Automata and Formal Languages (4)

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Regexps and Automata

	Thompson's construction		subset construction	
Regexps	→	**NFAs**	→	**DFAs**

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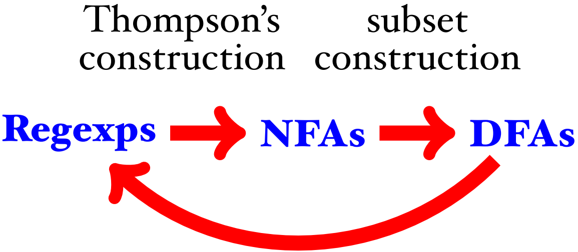

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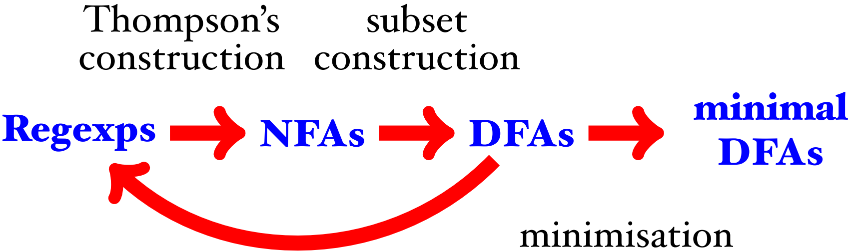

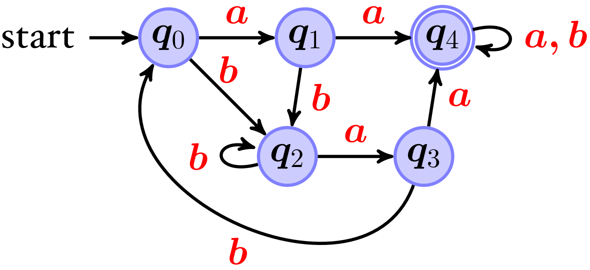

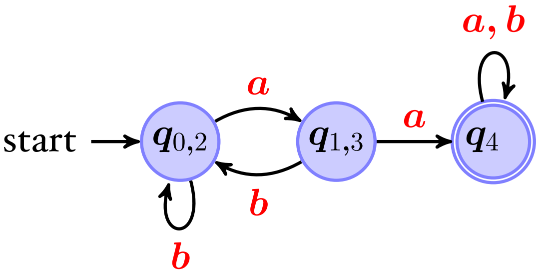

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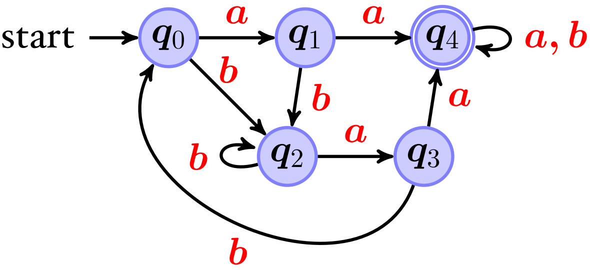

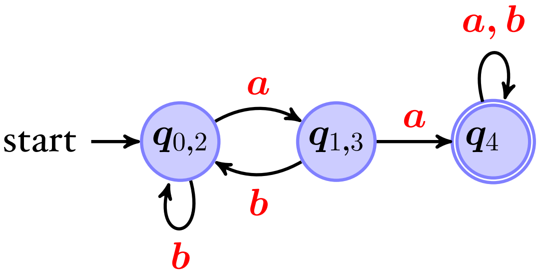

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Last Week

Last week I showed you

- a tokenizer taking a list of regular expressions
- tokenization identifies lexeme in an input stream of characters (or string) and cathegorizes them into tokens

Two Rules

- Longest match rule (maximal munch rule): The longest initial substring matched by any regular expression is taken as next token.

- Rule priority: For a particular longest initial substring, the first regular expression that can match determines the token.

"if true then then 42 else +"

KEYWORD:
"if", "then", "else",
WHITESPACE:
" ", "\n",
IDENT:
LETTER · (LETTER + DIGIT + "_")*
NUM:
(NONZERODIGIT · DIGIT*) + "0"
OP:
"+"
COMMENT:
"/*" · (ALL* · "*/" · ALL*) · "*/"

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There is one small problem with the tokenizer. How should we tokenize:

$$\text{"x - 3"}$$

OP:

"+", "-"

NUM:

(NONZERODIGIT · DIGIT*) + "0"

NUMBER:

NUM + ("-" · NUM)

Negation

Assume you have an alphabet consisting of the letters a, b and c only. Find a regular expression that matches all strings except ab, ac and cba.

Deterministic Finite Autom

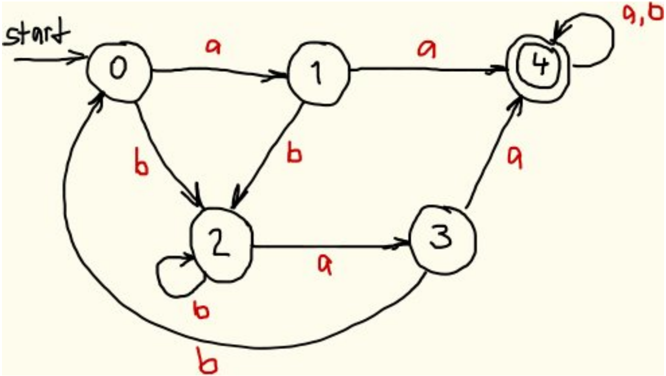
A deterministic finite automaton consists of:

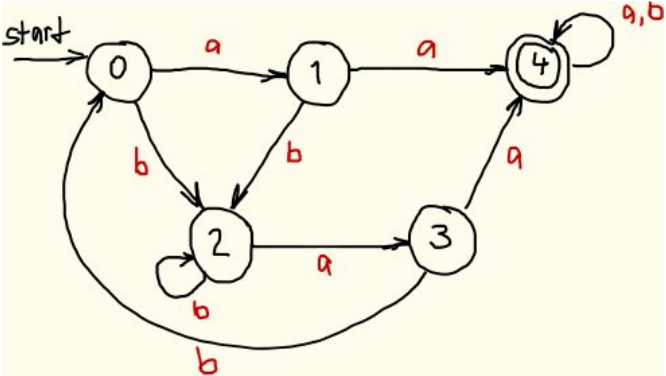
- a finite set of states
- one of these states is the start state
- some states are accepting states, and
- there is transition function

  which takes a state and a character as arguments and produces a new state

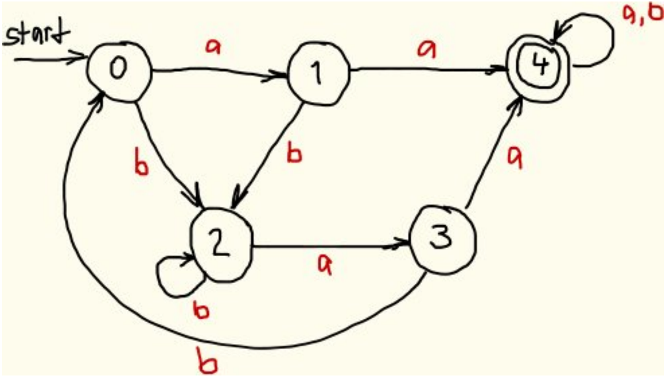
  this function might not always be defined everywhere

$$A(Q, q_0, F, \delta)$$


start
0
1
2
3
4
a
a
b
b
a
a
b
b
a,b



- start can be an accepting state
- it is possible that there is no accepting state
- all states might be accepting (but does not necessarily mean all strings are accepted)



for this automaton δ is the function

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
(q_0, a) \rightarrow q_1 & (q_1, a) \rightarrow q_4 & (q_4, a) \rightarrow q_4 \\
(q_0, b) \rightarrow q_2 & (q_1, b) \rightarrow q_2 & (q_4, b) \rightarrow q_4
\end{array} \quad \ldots
$$

Accepting a String

Given

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Whether a string s is accepted by A?

$$\hat{\delta}(q_0, s) \in F$$

Non-Deterministic Finite Automata

A non-deterministic finite automaton consists again of:

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- one of these states is the start state
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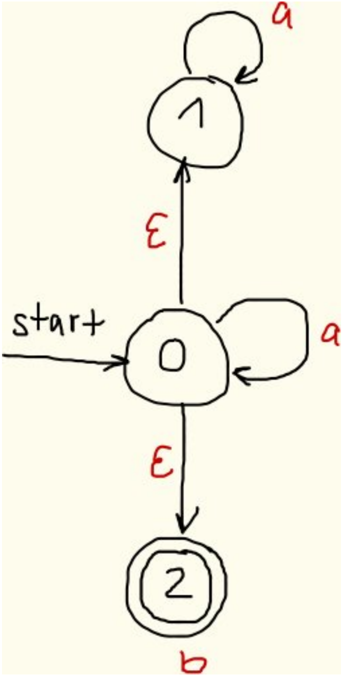
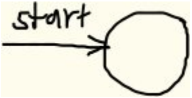
- there is transition relation

$$(q_1, a) \to q_2 \qquad (q_1, \epsilon) \to q_2$$
$$(q_1, a) \to q_3$$


a
1
ε
start
0
a
ε
2
b

$\varnothing$



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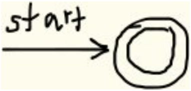
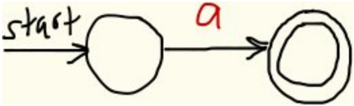
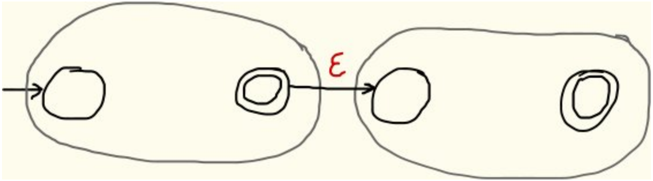
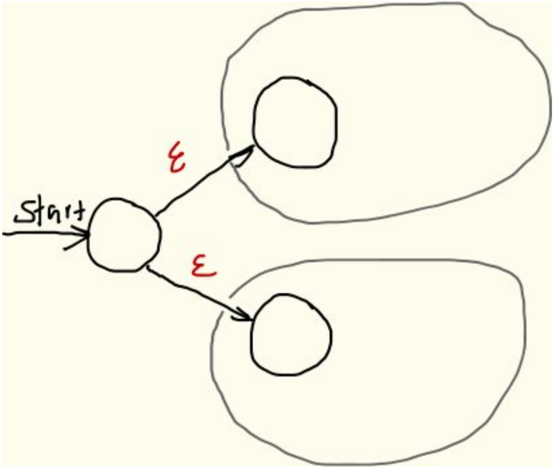


c



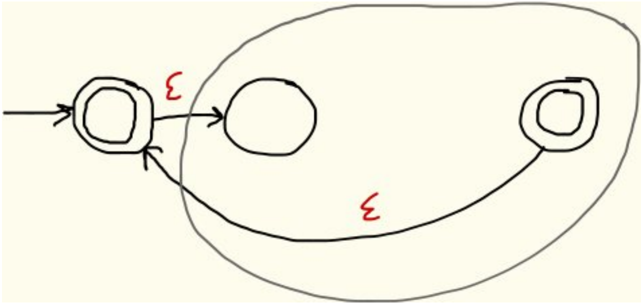
$\mathbf{r_1 \cdot r_2}$





$\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2$

r*



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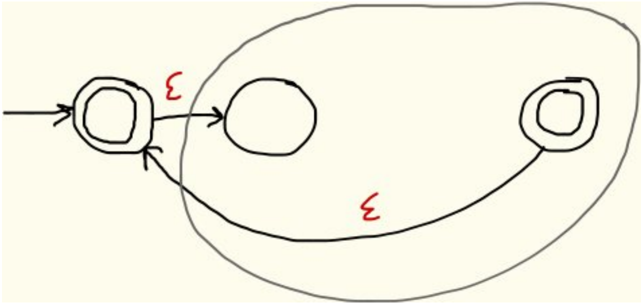

Why can't we just have an epsilon transition from the accepting states to the starting state?

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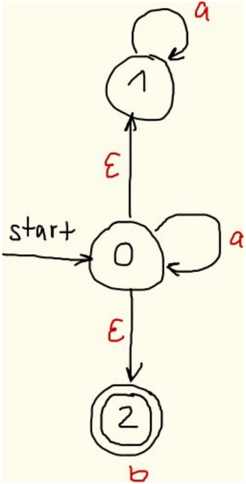

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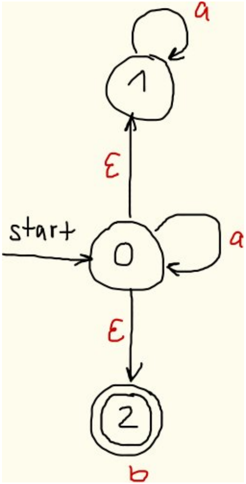

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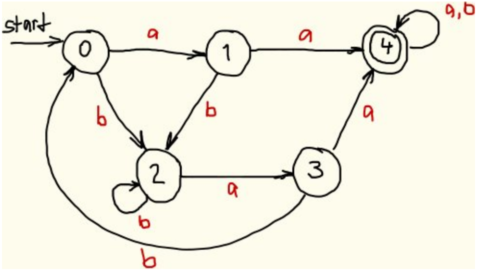

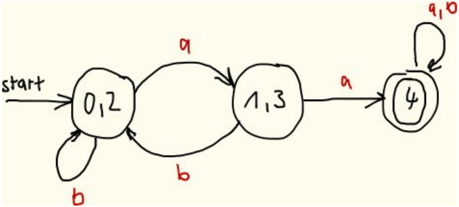

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Given the function

$$\begin{aligned}
rev(\varnothing) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varnothing \\
rev(\epsilon) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \epsilon \\
rev(c) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} c \\
rev(r_1 + r_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} rev(r_1) + rev(r_2) \\
rev(r_1 \cdot r_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} rev(r_2) \cdot rev(r_1) \\
rev(r^*) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} rev(r)^*
\end{aligned}$$

and the set

$$Rev\ A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{s^{-1} \mid s \in A\}$$

prove whether

$$L(rev(r)) = Rev(L(r))$$

- The star-case in our proof about the matcher needs the following lemma

$$\text{Der}\, c\, A^* = (\text{Der}\, c\, A) \mathbin{@} A^*$$

- If $"" \in A$, then
$\text{Der}\, c\, (A \mathbin{@} B) = (\text{Der}\, c\, A) \mathbin{@} B \cup (\text{Der}\, c\, B)$

- If $"" \notin A$, then
$\text{Der}\, c\, (A \mathbin{@} B) = (\text{Der}\, c\, A) \mathbin{@} B$

- Assuming you have the alphabet {a, b, c}
- Give a regular expression that can recognise all strings that have at least one b.

"I hate coding. I do not want to look at code."