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ECE-374 B: Lecture 2 - DFAs

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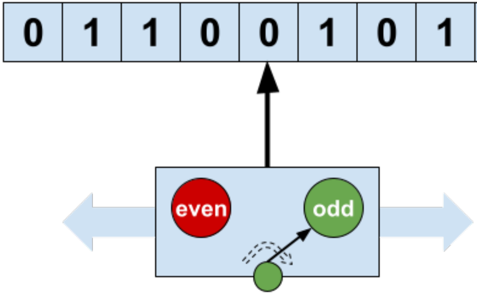
Another view



- Machine has input written on a read-only tape
- Start in specified start state
- Start at left, scan symbol, change state and move right
- Circled states are accepting
- Machine accepts input string if it is in an accepting state after scanning the last symbol.

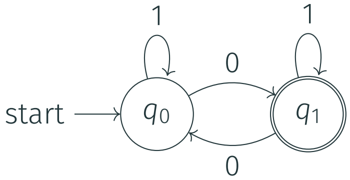
Deterministic-finite-automata (DFA) Introduction

DFAs also called Finite State Machines (FSMs)

- The “simplest” model for computers?
- State machines that are common in practice.
  - Vending machines
  - Elevators
  - Digital watches
  - Simple network protocols
- Programs with fixed memory

Graphical representation of DFA

Graphical Representation/State Machine



- Directed graph with nodes representing states and edge/arcs representing transitions labeled by symbols in Σ
- For each state (vertex) q and symbol $a \in \Sigma$ there is exactly one outgoing edge labeled by a
- Initial/start state has a pointer (or labeled as s, q_0 or "start")
- Some states with double circles labeled as accepting/final states

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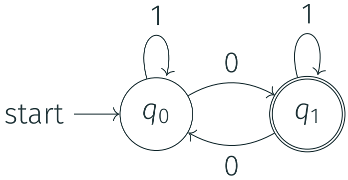

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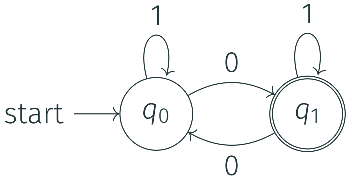

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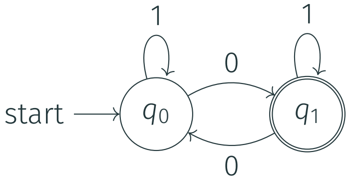

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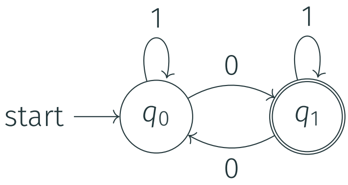

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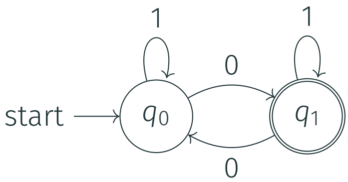

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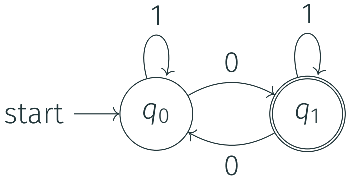

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Formal definition of DFA

Formal Tuple Notation

Definition
A deterministic finite automata (DFA) $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$ is a five tuple where

- Q is a finite set whose elements are called states,
- Σ is a finite set called the input alphabet,
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \to Q$ is the transition function,
- $s \in Q$ is the start state,
- $A \subseteq Q$ is the set of accepting/final states.

Common alternate notation: q_0 for start state, F for final states.

DFA Notation

$$M = \left(\quad \overbrace{Q} \quad , \quad \underbrace{\Sigma} \quad , \quad \overbrace{\delta} \quad , \quad \underbrace{s} \quad , \quad \overbrace{A} \quad \right)$$

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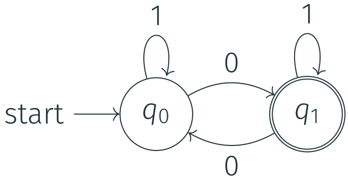

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Transition function $\delta^* : Q \times \Sigma^* \to Q$ defined inductively as follows:

- $\delta^*(q, w) = q$ if $w = \epsilon$
- $\delta^*(q, w) = \delta^*(\delta(q, a), x)$ if $w = ax$.

Formal definition of language accepted by M

Definition
The language $L(M)$ accepted by a DFA $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$ is

$$\{w \in \Sigma^* \mid \delta^*(s, w) \in A\}.$$

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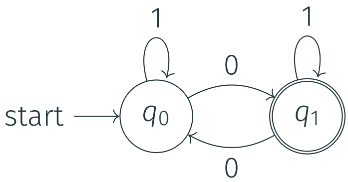

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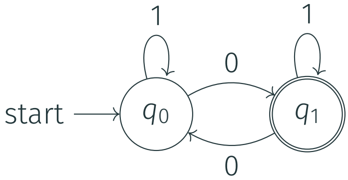

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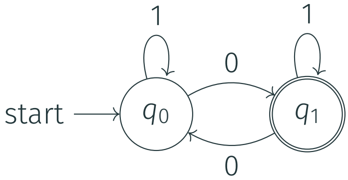

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Constructing DFAs: Examples

DFAs: State = Memory

How do we design a DFA M for a given language L? That is $L(M) = L$.

- DFA is a like a program that has fixed number of states regardless of its input size.
- The state must capture enough information from the input seen so far that it is sufficient for the suffix that is yet to be seen (note that DFA cannot go back)

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DFA Construction: Example II: Length divisible by 5

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$L = \{w \in \{0, 1\}^* \mid |w| \text{ is divisible by } 5\}$

DFA Construction: Example III: Ends with 01

Assume $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$.

$L = \{w \in \{0,1\}^* \mid w \text{ ends with } 01\}$

Complement language

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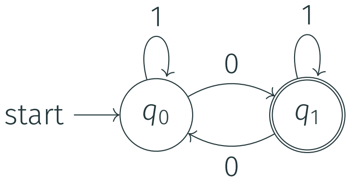
Question: If M is a DFA, is there a DFA M' such that $L(M') = \Sigma^* \setminus L(M)$? That is, are languages recognized by DFAs closed under complement?



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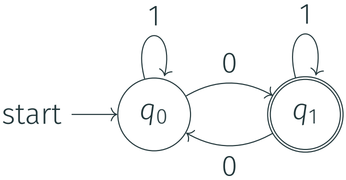

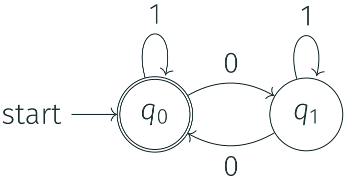

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Let $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, A)$ such that $L = L(M)$.

Let $M' = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, Q \setminus A)$. Claim: $L(M') = \overline{L}$. Why?

$\delta^*_M = \delta^*_{M'}$. Thus, for every string w, $\delta^*_M(s, w) = \delta^*_{M'}(s, w)$.

$\delta^*_M(s, w) \in A \Rightarrow \delta^*_{M'}(s, w) \notin Q \setminus A$. $\delta^*_M(s, w) \notin A \Rightarrow \delta^*_{M'}(s, w) \in Q \setminus A$. $\square$

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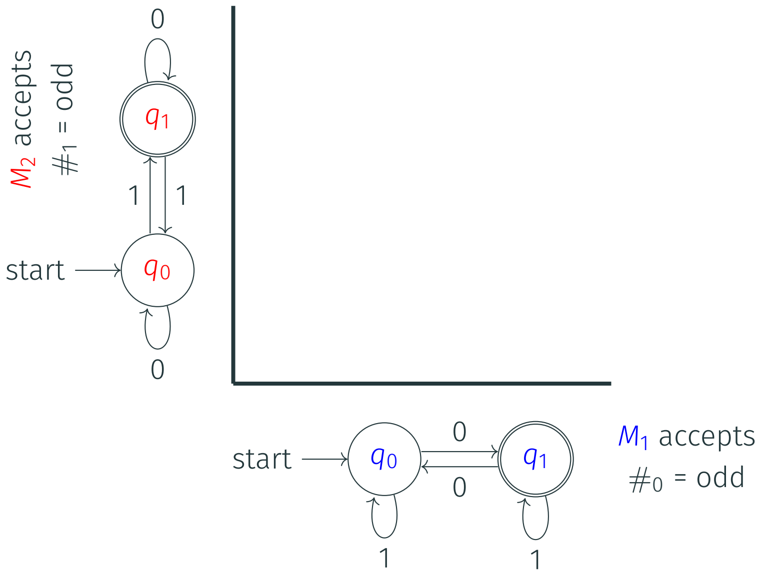

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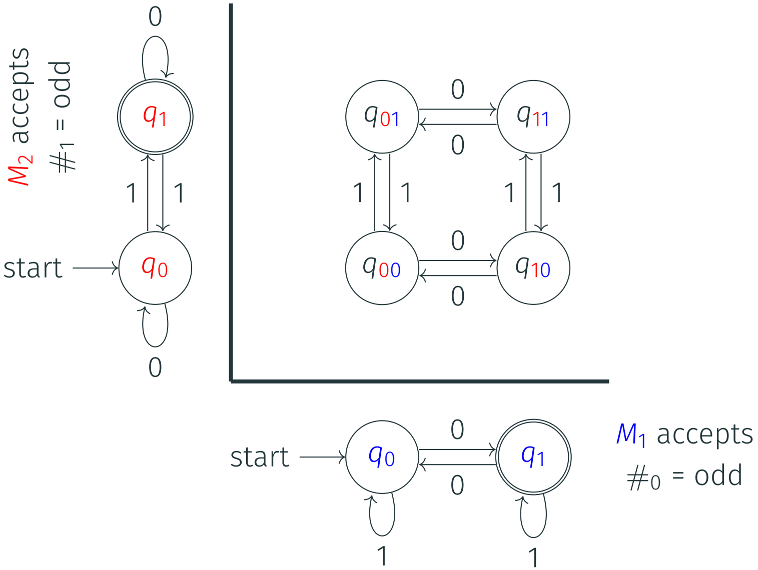

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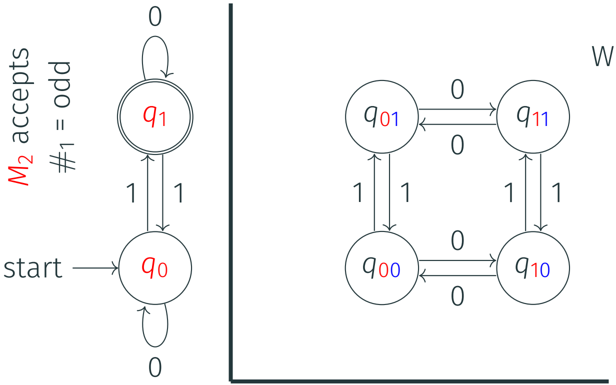
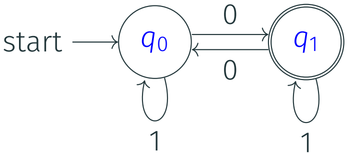


What language does M_{12} accept?



M_1 accepts $\#_0$ = odd

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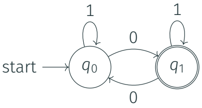

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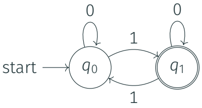

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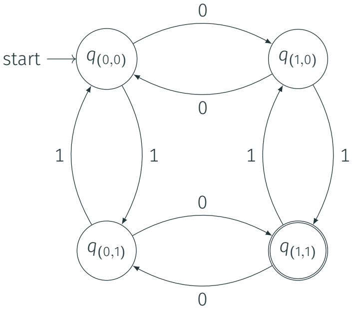

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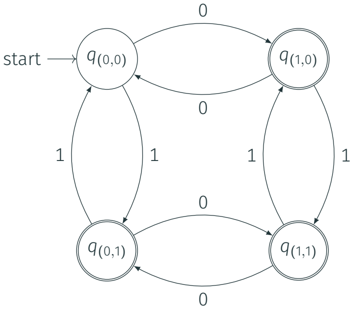

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- $s = (s_1, s_2)$
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \to Q$ where

$$\delta((q_1, q_2), a) = (\delta_1(q_1, a), \delta_2(q_2, a))$$

- $A =$

The End

Wonder why we had to specify *deterministic* finite automata? That's for next time.