

Topics: - Set theory remarks

- Resolution of Russell's Paradox

- Some other paradoxes/theorems

} Involve "self-reference"  
+ negation

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- Start Ch. 1 on Regular Languages [Sip]

Section 1: Finite Automata (DFA's)

- DFA: the idea

- DFA: definition  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

- Regular Languages = recognized by some DFA

-  $A \cup B, A \cap B, A \circ B, A^*$

- Why NFA's? [Answer: for  $A \circ B, A^*$ ]

Section 2: Non-deterministic Finite Automata

(NFA's)

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## Breakout Room Questions:

① Come up with your own paradox  
(related to those of §5,6 of Handout)

② Give a DFA that recognizes

$$\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, \dots\} \subset \{0, \dots, 9\}^*$$

③ Give a DFA that recognizes

$$\{0, 3, 6, 9, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, \dots\}$$

④ Give a DFA that recognizes

$$\{\epsilon, 0, 3, 6, 9, 03, 06, 09, 12, 15, \dots\}$$

⑤ Is there a DFA that recognizes

$$\{0, 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, \dots\}$$

⑥ Give a DFA that recognizes

$$\{1^5, 1^7\} \subset \{1\}^*$$

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Last Time:

(4) Is the set of functions  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  that you can describe by a finite string in English: countable or uncountable?

ASCII\*  $\rightarrow$  { meanings as function, or some function }

(5) Yet,  $\left\{ \overset{\text{functions}}{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}} \right\}$  is uncountable; proof!

let's give a surjection  $\left\{ \overset{\text{functions}}{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \overset{\text{functions}}{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{yes, no\}} \right\}$

$$f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \mapsto \tilde{f}(n) = \begin{cases} \text{yes, if } f(n) = 1, \\ \text{no, if } f(n) \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

$\left( \overset{\text{functions}}{\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{yes, no\}} \right) \xleftarrow{\text{bij}} \text{Power}(\mathbb{N}) \leftarrow \text{uncountable}$

Fact! If have surjection  $S \rightarrow T$  and  $T$  is uncountable, then  $S$  is uncountable

Breakout  $\rightarrow$  HW

$\left\{ \text{function } A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \right\} \xrightarrow{\text{surj}} \left\{ \text{functions } A \rightarrow \{yes, no\} \right\}$

$f \longmapsto \hat{f}$  given by  $\hat{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \text{yes if } f(x)=1, \\ \text{no if } f(x) \neq 1 \end{cases}$

really  $\mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{surj}} \{\text{yes, no}\}$

funct  $A \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{N} \dashrightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{\text{surj}} \{\text{yes, no}\}$

Cantor's Thm: Takes  $S \xrightarrow{f} \text{Power}(S)$

forms  $T = \{s \in S \mid s \notin f(s)\}$  is not in  $\text{Image}(f)$

↑  
negation

← almost "self-referencing"  
 $s \xrightarrow{f} f(s)$   
 ↑  
 about containment.

Russell's Paradox: If  $R = \{ \underline{S \text{ set}} \mid \underline{S \notin S} \}$

you get a contradiction with either  $R \in R$  or  $R \notin R$

Resolution (you have ask a set theorist or logician)

"the set of all sets" is too big to be set

so  $\{ S \text{ sets} \mid \text{blah} \}$  can be too large to be set

$\{s \mid s \notin s\}$  ← "self-referencing"  
 + "negation"

§6 Handout gives a few more:

Paradox (3): What is "the smallest positive

integer not described by a phrase in English  
of at most 100 words" ? (less than 100 words)

Say it's the number

$n = 1573924163 \dots 279$ .

"Blam's Paradox" (probably due to Russell)

self-reference + "not" = negation.

Paradox (4), §6:

Leslie write about (and only about) those people who do not write about themselves.

Does Leslie write about himself? If yes - contradiction  
if no - "

Also "barber paradox"

(Later: "Halting problem" is undecidable

Proof: Assume it is decidable, and get a

contradiction via "self-reference" + "negation"

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Chapter 1 in textbook by Sipser:

Regular Languages  $\leftrightarrow$  languages described  
by "regular expressions"

Section 1.3

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Idea:  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ ,

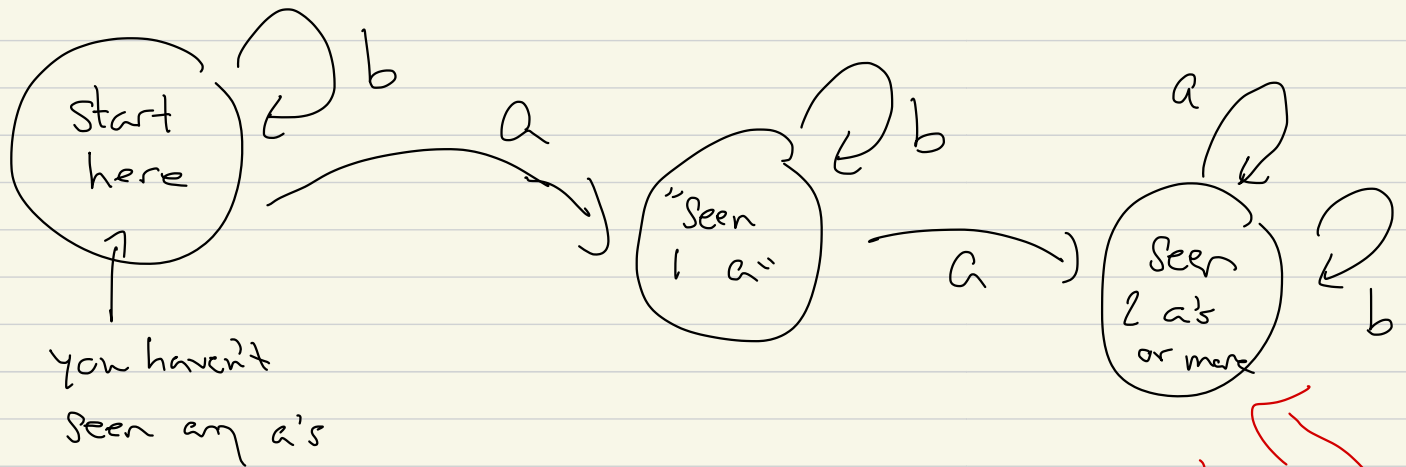
Let  $L = \left\{ w \in \Sigma^* \mid w \text{ has at least 2 a's} \right\}$   
(in its set of symbols)

$= \{ aa, aab, baa, \cancel{aba}, bbab, babbab, \dots \}$

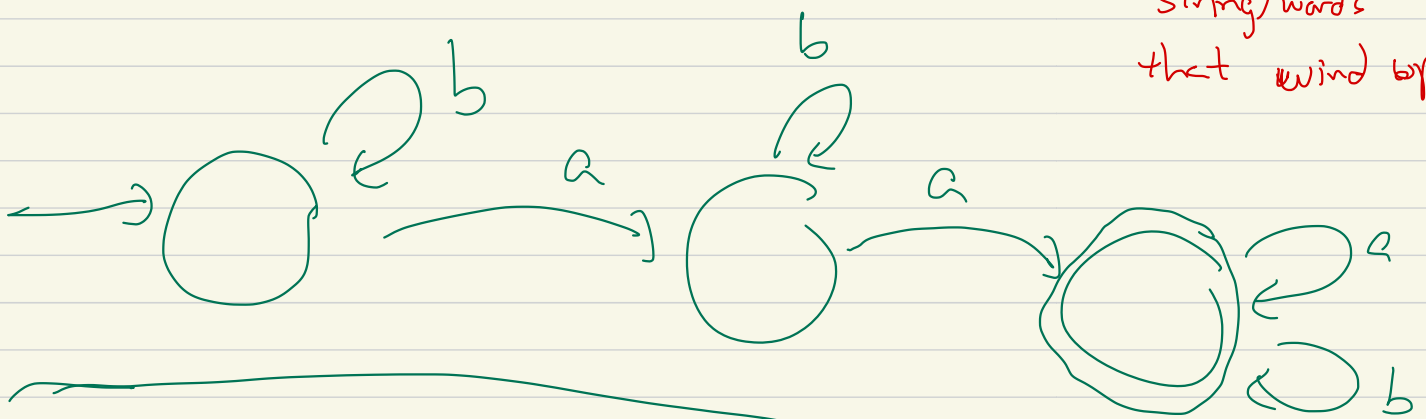
Our algorithm (informally):

- read each symbol (letter) of  $w$ , one by one

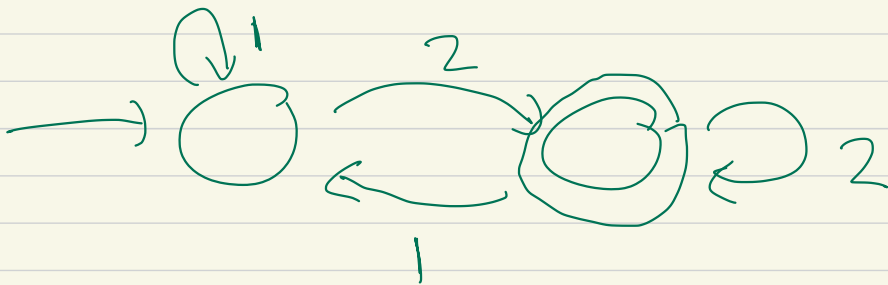
$$w = \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_k \quad \sigma_i \in \Sigma = \{a, b\}$$



accept string/words that wind up in



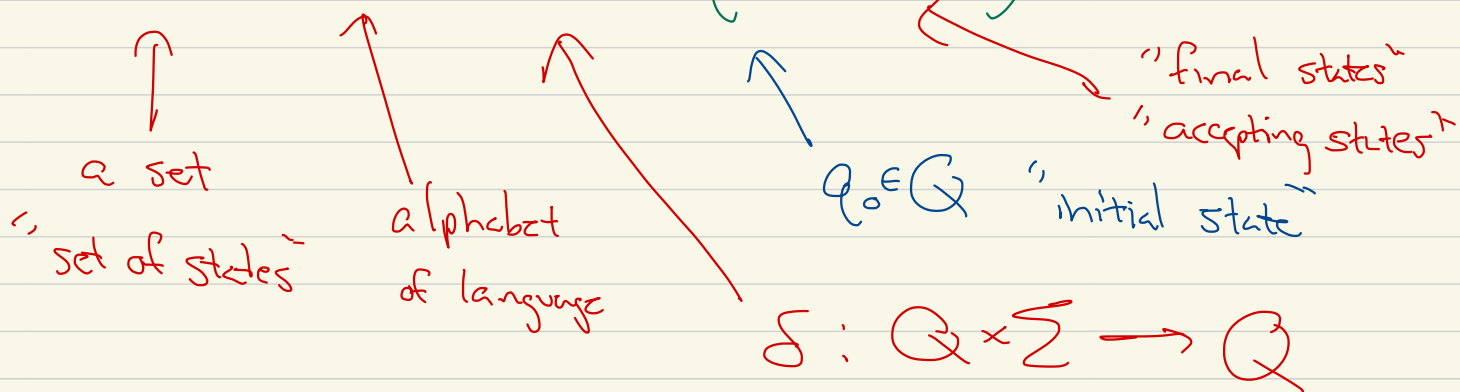
Say  $L = \{w \in \{1, 2\}^* \mid \text{end in } 2\}$   $\Sigma = \{1, 2\}$





Formally: A finite automaton is 5-tuple

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



idea:

$(q, \sigma) \mapsto$  what is the new state

that you move to when in state  $q$  you see a  $\sigma$

Each finite automaton (DFA),  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

"recognizes"

"deterministic"

$$L = \{ \underline{w} \in \underline{\Sigma}^* \mid$$

following the DFA, you finish at the last symbol of  $w$  in a state in  $F$  }

Def:  $\Sigma$  alphabet,  $L \subset \Sigma^*$ ,  $L$  is regular iff

$L$  is recognized by some finite automaton.

Otherwise we say  $L$  is non-regular



Rem: DFA  $M = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

finite

Example: Later  $L = \{ a^m b^n \mid m=n \}$

is non-regular

$\underbrace{a \dots a}_m$        $\underbrace{b \dots b}_n$

Can specify a DFA by

(1)  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$

written out

(2) By graphs drawn

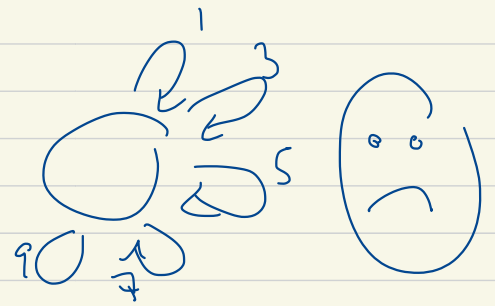
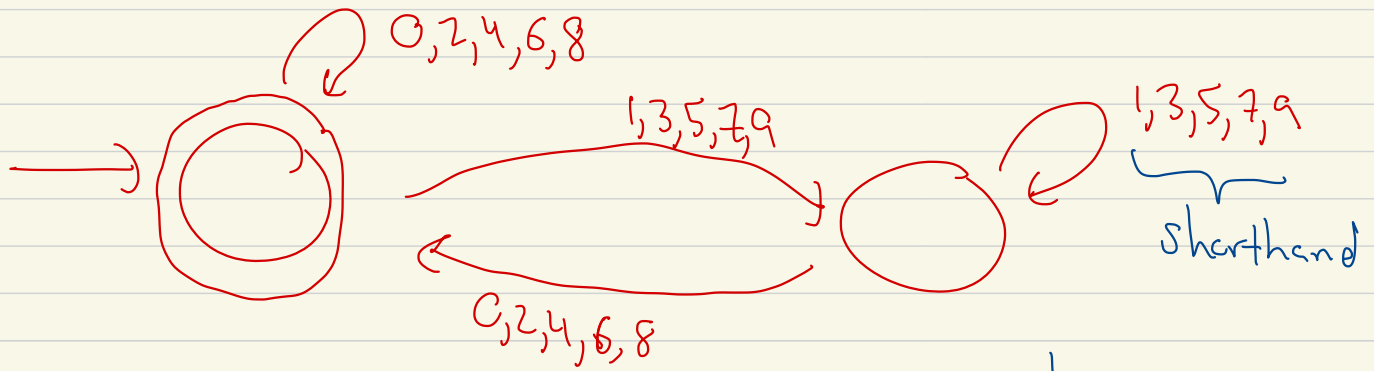
using notation in [Sip]

Convention:  $\text{EVEN} = \{ w \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\} \mid w \text{ represents an even number} \}$

$= \{ 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots \}$

you have to specify

Simple for EVEN =  $\{ \epsilon, 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 00, 02, 04, \dots, 10, 12, \dots \}$   
DFA



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Breakfast rooms:

Problem (4), then problem (3)  
of today breakfast room problem

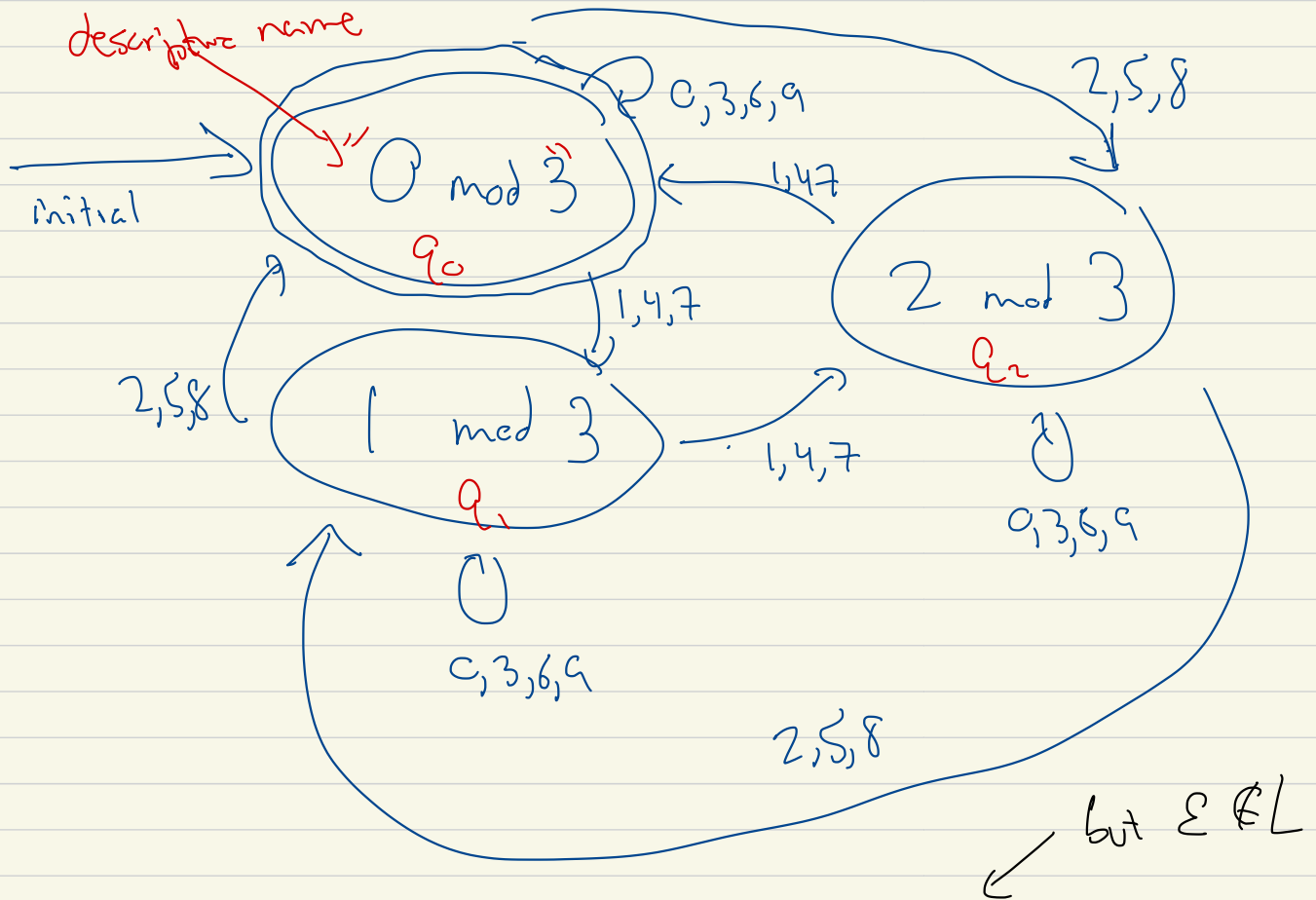
Roughly 8-10 minutes

Problem (4):

$L$   
DIV BY 3  
EASY

$$= \{ \epsilon, 0, 3, 6, 9, 00, 03, 06, 09, \dots \}$$

Build DFA recognizing  $L$  DIV BY 3  
EASY



Q: How to modify for  $L = \{ 0, 3, 6, 9, 03, 06, \dots \}$

Now: Survey under "Quiz"

for the canvas webpage

"Survey After Class on Sept 24"