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$$V \rightarrow T^* V \text{ or}$$

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We can have only one variable-symbol on the left-hand side and on the right-hand side, we have at most one variable, and this is at the far right.

- **Left-Linear Grammar**

A grammar is **left-linear**, if all productions have one of the two forms:

$$V \rightarrow V T^* \text{ or}$$

$$V \rightarrow T^*$$

We can have only one variable-symbol on the left-hand side and on the right-hand side, we have at most one variable, and this is at the far left.

- **Regular Grammar**

A grammar is **regular**, if it is either right-linear or left-linear.

This means, all productions in the grammar have to be completely left-linear or completely right-linear but not mixed left-linear and right-linear.

- **Linear Grammar**

Grammars, in which each rule is in right-linear or left-linear form, i.e. left-linear and right-linear rules can be mixed, is called **linear**.

Linear grammars are a more general class of grammars than regular grammars.

**Example 1 :** The grammar with the following productions:

$$S \rightarrow a X$$

$$X \rightarrow S b$$

$$S \rightarrow \lambda$$

is linear but neither right-linear nor left-linear, and thus not a regular grammar.

**Which language does this grammar describe? H.W**

**Example 2 :** What languages do the following grammars generate? H.W

$G_1 = (V, T, P_1, S)$  with  $V = \{A, B\}$   $T = \{a, b\}$  and Productions  $P_1$  :

$$S \rightarrow A \mid B$$

$$A \rightarrow a A \mid a$$

$$B \rightarrow b B \mid b$$

$G_2 = (V, T, P_2, S)$  with  $V, T$  as above and Productions  $P_2$  :

$$S \rightarrow A$$

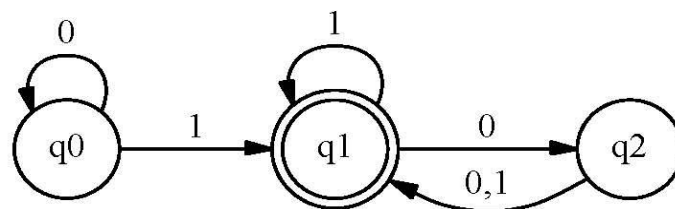
$$A \rightarrow a A \mid B \mid \lambda$$

$$B \rightarrow b B \mid \lambda$$

## Finite State Automata

### 3 How to Read State Diagrams

The following figure depicts a finite state automaton called  $M_1$ :



- $M_1$  has three STATES, labeled  $q_0$ ,  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$ .
- The START STATE is  $q_0$ .
- The FINAL STATE (or ACCEPT STATE) is the one with a double circle,  $q_1$ .
- The arrows going from one state to another are called TRANSITIONS.
- When this automaton receives an input string, it processes each symbol in the string from left to right, and produces an output. The output is either ACCEPT or REJECT. The processing begins in the machine's start state, and after reading each symbol, it moves from one state to another along the transition that has the symbol as its label. When the machine reads the last symbol, the output is ACCEPT if the machine is in a final (accept) state, and REJECT if it is not.

When we feed the input string 1101 to machine  $M_1$ :

1. start in state  $q_0$ ;
2. read 1, follow transition from  $q_0$  to  $q_1$ ;
3. read 1, follow transition from  $q_1$  to  $q_1$ ;
4. read 0, follow transition from  $q_1$  to  $q_2$ ;
5. read 1, follow transition from  $q_2$  to  $q_1$ ;
6. *accept* because  $M_1$  is in an accept state  $q_1$  at the end of the input.

- Question:

Which of the following strings are accepted by the machine  $M_1$ ?

- a. 1
- b. 01
- c. 101000
- d. 11
- e. 0101010101
- f. 10
- g. 0101000000
- h. 100
- i. 0
- j. 0100
- k. 110000
- l. 111010100000

#### 4 Deterministic vs. Non-Deterministic FSA

- In an deterministic FSA, all moves are always uniquely determined. That is, at any state  $q$ , you can choose any item from the alphabet and it will take you to exactly one state  $q'$ .
- In a non-deterministic FSA, not all moves are uniquely determined. That is, at some state  $q$ , some alphabet item may not send you to any state at all, or it may send you to more than one state.

#### 5 Formal Definition of a Deterministic Finite State Automaton

- Definition 1.1

A finite state automaton is a 5-tuple  $\langle Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ , where:

1.  $Q$  is a finite set of states;
2.  $\Sigma$  is a finite set called the alphabet;
3.  $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q$  is the transition function;
4.  $q_0 \in Q$  is the start state;
5.  $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of accept states.

- Questions:

Can finite state machines have more than one accept states?

Can they have zero number of accept states?

Given the definition 1.1 of deterministic FSA, must there be exactly one transition arrow exiting every state for each possible input symbol?

- We can describe  $M_1$  formally by writing  $M_1 = \langle Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ , where

1.  $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$ ;

2.  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ;

3.  $\delta$  is defined as

	0	1
q0	q0	q1
q1	q2	q1
q2	q1	q1

4.  $q_0$  is the start state;

5.  $F = \{q_1\}$ .

- Question

Given the formal description of finite state automaton  $M_2$  below, draw a corresponding state diagram for  $M_2$ .

$M_2 = \langle Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F \rangle$ , where

1.  $Q = \{q_0, q_1\}$ ;

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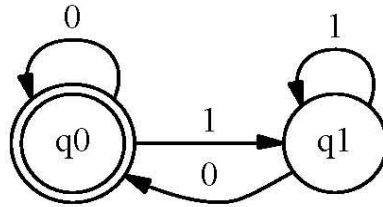
5.  $F = \{q_1\}$ .

Which of the following strings are accepted by  $M_2$ ?

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 00
- d. 11111
- e. 1000000
- f. 1010011
- g.  $\epsilon$

• Question

Consider the state diagram for finite state automaton  $M_3$ , and give a formal description of  $M_3$ .



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2.  $\Sigma =$
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	0	1
q0		
q1		

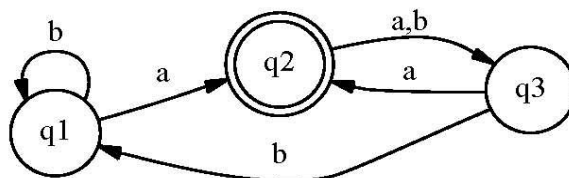
4. The start state is
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Which of the following strings are accepted by  $M_3$ ?

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• Question for RECITATION

Consider the state diagram for finite state automaton  $M_4$ , and give a formal description of  $M_4$ .



Which of the following strings does  $M_4$  accept?

- a. aabb
- b. abaab
- c. bbbba
- d. baaba
- e. aabaa
- f.  $\epsilon$
- g. ba
- h. a
- i. aaaaa
- j. abaa

