

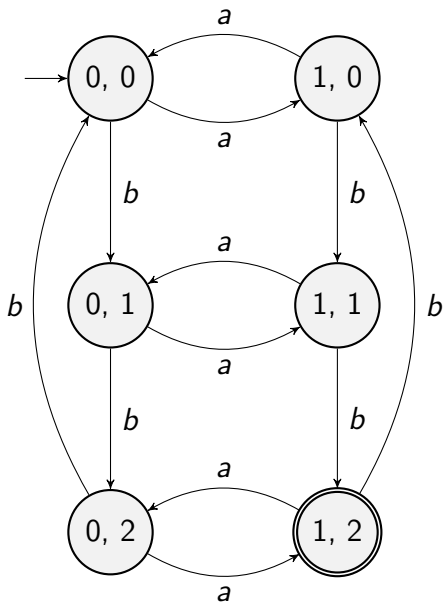
# Review for CMSC 452

## Final

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# NFA's Intuitively

1. An NFA is a DFA that can guess.
2. NFAs do not really exist.
3. Good for  $\cup$  since can guess which one.
4. An NFA accepts iff SOME guess accepts.

# Every NFA-lang a DFA-lang!

**Thm** If  $L$  is accepted by an NFA then  $L$  is accepted by a DFA.

**Pf Sketch**  $L$  is accepted by NFA  $(Q, \Sigma, \Delta, s, F)$  where

1. Get rid of  $\epsilon$ -transitions using reachability.
2. Get rid of non-determinism by using power sets. Possibly  $2^n$  blowup.

# Regular Expressions



# Examples

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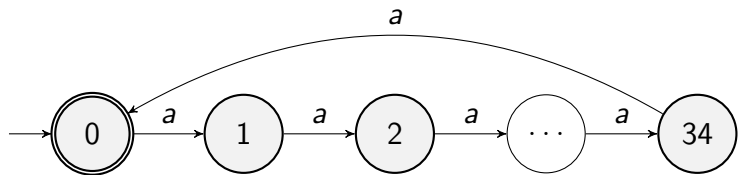
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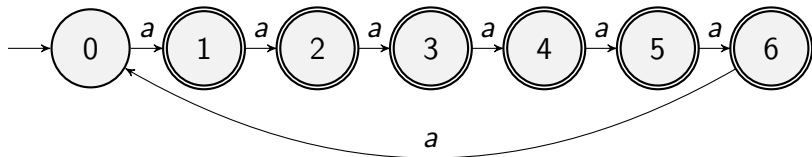
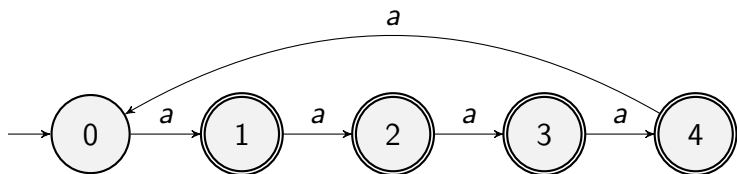
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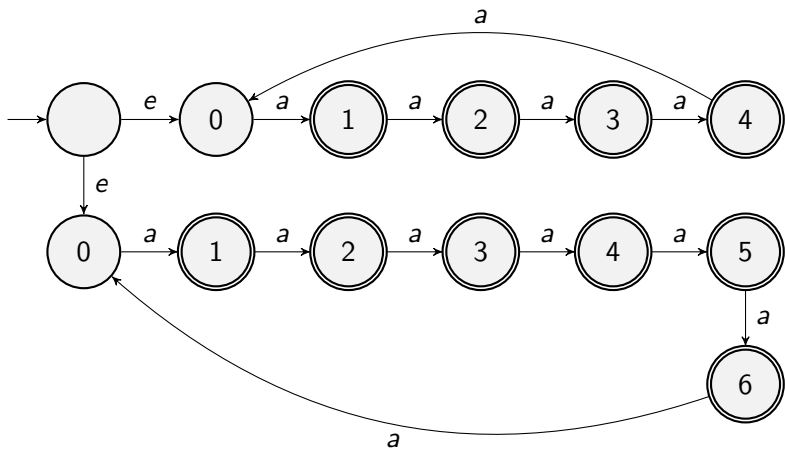
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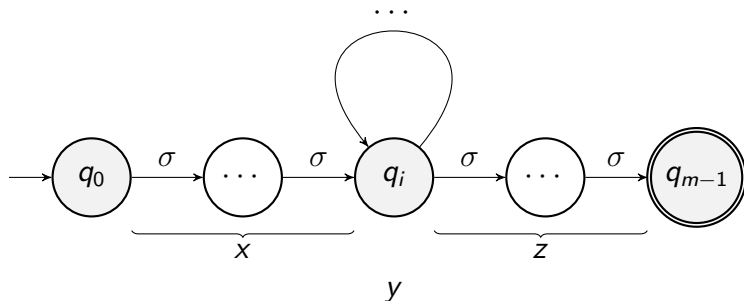
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