# Finite Automata Part Three

#### Recap from Last Time





A language L is called a **regular language** if there exists a DFA D such that  $\mathscr{L}(D) = L$ .

# NFAs

- An **NFA** is a
  - Nondeterministic
  - Finite
  - Automaton
- Can have missing transitions or multiple transitions defined on the same input symbol.
- Accepts if *any possible series of choices* leads to an accepting state.

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## Massive Parallelism

- An NFA can be thought of as a DFA that can be in many states at once.
- At each point in time, when the NFA needs to follow a transition, it tries all the options at the same time.
- The NFA accepts if *any* of the states that are active at the end are accepting states. It rejects otherwise.

#### Just how powerful *are* NFAs?

#### New Stuff!

# NFAs and DFAs

- Any language that can be accepted by a DFA can be accepted by an NFA.
- Why?
  - Every DFA essentially already *is* an NFA!
- *Question:* Can any language accepted by an NFA also be accepted by a DFA?
- Surprisingly, the answer is **yes**!

**Thought Experiment:** How would you simulate an NFA in software?

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| $\{q_0, q_2\}$      | $\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$ | $\{q_0\}$      |
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| $\{q_0, q_2\}$     | $\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$ | $\{q_0\}$                 |
| $*{q_0, q_1, q_3}$ | $\{q_0, q_1\}$      | $\{q_0, q_2\}$            |





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| $\{q_0, q_2\}$     | $\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$ | $\{q_0\}$                 |
| $*{q_0, q_1, q_3}$ | $\{q_0, q_1\}$      | $\{q_0, q_2\}$            |




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| $\{q_0, q_2\}$     | $\{q_0, q_1, q_3\}$ | $\{q_0\}$      |
| $*{q_0, q_1, q_3}$ | $\{q_0, q_1\}$      | $\{q_0, q_2\}$ |



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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$ | Ø              | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3} |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø              | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø              | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø              | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_4\}$   | Ø              | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$                                    | Ø              | $\{q_2, q_3\}$            |
| $\{q_4\}$   | Ø              | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3}             |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }             |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3} | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3}             |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                   | ${q_3}$                               |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$ | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3}             |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                   | ${q_3}$                               |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$ | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
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| $\{q_4\}$      | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$ | Ø                                     | $\{q_2, q_3\}$            |
| $\{q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$            | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$                             |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3}             |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$                               |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
| { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$                             |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$ | Ø                                     | $\{q_2, q_3\}$                        |
| $\{q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }             |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$ | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$      | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$      | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| ${q_3}$             | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                   | $\{q_2, q_3\}$            |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$      | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$ | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       |
| ${q_3}$             | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$                 |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                   | $\{q_2, q_3\}$            |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$      | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$ | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       |
| ${q_3}$             | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$                 |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | $\{q_2, q_3\}$                        |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }             |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$      | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
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| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$   |
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| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$      | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$      | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$      | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$      | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | $\{q_2, q_3\}$            |
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| $\{q_0, q_3\}$      | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$                             |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | $\{q_2, q_3\}$                        |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }             |
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| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$                             |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
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| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
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| $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| $\{q_4\}$           | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
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| ${q_3}$             | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$                 |
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| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | $\{q_3, q_4\}$                                    |
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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3} | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
| $\{q_3, q_4\}$            | $\{q_4\}$                             | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3} | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
| $\{q_3, q_4\}$            | $\{q_4\}$                             | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3} | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$                               |
| ${q_3}$                   | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
| $\{q_3, q_4\}$            | $\{q_4\}$                             | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3} | $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$            | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                 | Ø                   | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$            | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$ | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$                               |
| { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } | $\{q_4\}$           | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$       | $\{q_1, q_4\}$      | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
| $\{q_3, q_4\}$            | $\{q_4\}$           | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
| Ø                         | Ø                   | Ø   |



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| { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3}                         | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_1, q_4\}$                                    | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$   | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> }                         |
| $\{q_2, q_3\}$                                    | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$                               |
| ${q_3}$   | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $\{q_0, q_3, q_4\}$                               | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}                         |
| { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } | $\{q_4\}$                             | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
| Ø   | Ø                                     | Ø   |
### Once More, With Epsilons!



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| *{q0, q3}                           | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $*{q_1, q_4}$                       | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> <sub>2</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> } |
| $\{q_4\}$                           | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$   |
| *{q <sub>2</sub> , q <sub>3</sub> } | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| $*{q_3}$                            | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$   |
| $*{q_0, q_3, q_4}$                  | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> <sub>3</sub> , <i>q</i> <sub>4</sub> } |
| *{q <sub>3</sub> , q <sub>4</sub> } | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_3, q_4\}$                                    |
| Ø                                   | Ø                                     | Ø   |

### Once More, With Epsilons!



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| *{q0, q3}                           | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | $\{q_4\}$                             |
| $*{q_1, q_4}$                       | Ø                                     | { <i>q</i> 2, <i>q</i> 3}             |
| $\{q_4\}$                           | Ø                                     | ${q_3}$                               |
| *{q <sub>2</sub> , q <sub>3</sub> } | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} | { <i>q</i> 0, <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4} |
| $*{q_3}$                            | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_4\}$                             |
| $*{q_0, q_3, q_4}$                  | $\{q_1, q_4\}$                        | { <i>q</i> 3, <i>q</i> 4}             |
| *{q3, q4}                           | $\{q_4\}$                             | $\{q_3, q_4\}$                        |
| Ø                                   | Ø                                     | Ø                                     |

## The Subset Construction

- This construction for transforming an NFA into a DFA is called the *subset construction* (or sometimes the *powerset construction*).
  - Each state in the DFA is associated with a set of states in the NFA.
  - The start state in the DFA corresponds to the start state of the NFA, plus all states reachable via  $\epsilon$ -transitions.
  - If a state *q* in the DFA corresponds to a set of states *S* in the NFA, then the transition from state *q* on a character **a** is found as follows:
    - Let S' be the set of states in the NFA that can be reached by following a transition labeled a from any of the states in S. (This set may be empty.)
    - Let S'' be the set of states in the NFA reachable from some state in S' by following zero or more epsilon transitions.
    - The state q in the DFA transitions on a to a DFA state corresponding to the set of states S''.
- Read Sipser for a formal account.

## The Subset Construction

- In converting an NFA to a DFA, the DFA's states correspond to sets of NFA states.
- **Useful fact:**  $|\wp(S)| = 2^{|S|}$  for any finite set S.
- In the worst-case, the construction can result in a DFA that is *exponentially larger* than the original NFA.
- Interesting challenge: Find a language for which this worst-case behavior occurs (there are infinitely many of them!)

A language L is called a **regular language** if there exists a DFA D such that  $\mathscr{L}(D) = L$ .

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## Why This Matters

- We now have two perspectives on regular languages:
  - Regular languages are languages accepted by DFAs.
  - Regular languages are languages accepted by NFAs.
- We can now reason about the regular languages in two different ways.

#### Time-Out for Announcements!

## Problem Set Six

- Problem Set Five was due at 2:30PM today.
- Problem Set Six goes out today. It's due next Friday at 2:30PM.
  - Play around with DFAs, NFAs, language transformations, and their properties!
  - Explore how all the discrete math topics we've talked about so far come into play!

## Looking for a Partner?

- I've heard from many of you that you're now looking for a problem set partner.
- Don't forget that Piazza has a lovely "Search for Teammates" feature that you can use to do this.
- It's like speed dating for theory!

## DFA/NFA Editor

- We have an online DFA/NFA editor you'll use to answer and submit some of the questions for PS6.
- This tool will let you design and test your automata on a number of different inputs.
- You can also use it to explore on your own!

## Extra Practice Problems 2

- Solutions are now available to Extra Practice Problems 2.
- We recommend only reading over them if you've actually attempted the problems from EPP2. ☺

#### Your Questions

# "Any tips on finding a good partner for a group project?"

Treat it like a relationship. Make sure you're clear about your expectations from the beginning. Don't be afraid to break up with someone if you don't work well together. And play the long game - if you find someone really on that you work really well with, it can pay off wonderfully over the course of being a student here! "Why is pset grading left on "discretion of TA"? I asked why I got points off and TA says he didn't grade mine :("

> We have a pretty detailed set of internal criteria that we use and an internal discussion channel to talk about specific cases. There's discretion in the sense of "making a judgment call in a boundary case," but the TAs don't have full discretionary authority to give whatever grade they feel like.

#### "what is the MEANING of LIFE"

Haven't a clue. Are we even sure one exists? It probably has something to do with having an enjoyable experience and making things a little bit better for everyone else.

#### Back to CS103!

### Properties of Regular Languages

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#### Concatenation

## String Concatenation

- If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $x \in \Sigma^*$ , the *concatenation* of w and x, denoted wx, is the string formed by tacking all the characters of x onto the end of w.
- Example: if w = quo and x = kka, the concatenation wx = quokka.
- Analogous to the + operator for strings in many programming languages.
- Some facts about concatenation:
  - The empty string  $\varepsilon$  is the *identity element* for concatenation:

w = w = w

• Concatenation is *associative*:

$$wxy = w(xy) = (wx)y$$

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## **Concatenation Example**

- Let  $\Sigma = \{ a, b, ..., z, A, B, ..., Z \}$  and consider these languages over  $\Sigma$ :
  - **Noun** = { Puppy, Rainbow, Whale, ... }
  - **Verb** = { Hugs, Juggles, Loves, ... }
  - *The* = { The }
- The language *TheNounVerbTheNoun* is
  - { ThePuppyHugsTheWhale, TheWhaleLovesTheRainbow, TheRainbowJugglesTheRainbow, ... }
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- Two views of  $L_1L_2$ :
  - The set of all strings that can be made by concatenating a string in  $L_1$  with a string in  $L_2$ .
  - The set of strings that can be split into two pieces: a piece from  $L_1$  and a piece from  $L_2$ .
- Conceptually similar to the Cartesian product of two sets, only with strings.

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- **Idea**: Run the automaton for  $L_1$  on w, and whenever  $L_1$  reaches an accepting state, optionally hand the rest off w to  $L_2$ .
  - If  $L_2$  accepts the remainder, then  $L_1$  accepted the first part and the string is in  $L_1L_2$ .
  - If  $L_2$  rejects the remainder, then the split was incorrect.







Machine for  $L_2$ 







## Lots and Lots of Concatenation

- Consider the language L = { aa, b }
- *LL* is the set of strings formed by concatenating pairs of strings in *L*.

#### { aaaa, aab, baa, bb }

• LLL is the set of strings formed by concatenating triples of strings in L.

{ aaaaaa, aaaab, aabaa, aabb, baaaa, baab, bbaa, bbb}

• *LLLL* is the set of strings formed by concatenating quadruples of strings in *L*.

{ aaaaaaaa, aaaaaab, aaaabaa, aaaabb, aabaaaa, aabaab, aabbaa, aabbb, baaaaaaa, baaaab, baabaa, baabb, bbaaaa, bbaab, bbbaa, bbbb}

# Language Exponentiation

- We can define what it means to "exponentiate" a language as follows:
- $L_0 = \{\varepsilon\}$ 
  - The set containing just the empty string.
  - Idea: Any string formed by concatenating zero strings together is the empty string.
- $L^{n+1} = LL^n$ 
  - Idea: Concatenating (n+1) strings together works by concatenating n strings, then concatenating one more.
- **Question:** Why define  $L_0 = \{\epsilon\}$ ?

## The Kleene Closure

 An important operation on languages is the *Kleene Closure*, which is defined as

 $L^* = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid \exists n \in \mathbb{N} . w \in L^n \}$ 

• Mathematically:

#### $w \in L^*$ iff $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}. w \in L^n$

• Intuitively, all possible ways of concatenating zero or more strings in *L* together, possibly with repetition.

#### The Kleene Closure

If  $L = \{ a, bb \}$ , then  $L^* = \{ \}$ 

ε,

#### a, bb,

#### aa, abb, bba, bbbb,

aaa, aabb, abba, abbbb, bbaa, bbabb, bbbba, bbbbbb,

Think of L\* as the set of strings you can make if you have a collection of stamps – one for each string in L – and you form every possible string that can be made from those stamps.

- If *L* is regular, is  $L^*$  necessarily regular?
- $\triangle$  A Bad Line of Reasoning:  $\triangle$ 
  - $L^0 = \{ \epsilon \}$  is regular.
  - $L^1 = L$  is regular.
  - $L^2 = LL$  is regular
  - $L^3 = L(LL)$  is regular
  - •
  - Regular languages are closed under union.
  - So the union of all these languages is regular.















#### 0.9 < 1

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0.999 < 1

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## $0.9999\overline{9} < 1$

## $0.9999\overline{9} \neq 1$
# Reasoning about Infinity

## 4 is finite

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#### $\infty$ is finite

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### ∞ is finite ^ not

# Reasoning About the Infinite

- If a series of finite objects all have some property, the "limit" of that process *does* not necessarily have that property.
- In general, it is not safe to conclude that some property that always holds in the finite case must hold in the infinite case.
  - (This is why calculus is interesting).

**Idea:** Can we directly convert an NFA for language *L* to an NFA for language *L*\*?















# **Closure Properties**

- **Theorem:** If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are regular languages over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , then so are the following languages:
  - <u>L</u><sub>1</sub>
  - $L_1 \cup L_2$
  - $L_1 \cap L_2$
  - *L*<sub>1</sub>*L*<sub>2</sub>
  - *L*<sub>1</sub>\*
- These properties are called *closure* properties of the regular languages.