

# Regular Expressions and DFAs

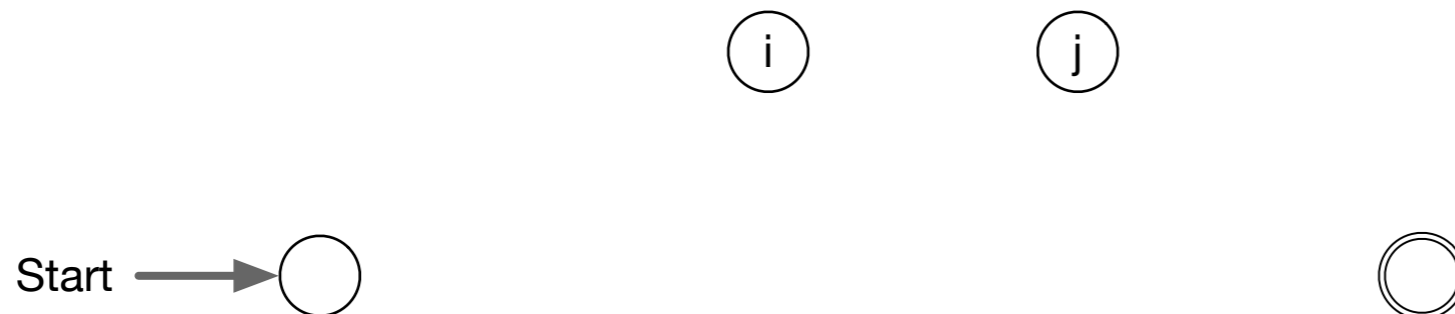
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# Regular Expressions and Deterministic Finite Automata

- Now, we need to show that every language accepted by a deterministic finite automaton is regular.
  - Given a DFA  $M = (\{q_1, \dots, q_n\}, \Sigma, \delta, q_1, F)$
  - Define  $R_{i,j}^k$  as Set of strings that go from State  $i$  to State  $j$  without going through any state numbered higher than  $k$ 
    - We can define  $R_{i,j}^k$  by recursion, as we will show
      - $R_{i,i}^0 = \{a \mid \delta(q_i, a) = q_i\} \cup \{\epsilon\}$
      - $R_{i,j}^0 = \{a \mid \delta(q_i, a) = q_j\}$  if  $i \neq j$
      - $R_{i,j}^k = R_{i,j}^{k-1} + R_{i,k}^{k-1} \cdot \left(R_{k,k}^{k-1}\right)^+ \cdot R_{k,j}^{k-1}$

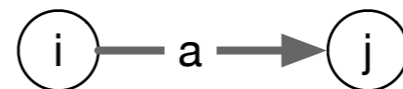
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  - Proof by induction on  $k$ 
    - Base:  $k = 0$ 
      - First case  $i \neq j$ :
        - $R_{i,j}^0$  is the set of strings accepted by going from State  $i$  to State  $j$  without going through any other State
        - If there is no transition:  $R_{i,j}^0 = \emptyset$ .



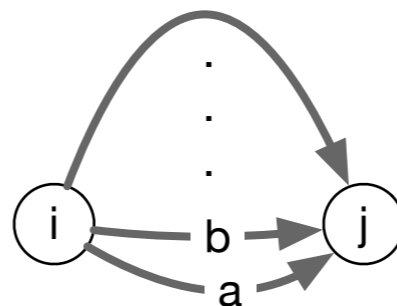
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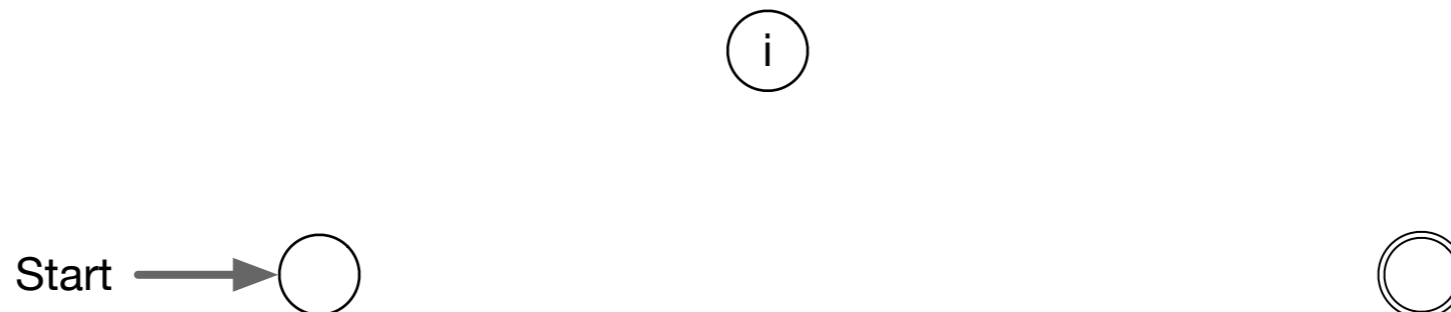
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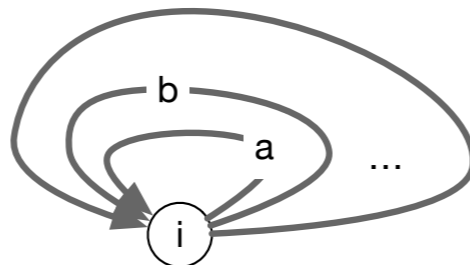
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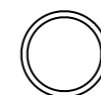
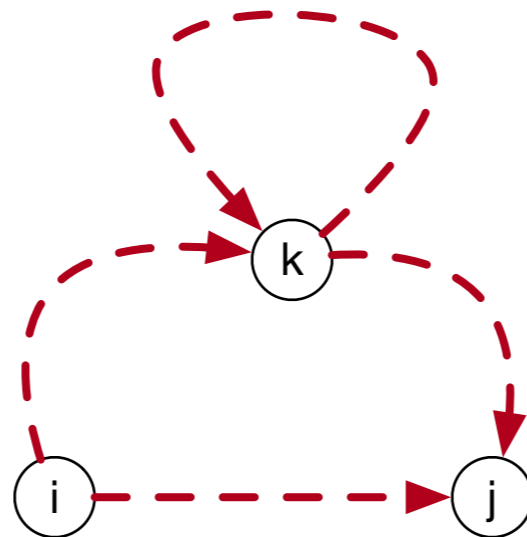
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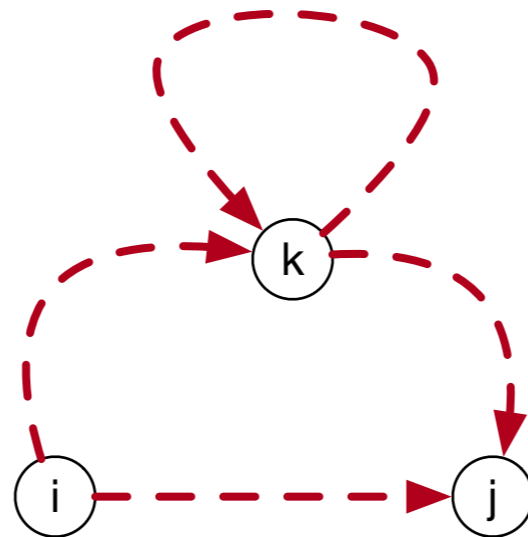
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  - Induction step:  $k \rightarrow k+1$ 
    - How can we get from State  $i$  to State  $j$





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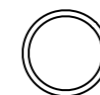
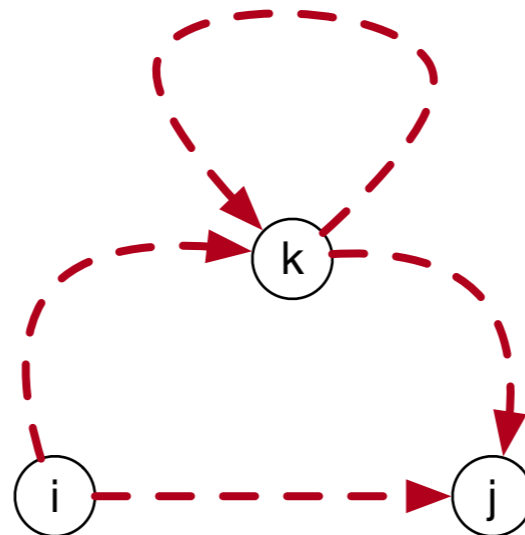
- How can we get from State  $i$  to State  $j$  ?



- Can go without touching  $k$
- Can go to  $k$  without touching  $k$ , then zero, once, or many times from  $k$  to  $k$  without touching  $k$  in between, followed by going from  $k$  to  $j$  without touching  $k$

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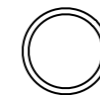
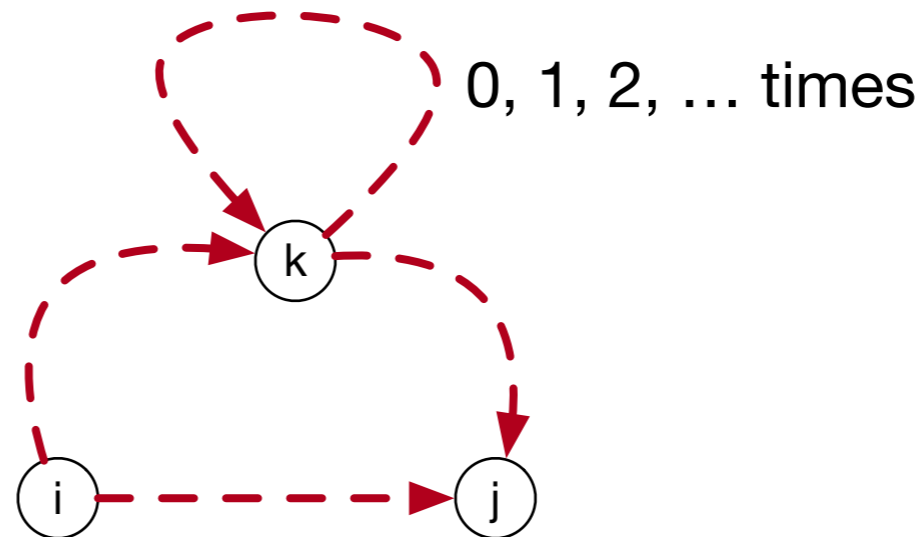


- We read off:

$$R_{i,j}^k = R_{i,j}^{k-1} + R_{i,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,j}^{k-1} + R_{i,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,j}^{k-1} + R_{i,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,k}^{k-1} \cdot R_{k,j}^{k-1} + \dots$$

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- $$R_{i,j}^k = R_{i,j}^{k-1} + R_{i,k}^{k-1} \cdot (R_{k,k}^{k-1})^* \cdot R_{k,j}^{k-1}$$

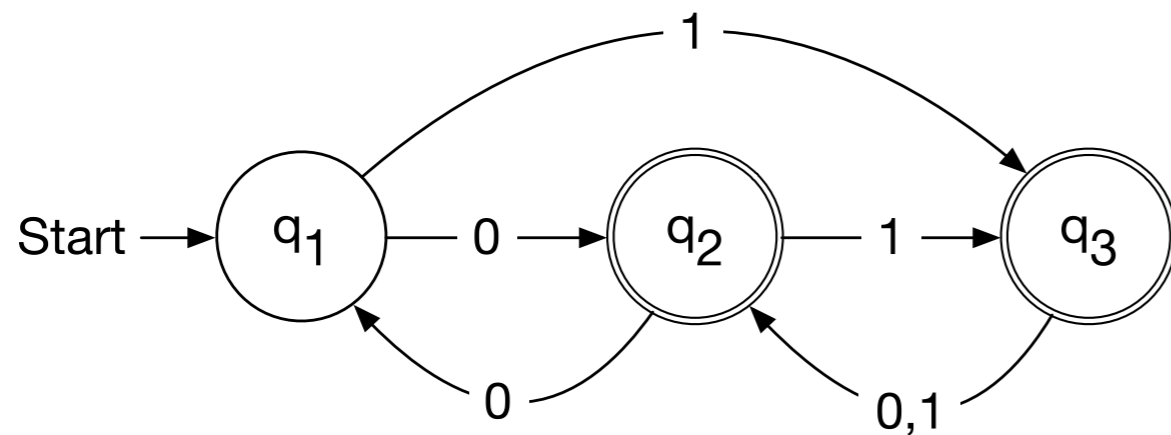
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- It follows that the language accepted by a DFA is regular:
  - A string is accepted if it moves from the initial state to a final state

$$\mathcal{L}(M) = \cup_{q_j \in \mathcal{F}} R_{1,j}^{n+1} = \sum_{q_j \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{r}_{1,j}^{n+1}$$

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- Example:



$$r_{1,1}^1 = \epsilon$$

$$r_{1,2}^1 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$r_{1,3}^0 = \mathbf{1}$$

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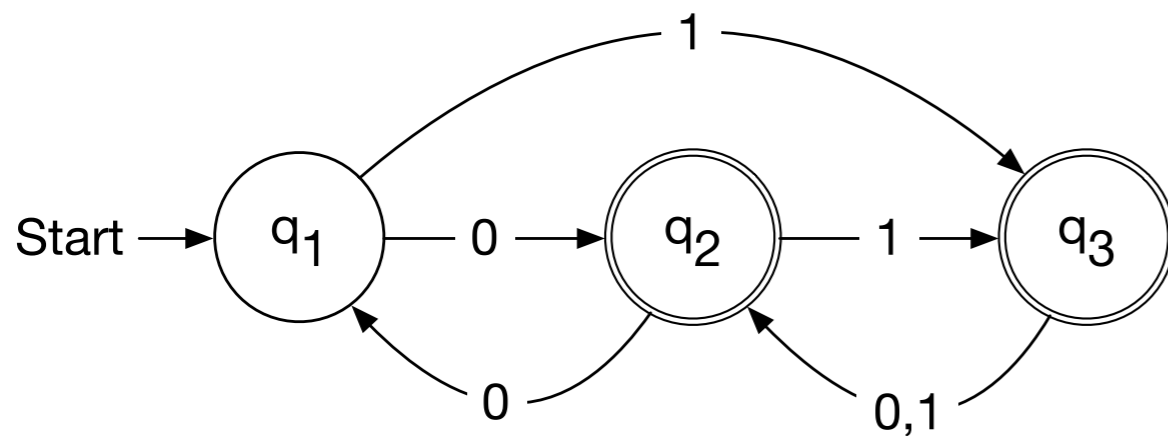
$$r_{3,1}^1 = \emptyset$$

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- Example:



$$r_{1,1}^2 = \epsilon$$

$$r_{1,2}^1 = \mathbf{0}$$

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$$r_{2,1}^2 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$r_{2,2}^2 = \epsilon + \mathbf{0}\epsilon^*\mathbf{0} = \epsilon + \mathbf{00}$$

$$r_{2,3}^2 = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}\epsilon^*\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{01}$$

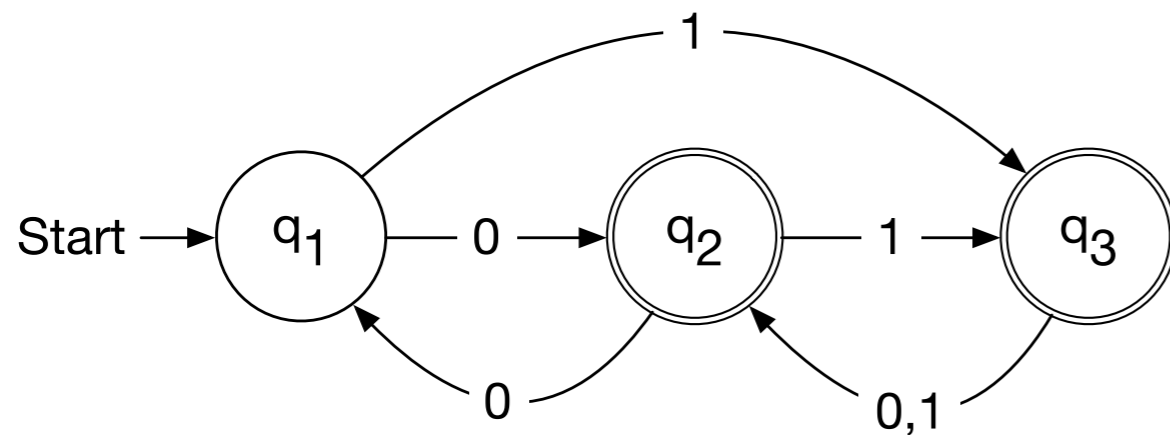
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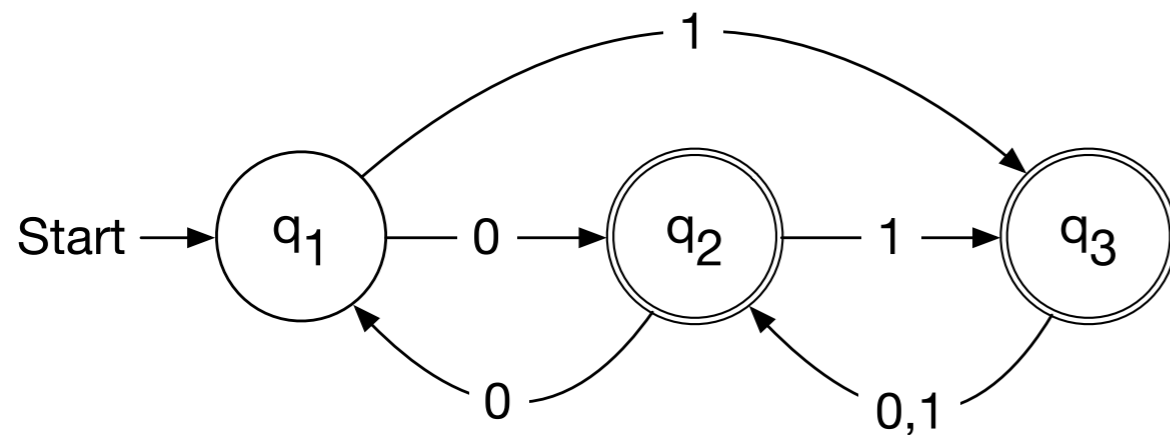
$$r_{1,1}^3 = r_{1,1}^2 + r_{1,2}^3 r_{2,2}^{3*} r_{2,1}^2 = \epsilon + \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{00})^* \mathbf{0} = \epsilon + \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{00})^* \mathbf{0} = \epsilon + (\mathbf{00})^* \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{00}^*$$

$$r_{1,2}^3 = r_{1,2}^2 + r_{1,2}^2 (r_{2,2}^2)^* r_{2,2}^2 = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{00})^* \epsilon = \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{00})^*$$

$$r_{1,3}^3 = r_{1,3}^2 + r_{1,2}^2 (r_{2,2}^2)^* r_{2,3}^2 = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}(\epsilon + \mathbf{00})^* \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0}(\mathbf{00})^* \mathbf{1}$$

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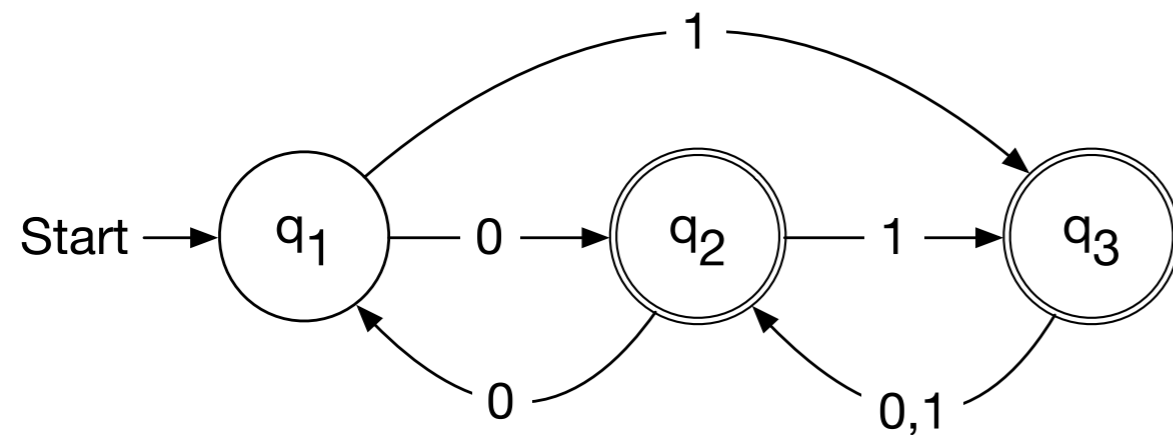


$$r_{2,1}^3 = r_{2,1}^2 + r_{2,2}^2(r_{2,2}^2)^*r_{2,1}^2 = \mathbf{0} + (\mathbf{00})^*(\mathbf{00})^*\mathbf{0} = (\mathbf{00})^*\mathbf{0}$$



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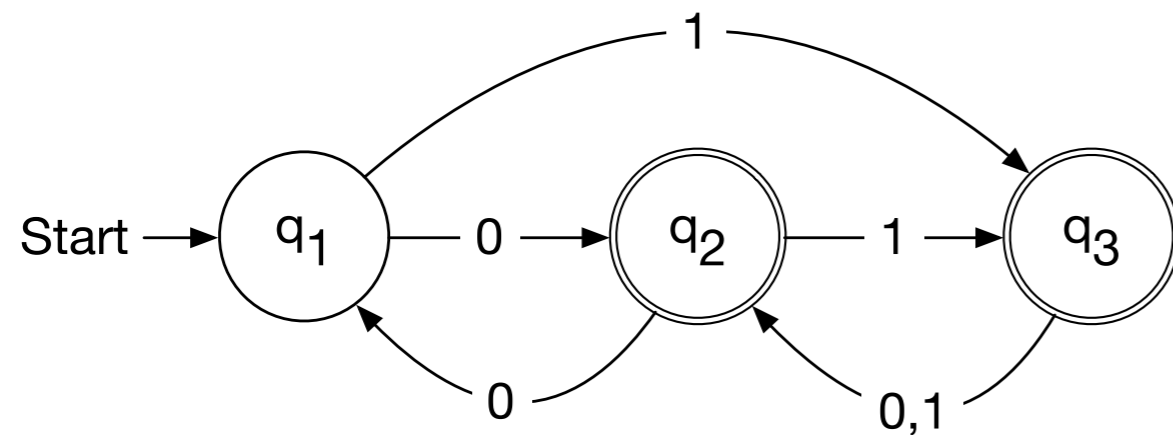
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$$r_{2,2}^3 = r_{2,2}^2 + r_{2,2}^2(r_{2,2}^2)^*r_{2,2}^2 = (00)^*$$

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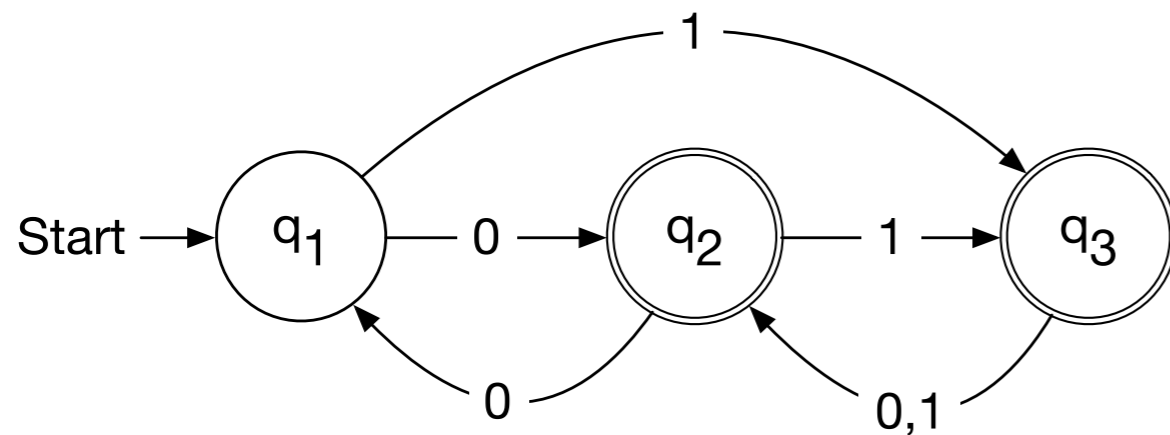
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$$r_{2,3}^3 = r_{2,3}^2 + r_{2,2}^2(r_{2,2}^2)^*r_{2,3}^2 = (1 + 01) + 00(00)^*(1 + 01) = 1 + 01 + (00)^+1 + (00)^+01$$

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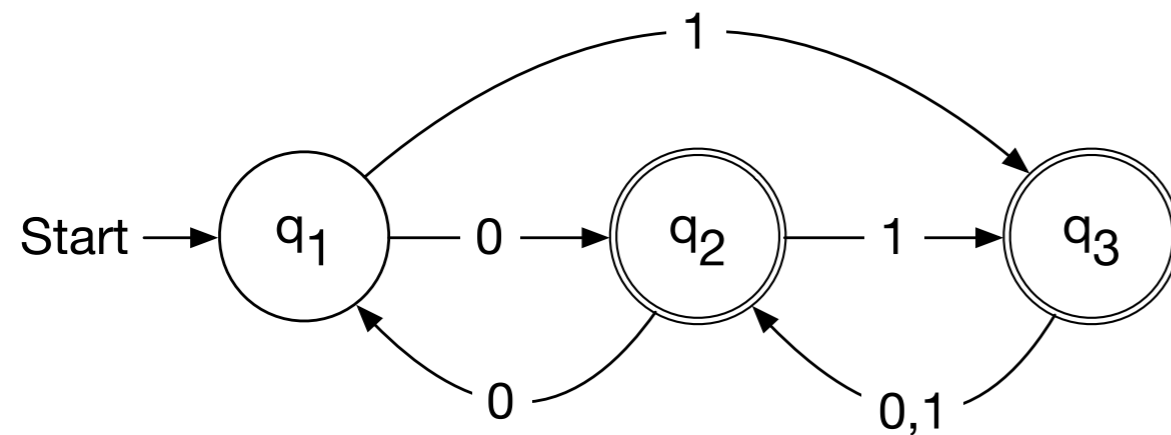
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$$r_{3,1}^3 = r_{3,1}^2 + r_{3,2}^2(r_{2,2}^2)^*r_{2,1}^2 = \emptyset + (\mathbf{0} + \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{00})^*\mathbf{0} = (\mathbf{00})^+ + \mathbf{1}(\mathbf{00})^*\mathbf{0}$$

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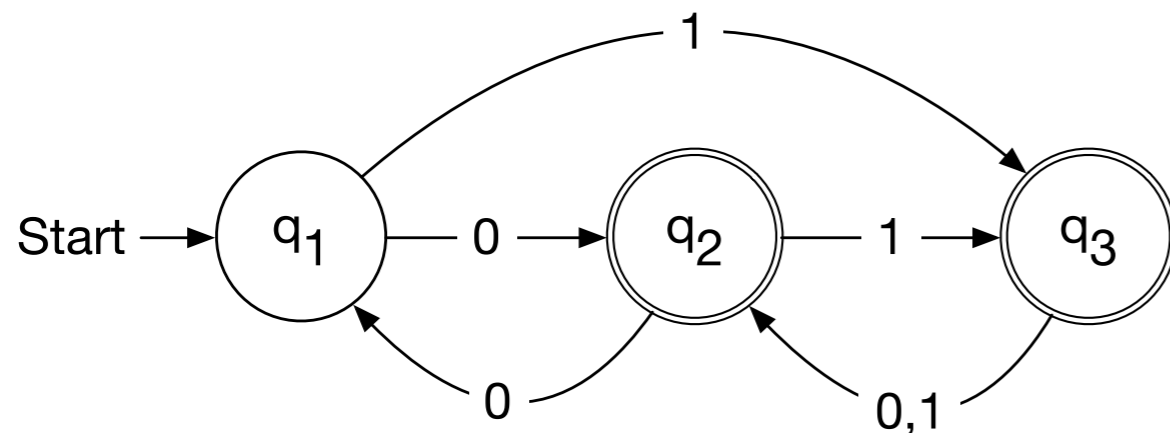
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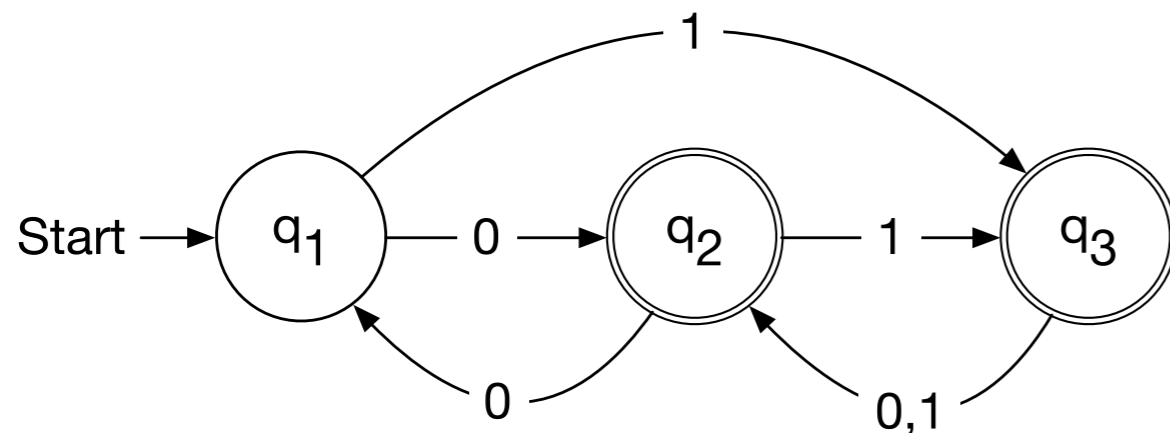
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 &= \epsilon + \mathbf{0(00)^*1 + 1(00)^*1 + 0(00)^*01 + 1(00)^*01} \\
 &= \epsilon + \mathbf{0(00)^*1 + 1(00)^*1 + (00)^+1 + 1(00)^*01}
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Example:



$$\mathcal{L}(M) = r_{1,2}^4 + r_{1,3}^4 = r_{1,2}^3 + r_{1,3}^3 (r_{3,3}^3)^* r_{3,2}^3 + r_{1,3}^3 + r_{1,3}^3 (r_{3,3}^3)^* r_{3,3}$$

$$= \mathbf{0(00)^*} + (\mathbf{1 + 0(00)^*1})(\epsilon + \mathbf{0(00)^*1} + \mathbf{1(00)^*1} + (\mathbf{00})^+ \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1(00)^*01})^* \mathbf{0(00)^*} + \mathbf{1(00)^*}$$

$$+ \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{0(00)^*1} + (\mathbf{1 + 0(00)^*1})(\epsilon + \mathbf{0(00)^*1} + \mathbf{1(00)^*1} + (\mathbf{00})^+ \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{1(00)^*01})^* \mathbf{0(00)^*} + \mathbf{1(00)^*}$$

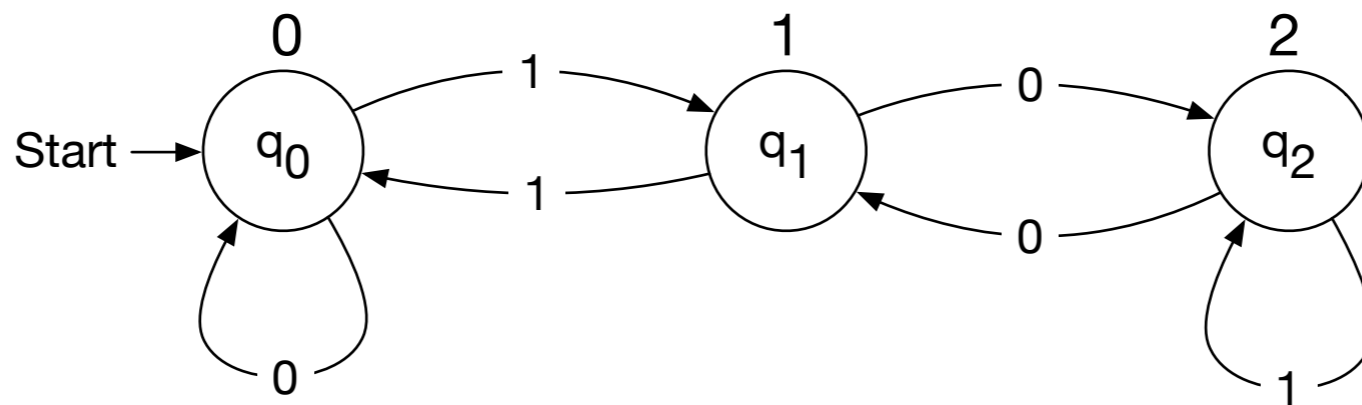
# Finite Automata with Output

- Moore machines
  - Whenever the machine is in state  $i$  it outputs a symbol depending on the state
  - Example:
    - A Moore machine that calculates the remainder modulo 3 of a binary number
    - To derive the formula, consider

$$\begin{aligned} a.x \pmod{3} &\equiv 2a + x \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv \left(2a \pmod{3}\right) + \left(x \pmod{3}\right) \\ &\equiv 2\left(a \pmod{3}\right) + \left(x \pmod{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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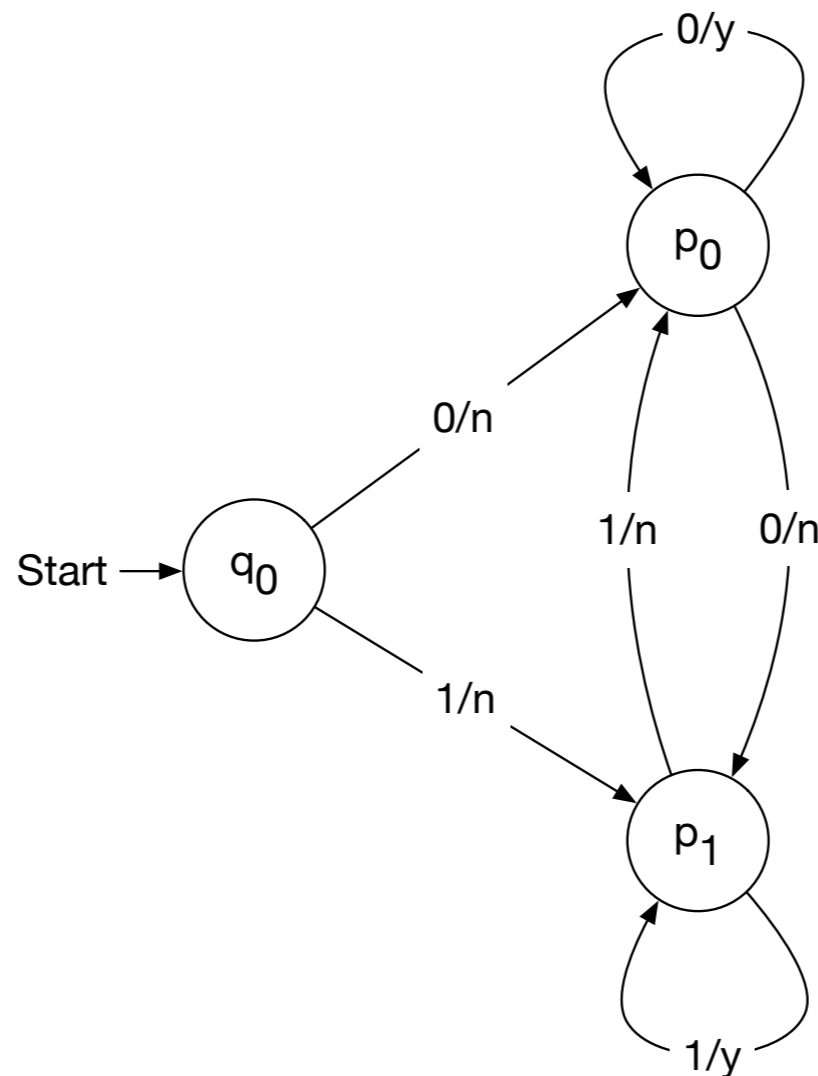
$a \pmod{3}$	$x \pmod{3}$	$a \cdot x \pmod{3}$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	2
1	1	0
2	0	1
2	1	2





# Finite Automata with Output

- Mealy Machines
  - Output depends on the current state and the transition



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- It can be shown that Mealy and Moore machines are equivalent