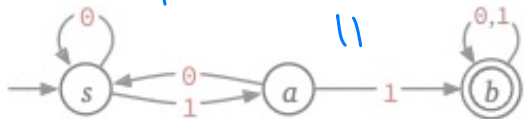
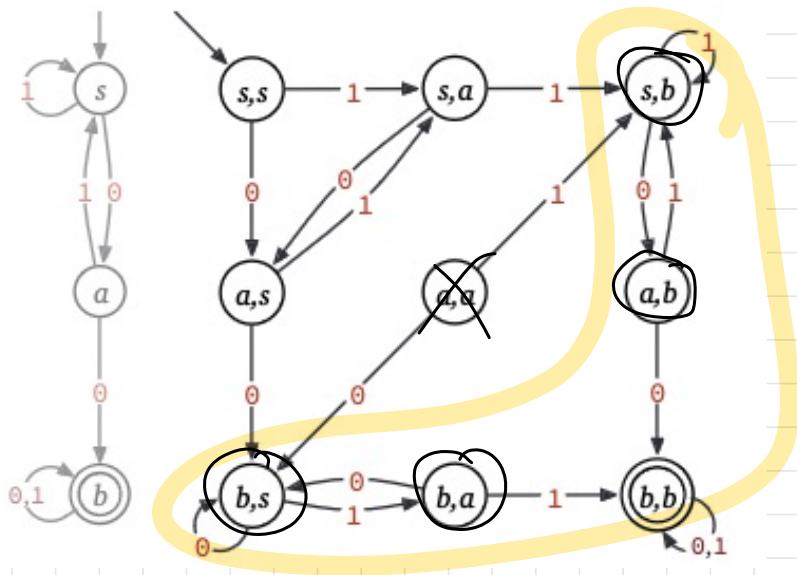


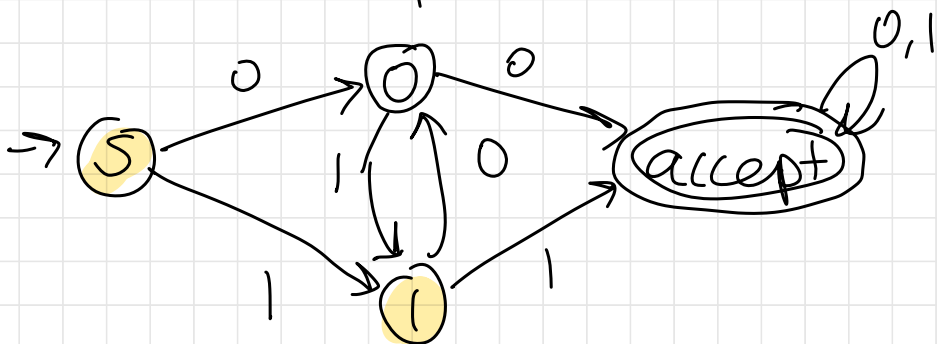
last time: product construction



00



00 or 11 = L



Is this the smallest DFA for L

Two states  $q, q'$  are distinguishable iff

there is a string  $w$  s.t.

$\delta^*(q, w)$  or  $\delta^*(q', w)$  is accepting but not both.

$s$ and accept	are distinguished by	$l$
$s$ and $0$	are	" $0$
$s$ and $l$	"	" $l$
$0$ and $l$	"	" $0$ or $l$
$0$ and accept	"	" $l$
$l$ and accept	"	" $\epsilon$

Two strings  $x$  and  $y$  are distinguishable with respect to language  $L$  iff there exists string  $z$  s.t.  $xz \in L$  or  $yz \in L$  but not both.

$$L = (0+1)^*(00+11)(0+1)^*$$

$0$  and  $l$  distinguishable?

$\downarrow$   
 $x$

$\downarrow$   
 $y$

idea:  $z = \epsilon$

$$xz = 0\epsilon = 0 \notin L$$

$$yz = 1\epsilon = 1 \notin L$$

idea:  $z = 1$

$$xz = 01 \notin L$$

$$yz = 11 \in L$$

A fooling set for language  $L$  is a set of strings that are all mutually distinguishable.

$F = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 00\}$  is a fooling set for  $L = (0+1)^*(00+11)(0+1)^*$ .

$\epsilon, 0$  distinguished by  $0$

$\epsilon, 1$   $1$

$\epsilon, 00$   $\epsilon$

$0, 1$  ✓

$0, 00$   $\epsilon$

$1, 00$   $\epsilon$

For any language,

min # of states in a DFA accepting that language = max # of strings in a fooling set for that language

What if there is an infinite fooling set?

then any DFA accepting that language has infinite states...  
so it can't exist!

Kleene's Theorem:

$0^*1^*$  regular = automatic  
#  $w^n$  means  $\underbrace{w \cdot w \cdot w \dots w}_{n \text{ times}}$

$L = \{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\}$   $\epsilon, 01, 0011,$

Let  $F = \{\epsilon, 0, 00, 000, 0000\}$   $0 \notin L$

$F$  is a fooling set for  $L$ .  $011 \notin L$

$\epsilon, 0$  distinguished by 1  $1 \notin L, 01 \in L$

$\epsilon, 00$  distinguished by 11  $11 \notin L, 0011 \in L$

0,00

11 ∈ L

ε,000

0,000

00,000

⋮

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Let  $F = 0^* = \{ \epsilon, 0, 00, 000, 0000, \dots \}$

$0^i, 0^j$  for  $i \geq 0, j \geq 0, i \neq j$

Let  $Z = 1^i$

$0^i 1^i \in L$

$0^j 1^i \notin L$

because  $j \neq i$

$F$  is infinite, so  $L$  is not regular!

Theorem:  $L = \{0^n 1^n : n \geq 0\}$  is not regular.

Proof:

Let  $F = 0^*$

Let  $x, y$  be arbitrary <sup>different</sup> elements of  $F$ .  
So  $x = 0^i$  and  $y = 0^j$  for  $i \geq 0, j \geq 0, i \neq j$ .

Let  $z = 1^i$

- $xz = 0^i 1^i \in L$

- $yz = 0^j 1^i \notin L$  because  $i \neq j$

So  $z$  distinguishes  $x$  and  $y$ .

So  $F$  is a fooling set for  $L$ .

But  $F$  is infinite, so  $L$  is not regular.

Consider  $L = \text{palindromes} = \{w : w = \text{rev}(w)\}$

001010100

Theorem:  $L$  is not regular.

Proof. Consider the set  $F = \{0^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ .

Let  $x, y$  be arbitrary strings from  $F$  with  $x \neq y$ .

Then  $x = 0^i$  and  $y = 0^j$  for  $i \neq j$ .

Let  $z = 0^i$ .

• then  $xz = 0^i 10^i \in L$

• but  $yz = 0^j 10^i \notin L$

So  $z$  is a distinguishing suffix for  $x, y$ .

So  $F$  is a fooling set for  $L$ .

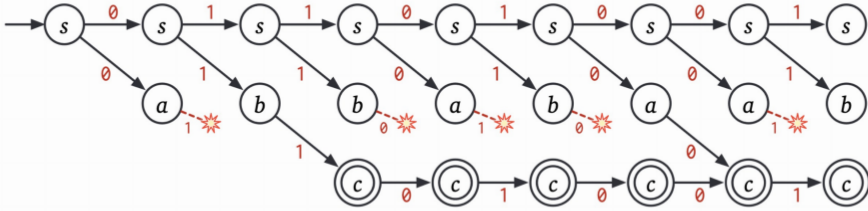
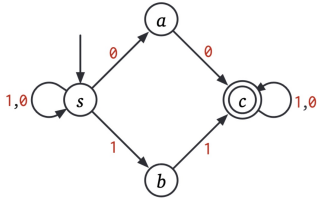
Because  $F$  is infinite,  $L$  is not regular.

could I have used

$$F = \{0^n : n \geq 0\} = 0^*$$

$$x = 0^i, y = 0^j \quad z = 10^i$$

$L = 0^* = \{0^n : n \geq 0\}$  regular or no?



Running our example NFA on the input string  $01101001$ .