

Turing Machine I

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Review

- **Function**
 - Definition and common functions.
 - Injective, surjective, bijective.

How we investigate computability?

2.1 Discussion on Problems

Part1. Intro & Set theory(I) : Basics & Formal Language.

Part2. Set Theory(II): Axiom system & Cardinality.

Part3. Capture Structures: Binary Relation & Function

2.2 Discussion on Computation

Part1. Turing Machine Basics.

Part2. Variants of Turing Machine. Church-Turing Thesis.

2.3 Discussion on computability

Part1. The Language of Turing Machine. R & RE

Part2. Undecidability.



Ultimate Problem:

What problems can a computer solve?

What We Have Done

- **Computational Problem(计算问题)**
 - Well-defined input
 - Constraints that the output must satisfy.
- **A computational problem is computable(可计算) if there is a procedure (or algorithm) for it which:**
 - Rigorously follows some instructions, requires no ingenuity.
 - Always finishes (terminates) after a finite number of steps.

What We Have Done

- A computational problem can be converted into language recognizing problem.
 - Set basics & formal language theory
 - A language is naturally a set of string.
 - Given a language L and take w as input, determine whether $w \in L$.

~~What problems can a computer solve?~~

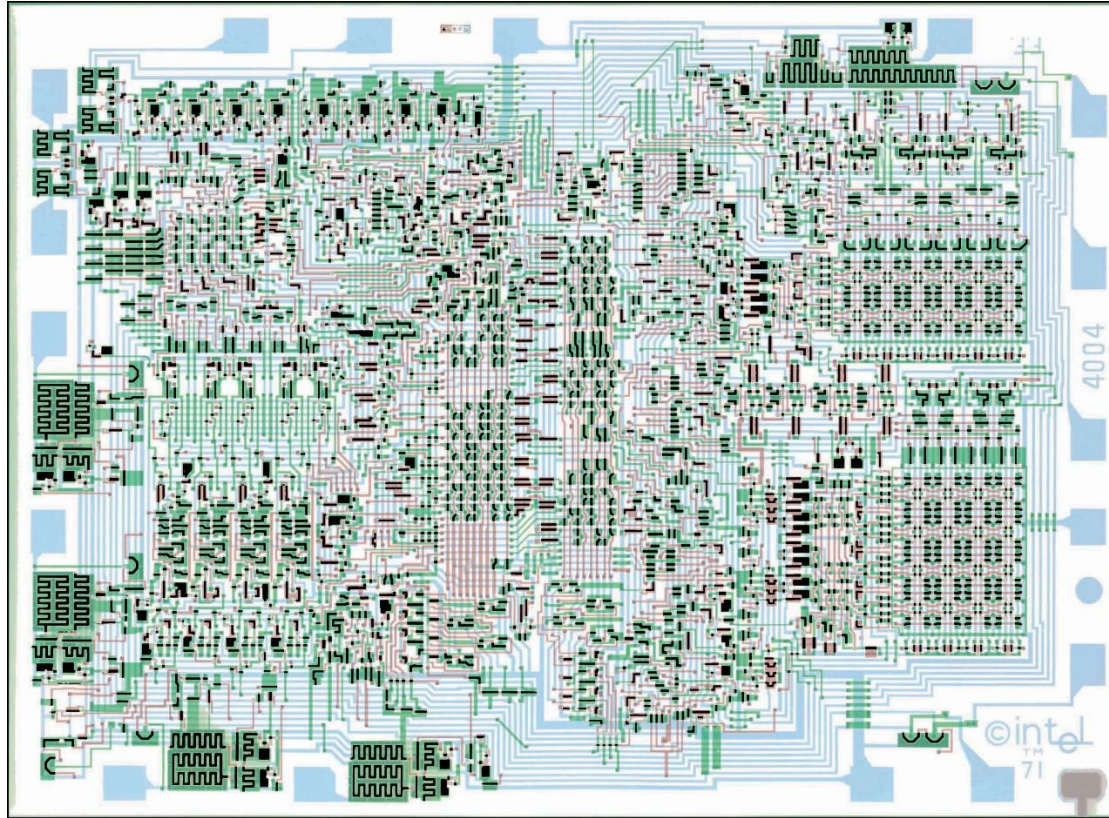


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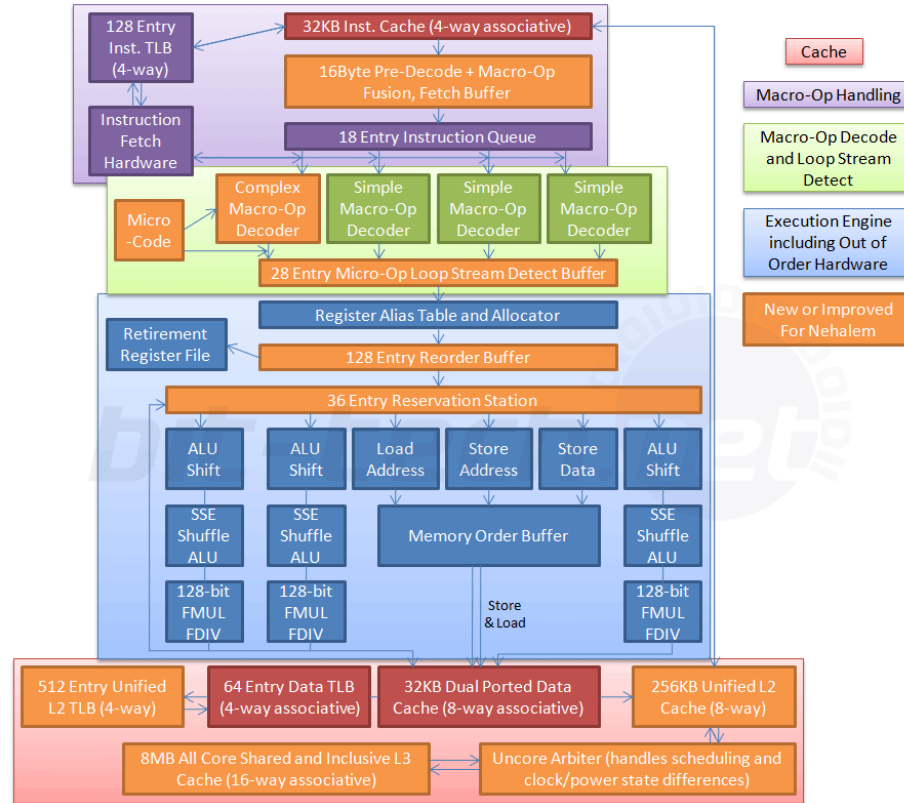
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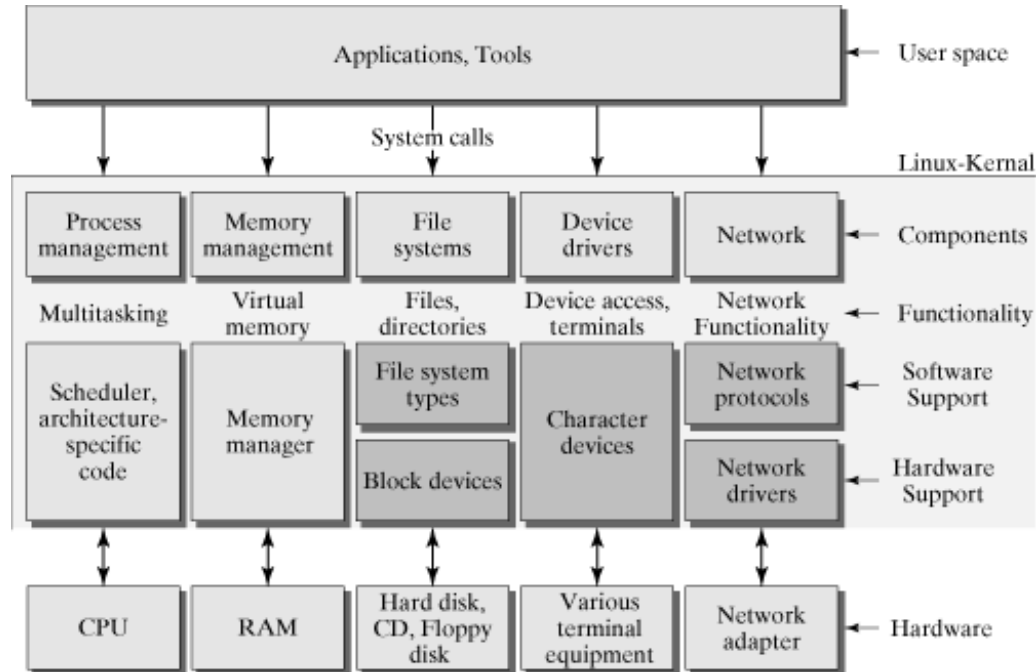
Intel 4004, first commercial CPU

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Core i7 Architecture.

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Architecture of Operating System

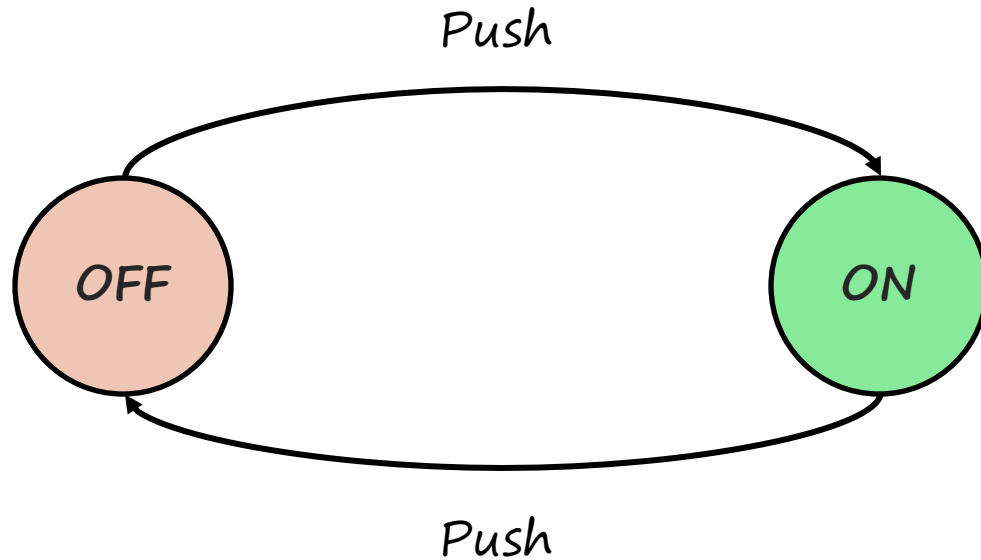


*We need to model computer in a simple
and clean manner!!*

Automata(自动机) Theory

- An automaton is a mathematical model of a computing device
 - It is significantly easier to manipulate our abstract models of computers than it is to manipulate actual computers
 - If we pick our models correctly, we can make broad, sweeping claims about huge classes of real computers by arguing that they're just special cases of our more general models.

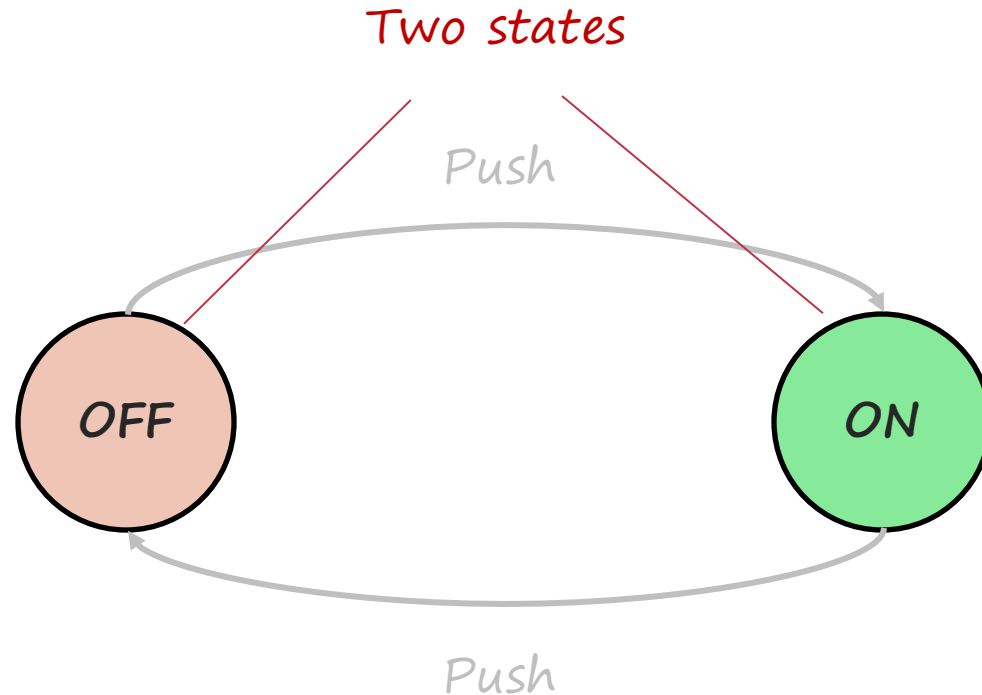
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An “automata” for an on-off switch

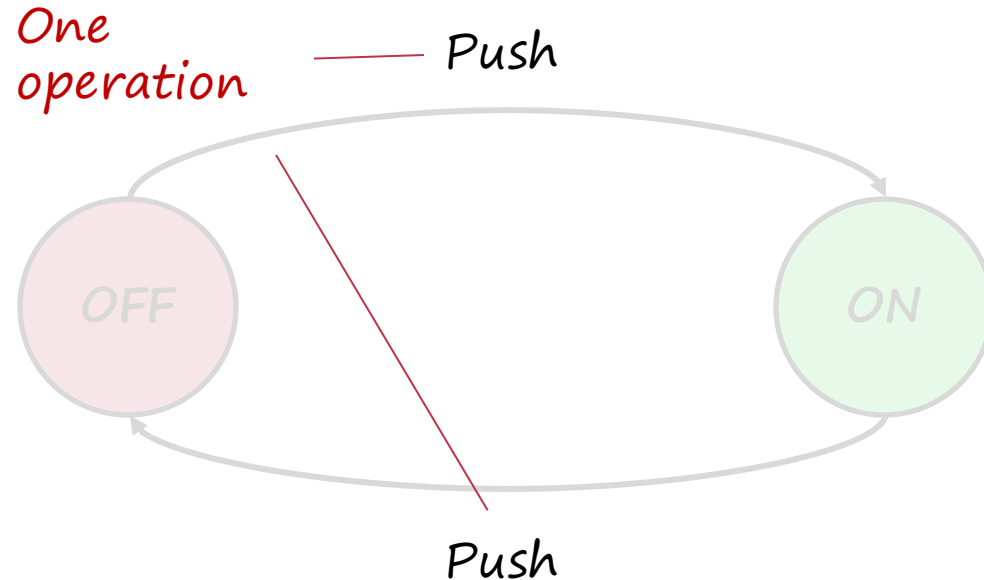
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- $Q: \{\text{"off"}, \text{"on"}\}$



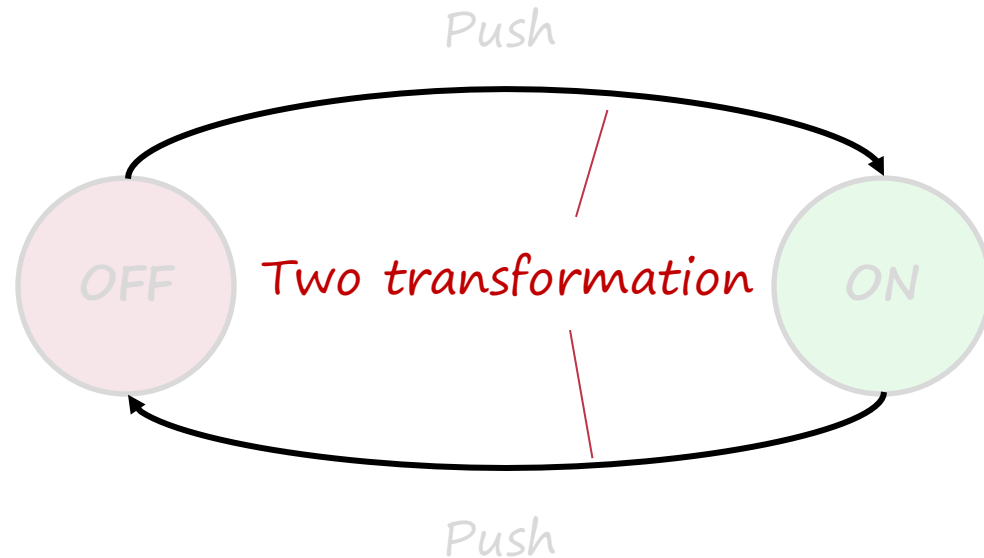
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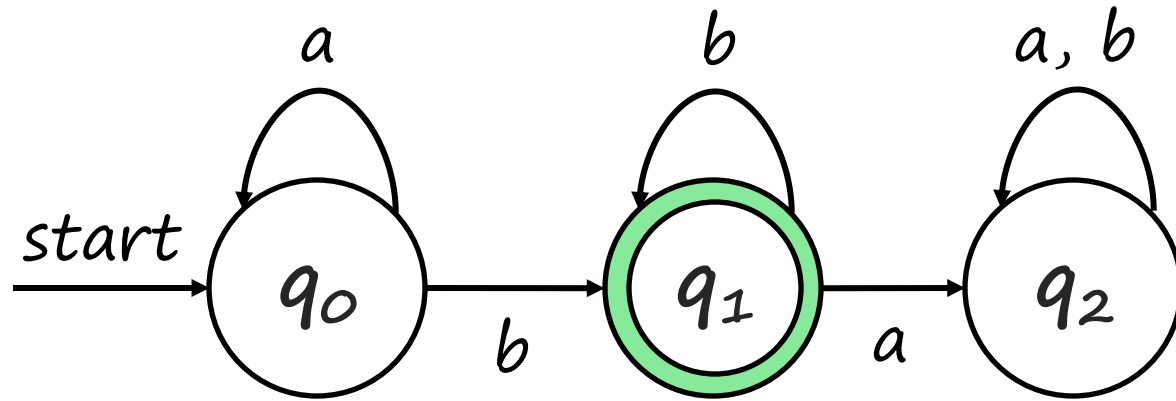


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- $Q: \{\text{"off"}, \text{"on"}\}$
- $\Sigma : \{\text{"push"}\}$
- $\delta: \{(\text{"on"}, \text{"push"}, \text{"off"}), (\text{"off"}, \text{"push"}, \text{"on"})\}$

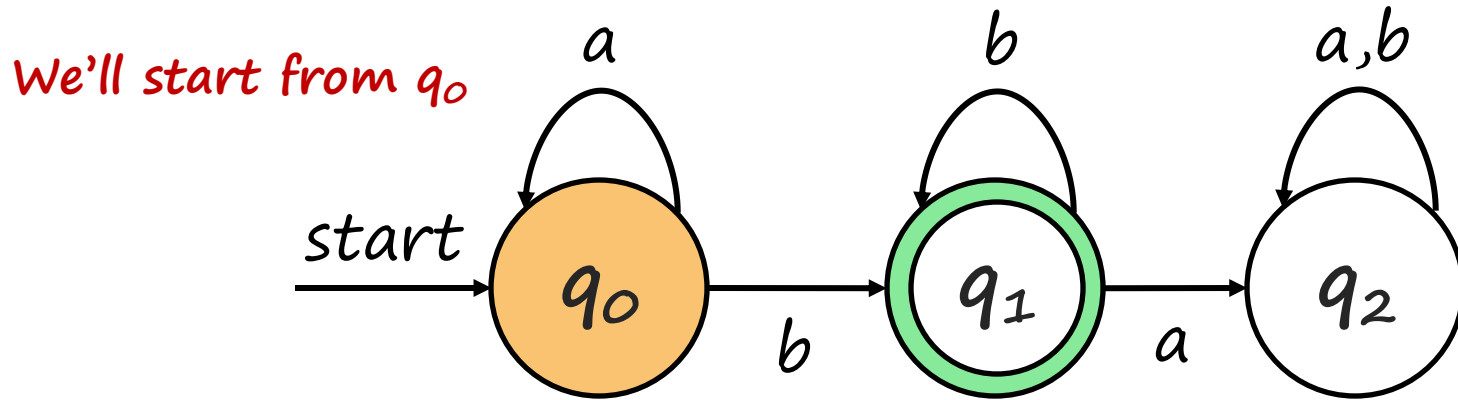


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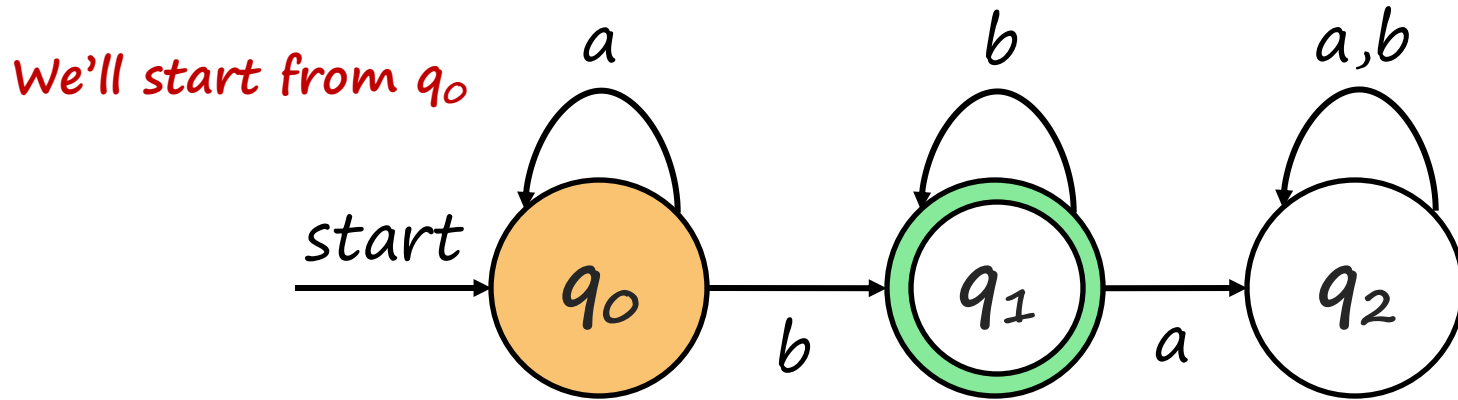
A automata for “aa...bb...”

What is an Automaton



Input: a a b b

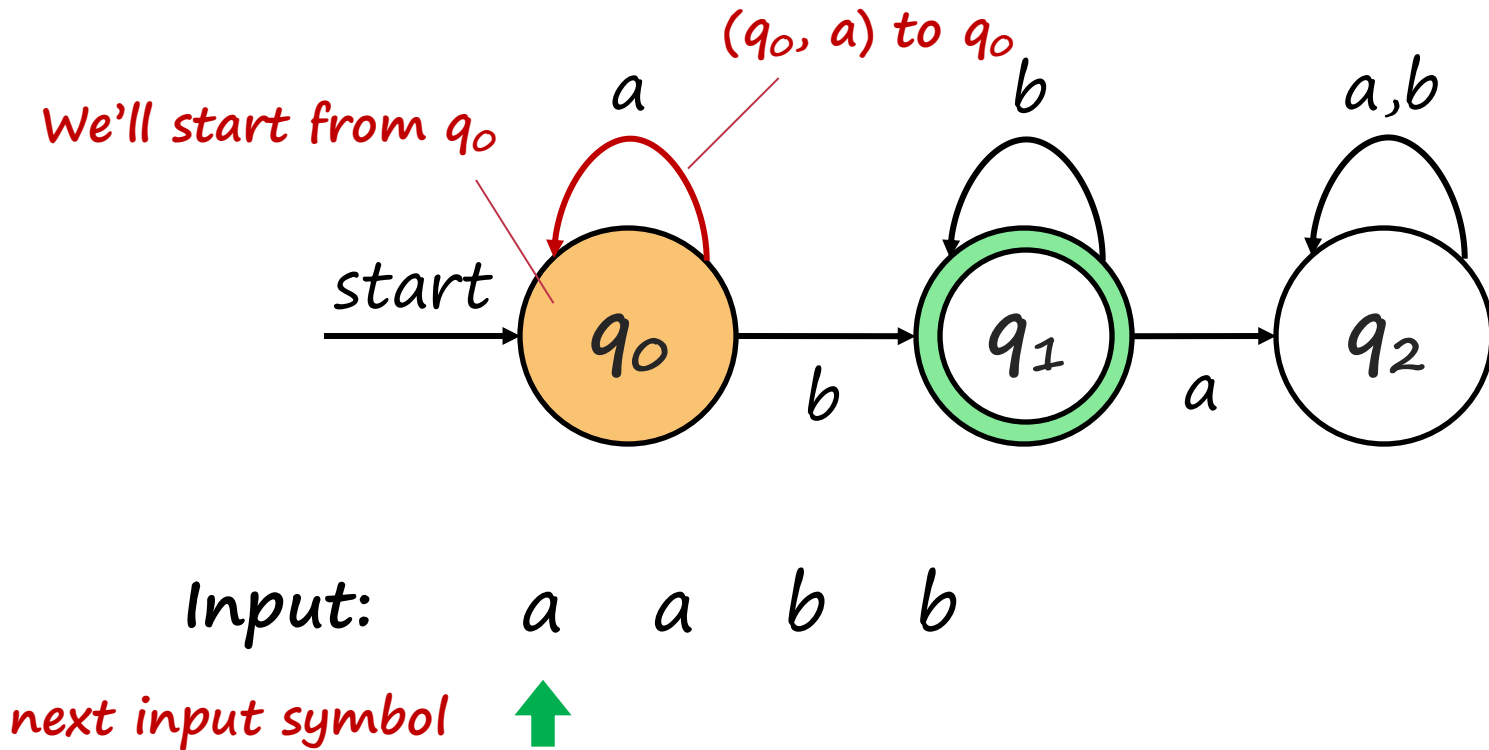
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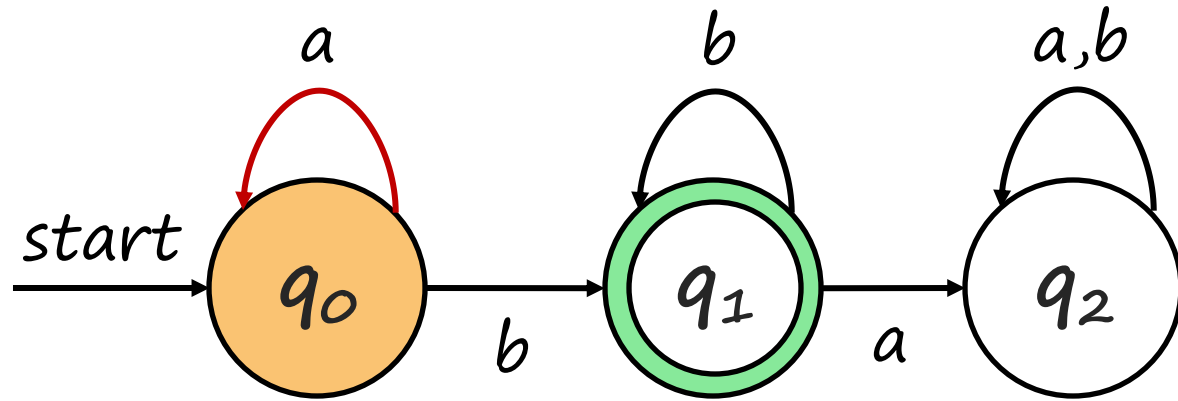
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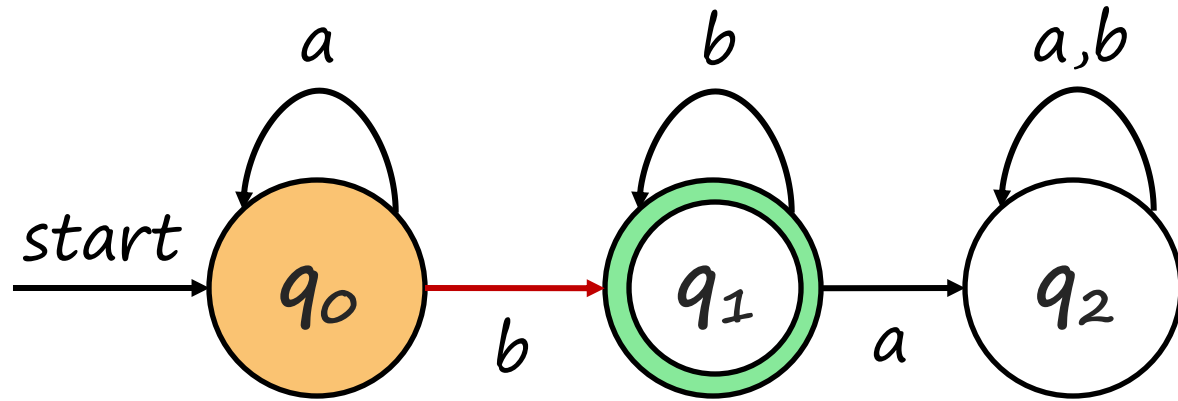


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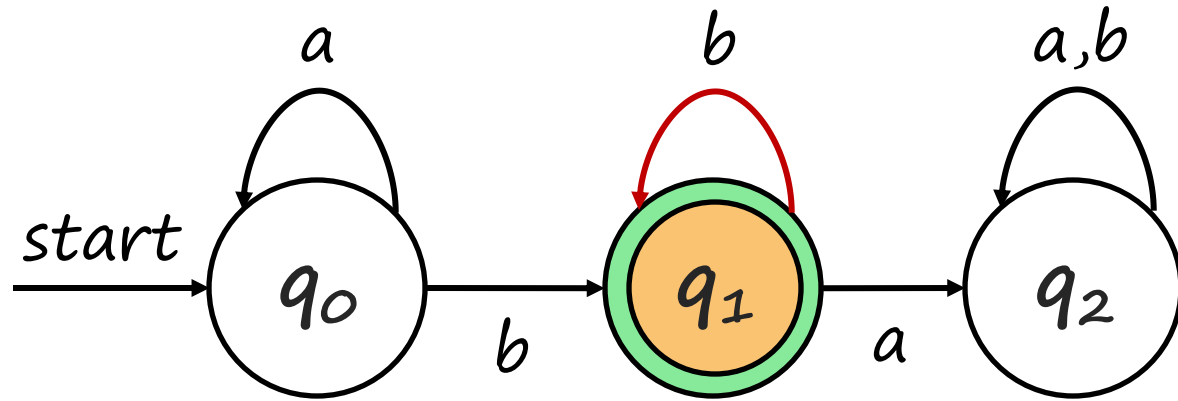


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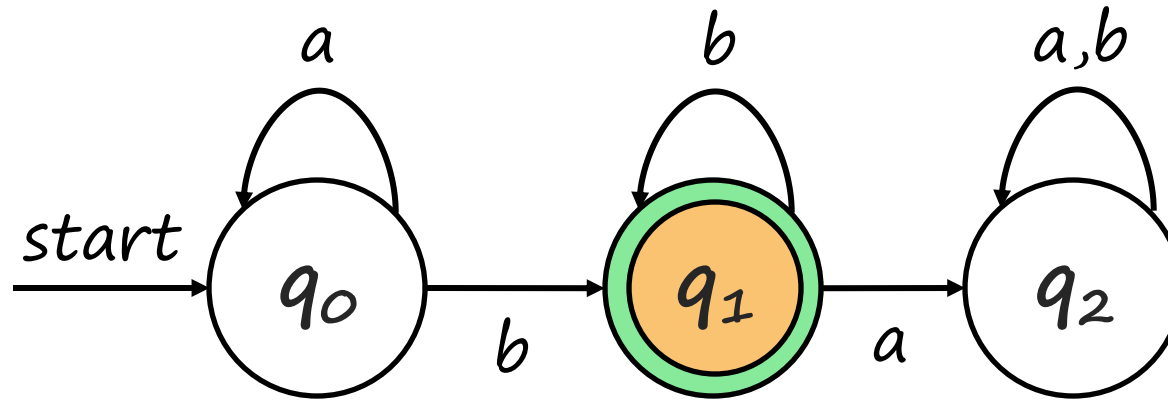
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What is an Automaton

q_1 is the final state.

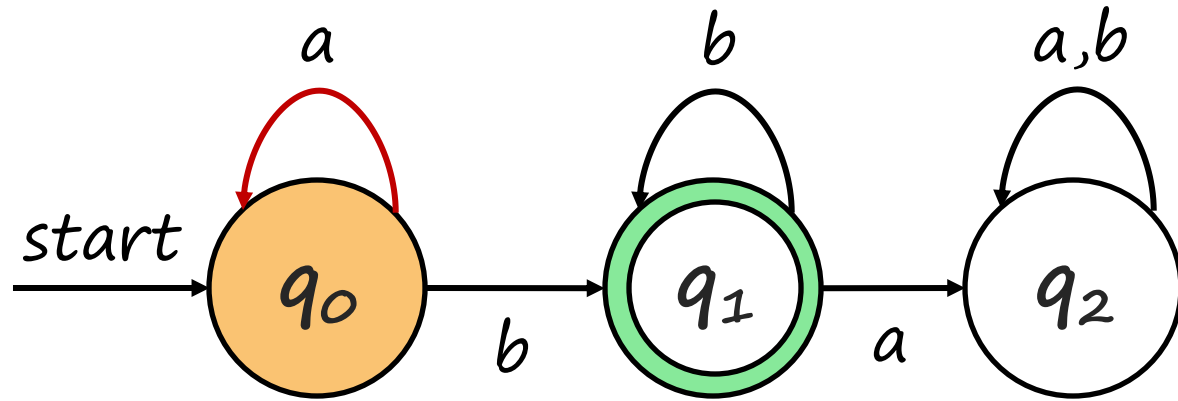


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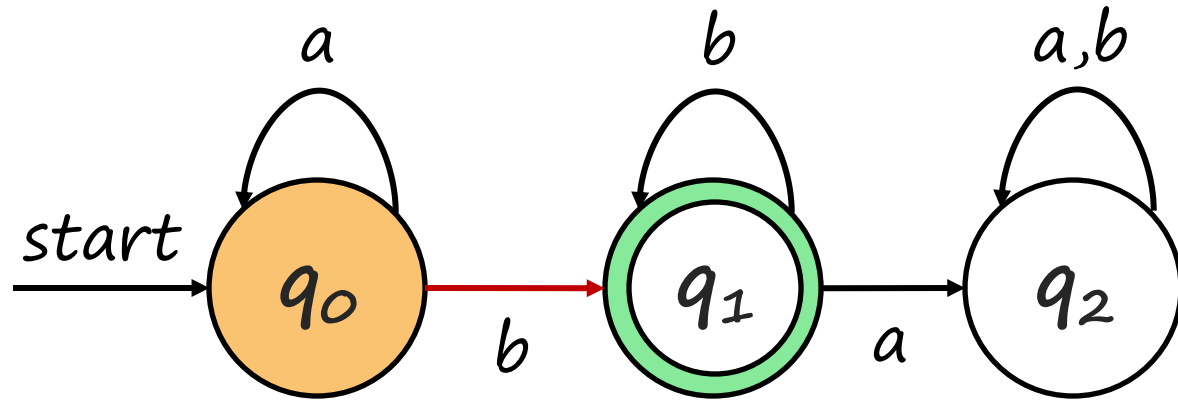
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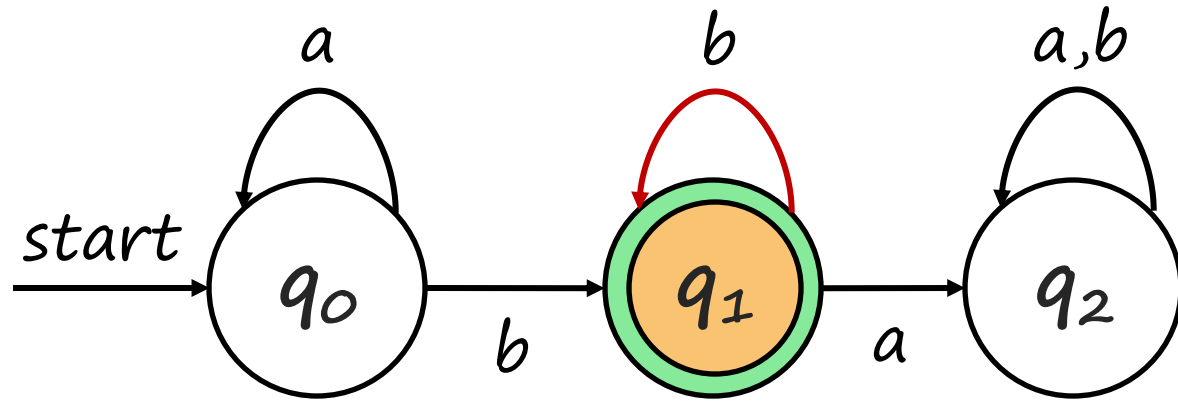


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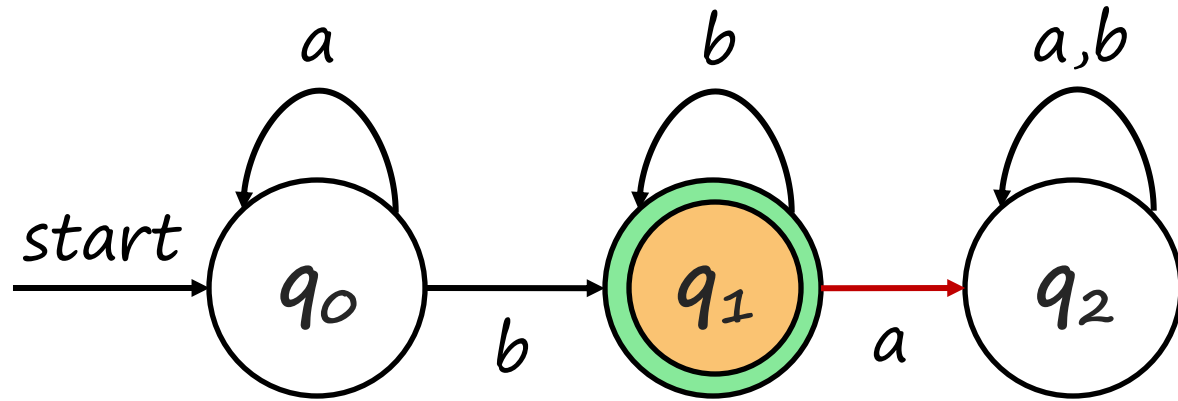


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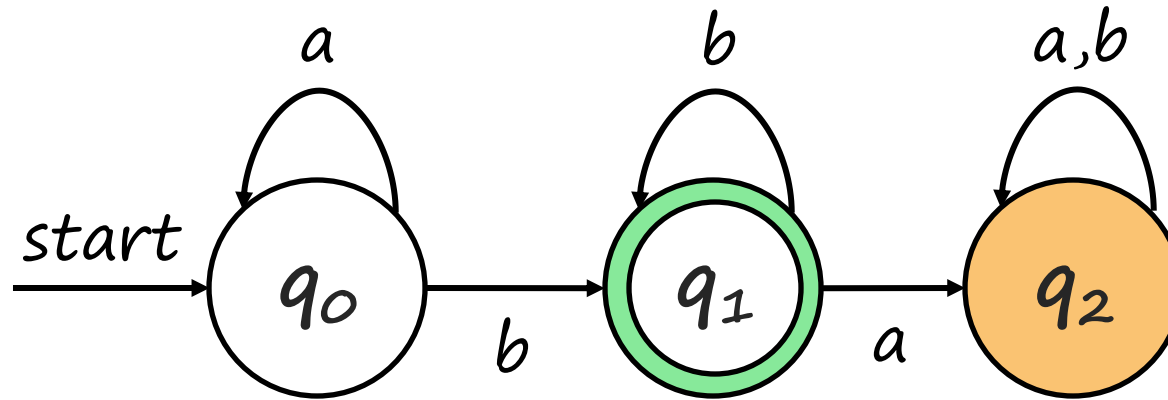
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What is an Automaton

q_2 is not the final state.



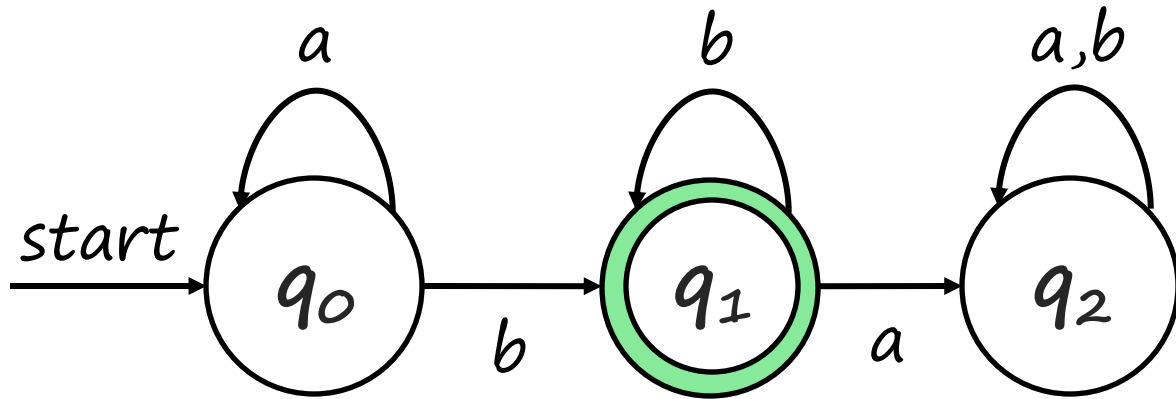
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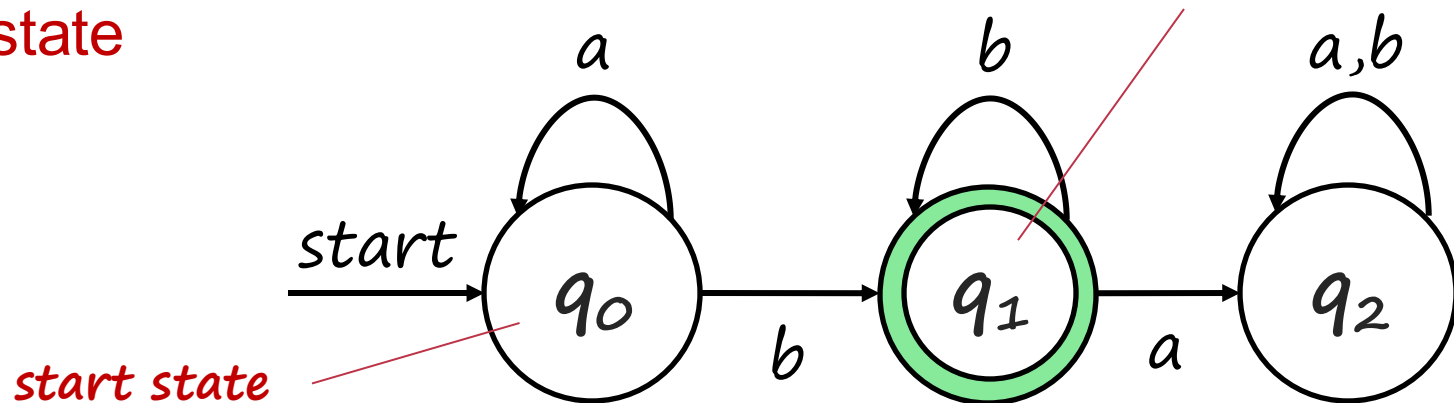
What is an Automaton

- $Q: \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$
- $\Sigma : \{a, b\}$
- $\delta: \{(q_0, a, q_0), (q_0, b, q_1), (q_1, b, q_1), (q_1, a, q_2), (q_2, a, q_2), (q_2, b, q_2)\}$



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- q_0 : start state
- $F: \{q_1\}$



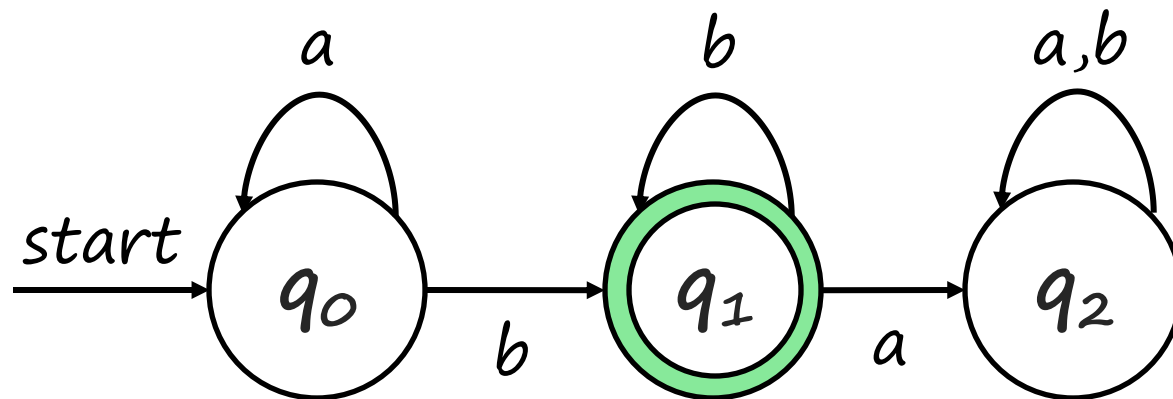
Deterministic Finite Automaton(DFA, 确定有限自动机)

- A **deterministic finite automaton(DFA)** consists of:
 - Q : A finite set of states
 - Σ : A finite set of input symbols
 - δ : A transition function. $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$
 - q_0 : The start state
 - F : A set of final or accepting states. $F \subseteq Q$
- We can denote a DFA as a “five tuple”
$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

Deterministic Finite Automaton(DFA)

- A DFA takes a finite string(sequence of input symbols) as input, and process the input symbols of the string one by one, and change its state according to the transition function δ .
- DFA will always stop, if the state is in the set of accepting states(F) when a DFA stops, we say that this DFA **accepts** the input. Otherwise it **rejects** the input.

Simpler Notations for DFA



Transition
Diagram

		a	b
start state →	q ₀	q ₀	q ₁
	* q ₁	q ₂	q ₁
	q ₂	q ₂	q ₂

Transition
Table

Extending the Transition Function

For a DFA $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, we can define an **extended transition function**

$$\hat{\delta}: Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow Q$$

$\hat{\delta}$ takes a state q and a string w as input, and returns the state after processing string w from state q .

- $\hat{\delta}(q, \epsilon) = q$
- If $w = xa$, where $a \in \Sigma$. Then $\hat{\delta}(q, w) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q, x), a)$

Extending the Transition Function

- $\hat{\delta}(q_0, \epsilon) = q_0$
- $\hat{\delta}(q_0, 1) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q_0, \epsilon), 1) = \delta(q_0, 1) = q_1$
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- $\hat{\delta}(q_0, 110) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q_0, 11), 0) = \delta(q_0, 0) = q_2$
- $\hat{\delta}(q_0, 1101) = \delta(\hat{\delta}(q_0, 110), 1) = \delta(q_2, 1) = q_3$
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	0	1
* $\rightarrow q_0$	q_2	q_1
q_1	q_3	q_0
q_2	q_0	q_3
q_3	q_1	q_2

The Language of DFA

- For a DFA $A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$, the language of A , denoted as $L(A)$, is the set of all strings that A accepts.

$$L(A) = \{w \mid \hat{\delta}(q_0, w) \in F\}$$

- For a certain language L , if there exists a DFA A such that $L = L(A)$, then we call L is a **regular language(正则语言)**.

We'll not take much time in DFA and regular language. Feel free to read chapter 2,3,4 in IALC if you are interested in it.

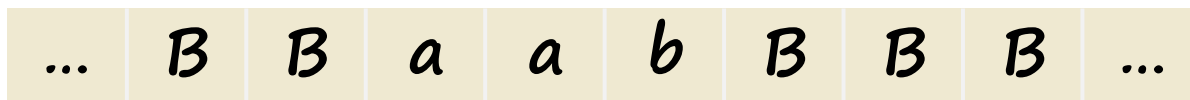
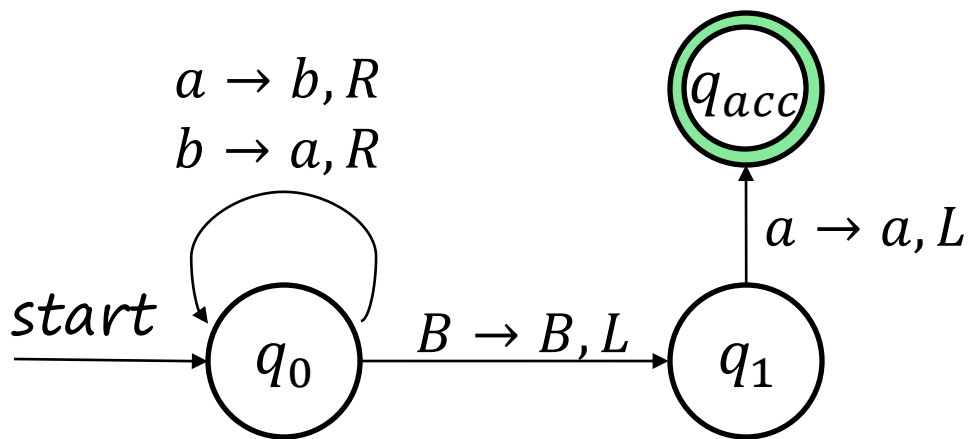
But DFA can not recognize all the languages.

The Limitation of DFA

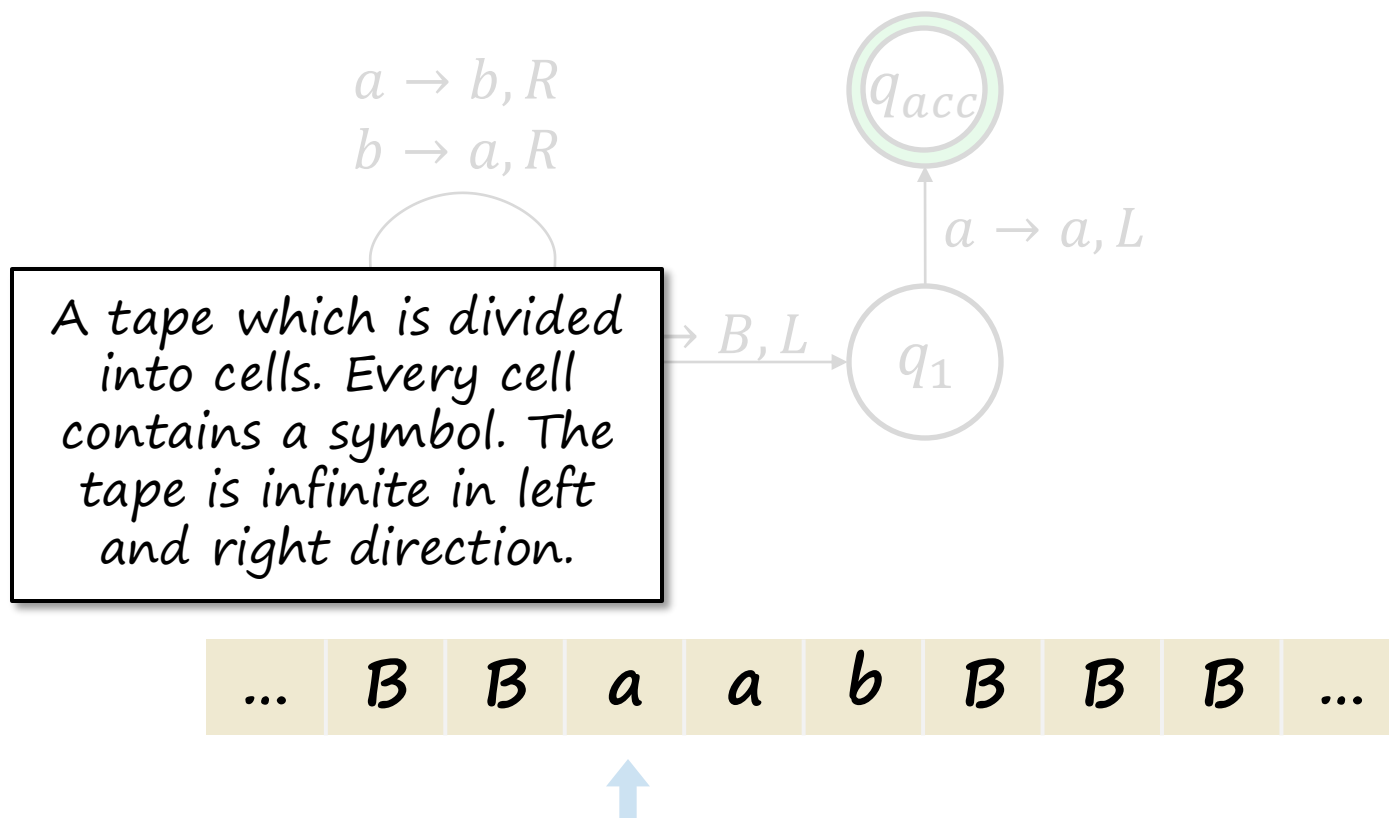
- There is no DFA for languages like $\{0^n 1^n | n \in \mathbb{N}^+\}$.
- We need a more powerful “machine” to model our computer.

Turning Machine!!

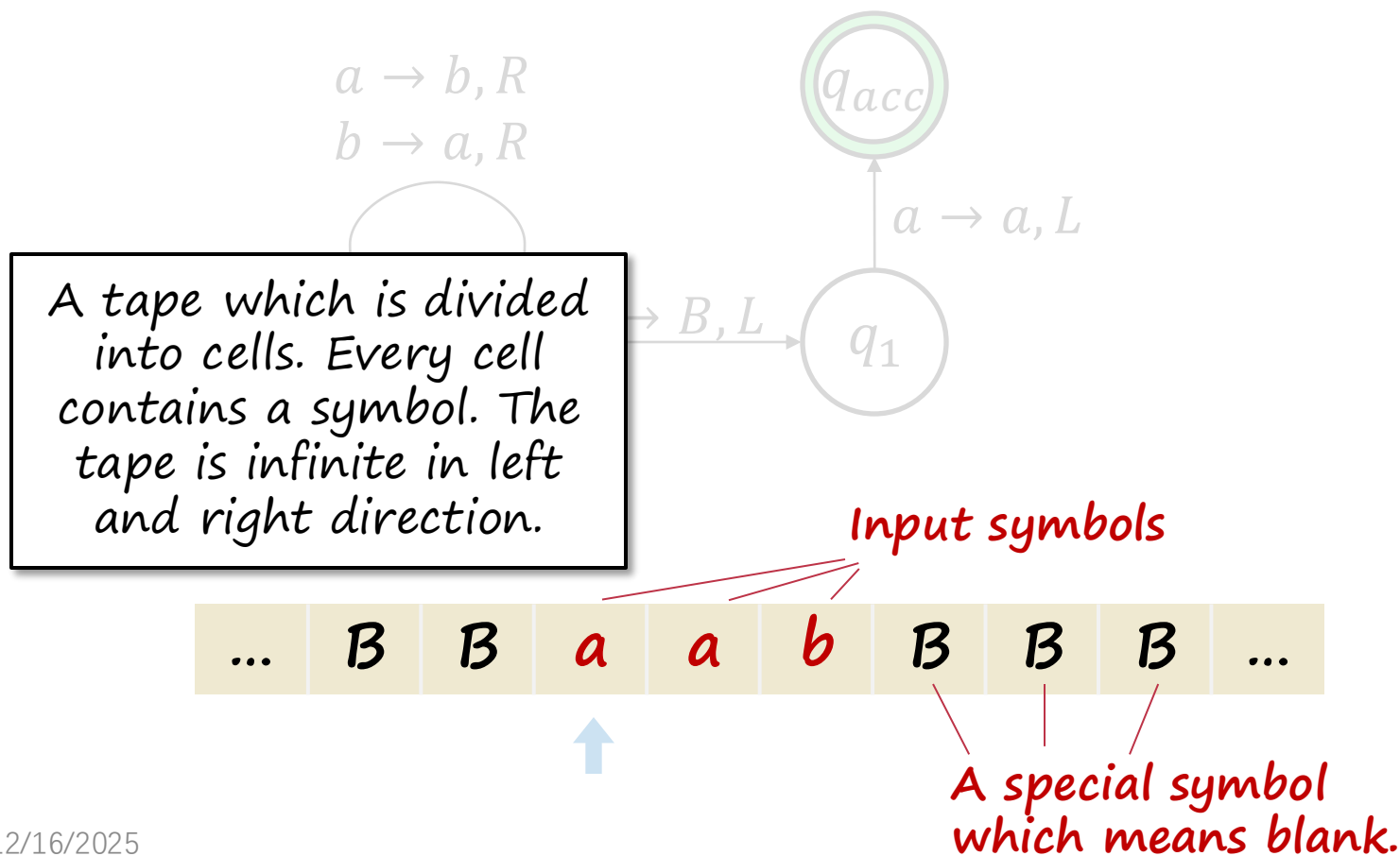
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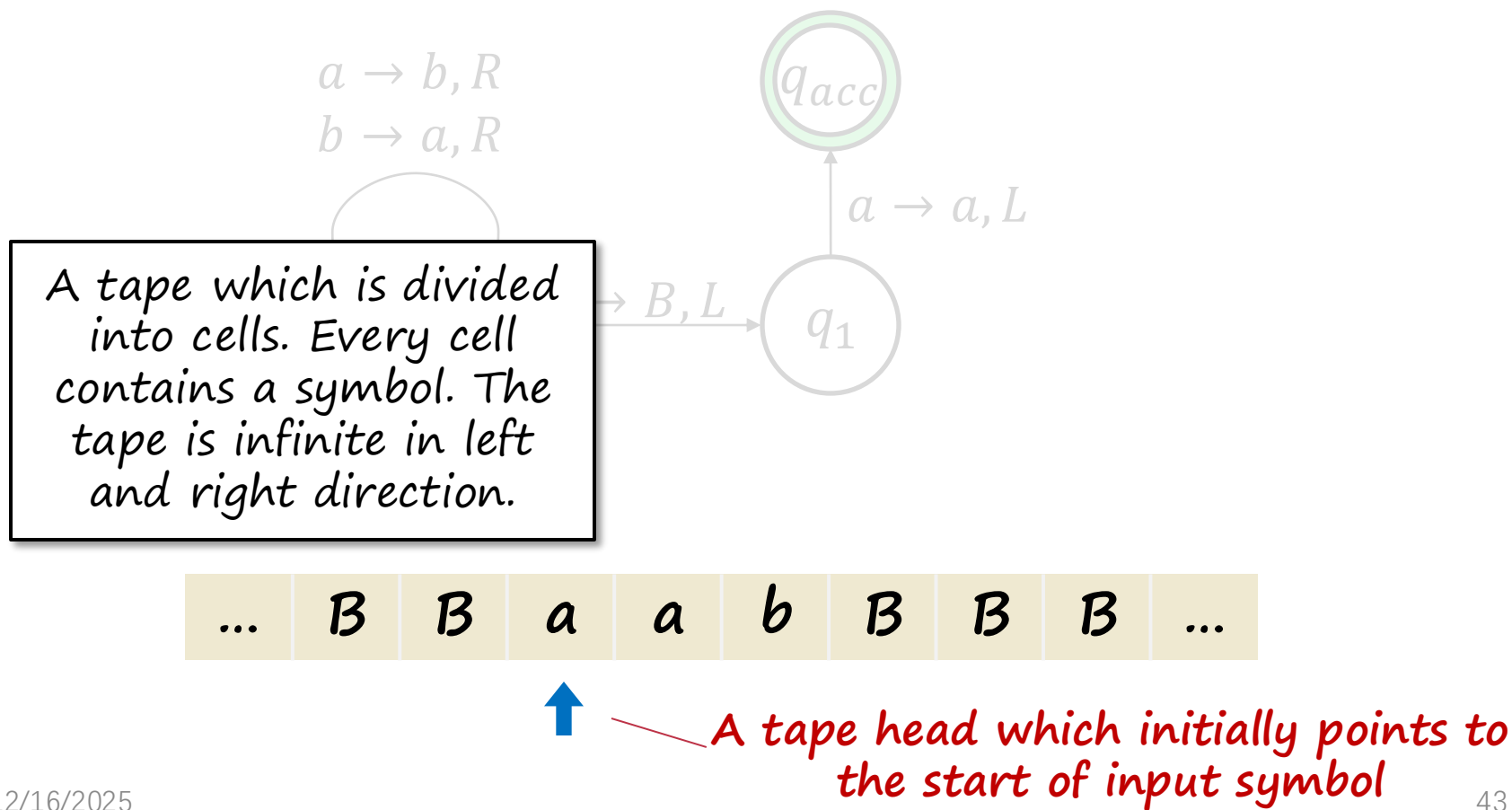
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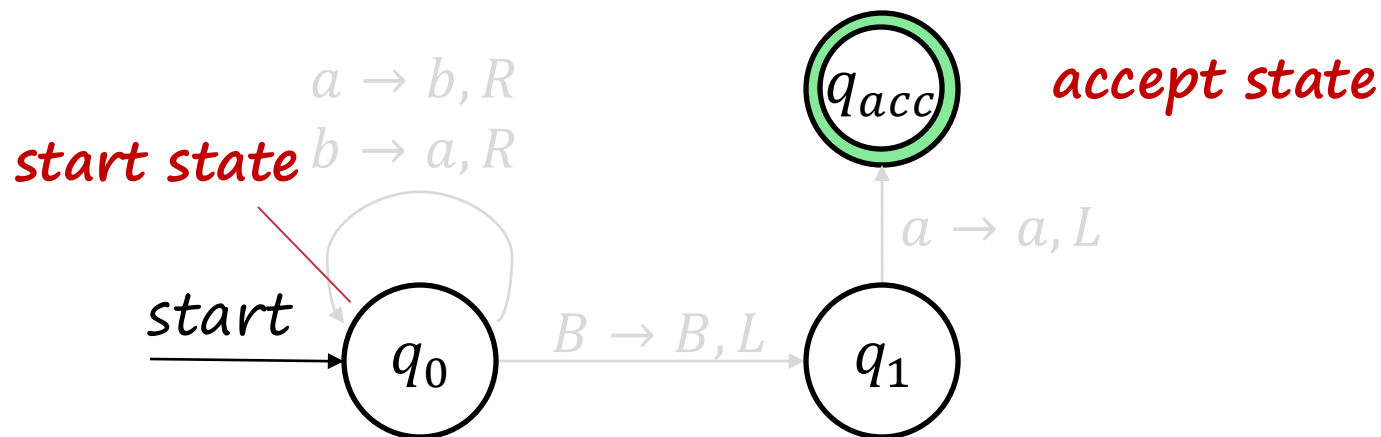
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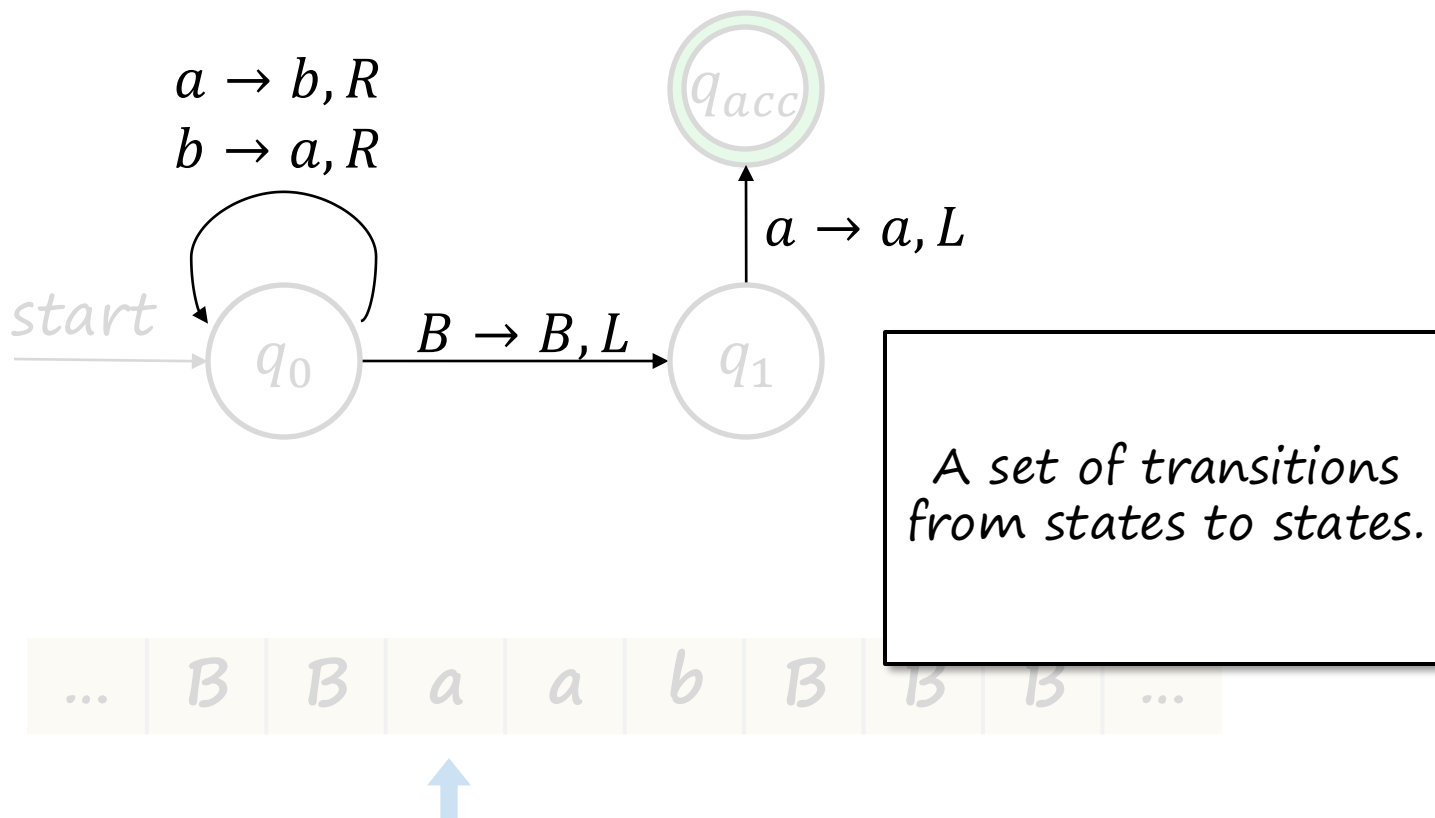
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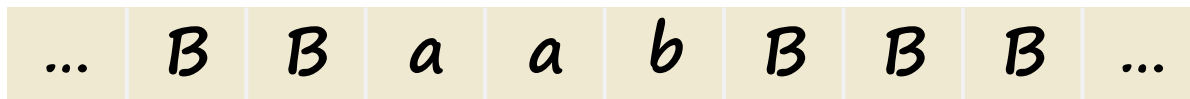
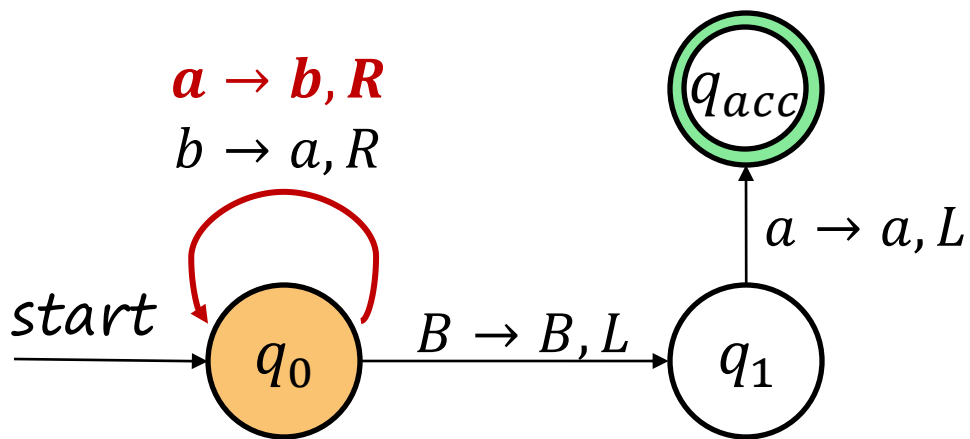
A set of states with a start state and several final or accept state.

a b B B B $\dots$

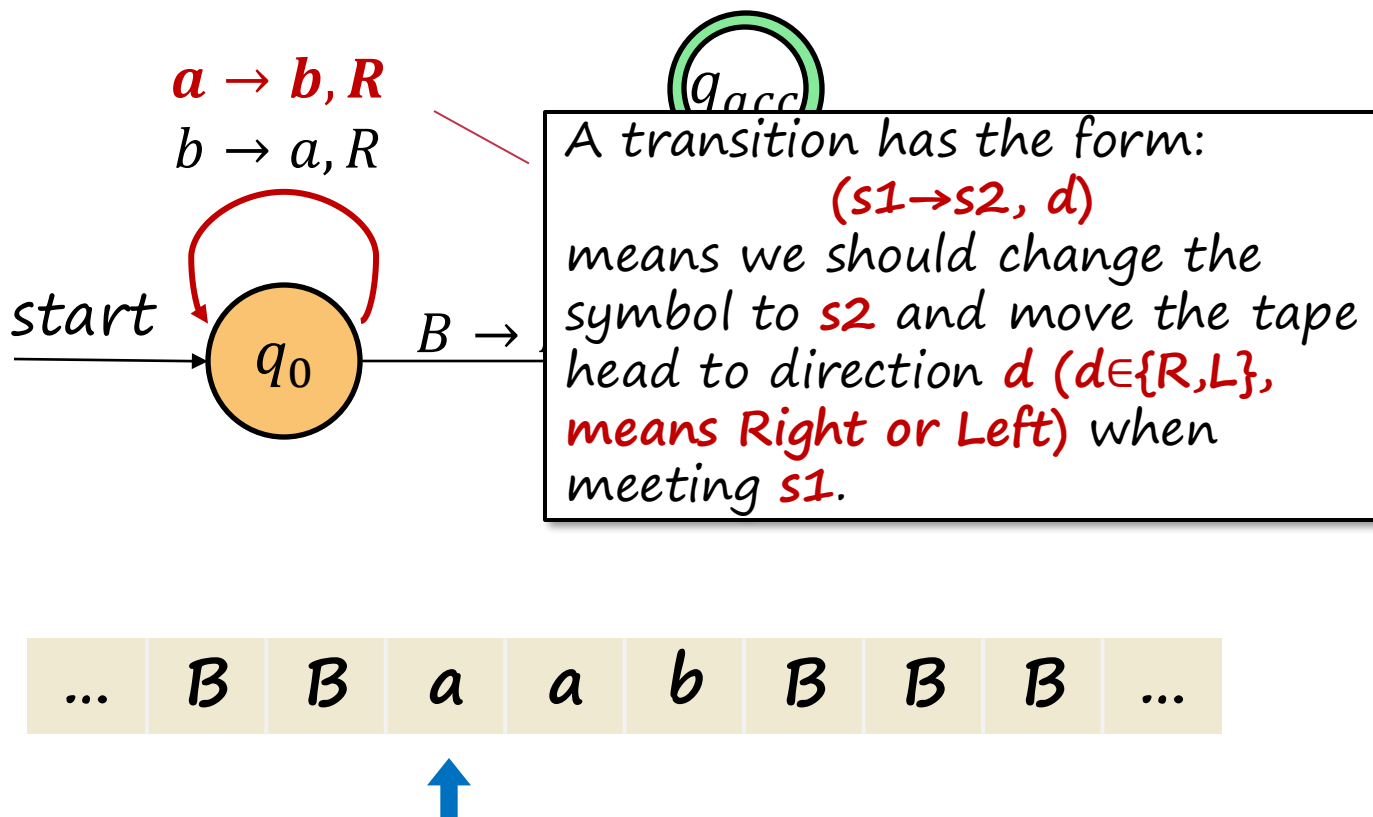
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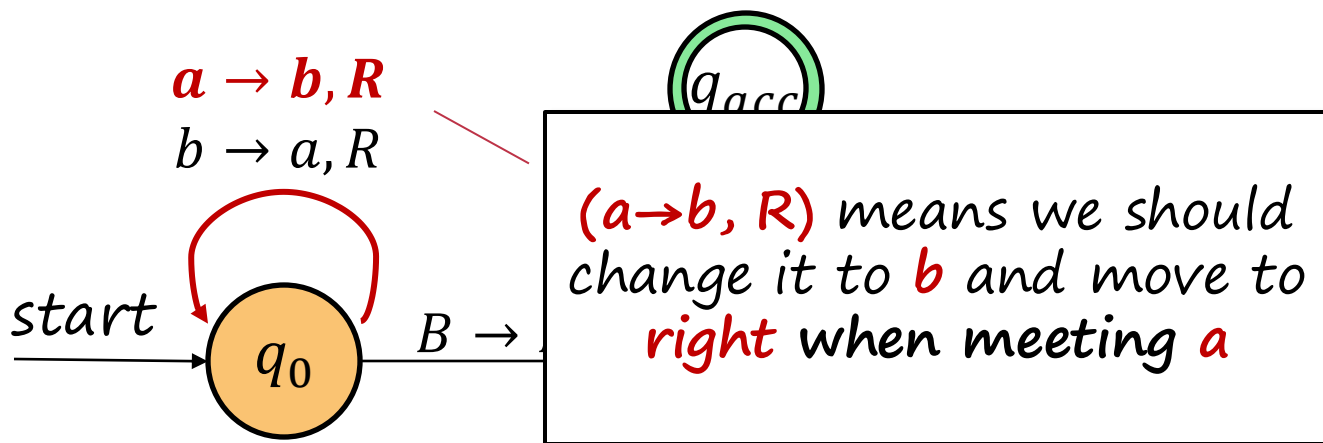
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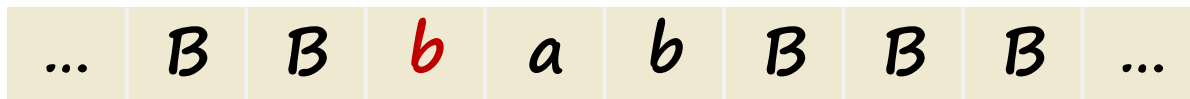
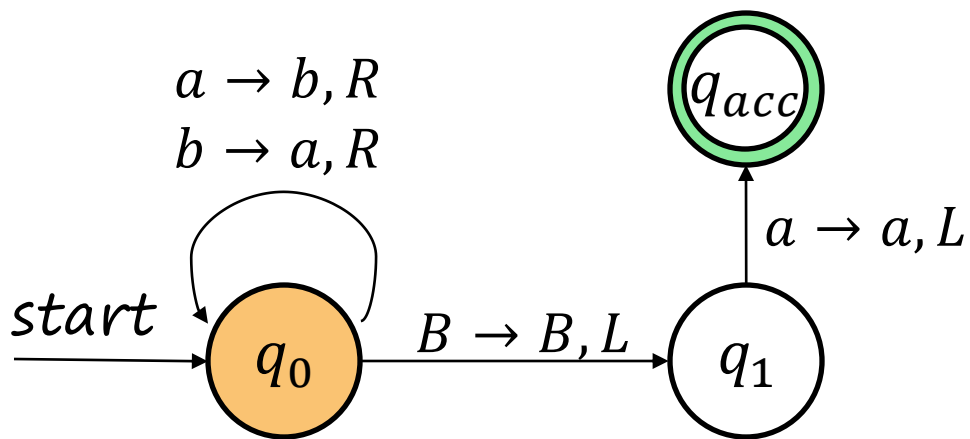
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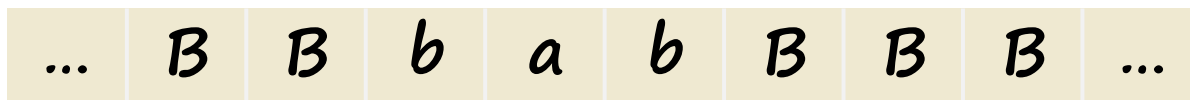
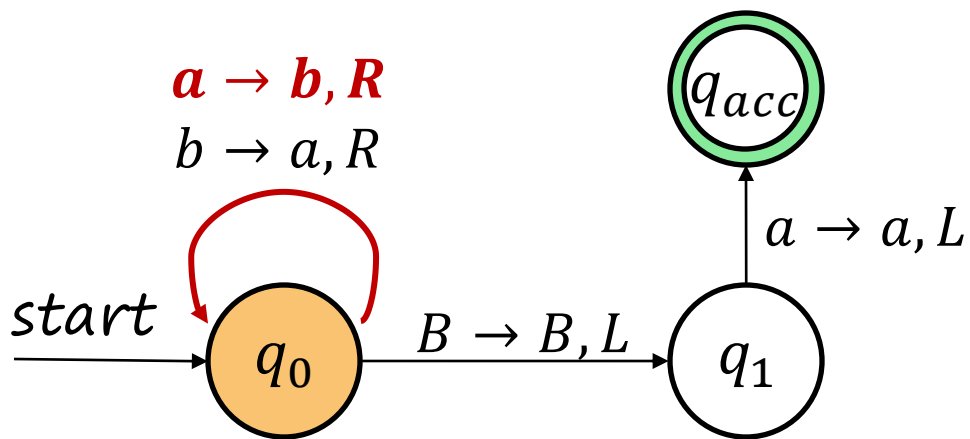
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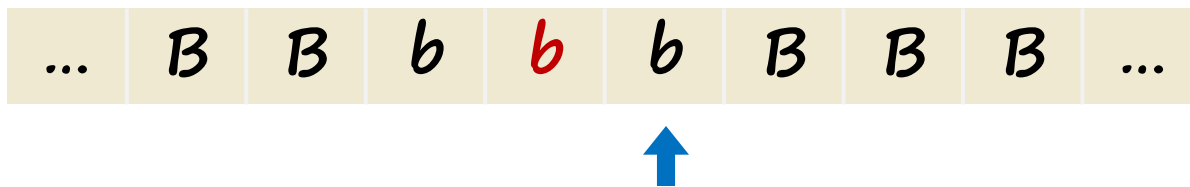
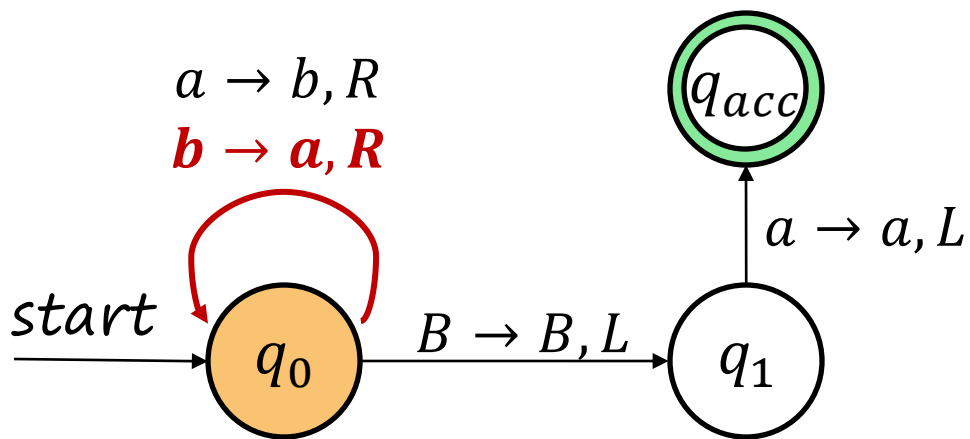
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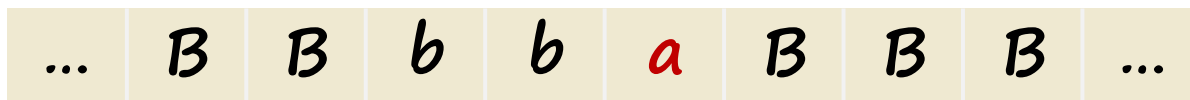
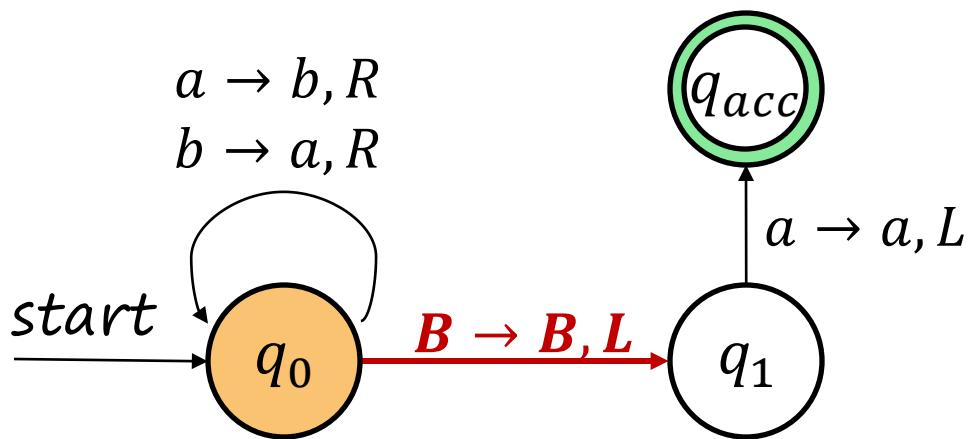
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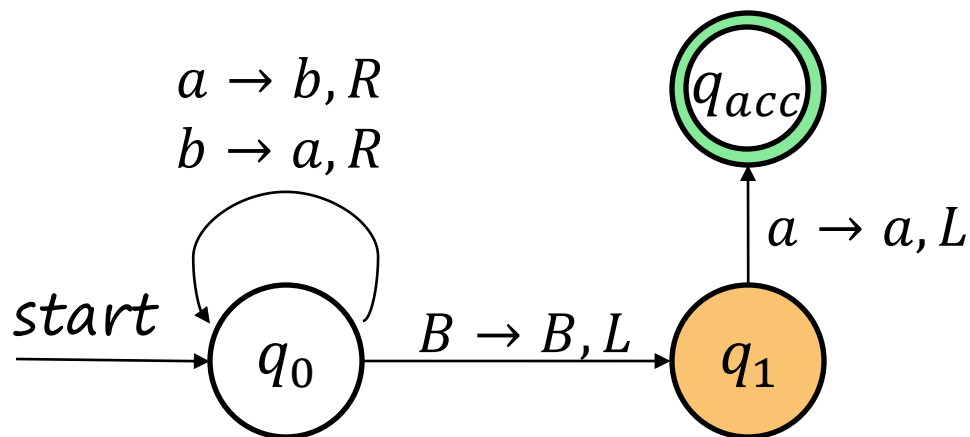
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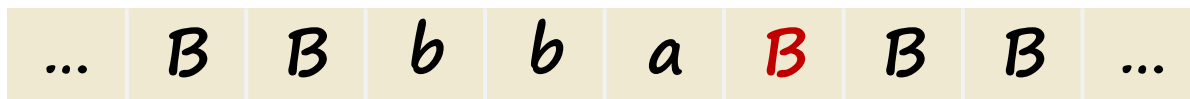
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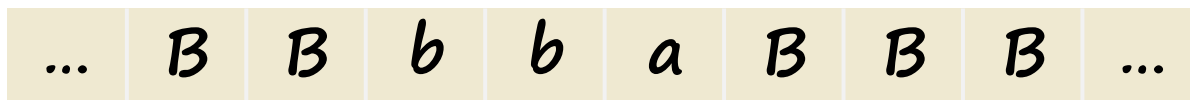
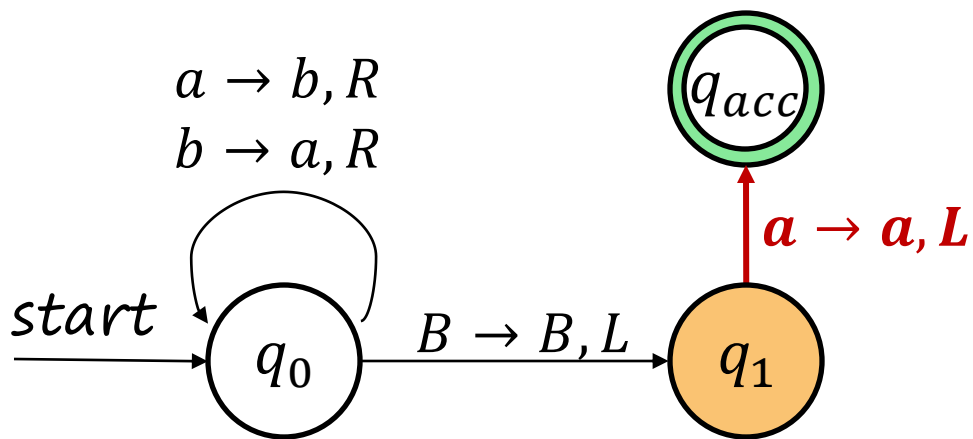
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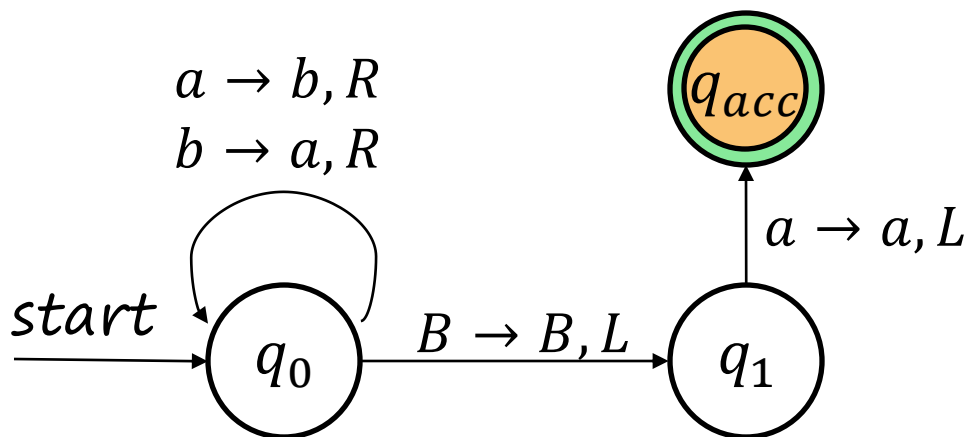
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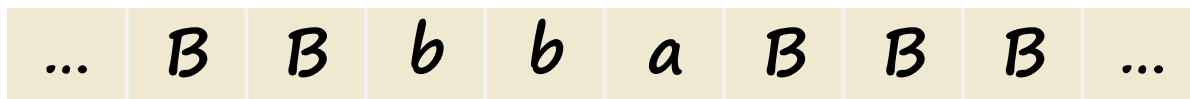
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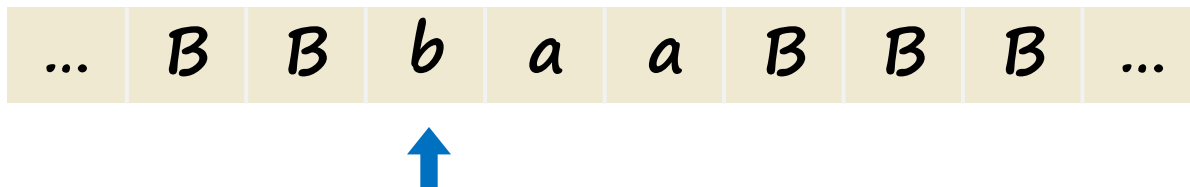
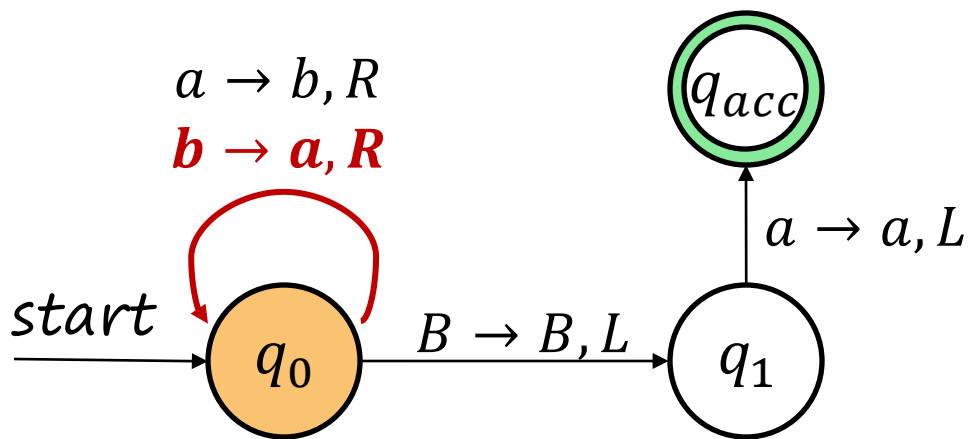
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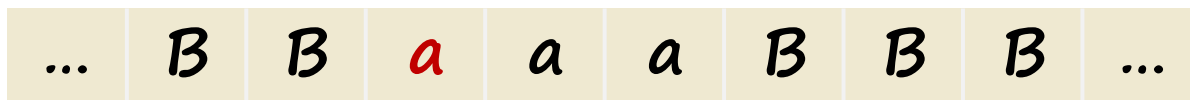
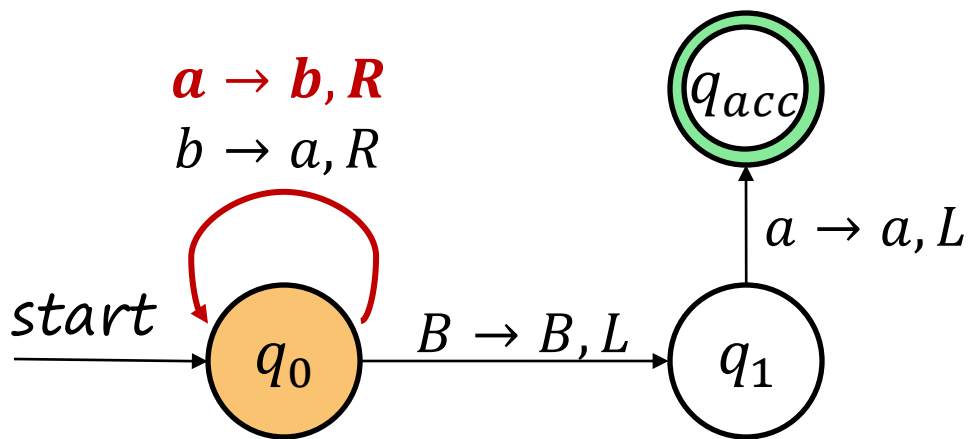
Accept the input **once** we get into the accept state.



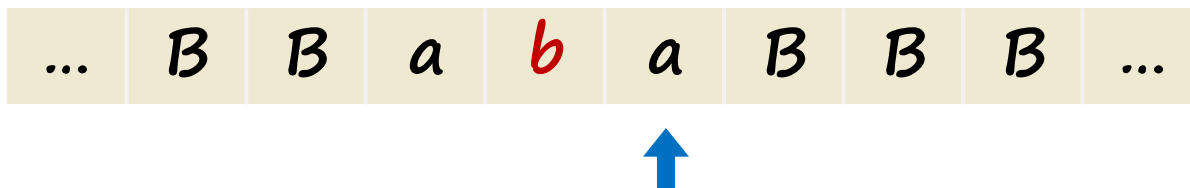
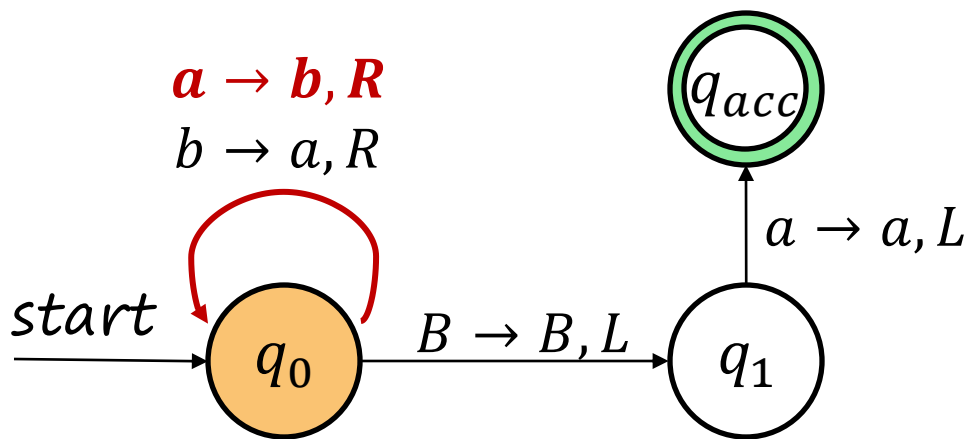
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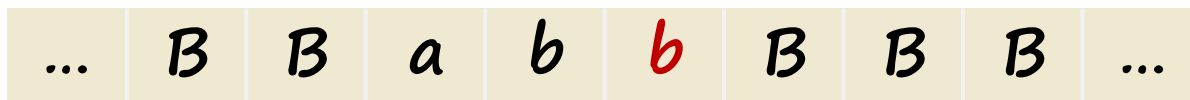
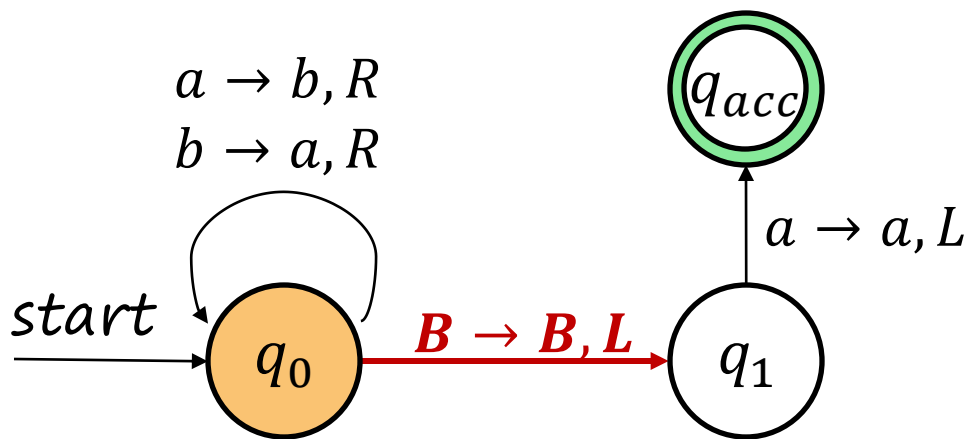
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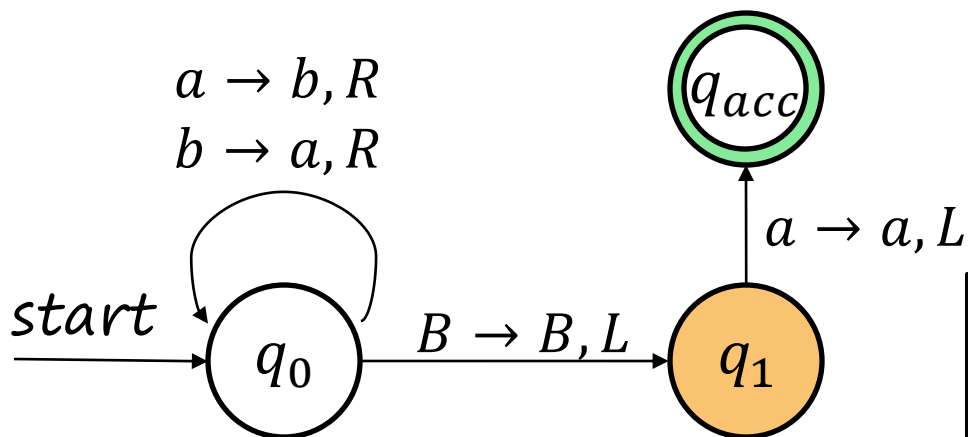
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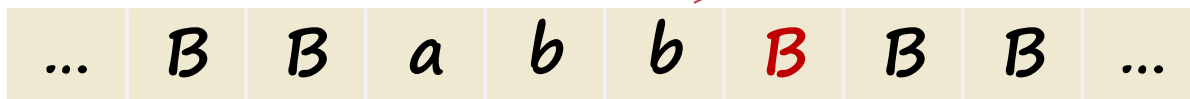
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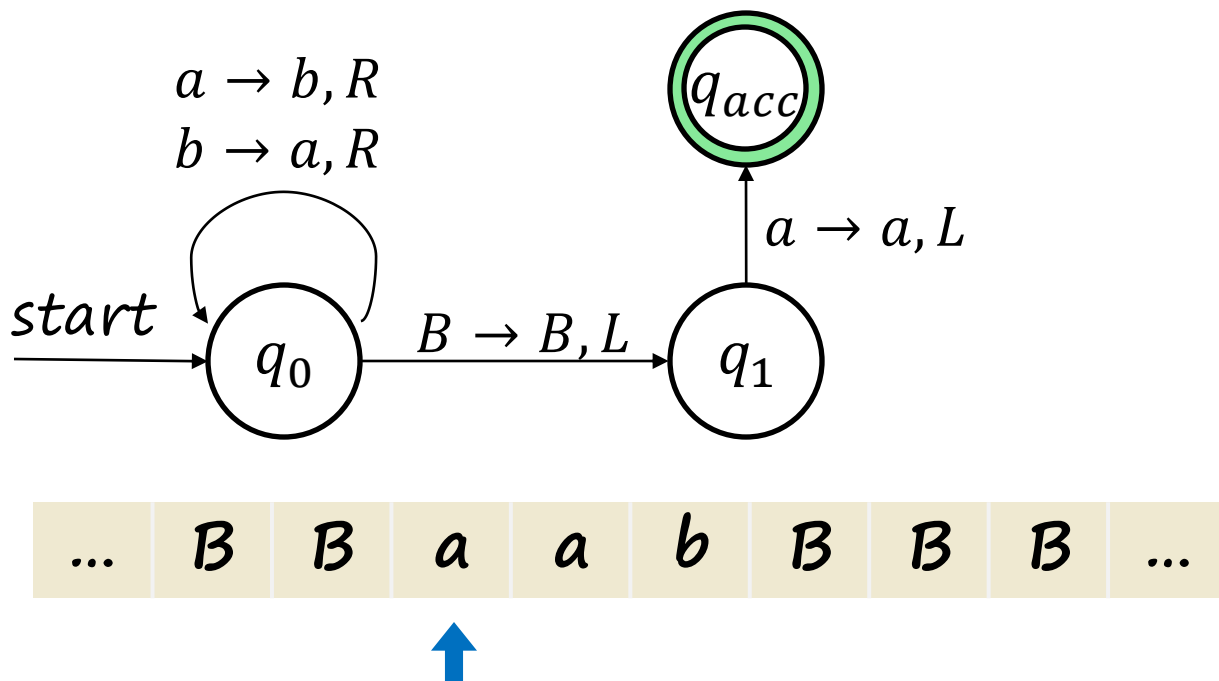
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We have no direction to go. The computation finishes, but doesn't accept the input



Turing Machine



$\{w \mid w \in \{a, b\}^* \wedge (w \text{ ends with } b)\}$

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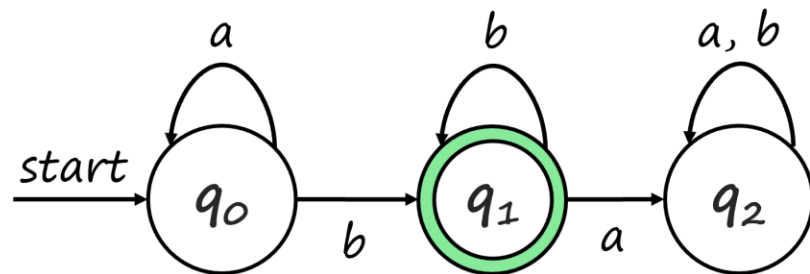
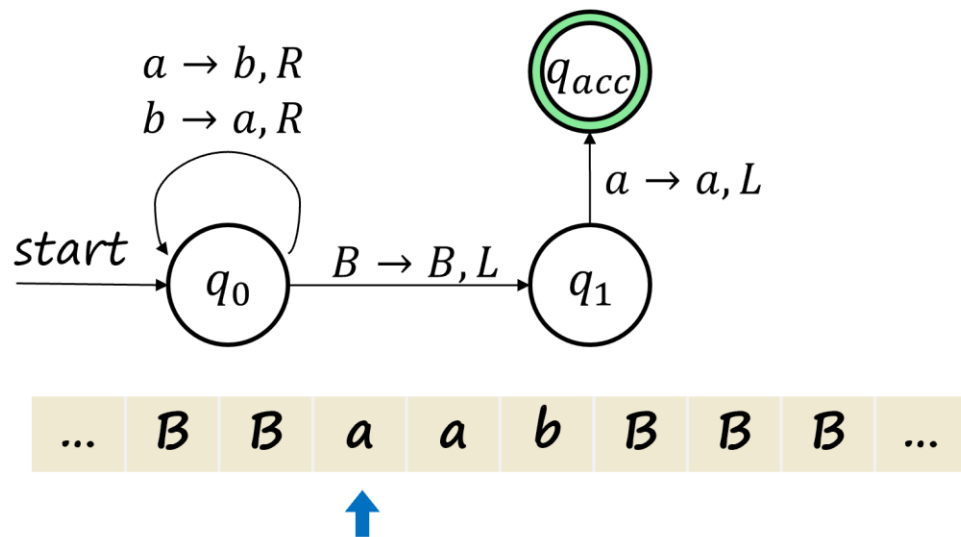
- A **Turing Machine** consists of:
 - Q : A finite set of states
 - Σ : A finite set of input symbols
 - Γ : The complete set of tape symbols. $\Sigma \subset \Gamma$
 - δ : A transition function. $Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q \times \Gamma \times \{L, R\}$
 - q_0 : The start state. $q_0 \in Q$
 - B : The blank symbol. $B \in \Gamma \wedge B \notin \Sigma$.
 - F : A set of final or accepting states. $F \subseteq Q$
- We can denote a Turing machine as a “seven tuple”
$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \Gamma, \delta, q_0, B, F)$$

Turing Machine

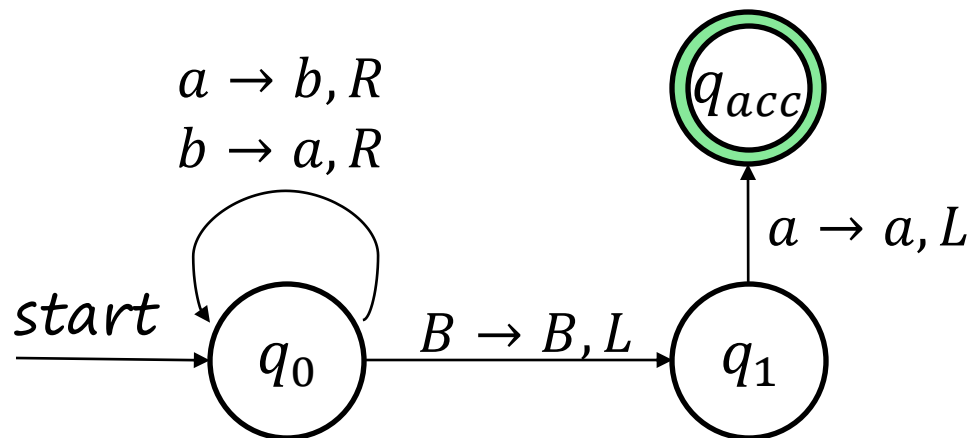
- Initially the input symbols are put into tape, and the tape head is pointed to the start of input symbols.
- Turing Machine finishes computation by moving the tape head. In a move, the Turing Machine will:
 - Change state
 - Write a tape symbol in the cell pointed
 - Move the tape head left or right.
- Turing Machine will accept the input once it gets into accept states, or finishes computation with rejection when no move can be made.

TM and DFA

- DFA has only a bunch of states but TM has an extra “memory-like” tape to store the execution state.
- TM has more capability than DFA
 - A DFA can be converted into a TM



Simpler Notations for TM



Transition
Diagram

		a	b	B
start state	$\rightarrow q_0$	(q_0, b, R)	(q_0, a, R)	(q_1, B, L)
	q_1	(q_{acc}, a, L)	—	—
final state	$* q_{acc}$	—	—	—

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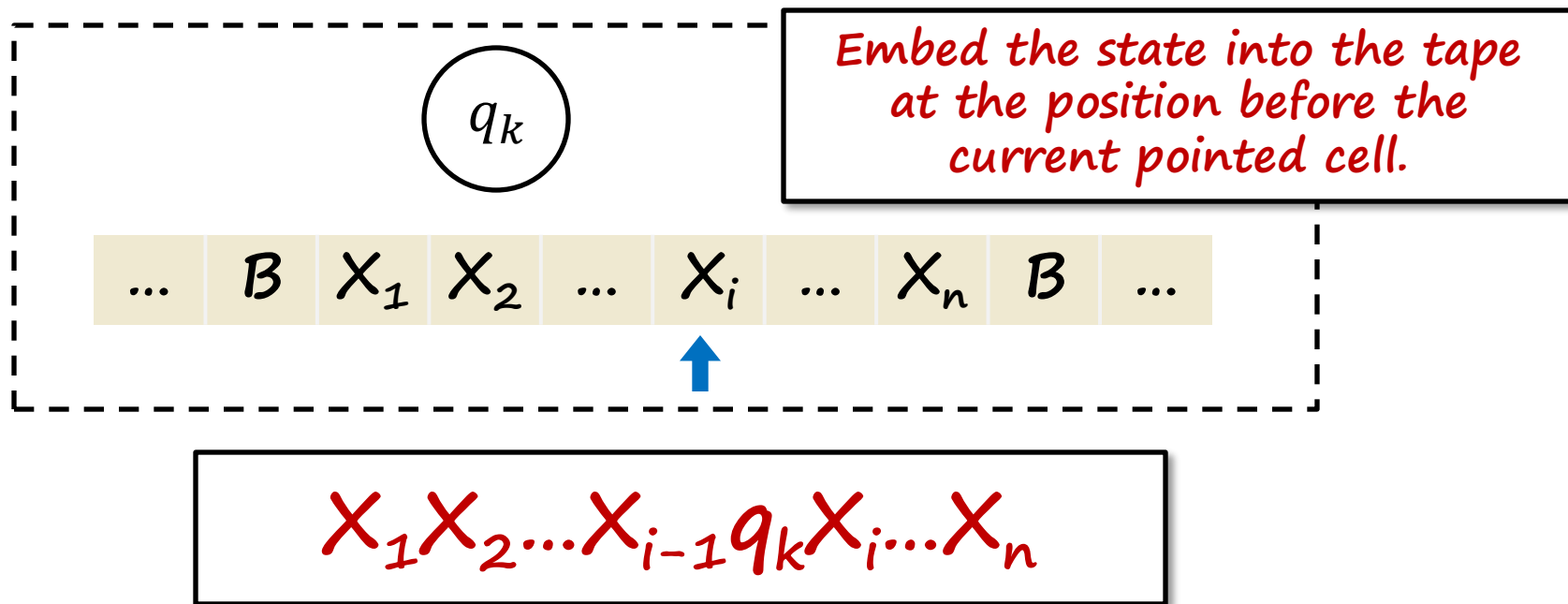
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We'll talk more about RE in the next courses.

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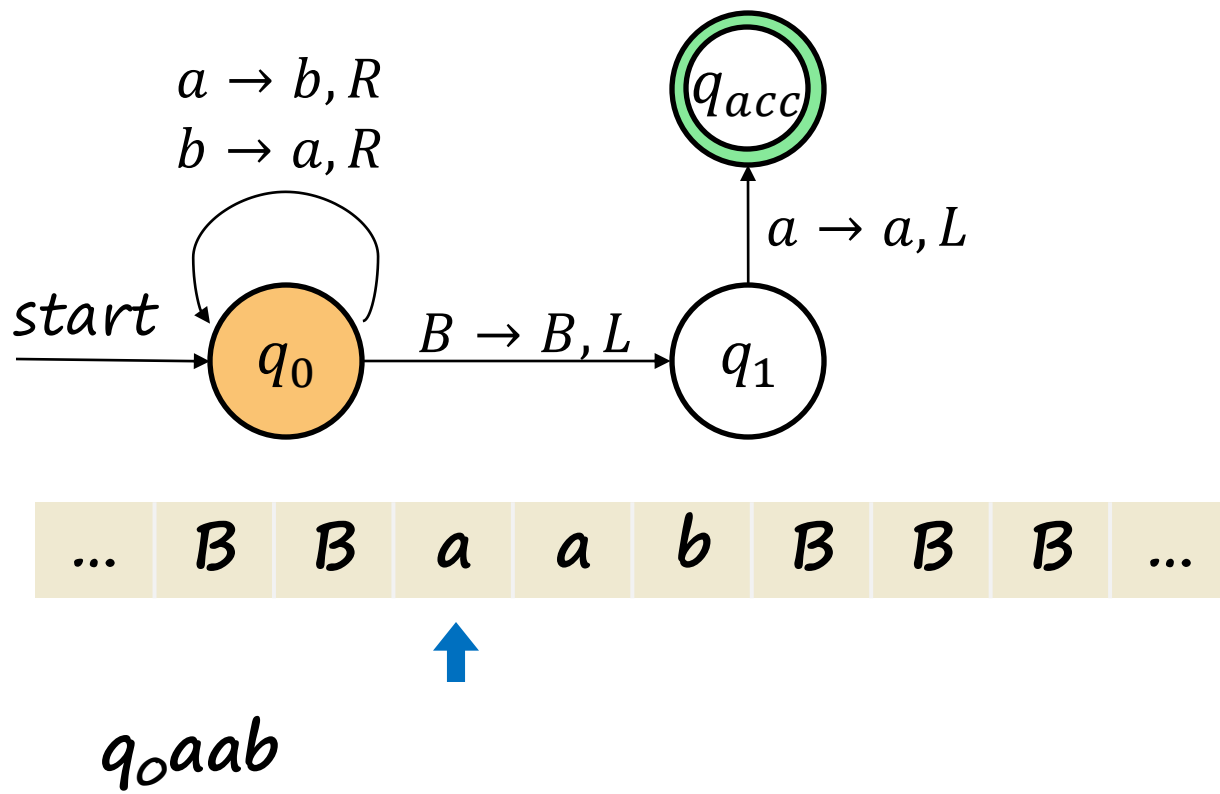
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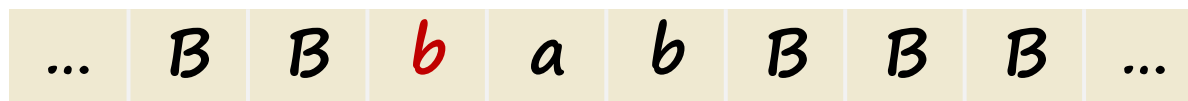
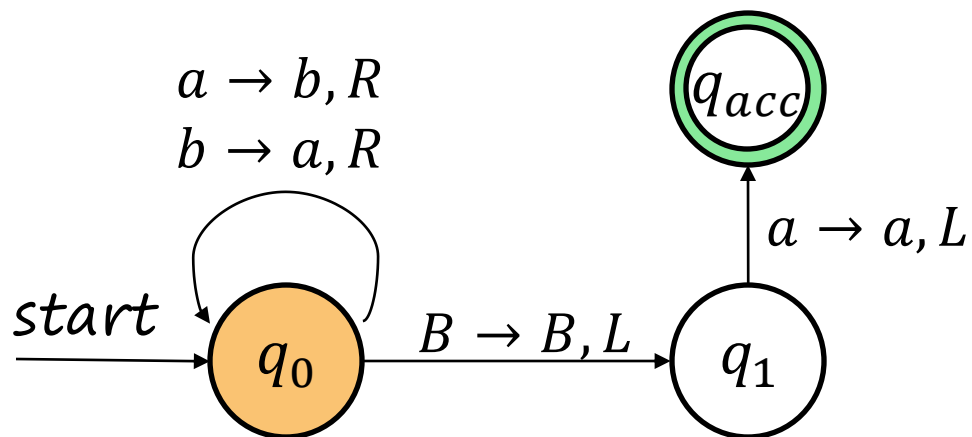
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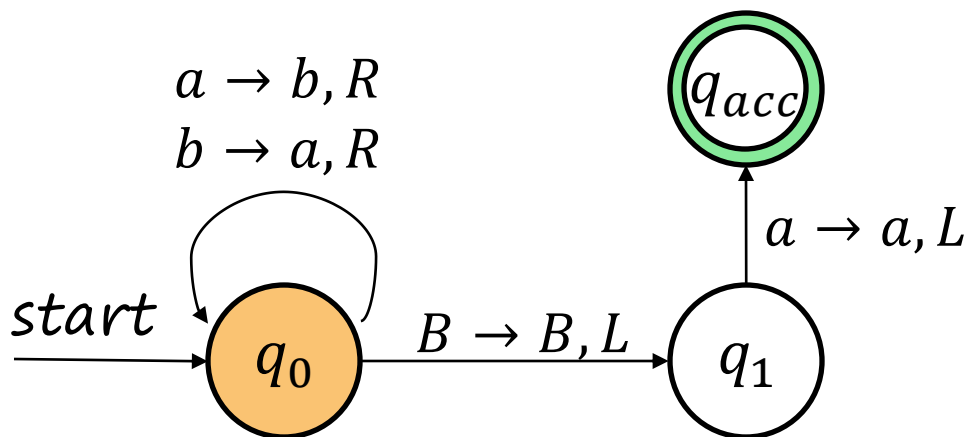


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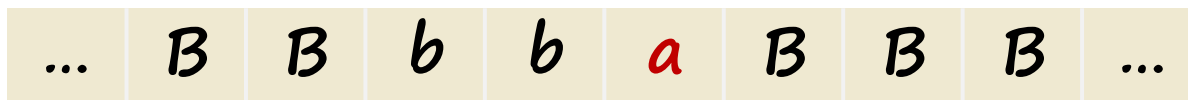
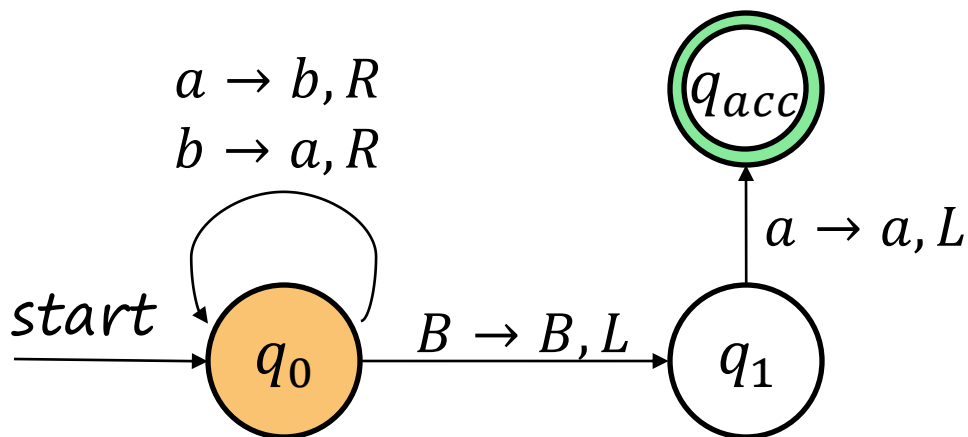
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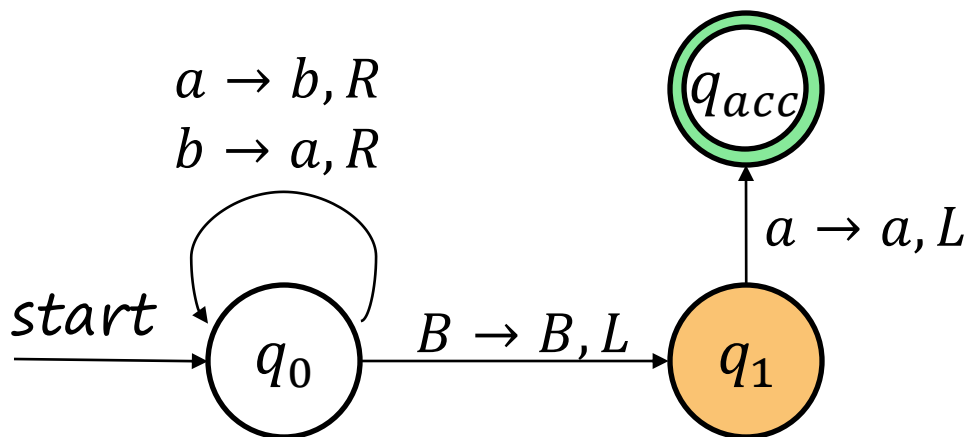
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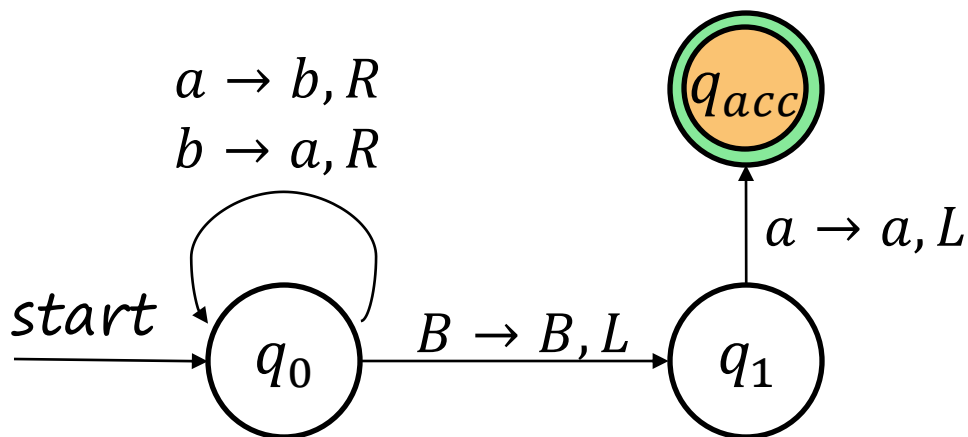
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Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

- Count the number of 0 and the number of 1, and compare them.
 - But we have no idea how to store the number and compare them.
- Or when we see a 0, we try to find an 1, and repeat the process until we count every symbol.

Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

- Our solution:
 - When we see a **0** at the beginning, we change this **0** to **X** to indicate we have counted it, and try to find an **1** by moving tape head to right.
 - When we find an **1**, we change this **1** to **Y**, and turn back to find another **0** at the beginning (right after an **X**).
 - Repeat the above process when there are only **X** and **Y** left on the tape, then we accept the input. Otherwise we reject the input.

Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

We've found a *0*



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Change it to X



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Move right to find an **1**



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

We've found an **1**



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Change it to *Y*



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Turn back to find *o* at the beginning



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Stop move left when we meet X.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Take a right move. We found another *0*.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Change it to **X** and continue.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Another 1.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Change it to **Y** and turn back again.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

Meet **X**, stop moving left.



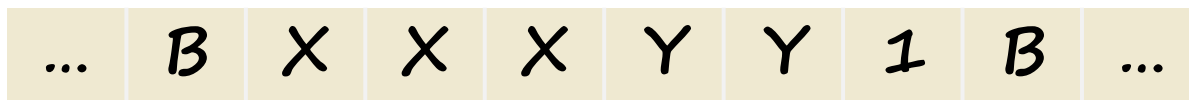
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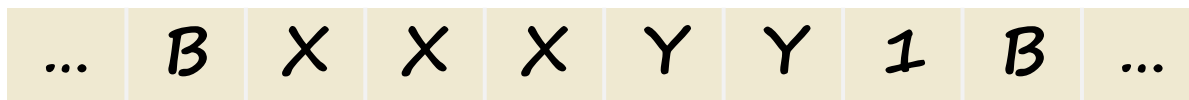
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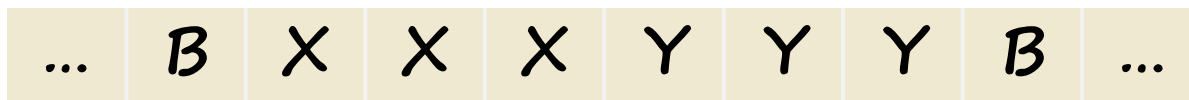
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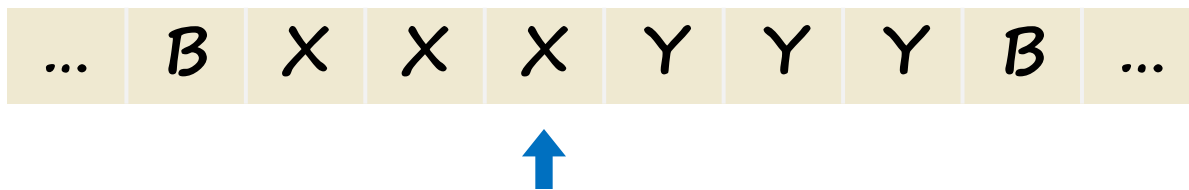
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Change it and turn back again.



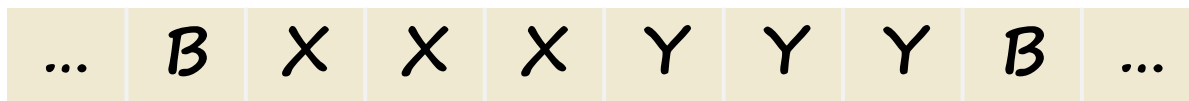
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Meet **X**, take a right move.



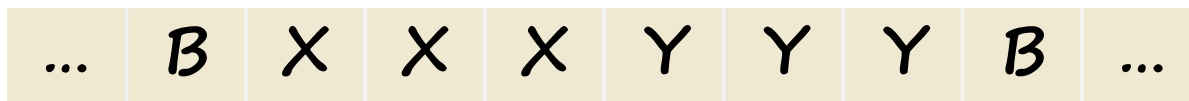
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There's no **O** left. We need to check if there's only **X** and **Y** left on the tape.



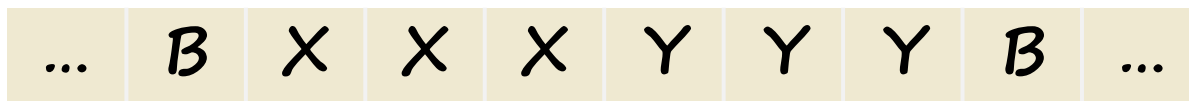
Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

We only need to check towards the right direction as we know the left are all **X**.



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

*We stop and accept the result until we meet a **B**.*



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

	0	1	X	Y	B
$\rightarrow q_0$					

... B 0 0 0 1 1 1 B ...



Example: TM for $\{0^n 1^n\}$

	0	1	X	Y	B
$\rightarrow q_0$	(q_1, X, R)				
q_1					

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2. Move right to find an 1

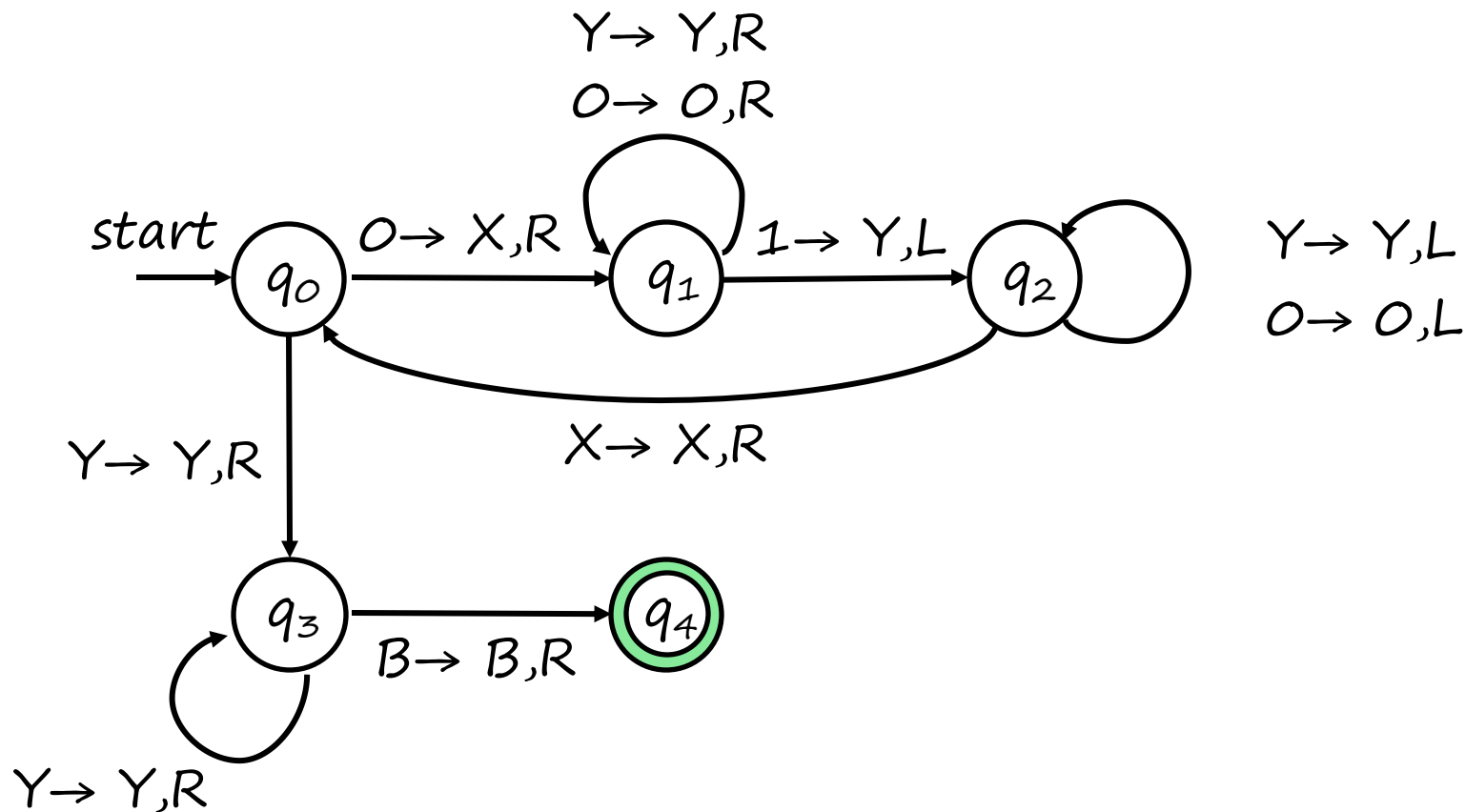
4. No 0 left, check if all symbol are Y

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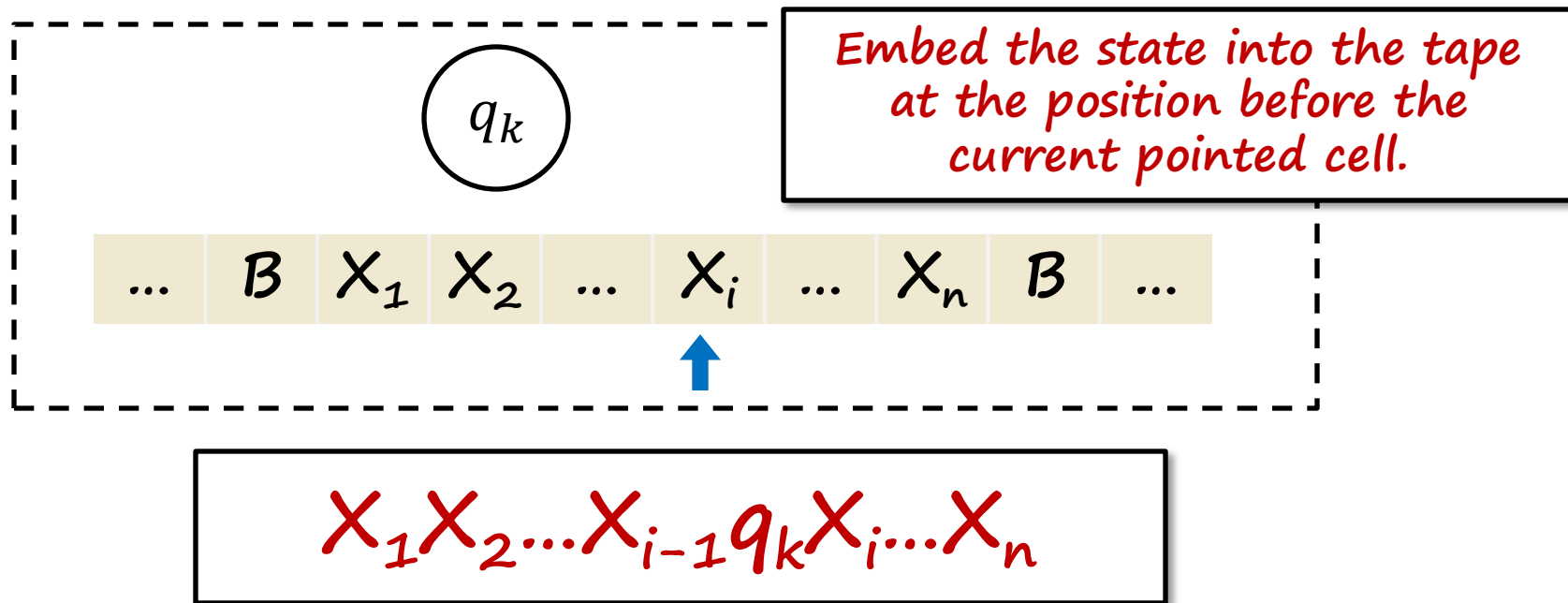
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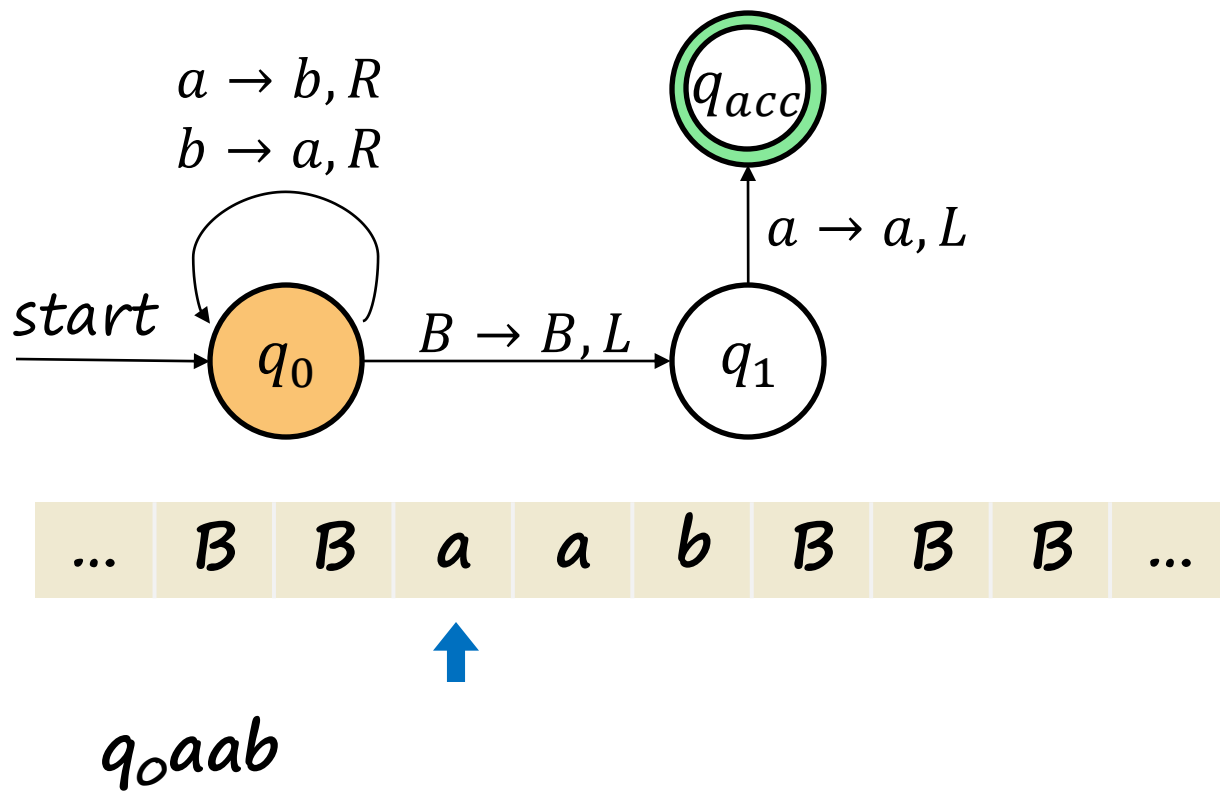
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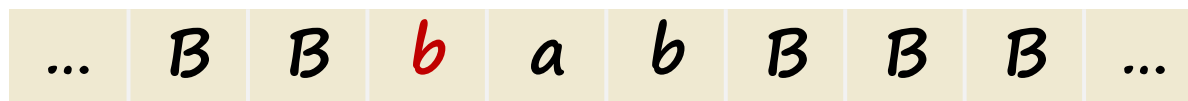
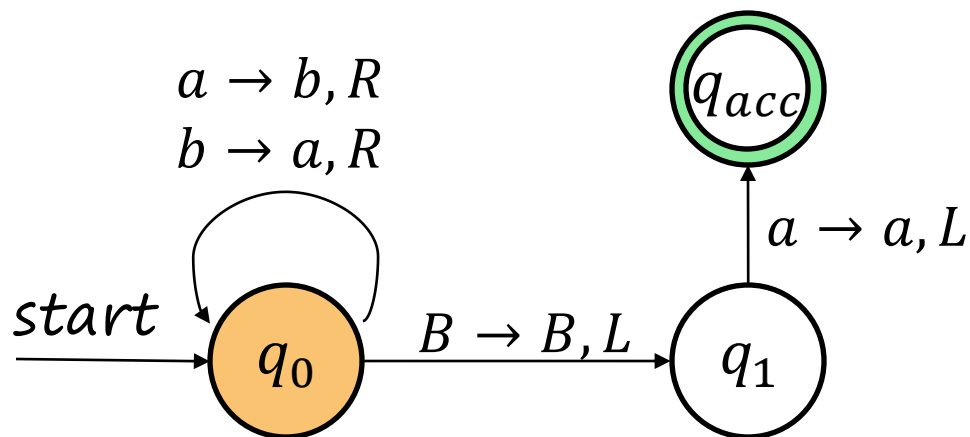
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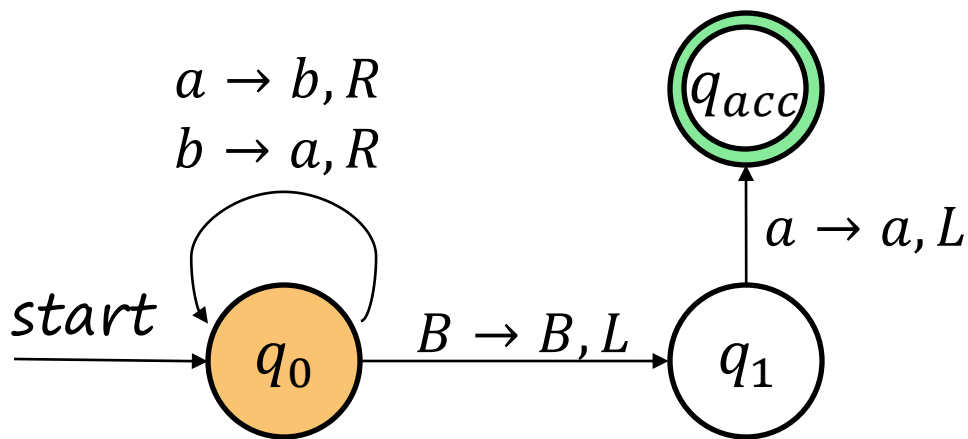


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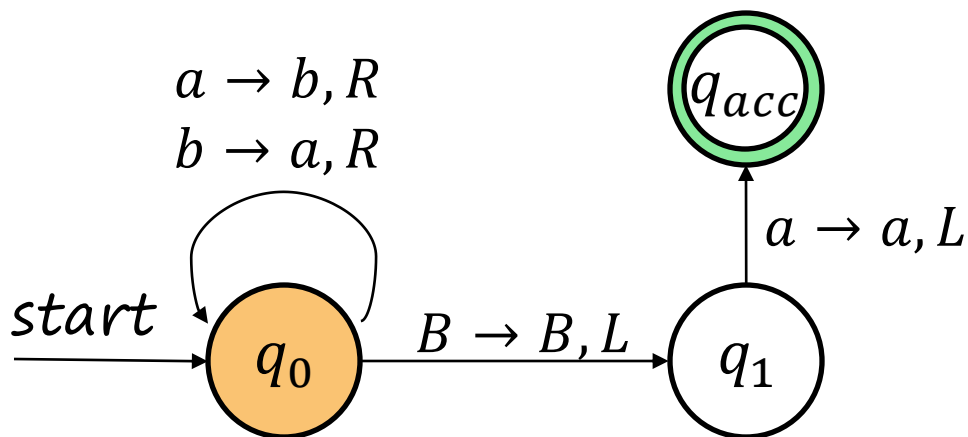
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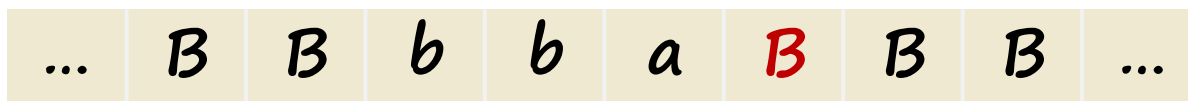
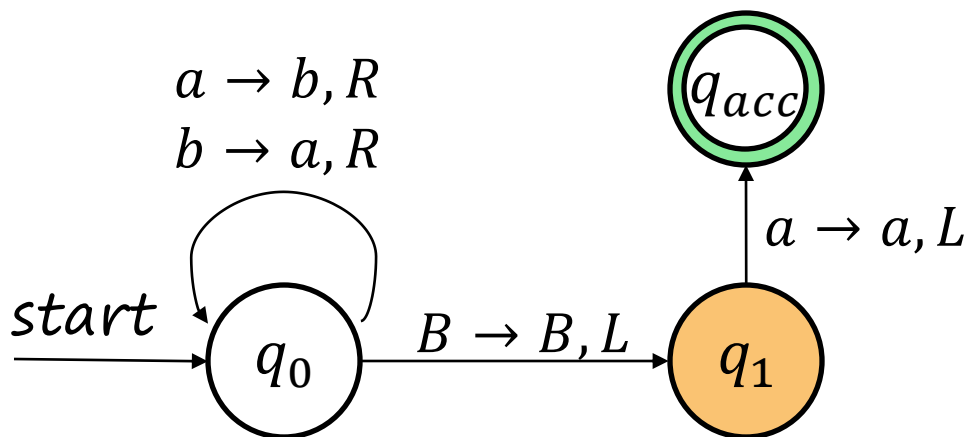
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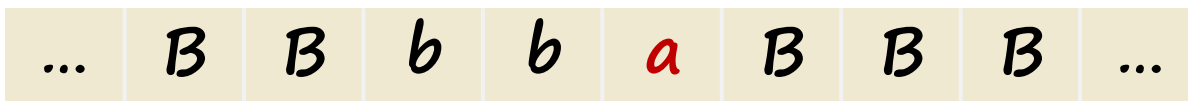
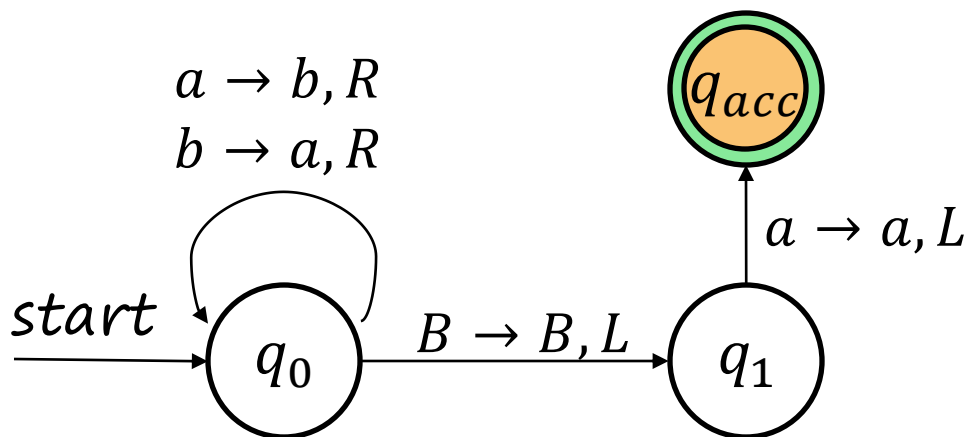
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- For any certain type of automata (e.g. DFA, TM), the computation capability of it can be regarded as all the languages the type of automata can accept.

$$P(T) = \{L(A) | A \text{ is a } T\},$$

where T can be DFA , Turing Machine, etc.

- For DFA, the capability is all the regular languages. For Turing Machine, it is all the *RE* languages.
 - $P(DFA) = \{L | L \text{ is a Regular Language}\}$
 - $P(TM) = \{L | L \text{ is a RE Language}\}$

Computation Capability

- For two types of automata T_1 and T_2
 - If $P(T_1) = P(T_2)$, we say T_1 and T_2 have same capability.
 - If $P(T_1) \subset P(T_2)$, we say T_2 have greater capability than T_1 .
- DFA and TM:
 - For any language L accepted by a DFA ($L \in P(DFA)$), there's a TM M such that $L(M) = L$ ($L \in P(TM)$), so it means that $P(DFA) \subseteq P(TM)$
 - And we know there's some languages can be accepted by TM but can not be accepted by DFA (like $\{1^n 2^n\}$), so we have $P(DFA) \subset P(TM)$, which means **TM have greater computation capability than DFA**

Church-Turing Thesis

Every effective method of computation is either equivalent to or weaker than a Turing machine.

- This is not a **theorem** but a falsifiable scientific hypothesis. But it has been thoroughly tested! So we have strong faith in its correctness.
- This means Turing Machine can model any “computation”.

~~What problems can a computer solve?~~



~~What languages can a computer recognize?~~



What languages can TM recognize?

How we investigate computability?

2.1 Discussion on Problems

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