

DFA's and TMs

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Recall definition of DFA, TM.

Alphabet: finite set of symbols Σ

string: sequence of letters from Σ
(with repetition)

Σ^* : set of all strings over Σ .

Language: collection of strings.

$$L \subseteq \Sigma^*$$

e.g. $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$

Σ^* = all ^{finite} binary strings

e.g. $L = \{ \text{strings from } \Sigma^* \text{ with an even \# 1's} \}$.

Regular language: a language accepted by some DFA.

Not all languages are regular. Is this? E.g.?

Not all languages are regular Why? E.g.?

Before that, let's understand the power of DFAs better.

DFA A_1 accepts L_1

— A_2 accepts L_2

Q. Is there a DFA that accepts $L_1 \cup L_2$?

Q_1, δ_1

Q_2, δ_2

$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$\delta = \{ \text{transition in } D_1 \times \text{transition in } D_2 \}$$

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

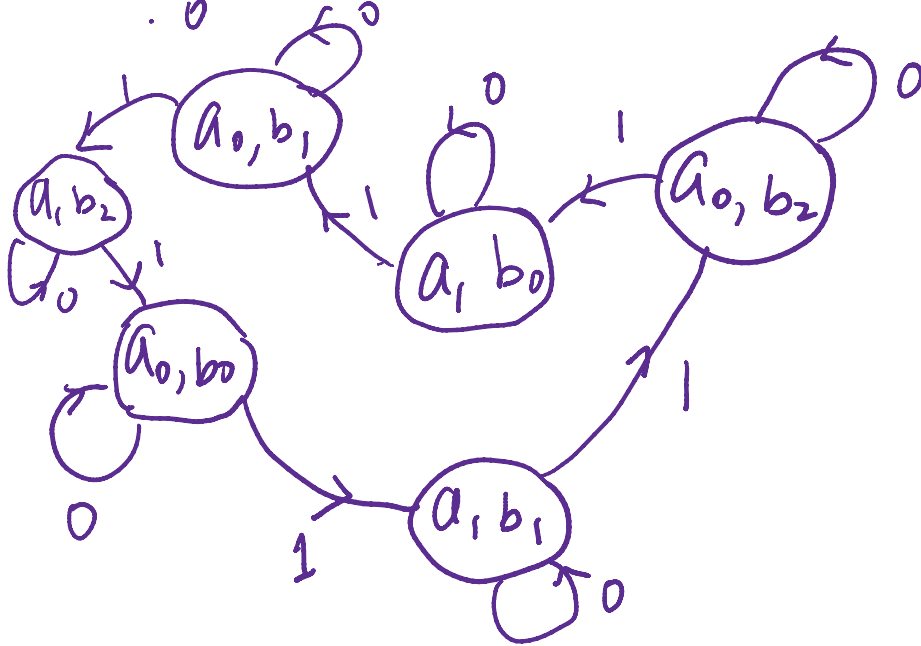
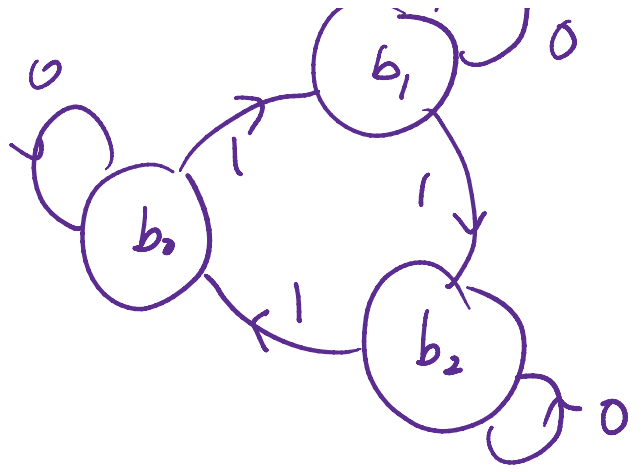
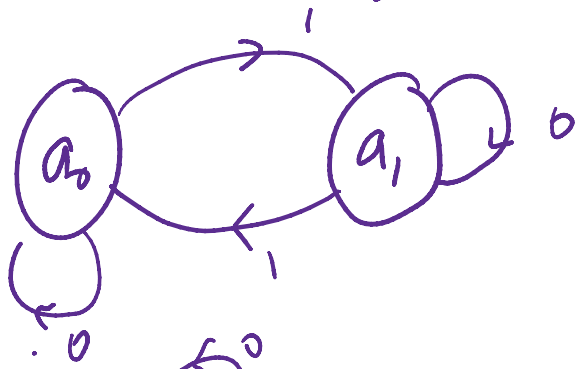
$$q_0 = q_{10} \times q_{20}$$

$$F = \{ (q_1, q_2) : q_1 \in F_1 \text{ or } q_2 \in F_2 \}$$

e.g. accept binary string if #1's is even
or divisible by 3.



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$$F = \{ (a_0, b_0) (a_0, b_1) \}$$

$$(a_0, b_2) (a_1, b_0)$$

#1's even and divisible by 3

$$F = \{ (a_0, b_0) \}$$

$L = \{ \text{binary strings} : \#1's = \#0's \}$

DFA?

let's try a TM first!

0110101110001010011

erase first letter
go right till first opposite letter, erase; if none "NO".
Repeat till no more letters
"YES"

What about a DFA?

Hum....

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, \dots, z\}$$

$$L = \{x \in \Sigma^* : x = \text{rev}(x)\} \quad \text{"Palindromes"}$$

TM for L?

$$L = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : x \text{ is a prime}\}$$

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accepted by DFA.

Langauges accepted by DFAs

\subseteq L accepted by TMs \subseteq all L.
proper? proper?