

# Automata and Formal Languages (5)

Email: christian.urban at kcl.ac.uk

Office: SI.27 (1st floor Strand Building)

Slides: KEATS (also home work is there)

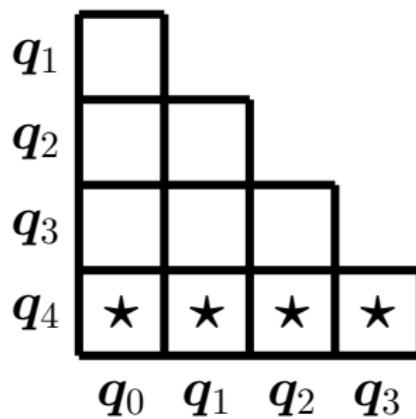
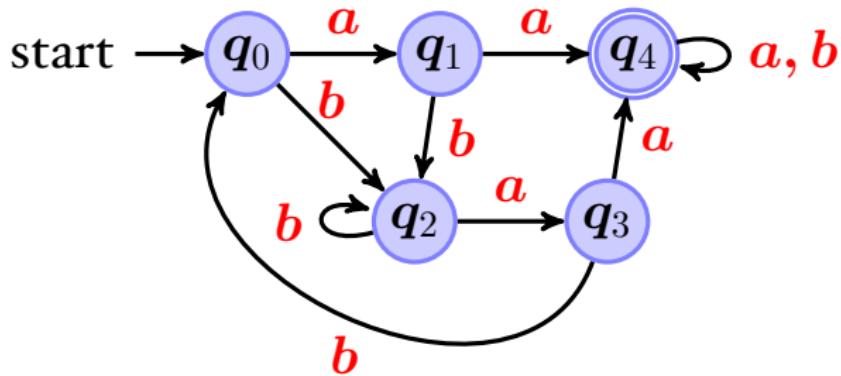
# DFA Minimisation

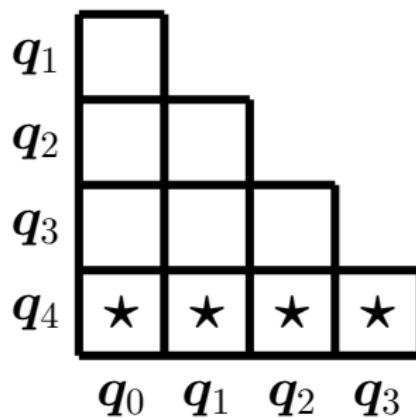
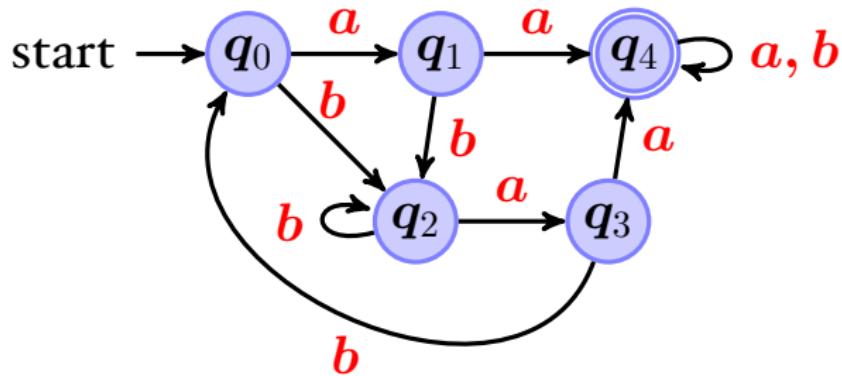
- ➊ Take all pairs  $(q, p)$  with  $q \neq p$
- ➋ Mark all pairs that accepting and non-accepting states
- ➌ For all unmarked pairs  $(q, p)$  and all characters  $c$  tests whether

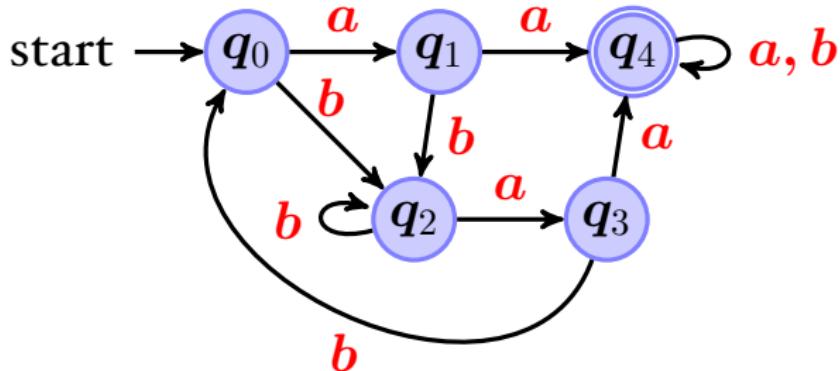
$$(\delta(q, c), \delta(p, c))$$

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

- ➍ Repeat last step until no change.
- ➎ All unmarked pairs can be merged.

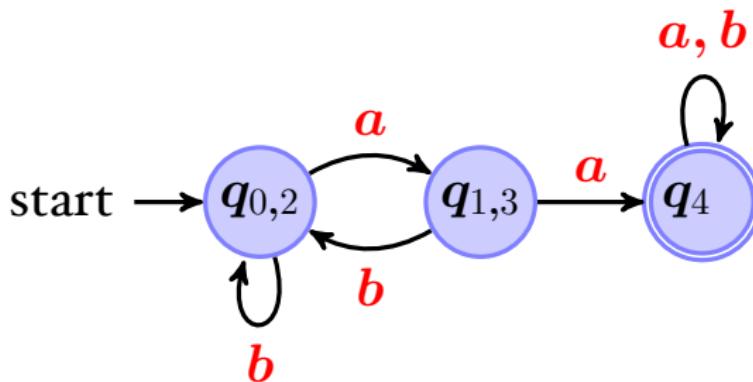




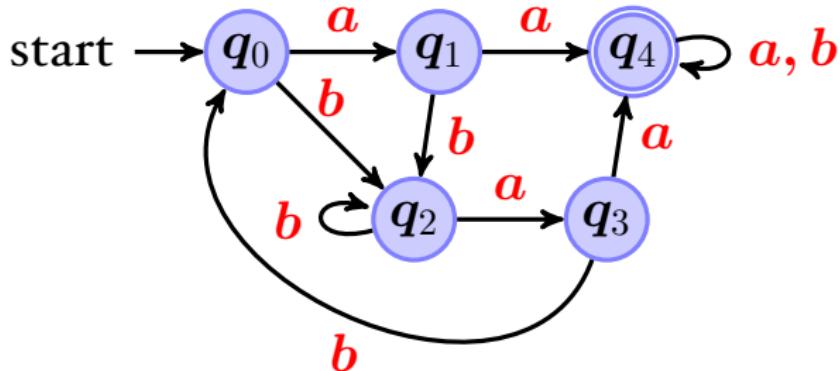


$q_1$	★		
$q_2$		★	
$q_3$	★		★
$q_4$	★	★	★

$q_0 \quad q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3 \quad q_4$

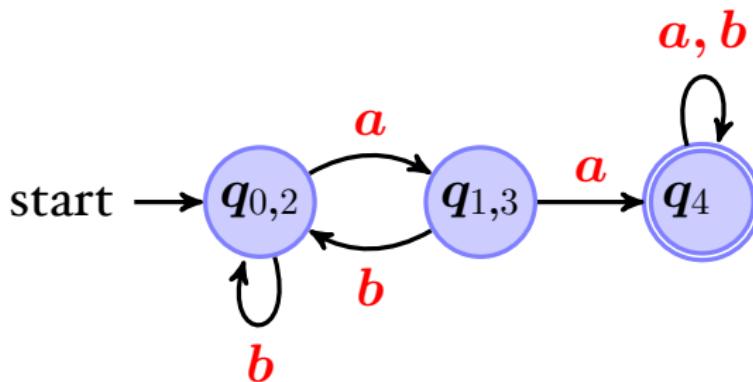


minimal automaton

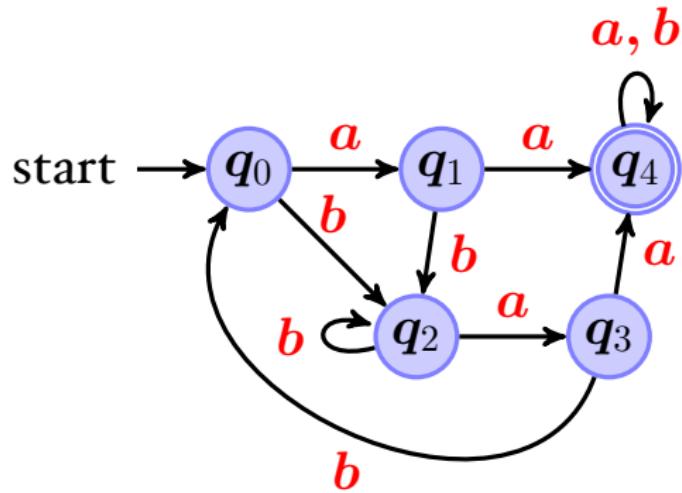


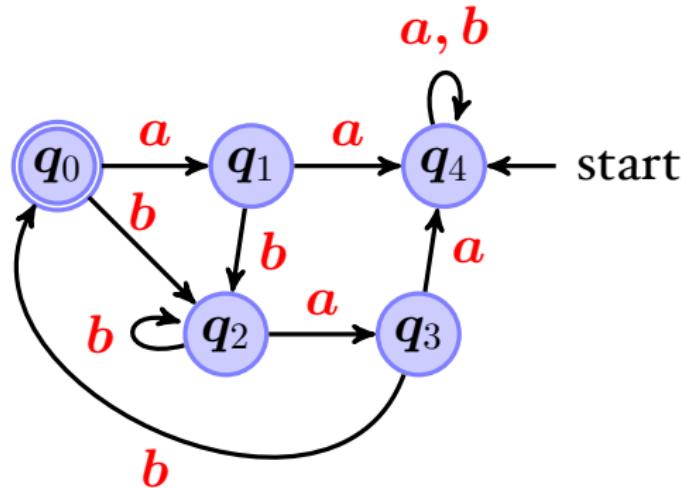
$q_1$	★		
$q_2$		★	
$q_3$	★		★
$q_4$	★	★	★

$q_0 \quad q_1 \quad q_2 \quad q_3 \quad q_4$

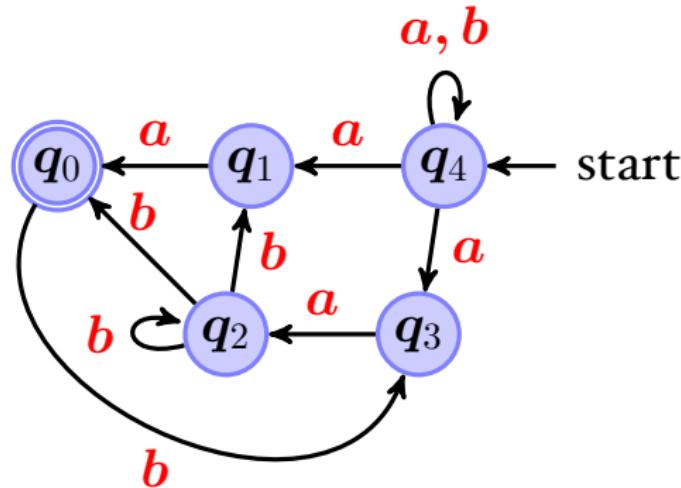


minimal automaton

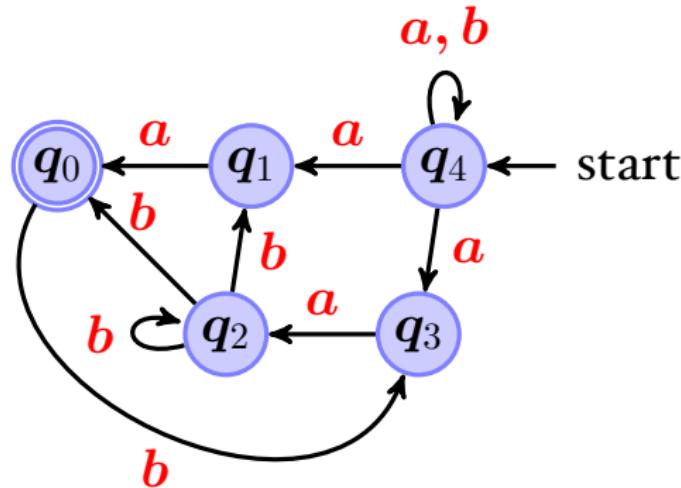




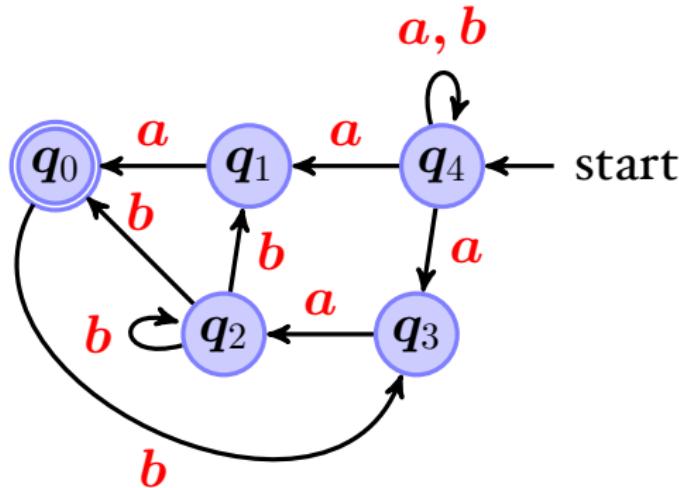
- exchange initial / accepting states



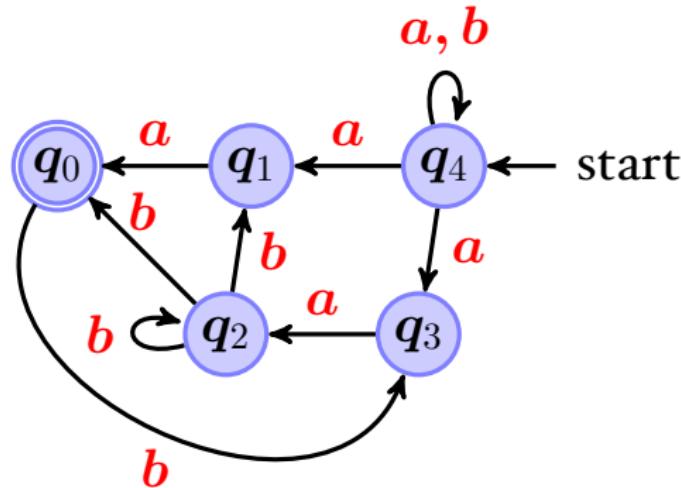
- exchange initial / accepting states
- reverse all edges



- exchange initial / accepting states
- reverse all edges
- subset construction  $\Rightarrow$  DFA



- exchange initial / accepting states
- reverse all edges
- subset construction  $\Rightarrow$  DFA
- repeat once more

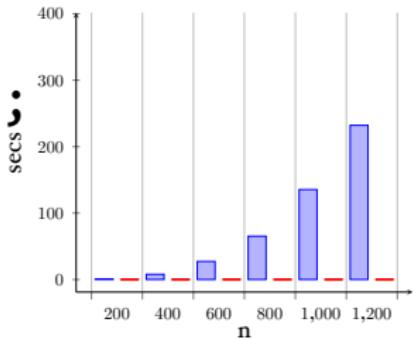


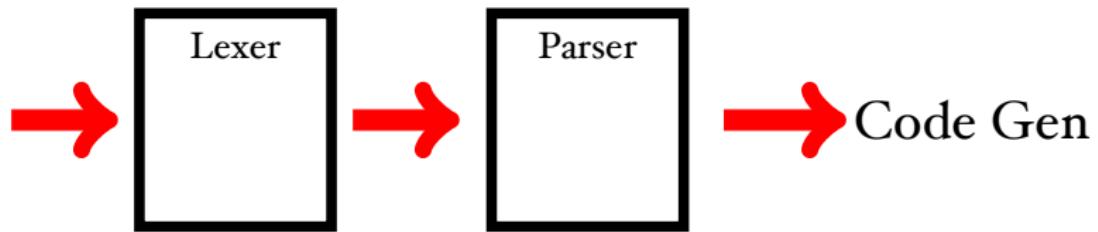
- exchange initial / accepting states
- reverse all edges
- subset construction  $\Rightarrow$  DFA
- repeat once more  $\Rightarrow$  minimal DFA

```
1 write "Input a number ";
2 read n;
3 x := 0;
4 y := 1;
5 while n > 0 do {
6     temp := y;
7     y := x + y;
8     x := temp;
9     n := n - 1
10 };
11 write "Result ";
12 write y
```

```
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";
```

```
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";
```





"if true then then 42 else +"

KEYWORD:

if, then, else,

WHITE SPACE:

", \n,

IDENT:

LETTER · (LETTER + DIGIT + \_)\*

NUM:

(NONZERO DIGIT · DIGIT\*) + 0

OP:

+

COMMENT:

/\* · (ALL\* · \*/ · ALL\*) · \*/

"if true then then 42 else +"

KEYWORD(if),  
WHITESPACE,  
IDENT(true),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(then),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(then),  
WHITESPACE,  
NUM(42),  
WHITESPACE,  
KEYWORD(else),  
WHITESPACE,  
OP(+)

"if true then then 42 else +"

KEYWORD(if),  
IDENT(true),  
KEYWORD(then),  
KEYWORD(then),  
NUM(42),  
KEYWORD(else),  
OP(+)

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

”x - 3”

OP:

”+”, ”-”

NUM:

(NONZERO DIGIT · DIGIT\*) + ”0”

NUMBER:

NUM + (”-” · NUM)

# 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.

# Nullable

...whether a regular expression can match the empty string:

$\text{nullable}(\emptyset)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{nullable}(\epsilon)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}$
$\text{nullable}(c)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{nullable}(r_1 + r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nullable}(r_1) \vee \text{nullable}(r_2)$
$\text{nullable}(r_1 \cdot r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nullable}(r_1) \wedge \text{nullable}(r_2)$
$\text{nullable}(r^*)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}$

# Zeroable

...whether a regular expression can match nothing:

$\text{zeroable}(\emptyset)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}$
$\text{zeroable}(\epsilon)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{zeroable}(c)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{zeroable}(r_1 + r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \wedge \text{zeroable}(r_2)$
$\text{zeroable}(r_1 \cdot r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \vee \text{zeroable}(r_2)$
$\text{zeroable}(r^*)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$

# Zeroable

...whether a regular expression can match nothing:

$\text{zeroable}(\emptyset)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{true}$
$\text{zeroable}(\epsilon)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{zeroable}(c)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$
$\text{zeroable}(r_1 + r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \wedge \text{zeroable}(r_2)$
$\text{zeroable}(r_1 \cdot r_2)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{zeroable}(r_1) \vee \text{zeroable}(r_2)$
$\text{zeroable}(r^*)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{false}$

$$\text{zeroable}(r) \Leftrightarrow L(r) = \emptyset$$

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

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

- $A^* = \{\text{""}\} \cup A @ A^*$

- If  $\text{""} \in A$ , then

$$\text{Der } c (A @ B) = (\text{Der } c A) @ B \cup (\text{Der } c B)$$

- If  $\text{""} \notin A$ , then

$$\text{Der } c (A @ B) = (\text{Der } c A) @ B$$