

# Lecture #3

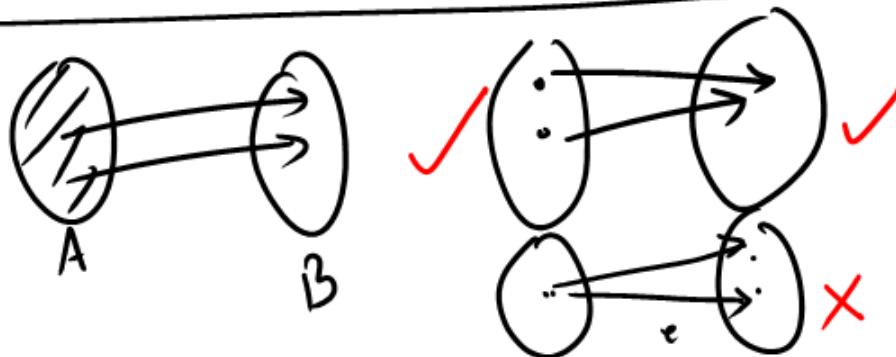
- Deterministic Finite Automata
  - Product Construction

What is a function:

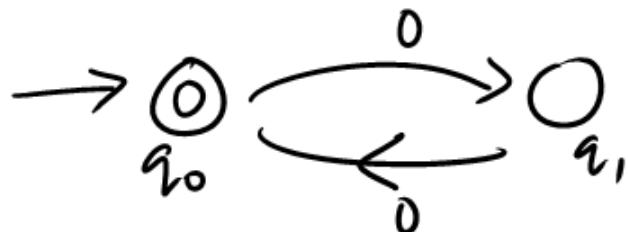
$$f: A \rightarrow B$$

f associates every element of  
A to some element of B

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$$\Sigma = \{0\}$$



states  $Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$

alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0\}$

transition function  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$

initial state  $q_0 : q_0 \in Q$

final states  $F \subseteq Q$

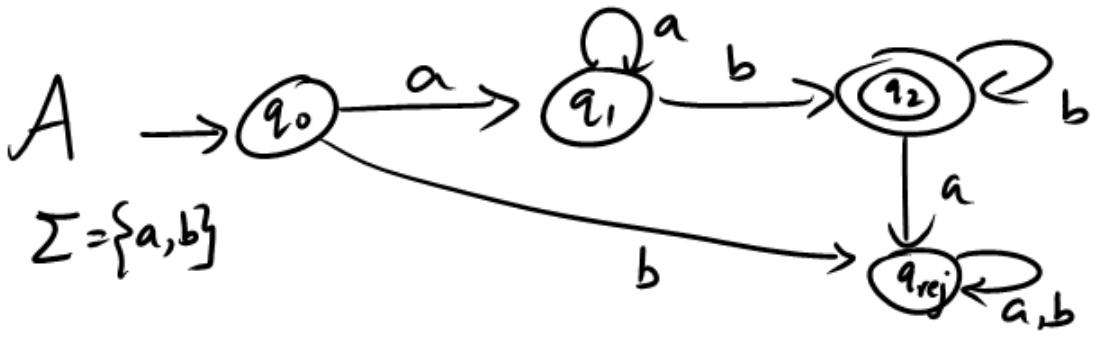
Since  $\delta$  is a function  
from every state, on every letter there must be a new state

determinism  
- this new state is unique

A deterministic finite automaton (DFA)  
is a 5-tuple  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

where

- $Q$  is a nonempty finite set (called "states")
- $\Sigma$  is a nonempty finite set (called the "alphabet"; elements of  $\Sigma$  are letters/characters)
- $\delta$  is a function from  $Q \times \Sigma$  to  $Q$
- $q_0 \in Q$  (called the "initial state")
- $F \subseteq Q$  (called the "final states")



$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

where  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2, q_{\text{rej}}\}$

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

$$q_0 = q_0$$

$$F = \{q_2\}$$

$$\delta : (Q \times \Sigma) \rightarrow Q$$

$\delta$	a	b
$q_0$	$q_1$	$q_{\text{rej}}$
$q_1$	$q_1$	$q_2$
$q_2$	$q_{\text{rej}}$	$q_2$
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Formal notion of acceptance

$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k \in \Sigma^*$ .  
A accepts w if (and only if)  
there exists a sequence of states (in Q)

$r_0, r_1, r_2 \dots r_k$  such that

- $r_0 = q_0$
- $r_k \in F$
- $r_{i+1} = \delta(r_i, a_{i+1}) \quad i=0,..k-1$

$$A = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$$

$$Q = \{ \text{John}, \{\cdot\} \}$$

$$\Sigma = \{a\}$$

$$q_0 = \text{John}$$

$$F = \{ \text{John} \}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} \delta & a \\ \hline \text{John} & \cancel{\{\cdot\}} & \text{John} \\ \{\cdot\} & \text{John} & \end{array}$$



$aa$  is accepted by  $A$

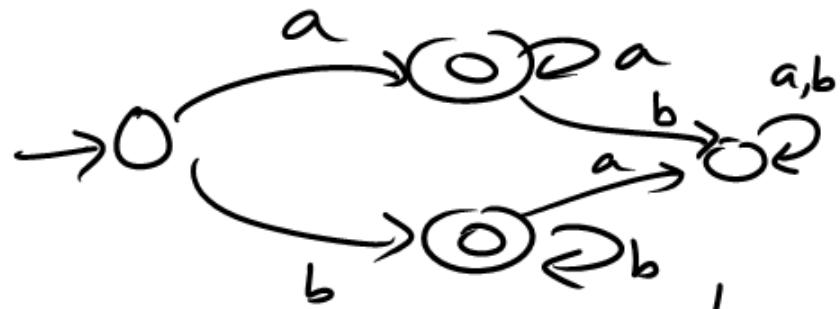
since  $a \xrightarrow{q_0} \text{John}, \{\cdot\}, \text{John}$  is a sequence s.t.

The language of  $A$  is the  
set of strings accepted by  $A$ .

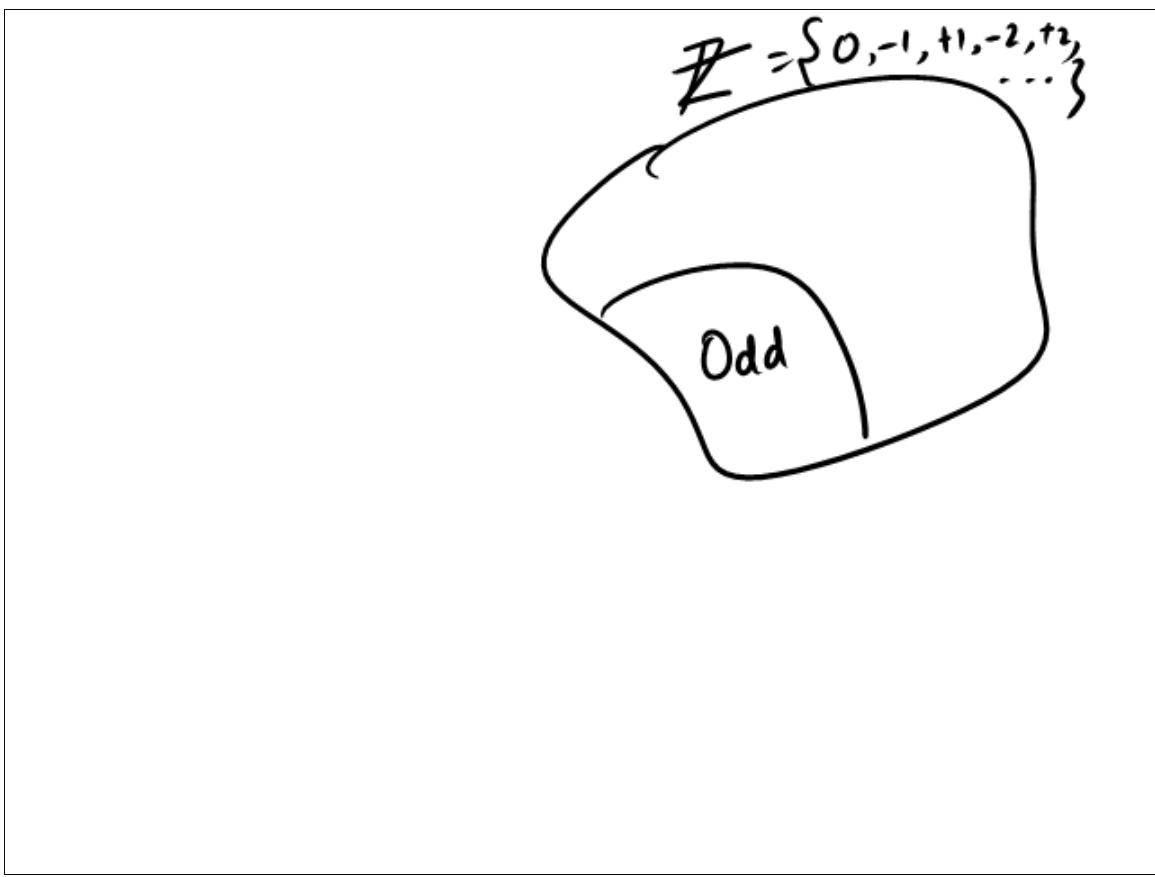
$$L(A) = \{w \in \Sigma^* \mid A \text{ accepts } w\}$$

Why multiple finite states

$$L = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a, aa, aaa, \dots \\ b, bb, .bbb, \dots \end{array} \right\}$$



Needs multiple final states!



## Operations on languages . $\Sigma$

$$L_1 \cup L_2 = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \in L_1 \text{ or } w \in L_2 \}$$

$$L_1 \cap L_2 = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \in L_1 \text{ and } w \in \overline{L_2} \}$$

$$\overline{L} = \{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \notin L \}$$

