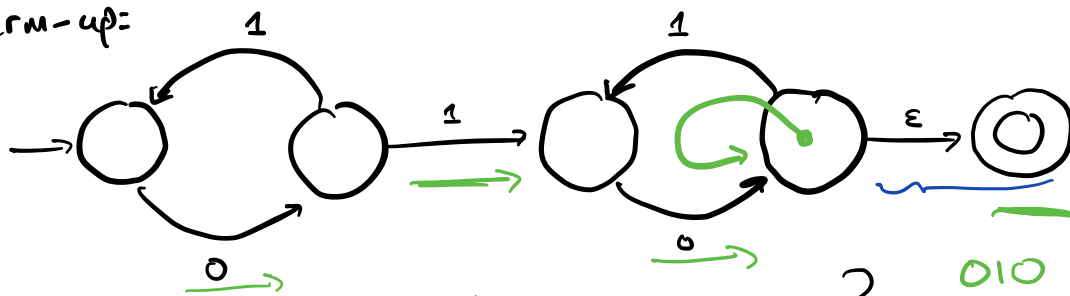


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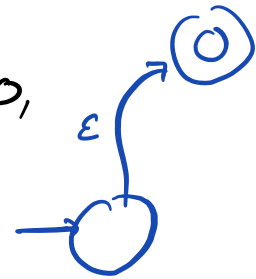
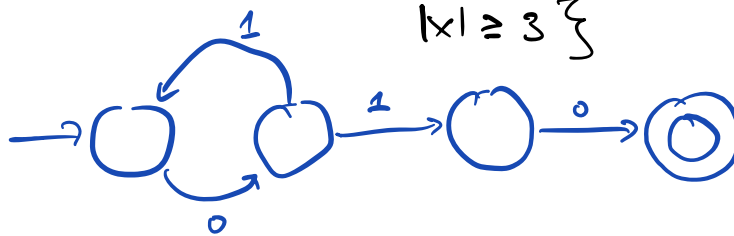


- what language does this NFA recognize?

010 ✓  
01010 ✓  
0101010 ✓

- can you build an equivalent NFA with  $\leq 4$  states?  
- and  $\leq 4$  transitions?

$\{ x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ starts, and ends with } 0, \text{ alternates } 0\text{'s and } 1\text{'s, } |x| \geq 3 \}$



Last time:

- Regular languages closed under complement ( $\bar{\phantom{x}}$ ),  
closed under union ( $\cup$ ), intersection ( $\cap$ ),

- New automaton - NFA

NFA-recognizable languages closed under ( $\cup$ )

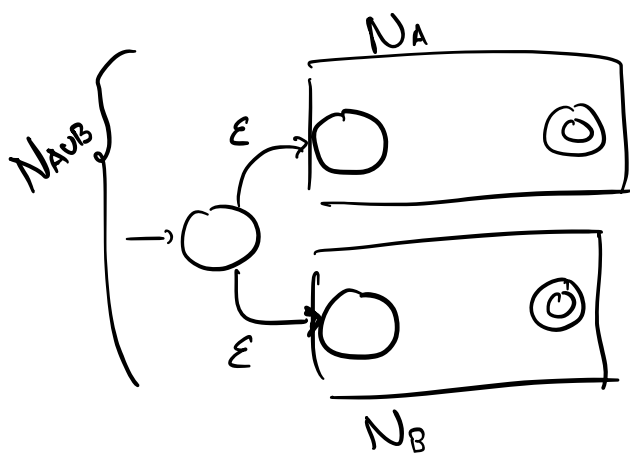
Today:

- NFA-recognizable languages closed under  $\cup$ ,  $\circ$ ,  $*$

- NFAs can be converted to equivalent DFA's!

- Regular Expressions; RegEx  $\rightarrow$  NFA,

DFA's  $\rightarrow$  RegEx.

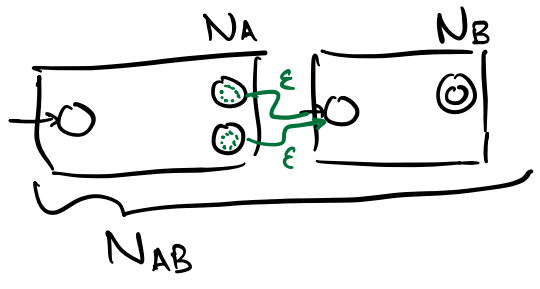


Claim: Regular Languages are closed under union ( $\cup$ ).

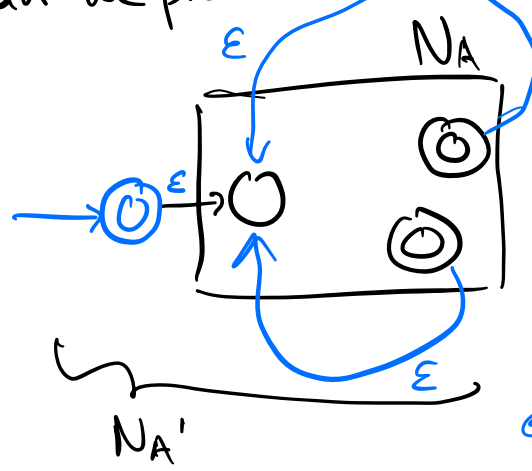
Proof: By NFA modification.

- A, B regular
- $N_A, N_B$  be NFAs that recognize A, B.

(Last time: closure under concatenation:



Q: Can we prove closure under star ( $*$ ) similarly?



-  $N_A$  recognizes the regular language A.

$$A^* := \{a_1 a_2 \dots a_k \mid a_i \in A, k \geq 0\}$$

- add  $\epsilon$ -transitions from each accept state to start.

- add an extra state to accept  $\epsilon$ .

Proof:  $L(N_{A'}) = A^*$

1) If  $w \in A^*$ , then  $N_{A'}$  accepts on  $w$ .

By definition,  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$  for  $w_1, w_2 \dots w_k \in A$ ,  $k \geq 0$ . Because  $L(N_A) = A$ , each string  $w_i$  corresponds

to a sequence of transitions from  $N_A$ 's start state to some accept state.

$\therefore w_1 w_2 \dots w_k$  corresponds to a path from the start state of  $N_A$  to an accept state that loops back to the start on our new  $\epsilon$ -transitions  $k-1$  times.

2) If  $N_A$  accepts  $w$ ,  $w \in A^*$ . To accept, there must exist a sequence of transitions from start to an accept state in  $N_A$ , on  $w$ .

This sequence must consist of one or more subsequences that travel from start to accept, divided by  $\epsilon$ -transitions back to the start.

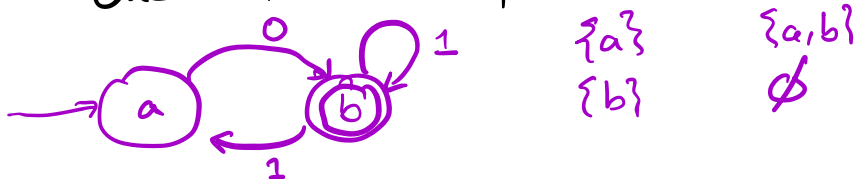
Each subsequence corresponds to a string in  $A$ , so  $w$  can be written as the concatenation of 1 or more strings from  $A$ .  
(side case:  $w = \epsilon$ .)

Theorem: NFAs, DFAs recognize the same set of languages: the regular languages.

Proof (DFA  $\Rightarrow$  NFA). DFA state diagrams are NFA state diagrams

Proof (NFA  $\Rightarrow$  DFA).

Idea: Track every live branch of computation at once.  
One DFA state will represent multiple NFA states.



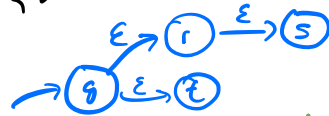
Let  $N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$  be an NFA. We'll construct a DFA  $D = (Q', \Sigma, \delta', q_0', F')$  that accepts if and only if  $N$  accepts.

$$Q' = \mathcal{P}(Q) \quad // \mathcal{P}(Q) = \{\text{all subsets of } Q\}$$

$\Sigma'$  unchanged

$$q_0' = E(\{q_0\})$$

$E(A) =$  "the states reachable from  $A$  by  $\epsilon$ -transitions."



$$F' = \{R \mid R \subseteq Q, R \cap F \neq \emptyset\}$$

$S' =$  (1) We occupy some DFA state = set of NFA states.  
 (2) We read in  $a \in \Sigma$ .  
 (3) We move to occupy all states reachable from our current position by  $a$ -transitions.  
 (4) We occupy all states reachable by  $\epsilon$ -transitions.

For  $R \subseteq Q$ , and  $a \in \Sigma$ , define

$$\delta'(R, a) = \{g \in Q \mid g \in E(\delta(r, a)) \text{ for some } r \in R\}$$

$$\delta' : \mathcal{P}(Q) \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q).$$

Claim:  $N$  accepts string  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$ ,  $w_i \in \Sigma$ , if and only if  $D$  accepts  $w$ . Proof by induction.

- At "step" 0:  $N, D$  both occupy  $E(q_0)$ .

- Assume  $N, D$  both occupy  $R_i \subseteq Q$  at step  $i$ .

- At step  $i+1$ :  $N$  occupies  $\bigcup_{r_i \in R_i} E(\delta(r_i, w_{i+1}))$

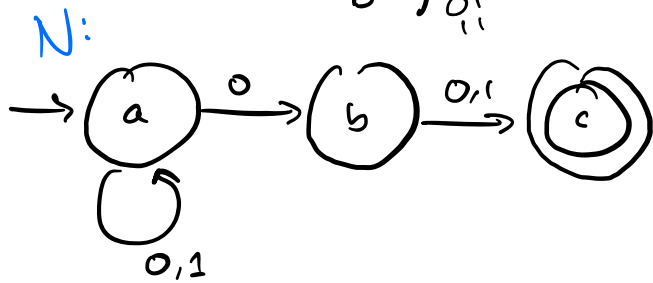
$D$  occupies  $\delta'(R_i, w_{i+1}) =$

$$\{g \in Q \mid g \in E(\delta(r_i, w_{i+1})) \text{ for } r_i \in R_i\}$$

$\therefore$  At step  $n$ ,  $N$  and  $D$  occupy the same state(s)  $R_n \subseteq Q$ . Both accept if and only if  $R_n \cap F \neq \emptyset$ ;

when  $R_x$  contains an accept state.  $\square$

Example conversion: NFA  $\rightarrow$  DFA.



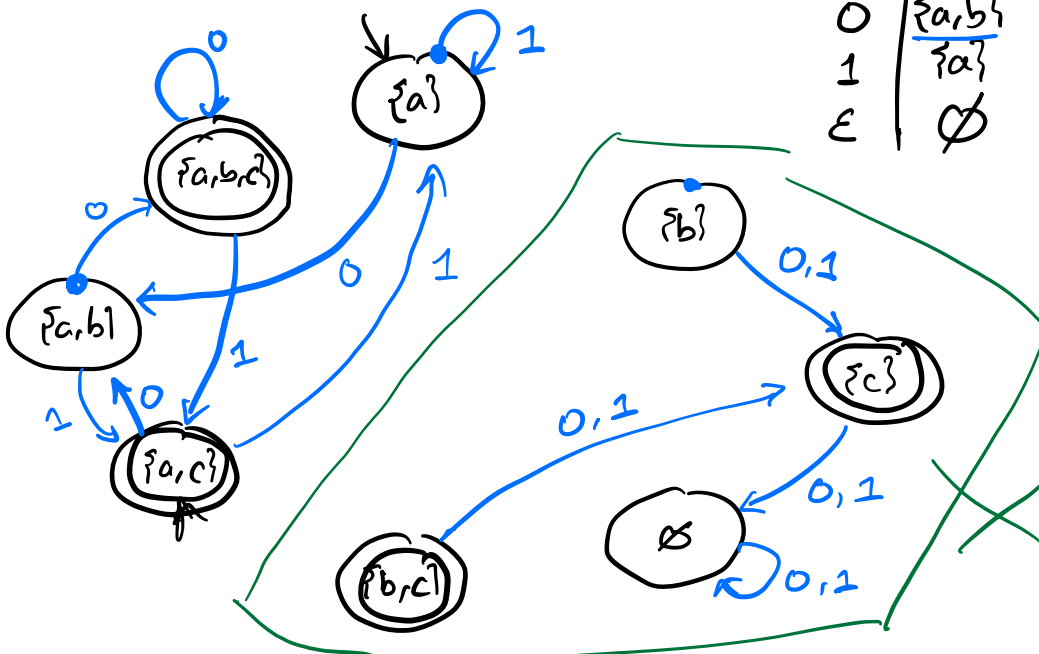
$N = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ :

- $Q = \{a, b, c\}$  ✓
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  ✓
- $q_0 = a$
- $F = \{c\}$   $E(\{a\})$

$L(N) = \{x \in \{0,1\}^* \mid x \text{ ends in } 00 \text{ or } 01\}$ .

$\delta$ :

	a	b	c
0	$\{a, b\}$	$\{c\}$	$\emptyset$
1	$\{a\}$	$\{c\}$	$\emptyset$
$\epsilon$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$



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Punchline:

NFA-recognizable  
 = DFA-recognizable  
 = Regular languages.



Def. (Regular Expression). (Inductive defn).  $R$  is a regular expression if

(1)  $R$  is an "atom":  $a \in \Sigma$   $\{a\}$   
 $\epsilon$   $\{\epsilon\}$   
 or  $\emptyset$

(2)  $R$  results from applying  $\cup$ ,  $\circ$ , or  $*$  to other regular expressions:  $R = R_1 \cup R_2$ ,  $R_1 \circ R_2 = R_1 R_2$ ,  $R_1^*$ , where  $R_1, R_2$  are regular expressions.

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—  $\Sigma$  denote  $\bigcup_{a \in \Sigma} \{a\}$  ( $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  
 $\approx$  "any character in  $\Sigma$ " in reg. ex,  $\Sigma$  denotes  $(0 \cup 1)$ )

—  $R^+ = RR^*$   $\approx$  "at least one string from  $R$ , concatenated"

—  $R^k$ , for some  $k \geq 0$ : "k concatenated strings from  $R$ ."

( $R^0 = RRRR$ )

Examples:  $\bullet \Sigma \Sigma \Sigma \approx$  any 3 elements of  $\Sigma$ , concatenated.

If  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ , 000, 001, 010, 100, 011,  
 101, 110, 111

$\bullet (0 \cup 1)^*$   $\approx$  "any binary string"

$\bullet (0 \cup 1)^* 1$   $\approx$  any binary string ending in 1.

$\bullet \underline{0^*} 1 0^*$  = every binary string w/ exactly one 1.

$\{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\} \circ \{1\} \circ \{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, \dots\}$

•  $(\Sigma\Sigma)^* = \{\epsilon, 00, 01, 10, 11, 0000, \dots\}$

$D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$        $(\text{"-"}, \text{"."} \in \Sigma)$

•  $(\epsilon \cup -) D^+ . D^+$

12.34

-4.0

99.9999

$R^+ = RR^*$

$\{r_1 r_2 \dots r_k \mid r_i \in R, k \geq 1\}$

Puzzle:

Reg. ex's for the following:  $(\Sigma = \{0, 1\})$

1. Strings of even length ending in 1.

$(\Sigma\Sigma)^* \Sigma^* 1$

2. Strings with exactly two 1's.

$0^* 1 0^* 1 0^*$

3. Strings over  $\{a, b, c\}$  in which no a's follow b's,

no a's or b's follow c's,

ba  
ca  
cb

$a^* b^* c^*$

4\* strings that don't contain "00."

$1^* (\epsilon \cup 0) 1^*$

$1^* \cup 1^* 0 (1^* 0)^* 1^*$

$(0 \cup \epsilon)$

$1^* 0 1^* 0 1^*$

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$(0 \cup \epsilon) (1^* 0)^* 1^*$

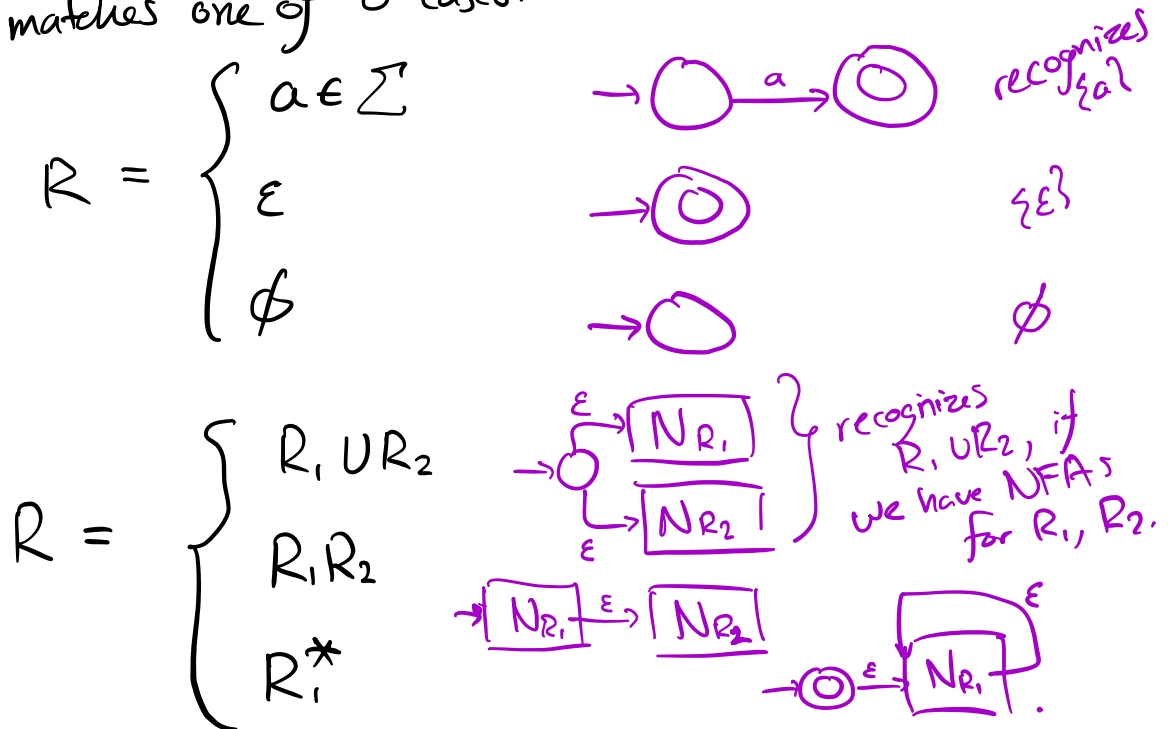
correct (?)

= better (?)



Prop: Regular expressions have equivalent NFAs.

Proof: Let  $R$  be a regular expression. By definition,  $R$  matches one of 6 cases:



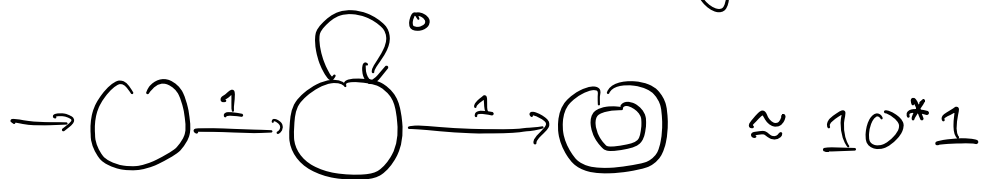
Ind. Hyp: We can build NFAs for all Reg Ex's that use at most  $k$  symbols

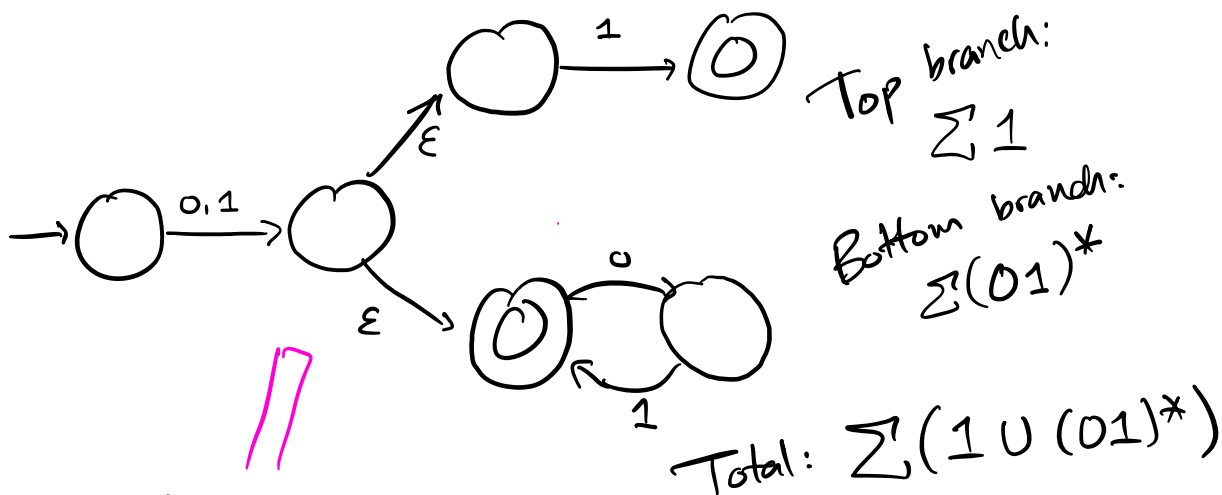
$\Rightarrow$  We can build NFAs for all Reg Ex's that use  $k+1$  symbols, by constructions above.  $\square$

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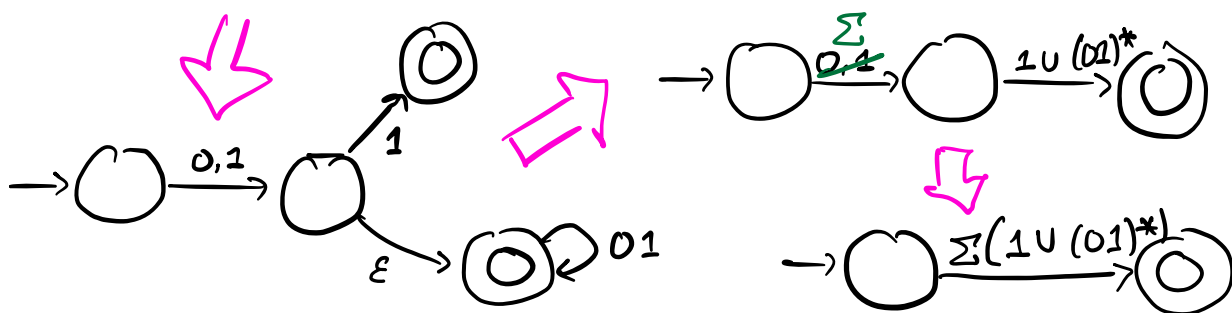
Shown: Reg. Ex  $\rightarrow$  NFA.

To do: DFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA  $\rightarrow$  Reg. Expr.





Main proof idea: progressively "reduce" automata by using more and more complex edge labels.



### Generalized NFAs (GNFAs):

New rules:

- can label edges with any regular expression
- (as before, we'll accept if and only if there is a path from start to accept state matching the input string.)
- allow exactly one start and one accept state.
- exactly one transition between every ordered pair of states (usually, labeled  $\emptyset$ )
  - except none into the start
  - or out of the accept state.

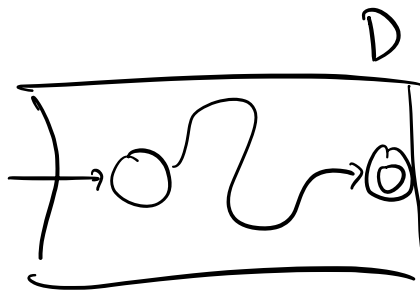


Reminders: HW2 (short) due Mon, @ 11:59 PM

My Zoom hours tonight 5:30  
and Sunday 5:30

Next time: On beyond regular languages.

HW 1, Q5:

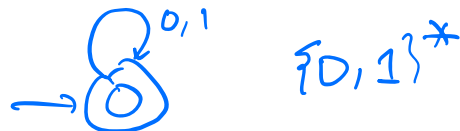
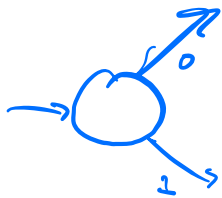


$w \in L(D)$

$\text{dub}(L(D))$

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

$w = w_1 w_2 w_3$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $w_1 w_1 w_2 w_2 w_3 w_3$



$\{0, 1\}^*$

$\text{dub}(L(D)) =$

$\{\epsilon, 00, 11, 0000, 0011, \dots\}$

$\text{dub}(\{0, 10, 111\})$

$= \{00, 1100, 111111\}$

