

# CSE322 Theory of Computation(L10)

Recap of last lecture

Quiz on next class on Regex

← Half(L) = {x : ∃ y, |x| = |y|, x, y ∈ L}

Today

Regular Expressions II

7(b)

# Kleene's Theorem

Regular language: Languages of Regexes

Thm: Regular languages are equivalent to DFA

Regex is not as powerful as Java

Regex is okay for verifying patterns ...

like C variable names, URLs ... (lexical an.)

Can Regex verify syntax of C programs?

Thm: If  $L$  is accepted by an NFA,  
then  $L$  is described by a regex.

(Proof uses GNFA -- coming up)

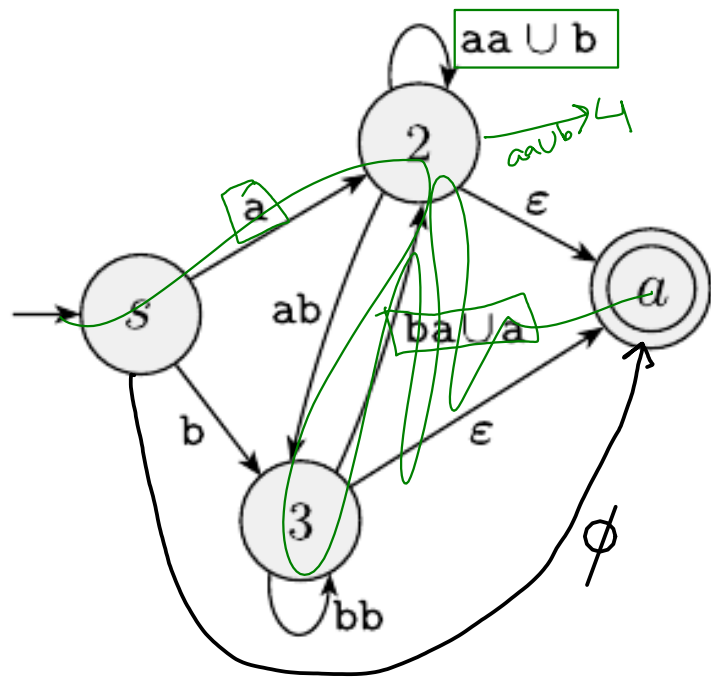
Corollary:

Regular expression = DFA = NFA

# Generalized NFA (GNFA)

\* arcs between states are labeled with regex

\* input read by multiple alphabets at a time



$2 \rightarrow 3$   
 $\delta(2, (ab)^*) = 3$

Is ababababε accepted?

$s \rightarrow 223223 @$

	s	2	3	a
s	x	a	b	ϕ
2	x	aa ∪ b	ab	ε
3	x	ba ∪ a	bb	ε
a	x	x	x	x

~~Convention (easy to satisfy)~~

1. Unique start state with no incoming  $\leftarrow$
2. Unique accept state with no outgoing  $\rightarrow$   
 $q, q'$       $q \rightarrow q'$  except when  $q=q_f$ , or  $q'=q_a$
3.  $\rightarrow$  between every other pair, incl. self-loops

# GNFA Formalization

GNFA is described by  $(Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, q_f)$

\* set of states  $Q$

\* set of input alphabets  $\Sigma$

\* start state  $q_0 \in Q$

\* final state  $q_f \in Q$

\* transition function  $\delta: (Q - \{q_f\} \times Q - \{q_0\}) \rightarrow R$  : set of all possible regular expression



(there is a Regex between every source and dest. states)

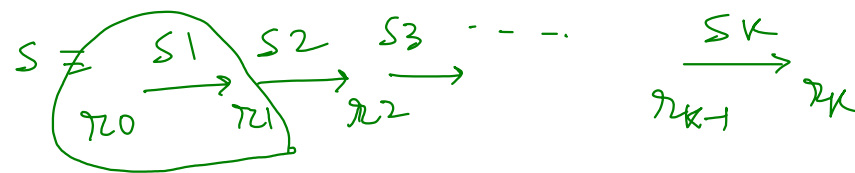
GNFA accepts  $s \in \Sigma^*$  if  $s = s_1 \dots s_k$  and there exists a seq. of states  $r_0 \dots r_k$

1.  $s_i \in \Sigma^*$

2.  $r_0 = q_0$

3.  $r_k = q_f$

4. for all  $i=1 \dots k$   $s_i \in L(\delta(r_{i-1}, r_i))$   $s_i$  matches  $\delta(r_{i-1}, r_i)$

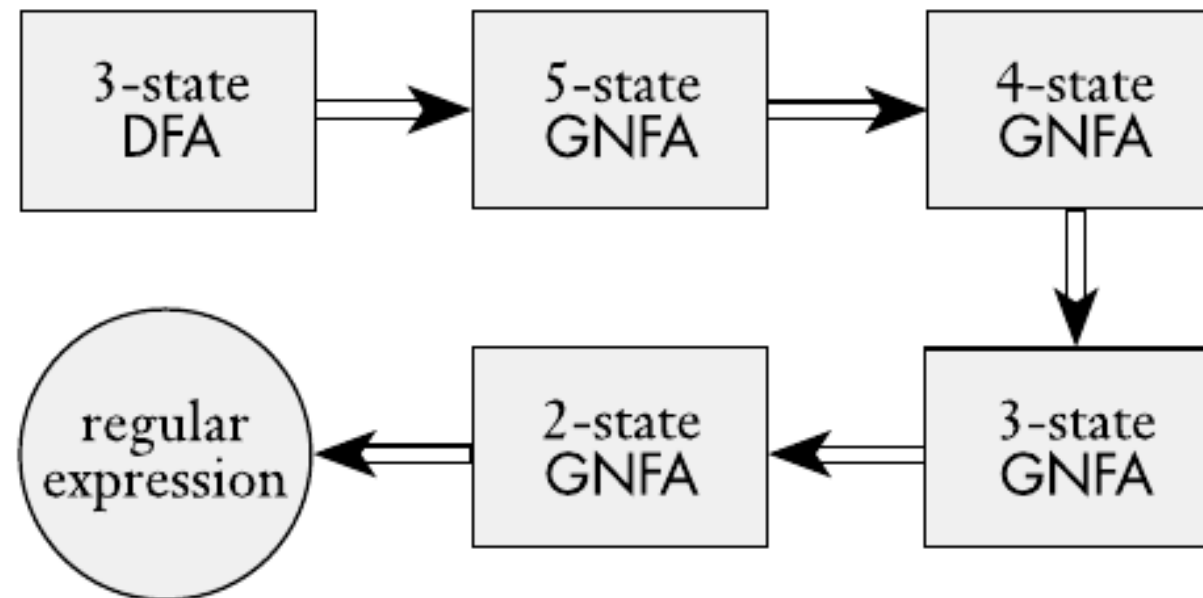


Proof of theorem:

1. DFA/NFA  $\rightarrow$  GNFA

2. GNFA  $\rightarrow$  Reduced GNFA

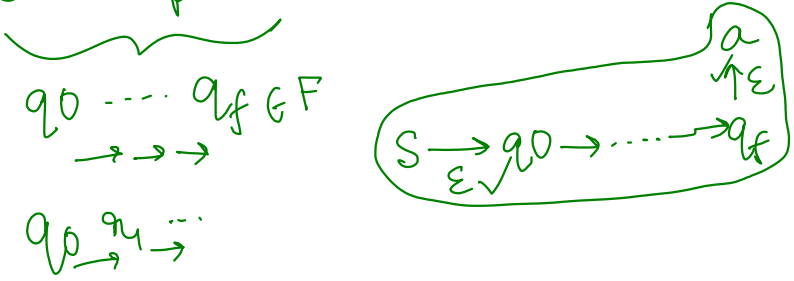
3. Reduced GNFA  $\rightarrow$  Regex



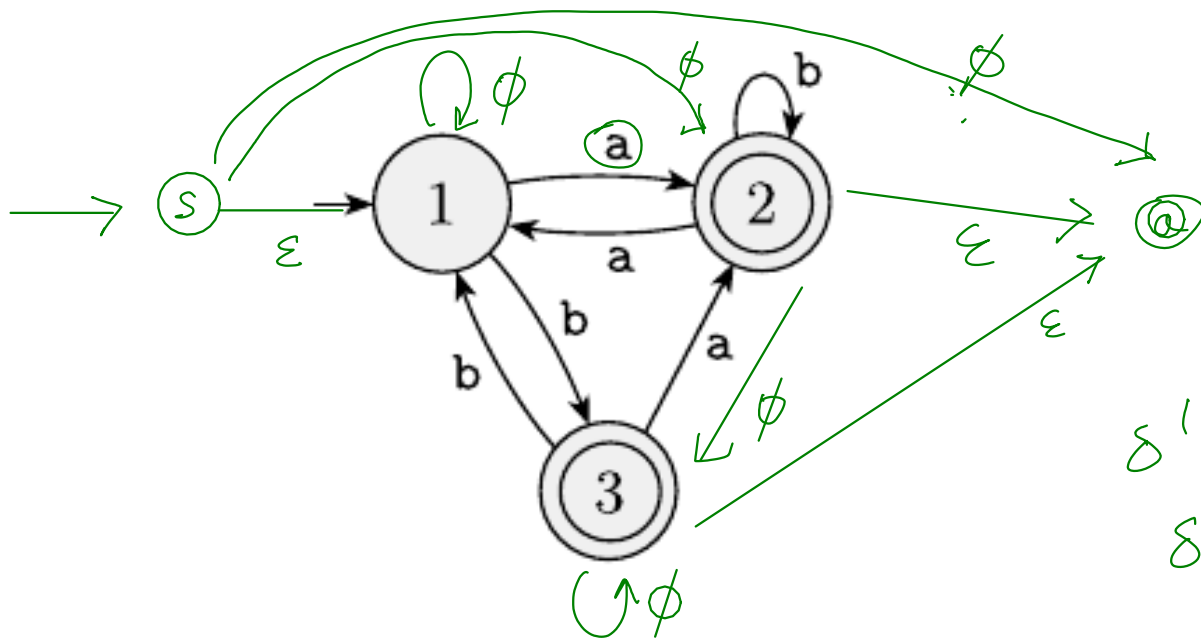
# DFA/NFA $\rightarrow$ GNFA

Given FA  $N$ ,  $L = L(N)$ ...

if  $D$  accepts  $w$ , then  $N$  accepts  $w$ .



1. Add unique start and end states:



DFA  $D = \langle Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$

GNFA  $N = \langle Q \cup \{s\} \cup \{a\}, \Sigma, \delta', s, a \rangle$

$\delta'(p, a) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if unique} \\ \delta(p, a) = q & \text{if } p, q \in Q \\ \phi & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$   
 $\delta: p \xrightarrow{a} q$

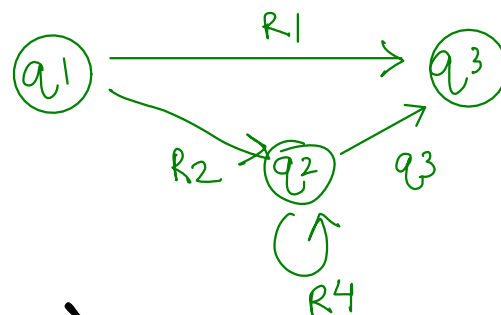
$\delta'(1, 2) = a$   
 $\delta'(s, 2) = \phi$

$\bigcup_{a \in A} a$  if  $A = \{a : \delta(p, a) = q\}$   
 "a U b U c"

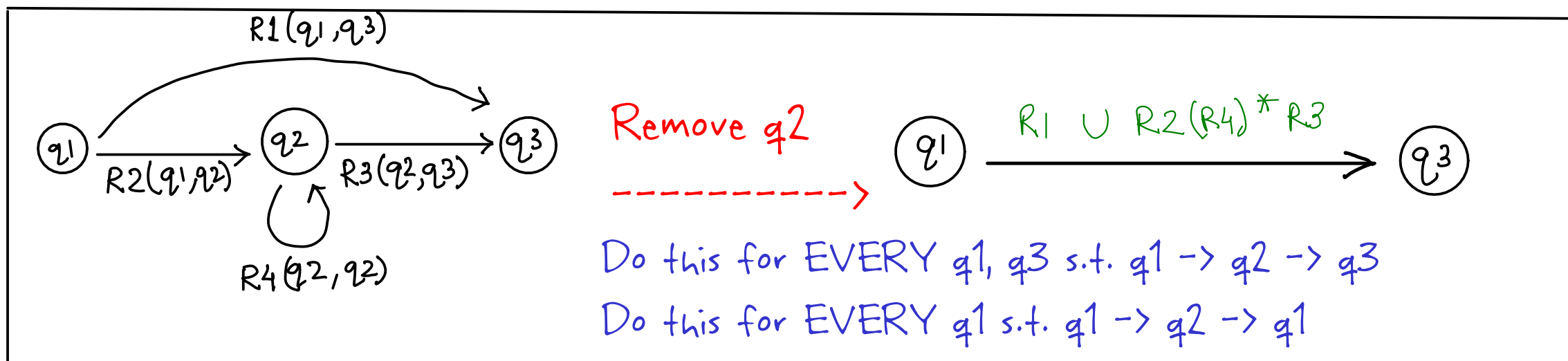
To prove:  $L(N) = L(D)$

Extend to other states

# Reduce GNFA



2. Remove any (non-terminal) state by modifying regexes on affected arcs, in an iterative manner





while (#states > 2):

q ← some intermediate state

// remove q

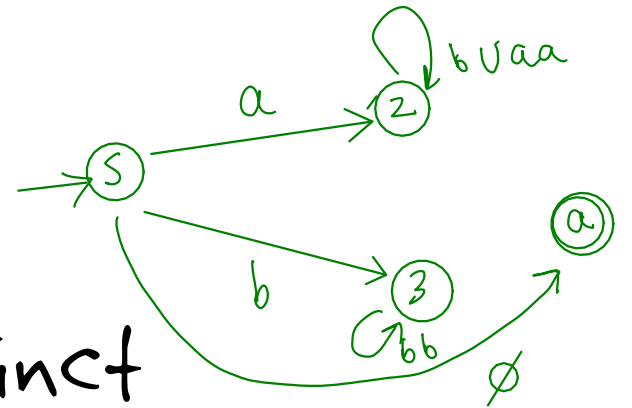
for every ordered pair (q<sub>i</sub>, q<sub>j</sub>):

// q<sub>i</sub> q<sub>j</sub> need not be distinct

// q<sub>i</sub> cannot be final state

// q<sub>j</sub> cannot be start state

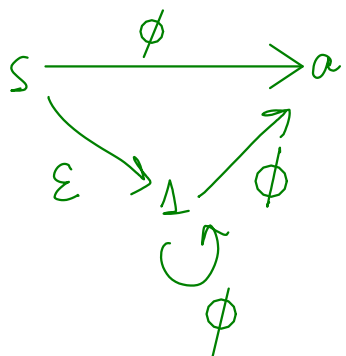
create regex for q<sub>i</sub> → q<sub>j</sub> by bypassing q



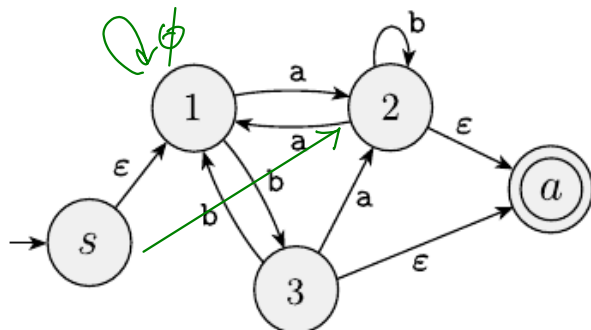
$R\phi = \phi$

$\phi \cup \phi = \phi$

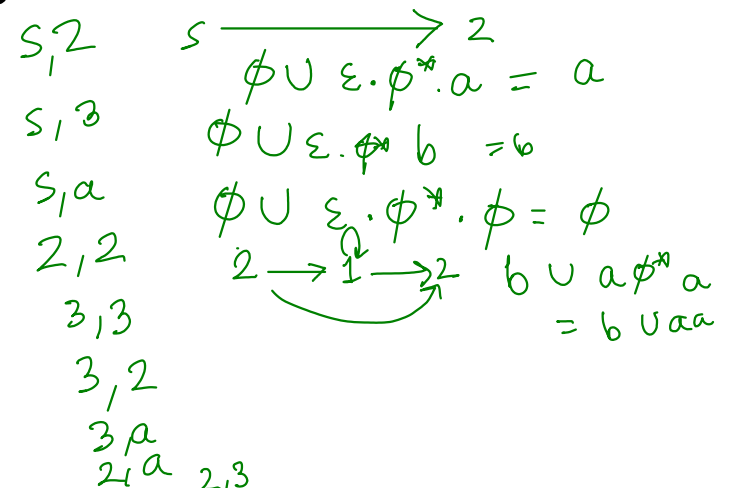
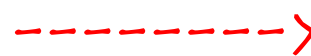
$\phi^* = \{\epsilon\}$



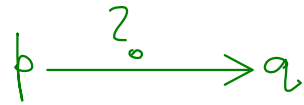
$\phi \cup \epsilon \cdot \phi^* \cdot \phi = \phi$   
 $s \xrightarrow{\phi} a$



Remove 1



$G = \langle Q, S, d, q_0, q_f \rangle \rightarrow G' = \langle Q', S, d', q_0' = q_0, q_f' = q_f \rangle$  in which  $q_m$  is removed  
 $= Q - \{q_m\}$



$\delta'(p, a) = \delta(p, a) \cup \delta(p, q_m) \cdot \delta(q_m, q_m)^* \cdot \delta(q_m, q)$

Prove that  $L(G) = L(G')$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $G$  accepts  $w$  then  $G'$  accepts  $w$ .

Read from Sipser

$\Leftarrow$  If  $G'$  accepts  $w$  then  $G$  accepts  $w$ .

# GNFA $\rightarrow$ Regex

3. Stop when 2 terminal states are left.

Return regex on arc between them.



Lemma: Suppose  $R$  is the final regex left.

Then,  $L(N) = L(R)$ .

# Identifying C comments

Design NFA to identify valid multiline comments?

```
/* I am a simple but  
 * three-line/3-line  
 * *long* **multi-line**  
 * comment  
 */
```

What is a lexer?

See <http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/~pjj/cs211/flexdoc.html>

# Homomorphism

$$X = \{a, b\} \quad Y = \{1, 0, 2\}$$

$$f(a) = 102$$

$$f(b) = 222$$

concatenation respecting function

$$f(aabb) = 102102222222$$

Consider alphabets  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Let  $f()$  be a homomorphism from strings over  $X$  to strings over  $Y$ .

$f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$  for any strings  $x, y$  over  $X$ .

Show that,

1.  $f(e) = e$

If  $f(e) = y$  over  $Y$ , then  $y = f(e) = f(ee) = f(e)f(e) = yy$ .

2. If  $L$  over  $X$  is regular, then  $f(L)$  is regular.

$$R = (0U1)^*001(0U1)^*, \quad f(0) = ab, \quad f(1) = bc$$

$$\therefore f(R) = (ab \cup bc)^* ababbc (ab \cup bc)^* = R' \text{ is a regex}$$

How to prove this fact?

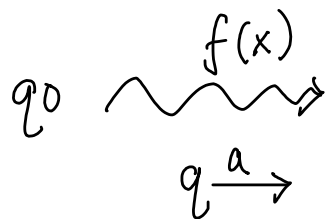
$$L(R') = f(L)$$

Tut.

4. If  $L$  over  $Y$  is regular,  $\rightarrow f^{-1}(L) = L'$   
then  $\{x \text{ over } X : f(x) \text{ in } L\}$  is regular.

$x \in f^{-1}(L)$  iff  $f(x) \in L$

Tut



$$X = \{a, b\}$$

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

$$f(a) = 01$$

$$f(b) = 10$$