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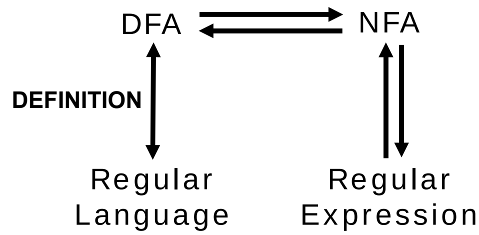
FORMAL LANGUAGES, AUTOMATA AND COMPUTABILITY



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MINIMIZING DFAs

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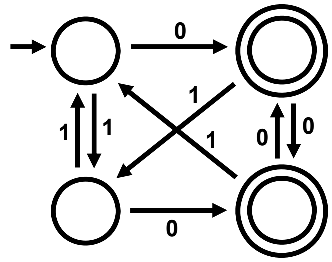

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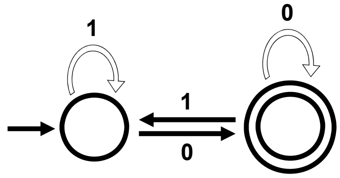


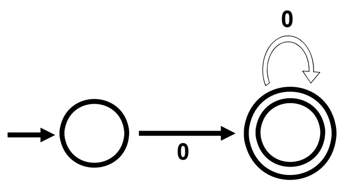
THEOREM

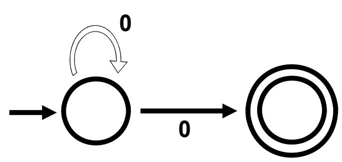
For every regular language L, there exists a UNIQUE (up to re-labeling of the states) minimal DFA M such that L = L(M)

Minimal means wrt number of states

Given a specification for L, via DFA, NFA or regex,this theorem is constructive.

NOT TRUE FOR NFAs





EXTENDING δ

Given DFA M = $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ extend δ to
$\hat{\delta} : Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$ as follows:

$\hat{\delta}(q, \varepsilon) = q$

$\hat{\delta}(q, \sigma) = \delta(q, \sigma)$

$\hat{\delta}(q, \sigma_1 \ldots \sigma_{k+1}) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q, \sigma_1 \ldots \sigma_k), \sigma_{k+1})$

Note: $\hat{\delta}(q_0, w) \in F \Leftrightarrow$ M accepts w

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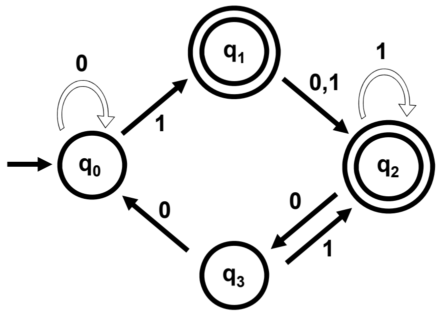
String $w \in \Sigma^*$ distinguishes states p and q iff
exactly ONE of $\hat{\delta}(p, w)$, $\hat{\delta}(q, w)$ is a final state

Fix M = $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ and let $p, q \in Q$

DEFINITION:

p is *distinguishable* from q
iff
there is a $w \in \Sigma^*$ that distinguishes p and q

p is *indistinguishable* from q
iff
p is not distinguishable from q
iff
for all $w \in \Sigma^*$, $\hat{\delta}(p, w) \in F \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(q, w) \in F$



ε distinguishes accept from non-accept states

Fix $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ and let $p, q, r \in Q$

Define relation ~ :

$p \sim q$ iff p is indistinguishable from q
$p \nsim q$ iff p is distinguishable from q

Proposition: ~ is an equivalence relation

$p \sim p$ (reflexive)
$p \sim q \Rightarrow q \sim p$ (symmetric)
$p \sim q$ and $q \sim r \Rightarrow p \sim r$ (transitive)

Proof (of transitivity): for all w, we have:
$\hat{\delta}(p, w) \in F \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(q, w) \in F \Leftrightarrow \hat{\delta}(r, w) \in F$

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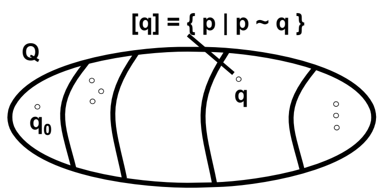
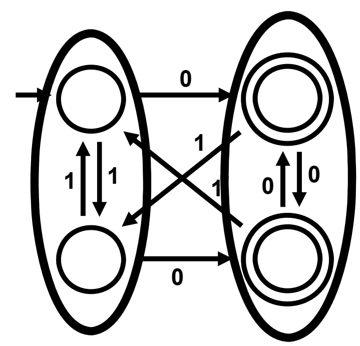
so ~ partitions the set of states of M into disjoint equivalence classes





Algorithm MINIMIZE

Input: DFA M

Output: DFA M_{MIN} such that:

$M \equiv M_{MIN}$ (that is, $L(M) = L(M_{MIN})$)

M_{MIN} has no inaccessible states

M_{MIN} is *irreducible*

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all states of M_{MIN} are pairwise distinguishable

Theorem: M_{MIN} is the unique minimum DFA equivalent to M

Intuition: States of M_{MIN} will be blocks of equivalent states of M

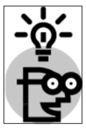
We'll find these equivalent states with a "Table-Filling" Algorithm

TABLE-FILLING ALGORITHM

Input: DFA M = (Q, Σ, δ, q_0, F)

Output: (1) D_M = { (p,q) | p,q ∈ Q and p/~ q }

(2) E_M = { [q] | q ∈ Q }



IDEA:

- **We know how to find those pairs of states that ε distinguishes…**
- **Use this and recursion to find those pairs distinguishable with *longer* strings**
- **Pairs left over will be indistinguishable**

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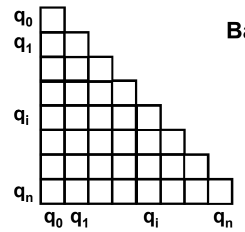

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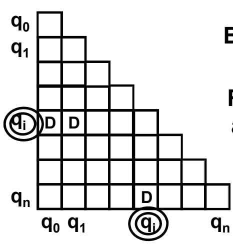

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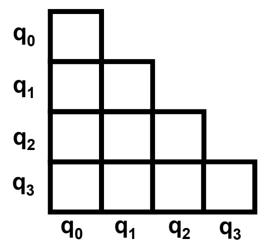
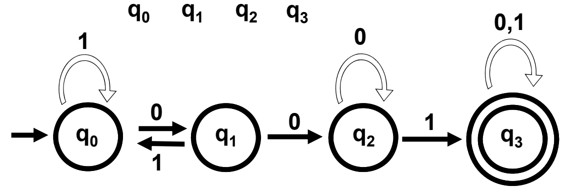
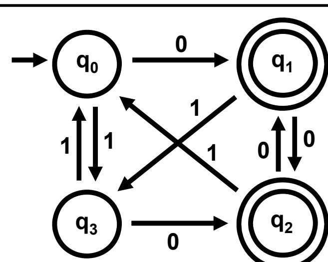
Recursion: if there is σ ∈ Σ and states p′, q′ satisfying

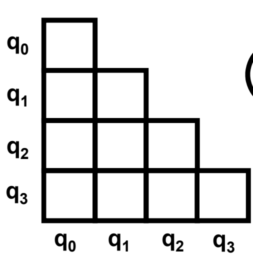
δ (p, σ) = p′
≁ ⇒ p ≁ q
δ (q, σ) = q′

Repeat until no more new D's









Claim: If p, q are distinguished by Table-Filling algorithm (ie pair labelled by D), then p ≁ q

Proof: By induction on the stage of the algorithm

If (p, q) is marked D at the start, then one's in F and one isn't, so ε distinguishes p and q

Suppose (p, q) is marked D at stage n+1
Then there are states p′, q′, string w ∈ Σ* and σ ∈ Σ such that:

1. **(p′, q′) are marked D ⇒ p′ ≁ q′ (by induction)**
   ⇒ $\hat{\delta}$(p′, w) ∈ F and $\hat{\delta}$(q′, w) ∉ F
2. **p′ = δ(p,σ) and q′ = δ(q,σ)**

The string σw distinguishes p and q!

Claim: If p, q are not distinguished by Table-Filling algorithm, then p ~ q

Proof (by contradiction):

Suppose the pair (p, q) is not marked D by the algorithm, yet p ≁ q (a "bad pair")

Suppose (p,q) is a bad pair with the shortest w.

$\hat{\delta}(p, w) \in F$ and $\hat{\delta}(q, w) \notin F$ **(Why is |w| >0 ?)**

So, w = $\sigma w'$, where $\sigma \in \Sigma$

Let $p' = \delta(p,\sigma)$ and $q' = \delta(q,\sigma)$

Then (p′, q′) cannot be marked D (Why?)

But (p′, q′) is distinguished by w′ !

So (p′, q′) is also a bad pair, but with a SHORTER w′ !

Contradiction!

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$\delta_{MIN}([q], \sigma) = [\delta(q, \sigma)]$

Must show δ_{MIN} is well defined!

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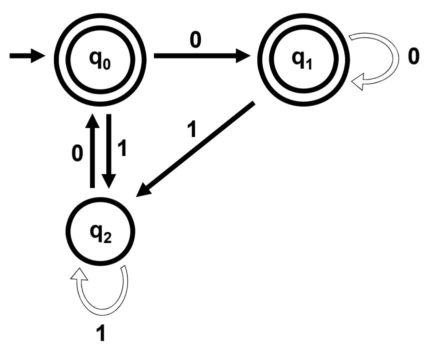
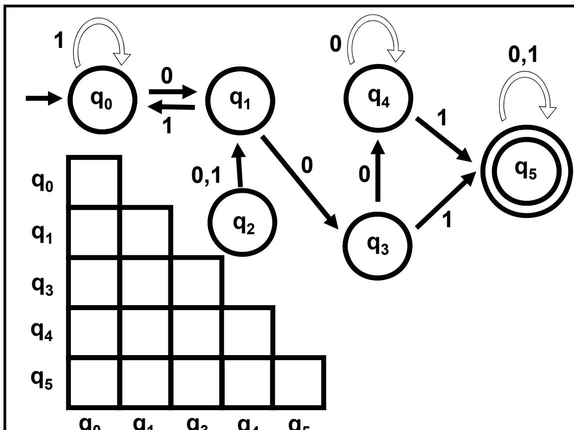
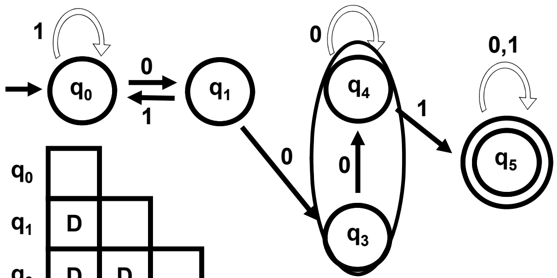
Follows: $M_{MIN} \equiv M$

MINIMIZE







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Proof of Prop: We will construct a map recursively

Base Case: $q_{0\ MIN} \to q_0'$

Recursive Step: If $p \to p'$

$$\begin{array}{cc} p & \to & p' \\ \downarrow\sigma & & \downarrow\sigma \\ q & & q' \end{array} \quad \text{Then } q \to q'$$

We need to show:

The map is everywhere defined

The map is well defined

The map is a bijection (1-1 and onto)

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That is, for all $q \in M_{MIN}$ there is a $q' \in M'$ such that $q \to q'$

If $q \in M_{MIN}$, there is a string w such that $\hat{\delta}_{MIN}(q_{0\ MIN}, w) = q$ (WHY?)

Let $q' = \hat{\delta}'(q_0', w)$. q will map to q' (by induction)

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That is, for all $q \in M_{MIN}$ there is at most one $q' \in M'$ such that $q \to q'$

Suppose there exist q' and q'' such that $q \to q'$ and $q \to q''$

We show that q' and q'' are indistinguishable, so it must be that $q' = q''$ (Why?)

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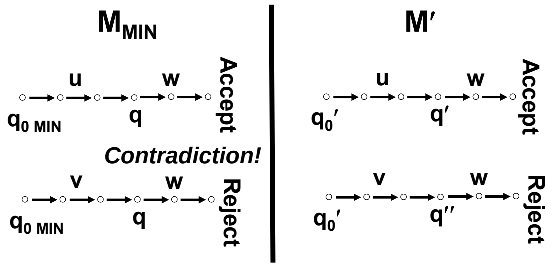
Suppose q' and q'' are distinguishable



The map is 1-1

Suppose there are distinct p and q such that
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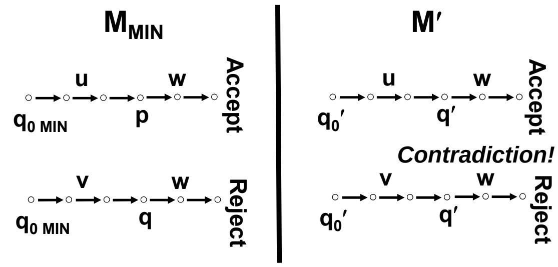
p and q are distinguishable (why?)



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The map is onto

That is, for all $q' \in M'$ there is a $q \in M_{MIN}$ such that $q \to q'$

If $q' \in M'$, there is w such that $\hat{\delta}'(q_0',w) = q'$

Let $q = \hat{\delta}_{MIN}(q_{0\,MIN},w)$. q will map to q' (why?)

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The map preserves transitions

That is, if $\delta(p, \sigma) = q$ and $p \to p'$ and $q \to q'$

then, $\delta'(p', \sigma) = q'$

(Why?)

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Read Chapters 2.1 & 2.2 for next time