

NFA and regex



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- the Boolean algebra of languages
- regular expressions

The intersection of two regular languages is regular

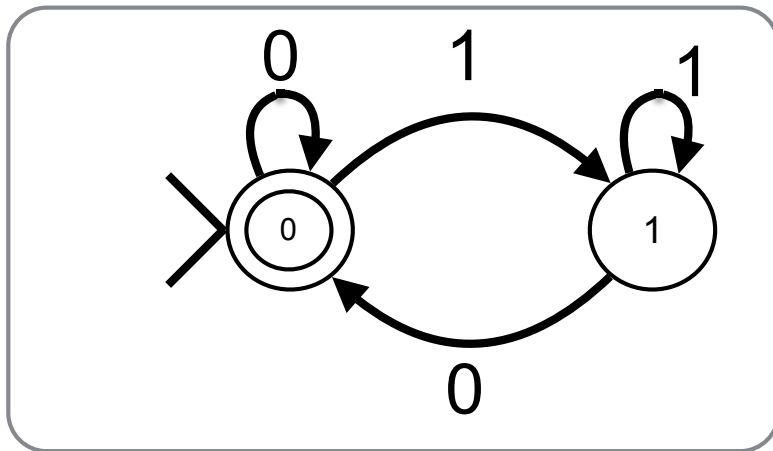


$L_0 = \text{even numbers}$

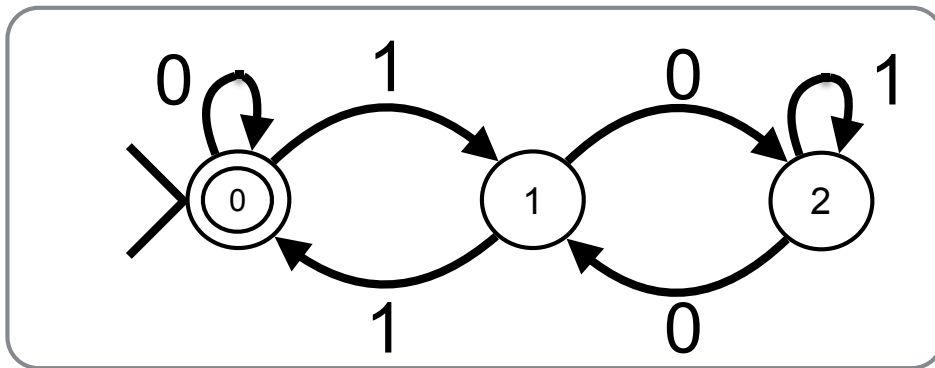
$L_1 = \text{odd numbers}$

$L_0 = 0 \pmod{2}$

$L_1 = 1 \pmod{2}$



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$$L_0 = 0 \pmod{3}$$

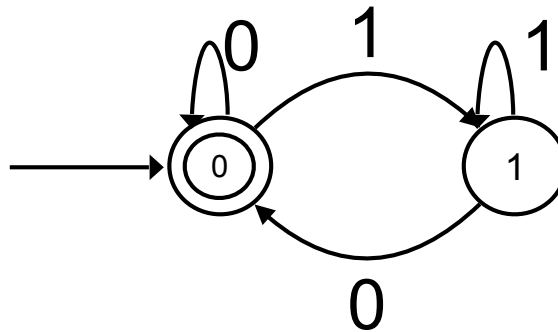
$$L_1 = 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$L_2 = 2 \pmod{3}$$

Two examples



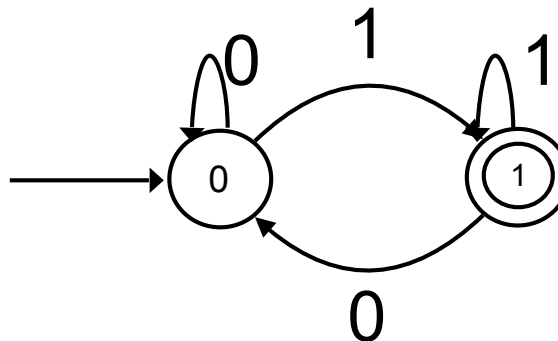
	$\times 2$	$\times 2 + 1$
0	0	1
1	0	1



Even
binary
numbers

Input sequence is accepted if it ends with a zero.

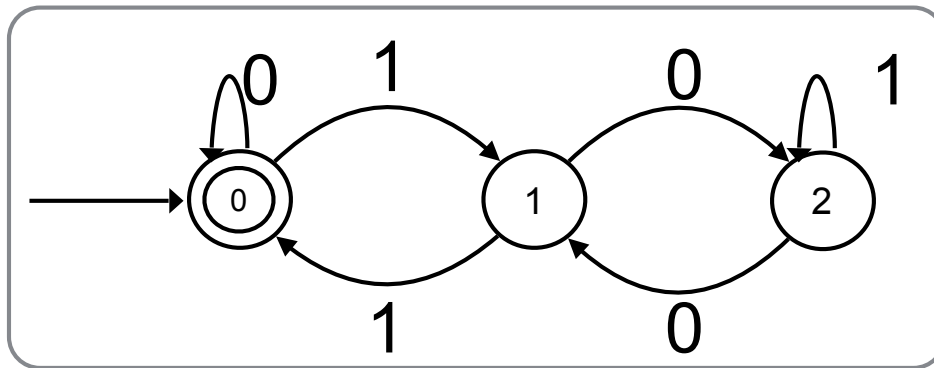
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Odd
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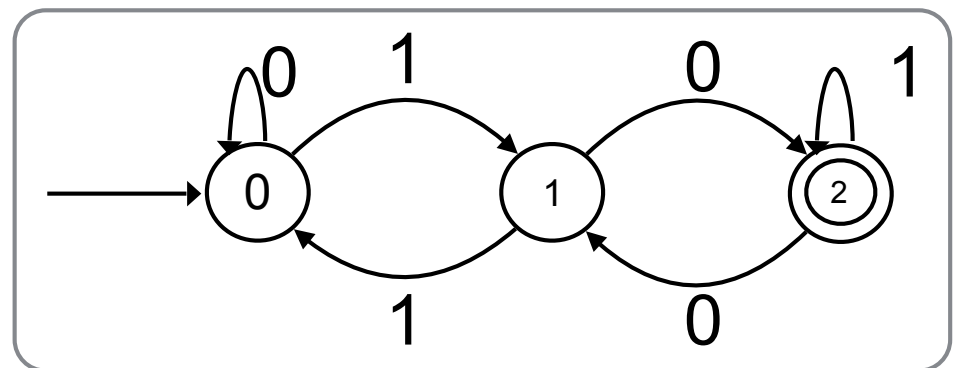
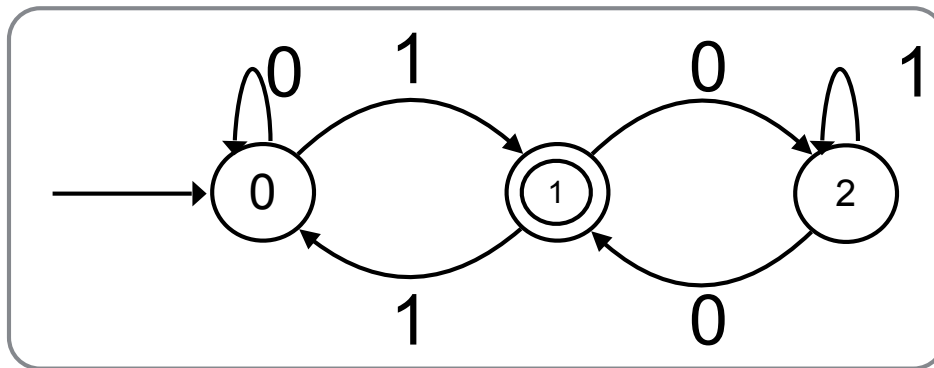
Input sequence is accepted if it ends with a one.

Three examples

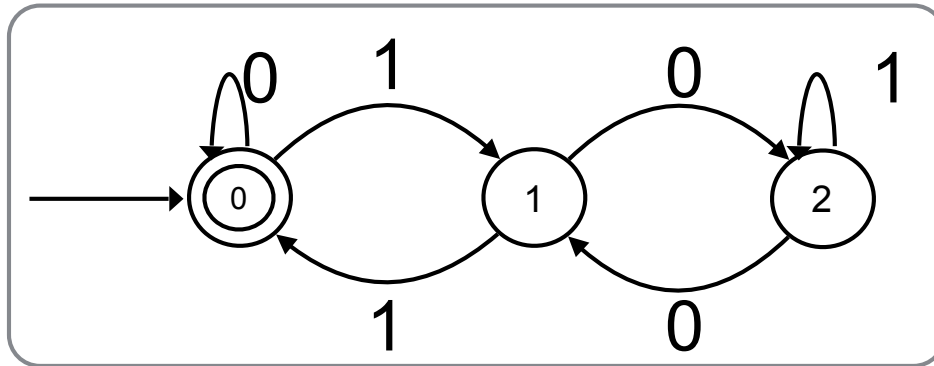


Which binary numbers are accepted?

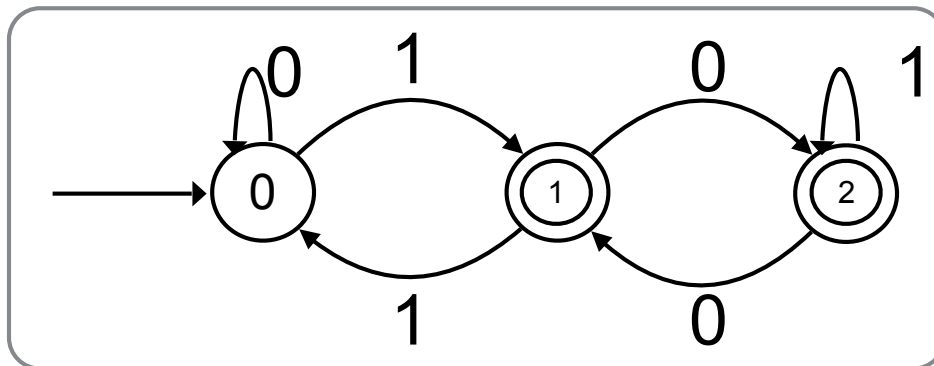
	$\times 2$	$\times 2 + 1$
mod 3	0	1
0	0	1
1	2	0
2	1	2



By three or not by three?

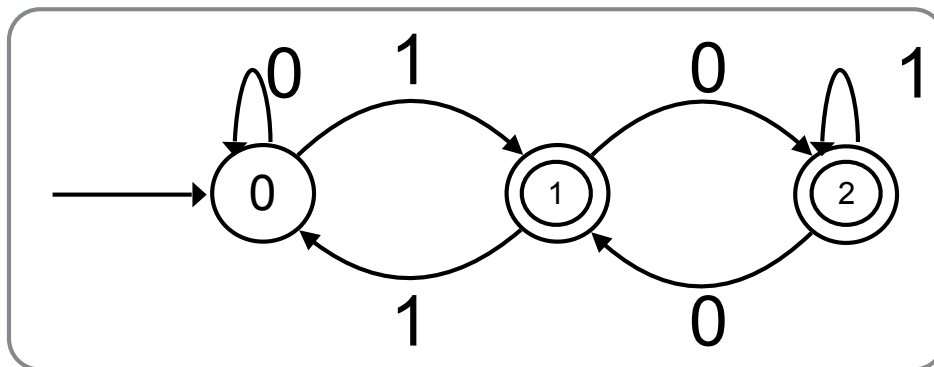
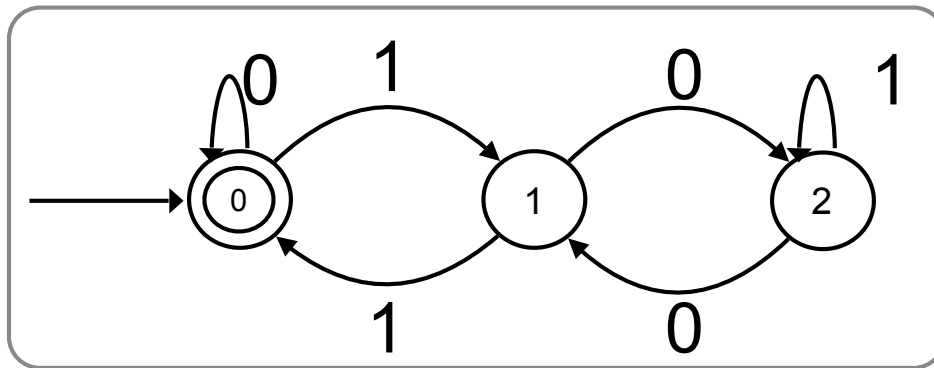


divisible by three



not
divisible by three

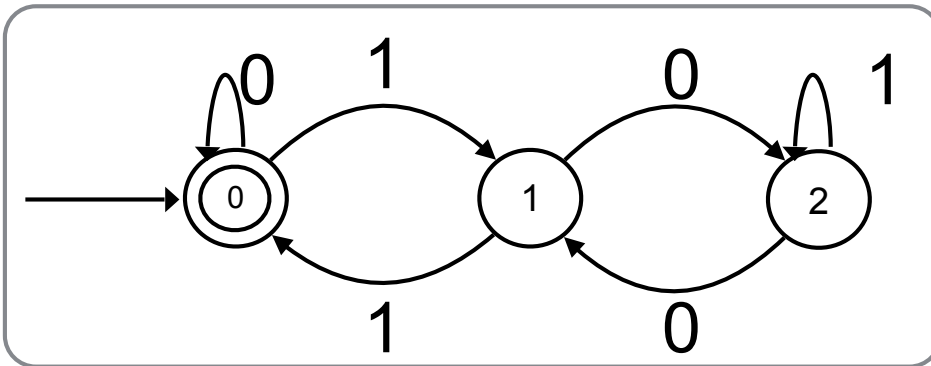
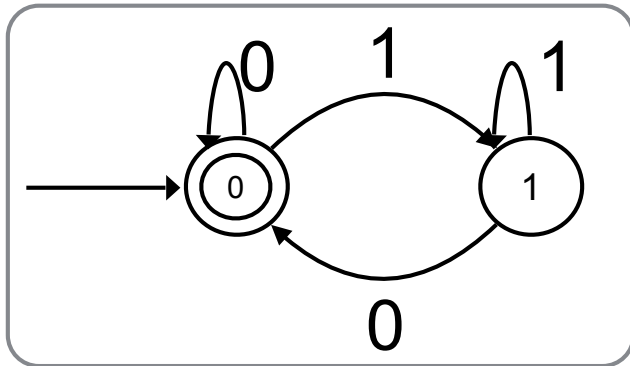
The complement of a regular language is regular



If $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is recognised by M then $\bar{A} = \Sigma^* \setminus A$ is recognised by \bar{M}

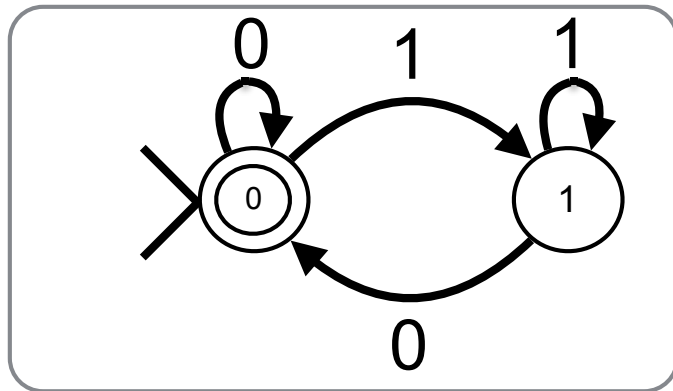
where \bar{M} and M are identical except that the accepting states of \bar{M} are the non-accepting states of M and vice-versa

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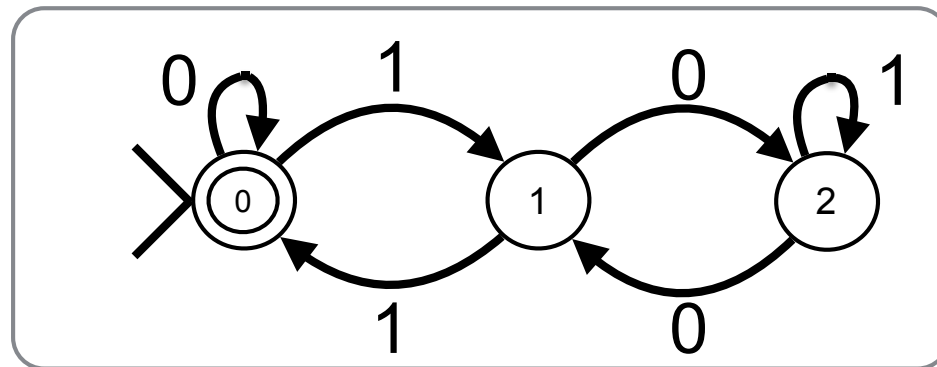
divisible by 6
≡
divisible by 2
and
divisible by 3

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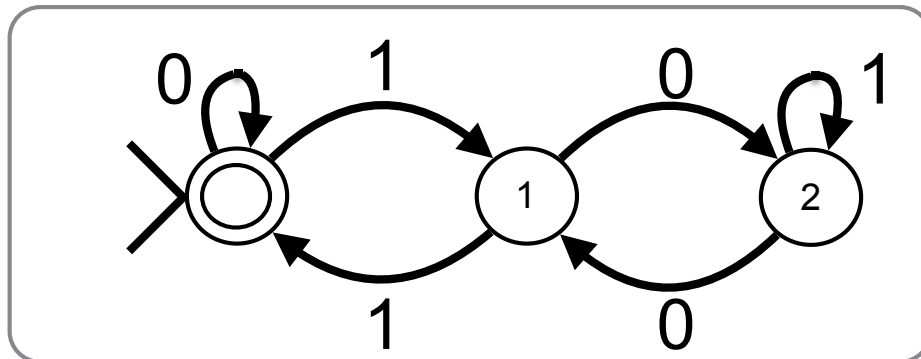
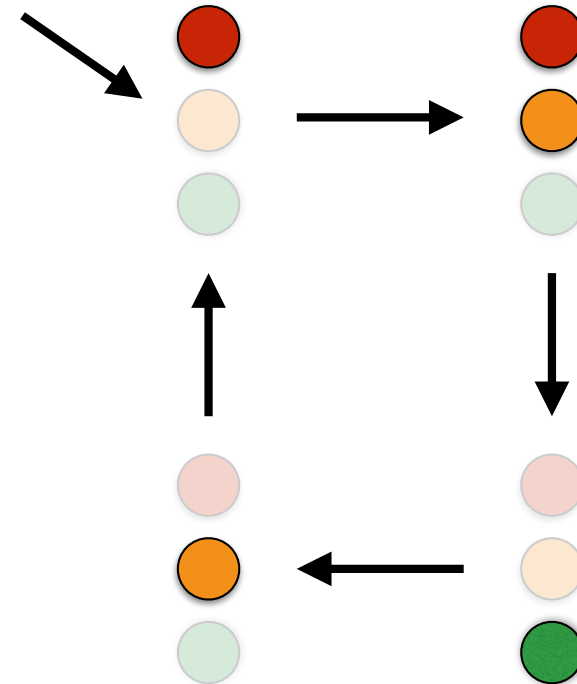
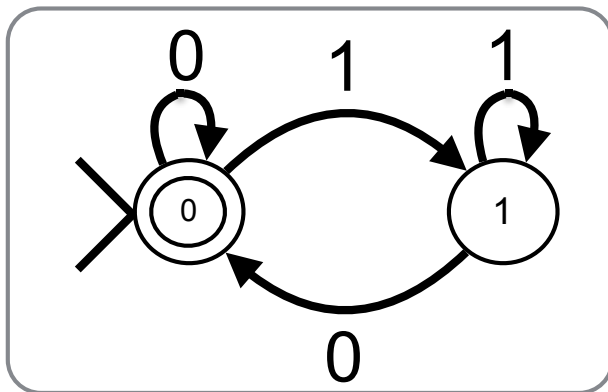
Run both machines in parallel?

Build one machine that simulates two machines running in parallel!



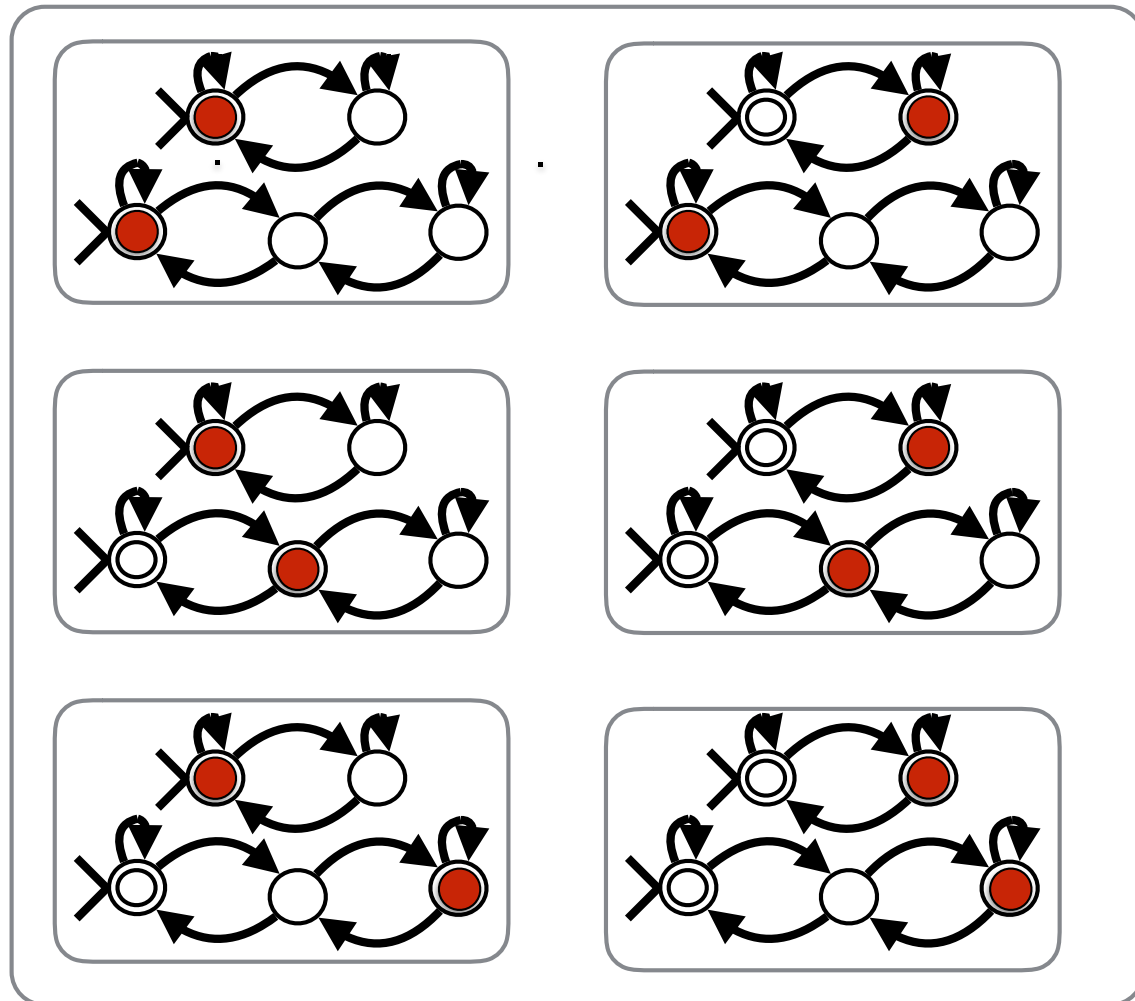
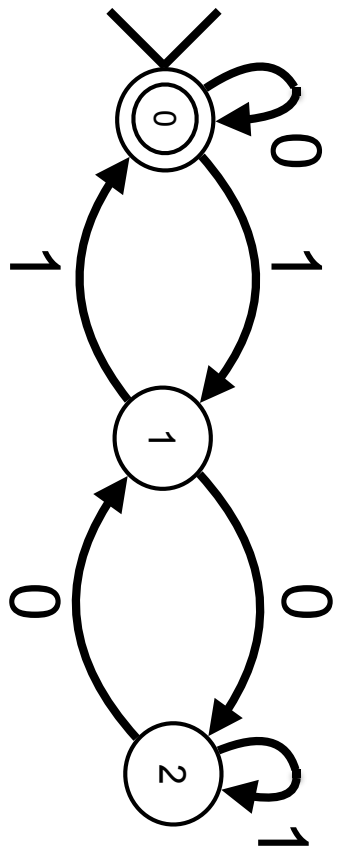
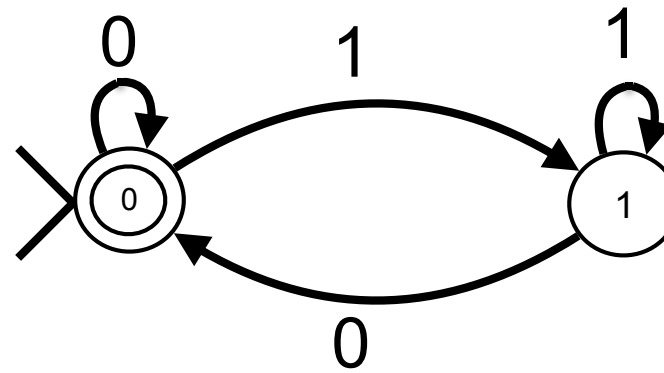
Keep track of the state of each machine.

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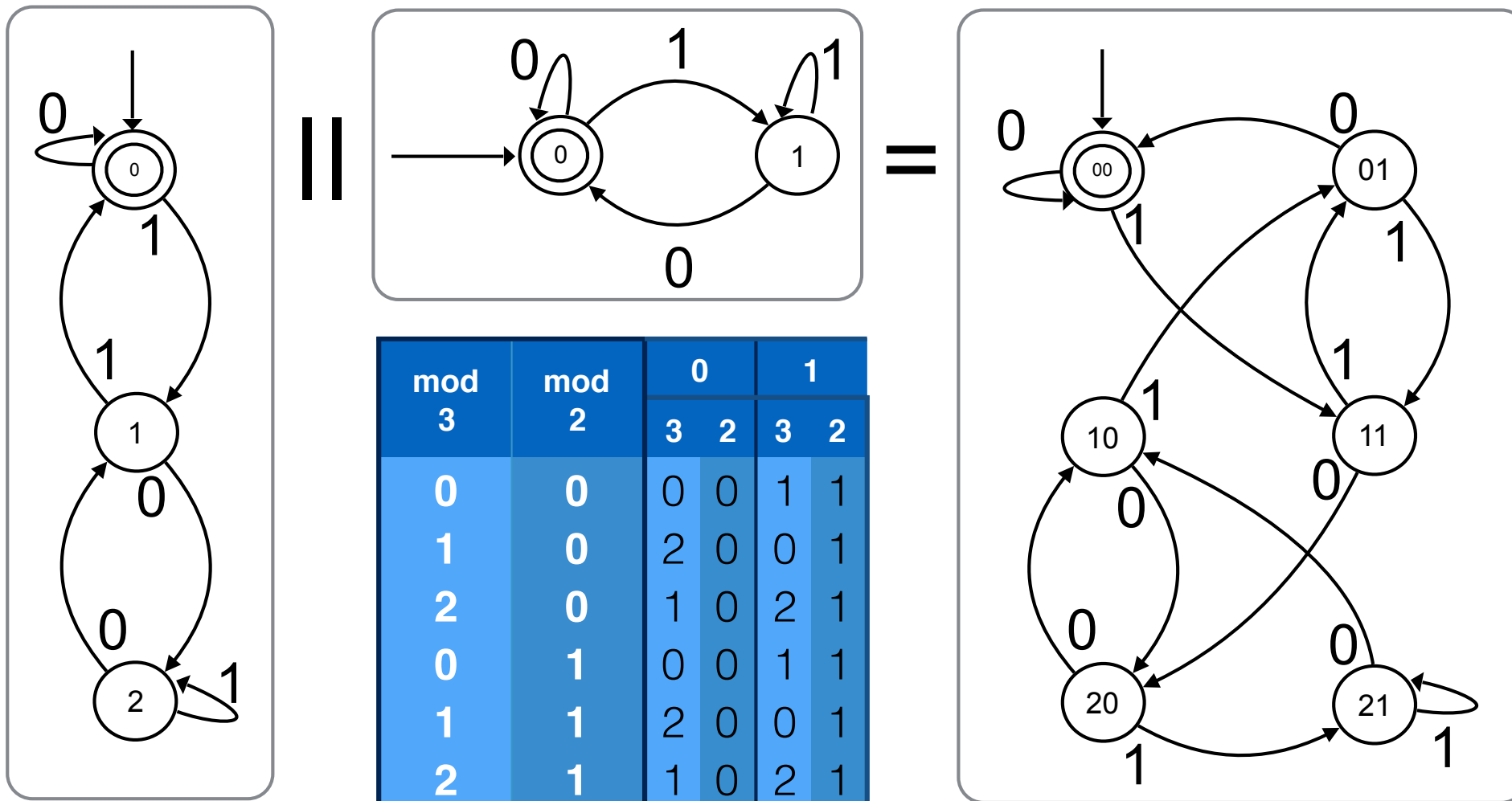


intersection of languages

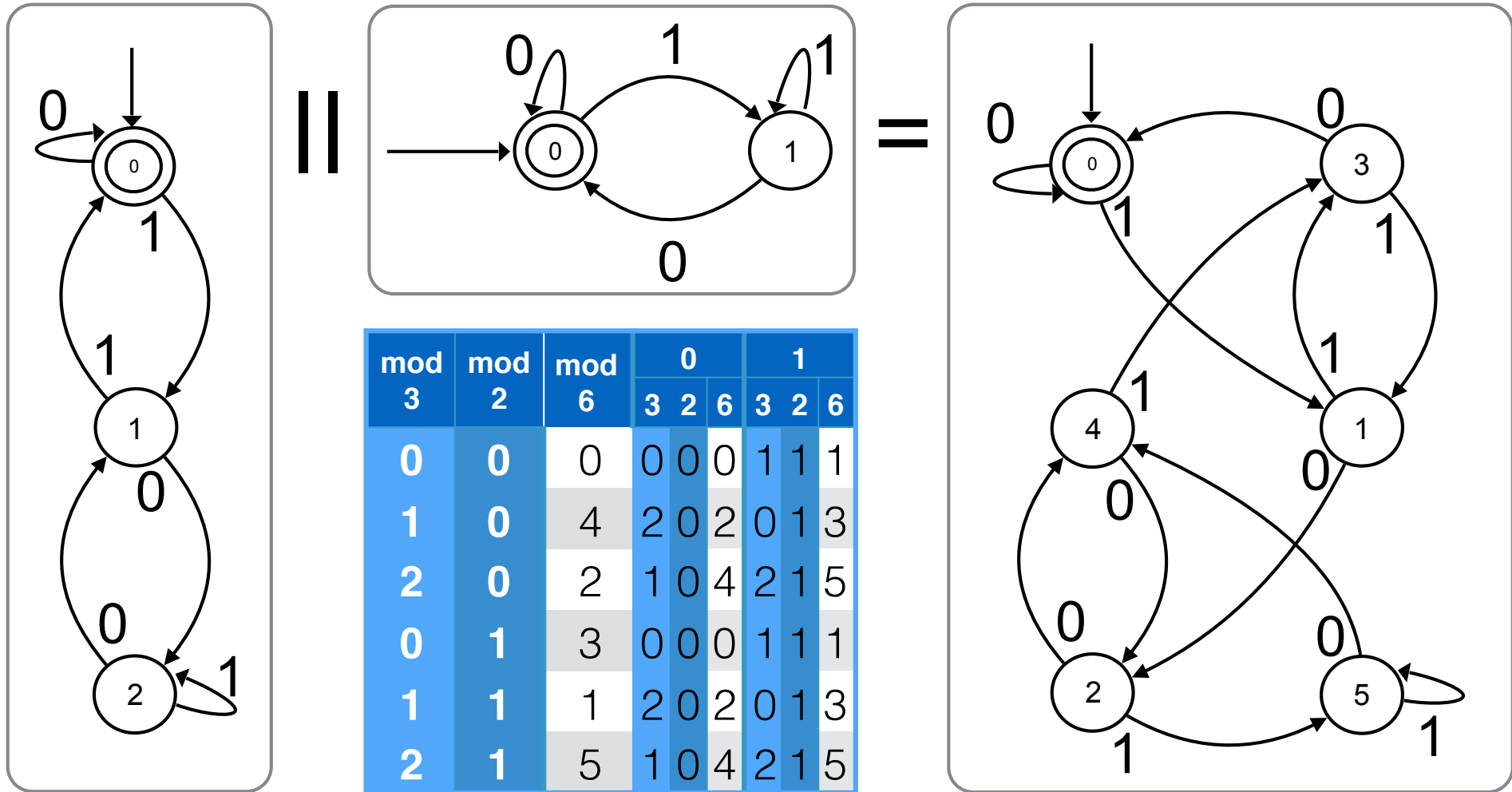
run the two machines in parallel
 when a string is in both languages,
 both are in an accepting state



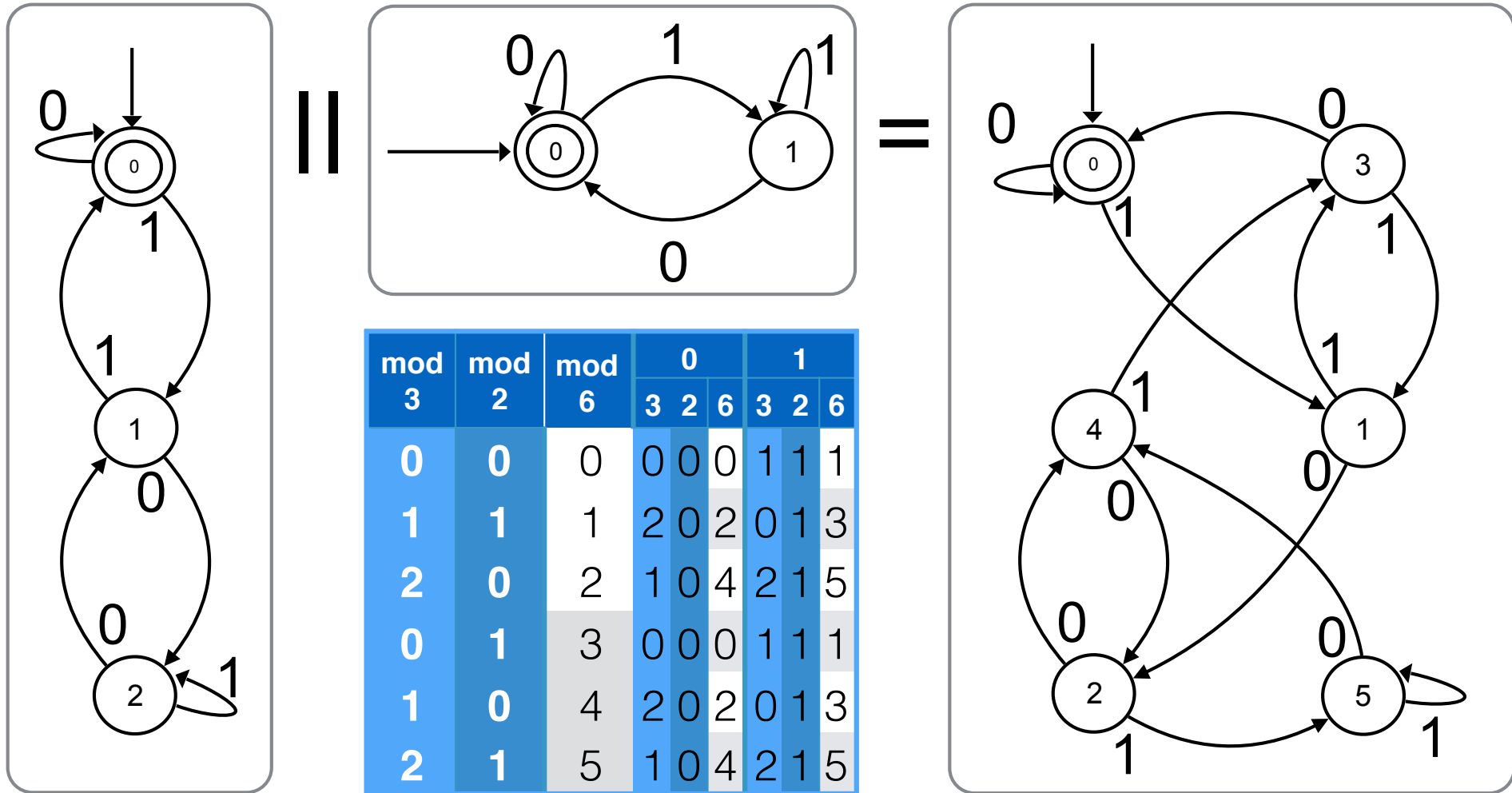
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The regular languages $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ form a Boolean Algebra

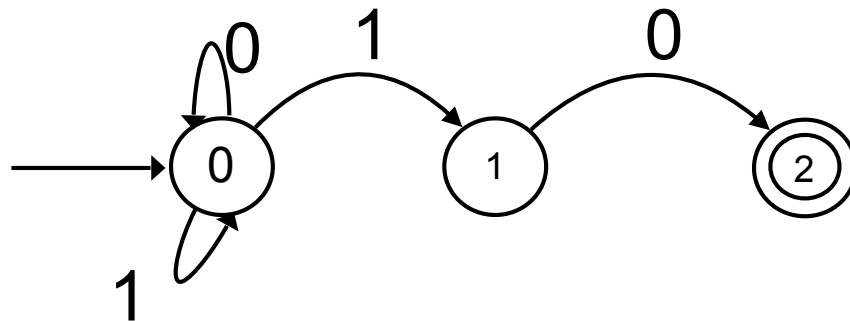


- Since they are closed under intersection and complement.

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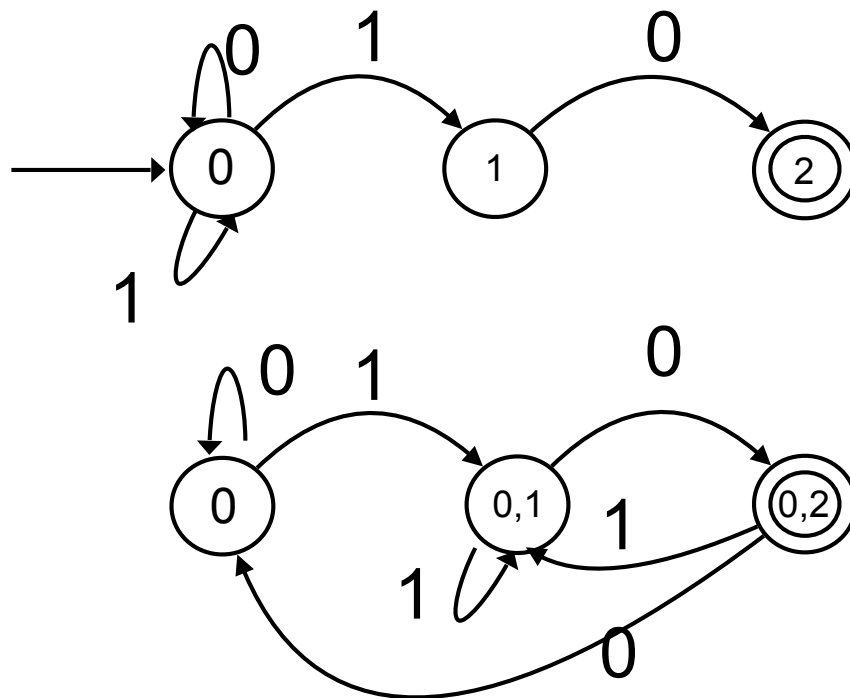
	0	1
0	0	0,1
1	2	
2		

We have a transition relation

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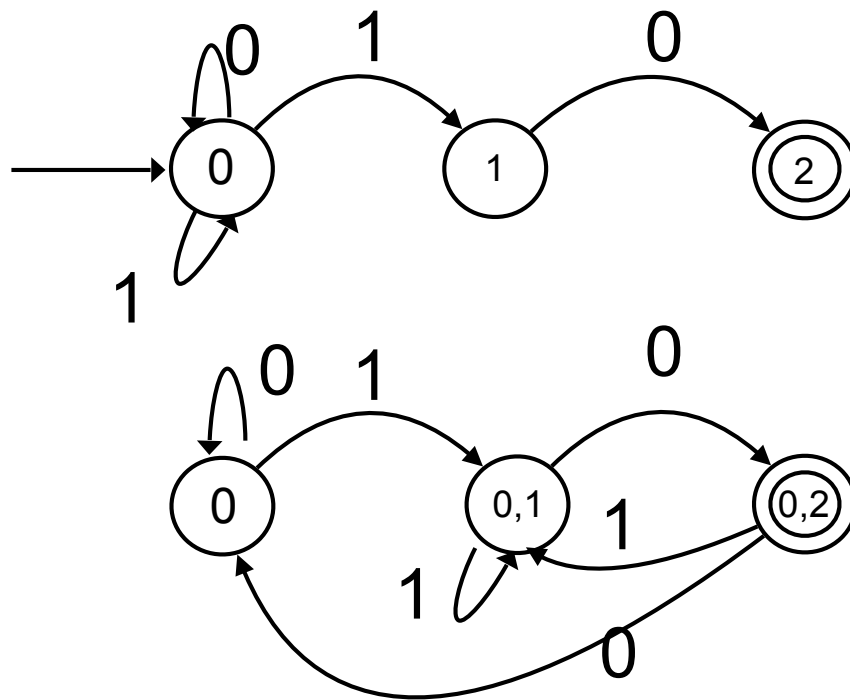


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2		
0,1	0,2	0,1
0,2	0	0,1

Non Determinism



We can simulate a non-deterministic machine using a deterministic machine – by keeping track of the set of states the NFA could possibly be in.

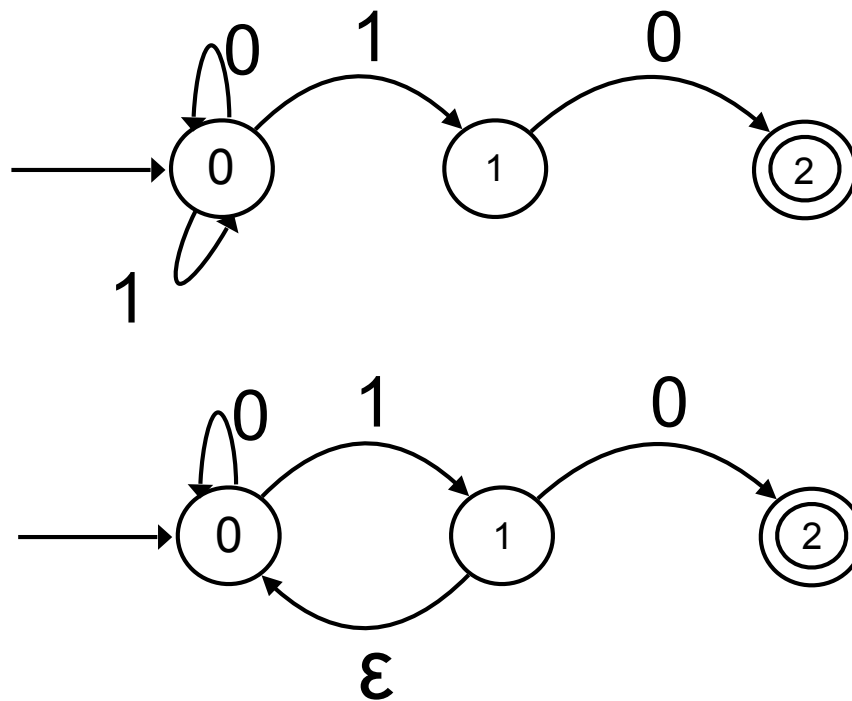


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Internal Transitions



We sometimes add an internal transition ϵ to a non-deterministic machine (NFA) This is a state change that consumes no input.



	0	1	ϵ
0	0	1	
1	2		0
2			

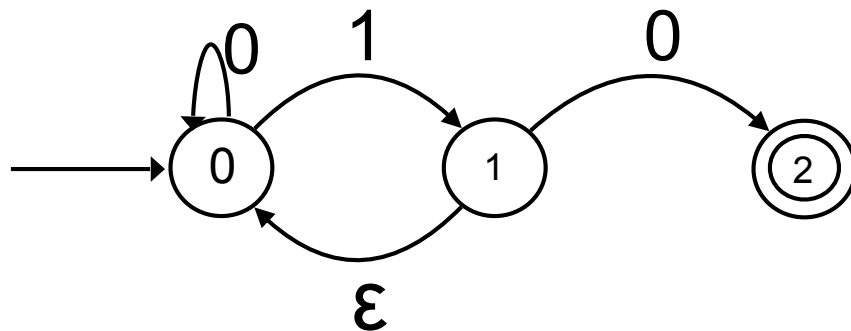
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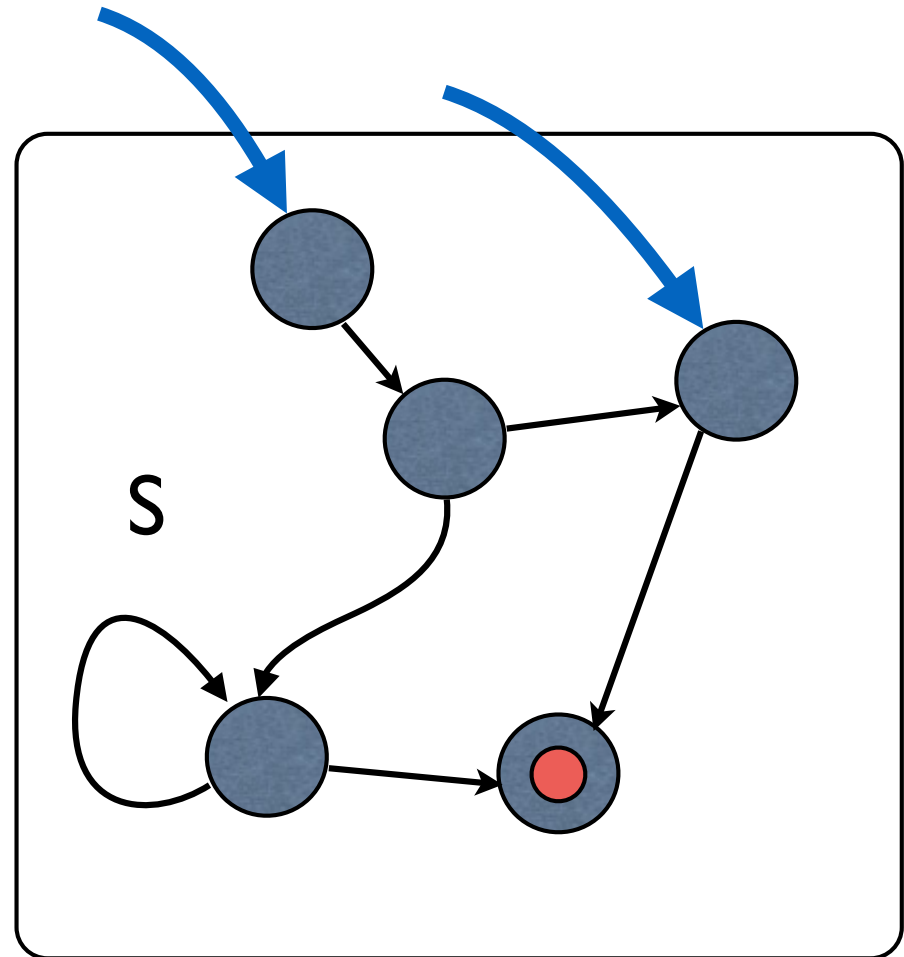
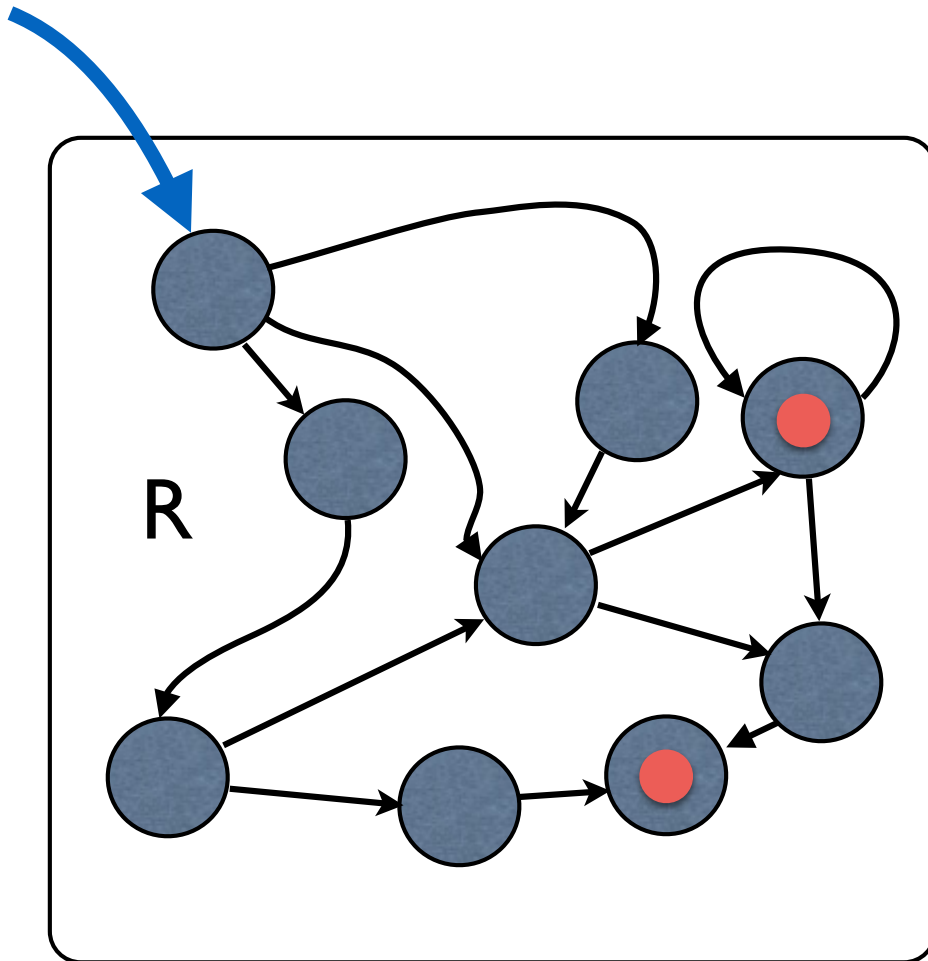
It introduces non-determinism in the observed behaviour of the machine.



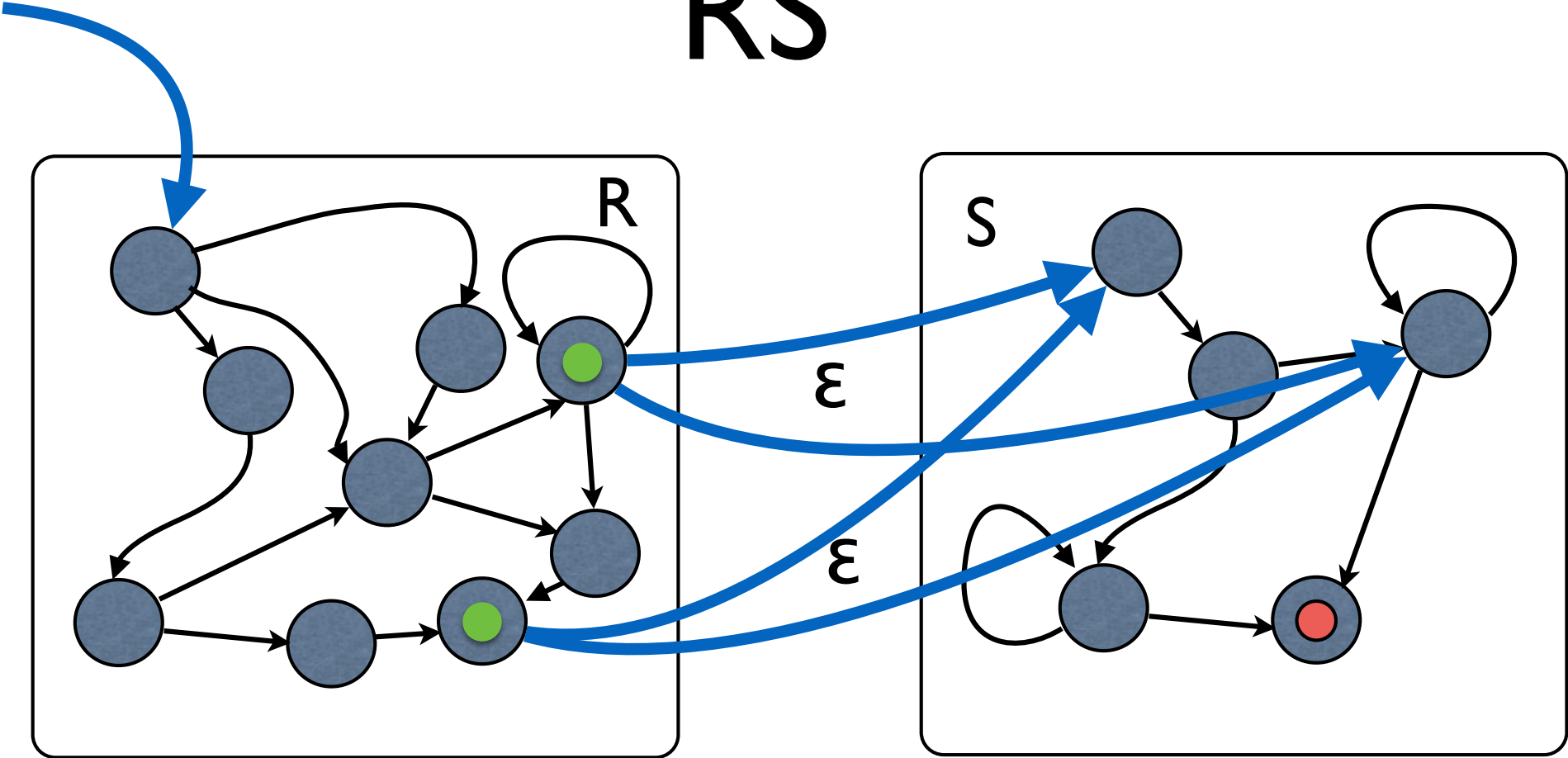
	0	1	ϵ
0	0	1	
1	2		0
2			

	$0\epsilon^*$	$1\epsilon^*$
0	0	1,0
1	2	
2		

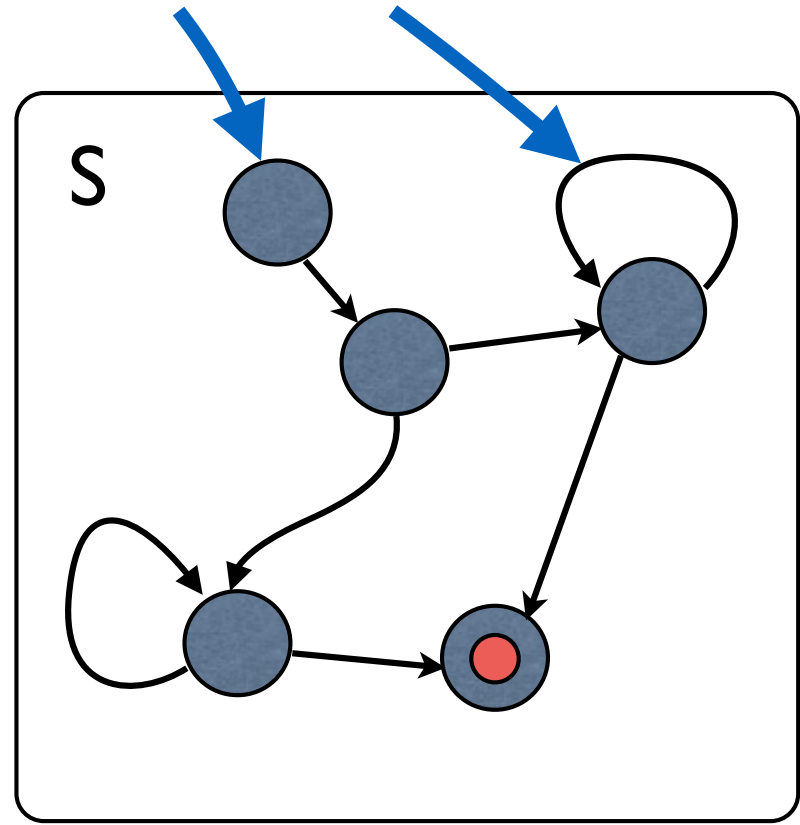
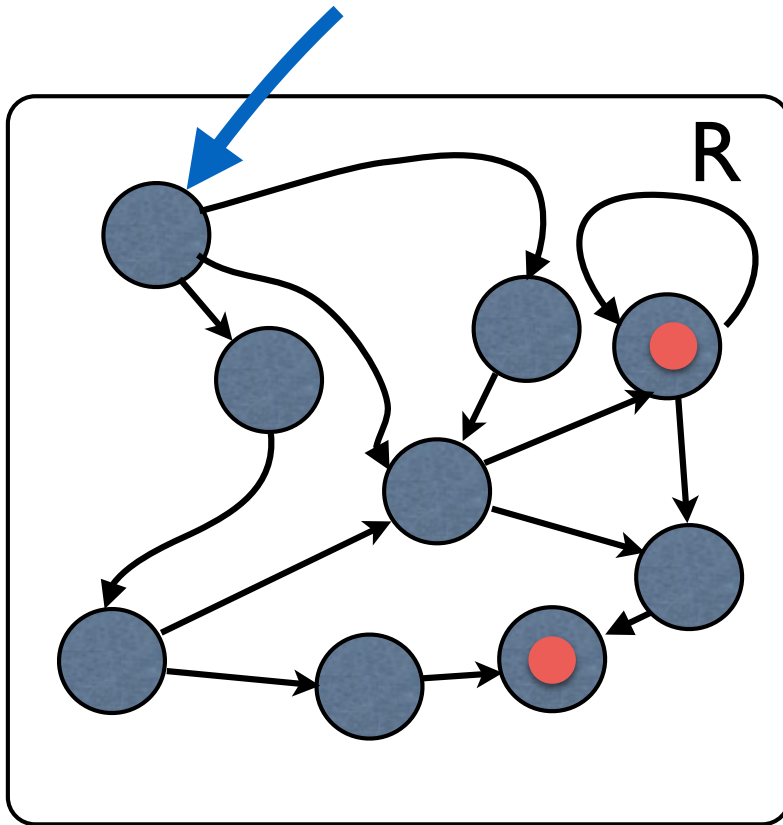
NFA any number of start states and accepting states



sequence RS



alternation R|S



iteration R^*

