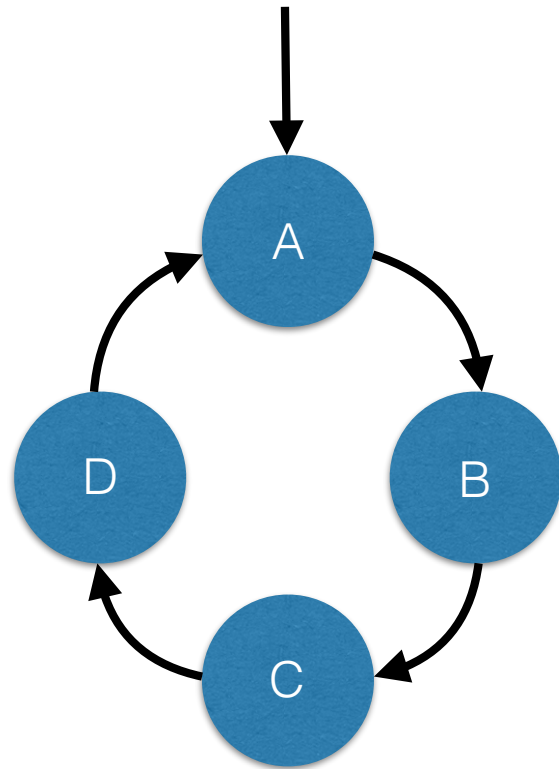


Finite-State Machines (Automata) lecture 12

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- a simple form of computation
- used widely
- one way to find patterns



current			
A	B	C	D
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B	C	D	A
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Application Fields



Industry

- real-time control, vending machines, cash dispensers, etc.

Electronic circuits

- data path / control path
- memory / cache handling
- protocols, USB, etc.



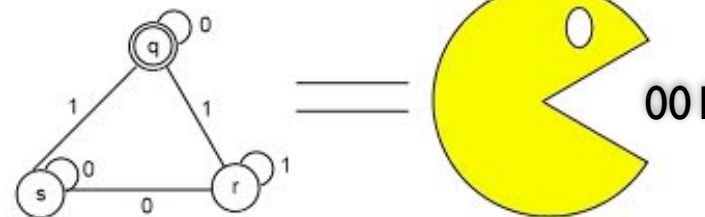
Communication protocols

- initiation and maintenance of communication links
- error detection and handling, packet retransmission



Language analysis

- natural languages
- programming languages
- search engines

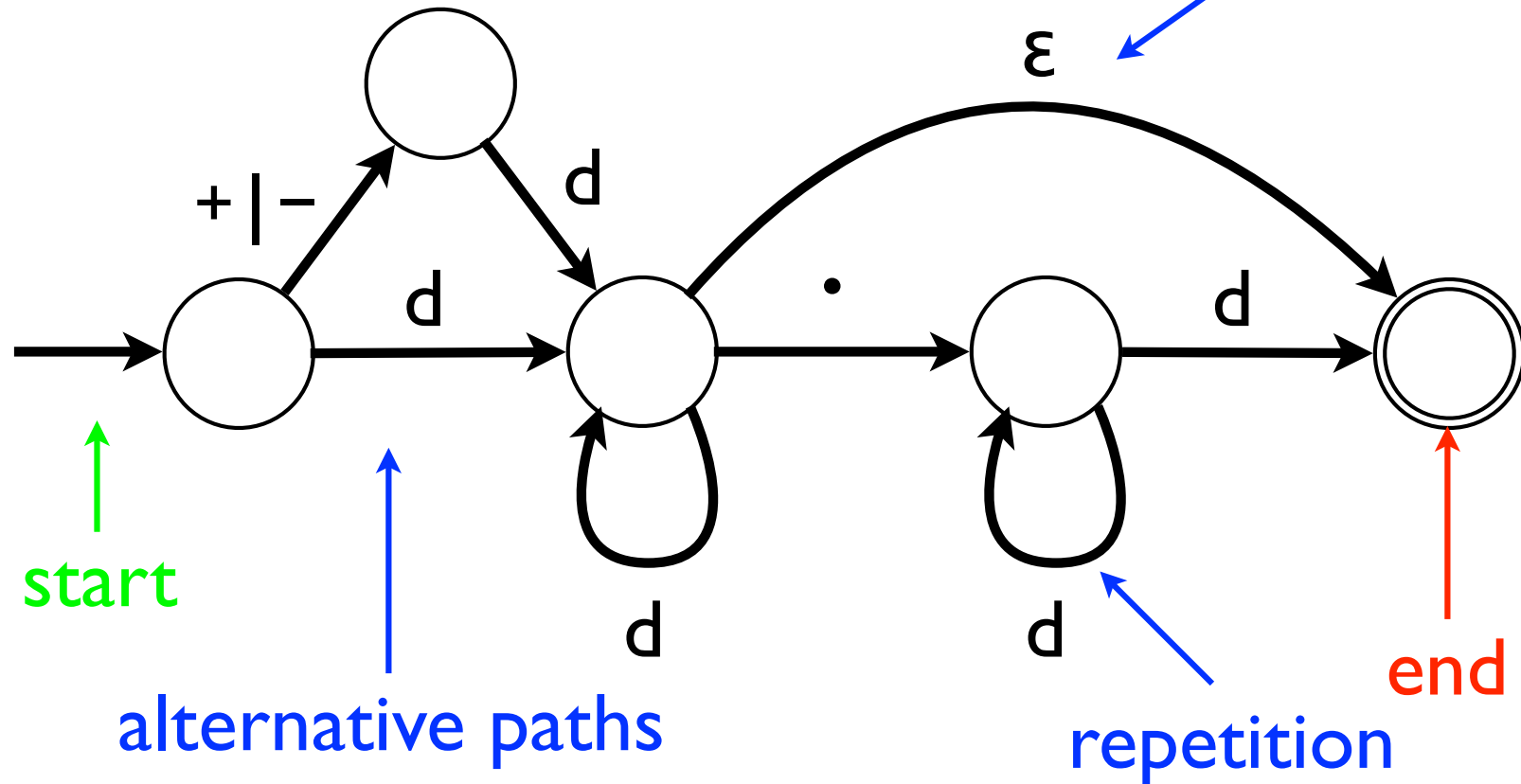


Finite State Machines



- A conceptual tool for modelling reactive systems.
- Not limited to software systems.
- Used to specify required system behaviour in a precise way.
- Then implement as software/hardware (and perhaps verify behaviour against FSM).
- Finite state machines can also be viewed as rules for generating sets of strings
(= sets of finite sequences of symbols)

A Decimal Number

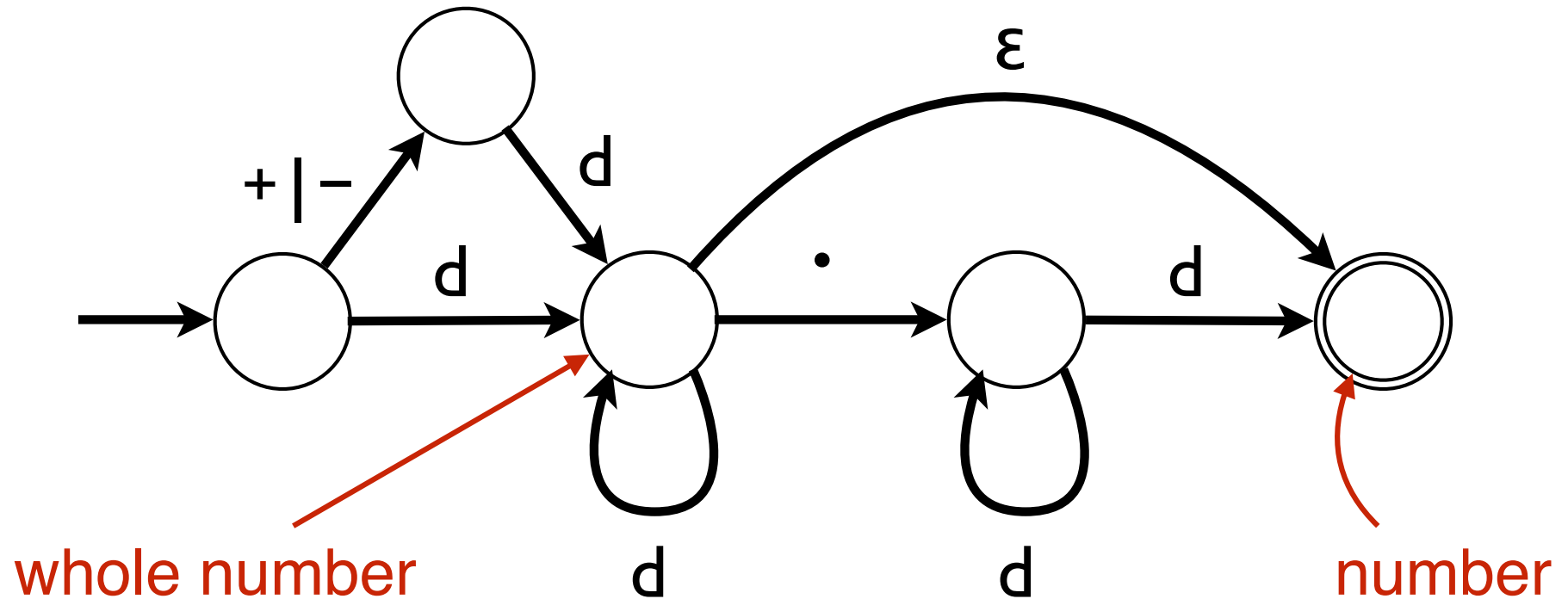


Each path from start to end, with a choice of one of the labels for each edge traversal, gives a decimal number.

$$d = \{"0", "1", "2", "3", "4", "5", "6", "7", "8", "9"\}$$

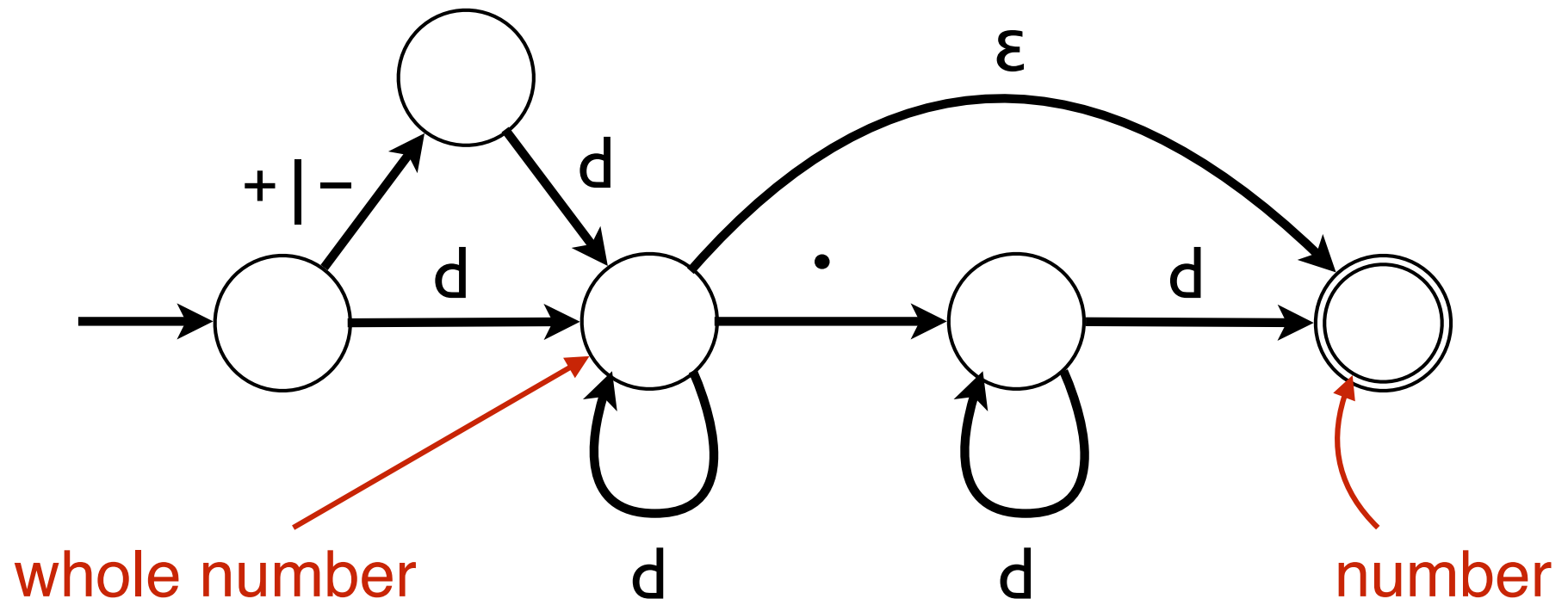
$$+|- = \{"+", "-"\} \quad \varepsilon = "" \quad \cdot = "."$$

This gives us a new way of defining sets by rules.



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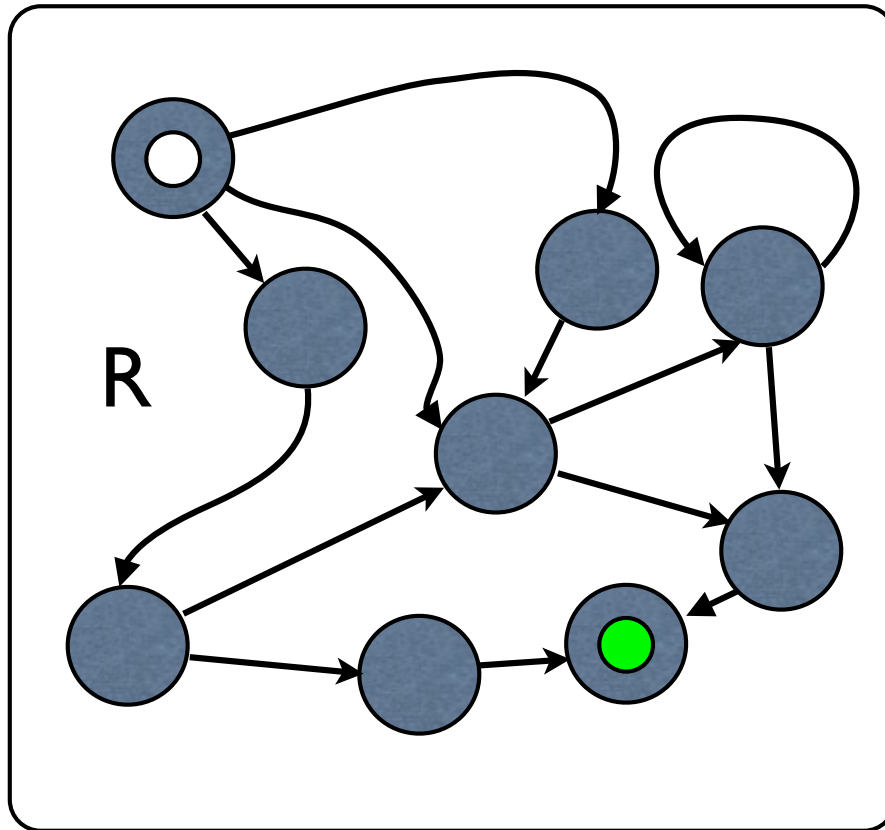
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A number is a whole number **or** a whole number followed by a
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finite state machines



A labelled directed graph

nodes 
edges 

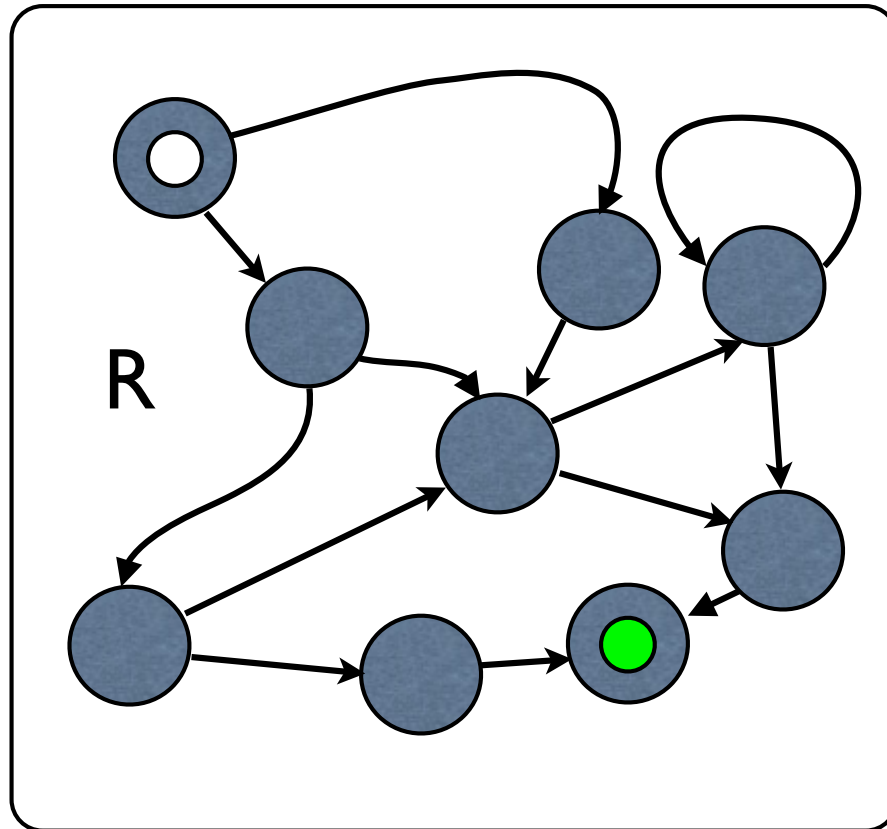
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a set of start nodes 
and



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finite state machines



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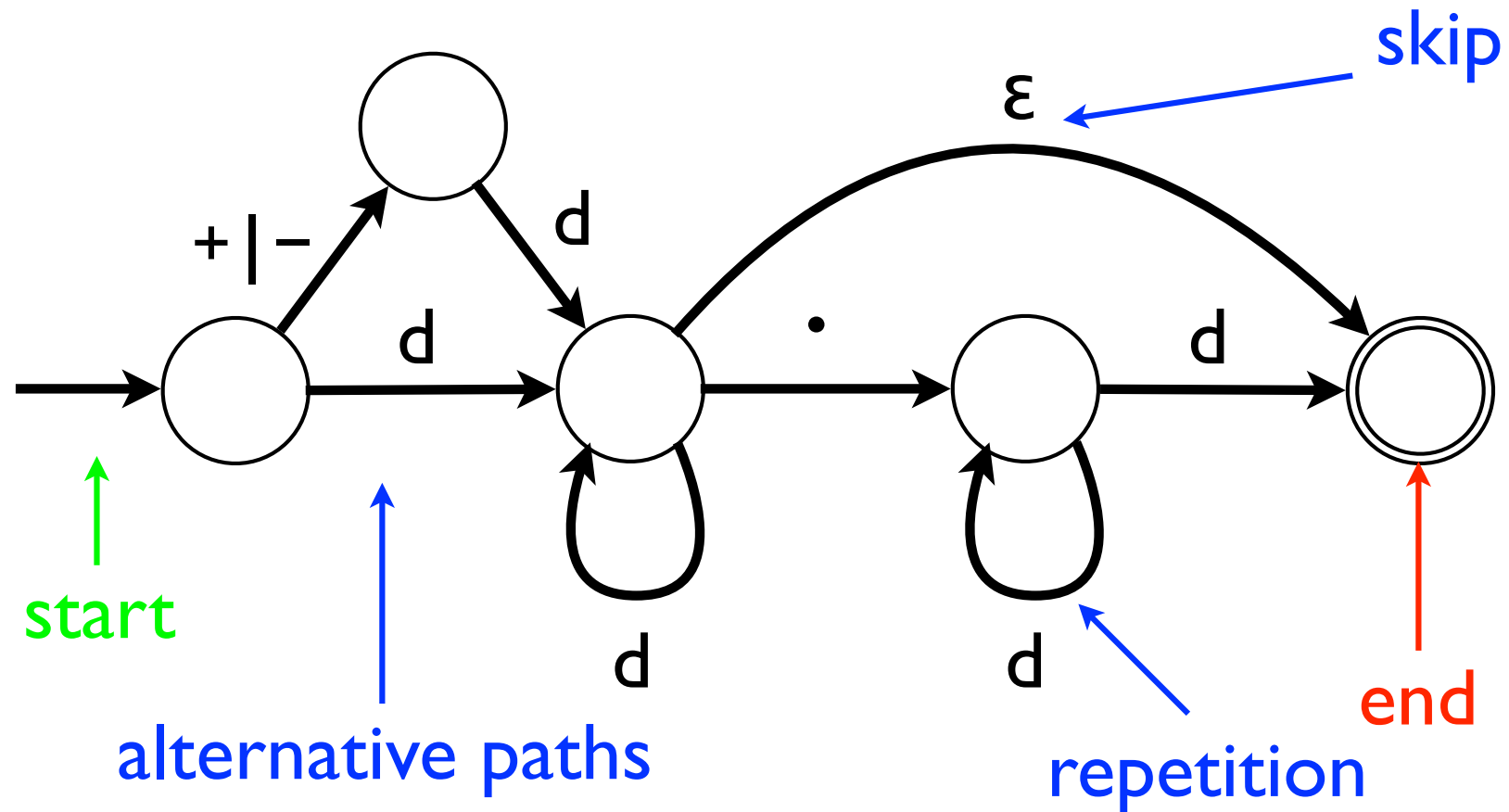
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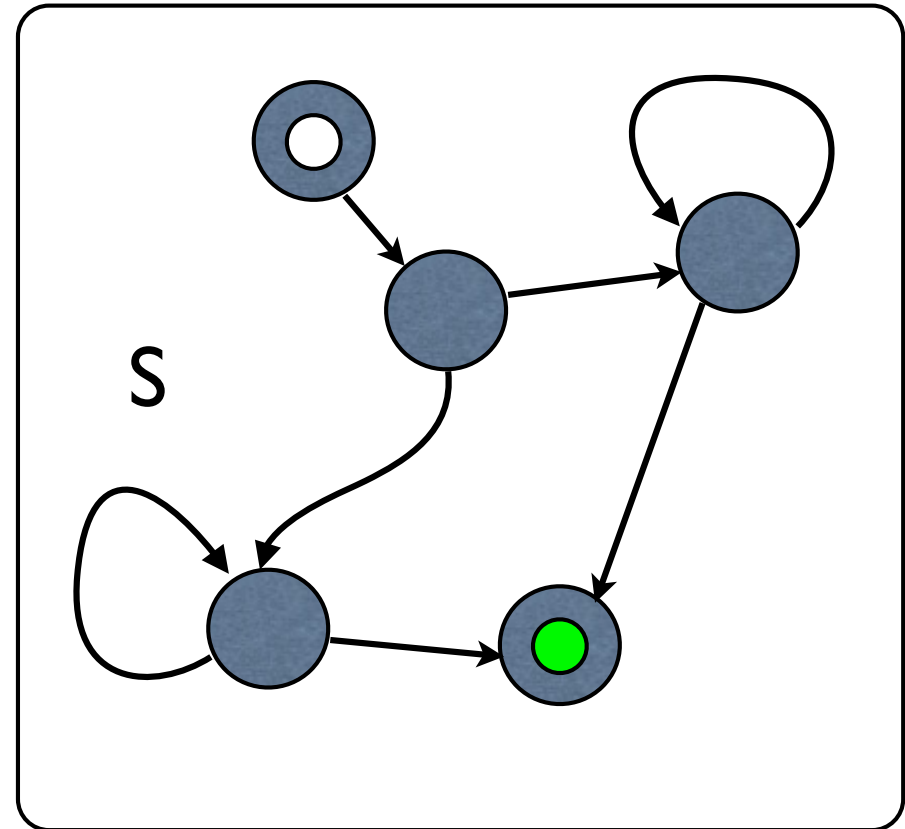
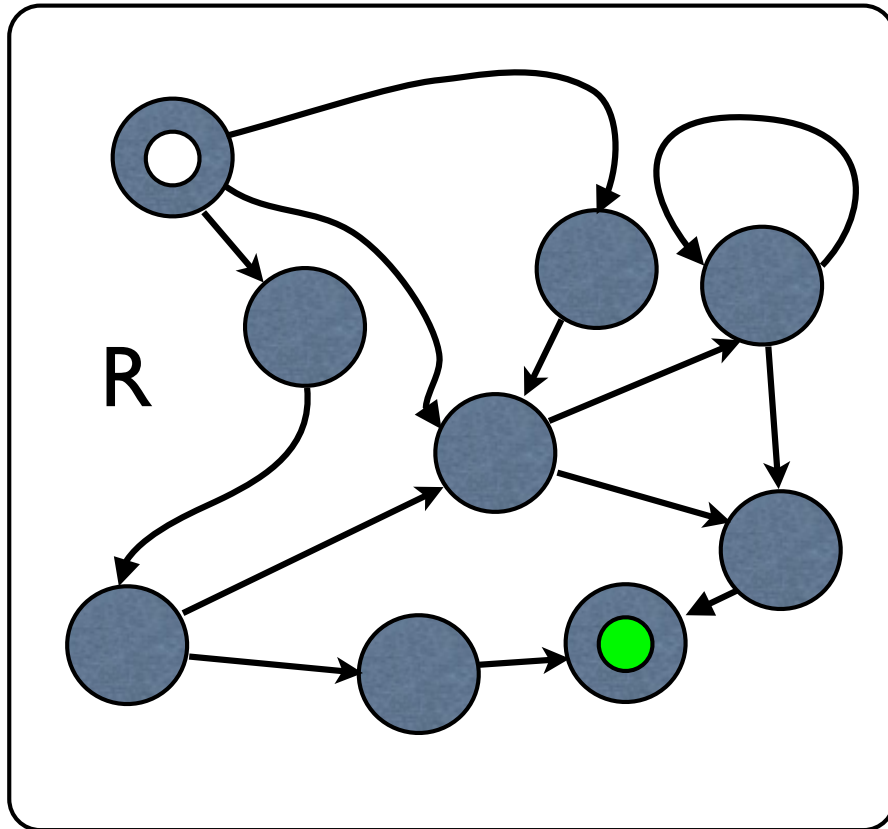
The language defined by the machine
is the set of all such strings

A Decimal Number



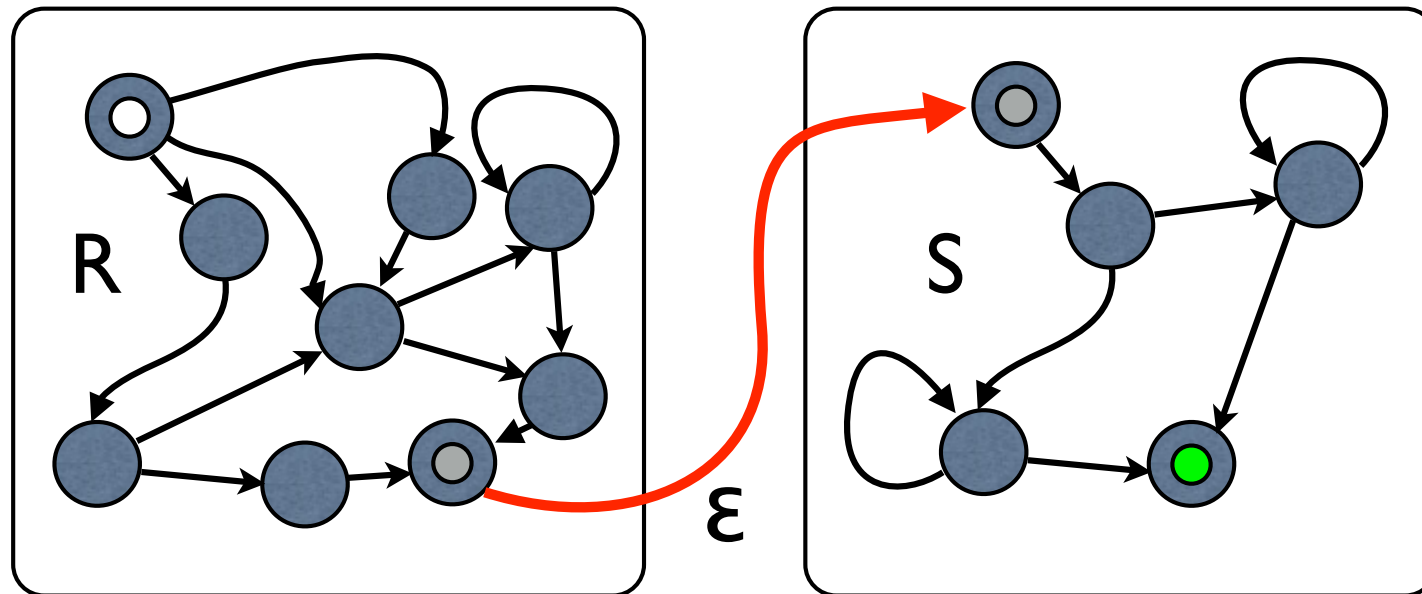
The language defined by this machine is the set of all decimal numerals

finite state machines



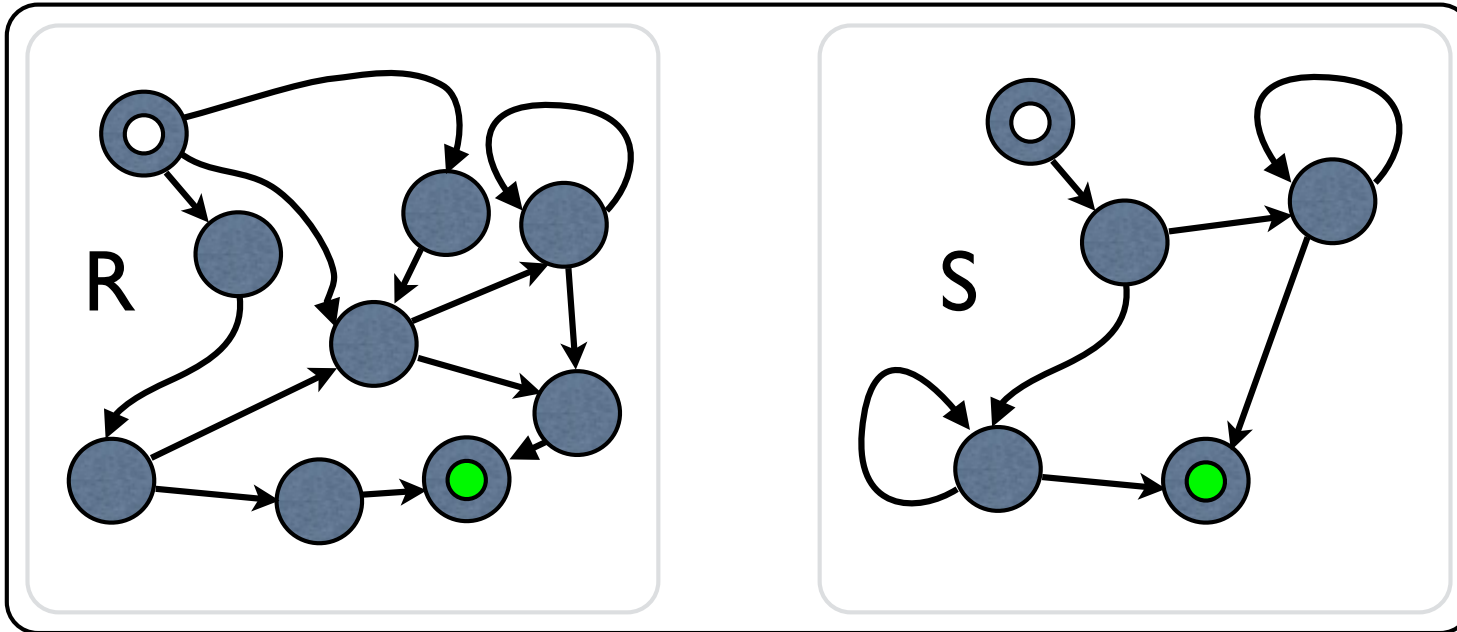
What happens when we link two machines together?

sequence RS



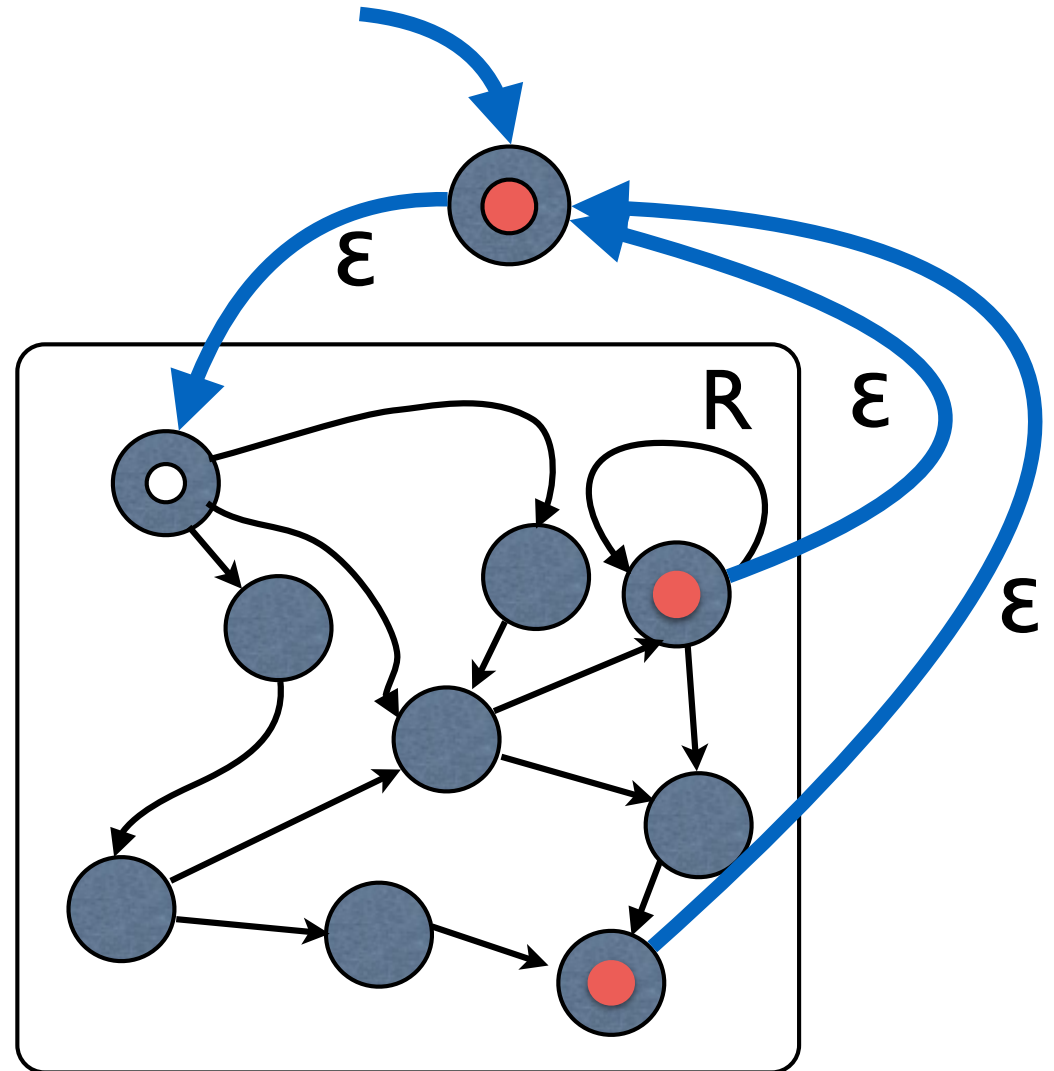
$$RS = \{ r ++ s \mid r \in R \wedge s \in S \}$$

alternation $R \mid S$



$$R \mid S = R \cup S$$

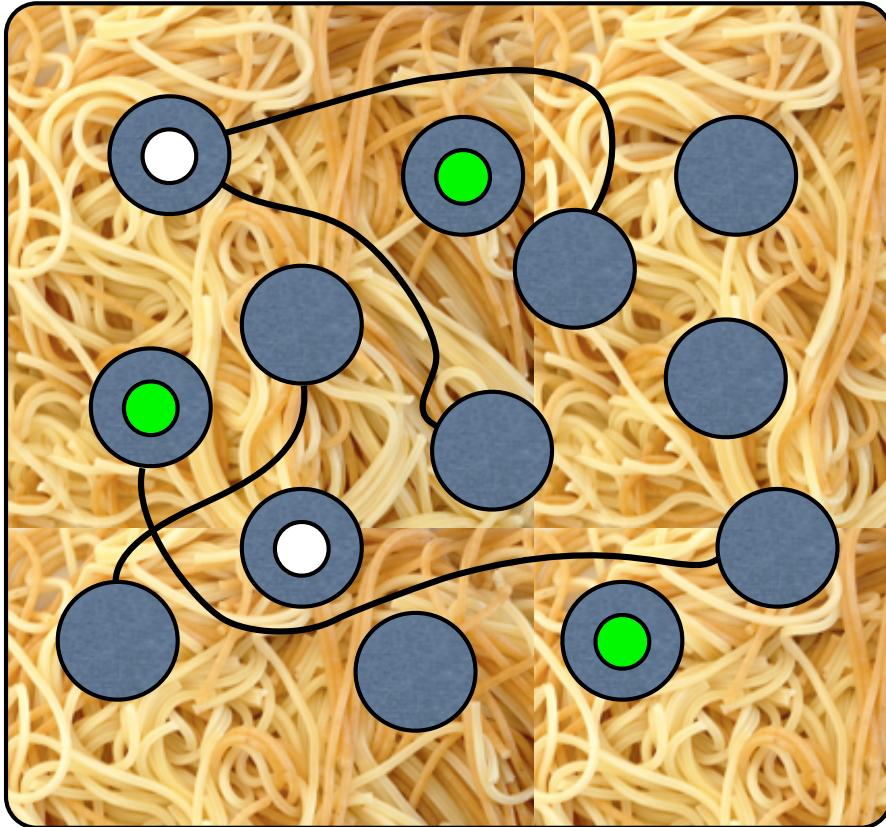
iteration R^*



$R^* \in R^*$

$x \in R^*, r \in R \Rightarrow x ++ r \in R^*$

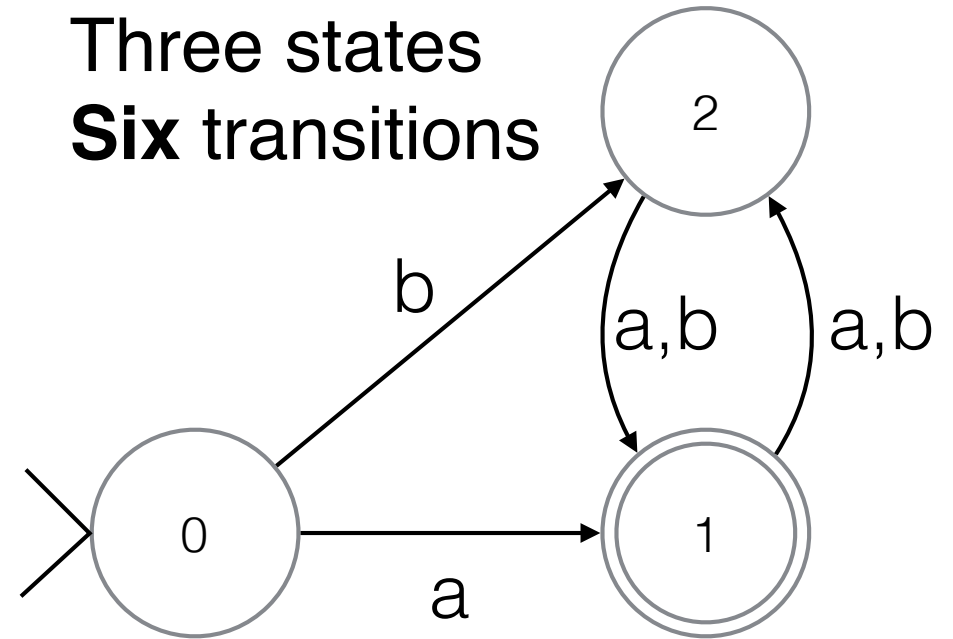
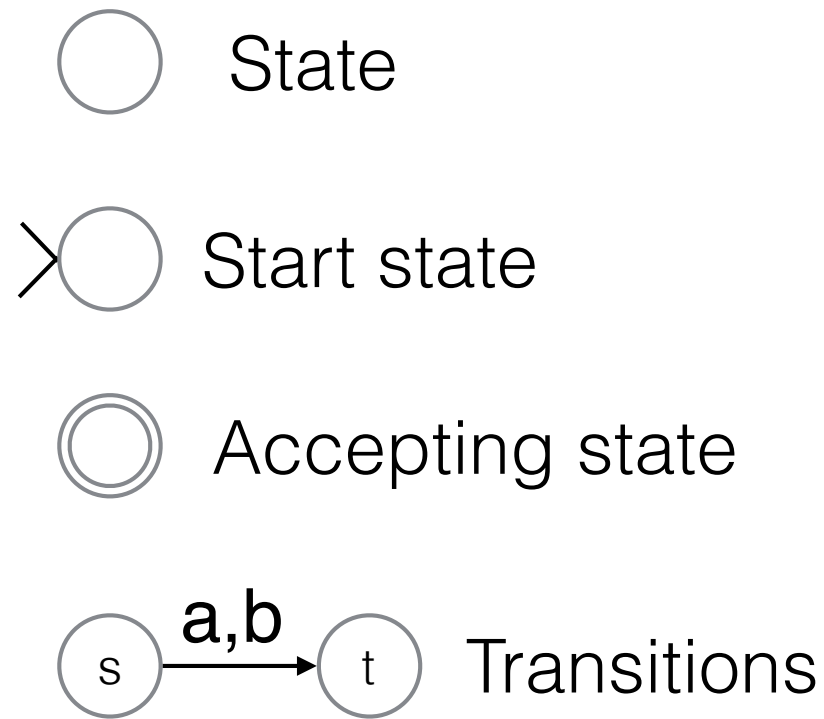
finite state spaghetti



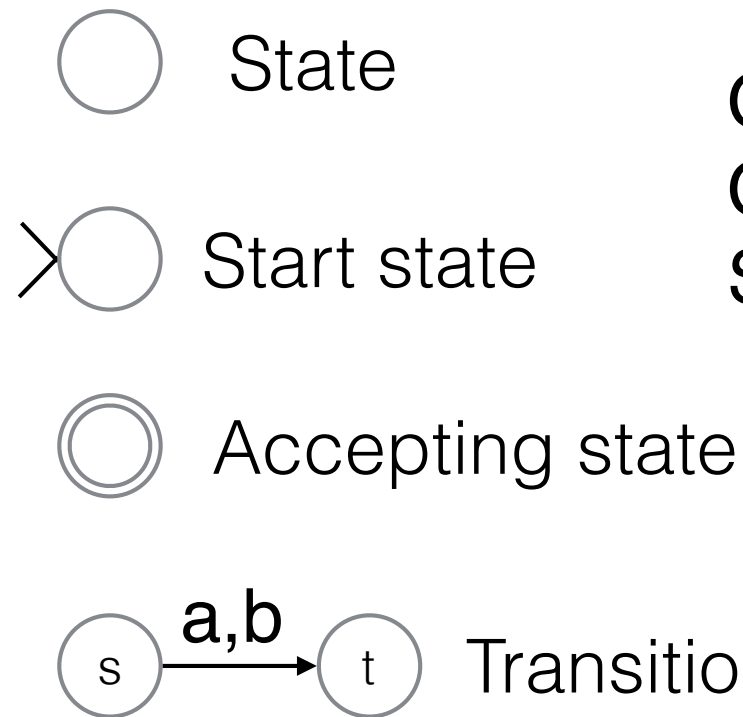
A language is a set of finite sequences of words.

A language is a set of finite sequences of symbols.

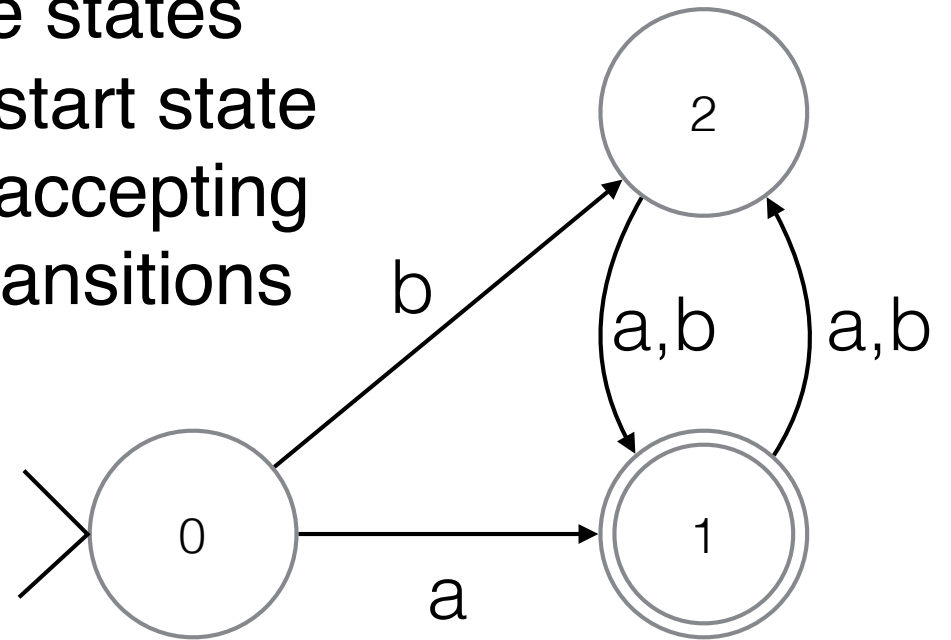
A language is **regular** iff it is the language recognised by some Finite State Machine.



each transition is labelled with a finite sequence of tokens,
the tokens, depend on the application,
they may be letters, symbols, words, actions, ...



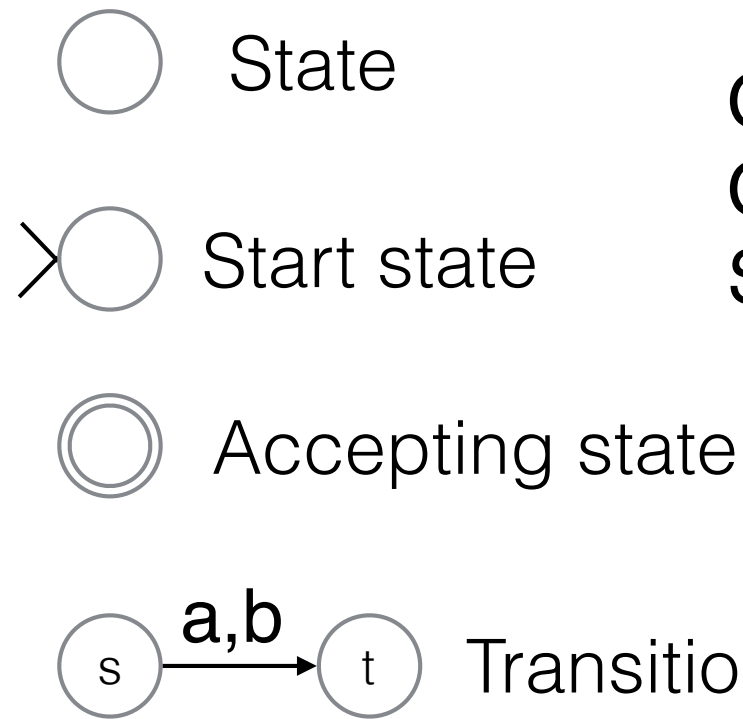
Three states
 One start state
 One accepting
 Six transitions



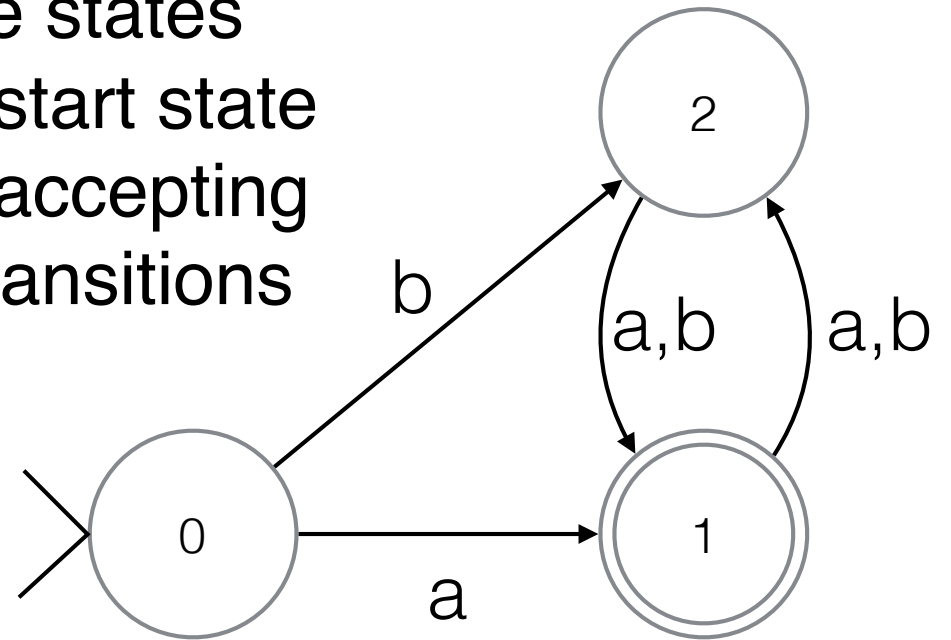
Normally we only use sequences of length 0 or 1 as labels.
 Then we write **a** for $\langle a \rangle$ and ϵ for $\langle \rangle$

We generate strings of tokens by tracing a path from a start state to an accepting state.

Which strings are accepted by this automaton?



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 One start state
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 Six transitions



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Strings that
 begin with b and are of even length **or**
 begin with a and are of odd length

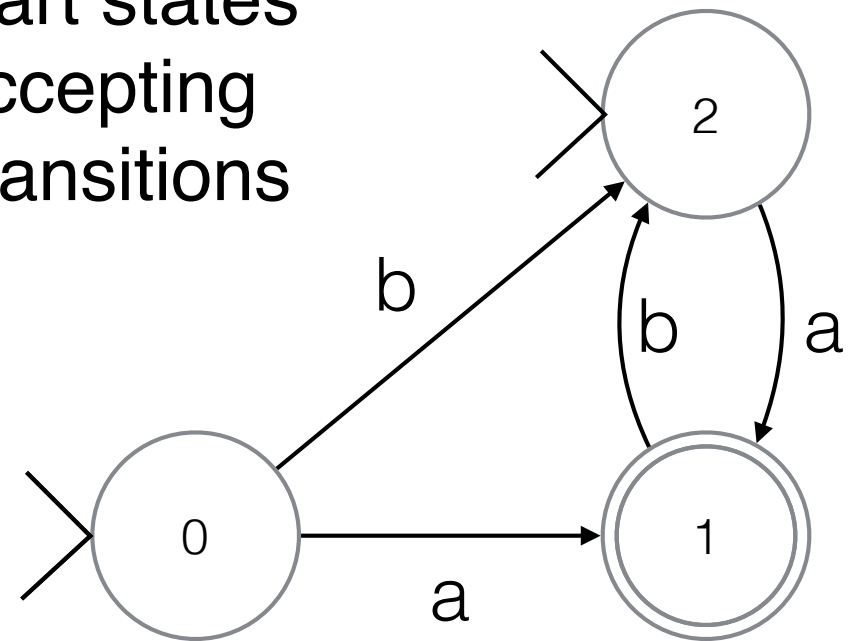
○ State

➤○ Start state

⊙ Accepting state

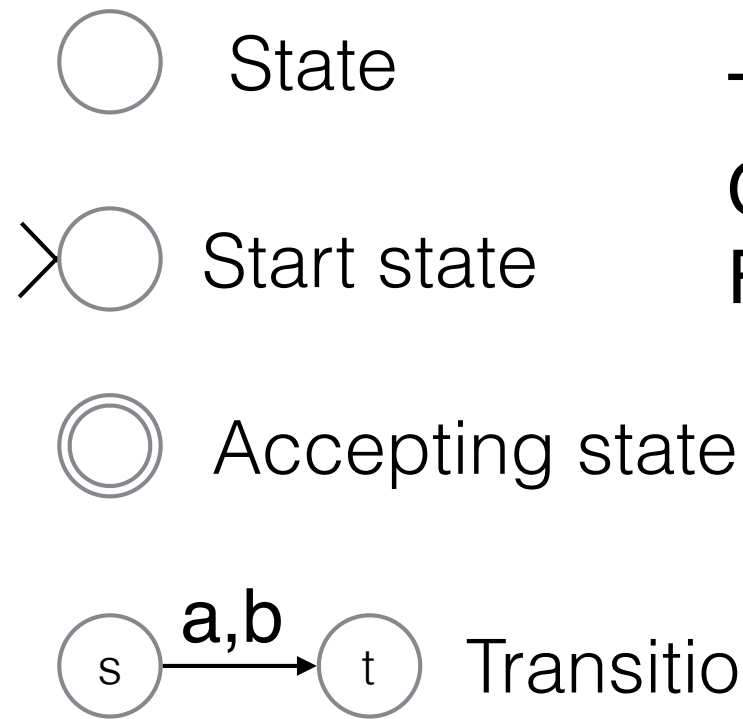
○ $\xrightarrow{a,b}$ ○ Transitions

Three states
Two start states
One accepting
Four transitions

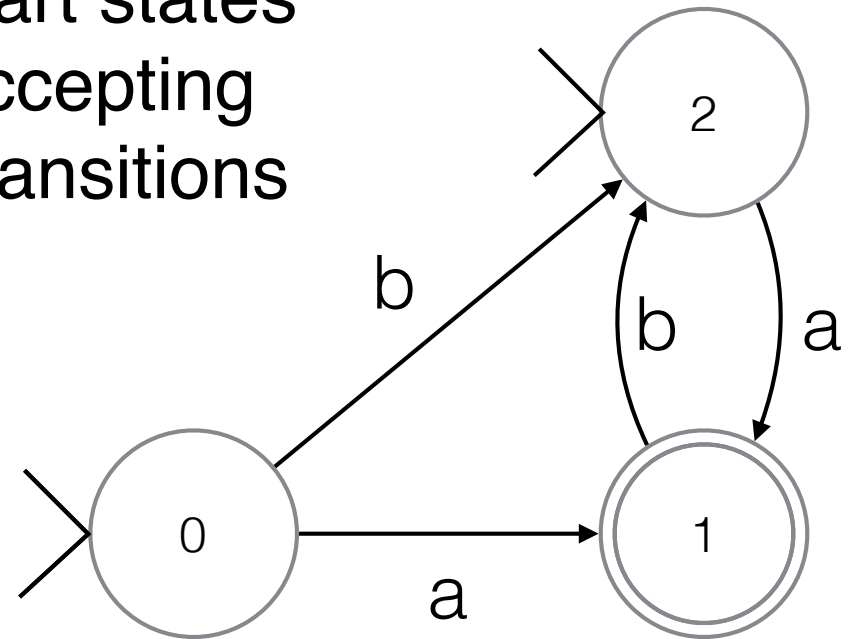


This machine is non-deterministic
some strings have more than one trace
some strings have no traces

Which of these strings are accepted?
abba abab baba aba bab ab ba a b

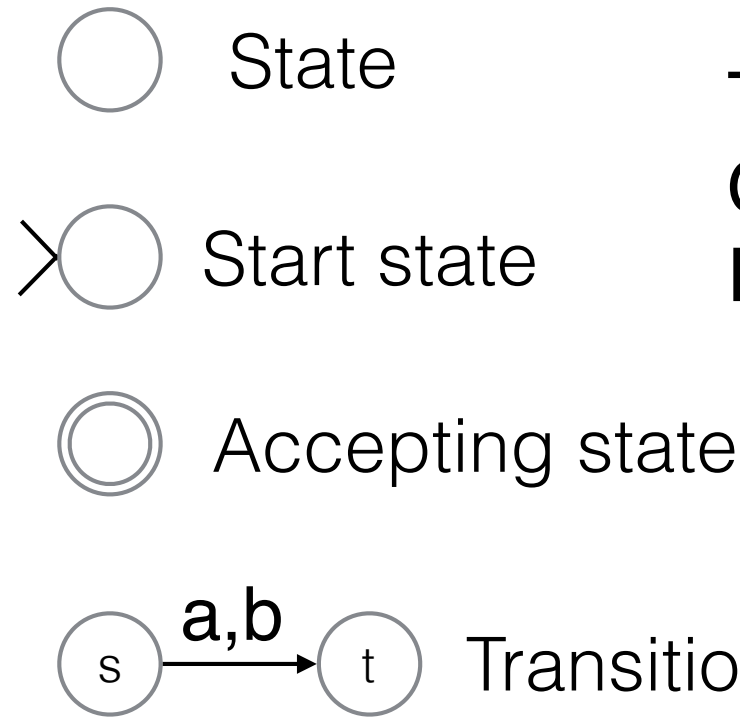


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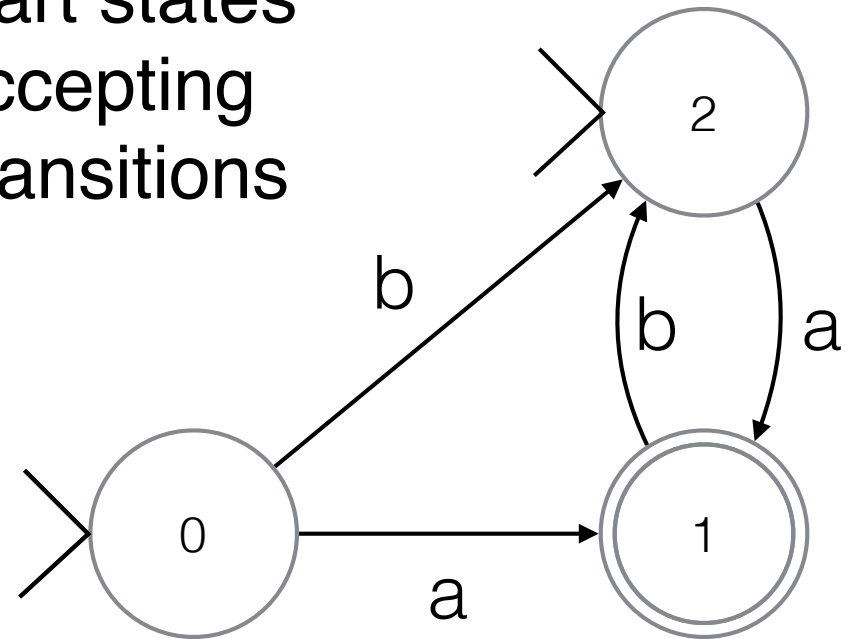


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$a \in L$

$ba \in L$

$x \in L \rightarrow xba \in L$

KISS – DFA

Deterministic **F**inite **A**utomaton

Exactly one start state, and

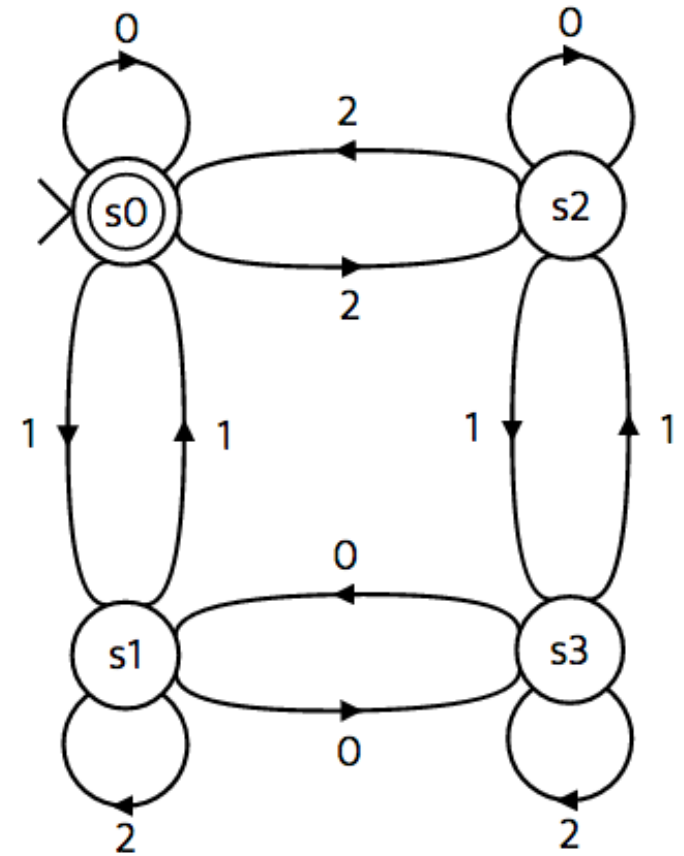
from each state, **q**,

for each token, **t**,

there is

exactly one transition

from **s** with label **t**



This machine has four states,

$$Q = \{ s0, s1, s2, s3 \}$$

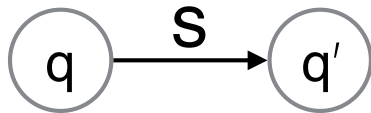
Its alphabet has three symbols

$$\Sigma = \{ 0, 1, 2 \}$$

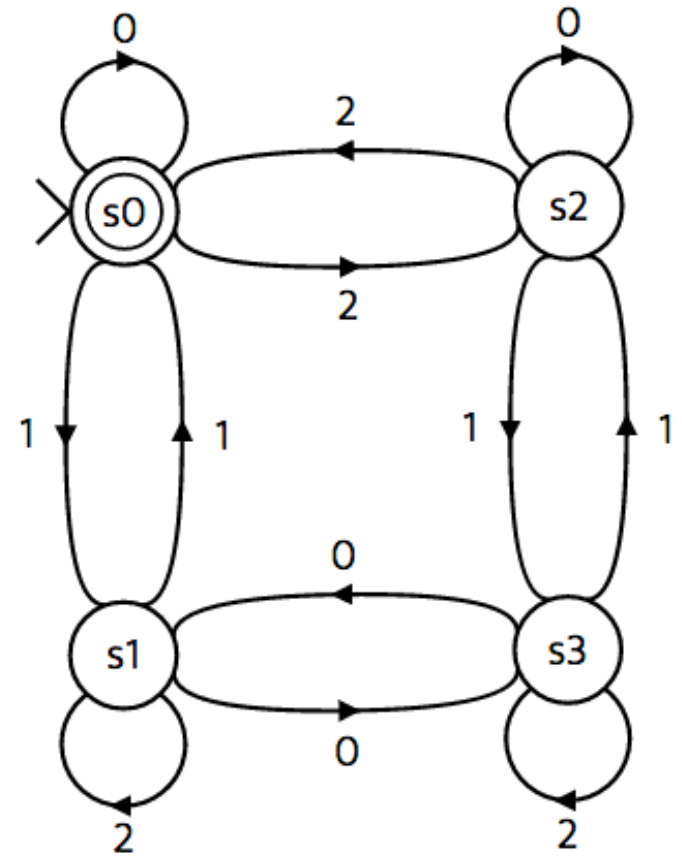
For each

(state, symbol) pair, (q,s)

there is **exactly one** transition
from q with label s



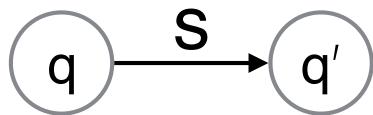
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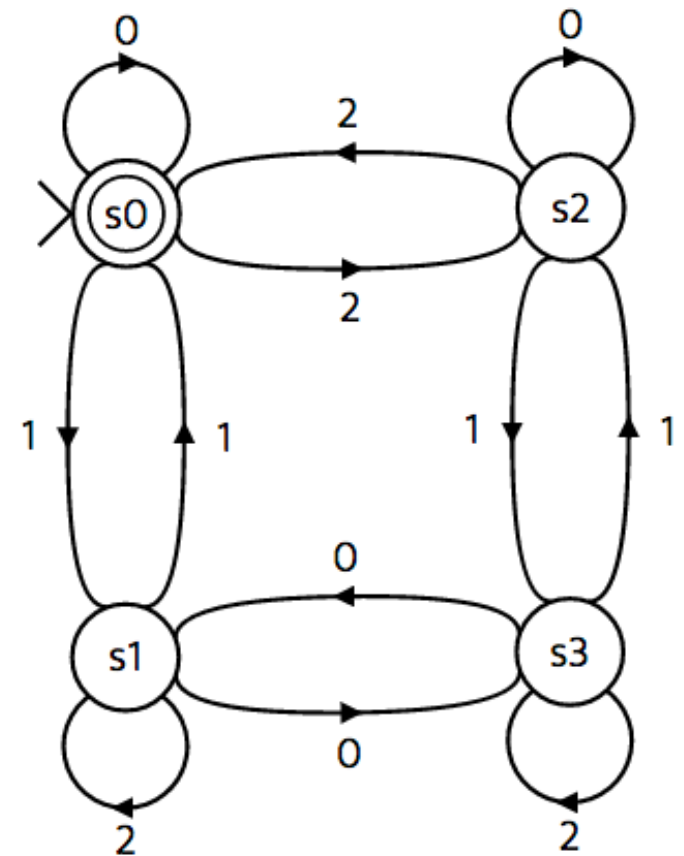
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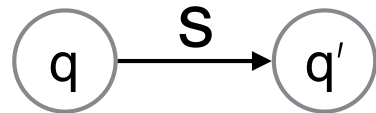
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finite-state
automaton

DFA

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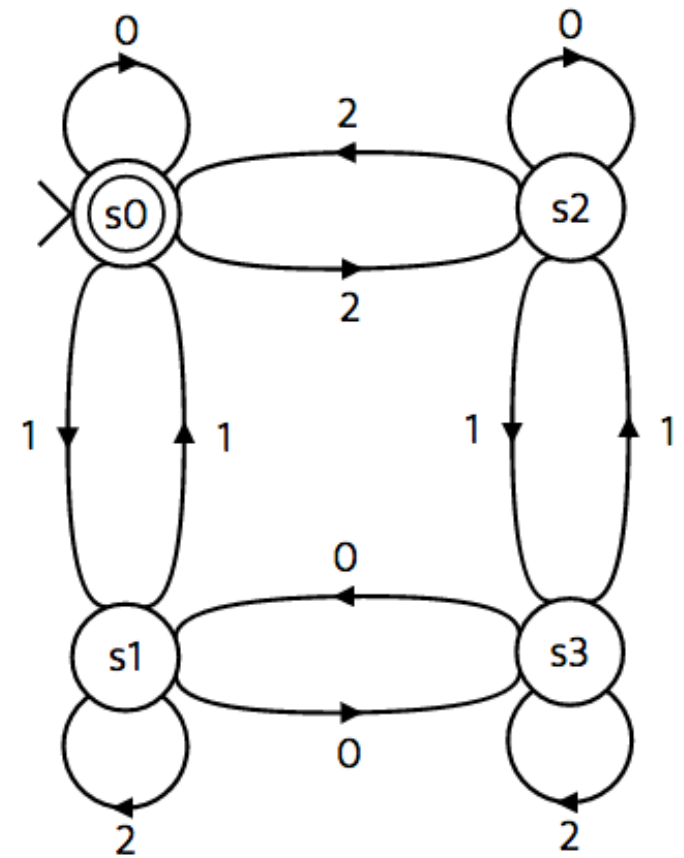


q' is determined by (q,s)

It has only one start state

Every DFA has a
next-state function

$$q' = F(q,s)$$



This is a
**deterministic finite-
state automaton,
DFA**

DFA \subset NFA

A DFA has only one start state

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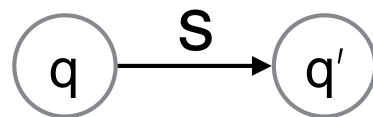
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We will focus now on DFA and return later to NFA.

Then we will show that for any NFA there is a DFA that defines the same language.

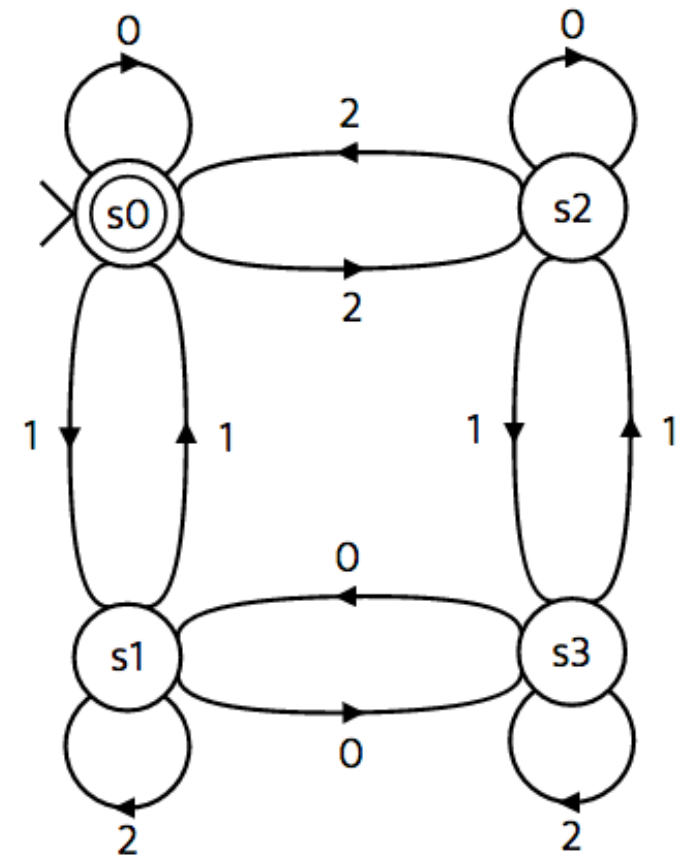
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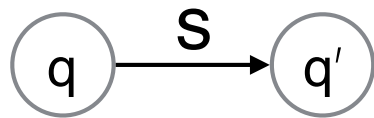
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s2		s3	
s3	s1		



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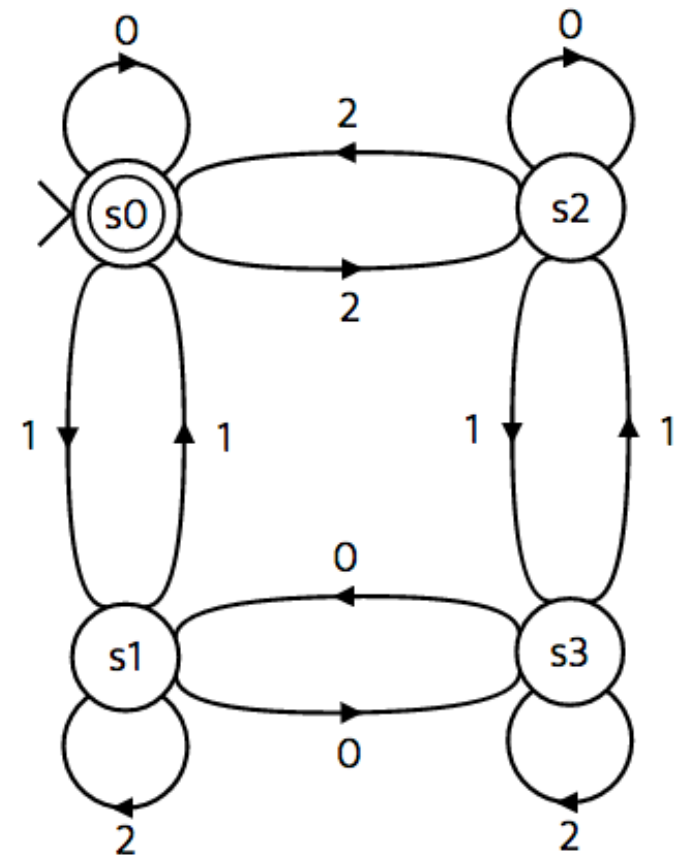
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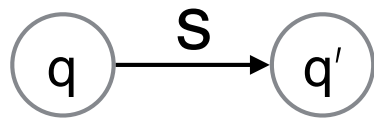
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s1	s3	s0	s1
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s3	s1	s2	s3



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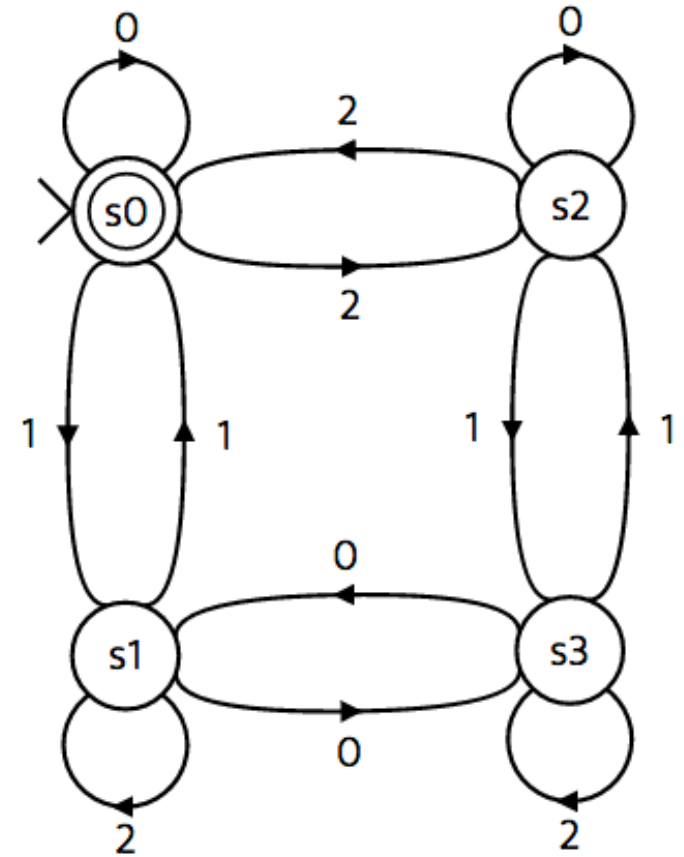
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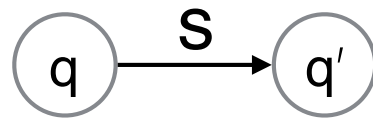
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s2				
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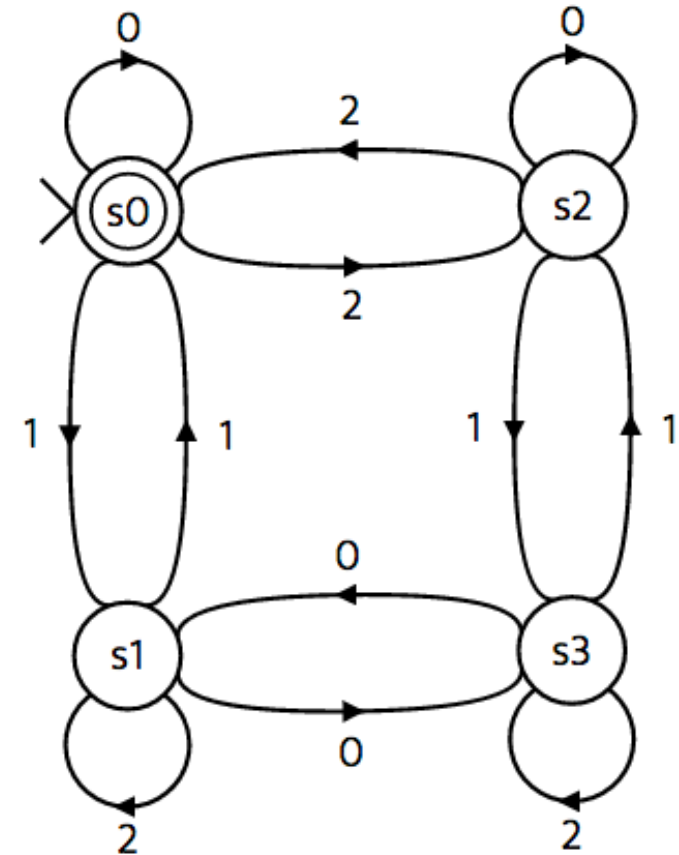
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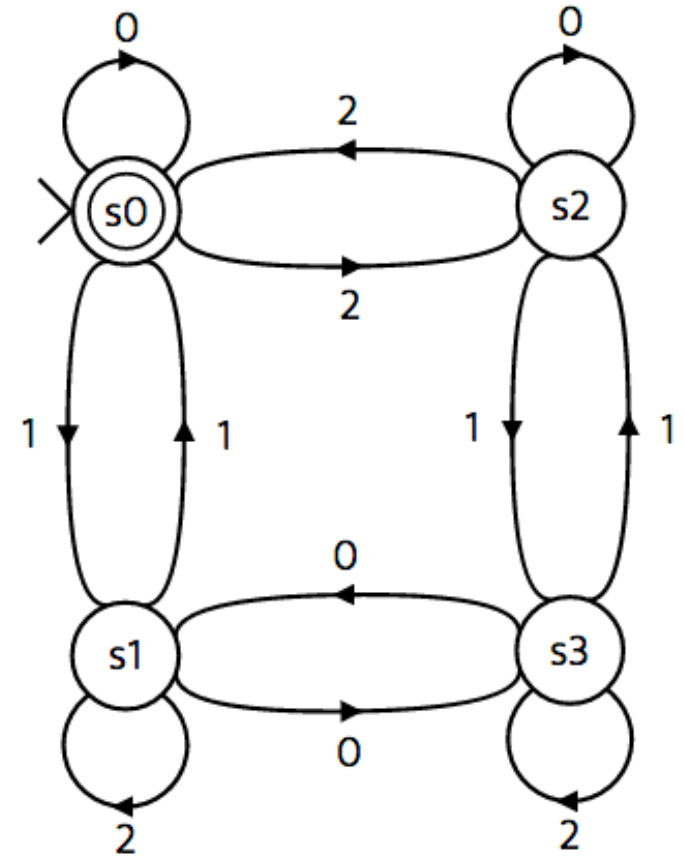
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For every DFA, any input string determines a path or trace

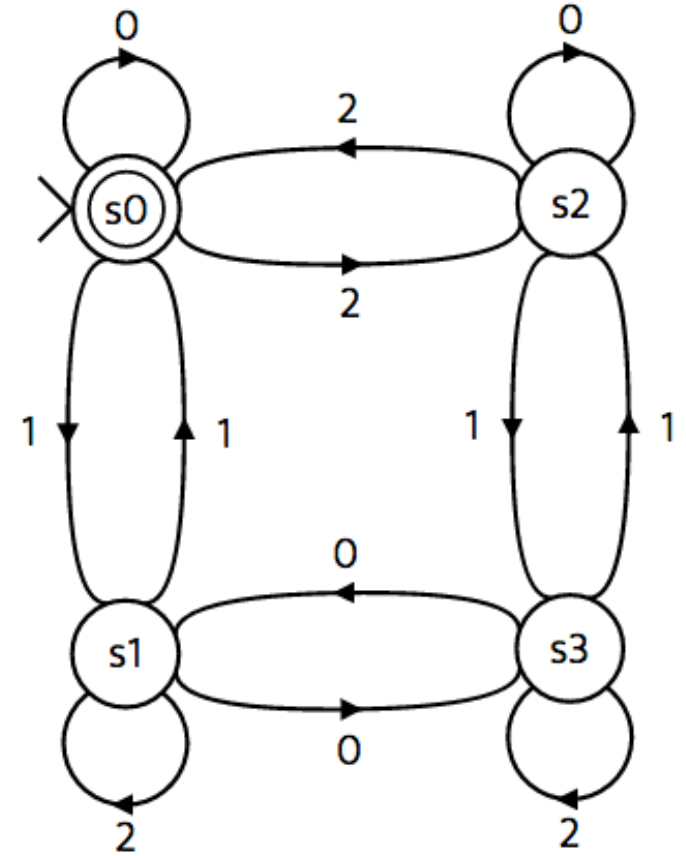
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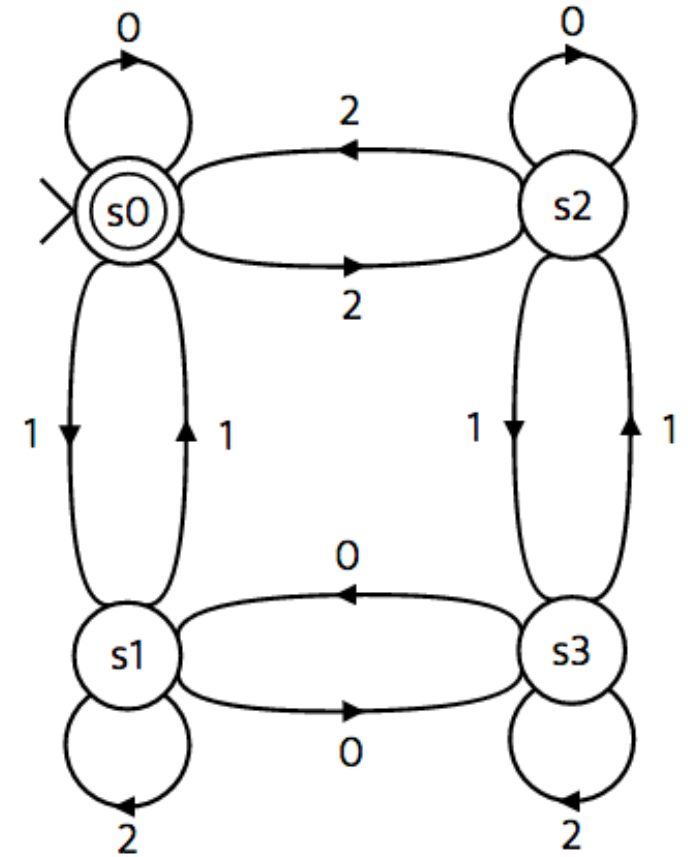
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Which paths
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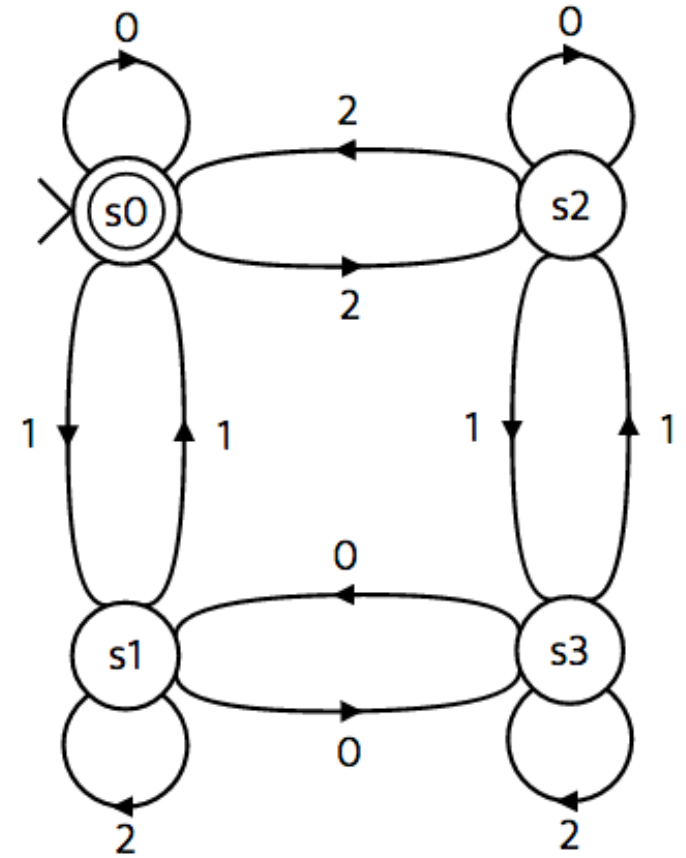
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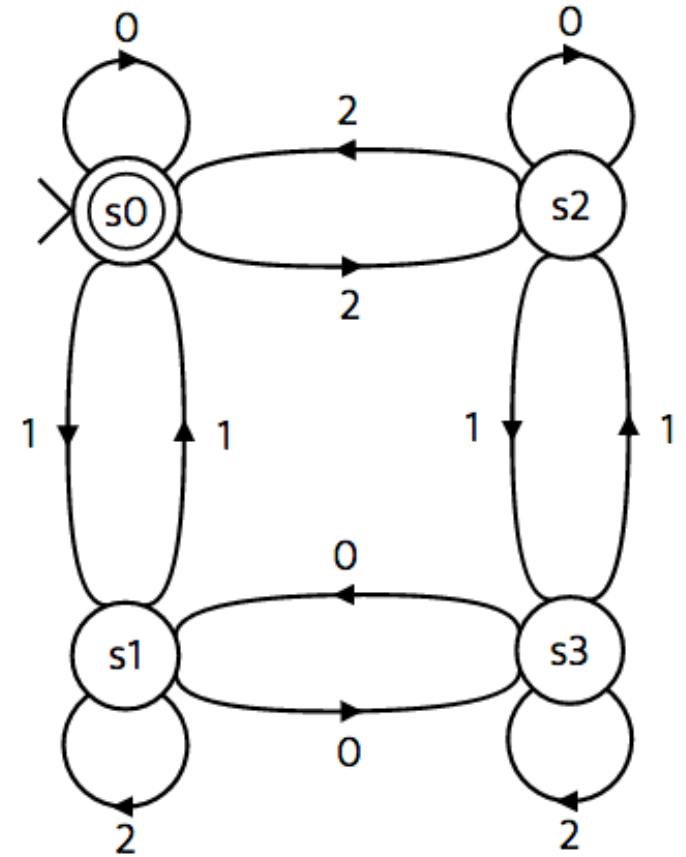
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What is the meaning of each state?

0 .Express each of these
1 decimal numbers
2 in ternary notation,
3 and find out
4 what state is reached
5 by the trace they determine
6
7
8
9



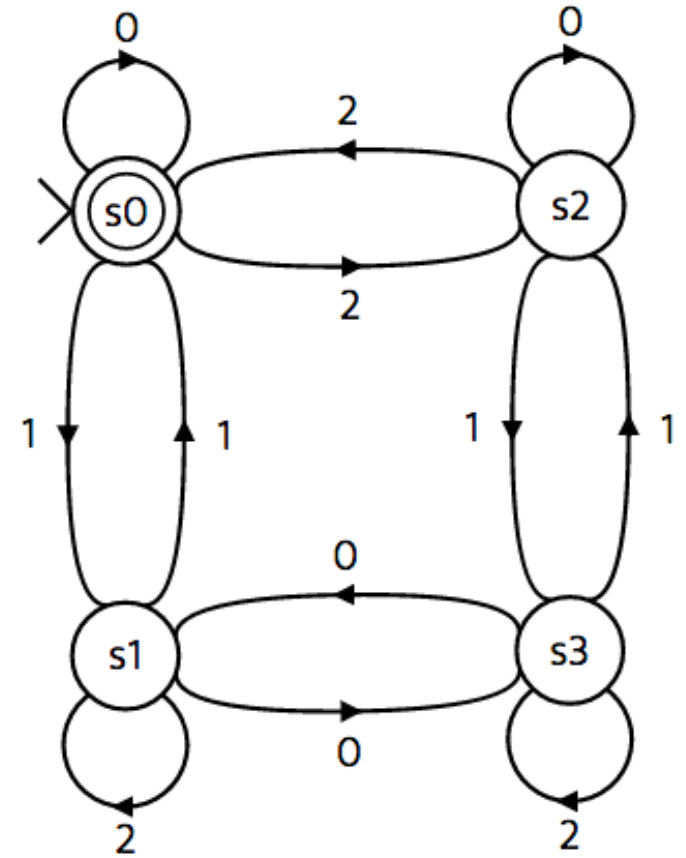
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What is the meaning of each state?

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
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8
9

This machine counts
ternary
mod 4

$$F(q, s) = 3 * q + s \pmod{4}$$



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