

The quickest way I know for NFA  $\rightarrow$  DFA:

① Define  $\underline{\delta}(p, c) = \{q : \text{you can get to } q \text{ by processing } c \text{ first then any } \epsilon\text{-ans.}\}$

②  $\Delta(P, c) = \bigcup_{p \in P} \underline{\delta}(p, c)$

Now the  $\underline{\delta}(\dots)$  closure is inside.

S, F same as before for DFA.

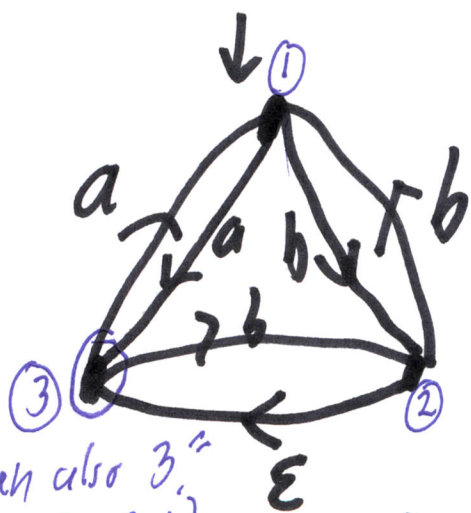
**Use Breadth First Search**

Example:

$N =$

$F = \{3\}$

Whenever 2, then also 3.  
 $\epsilon = \{1\}$  (no  $\epsilon$  out of 1)

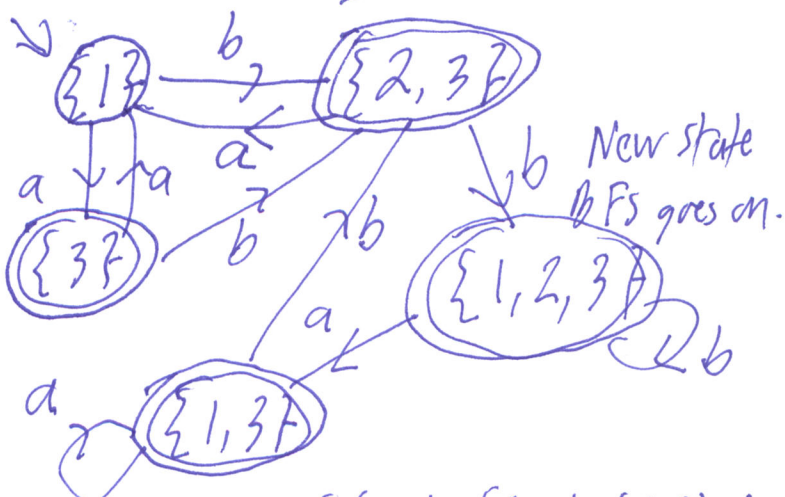


DFA  $M =$

$\Delta(\{2, 3\}, a) = \underline{\delta}(2, a) \cup \underline{\delta}(3, a)$   
 $= \emptyset \cup \{1\} = \{1\}$

$\Delta(\{2, 3\}, b) = \underline{\delta}(2, b) \cup \underline{\delta}(3, b)$   
 $= \{1\} \cup \{2, 3\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$\underline{\delta}(1, a) = \{3\}$      $\underline{\delta}(1, b) = \{2, 3\}$   
 $\underline{\delta}(2, a) = \emptyset$      $\underline{\delta}(2, b) = \{1\}$   
 $\underline{\delta}(3, a) = \{1\}$      $\underline{\delta}(3, b) = \{2, 3\}$

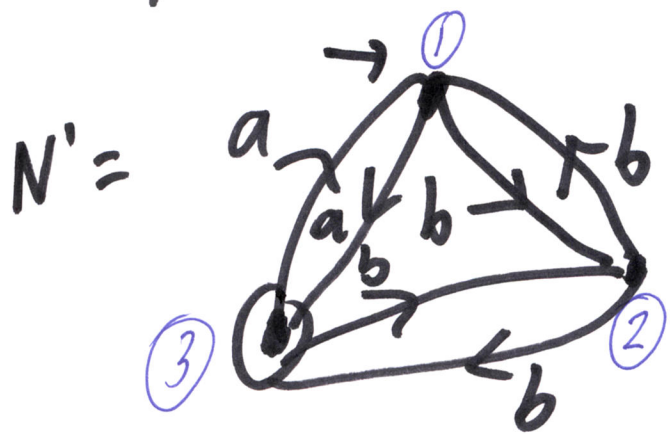


$\Delta(\{1, 3\}, b) = \underline{\delta}(1, b) \cup \underline{\delta}(3, b) = \{2, 3\} \cup \{2, 3\} = \{2, 3\}$

Let's trace the original NFA on input (2)

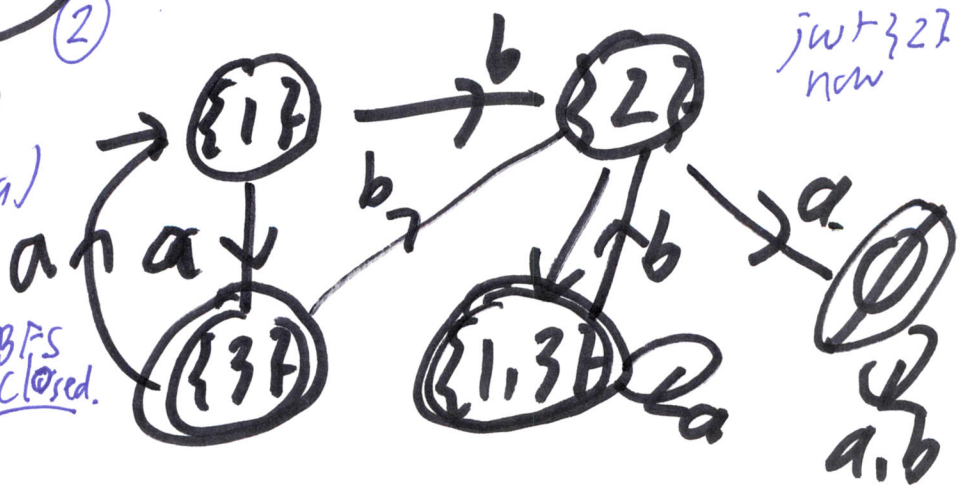
$X = b \ b \ a \ b \ a \notin L(N)$   
 $S = \{1\} \ \{2,3\} \ \{1,2,3\} \ \{1,3\} \ \{2,3\} \ \{1\}$

$M$  and  $L(N)$  have no "nirvana" condition.  
 Do they have a "dead" condition? No: No  $\emptyset$  state in  $M$ .



$\delta(1,a) = \{3\}$     $\delta(1,b) = \{2\}$   
 $\delta(2,a) = \emptyset$     $\delta(2,b) = \{1,3\}$   
 $\delta(3,a) = \{1\}$     $\delta(3,b) = \{2\}$  (no 3 anymore)

$\Delta(\{1,3\}, a) = \delta(1,a) \cup \delta(3,a)$   
 $= \{3\} \cup \{1\} = \{1,3\}$   
 $\Delta(\{1,3\}, b) = \{2\} \cup \{2\} = \{2\}$  BFS closed.



A GNFA can't convert to DFA or even NFA directly because it can "jump" 2 or more <sup>chars</sup> in a step.

Helpful? intuition: An NFA has arcs labeled  $C$  where  $C \in \Sigma$  or " $\emptyset$ " for arcs not there. } It has basic regexps as entries in a table  $T(p,q)$ . GNFA liberalizes to all regexps.

Defn: Regexp( $\Sigma$ ) denotes the set of all legal <sup>generalized =</sup> regular expressions  $r$  over  $\Sigma$ .

A GNFA is a 5-tuple  $G = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, s, F)$  where  $Q, s, F$  are as with NFAs, but

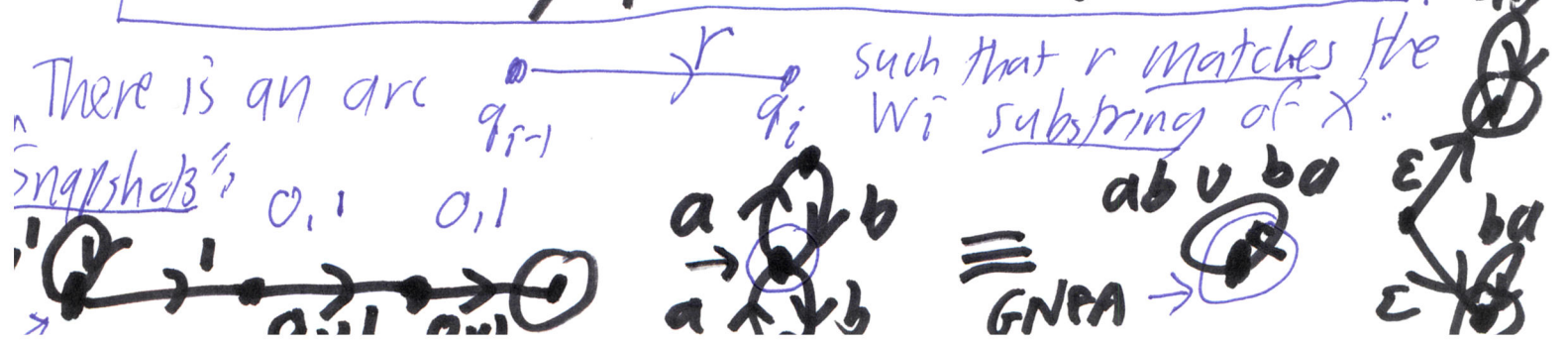
$$\delta \subseteq (Q \times \text{Regexp}(\Sigma) \times Q).$$

Defn: A GNFA can "process" a string  $x$  from state  $p$  to state  $q$  if there is a sequence

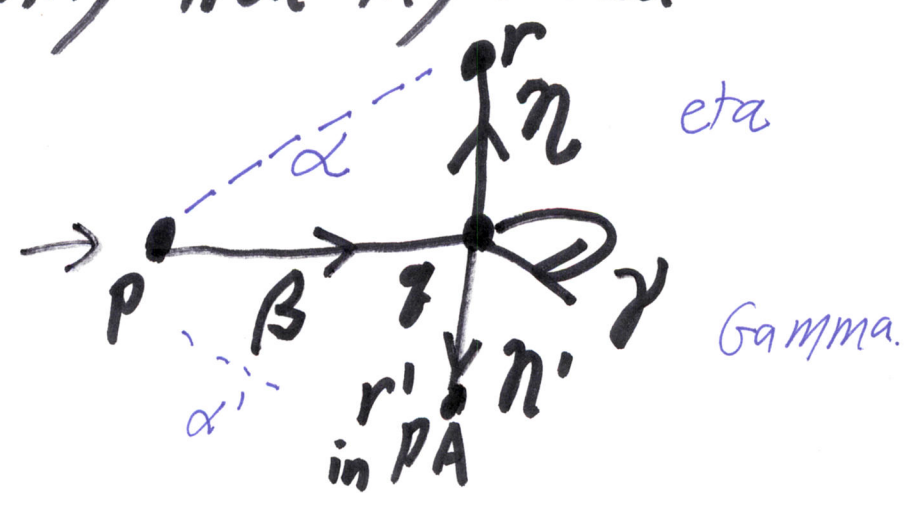
$$(q_0, w_1, q_1, w_2, q_2, \dots, q_{m-1}, w_m, q_m)$$

s.t.  $q_0 = p, q_m = q, w_1 \dots w_m = x$ , and for  $1 \leq i \leq m$

there is an instruction  $(q_{i-1}, r, q_i)$  where  $r \in \text{Regexp}(\Sigma)$  and  $w_i \in L(r)$ .



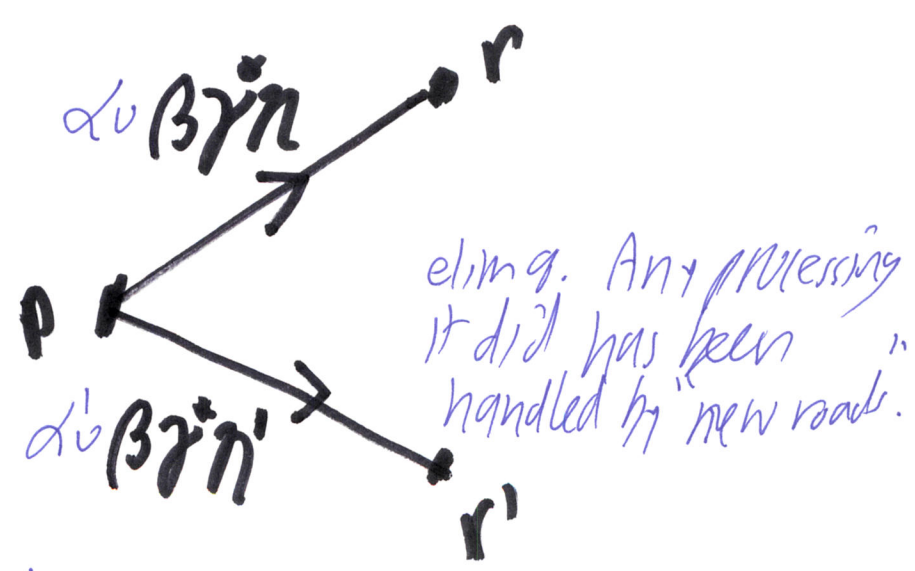
"Incoming + Outgoing Tracking Idea" to <sup>(4)</sup>  
 Eliminate a Nonaccepting  
 State  $q$  of a GNFA.



Proof builds a bypass highway

Added  
 Strategy: DON'T do text step with new surf - yet

1) Eliminate all  $q \notin F, q \neq s$   
 by bypassing all incoming  
 edges  $(p, \beta, q)$  as diagrammed,  
 then simply deleting  $q$ .

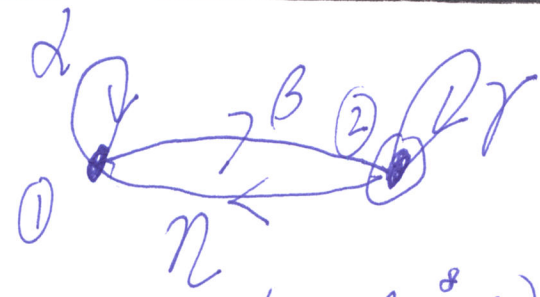


elim  $q$ . Any processing it did has been handled by "new roads."

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2) If you have at most 2 states left, read off answer(s) at right:

Else, do trick of adding new  $f$  with  $\epsilon$  arcs, to it from all acc states. Then eliminate all other  $q \neq s$ . You will get case at right with  $\alpha, \eta = \emptyset$ .



$$L_{12} = (\alpha + \beta \gamma^* \eta)^* \beta \gamma^*$$

$$\text{OR} = \alpha^* \beta (\gamma + \eta \alpha^* \beta)^*$$

If state 0 is also accepting then add  
 $L_{11} = (\alpha + \beta \gamma^* \eta)^*$

Theorem: For every GNFA  $G$ , we can find a regexp  $r$  st.  $L(r) = L(G)$ .