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Switch

A

B

C



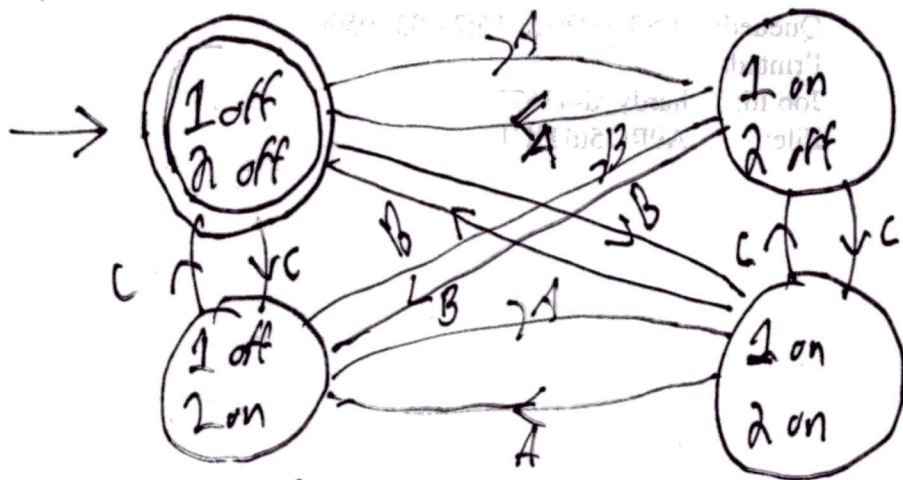
[Note: #A, B(x) equals #A(x) + #B(x).  
But later #AB(x) (not the substrings AB.)]

$\Sigma = \{A, B, C\}$  standing for flicks of the switches.

$x = ABAC$  leaves bulb 1 on and 2 off. Define

$L = \{x \in \Sigma^* : x \text{ leaves both bulbs off if they were initially off}\}$   
 $= \{x \in \Sigma^* : \#A, B(x) \text{ is even and } \#B, C(x) \text{ is even}\}$ .

Design a DFA  $M$  st.  $L(M) = L$ . Idea: States of  $M \equiv$  States of the System



Observe:  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$  where

$L_1 = \{x : x \text{ leaves Bulb 1 off and}\}$

$L_2 = \{x : x \text{ leaves 2 off}\}$ .

Hence we could build  $M$  as the Cartesian Product (for  $\cap$ )

of DFAs  $M_1, M_2$  enforcing  $L_1, L_2$

The new DFA  $M_3$  has components:

$Q_3 = Q_1 \times Q_2$   $\Sigma$  stays same

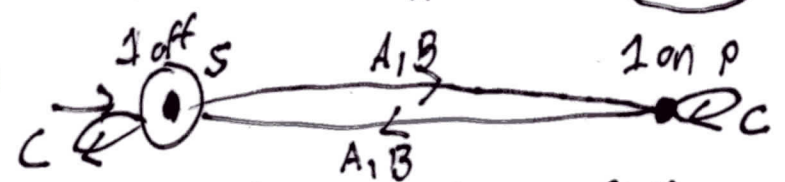
$S_3 = (s_1, s_2)$  in general,  $(s, t)$  here.

Combine  $\delta_1 : Q_1 \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_1$  and  $\delta_2 : Q_2 \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_2$  to  $\delta_3 : Q_3 \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_3$  by

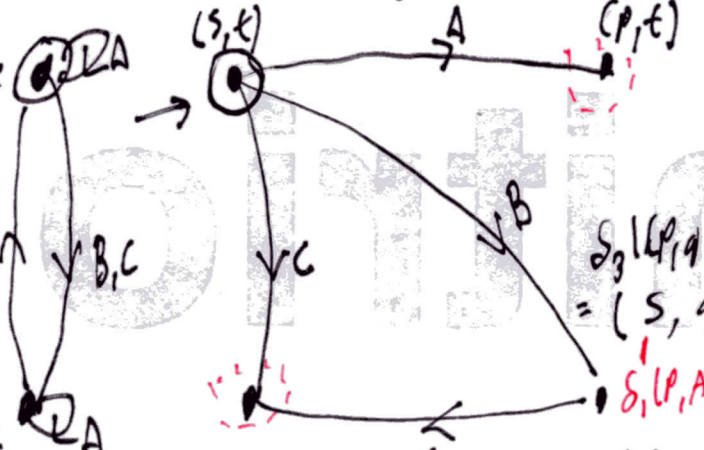
$\delta_3((v_1, v_2), c) = (\delta_1(v_1, c), \delta_2(v_2, c))$

$F_3 = \{(q_1, q_2) : q_1 \in F_1 \text{ AND } q_2 \in F_2\}$

DFA  $M_1$   
 $Q_1 = \{s, p\}$



$M_2$   
 $Q_2 = \{t, r\}$



$\delta_3((p, t), A) = (s, t)$   
 $\delta_3((r, t), A) = (p, t)$   
 $\delta_3((r, t), B) = (s, r)$   
 $\delta_3((s, r), B) = (r, t)$

We had to re-create the original for L.

Now suppose we consider  $X$  acceptable if it leaves at least one light off.

$$L_3 = L_1 \cup L_2$$

*In x/led.*

I write  $\sim A$  for the complement of the set  $A$ .

$$F_3 = \{(q_1, q_2) : q_1 \in F_1 \text{ OR } q_2 \in F_2\}$$

*(where  $q_1 \in Q_1$  and  $q_2 \in Q_2$ )*

Suppose  $L_3 = L_1 \setminus L_2 = \{X : X \in L_1 \text{ and } X \notin L_2\}$

pressure  $q_2 \in Q_2$

$\setminus$  is "set minus" in TeX

$$= L_1 \cap (\sim L_2)$$

$$F_3 = \{(q_1, q_2) : q_1 \in F_1 \text{ and } q_2 \notin F_2\}$$

And  $L_4 = (L_1 \setminus L_2) \cup (L_2 \setminus L_1)$   
 $= \{X : X \in L_1, \text{ XOR } X \in L_2\}$

$$Q_4 \text{ still} = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$F_4 = \{(q_1, q_2) \in Q_4 : q_1 \in F_1, \text{ XOR } q_2 \in F_2\}$$

We write  $L_4 = L_1 \Delta L_2$  and call it the symmetric difference

★ We can combine any two DFA's  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  (that use the same  $\Sigma$ ) into a DFA for any Boolean combination of  $L(M_1)$  and  $L(M_2)$ . ★

$\Delta = \Delta$  or  $\Delta$  big triangle up

In particular, we can complement  $L(M_1)$  by using  $\widetilde{L(M_1)} = L(M_1) \Delta \Sigma^*$  or more simply by defining  $M_1'$   $F_1' = \{q \in Q : q \notin F_1\}$ .  
 I.e., interchange accepting & rejecting states. Mall

### Extra Example

Picture a string as a simple linear "dungeon" in which each cell may hold a sword (\$), be occupied by a dragon (d) or be empty (0). So  $\Sigma = \{\$, d, 0\}$ . Suppose we play by these rules:

- If a room holds a \$ and your hands are empty, you can pick it up. Cannot hold two \$ at a time.
- If a room holds d and you are holding a \$, you can use the \$ to kill the d — but since dragon hides are thick, you can't pull your \$ back out, so you leave empty handed.
- If a room holds d and you are empty handed, you're Dead.
- An empty room does nothing: go on to next room. • Dead guys stay dead.

