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"Now we will use
extension-by-zero, and
you will sneer at it."

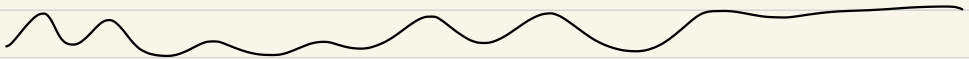
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"Last class I mentioned
extension-by-zero, and you
sneered at it."

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Running joke of

Prof. Raoul Bott
(1923 - 2005)

Is there a sub-linear time
algorithm to factor an
integer?

What is a "sub-linear time
algorithm"?



Input!

7543127189

← factor?

just reasonable to
look at each digit

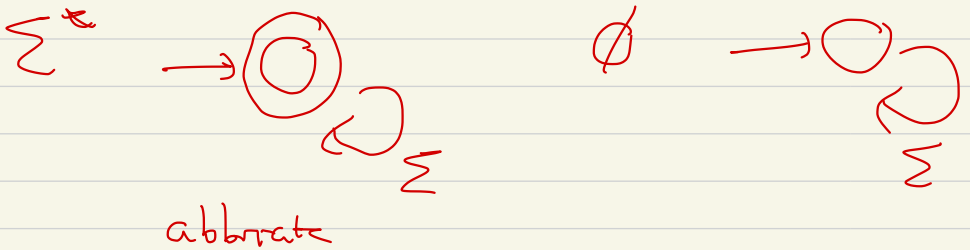
1st pass: you don't actually have to look at all input digits!

e.g.

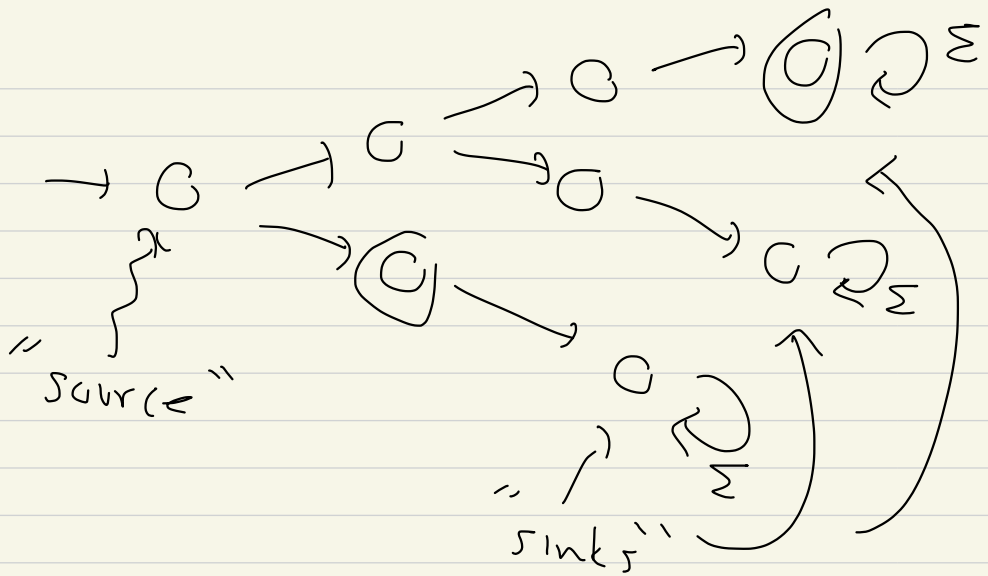
$$L = \{ s \in \Sigma^* \mid |s| \geq 2 \}$$

$L = \Sigma^*$ or $L = \emptyset$

DFM with one state



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Say DFA is a partial
order!



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Could you factor a number
 $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ in sub-linear
time, or solve problem where
you have to examine all
the symbols/letters in the
input strings/words ???

In Ch. 7, we talk about

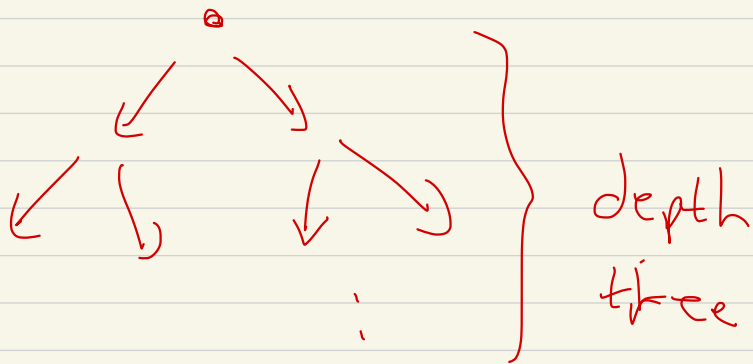
\log -space reductions

poly-time "

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You could take about trees

representing computation



Idea!

you can read input

input appears here

72158329

you can read "input tape"

string of size n

Ch 1: "input"

computation:

- DFA
- NFA
- Turing machine

$\Theta(\log(n))$
computation

Could you factor an integer in sub-linear time?

What if : 12 base 10

you write

↙
↘ ↘ ↘ ↘ ↘ - -
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

= 12 in unary

work
space
12 in decimal writes
then run usual naive
factory..

Unary! always "blasts" the
input size - - -

Do not sneer at

$$\Sigma = \{a\}$$

a single - (letter symbol) alphabet

We'll spend more time

this year on

$$\Sigma = \{a\} \text{ single letter}$$

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- My office hours now

3:45 - 5:15pm on Tuesday.

- NEW to 2021:

More discussion of DFA's
and regular languages over

$\Sigma = \{a\}$.

(Don't sneer at a
one-letter alphabet)

(Wait until we make use
of unary notation to
give a short proof that

NP-SNEAKY

=
 $\{ \langle M, w, t \rangle \mid M \text{ is a non-det TM} \}$
that accepts w
within time t

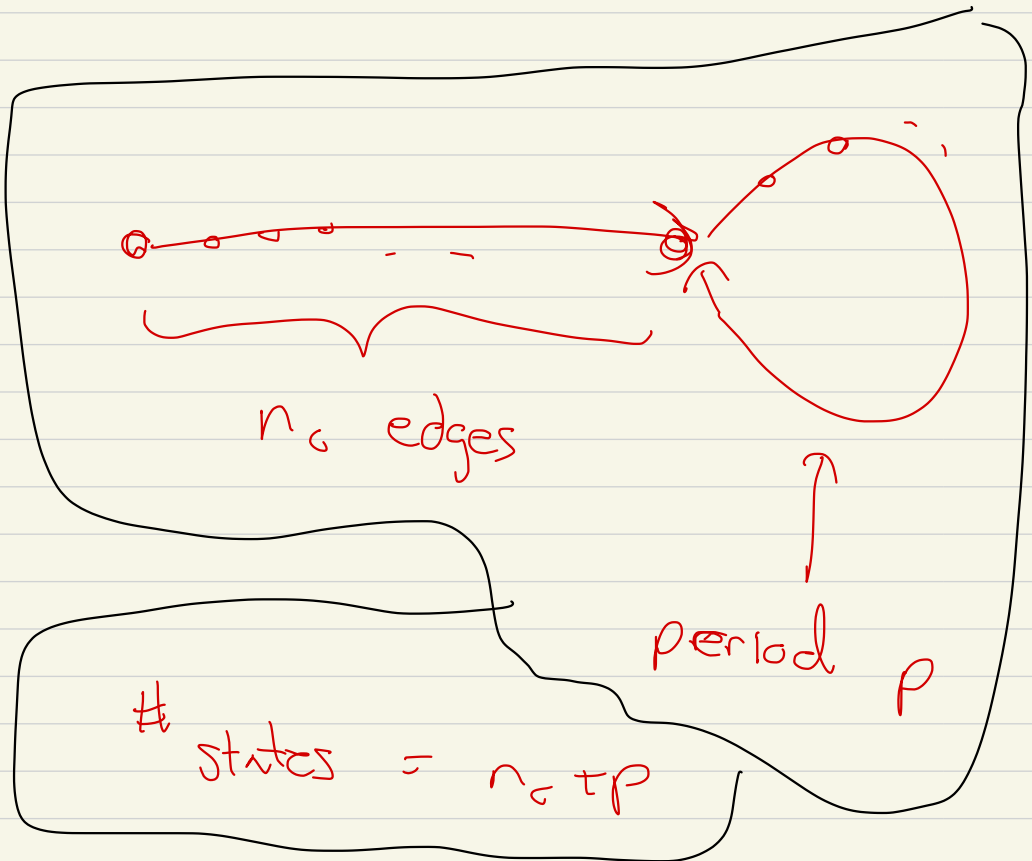
is NP-complete)

t expressed in UNARY, i.e. over a
one-letter alphabet. Does not

work in binary, base 10, etc.

Review

DFA on $\Sigma = \{a\}$



Today: mostly talk about

$\{a^3, a^5\}^*$ set

something regular but ^{could} requires
many more states.

Thm If L is regular, then
so is L^* .

The most convenient to prove
this is non-deterministic FA,
NFA's (Section 1.2).

Last time:

DIV-BY-3 ! over

$$\Sigma = \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}.$$

You could say DIV-BY-3

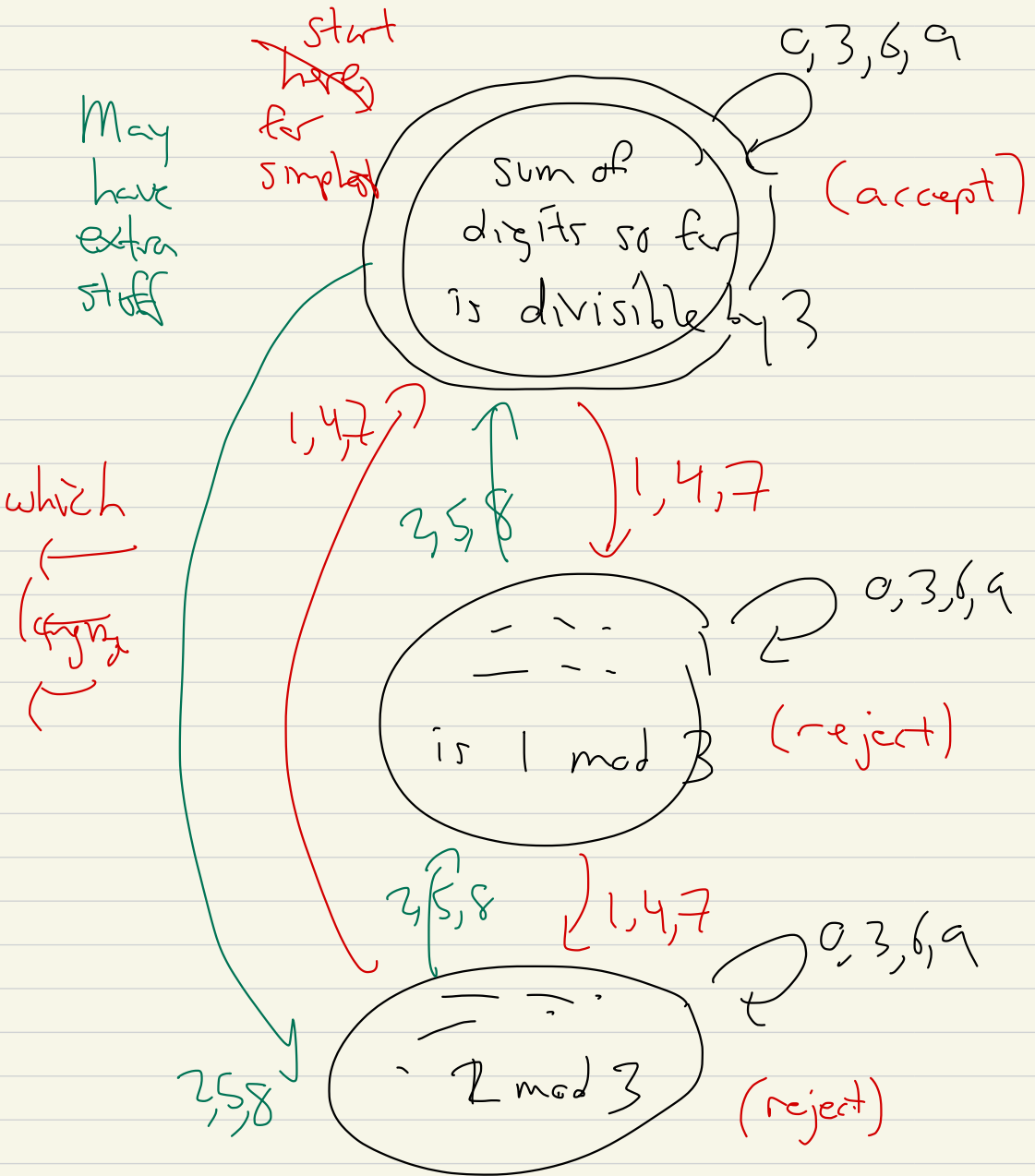
don't
have $\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, \dots\}$

$\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$

$\{\epsilon, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots\}$

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

Simplest machine



5 min break, 10:12-10:17,

Group HW #4!

6.1.1-6.1.5, EXERCISE
section in Myhill-Nerode
handout

Which is simpler?

$\{ \epsilon, a^3, a^6, a^9, \dots \}$

or

$\{ a^3, a^6, a^9, \dots \}$

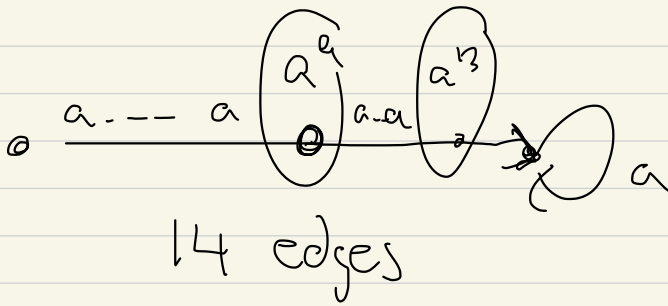
Roughly
analogue
of

DN-BY-3
question

Question:

$$L = \{a^9, a^{13}\} \text{ looks}$$

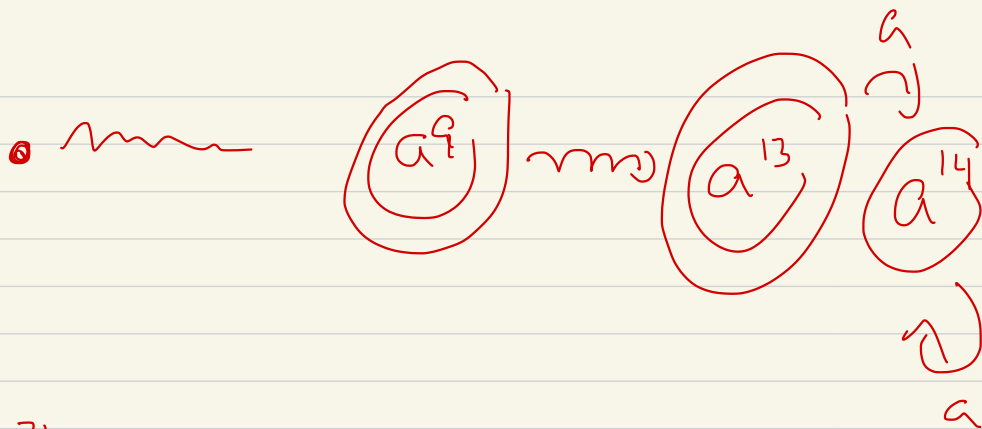
easy to understand. . .



what about recognizing

$$L^* = \{a^9, a^{13}\}^* \text{ as a}$$

DFA



$$a^{31} \in L \quad ?$$

$$\notin L \quad ?$$

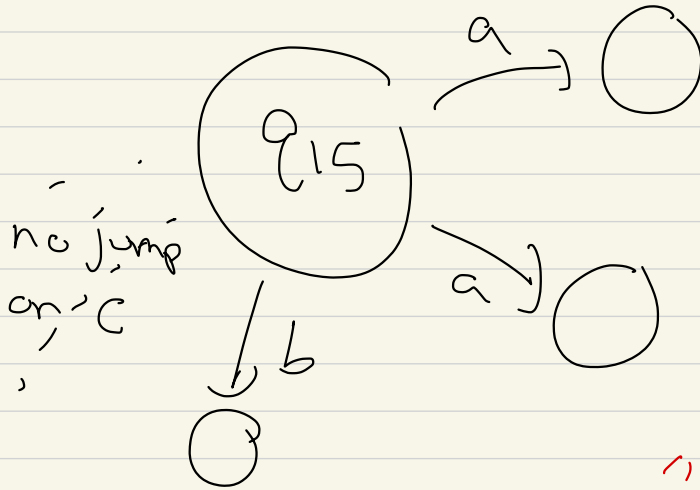
$$a^{95} \in L \quad ?$$

$$\notin L \quad ?$$

$L^* = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{words that are} \\ \text{concatenations of} \\ (a^9)'s \quad (a^{13})'s \end{array} \right\}$

Say that

(1) we can jump to more than one place on a given symbol, or to places

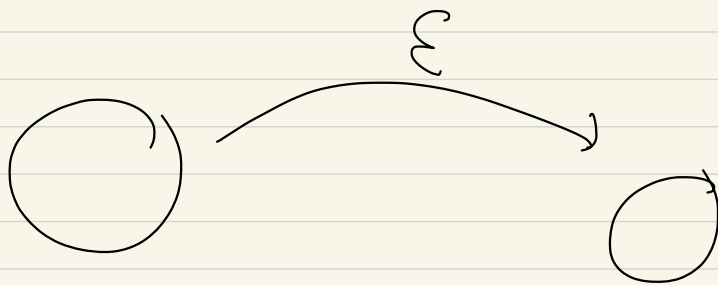


"non-determinism"

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

② also we have an

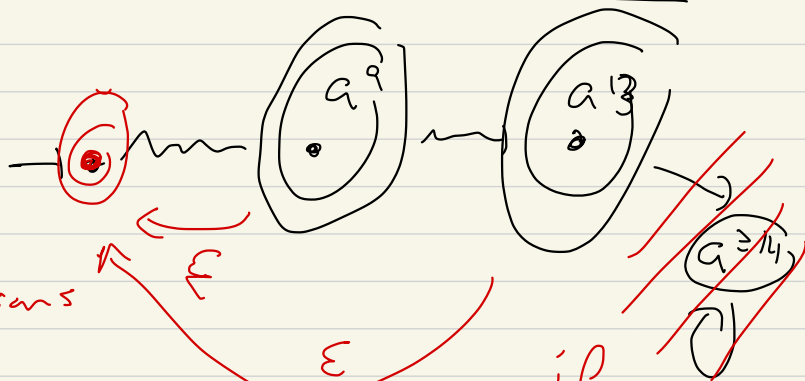
ϵ -jump



meaning you reading anything

So

L :



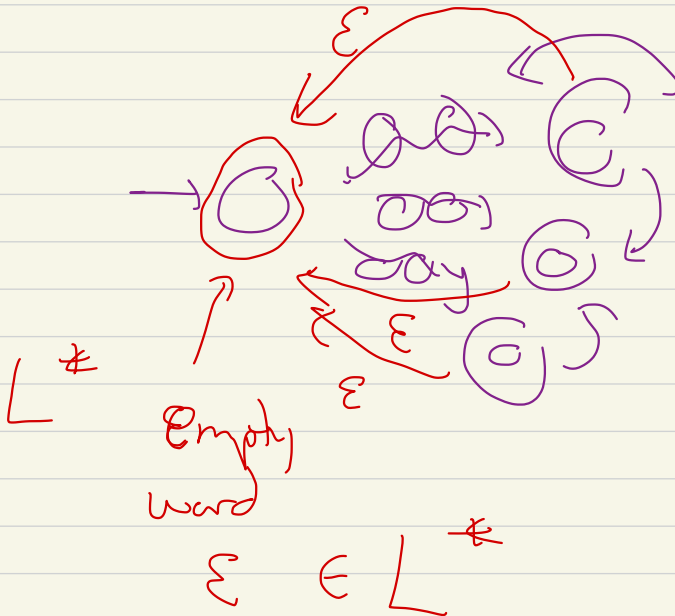
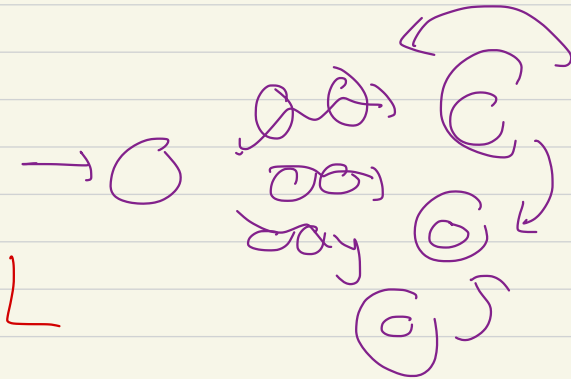
New conventions

L^*

if we want

More generally:

if L has DFA:

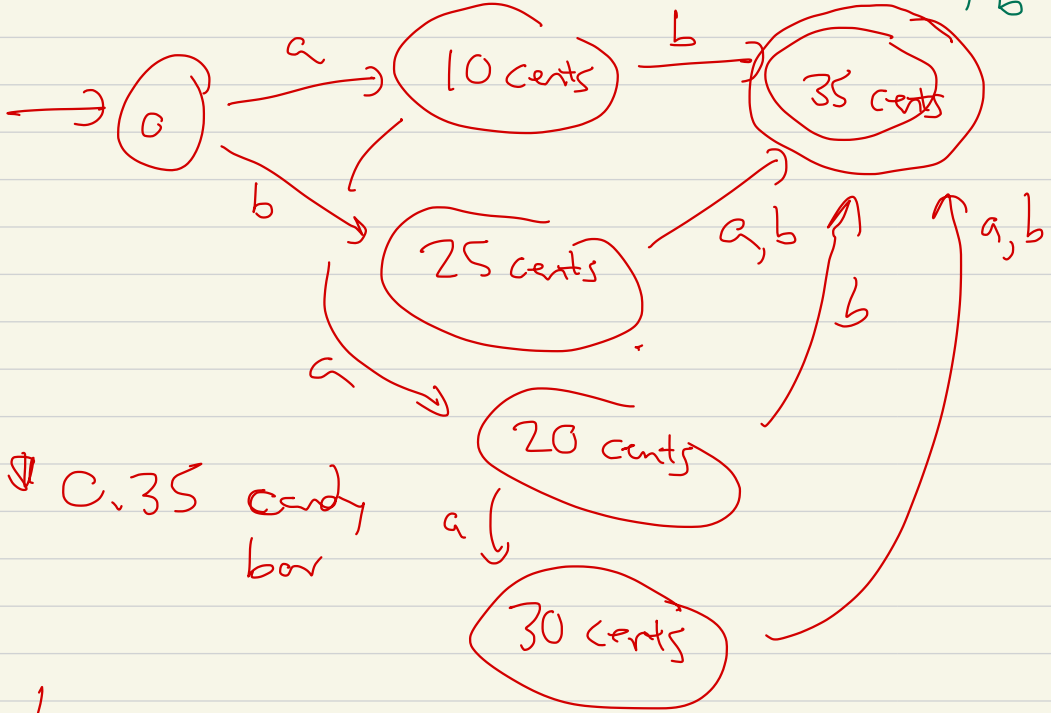


Example 2: Vending Machine

Input coins \$0.10 = a

\$0.25 = b

reject
what happens?
a ↑
b ↑



\$0.35 candy box

L

$L^* = \{ \text{words in } \{a, b\} \text{ above} \}$

where machine is not

asking for more money,

i.e. showing 0 cents } 