

# Deterministic Finite Automata (DFA)

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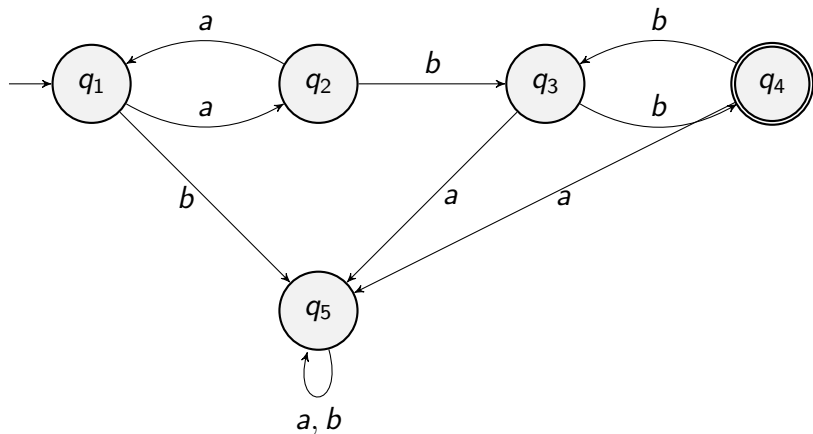
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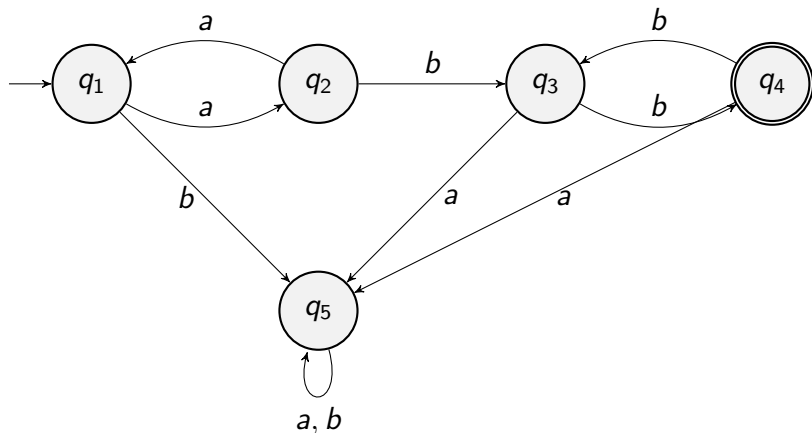
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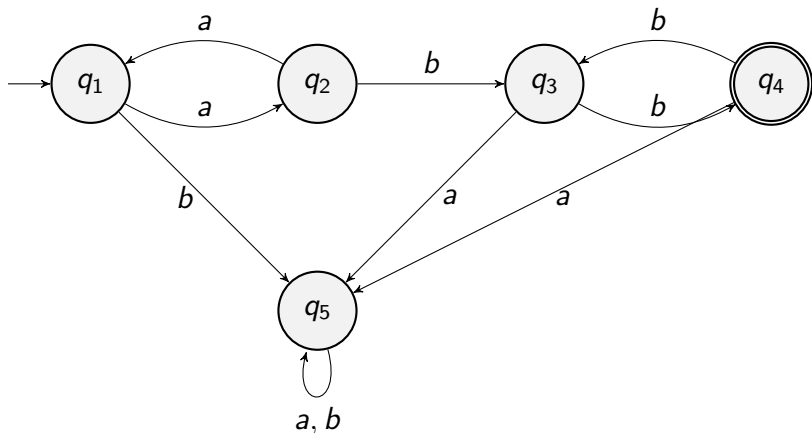


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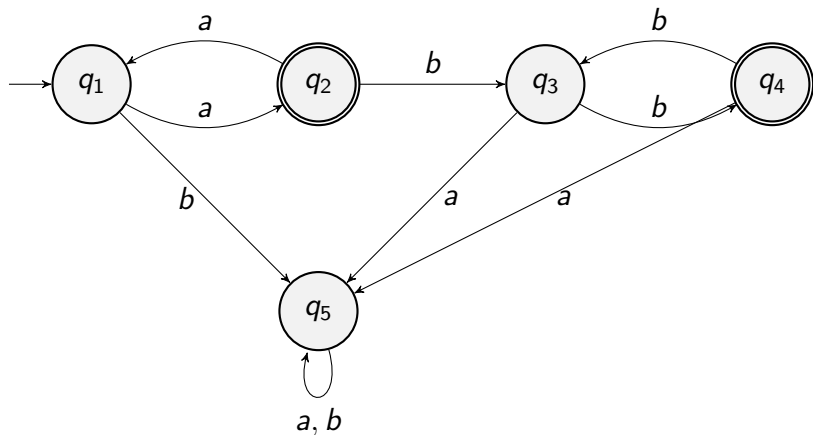


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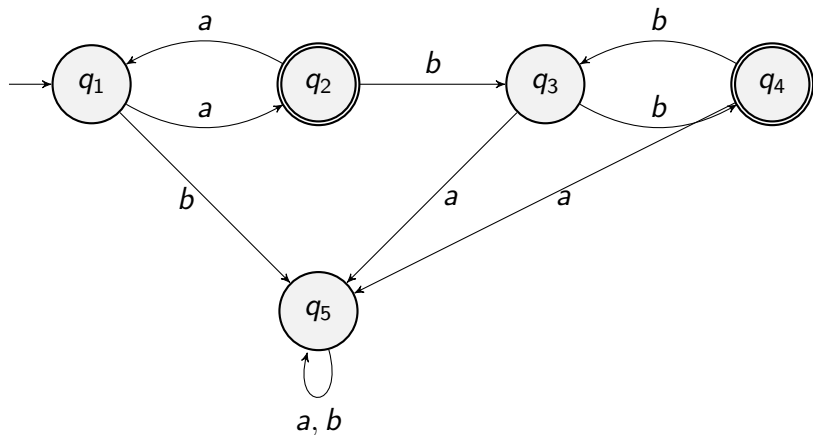
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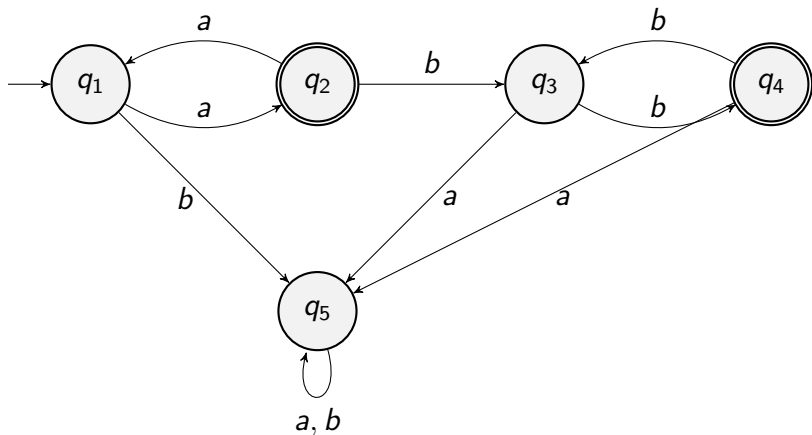


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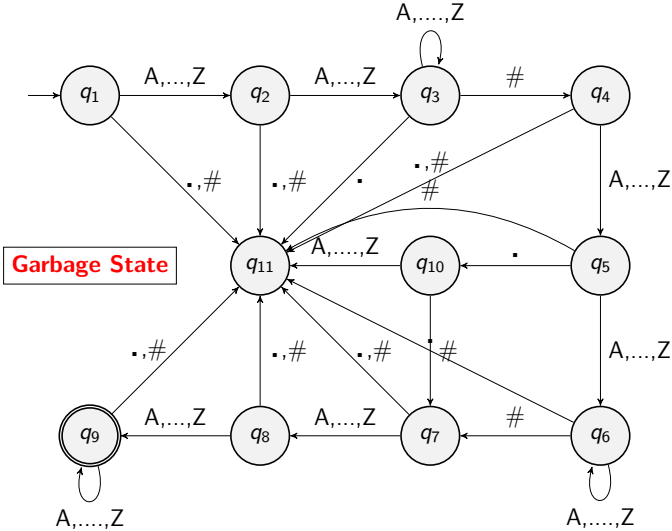








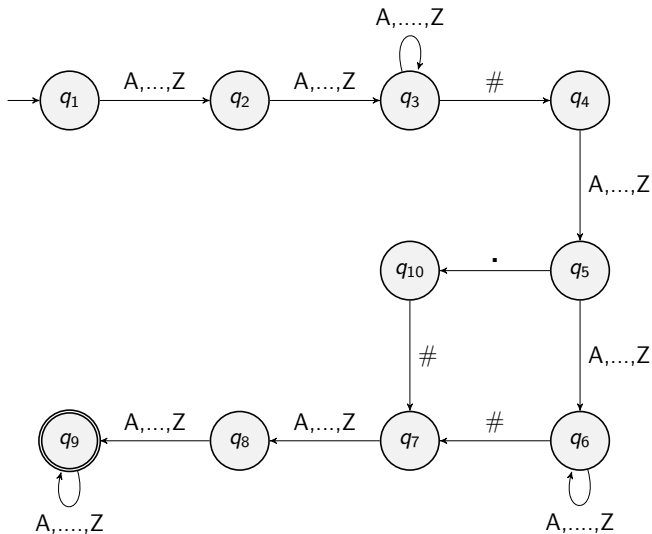
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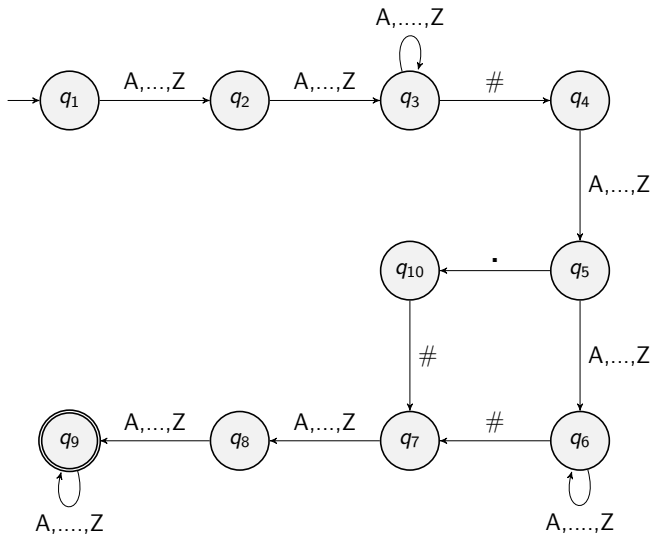
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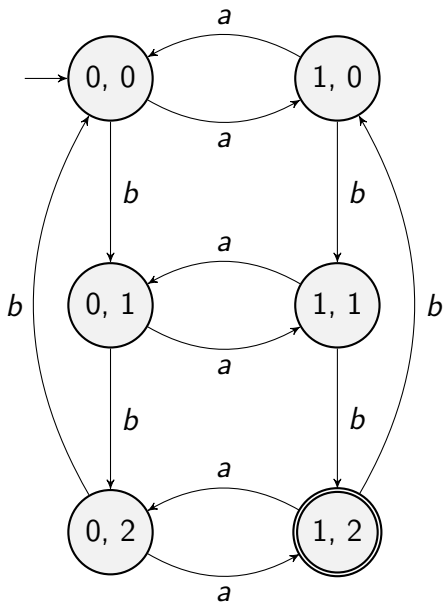
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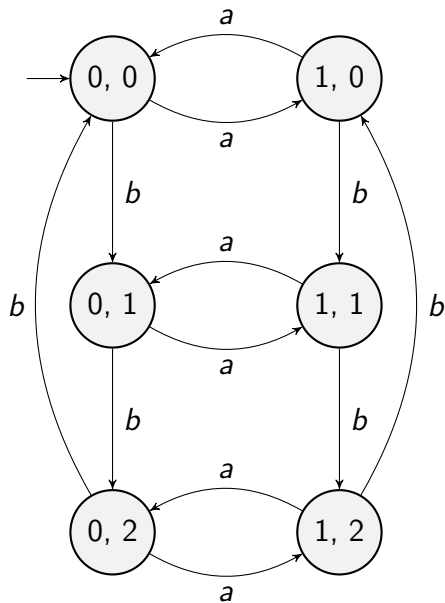
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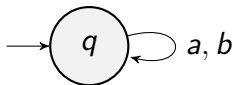
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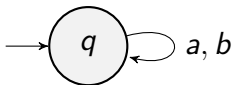


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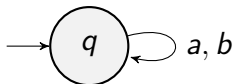
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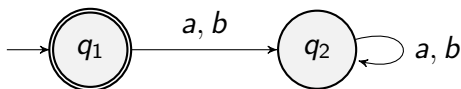
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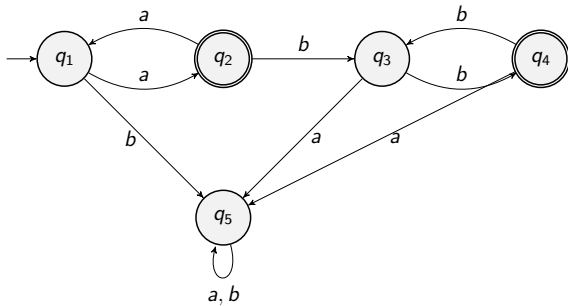
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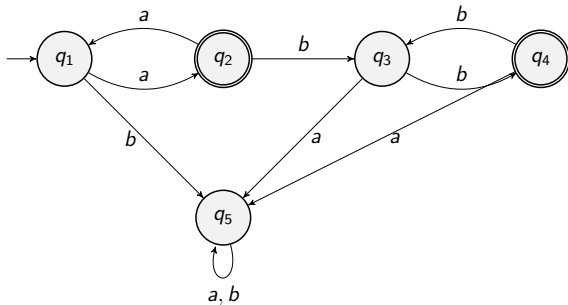
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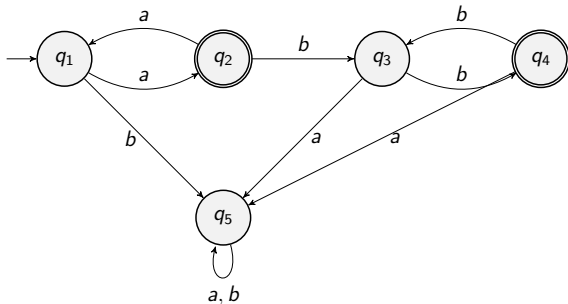


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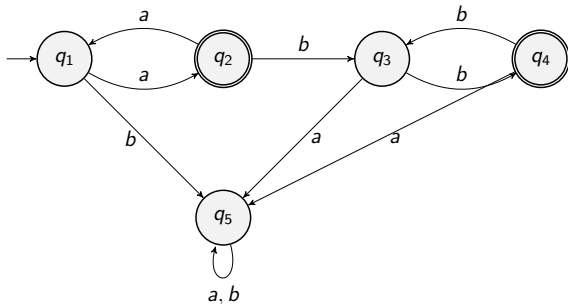
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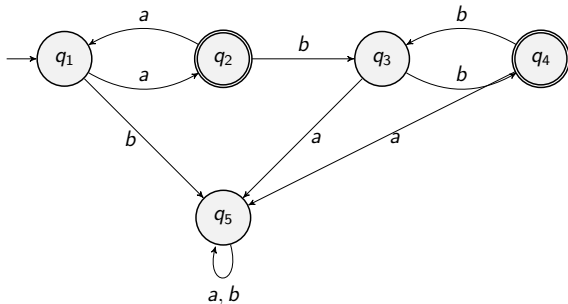
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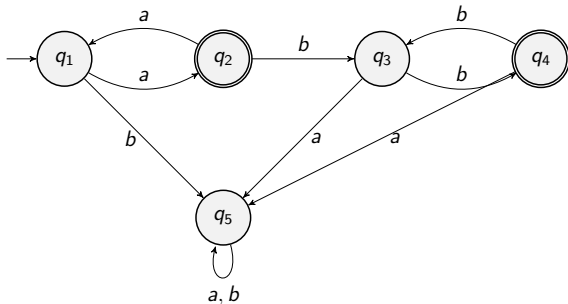


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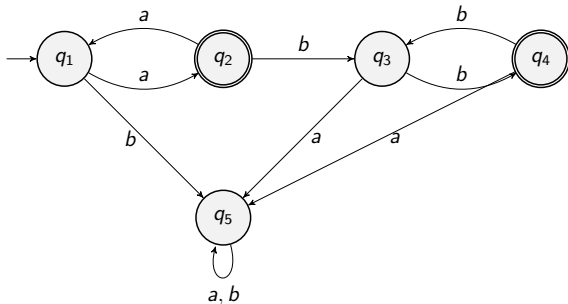
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**Def** Language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  is **regular** if there exists a DFA  $M$  such that  $L(M) = L$ .

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