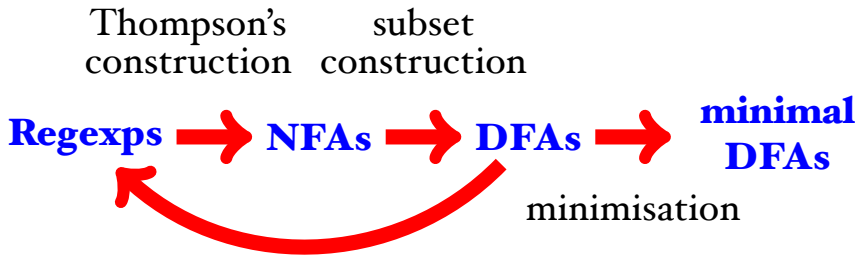


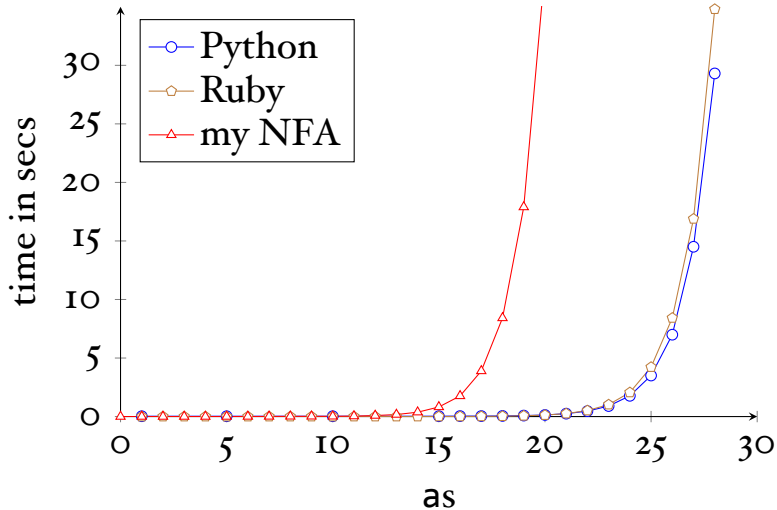
Automata and Formal Languages (4)

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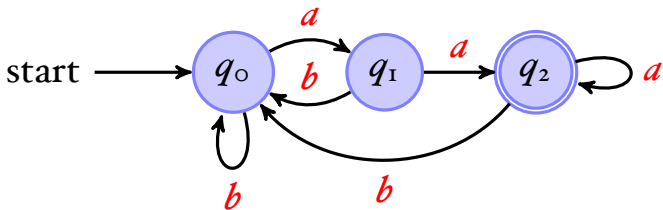
Regexps and Automata



$$(a?\{n\}) \cdot a\{n\}$$



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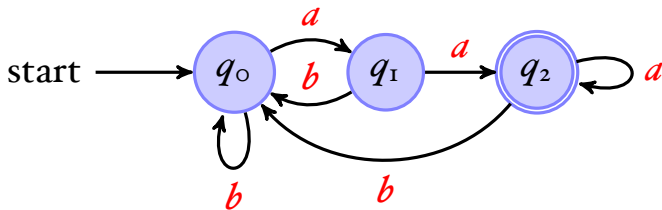


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Arden's Lemma:

$$\text{If } q = qr + s \text{ then } q = sr^*$$

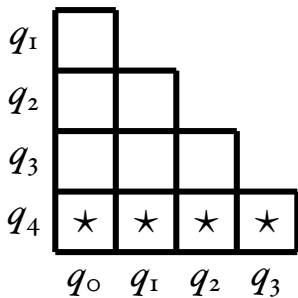
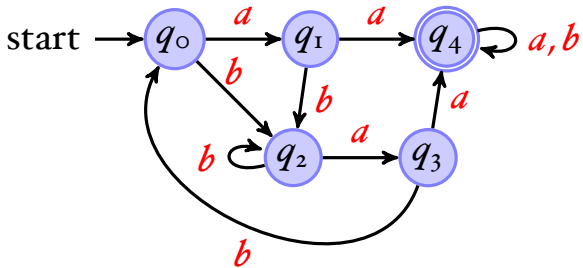
DFA Minimisation

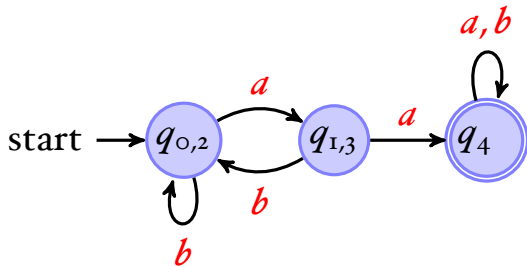
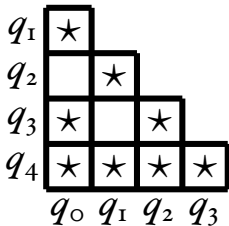
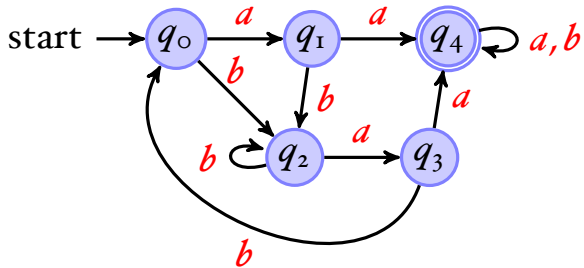
- 1 Take all pairs (q,p) with $q \neq p$
- 2 Mark all pairs that accepting and non-accepting states
- 3 For all unmarked pairs (q,p) and all characters c test whether

$$(\delta(q,c), \delta(p,c))$$

are marked. If yes, then also mark (q,p) .

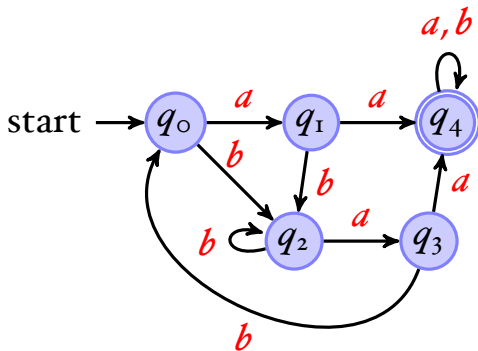
- 4 Repeat last step until no change.
- 5 All unmarked pairs can be merged.



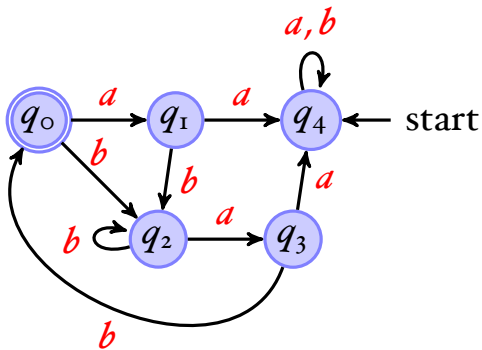


minimal automaton

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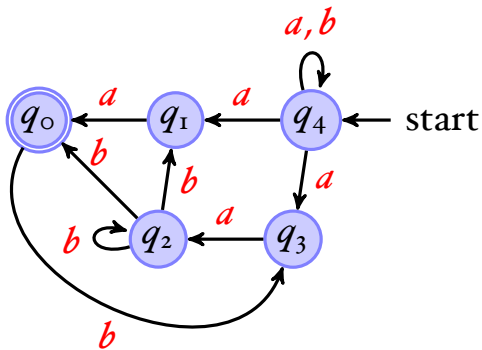


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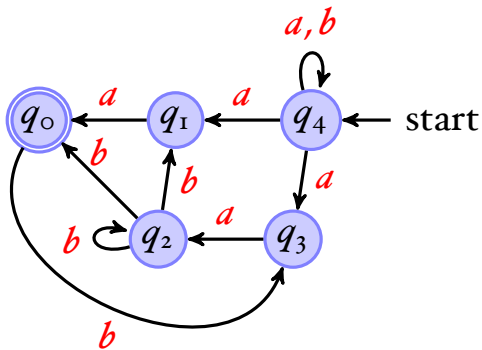
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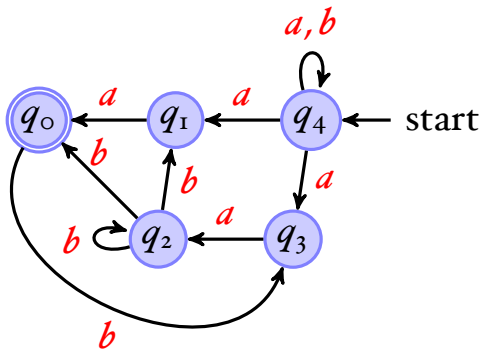
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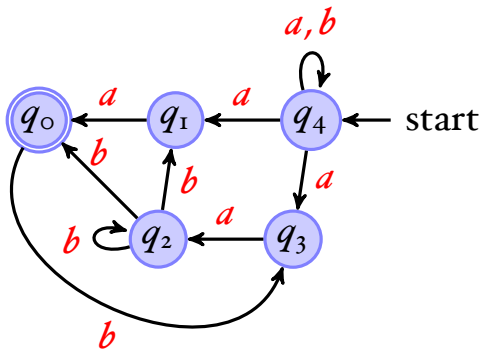
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Regular Languages

Two equivalent definitions:

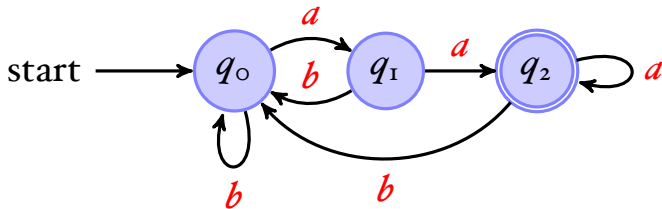
A language is **regular** iff there exists a regular expression that recognises all its strings.

A language is **regular** iff there exists an automaton that recognises all its strings.

for example $a^n b^n$ is not regular

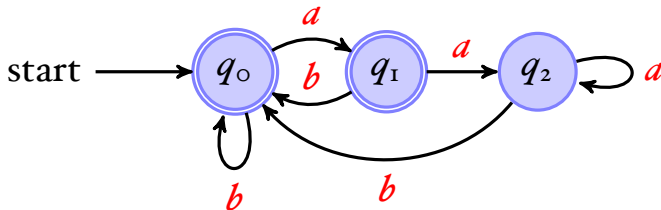
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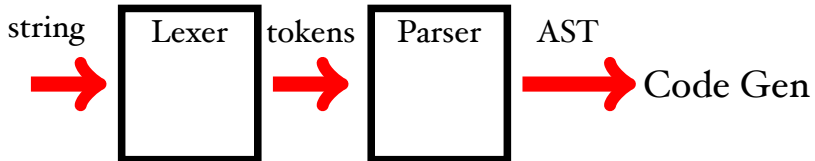
But requires that the automaton is **completed!**

```
1  /* Fibonacci Program
2     input: n */
3
4  write "Fib";
5  read n;
6  minus1 := 0;
7  minus2 := 1;
8  while n > 0 do {
9     temp := minus2;
10    minus2 := minus1 + minus2;
11    minus1 := temp;
12    n := n - 1
13 };
14 write "Result";
15 write minus2
```



```
1 write "Input a number ";
2 read n;
3 while n > 1 do {
4     if n % 2 == 0
5     then n := n/2
6     else n := 3*n+1;
7 };
8 write "Yes";
```

A Compiler



”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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KEYWORD(then),  
WHITESPACE,  
NUM(42),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(else),  
WHITESPACE,  
OP(+)
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OP(+)

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

”x-3”

ID: ...

OP:

”+”, ”-”

NUM:

(NONZERODIGIT · DIGIT*) + ”0”

NUMBER:

NUM + (”-” · NUM)

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most posix matchers are buggy

http://www.haskell.org/haskellwiki/Regex_Posix

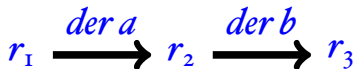
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$$r_1 \xrightarrow{\text{der } a} r_2$$

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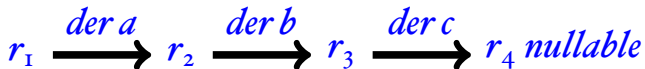
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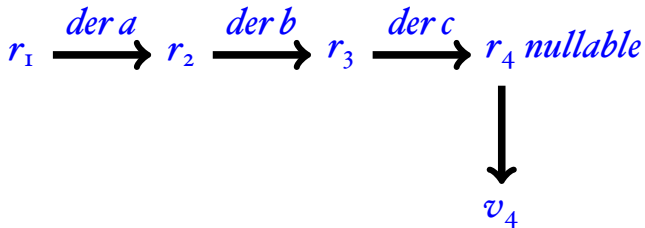
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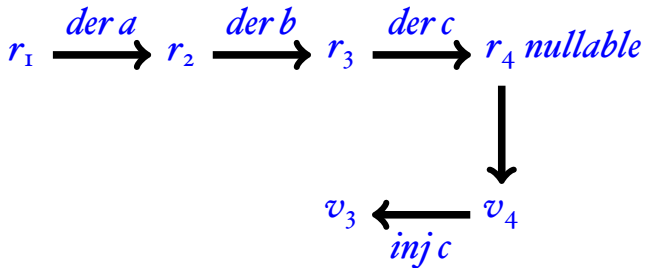
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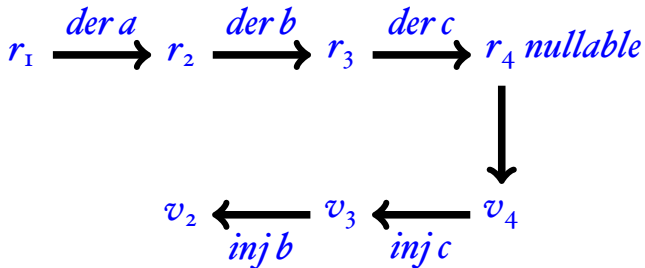
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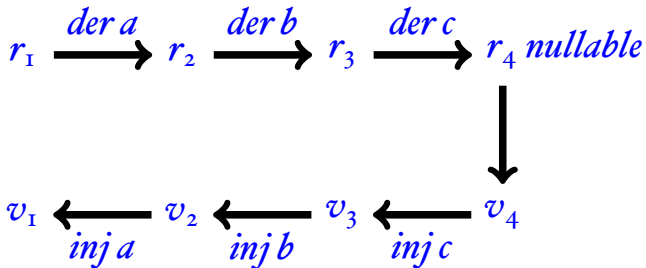
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