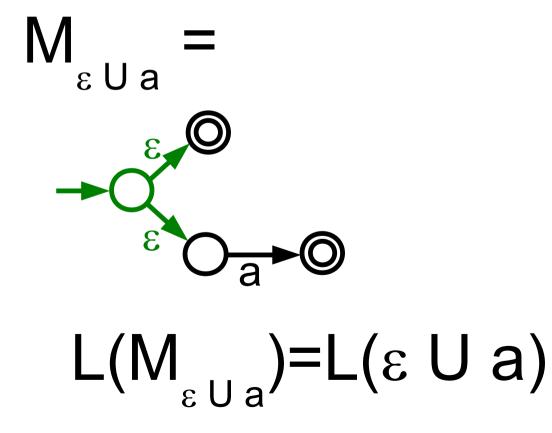
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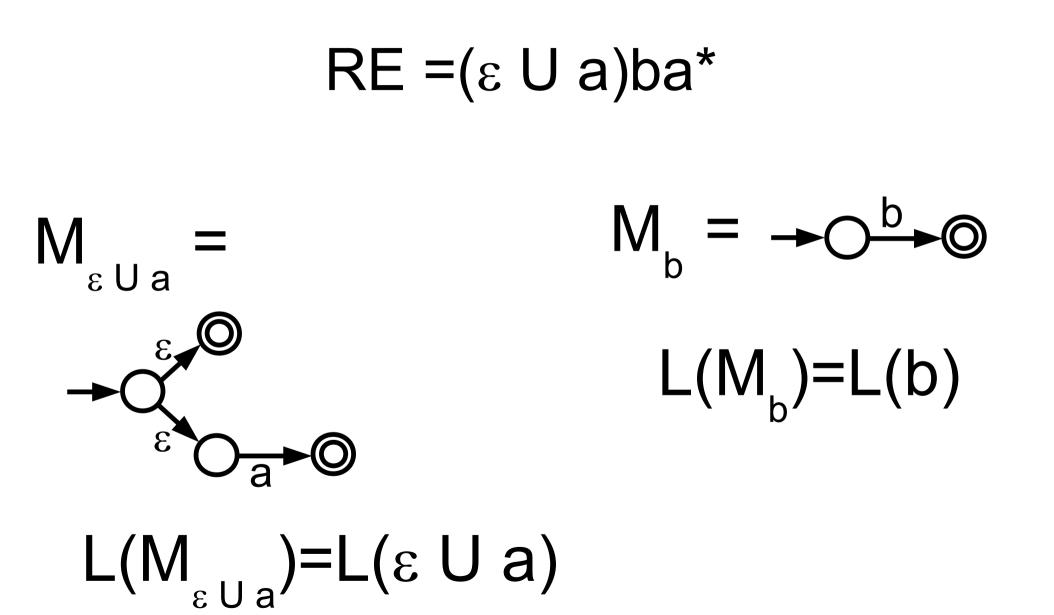


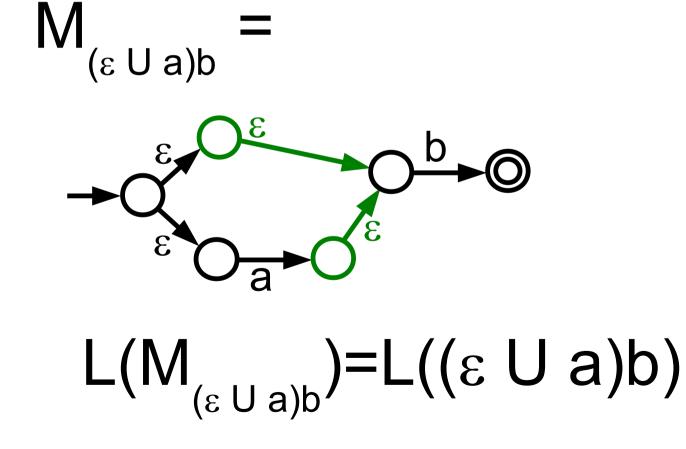


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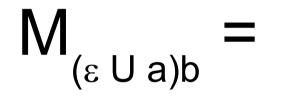
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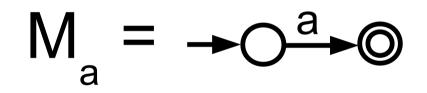


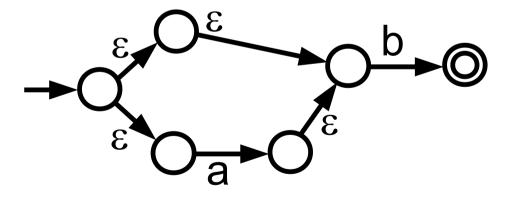




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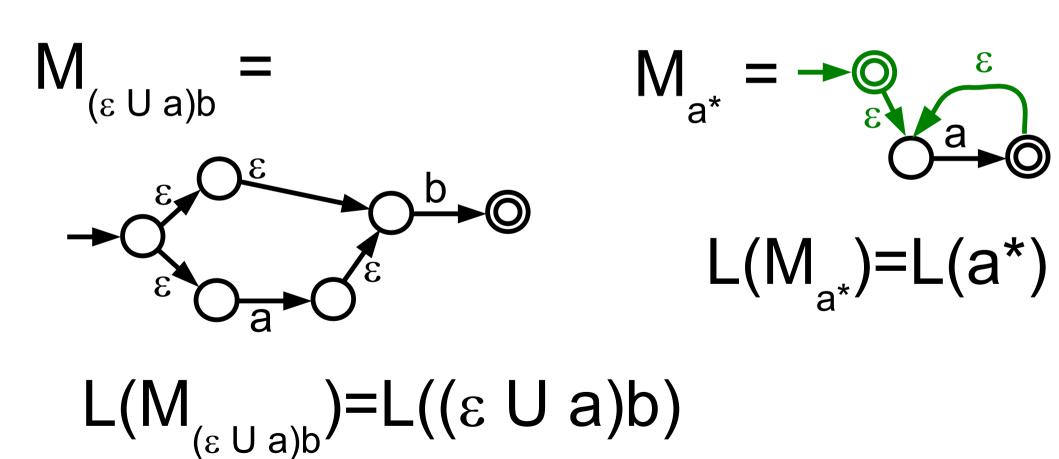




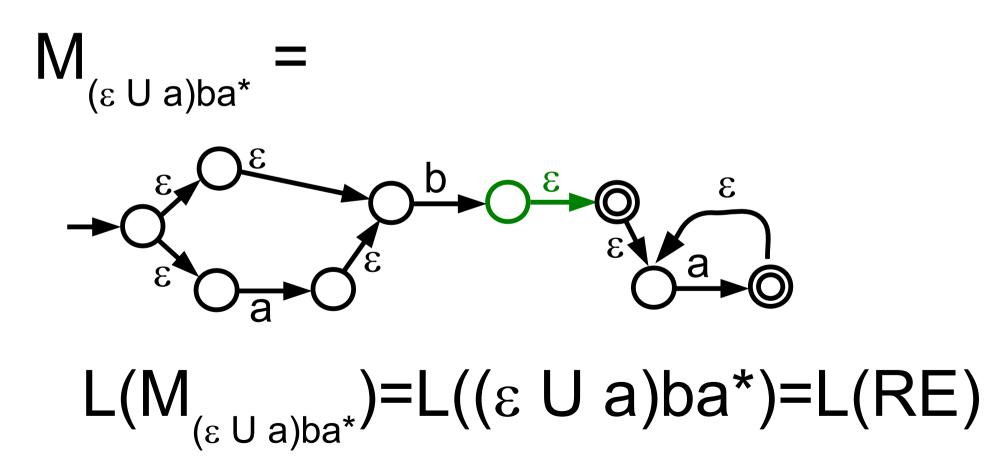


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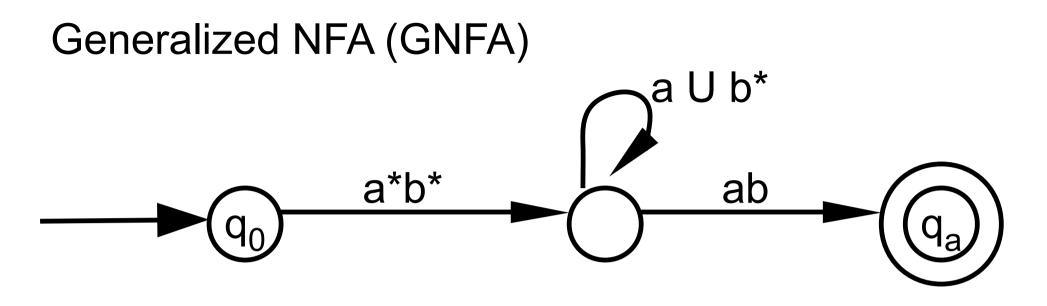


#### Here " $\Rightarrow$ " means "can be converted to"

#### We have seen: $RE \Rightarrow NFA \Leftrightarrow DFA$

#### Next we see: $DFA \Rightarrow RE$

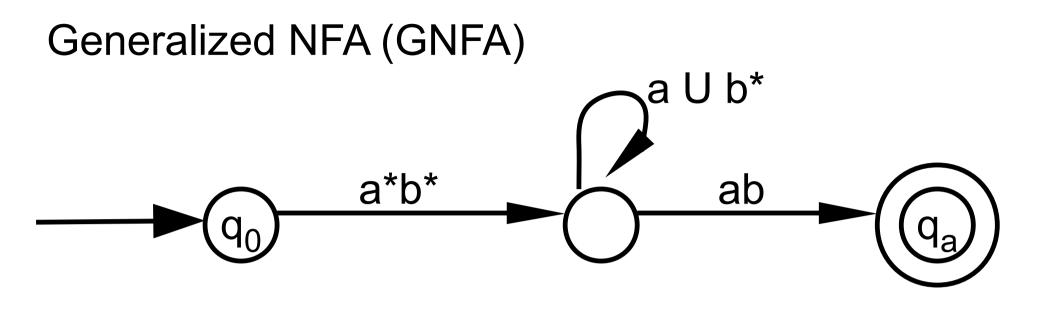
In two steps: DFA  $\Rightarrow$  Generalized NFA  $\Rightarrow$  RE



#### Nondeterministic

Transitions labelled by RE

Read blocks of input symbols at a time



Convention:

Unique final state

Exactly one transition between each pair of states except nothing going into start state nothing going out of final state If arrow not shown in picture, label =  $\emptyset$ 

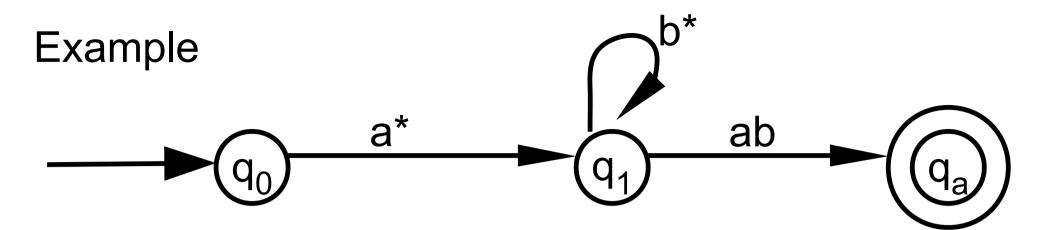
- **Definition:** A generalized finite automaton (GNFA)
- is a 5-tuple (Q,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\delta$ , q<sub>0</sub>, q<sub>a</sub>) where
- Q is a finite set of states
- $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$  is the input alphabet
- $\delta$  : (Q {q<sub>a</sub>}) X (Q {q<sub>0</sub>})  $\rightarrow$  Regular Expressions
- $\bullet q_0$  in Q is the start state
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}\, q_a$  in Q is the accept state

- Definition: GNFA (Q,  $\Sigma$ ,  $\delta$ , q<sub>0</sub>, q<sub>a</sub>) accepts a string w if
- $\exists$  integer k,  $\exists$  k strings  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ , ...,  $w_k \in \Sigma^*$  such that  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$

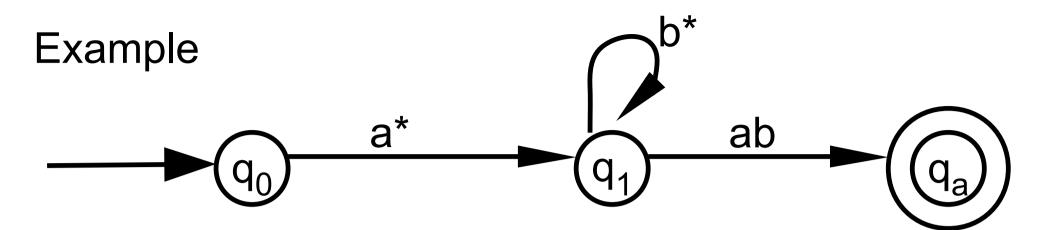
(divide w in k strings)

- $\exists$  sequence of k+1 states  $r_0, r_1, ..., r_k$  in Q such that:
- $r_0 = q_0$
- $w_{i+1} \in L(\delta(r_i, r_{i+1})) \forall 0 \le i < k$
- $r_k = q_a$

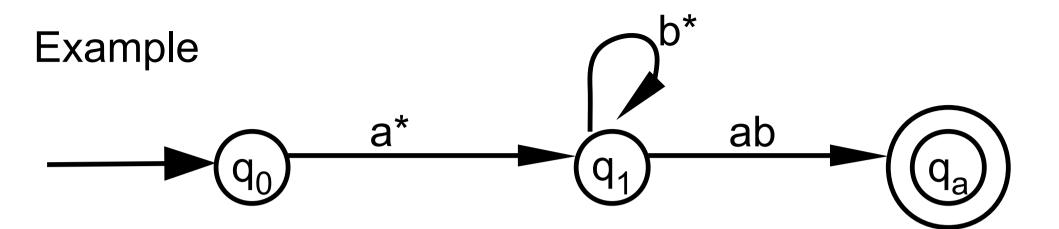
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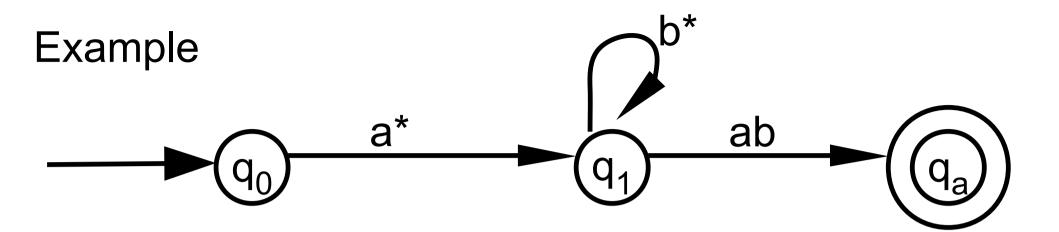
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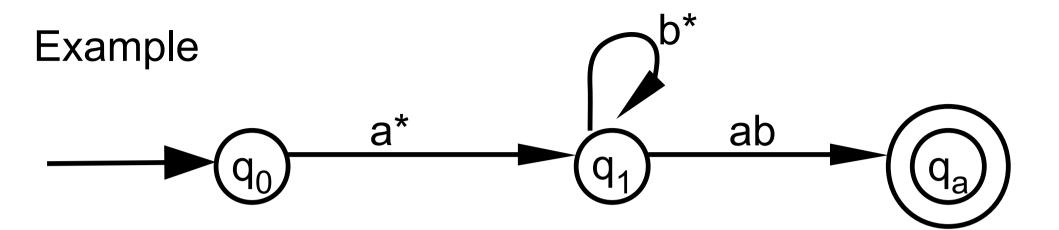


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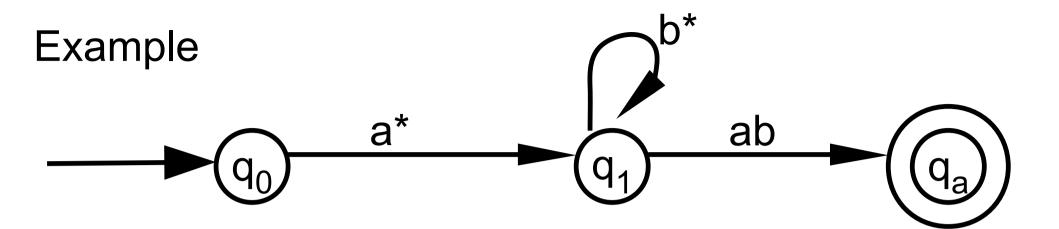
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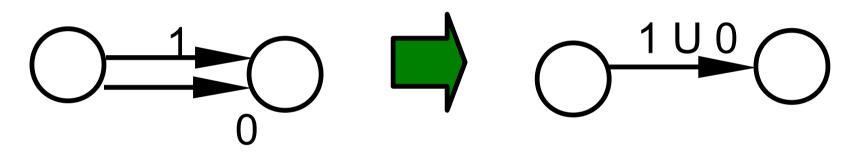
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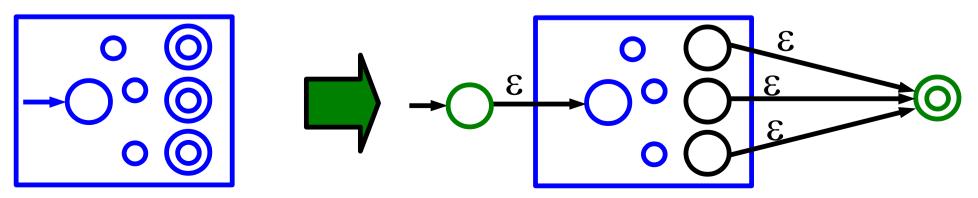
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- Theorem:  $\forall$  DFA M  $\exists$  GNFA N : L(N) = L(M) Construction:
- To ensure unique transition between each pair:

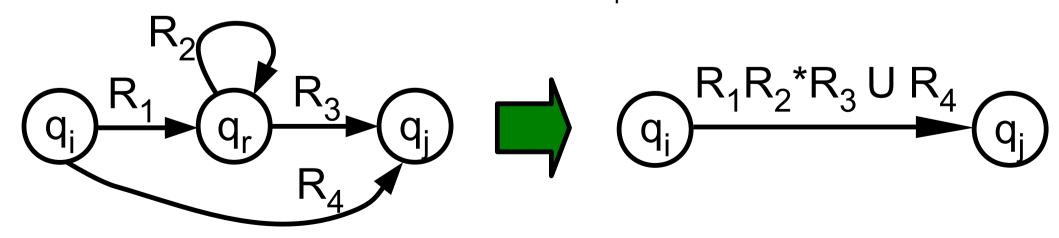


To ensure unique final state, no transitions ingoing start state, no transitions outgoing final state:



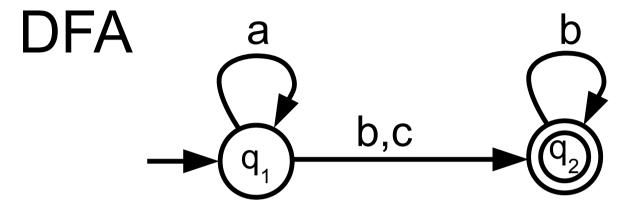
Theorem:  $\forall$  GNFA N  $\exists$  RE R : L(R) = L(N) Construction:

- If N has 2 states, then N =  $q_0$  S  $q_a$  thus R := S
- If N has > 2 states, eliminate some state q<sub>r</sub> ≠ q<sub>0</sub>, q<sub>a</sub> : for every ordered pair q<sub>i</sub>, q<sub>j</sub> (possibly equal) that are connected through q<sub>i</sub>

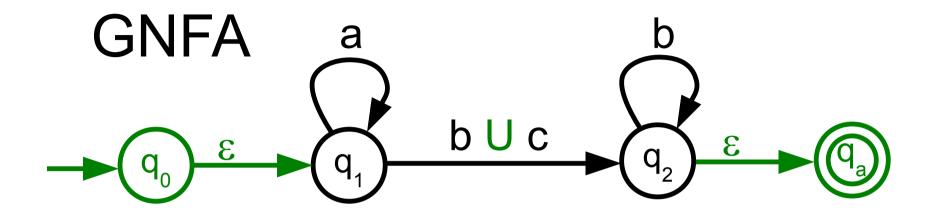


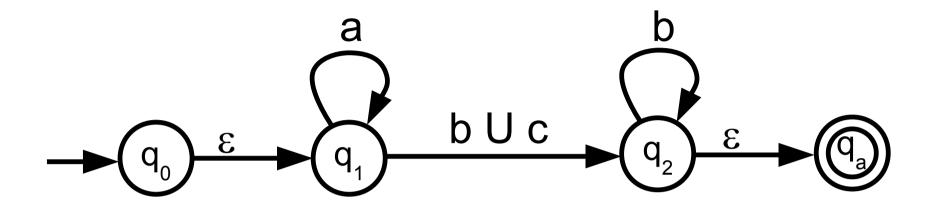
Repeat until 2 states remain

Example: DFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA  $\rightarrow$  RE

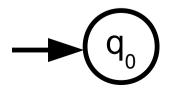


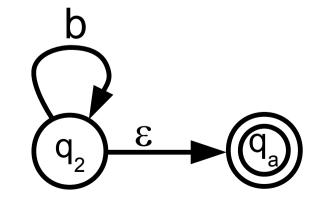
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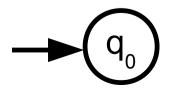
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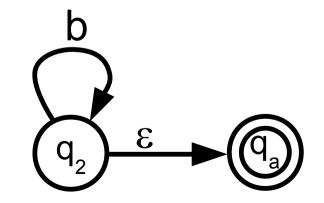


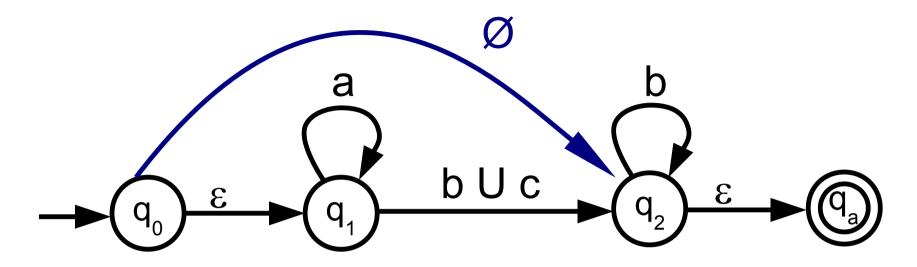




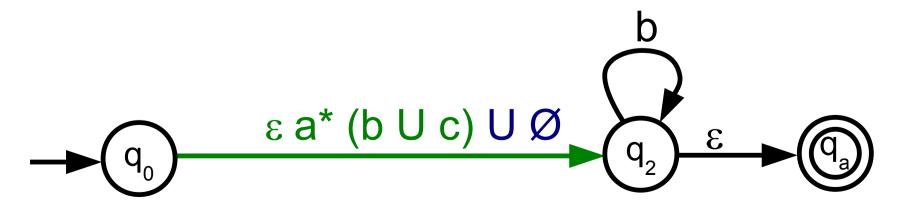
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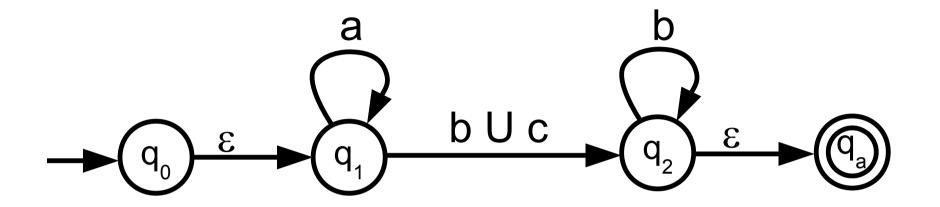




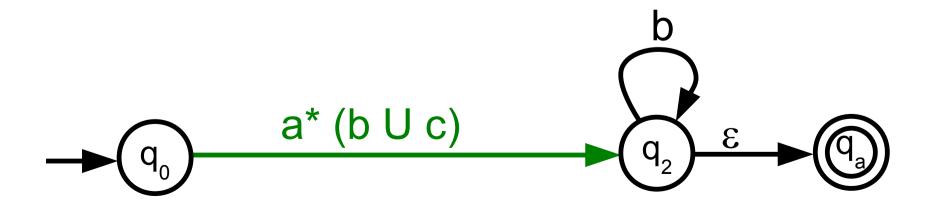


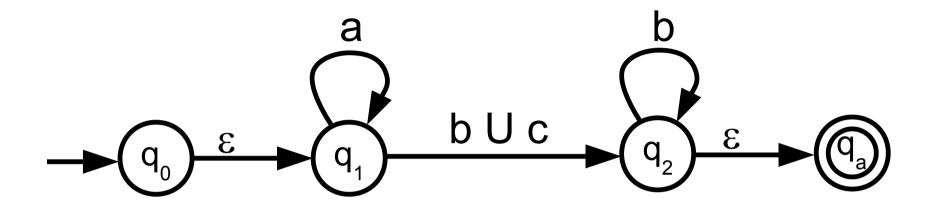
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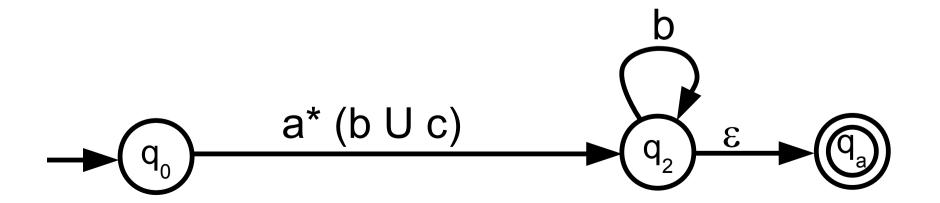


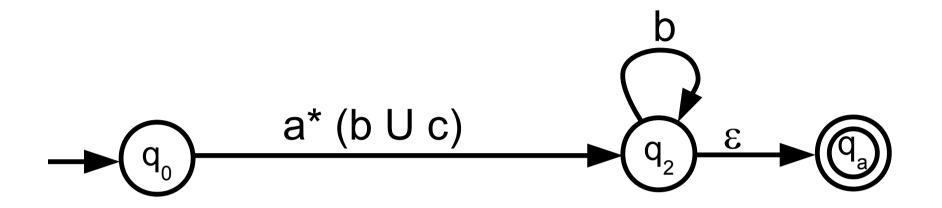
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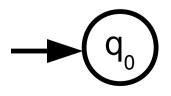


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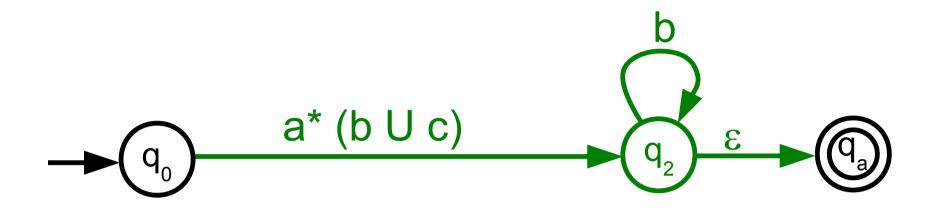




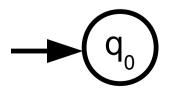
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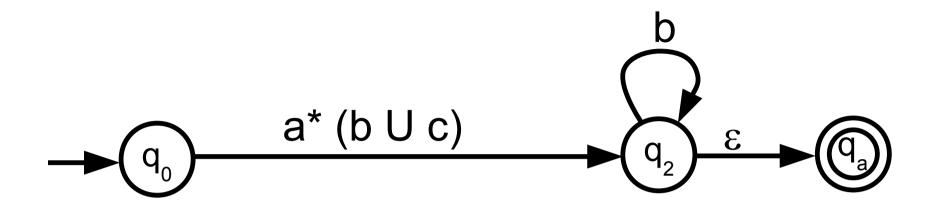




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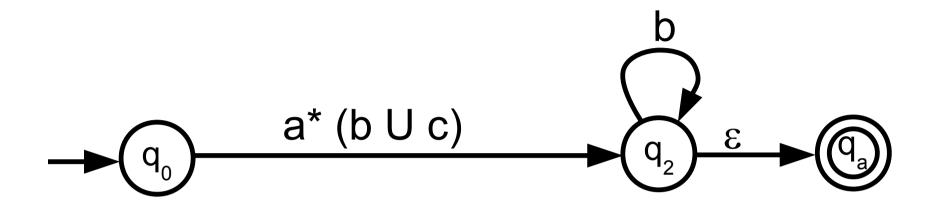




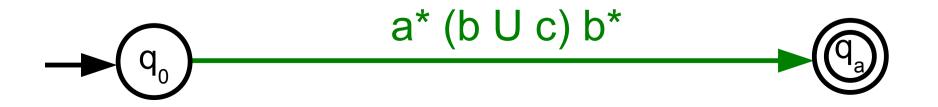


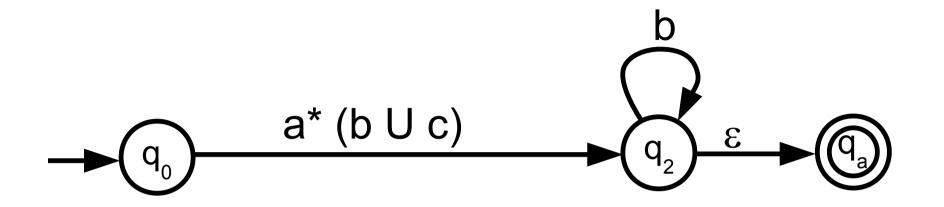
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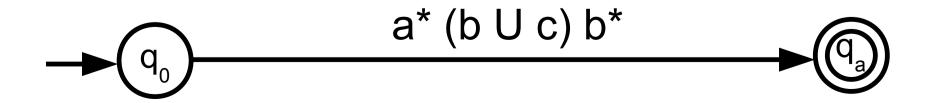


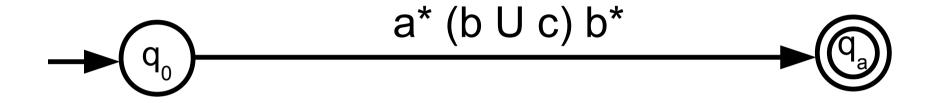
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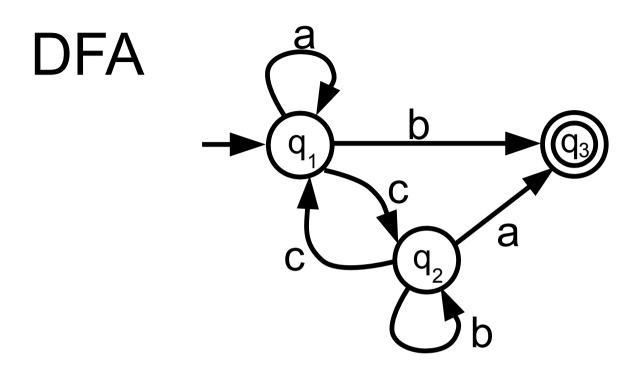
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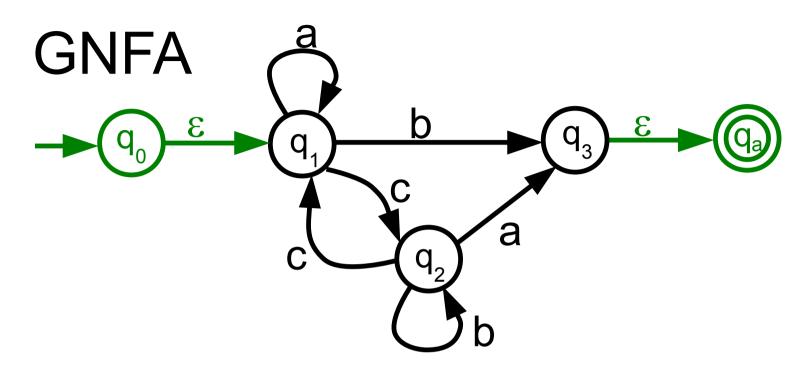


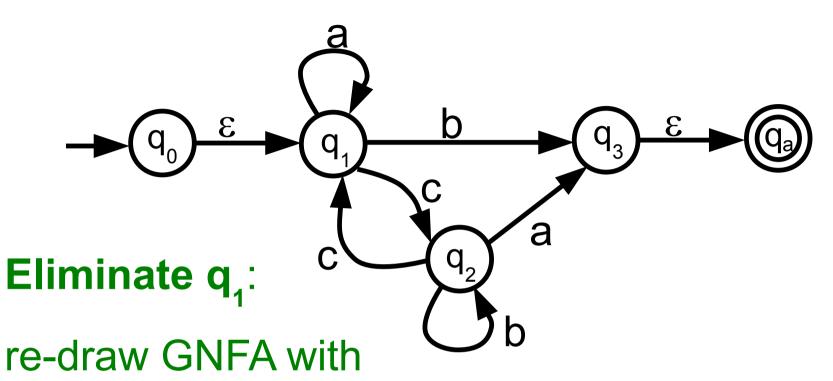


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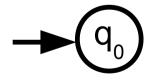
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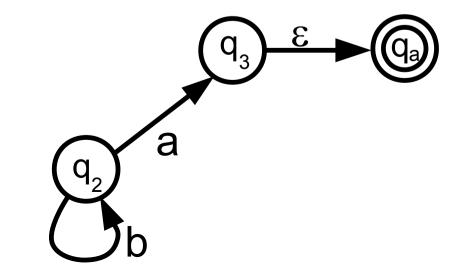


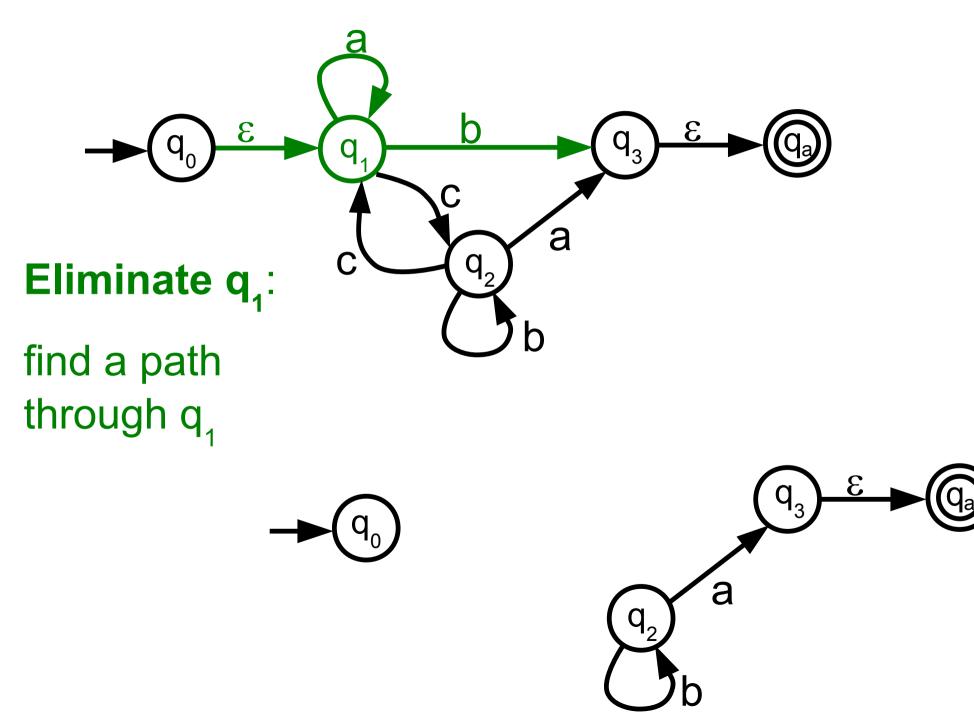


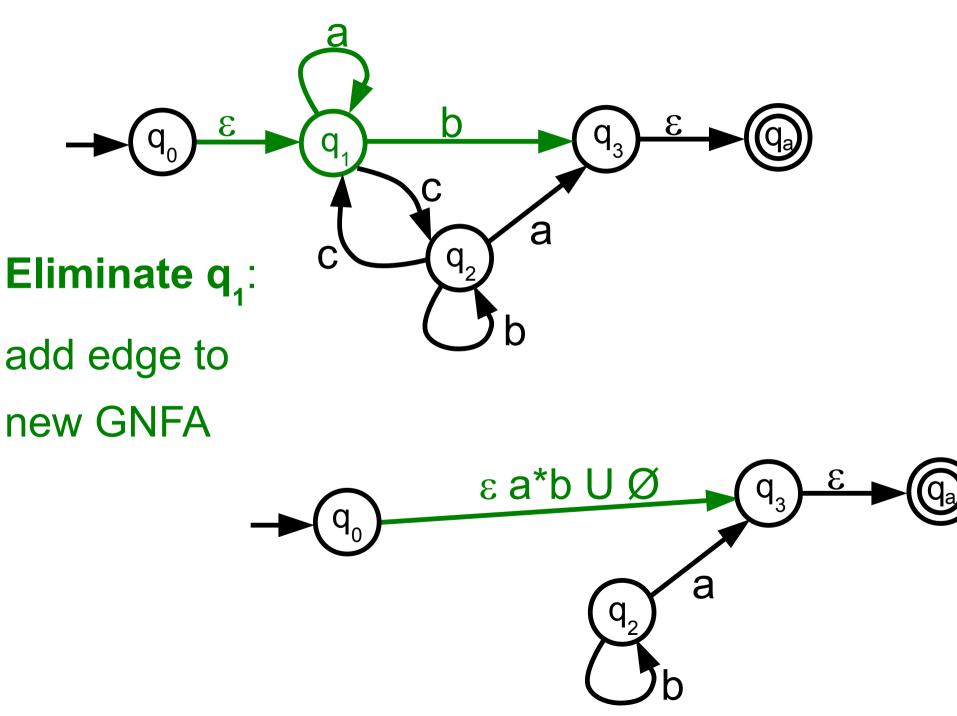


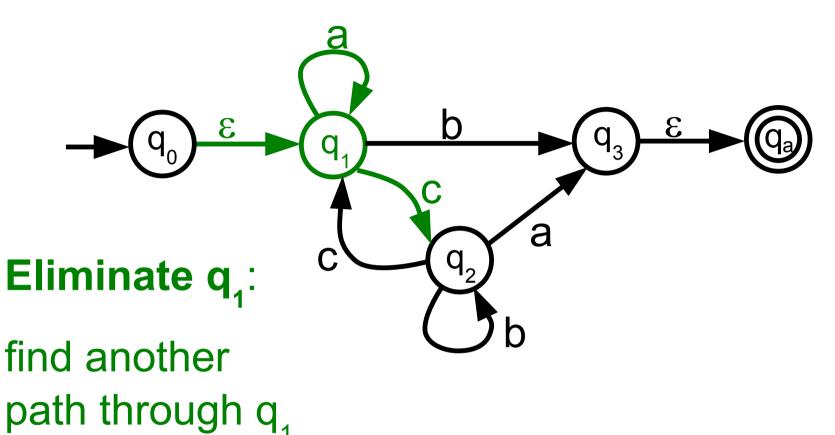
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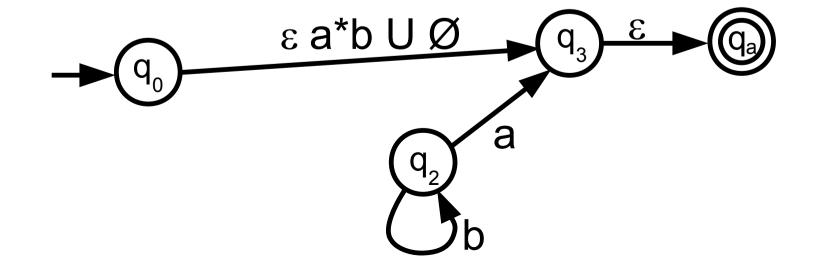


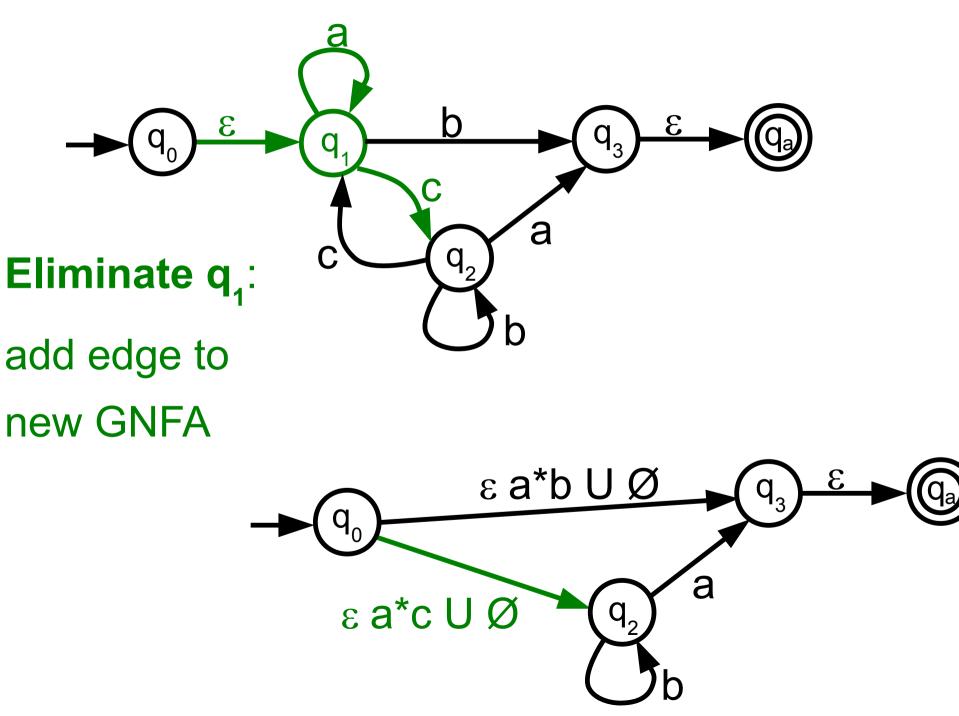


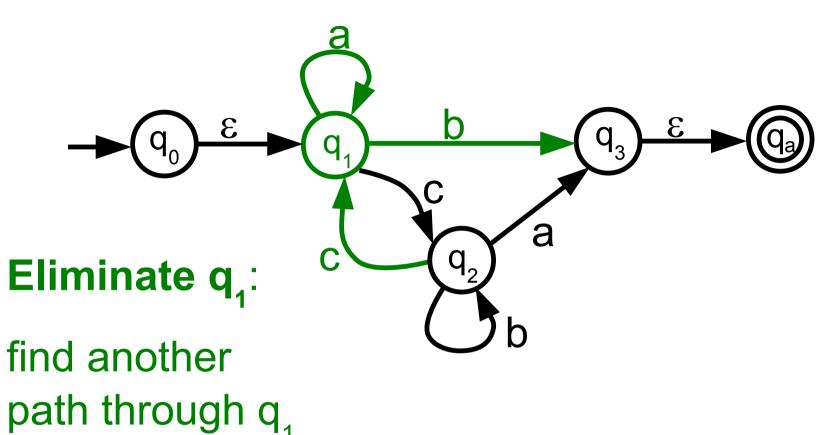


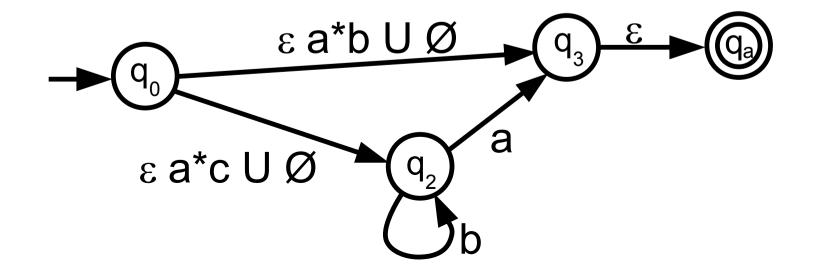


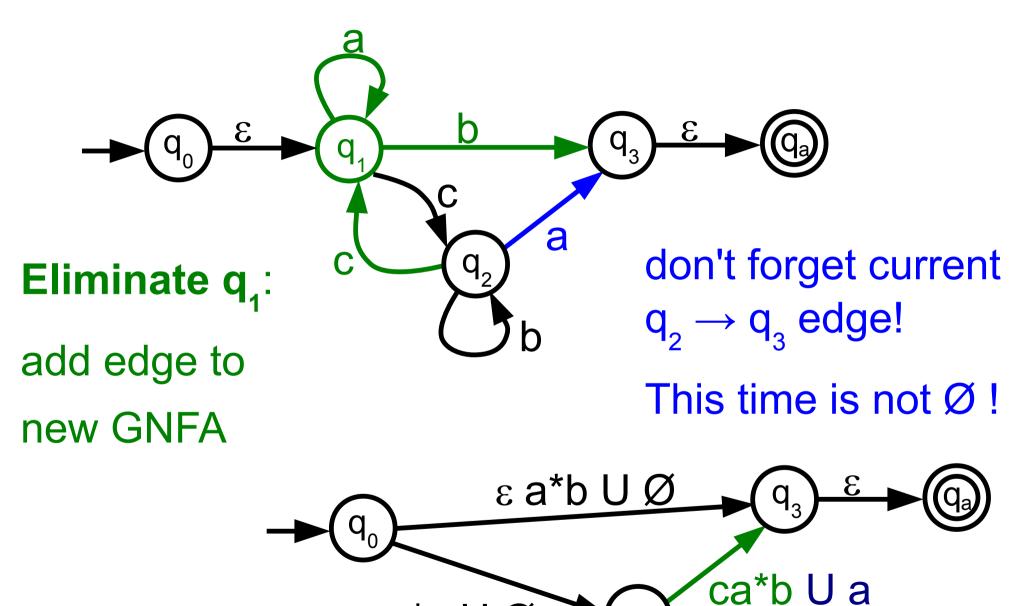






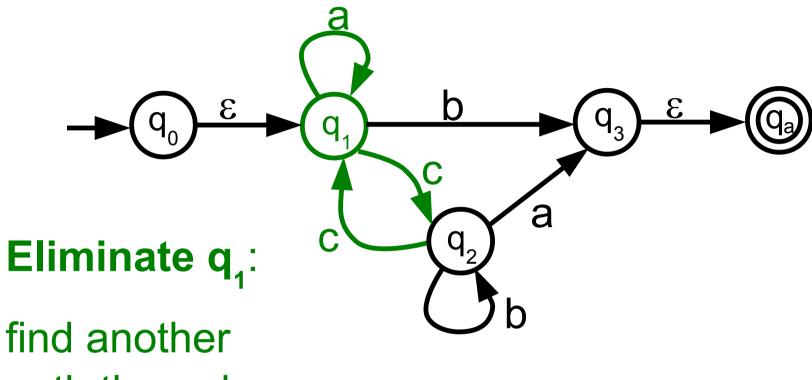




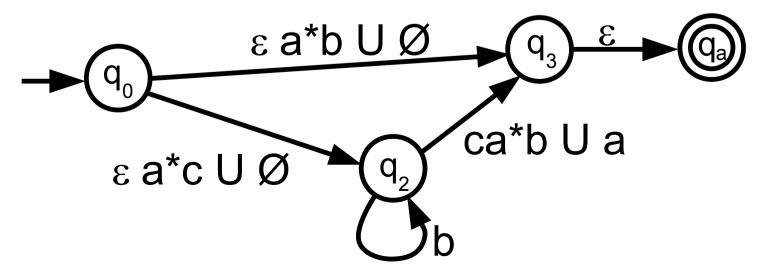


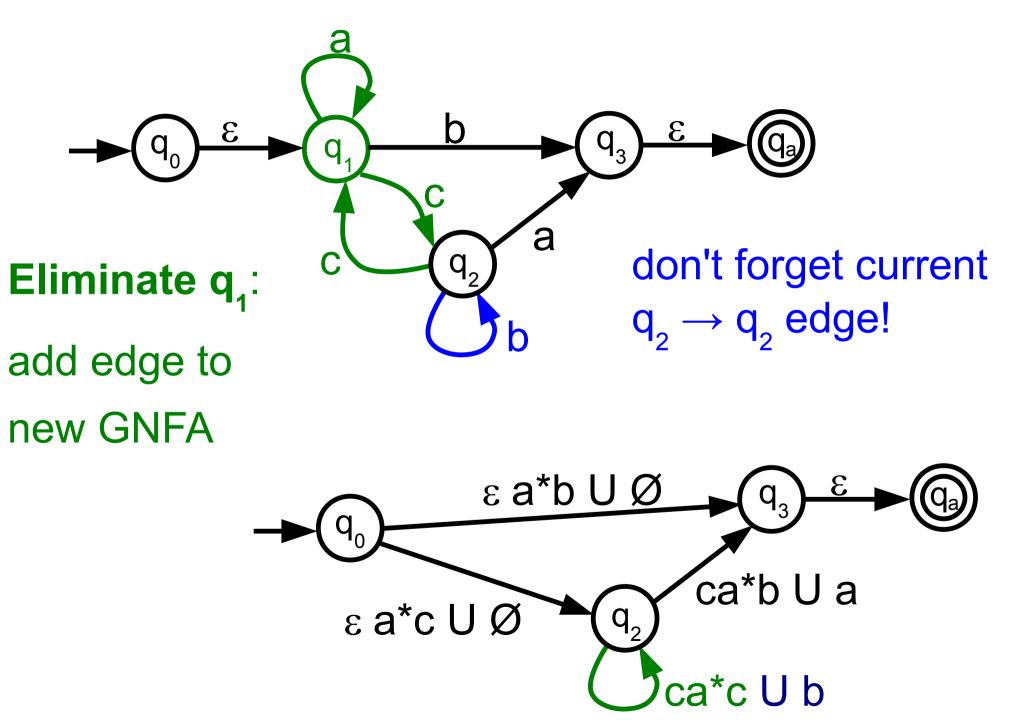
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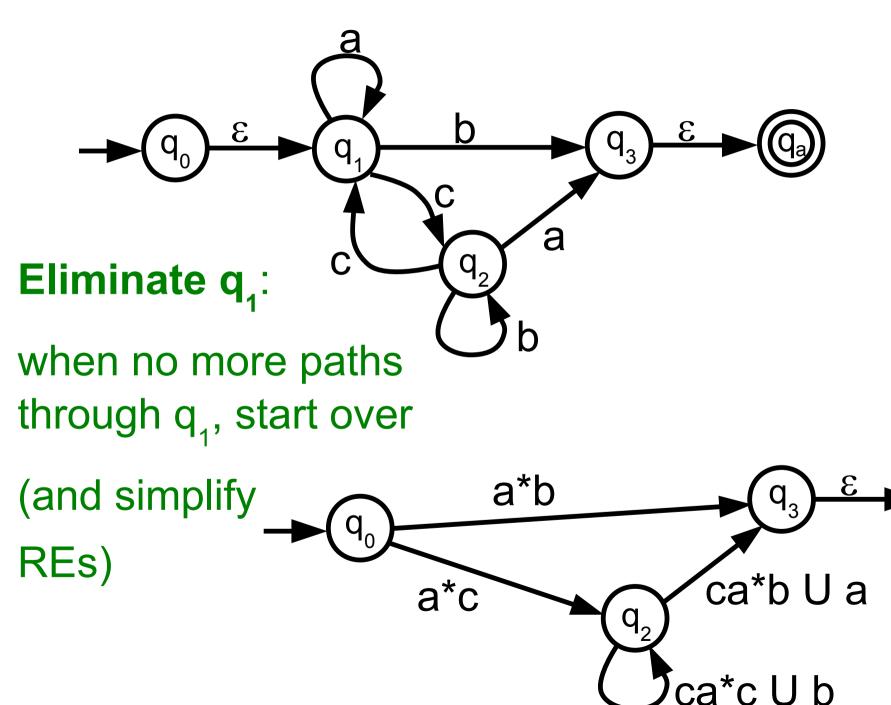
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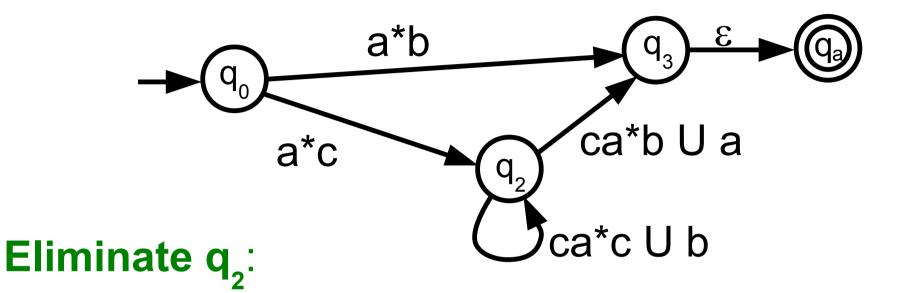


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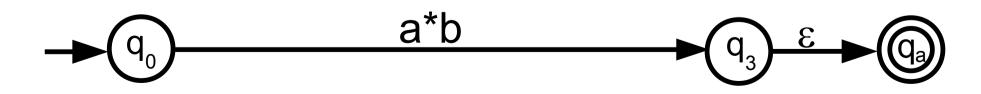


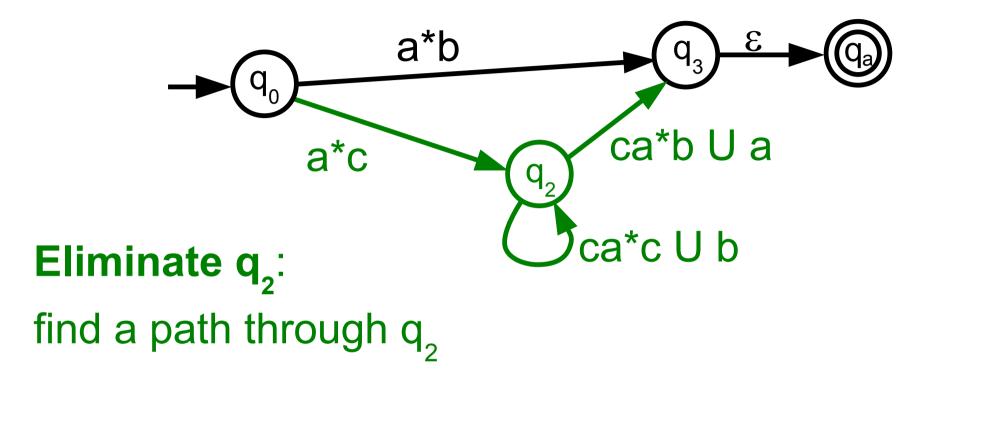


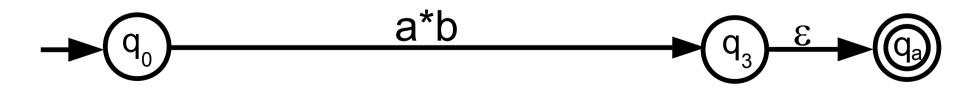


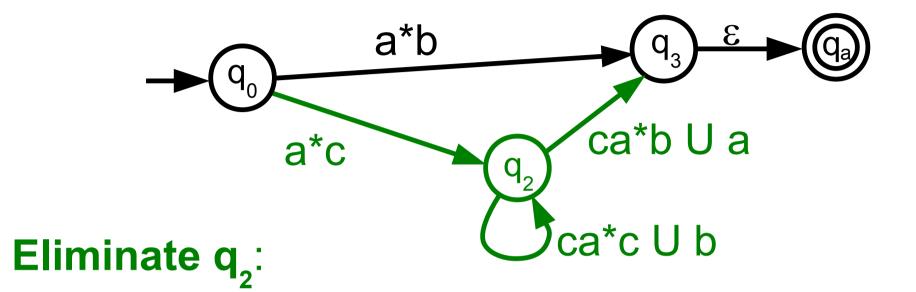
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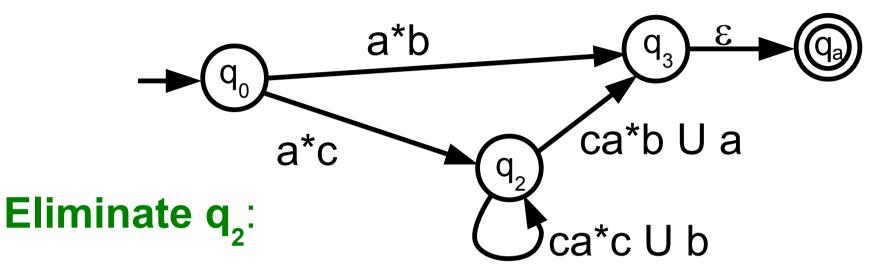




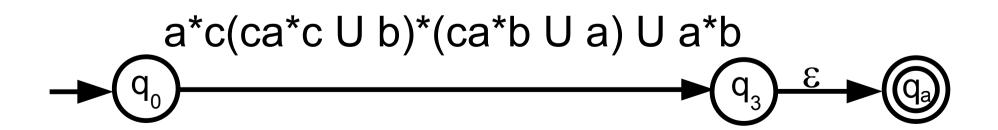


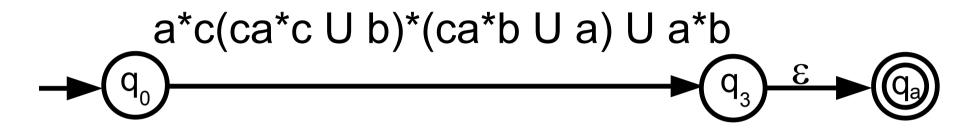
add edge to new GNFA

 $a^*c(ca^*c U b)^*(ca^*b U a) U a^*b$ 



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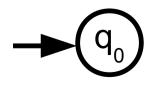




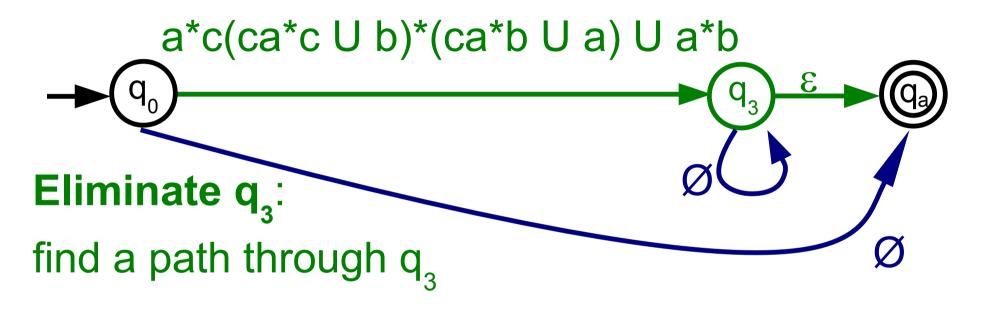
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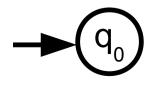
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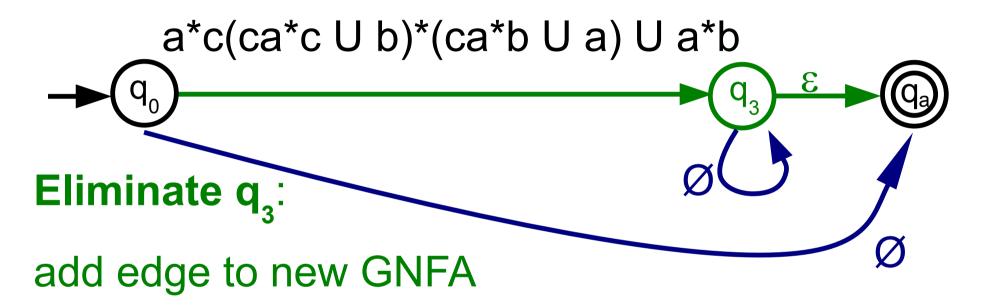


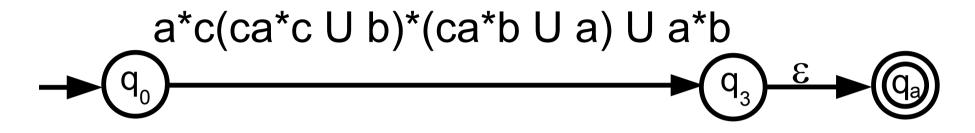


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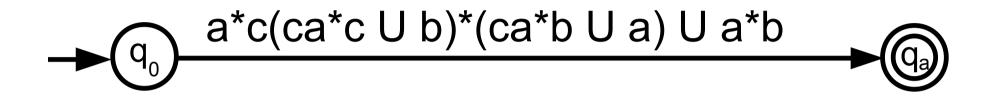
# **Eliminate q**<sub>3</sub>:

when no more paths through  $q_3$ , start over

(and simplify REs)

don't forget:  $\emptyset^* = \varepsilon$ 

a\*c(ca\*c U b)\*(ca\*b U a) U a\*b



#### Only two states remain:

# $RE = a^*c(ca^*c U b)^*(ca^*b U a) U a^*b$

Recap:

Here " $\Rightarrow$ " means "can be converted to"

# $\mathsf{RE} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{DFA} \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{NFA}$

Any of the three recognize exactly

the regular languages (initially defined using DFA)

These conversions are used every time you enter an RE, for example for pattern matching using *grep* 

- The RE is converted to an NFA
- Then the NFA is converted to a DFA
- The DFA representation is used to pattern-match

Optimizations have been devised, but this is still the general approach.

# What language is NOT regular?

Is {  $0^n 1^n : n \ge 0$  } = { $\epsilon$ , 01, 0011, 000111, ... } regular?

Pumping lemma:

L regular language  $\Rightarrow$   $\exists$  p

$$\exists p \ge 0 ∀ w ∈ L, |w| \ge p \exists x,y,z : w= xyz, |y|> 0, |xy| \le p ∀ i ≥ 0 : xyiz ∈ L$$

Recall 
$$y^0 = \varepsilon$$
,  $y^1 = y$ ,  $y^2 = yy$ ,  $y^3 = yyy$ , ...

Pumping lemma:L regular language  $\Rightarrow$  $\exists p \ge 0$  $\forall w \in L, |w| \ge p$  $\exists x, y, z : w = xyz, |y| > 0, |xy| \le p$ Proof Idea: $\forall i \ge 0 : xy^i z \in L$ 

Let  $W \in L$ ,  $|W| \ge p$ .

Among the first p+1 states of the trace of M on w,

2 states must be the same **q**.

y = portion of w that brings q back to q can repeat or remove y and still accept string Pumping lemma:

L regular language  $\Rightarrow |\exists|$ 

$$\exists p \ge 0$$
 A  
 ∀ w ∈ L, |w| ≥ p  
 ∃ x,y,z : w= xyz, |y|> 0, |xy|≤ p  
 ∀ i ≥ 0 : xy<sup>i</sup>z ∈ L

Useful to prove L NOT regular. Use contrapositive: L regular language  $\Rightarrow A$ 

> same as (not A)  $\Rightarrow$  L not regular

$$\forall p \ge 0$$
not A $\exists w \in L, |w| \ge p$  $\Rightarrow L$  not regular $\forall x,y,z : w = xyz, |y| > 0, |xy| \le p$  $\Rightarrow L$  not regular $\exists i \ge 0 : xy^iz \notin L$ 

To prove L not regular it is enough to prove not A

Not A is the stuff in the box.

Proving something like ∀ bla ∃ bla ∀ bla ∃ bla bla means winning a game

Theory is all about winning games!

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Can you win this game?

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 $\forall x \exists y : y > x$ 

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Another example:

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We already saw a winning strategy for this game What is it?

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We already saw a winning strategy for this game The power set construction. Games with more moves:

Chess, Checkers, Tic-Tac-Toe

You can win if

∀ move of the Adversary

3 move You can make

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: You checkmate

Pumping lemma (contrapositive)  

$$\forall p \ge 0$$
  
 $\exists w \in L, |w| \ge p$   
 $\forall x,y,z : w = xyz, |y| > 0, |xy| \le p$   
 $\exists i \ge 0 : xy^i z \notin L$ 

#### $\Rightarrow$ L not regular

- Rules of the game:
- Adversary picks p,
- You pick  $w \in L$  of length  $\geq p$ ,
- Adversary decomposes w in xyz, where |y| > 0,  $|xy| \le p$
- You pick  $i \ge 0$
- Finally, you win if  $xy^i z \notin L$

## Theorem: L := $\{0^n \ 1^n : n \ge 0\}$ is not regular

### Proof:

- Use pumping lemma
- Adversary moves p
- You move  $w := 0^p 1^p$
- Adversary moves x,y,z
- You move i := 2
- You must show xyyz ∉ L:
- Since  $|xy| \le p$  and  $w = xyz = 0^p 1^p$ , y only has 0
- So xyyz =  $0^{p + |y|} 1^{p}$
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- Since |y| > 0, first half of xyyz only 0, so xyyz  $\notin L$

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- So |xyyz| cannot be ... what ?

#### Proof:

- Use pumping lemma
- Adversary moves p You move w := 1<sup>p<sup>2</sup></sup>

- Adversary moves x,y,z
- You move i := 2
- You must show xyyz  $\notin$  L:
- Since  $|xy| \le p$ ,  $|xyyz| \le p^2 + p < (p+1)^2$
- Since |y| > 0,  $|xyyz| > p^2$
- So |xyyz| cannot be a square. xyyz ∉ L

# Big picture

- All languages
- Decidable

**Turing machines** 

- NP
- P
- Context-free

Context-free grammars, push-down automata

• Regular

Automata, non-deterministic automata, regular expressions